

FOUR WAYS IN

What's on offer, and what you get

From one name to the whole family. Whichever you choose, the work is done properly and handed over finished — and every claim on every page carries its grade, so you are never left wondering how much of it is true.

The First Trace

£20

The first real page of your family — found, read, and handed back.

Nearly everyone who goes looking stops at a search result and never finds out whether it was even the right family. Give me one ancestor — a name, roughly when, roughly where — and I'll do the part that actually settles it: narrowing nine possible matches down to the one that's yours, reading the original enumerator's hand, checking it against the ages, the trades and the neighbours until it holds. Then I'll tell you what the page is quietly saying — who in that house could read, who couldn't, who was already working at twelve.

WHAT ARRIVES One finished A4 page: your ancestor's entire household on the night it was recorded, the observation most people miss, the full source line, and three named records that would be the obvious next step. Graded, sourced, with you inside 72 hours — and the £20 comes straight off Four Generations Back if you go further.

Four Generations Back

£145

Thirty-one people, four generations, every link proved before it goes near the paper.

This is the one that ends up framed. I build your direct line back to your great-great-grandparents out of the records themselves — civil registers, parish books, censuses, valuation rolls — and no name goes on that sheet because it merely looked likely. Where two records contradict each other, I work out which one is telling the truth, and show you why. Where the trail genuinely stops, I tell you exactly where it stopped and what would move it — which is more than most researchers will ever put in writing.

WHAT ARRIVES One large-format chart, built to be framed, with all thirty-one ancestors marked for evidence — plus a six-page report behind it taking you link by link through what's proved, what's likely, what your family says, and what's still open. Six hours of research, fixed: the price doesn't move if your family turns out to be a difficult one.

The Story

£250

One line of your family, told the way you'd want someone to tell it.

A chart gives you names. This gives you the people. I follow one surname line as far back as the records honestly allow and then write it — the trades, the streets, the marriages, the leavings, and what was happening around them while it was happening to them. It reads like a book because it is one, and every sentence in it can be pointed back to the document underneath.

WHAT ARRIVES A finished, fully sourced piece of 20–24 printed pages, print-ready and yours to hand on, from ten to twelve hours of research and writing.

The Book

£795

Both sides of the family — and your own voice in it, while it's still here to record.

The one to do while the people who remember are still here to be asked. Two proper recorded conversations with you, both parental lines traced back through the records, and the whole thing written into a single volume — the research and the remembering together, including the parts that only ever lived in someone's head. Most families lose that second half permanently inside a generation, and no archive anywhere holds a copy.

WHAT ARRIVES A 40-plus page print-ready volume covering both parental lines, plus the full audio of your recorded conversations, kept and handed over with it. Twenty-two to twenty-six hours of work.

*Every page, at every price, carries the same four words: **PROVED, LIKELY, FAMILY SAYS, OPEN.** You are never told a guess is a fact — you always know exactly how sure I am, and why.*