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**Education:**

1982-2001: University College, London:

1985 B.A. (Hons) in Classics

1988 M.A. (with distinction) in Latin Palaeography and Textual Criticism

2001 Ph.D. *A Critical Edition of Book 37 of Pliny's "Natural History"*

**Full-time employment:**

2020: Principal of the Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Studies, Canterbury

1996-2001: Cataloguer, valuer and traveller, Sotheby's Philatelic Department

1972-1982: Valuer and auctioneer, Stanley Gibbons Ltd

1978–date: Self-employed genealogist, historian and writer

**Teaching:**

1992-2008 *passim*: Latin palaeography and Latin for local historians at the  
School of History, University of Kent at Canterbury

2002-2003: Mediaeval Latin at the City Lit

2003-2009: Latin at the London Summer School in Classics

2003-2005: Teaching Fellow in Latin, Mediaeval Latin, and Classical and  
Mediaeval Latin Palaeography at University College, London

**Publications:**

*East Kent Parishes* (1991; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2002)

*The Kentish Census Returns 1801-1901* (2003)

*Kent Probate Records* (2004)

*A History of St Peter's, Whitstable* (2009)

*Bryan Faussett, Antiquary Extraordinary* (2015)

*Tracing Your Kent Ancestors* (2016)

Articles:

"The earliest parish registers of the Diocese of Canterbury: some observations, questions and problems" (*Arch. Cant.* 2014)

"The Life of William Somner, 1606-1669" (*Arch. Cant.* 2019; 2020)

**Other Studies**

2001-2002: Kent and Canterbury Hospital Chaplaincy Course

2004-2008: Diocese of Canterbury Licensed Reader Training

2008-2009: Diploma in Counselling Studies at University of Kent

**Interests:** Latin language and the classics generally; palaeography; philology; art; archaeology; ecclesiastical and other architecture; Anglo-Saxon and Mediaeval England; ecclesiology; genealogy and heraldry; philately; chess; bridge; walking; travelling in remote places. Working knowledge of the contents of many major museums and galleries, especially in London.

Reasonable fluency in French; reading knowledge of German and Spanish.

**Honours:** Fellow of the Society of Genealogists, F.S.G. (2009)

Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, F.S.A. (2017)