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9 September 2023

It was great to be back with you yesterday at the Scottish Indexes Conference. A huge thank you to the presenters who put in so much time researching and putting together interesting and instructive presentations. Thank you also to everyone who donated to make this event possible.

From Tax records to AI, and health records to High court records, we covered a lot of subjects yesterday!

In this handout, you will find contact details for the presenters, links mentioned during the Q&A sessions as well as the reading list. Thanks to everyone who attended, asked a question or submitted a link.

We hope you can join us again on 25 November 2023 for our next conference. [Book here.](#)

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com

'Scottish Tax Records for Genealogy and Local History'

by Robert Urquhart

Website: [Abbotshall Palaeography](http://www.abbotshallpalaeography.com)

Robert Urquhart is a native of the Kingdom of Fife, and worked as an archivist for 35 years in local authority archives in the west of Scotland and in Scotland's national archives. During his career he also taught palaeography. He was the joint editor of 'The Hearth Tax for Ayrshire, 1691' (Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies, 1998) and the original content writer and editor of the www.scottishhandwriting.com website. He now runs Abbotshall Palaeography, a transcription and teaching business, dealing mostly with 16th and 17th seventeenth century wills and testaments, marriage contracts and other court records. In his spare time, he is involved in research projects concerning parish boundaries and early modern Scottish communities in the Netherlands.

Taxation records can be a valuable resource for family history, local history and social history. In this presentation we saw how 17th century hearth tax, poll tax and land tax rolls can help corroborate doubtful personal names and place names found in early modern records, like Old Parish Registers. Late 18th century rolls for taxes on things like servants, horses, carts, clocks and watches can be a surprisingly rich source of information on Scottish people and places, and provide linking information to other records (such as estate papers and legal registers). Most of the surviving tax rolls for Scotland are currently available free of charge on the ScotlandsPlaces website, but getting the best out of them requires some knowledge of the structure and limitations of the site.

Scottish Tax Records - bibliography and links:

Tax records are currently on ScotlandsPlaces at <https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/records>.

NRS research guide to tax records:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/taxation-records>

Patrick K. O'Brien, 'The political economy of British taxation, 1660-1815' (Economic History Review), volume 41 (1988).

The graphic is a promotional poster for the Scottish Indexes Conference. On the left, there is a purple background with a circular badge in the top left corner that says 'Free online Event' in white text. Below the badge is a photograph of a smiling woman with long brown hair, identified as Emma Maxwell. Overlaid on the bottom of the photo is a yellow banner with black text that reads: 'People Lie! How to unravel the truth when you are tracing your family history' by Emma Maxwell. On the right side of the graphic, the text 'Scottish Indexes Conference' is written in a serif font. Below that, the date 'SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023' is displayed. A colorful graphic of the word 'FAMILY' in large, multi-colored letters is positioned below the date. Underneath the graphic, the text 'Learn how to trace your Scottish family tree' is written. At the bottom right, the website 'www.scottishindexes.com' is listed.

'People Lie! How to unravel the truth when you are tracing your family history'

by Emma Maxwell

Website: www.scottishindexes.com: Facebook Page: [@scottish.indexes](https://www.facebook.com/scottishindexes): Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scottishindexes>

Emma Maxwell is a genealogist based in Scotland. Together with her husband, Graham, she runs www.scottishindexes.com where they publish indexes to Scottish records. Emma has over 20 years of experience working as a professional genealogist. By using a variety of records, both online and offline, Emma has a knowledge of which records are needed to overcome brick walls and add colour to a family history story!

Presume nothing! Ask yourself:

- Did this person have a reason to lie?
- Can I find supporting evidence?
- Have I gathered all the source information available?
- Evaluate the source
- Follow the clues
- Look at the extended family
- Use a variety of websites and archives
- Presume nothing

To learn more about the sources Emma used, visit our free Learning Zone:

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learning.aspx>

Find out more about Peachy Tryon's case here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/genealogy-unravelling-lies-myths-cover-ups-emma-maxwell>

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“Crimes of an Heinous Nature” - looking at some Scottish High Court Trials - by Margaret Fox

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Twitter: [@mf6060](https://twitter.com/mf6060)

Margaret holds an M.A. (Hons.) degree in History from Edinburgh University and is a professional archivist. For many years she has looked after the archives at Traquair House, Scotland's oldest inhabited house. She worked for twelve years in the National Records of Scotland where she immersed herself in the records of the Kirk (Church of Scotland) and the High Court of Justiciary, and in wills and testaments. She now enjoys promoting these records, and also Traquair's fascinating archival heritage, at local and family history societies and at online genealogy conferences.

