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Scottish Indexes Conference XXIII

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As always, we thoroughly enjoyed the conference. There is always so much to learn and so many tips to share.

As we mentioned, we have refreshed our website www.scottishindexes.com. We now have a dedicated [conference page](#) which we hope will make life easier for everyone.

We have also updated our [Learning Zone](#). We have added articles to more clearly explain the records we have indexed. We have also added some new sections such as '[Genealogy Mistakes to Avoid](#)' and '[Research Techniques](#)'.

Our next conference will be held on 23 March 2024. Find out more and book from our new conference page:

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

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com



‘Moving DNA to the Next Level’

by Mia Bennett

Website: miagenealogy.com

Mia Bennett is a professional genealogist who specialises in DNA analysis for family history. She applies her analysis skills developed as a safety engineer to untangle all the clues provided within family history records and DNA results.

She has been researching her family history for over 25 years and was previously a trustee of the Society of Genealogists. Mia is an Associate of AGRA. She is studying for a Higher Certificate in Genealogy at the IHGS and is an alumni of SLIG and GRIP institute courses in the USA. Mia gives talks on traditional genealogy and DNA both online and in person around the world. She recently spoke at Family History Down Under 2022 in Sydney. More information about Mia can be found at her website miagenealogy.com.

Mia has kindly prepared a handout for her presentation which you can view [here](#).



'The reach of the Shetland fishing industry throughout history' by John Goodlad

John Goodlad is a Shetlander who works in the seafood industry. For many years he was the voice of the Shetland fishing industry when he led the Shetland Fishermen's Association. He then became a fish farmer and now advises various national and international seafood organisations and companies. His previous book, *The Cod Hunters*, was shortlisted for the Maritime Foundation's Mountbatten Award for Best Maritime Book in 2020. His new book, *The Salt Roads*, was published in September 2022.

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Amazon: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Salt-Roads-Fish-Made-Culture/dp/1780277911>

The Shetland Times Bookshop:

https://shop.shetlandtimes.co.uk/products/the-salt-roads-how-fish-made-a-culture?_pos=2&_sid=56b7a733f&_ss=r

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“Ah Kent Yer Faither’: Researching Family History in a Scottish Local Authority” by Sarah Wilcock of Perth & Kinross Archive

Sarah Wilcock has been Assistant Archivist at the Perth & Kinross Archive for just over seven years. Her role is wide ranging but includes caring for the historic archival collections of Perth & Kinross, managing their public access, delivering outreach and engagement activities to promote their use, and managing a team of twelve volunteers who support cataloguing, indexing, transcribing, and re-packaging of the collections. Sarah came to Archives through an arts background with an undergraduate degree in Tapestry from Edinburgh College of Art, she then undertook her masters in Information Management and Preservation at the University of Glasgow. For the past year she has been secretary for the Archivists of Scottish Local Authorities working group under the Archives and Records Association.

Perth & Kinross Archive - <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/archive/archives/collection-guides/>

Highland Perthshire - <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/media/2023/09/highland-perthshire-through-the-archive.pdf>

Kinross-shire - <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/media/2023/09/kinross-shire-through-the-archive.pdf>

East Perthshire - <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/media/2023/09/east-perthshire-through-the-archive.pdf>

West Perthshire - <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/media/2023/09/west-perthshire-through-the-archive.pdf>

