

Paleography Guide:

Reading Difficult Handwriting



When faced with a document that is difficult to read, look for recognizable words. For those of which you are certain, copy each letter exactly the way the scribe wrote them. Then compare unknown letters to those in the chart. This works especially well for capital letters.

	Capital Letters		Capital Letters		Lower Case Letters		Lower Case Letters
A		P		a		p	
B		Q		b		q	
C		R		c		r	
D		S		d		s	
E		T		e		t	
F		U		f		u	
G		V		g		v	
H		W		h		w	
I		X		i		x	
J		Y		j		y	
K		Z		k		z	
L		É		l		é	
M		È		m		è	
N		Ê		n		ê	
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