Margaret looked into the darker side of life across the south of Scotland during the 18th and 19th centuries, examining a range of crimes – political, tragic, poignant, even ‘light-hearted’. Drawing on her extensive research in the High Court of Justiciary and Lord Advocate's papers in the National Records of Scotland, she will show how these records serve to illuminate the past in a unique way. She also dipped into Lord Cockburn's memoirs ‘Circuit Journeys’ which gives a truly fascinating insight into crime and criminals – and judges - from the perspective of a 19th century judge who was not afraid to speak his mind!

Search Scotland's Criminal Database:

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/ScotlandsCriminalDatabase.aspx>



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“The People of Cross House”
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Website: familytreetales.co.uk

Kate has been researching family trees for over 30 years and now works as a professional genealogist based in Linlithgow. She has an MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographical and Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow where she is now a tutor on the Post-Graduate Diploma course and teaches Family History Research short courses. Kate is an accredited member of the Association of Scottish Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (ASGRA) and a member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG).

Cross House in Linlithgow was built in the late 17th century so has been at the centre of life in the town for over 300 years. But who were the people who lived there, and how can we find out about them when there are few, if any, “standard” records? This talk explored some of the sources found online (during lockdowns) that helped to start to build a picture of the house’s residents and their stories.

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Website: www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk

Facebook: [@TheGENESBlog](https://www.facebook.com/TheGENESBlog)

Sign up for the Scottish GENES newsletter: <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/>

Northern Irish born Chris Paton is a genealogist and writer based in Ayrshire, where he runs the Scotland’s Greatest Story research service at www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk. As well as contributing to the UK’s best known family history magazines, he also writes for his own Scottish GENES news blog at www.scottishgenes.blogspot.com, and regularly gives talks to family history societies across the UK and worldwide. His publications include Tracing Your Belfast Ancestry, Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records, Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet (2nd edition), Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records, Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet, and Sharing Your Family History Online. Laphroaig and Connemara are his whiskies of choice...

Chris Paton’s new book, ‘Tracing Your Belfast Ancestors’, is available from Pen & Sword in the UK at

<https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Tracing-Your-Belfast-Ancestors-Paperback/p/23194>, and

in the USA from

<https://www.penandwordbooks.com/9781526780331/tracing-your-belfast-ancestors/>.

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“Like All These Country Folks Very Stupid”: Glasgow Highlanders in the Poor Law Applications
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Alison Spring has a Master’s Degree in Family & Local History from the University of Dundee and is a member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists. She specialises in researching the records of Scotland and loves nothing better than spending a few hours in the archives with some of Glasgow’s amazing poor law application records.

Based near Glasgow, Alison enjoys sharing her research skills with like-minded enthusiasts and is passionate about helping others to research their family tree on a budget. She is the Director of Scottish Studies for the International Institute of Genealogical Studies. She writes for the UK’s Family Tree magazine and shares hosting duties for the weekly Ancestry Hour on Twitter (Tuesdays 7pm UK time #AncestryHour). Alison has delivered presentations in person and online for events such as the Virtual Genealogical Association Conference, The Genealogy Show, and RootsTech, and gives talks to family history societies in the UK and overseas.

Glasgow’s nineteenth-century Poor Law application records are a rich, often untapped source of genealogical information. This presentation illustrated their value in researching the Scottish Highlanders who migrated to the city.

Alison has kindly prepared a handout which you can access [here](#).



New records indexed to help you trace your Scottish Family History

Search our indexes at www.scottishindexes.com

We are delighted to release part one of our Court of Session Index:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/cssearch.aspx>

If you are not familiar with the Court of Session you may find our new Learning Zone article helpful: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningcs.aspx>. You can also rewatch Graham's presentation which showed examples of these records.

Part one of this new index contains nearly 600,000 records, from Scotland's highest civil court, the Court of Session. We'll be adding more records soon.