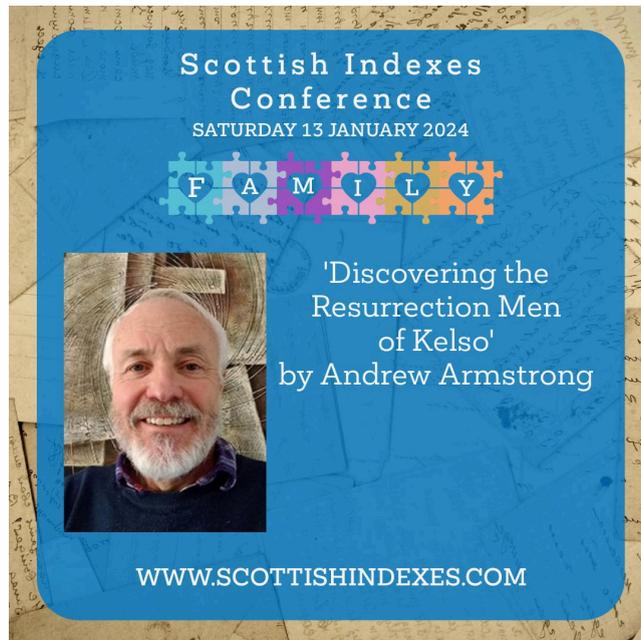


'The Disappearing Streets and Lost Communities of Glasgow' by Catriona Haine

When researching our family history, we often want to see, and even visit, the streets our ancestors lived on. But between the late 19th century and early 20th century, considerable numbers of Glasgow street names were changed making finding them more challenging. Then in the late 20th century, many of those streets, along with the communities that inhabited them, were lost altogether, as the wrecking ball of 'slum clearances' hit the city. This talk focuses on two of those lost communities, Anderston and Hutchesontown, and the people that lived there in the late 19th century, how their lives were interwoven with the industry and the history of the streets they inhabited, as well as how to pinpoint those lost Glasgow streets in the modern day.

Based in the west of Scotland, professional genealogist Catriona Haine specialises in Scottish family history research as well as the Irish diaspora and their origins in Ireland. Catriona graduated with a master's degree in Genealogy from the University of Strathclyde, having carried out extensive research into 19th century Scottish asylum and poor law history and the lives of the pauper patients removed from Glasgow Royal Asylum at Gartnavel.

Catriona can be contacted through her MarpleCat Genealogy website: www.MarpleCat.com.



'Discovering the Resurrection Men of Kelso' by Andrew Armstrong

Website: relativelyscottish.com

The investigation of the history of a local hotel takes an unexpected turn. Andrew explains how pre-census records can be used to tell some dramatic stories of times long gone. Andrew Armstrong is a Scottish genealogist based in Kelso in the south of Scotland. Through his website RelativelyScottish.com he takes a special interest in older family history especially in Dumfries & Galloway and the Scottish Borders. He has been a regular presenter at Scottish Indexes Conferences right from the beginning almost 4 years ago.

Links for 'Discovering the Resurrection Men of Kelso' presentation

Scottish Directories: <https://digital.nls.uk/directories/>

British Newspaper Archive: <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

Window Tax Records:

<https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/historical-tax-rolls/window-tax-1748-1798>

Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society: <https://aanhs.org/>

Dumfries & Galloway Natural History & Antiquarian Society: <https://dgnhas.org.uk/>

Hawick Archaeological Society: <https://hawickhistory.scot/>

Berwickshire Naturalists' Club: <https://www.bnc1831.co.uk/>

East Lothian Antiquarian & Field Naturalists' Society:

<https://eastlothianantiquarians.org.uk/>

Town Maps: <https://maps.nls.uk>

History of Parliament: <https://historyofparliamentonline.org>



'Finding Births, Marriages and Deaths in Scotland before 1855' by Emma Maxwell

Emma Maxwell is a genealogist of over 20 years of experience who loves to problem-solve. Along with her husband Graham Maxwell, she runs the genealogy resource website www.scottishindexes.com and hosts four free conferences a year.

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

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

Learning Zone - Birth, Marriage and Death Records on Scottish Indexes:

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

Learning Zone - Kirk Session Records:

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

When there is no father's name! What can you do?:

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningtechniques.aspx#q1>

Discover more in our Learning Zone where you can learn about the records we have indexed. We have also written articles on other topics. You can learn about civil registration records, census records, deeds, sasines and more:

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



'Lust, Lucre and Lybell: An 18th Century Scottish Soap Opera' by Dianne Brydon

Dianne Brydon has used skills learned from her Masters in Historical Geography - and Scottish Indexes Conferences - to research her various family histories. She has been researching her Guild family story for five years, whenever she can get to Scotland, where she has sneezed through many dusty bundles of archival documents to piece together their colourful story.

With her father, in 2017 Dianne published their family history *The Stalwart Brydons: From Scotland to Galt to Portage La Prairie*. Since then, she has written articles and given talks for family history/genealogy/local history groups in both Scotland and Canada. She is currently President of the [British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa](#).

