

## Early Modern English Palaeography 1500-1700

### Helpful Initial Reading:

- Marshall, Hilary, *Palaeography for Family and Local Historians* (2004, repr. 2010)
  - Includes a selection of MS facsimiles (including transcriptions and notes on each manuscript), plus a very helpful collection of abbreviations and letter forms.
- McKerrow, Ronald B., 'A Note on Elizabethan Handwriting' in *An Introduction to Bibliography*, by McKerrow (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1927); reprinted in Gaskell's *A New Introduction to Bibliography* and including good specimen alphabets

### Literary Resources for Early Modern English Palaeography:

- *Index of English Literary Manuscripts. Vol.1: 1450-1625*, compiled by Peter Beal, 2 vols (London: Mansel, 1980)
- *Index of English Literary Manuscripts. Vol.2: 1625-1700*, compiled by Peter Beal, 2 vols (London: Mansel, 1987-1993)
- Greg, W.W., *English Literary Autographs, 1550-1650*; part I, dramatists; part II, poets; supplement, scholars and archaeologists (Oxford, 1925-1932)
- Petti, Anthony G., *English Literary Hands from Chaucer to Dryden* (London: E. Arnold, 1977)

### English Manuscript Culture:

- Beal, Peter, *In Praise of Scribes* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998)
- Hobbs, Mary, *Early Seventeenth-Century Verse Miscellany Manuscripts* (Aldershot: Scholar Press, 1992)
- Love, Harold, *Scribal Publication in Seventeenth-Century England* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993)
- Marotti, Arthur F., *Manuscript, Print, and the English Renaissance Lyric* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1995)
- Woudhuysen, H.R., *Sir Philip Sidney and the Circulation of Manuscripts, 1558-1640* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996) [esp. Part I, 'The Circulation of Manuscripts, 1558-1640']

### Online tools/resources:

- EHOc: English Handwriting: An Online Course,  
<https://www.english.cam.ac.uk/ceres/ehoc/index.html>
  - Including practice materials, transcription tools, and extensive bibliographies.
- Renaissance iOs/Android app:  
<http://www.agbooth.com/handwriting/iOS/renaissance>