We were also pleased to tell you about the 'AD13' records. These are Crown Office Opinions and contain hidden gems; particularly if your ancestor was accused of a crime but it didn't go to trial.

From our Crown Counsel Procedure Books Index you will see an option to find out about surviving records.

For now we are offering this service for the period 1825-1833. We will continue to identify the coverage for the years 1834 to 1855 and update our index in due course.

In the coming days, we will share more insights into these records on social media and in our newsletter.

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

Curle Diaries: <https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/rcahms-archives/curle-diaries>

Circuit Journeys is on the Internet Archive:

<https://ia600205.us.archive.org/3/items/cu31924024841060/cu31924024841060.pdf>

Free historical maps: <https://maps.nls.uk/>

1:1250 Ordnance Survey maps showing house numbers:

<https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=6.0&lat=55.23190&lon=-4.13130&layers=170&b=1>

Online tuition in palaeography for historians, genealogists and other researchers

<https://www.scottishhandwriting.com/>

Digitised historic maps for Ireland and Dublin <https://www.swilson.info/>

Catholic parishes in Ireland: https://www.johngrenham.com/places/rcmap_index.php

Church of England clergy records world wide: <https://theclergydatabase.org.uk>

Galston Parish 1801 Census:

<https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/collection/galston-parish-1801-census/>

Pre-1841 Census Records:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/census-records/pre-1841-census-records#:~:text=Enumerators%20were%20asked%20to%20provide,in%20the%20Old%20Parish%20Registers>

Inventory of Published pre-1841 Population Listings:

<https://www.safhs.org.uk/populationlists.php>

1921 Census guide

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/census-records/1921-census>

Records of Inverkeithing Burgh

<https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue/overview.aspx?st=1&tc=y&tl=n&tn=n&tp=n&k=&ko=a&r=B34&ro=s&df=&dt=&di=y>

Brian Barton book on the Blitz in Belfast

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-blitz/brian-barton/9780856404269>

GOAD insurance plans at the British Library:

<https://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/fire-insurance>

Scottish Handwriting

https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files/research/publications/NRS-Scottish_handwriting_self-help_kit-Web_ready_version.pdf

Glasgow burial grounds

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&query=%2Bkeywords%3Aglasgow&page=1&topic1=Birth.%20Marriage%20and%20Death~Cemeteries>

NRS Sasines guide

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/sasines>

The Records of the Parliaments of Scotland to 1707 <https://www.rps.ac.uk/trans/1609/4/13>

Index to MI Booklets published by ANESFHS

<https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/databanks/memorial-inscriptions/miindex>

Early Modern Scottish Palaeography

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/ems-palaeography>

Free course also has link to futurelearn university of Glasgow

<https://coursesity.com/course-detail/scottish-history-through-handwriting-online-course>

Poorhouses: <https://www.workhouses.org.uk/> &

<https://www.workhouses.org.uk/Scotland/UnionsScotland.shtml>

Learning Zone - The Court of Session <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningcs.aspx>

Learning Zone - Births, Marriages and Deaths in Scotland before 1855

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningopr.aspx>

Middle English brother germain, partial translation of Middle English frere germain, from frere brother + germain having the same parents

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/brother-german#word-history>

Scrivener and Scapple <https://www.literatureandlatte.com>

Zotero <https://www.zotero.org/>

British and Irish Women's Letters and Diaries <https://search.alexanderstreet.com/bwl2>

Archives Hub - <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/>

ArchivesGrid in the US (has international data as well)

<https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>

NRAS Register <https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrasregister/welcome.aspx>

<https://readcoop.eu/transkribus/>

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<https://genealogy.stackexchange.com/q/5361/1006>

Paisley index <https://libcat.renfrewshire.gov.uk/iguana/www.main.cls?url=PoorLaw>

David Dobson https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/David_Dobson

Genealogical Publishing Company <https://genealogical.com/>

<https://www.secretscotland.org.uk/index.php/Secrets/PoWCampSummaryWWI>

Cultybraggan Prisoner of War Camp <https://www.cultybraggancamp.uk/>

<https://www.ayecan.com/>

AINMEAN-ÀITE NA H-ALBA <https://www.ainmean-aite.scot/>

Info about early arrivals to North America in Filby's PILI and other works:

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/blog/library-archive/passenger-lists-north-america>

Mental Health Records <https://www.scottishindexes.com/mcsearch.aspx>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20230603211306/https://www.scotstocanada.com/>

FutureLearn genealogy course: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

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Gouldesbrough, Peter; Gordon, Donaldson, and Stair Society. Formulary of Old Scots Legal Documents. Edinburgh: Stair Society, 1985. Print. Publications Stair Society v. 36. [Details on NLS](#). This is not for beginners but it's really useful if you are working with old Scottish legal documents.

