

# Scottish Indexes Conference

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## Scottish Indexes Conference

30 January 2021

Once again Graham and I have been overwhelmed by the positive reaction to our conference. Back in March 2020 when we started planning our first ever conference we had no idea we would be planning our ninth one for March 2021!

Registration is now open for [Scottish Indexes Conference IX](#) and we will have more details to share with you very soon.

As always, here are some of the resources and links that we mentioned at the conference.

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)

# Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society

by Sheila Duffy



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

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

Membership: £15

## 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

## In Sickness and in Health - family history and health records

by Fiona Musk

NHS Grampian Archives hold the historic records of more than 100 hospitals and health organisations from across the Grampian region.

Website: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/special-collections/nhs-grampian-archives-72.php>

Guides and Indexes:

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/special-collections/guides-and-indexes-375.php>

Email: [gram.archives@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.archives@nhs.scot)

# Beginning Scottish Research

by Emma Maxwell

Emma Maxwell is a professional genealogist here in Scotland and co-founder of [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com).

If you are new to genealogy check out Emma's absolute beginner's guide:

[www.scottishindexes.com/learningdetective.aspx](http://www.scottishindexes.com/learningdetective.aspx)

Also in the Scottish Genealogy Learning Zone on [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com) are articles covering the topics Emma covered in her presentation:

- Civil Registration
- Births, Marriages and Deaths in Scotland before 1855
- Census in Scotland



## 1911 Census Street Indexes

Street indexes are a very useful tool, especially when you are trying to find people in cities. [Here is a link to the website of the National Records of Scotland](#) who have PDF indexes available for free.

The '[Parishes and Registration Districts of Scotland by name](#)' guide (1.4 MB pdf) lists all parishes and districts in alphabetical order with the dates during which each was operative. There are also pages with further breakdowns of the cities of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

## OPR Coverage

Sadly, not all records of birth, marriages and death survive before 1855. It can be useful to know where the gaps are. The '[List of Old Parish Registers](#)' is invaluable in this regard.

## More tips

We regularly share tips on Facebook and in our blog. Follow us so that you don't miss these handy hints:

Blog: <https://scottishgenealogyblog.blogspot.com/>

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

# The importance of getting your facts straight (in order to tell your family story)

by Helen Tovey



Helen Tovey is the editor of the magazine Family Tree. As well as a traditional monthly magazine Family Tree also has a growing collection of online articles and webinars covering Scotland and the rest of the UK.

February is Scottish Family History month and they are hosting a [series of webinars](#).

## Sharing Your Family History Online

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)).

Are you keen to share your research with a wider audience? Hopefully Chris gave you some inspiration on Saturday. You can buy a copy of '[Sharing Your Family History Online](#)' from [Pen & Sword](#).

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

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

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

# Genealogy Q & A

As ever we covered a broad range of topics. Here I will try and link to some of the websites and resources we mentioned.

## Paisley Poor Law indexes

On the Renfrewshire Libraries website there is a free PDF index to Paisley Poor Law records: <https://libcat.renfrewshire.gov.uk/iguana/www.main.cls?url=PoorLaw>

## Historic Maps

The free maps on the website of the National Library of Scotland really are invaluable to our family history research. <https://maps.nls.uk/>

## The Scottish Archive Network

The Scottish Archive Network has a catalogue of the holdings of more than 50 Scottish archives. Please note however that it can be out of date and the archive's own catalogue (of they have one) may be more detailed: <https://www.scan.org.uk/aboutus/default.asp>

## Adding Sources

Strathclyde referencing guide -

[https://www.strath.ac.uk/media/1newwebsite/centres/centreforlifelonglearning/documents/Referencing\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.strath.ac.uk/media/1newwebsite/centres/centreforlifelonglearning/documents/Referencing_Guide.pdf)

## Pharos Tutors

Chris Paton is one of the tutors at Pharos. Starting on 1 March 2021 and running for five weeks, Chris is tutoring 'Scottish Research Online':

<https://www.pharostutors.com/details.php?coursenumber=102>

## The Lyon in Mourning

'The Lyon in Mourning, or, A collection of speeches, letters, journals etc. relative to the affairs of Prince Charles Edward Stuart', is available to read online from the National Library of Scotland: <https://digital.nls.uk/print/transcriptions/index.html>

## No Quarter Given

'No Quarter Given: The Muster Roll of Prince Charles Edward Stuart's Army, 1745-46' was a book recommended by Chris Paton. On a quick Google search I found it on Amazon, you may be able to find it from other providers too.

