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Being an AGRA Member has proved to be one of the best decisions I made professionally. Not only do I get support, but I also get access to a local network group, study days and a professional network of fellow genealogists I can call on if I need research carrying out elsewhere in the country.

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AND RESEARCHERS IN ARCHIVES



WHY JOIN AGRA?

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The professional body for
genealogists in England and Wales

What is AGRA?

AGRA has been setting and maintaining high standards in genealogical research in England and Wales since 1968 and prides itself on excellence. In 2018, we were awarded the prestigious [Julian Bickersteth Memorial Medal](#), in recognition of notable and exemplary contributions to family history studies. AGRA is a vibrant, active and growing organisation, seeking to promote the work of our membership. We work with other professional bodies to promote genealogical excellence.

By joining AGRA, as an accredited genealogist, you will join other professional genealogists who have had their expertise and experience formally recognised. Whether you have recently graduated from a specialist genealogy course, or built up your professional business through several years of experience, AGRA is the professional association for you.



Join a vibrant community today!

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Why should I join AGRA?

One of the main benefits is the opportunity for networking with like-minded professionals. We have [local network groups](#) across England and Wales who organise informative talks and discussions, visits to local archives and social get-togethers. Our members are frequently called upon as authors, lecturers and tutors on genealogical topics.

Another key benefit is the automatic listing of all Members and Associates in the [AGRA Directory](#) on our website. This is widely visited by potential clients from across the globe looking to hire a professional genealogist in England and Wales. Your page in this Directory allows you to select from a number of different specialities and describe your own business in your own [“profile page”](#), including links to your own website and social media pages. Many AGRA professionals find they attract many new clients through this channel, often replacing the need to advertise.

AGRA holds regular study days and archive visits, providing valuable opportunities for your **Continuing Professional Development** and helping you keep abreast of developments in the field of genealogy. Membership of AGRA provides reassurance to your potential clients of your professional competence, that you will abide by the **AGRA Code of Conduct** and that they will receive a quality service.

AGRA professionals enjoy a range of other benefits, including a quarterly newsletter and discounts from suppliers of genealogy products and services. Our **AGRA Conferences** bring together top genealogical speakers. Our professionals regularly take part in “**Ask the Expert**” sessions at **Family History Shows**, as well as answering Readers’ Questions within Family History magazines. Our popular **ASK AGRA podcast series** covers a wide and growing range of subjects.



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The AGRA website is a great way for potential clients to find my business, and the locally based network groups enable members to get together to help and learn from each other.

JOINED AS AN ASSOCIATE IN 2013,

UPGRADING TO MEMBER THE FOLLOWING YEAR

How do I apply?

There are two categories of **AGRA Membership**:

- ★ **AGRA Members** are professional genealogists with an established business. Members are accepted into AGRA after providing examples of their work and their business practices. They are expected to show use of original sources and research prior to 1837.
- ★ **AGRA Associates** are in the process of working towards gaining the necessary experience for their Membership application.

Applicants for both categories of membership are required to show that they possess a certain level of genealogical knowledge and the ability to provide a professional research service. The criteria for Membership also require applicants to submit a portfolio of client work. There are some exemptions for holders of qualifications from the IHGS, the University of Strathclyde and Pharos Tutors. Please check our website for the latest details of exemptions.

We regularly review our criteria for membership; these and our application forms can be accessed on our website: www.agra.org/join

We look forward to welcoming you!