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Tay Valley Family History Society

Scottish Charity SC016560

Address: 179-181 Princes Street, Dundee

website: <https://tayvalleyfhs.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tayvalleyfhs> email: tvfhs@tayvalleyfhs.org.uk

Tay Valley Family History Society was founded in 1980, as the third Scottish regional FHS, and now has strong worldwide membership. We have a Research Centre and Library at 179-181 Princes Street, Dundee and there extend a welcome to members and visitors. We are open Monday to Friday, and currently also on the first and third Saturdays in the month - check our 'Contact' page at <https://tayvalleyfhs.org.uk/contact/> for opening times and location of the Centre.

TVFHS promotes the study of family history, genealogy and local history throughout the Tay Valley: the former counties of Angus, Fife, Kinross and Perthshire, and the City and Royal Burgh of Dundee. Our journal, The Historian, is issued three times a year, and we run a quarterly series of online Video Talks, followed up by Question and Answer sessions via Zoom for our members.

We have a Facebook page, and a Facebook group for members' discussion, in addition to our online presence through our website. Our AGM, in November 2023, will be held in Dundee's Glasite Hall as a 'hybrid' meeting to enable participation to members outwith Dundee, and this will include a discussion led by our President, Iain Flett (formerly chief archivist at Dundee City Archives) on use of archival material in research. We will participate in Dundee Open Doors on 23rd September 2023.

Scottish Genealogy Society

The Scottish Genealogy Society Situated in the heart of Old Edinburgh, the SGS is the place to come if you are interested in researching your family history in any part of Scotland. Manned by knowledgeable volunteers who can help at all stages of your research, you can be sure of a warm welcome and helpful advice.

Website - <https://www.scotsgenealogy.com/>

Membership - from £20

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ScottishGenealogySociety>



Shetland Family History Society

Our Coontin Kin journal is free to members 4 times a year and we hold online conferences. Members Area includes Shetland Census including the 1911 and we are nearly at the stage of adding the 1921.

Our next project is adding all the Monumental Inscriptions to our website. See our website for more details.

Membership starts at £12 and more information can be found at:

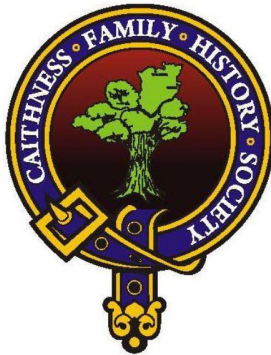
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Open every weekday afternoon from 14.00-16.00.

Caithness Family Society



Website: www.caithnessfhs.org.uk

Email: <https://caithnessfhs.org.uk/contacts/>

Facebook: [@caithnessfamilyhistorysociety](https://www.facebook.com/caithnessfamilyhistorysociety)

Caithness Family History Society was formed in September 1999 by a small group of enthusiasts and has already grown to around 250 members worldwide. Our aim is to promote an interest in genealogy and, wherever we can, to help others trace their roots – especially families originating from Caithness.

Renfrewshire Family History Society

Website: www.renfrewshirefhs.co.uk

Email: secretary@renfrewshirefhs.co.uk

Renfrewshire Family History Society was founded in March 1999 and has charitable status. It exists to promote the study of family history based on the old County of Renfrewshire encompassing Cathcart, Clarkston, Eaglesham, Eastwood, Mearns, Thornliebank, Giffnock,



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Neilston, Barrhead, Uplawmoor, Paisley, Abbey Parish, Renfrew, Erskine, Bishopton, Inchinnan, Houston & Killellan, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, Kilmacolm, Langbank, Port Glasgow, Greenock, Gourrock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

Membership fees starting at £12 includes:

- Induction pack for new members
- Full syllabus of monthly presentations and workshops (September to May).
- Society Journal published at least twice a year, distributed to members mainly by email
- Access to a small library of books CDs etc for loan
- Assistance with family history research, particularly helpful to overseas members
- Books and CDs written/compiled by members are available for purchase online.

