

# Scottish Indexes Conference

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## Scottish Indexes Conference

10 October 2020

Thank you all for attending the 6th Scottish Indexes Conference of 2020. I hope you all have new ideas to help you trace your Scottish family history.

We are already planning the December conference which will be held on Sunday 6 December 2020. Registration is now open and more details will be posted on [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com) soon. [Click here to register on Zoom.](#)

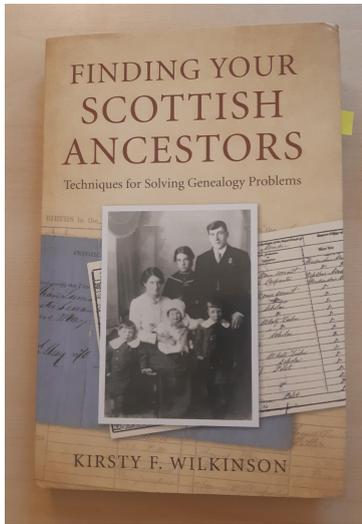
Please feel free to share the PDF with fellow researchers who you think will be interested.

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com)

# Tracing Scottish Ancestors on Ancestry

by Kirsty Wilkinson



Kirsty Wilkinson is a professional genealogist and author of "[Finding Your Scottish Ancestors - Techniques for Solving Genealogy Problems](#)".

Kirsty works for AncestryProGenealogists, at the conference she showed us some tips to make the most of Ancestry.com for Scottish genealogy.

[Ancestry's Card Catalog](#) - The card catalogue is a useful way to find out what records Ancestry have for a particular location.

[Scotland. National Probate Index \(Calendar of Confirmations and Inventories\). 1876-1936](#) - This is useful as the index on ScotlandsPeople only goes up to 1925.

Twitter - [@GenealogyGirl](#)

Facebook - [Finding Your Scottish Ancestors: Techniques for Solving Genealogy Problems](#)

## Highlights from the Highland Archive Service

by Lorna Steele

Lorna Steele is the Community Engagement Officer at the [Highland Archive Service](#). Lorna has been very busy throughout 2020 presenting the 'Learn with Lorna' series on Facebook, all episodes are still available to watch.

Highland Archive Service -

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

Learn with Lorna - <https://www.facebook.com/watch/highlandarchives/315486416448897/>

# Scottish Marriage: Instantly Buckled for Life

by Chris Paton



Northern Irish born Chris Paton lives today in Ayrshire, Scotland, where he works as a genealogist through his Scotland's Greatest Story service ([www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk](http://www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk)). A holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from the University of Strathclyde, Chris is author of 'Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet (2nd edition)', 'Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records' and 'Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records', and also writes a daily genealogy blog, Scottish GENES (<https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com>). As well as regularly lecturing on Irish and Scottish subjects, Chris also runs courses for Pharos Teaching and Tutoring Ltd ([www.pharostutors.com](http://www.pharostutors.com)).

As you may have happened to pick up on during the conference, Chris has written a few books, including, "[Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry through Church and State Records](#)".

Twitter - [@GenesBlog](#)

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

## Using Scottish Asylum Records

By Emma Maxwell

Emma Maxwell is a professional genealogist based in Scotland and runs [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com) with her husband and fellow genealogist Graham Maxwell.

[Mental Health Records Search](#)

[Mental Health Institutions in Scotland](#)

[Learning Zone - Mental Health Records in Scotland](#)

[Wellcome Library](#) - Access to some digitised mental healthcare records including Gartnavel and Chrichton records.

Twitter - [@maxwellancestry](#) (Emma Maxwell)

Twitter - [@scottishindexes](#)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/scottish.indexes>

# Genealogy in the Glasgow City Archives

by Dr Irene O'Brien

It was exciting to hear about the archive's plans for making some of their indexes available online! On the archive's website, you can find a lot of information about their records. Here are some quick links that could be useful:

[Landed Families and Estates](#)

[Merchants and Trades Houses](#)

[Photographs](#)

[Online Resources for Archives](#)

Twitter - [@GC\\_Archives](#)

Facebook - [@GlasgowCityArchives](#)

Website - <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/city-archives>

## Fife Family History Society

by Ali Murray

Fife Family History Society, which was formed in 1989, aims to join together people with an interest in the research of their Fife ancestors.