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Handouts from Scottish Indexes Past Conferences
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx>

Kirsty Wilkinson – "Ae fond kiss, and then we sever: Finding Records of Marital Disharmony" (5 December 2021 - handout)

Andrew Armstrong – “Tips for Tracing Your 18th Century Scottish Ancestors Online” (5 December 2021 - handout)

Robert Urquhart – “Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Will” (12 March 2022 - handout)

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National Library of Scotland Manuscript Division <https://www.nls.uk/catalogues/manuscripts/>

National Library of Scotland Maps <https://maps.nls.uk/>

National Records of Scotland Guide to Divorce and Separation Records
<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/divorce-records>

ScotlandsPlaces Historical Tax Records
<https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/historical-tax-rolls>

Scotland’s People Church Records <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/virtual-volumes>

Scotland’s People Guide to Wills and Testaments
<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/guides/wills-and-testaments>

Scotland’s People Wills and Testaments Search page
<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/advanced-search/legal-records#record-type>

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Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

The Growing Phenomenon of the Unlinked Family Cluster -

<https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2023/03/16/the-growing-phenomenon-of-the-unlinked-family-cluster/>

Unlock the Past Cruises (1-10 Dec 2024) Southern Australia - Featuring Chris Paton, Mia Bennett and others - <https://www.unlockthepastcruises.com/18th-cruise-southern-australia/>

Follow The Herring - <https://www.facebook.com/followtheherring>

Perth Monumental Inscriptions -

<https://tayvalleyfhs.org.uk/product-category/books/perth-monumental-inscriptions/>

Scotland, Burial Monument Inscriptions, 1507-2019 -

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/62497/>

Scotland Monumental Inscriptions

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/scotland-monumental-inscriptions>

Perth & Kinross Archive - <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/archive/archives/collection-guides/>

Highland Perthshire -

<https://www.culturepk.org.uk/media/2023/09/highland-perthshire-through-the-archive.pdf>

Kinross-shire -

<https://www.culturepk.org.uk/media/2023/09/kinross-shire-through-the-archive.pdf>

East Perthshire -

<https://www.culturepk.org.uk/media/2023/09/east-perthshire-through-the-archive.pdf>

West Perthshire -

<https://www.culturepk.org.uk/media/2023/09/west-perthshire-through-the-archive.pdf>

Glasgow addresses:

<https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/product/a-guide-to-glasgow-addresses-parts-i-and-ii/>

The latest edition of the Cairt, newsletter of the Scottish Maps Forum, is now available from the NLS website. <https://maps.nls.uk/cairt/cairt44.pdf>

The Digital Panopticon is a great resource if you're researching transported convicts -

https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/Convict_Lives

Ships and institutions:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/census-records/#8-ships-and-institutions-in-the-census>

Criminal Portraits: <https://criminalportraits.blogspot.com/2020/02/blog-post.html>

Transportation of women and children of convicts -

https://www.utas.edu.au/library/companion_to_tasmanian_history/C/Convict%20Family%20Reunion%20Scheme.htm#:~:text=Between%201817%20and%201843%20at,on%20the%20female%20convict%20ships

Inland Revenue Survey Maps and Field Books -

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/inland-revenue-survey-maps-and-field-books>

Lothian Health Services Archive - <https://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/>

Melrose Regality Records - 3 volumes at NLS -

<https://digital.nls.uk/scottish-history-society-publications/browse/archive/125885828?mode=fullsize>

Melrose Abbey - Bannatyne Club 1837

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/002034426?type%5B%5D=all&lookfor%5B%5D=liber%20melrose&ft=>

Edinburgh Apprentice Rolls on Findmypast -

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/scotland-edinburgh-apprentices-1583-1800>

Statistical accounts <https://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home>

Coalmining Accidents and Deaths - <https://www.cmhrc.co.uk/site/disasters/index.html>

Index of Legal Terms -

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/court-and-legal-records/index-of-legal-terms>

Scots Legal Glossary - <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/glossary>

Dictionaries of the Scots Language - <https://dsl.ac.uk/>

This is the book Scots Law students use:

<https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/product/Glossary-of-Legal-Terms-by-Stephen-R-ORourke/9780414031074>

Uk ancestors elsewhere then coming back: this podcast from much-missed Audrey Collins - <https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/there-and-back-again-going-away-doesnt-mean-staying-away/>