The Society's has not held face-to-face meetings since the arrival of Covid-19 but it is intended to introduce combined physical and virtual meetings during 2023.

The Society has carried out projects involving gravestone transcriptions and indexing of records, some in conjunction with The Mitchell Library Glasgow and "Find My Past". More work of this nature is anticipated in the future.

Anglo-Scottish Family History Society

Website - angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk

The Anglo-Scottish FHS was formed in 1982 by members of the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society (M&LFHS) to assist in tracing their links back to Scottish origins. We have details of baptisms and communion rolls from Presbyterian churches in Manchester from 1802 to 1970 in our members area. More images are included in the DVD from our online shop. We also have a Scottish Marriage index, giving details of Scots who married overseas. This index is freely available to search. We would also welcome any new information that researchers would care to contribute to the index.

Ardchattan Parish Archive

Website: <http://ardchattan.wikidot.com>

Facebook: [@ardchattan](https://www.facebook.com/ardchattan)

Email: ardchattan@gmail.com

Ardchattan Parish Archive - researching and sharing the built, family, natural and social history of the Parish of Ardchattan from Big Bang to Present day. The area between Loch Etive and Loch Creran : Barcaldine, Benderloch, Connel, Bonawe. Enquiries welcome, we are always interested to connect with descendants and anyone interested in our heritage.

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Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society

Website: <https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gwsfhs>

UK (includes a paper Journal) £20.00

Overseas (PDF Journal) £20.00

Overseas (Paper Journal) £25.00

Membership of the Society includes:

Journal 3 times per year

Use of the Society's Research Centre & Library in Glasgow

Access to unique data sets

Expert research assistance



Borders Family History Society



Based in Galashiels, Borders Family History Society is run by volunteers who have researched their own family histories. We are here to help you discover your family stories in the Border counties of Berwickshire, Peeblesshire, Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire in southern Scotland. Our main project is recording the Monumental Inscriptions for Borders burial places. In partnership with the Scottish Borders Archive, we are indexing Police and Criminal records and Poor Law records. Our research room is at 52 Overhaugh St, Galashiels, Scotland, TD1 1DP.

Website: www.bordersfhs.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BordersFHS>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BordersFHS>

Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society



The Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society covers the three counties of South West Scotland – Dumfriesshire, Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtownshire. We were joined at the conference by Terence Brown, volunteer and council member at the Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society, at our August conference. If you missed it you [can watch it here](#).

Website - www.dgfhs.org.uk

Membership - from £7.50

Orkney Family History Society

Orkney Family History Society was formed in 1997 and is run by a committee of volunteers. They have an office (currently closed) adjacent to the archives department in the Orkney Library in Kirkwall. Their volunteers are working from home currently and are happy to assist with any enquiries by email. They have a membership of around 1,700 from all over the world. For an annual subscription (starting at £10) members are given access to a wealth of transcribed records on the society's website www.orkneyfhs.co.uk.

Volunteers have transcribed all census records for Orkney from 1841-1911, most gravestone inscriptions as well as a growing number of birth, marriage and death registrations. These are all indexed and searchable on the website.

Email: secretary2013@orkneyfhs.co.uk



East Ayrshire Family History Society

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The former county of Ayrshire is now divided into three local authority areas. We are best able to help members with connections to East Ayrshire but we have access to census and other records for all parishes in Ayrshire and can often assist with enquiries about these other areas.

Volunteers do their best to help members with their research and to direct non-members to sources of information. Members receive three magazines per year and can view digital copies of all back numbers.

Meetings are held in Kilmarnock most weeks and there is a speaker once a month. Visitors are welcome but should email in advance to check details.

Please see our website for information about membership, meetings and publications.