The society produces a journal three times a year free to members (available to members online and with the option to receive this by email). The Society hosts a Talk on the second Tuesday of the month from September to April. A trip to a library or some place of interest is arranged for May. The Society has members in the local area, across the rest of the UK and throughout the world.

Website - <https://fifefhs.org/>

Twitter - [@fifefhs](#)

Facebook - [@FifeFamilyHistorySociety](#)

# Using DNA To Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries

by Michelle Leonard



Michelle Leonard is a professional genealogist, DNA detective, speaker, author, historian and the official genetic genealogist of [#AncestryHour](#). She runs her own genealogy and DNA consultancy business, Genes & Genealogy, and specialises in unknown parentage and all manner of unknown ancestor mysteries using a combination of DNA expertise and conventional research methods. She also undertakes traditional family history research, living relative tracing, historical and television research, podcasts, tutoring, lecturing, bespoke family history books, webinar, speaking engagements and article, blog and book writing. She is also known for her work on the WW1 Fromelles Genealogy Project, is a regular speaker at major genealogy events and co-authored the book "[Tracing Your Ancestors Using](#)

[DNA: A Guide For Family Historians](#)" published in June 2019. You can find out more about Michelle on her Genes & Genealogy Facebook page and you can follow her on Twitter.

Facebook - [@genesandgenealogy](#)

Twitter - [@GenealogyLass](#)

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## Scotland's People Searches

The Hawick Heritage Hub is now open and is offering access to Scotland's People. Although we can access many records through [www.scotlandspople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspople.gov.uk), complex searches and more modern searches are best made in the Scotland's People centre. I am sure we are not alone in being frustrated by this during lockdown!



Andrew Armstong is now available to visit the Hawick Heritage Hub, here is some information about Andrew:

Andrew Armstrong is a Borders-based Scottish Genealogist specialising in family history research in Edinburgh and across Southern Scotland. Particular interests are Border Reiver surnames and the records of the Buccleuch Estates. He is actively creating new family history resources on his website at [relativelyscottish.com](http://relativelyscottish.com).

Email - [andrew.armstrong@relativelyscottish.com](mailto:andrew.armstrong@relativelyscottish.com)

## Scottish Genealogy Society



**The Scottish Genealogy Society** is based in Edinburgh but can help you with your research all over Scotland. Many of these resources are available to members and non-members but membership also comes with a lot of benefits.

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

**Membership** - From £20

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

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## 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](http://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 1700 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](http://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](mailto:secretary2013@orkneyfhs.co.uk)



## East Ayrshire Family History Society

East Ayrshire Family History Society  
Scottish Charity number SC029629

**Website:** [www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk](http://www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk)

**Email:** [enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk)



## 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](mailto:research-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk)

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

[military-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk)

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

[enquiries@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk)

## Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society



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.

**Website** - [www.anesfhs.org.uk](http://www.anesfhs.org.uk)



## Caithness Family History Society

**Website:** <https://caithnessfhs.org.uk>

**Email:** via Contacts page on website

**Facebook:** [Caithness Family History Society](#)

**Facebook:** [CFHS Discussion Group](#)

**Nucleus:** The Nuclear & Caithness Archive - [north.highlandarchive@highlifehighland.com](mailto:north.highlandarchive@highlifehighland.com)

## Anglo-Scottish Family History Society

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.

**Website** - <https://angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk/>

## Central Scotland Family History Society



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.

We organise monthly meetings from October to May, held in the Smith Museum in Stirling. Due to Covid-19 we had to postpone our AGM. This will now be held as a virtual meeting in September. As our meeting venue is not opening its lecture theatre until at least 2021, next year's programme of talks has also been suspended.

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 – see our website for details of price and ordering.

**Website** - [www.csfhs.org.uk](http://www.csfhs.org.uk)

### Useful Links

The Scottish Suffragettes - Scots' Lives S. By Leah Leneman - Available from a variety of places online including [eBay](#) and [Amazon](#).

The National Archives - Hospital Records Database - <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords/search.asp>

Hebridean Connections - <https://www.hebrideanconnections.com/>

Dr Alistair Tough, Archivist NHS GG&C - <https://www.gla.ac.uk/stafflist/?webapp=staffcontact&action=person&id=4fdce7e5809f>