## Huguenots in Scotland

Journal of the Sydney Society for Scottish History -

<https://openjournals.library.sydney.edu.au/index.php/JSSSH/article/view/11280/10705>

The Huguenot Society - Huguenot Settlements outside London

<https://www.huguenotsociety.org.uk/uploads/docs/Huguenot%20Settlements%20outside%20London.pdf>

J. Mason, 'The Weavers of Picardy', The Book of the Old Edinburgh Club 25 (1945), pp.1-33

Available from:

<http://www.oldedinburghclub.org.uk/boec/boec-original-series-contents/> XXV as a scanned volume

<http://www.oldedinburghclub.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/BOEC-OS/Volume-25.pdf>

## Past Conferences

If you have missed some of our conferences over the last year you can catch-up with some presentations here: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx>

## Scottish Indexes

You can search a growing collection of records on [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com) as well as access a variety of Learning Zone articles. To find out exactly what we have on our website go to: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/coverage.aspx>

If you would like to help us make more records available please contact us:

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

# William Simpson's Asylum Project

by Karl Magee

Karl Magee, Archivist at the University of Stirling, joined us to share a glimpse into the records they care for, how they are conserved and to tell us about the exciting projects that they have undertaken.

William Simpson's Asylum records is a wonderful collection and it was great to hear that it has survived. If you want to read more about it and keep up-to-date with the project [visit their website](#).

Most recently the archive has made 'The Passing Hour' available for free on jstor.org. The Passing Hour is the magazine which was produced by the Stirling District Asylum and sent out to subscribers from 1901 as a way of sharing what life was like at the Asylum. See: <https://www.jstor.org/site/stirling/passing-hour/>

## Caithness Family Society & SAFHS

by Ian Leith



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)

# Virtual Family History Fair



## Scottish Family History Month: Family Tree webinars

February 2021 is Scottish Family History Month on the History Scotland website, where the magazine 'Family Tree' are presenting how-to guides, videos and top tips on tracing your Scottish ancestors. You may recognise some of the presenters!

- Exploring Scottish family history records, 3 February - Michelle Leonard
- How to use Sheriff Court records for Scottish Family History, 10 February - Emma Maxwell
- Solve your Scottish Genealogy Problems, 17 February - Kirsty Wilkinson
- Down and out in Scotland: Researching Ancestral Crisis, 24 February - Chris Paton

These webinars are booked individually on [www.family-tree.co.uk](http://www.family-tree.co.uk). Go to <https://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/webinars/scottish-family-history-month-family-tree-webinars/> to find out more and book.

## 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.

**20 February 2021** - Chris Paton will be joining us on Zoom to present 'Tracing the Irish in Scotland' on 20 February 2021. [Click here for booking information.](#)

**Website** - [angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk](http://angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk)

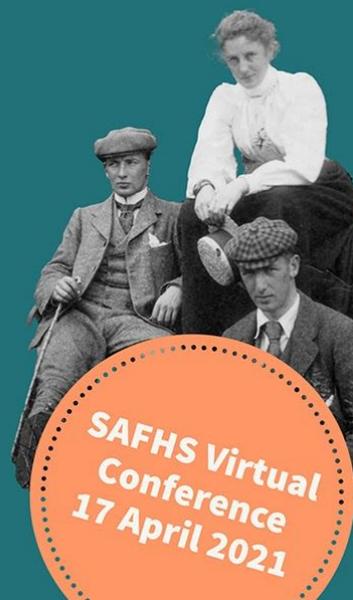
# The Scottish Association of Family History Societies



Free event  
Six presentations  
Genealogy Q&A

safhs.org.uk

Scottish Charity Number SC029006



Registration is now open for #SAFHS2021 - "It's a Sair Fecht!". [Click here to register on Zoom.](#)

Every year the Scottish Association of Family History Societies holds a conference. Sadly last year's was cancelled due to COVID but that's not going to stop them! Graham and I have volunteered to work with SAFHS to hold a virtual event this year.

## 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>



## The Virtual FHF REALLY USEFUL Family History Show

The Family History Federation and Parish Chest are hosting their second FHF REALLY USEFUL Family History Show on Saturday 10th April. Following the format of the extremely popular first show, there will be a raft of top presentations on genealogical topics along with access to family history societies and commercial vendors. New for April will be a number of workshops.

[www.fhf-reallyuseful.com](http://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com)

## 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](http://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](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

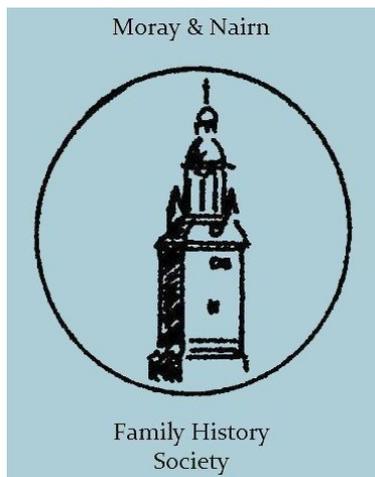


Our Research Centre in Motherwell is currently closed because of Covid 19, we will open again when the situation improves. In the meantime we can still assist you with your Scottish and Irish questions and any 'brickwalls' you have at present. Our Research Coordinator, John Kennedy and his 'team' of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

## Fife Family History Society



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](http://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/](http://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.

You can find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Email: [enquiries@fifefhs.org](mailto:enquiries@fifefhs.org)

## 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)



## Caithness Family History Society

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

**Email:** via Contacts page on website

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

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