Appendix G

Reference Books

Member’s Guide to Temple and Family History Work
Produced by FamilySearch, the Member’s Guide has seven lessons to help members of the Church learn how to start their family history and submit family names to the temple. It has a blank pedigree chart, family group sheet, and research log, as well as other resources to assist you in your research. Most notably, chapter seven of the manual has the Church’s policies for submitting names for temple work. This manual is available in the Family History Lab (1031 JFSB), from your ward family history consultant, and online at lds.org (http://www.lds.org/service/serving-in-the-church/temple-and-family-history/course-materials?lang=eng).

Ancestry’s Red Book
Ancestry.com has published a locality research book called Red Book. The Red Book focuses on the United States and is organized alphabetically by state. For each state, there is a brief history of the state and record types, a map with counties and major cities delineated, and a chart showing when each county was formed and when birth, marriage, death, land, probate, and court records began to be recorded for that county. The Red Book is available on Ancestry.com, in the Center for Family History and Genealogy, in the Family History Lab, and in the Family History Libraries in the Harold B. Lee Library and in Salt Lake.

The Handybook for Genealogists
Everton’s Handybook for Genealogists is similar to Ancestry’s Red Book in that it is a locality based resource. The Handybook’s strength is that it goes into great detail as to what resources are available for research in each state. Especially helpful is their list of societies and repositories for each state. The Handybook is available in the Center for Family History and Genealogy, in the Family History Lab, and in the Family History Libraries in the Harold B. Lee Library and in Salt Lake.

Evidence Explained
If you ever have questions about how to source anything, look at Elizabeth Shown Mills’s Evidence Explained. Probably the most comprehensive sourcing guide available for family historians, Evidence Explained will help you accurately and professionally document your research. Evidence Explained is available in the Center for Family History and Genealogy and in the Family History Library in the Harold B. Lee Library.