A boat trip with a difference: experience classic sailing aboard an original Shetland fishing sail boat - <https://www.swantrust.com/>

Hammermen - <https://stirlingincorporatedtrades.org/incorporation-of-hammermen/>

Scottish Archives Map <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/explore/scottish-archives-map/>

Trade and Craft Records in the National Records of Scotland (NRS) - <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/crafts-and-trades>

NLS maps website for family history research -

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx#c22>

Dissolved Company Files - The Advance Food Company Limited - BT2/8327

<https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue/details.aspx?reference=BT2%2f8327&st=1&tc=y&tl=n&tn=n&tp=n&k=Advance+Food+Company&ko=a&r=&ro=s&df=&dt=&di=y>

A blog about 'not proven', Scotland's third verdict:

<https://www.scottishlegal.com/articles/blog-no-not-proven-did-not-come-first>

Search across three national databases to access historical resources relating to places throughout Scotland - <https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/>

USA copyright rules - <https://guides.library.cornell.edu/copyright/publicdomain>

UK copyright - <https://www.gov.uk/copyright>

Blog post, The copyright clock keeps ticking -

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2024/01/02/welcome-to-1928/>

A lot of the back issues of The Old Edinburgh Club have been digitised and are free - :

<https://oldedinburghclub.org.uk/boec/>

www.scottishindexes.com - Helping you trace your Scottish family tree

"170M documents from a global community" - <https://www.scribd.com/>

James Murray History of Kilmacolm -

<https://archive.org/details/kilmacolmparishh00murr/page/96/mode/2up>

West Lothian Archives have some of their photos on Flickr -

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/westlopics>

The online catalogue to Scotland's archaeology, buildings, industrial and maritime heritage -

<https://canmore.org.uk/>

West Lothian's Linlithgow album:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/westlopics/albums/72157624687492388/with/5039077034>

Canal House, Linlithgow - <https://unioncanalunlocked.org.uk/canal-house-linlithgow.php>

Marriage Law for Genealogists: The Definitive Guide ... What Everyone Tracing Their Family History Needs to Know about Where, When, Who and How Their English and Welsh Ancestors Married -

https://www.google.com/books/edition/Marriage_Law_for_Genealogists/ttjwjwEACAAJ?hl=en

Historical Tax records can be found on the ScotlandsPlaces website, along with a brief description of each - <https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/historical-tax-rolls>

Oakum Bay Cottages, Govan - <https://www.theglasgowstory.com/image/?inum=TGSE00723>

Five Ways to Find Photographs of Your Ancestors -

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

The Frances Frith Collection at Findmypast -

<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/francis-frith-collection>

Access records held by The National Archives and more than 2,500 other archives -

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

GLAM Workbench meta search for galleries, libraries, archives, and museums in Australia and New Zealand - <https://glam-workbench.net/>

Central Scotland Family History Society - <https://www.csfhs.org.uk/>

FamilySearch's Index to BNArchive Family Notices -

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2562514>

Genealogy Bargains - <https://genealogybargains.com/>

Papers Past delivers digitised full-text New Zealand and Pacific newspapers, magazines and journals, books, and other formats - <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

Trove is a collaboration between the National Library of Australia and hundreds of Partner organisations around Australia - <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>

The Gazette - <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

Ships and institutions in the census -

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/census-records/#8-ships-and-institutions-in-the-census>

When there is no father's name! What can you do?

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

Scottish Genealogy Learning Zone <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learning.aspx>

Past Scottish Indexes Conferences <https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx>

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Tay Valley Family History Society

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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:

<https://www.shetland-fhs.org.uk/>

secretary@shetland-fhs.org.uk

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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, Kilmacollm, 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

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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

East Ayrshire Family History Society

Scottish Charity number SC029609

Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Email: enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

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

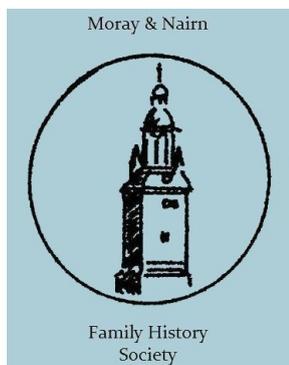
For questions of a military nature you can contact David Anderson by email at: -

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)

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

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>.