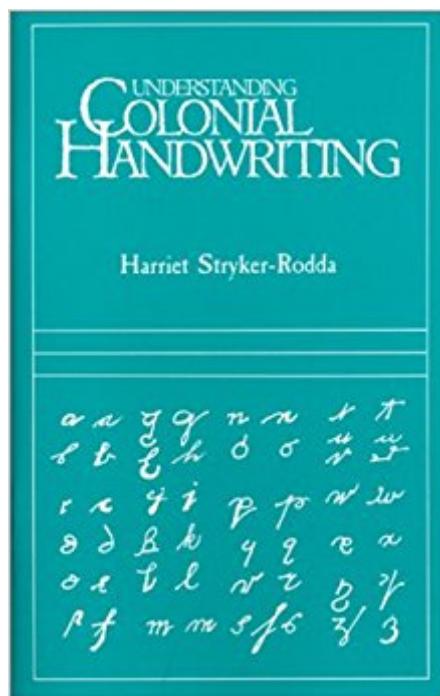


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Understanding Colonial Handwriting



Synopsis

In genealogical research it is all very well to locate original records, but to read them correctly is another matter altogether. Few people know this better than Harriet Stryker-Rodda who, after years of experience searching through colonial records, has developed a simple technique for reading colonial handwriting. In this handy little book, Mrs. Stryker-Rodda presents examples of colonial letter forms and script, showing the letter forms in the process of development and marking the ways in which they differ from later letter forms. She also provides a comparison of English and American handwriting and examples of name forms and signatures all to bear out her central thesis, that the reader must find meaning in a group of symbols without needing to see each letter of which the whole is composed. This excellent guidebook is indispensable in dealing with the problems of reading and interpretation.

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I must have not read the description well (which is unusual for me), but 3/4 of the book deals with religion and parables. Only 20 or so pages, (at the end), actually contends with understanding and reading/writing Colonial Handwriting. Not too pleased. Not because I do not like religion, but it wasn't what I thought I ordered. Thankfully, I also bought Kip Sperry's book, "Reading Early American Handwriting" as a backup.

Definitely will be helpful, especially the examples of different forms of documentation.

The book was short but interesting with a lot of information and history.

What there is is well presented there just isn't enough to help you interpret a document for the Colonial period. Put the [money] toward a more comprehensive book, it will be better in the long run.

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