Lanarkshire Family History Society



Our Research Centre in Motherwell is currently closed because of Covid 19, we will open again when the situation improves. In the meantime we can still assist you with your Scottish and Irish questions and any 'brickwalls' you have at present. Our Research Coordinator, John Kennedy and his 'team' of researchers can be contacted by E-mail at:

research-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk

For questions of a military nature you can contact David Anderson by email at: -

military-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk

One of our members, Clare Wilson, has produced a short Video tour of our Centre and the many facilities we have in the Centre. Including over 1,800 books (Family, Local and Military History) in our Reference Library. The Video can be viewed on YouTube, here is the link: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMQC1kir9LQ&t=0s>

Moray & Nairn Family History Society



Moray & Nairn Family History Society was established in February 2009, for people researching their ancestry in these old counties.

Website - www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Contact can be made through the website, or by email to:

enquiries@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society



Website: www.anesfhs.org.uk

Facebook: [@anesfhs](https://www.facebook.com/anesfhs)

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Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society (ANESFHS) covers the old counties of Aberdeenshire, Kincardineshire, Banffshire and Moray in Scotland's North-East corner. We also hold records for all of Scotland and wherever else Scots and their descendants can be found.

The Society's research premises in Aberdeen has reopened, containing a huge range of resources, including subscriptions to paid websites, plus journals from other family-history societies worldwide. We stock many publications for sale.

Regular meetings, covering many topics of interest to family historians, are held in Aberdeen, Elgin, Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, Brisbane, Melbourne and Southern Ontario. Meetings currently take place online, and anyone is welcome to request an invitation.

Fife Family History Society



Website: www.fifefhs.org

Facebook: [@FifeFamilyHistorySociety](https://www.facebook.com/FifeFamilyHistorySociety)

Twitter: [@fifefhs](https://twitter.com/fifefhs)

Fife FHS was established in 1989 and is a charity registered in Scotland. Our members are from all over the World. In normal times we have an Archive Room based in Cupar Library, Fife, where our team of volunteers are available to help people with their Fife family history three days a week.

We have recently revamped our website www.fifefhs.org and as well as an extensive members area including a Record Archive, Journal Archive, Members Forum and free access to the Pre 1855 Fife

Death Index (over 250,000 deaths) we have an online shop www.fifefhs.org/shop/ There are 25 digital publications available to purchase as downloads. These include pre 1855 Baptisms from non establishment churches, Monumental Inscriptions and our Fife Shopkeepers and Traders Directory 1820-1870.

Central Scotland Family History Society



Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

The Central Scotland Family History Society covers the old counties of Clackmannanshire, Stirlingshire and West Perthshire, plus the parishes of Bo'ness and Carriden in West Lothian.

Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday from October to May. For the 2022 – 2023 session, we are trying out a mix of meetings - four in-person afternoon meetings and four evening meetings on Zoom from December to March.

There is a monthly “drop-in” Session at St Ninian’s Library in Stirling, when we introduce the fascination of genealogy to new researchers starting out on their journey, and offer advice to anyone suffering from ‘brick wall’ syndrome.

We produce a Journal twice a year, and since lockdown the committee has introduced a monthly newsletter, ‘Share your Story’, to keep members feeling connected to the Society.

We have a full list of our own publications, many of which are now available as pdf downloads – see our website for details of price and ordering.



British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO)


BIFHSGO is the leading Canadian family history society with a focus on the British Isles.

Our members connect with like-minded researchers to learn effective, trusted research methods and best practices, to share their knowledge, and to inspire other family historians with our presentations and publications. Our quarterly journal, *Anglo-Celtic Roots*, is filled with stories written by our members and provides excellent examples for others researching and writing their own family histories.

BIFHSGO has a Name Index which provides information from our ongoing research on home children, military ancestors and migration, focusing on British Isles and Canadian ancestry.

Our monthly meetings can be attended in person or online. They are recorded and can be accessed by members following the meeting date. We always welcome visitors and new members.

Our next virtual Conference, Leaving their Scottish Homes: What were they thinking?, will be held October 28 – 29, 2023. For more information and registration, please visit our Website <https://www.bifhsgo.ca/2023-conference>.



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Book now for our next conference in November 2023

Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8016941993258/WN_4LLNLwR_SF25OqRf5h6VIg

You can also watch in our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scottishindexes>

We will be announcing speakers and topics in the coming weeks but we will have a variety of presentations from names of places, housing, maps, health records and more. We hope you can join us.