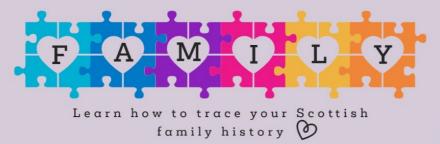
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Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who took part in our conference on Saturday. Once again, we had a great attendance and some great tips were shared for tracing our Scottish ancestors.

I can't wait to hear more about your research in the coming weeks. It's great to hear that many have already made new discoveries after putting the tips into practice.

Our next conference will be on Saturday 4
September 2021 and <u>registration is now open</u>.

Margaret Fox, formerly an archivist at the National Records of Scotland, will take an in-depth look at kirk sessions and cases that worked their way up to the Synod. Genealogist Michelle Leonard will help us get to grips with DNA Painter. Myko Clelland will join us from Findmypast and Tessa Spencer will join us from the National Records of Scotland. I hope you can join us.

Graham & Emma Maxwell
Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com



Overcoming Brickwalls: Case Studies

by Emma Maxwell

Website: www.scottishindexes.com

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Facebook: <u>@scottish.indexes</u>

Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/scottishindexes

Emma Maxwell is a genealogist of 20 years experience. Emma and her husband and fellow-genealogist Graham find it hard to resist a genealogy brick wall. Over the years Emma has learnt the tricks of the trade to wheedle out those elusive ancestors and discover their stories.

Emma showed us three case studies. The first was one where we knew that a person was born in Scotland but not where. Another case showed us how tracing other members of the same household in a census can help us join the dots. In the third case, Emma looked at what to do when you are researching a common name.

Use the records you have already found and take note of all the information you can. Find out more about the family you have already discovered. Look into the lives of siblings and 'relatives' searching for clues. Broaden your searches and don't forget wildcards. Here is a <u>link to a video</u> where Emma explains how to use wildcards.

Find out more about the location where your family lived. The maps on the National Library of Scotland are free and can show you the area in great detail. Their <u>online guide</u> will help you get started.



Merchant and Trades House Records

by Dr. Irene O'Brien

Website: www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk

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Facebook: GlasgowCityArchives

The GlasgowFamilyHistory website has many free guides to help you understand the records the Glasgow City Archives hold:

https://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk/ExploreRecords/Pages/Explore-Our-Records.aspx

In person, you can access not only the Glasgow City Archives but also the ScotlandsPeople Hub which gives you the same access to records as you would have in Edinburgh at the ScotlandsPeople Centre. The NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Archives is also accessed at the Mitchell Library. If you have Glaswegian ancestors it's certainly a one-stop-shop.

The big news is that the index to the Poor Law records is coming online and that will revolutionise research for us all.

While we wait for this major release, there are some smaller collections we can search online such as the 'Police Return of Destitute', 'Belgian Refugees', 'Chimney Sweeps Licenses for the Burgh of Glasgow, 1852-1862.', 'Militia Records for Glasgow 1810-1831' and 'Evening Times Roll of Honour'. See

https://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk/ExploreRecords/Pages/Online-resources.aspx

The Stones of Seafield: exploring monumental inscriptions in Edinburgh's Seafield Cemetery

by Emma Jolly



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Emma Jolly MA has been working as a professional genealogist since 2006. She holds two history degrees and the IHGS Higher Certificate. A member of AGRA, she has written five books. Her Jolly family descends from Scotland. On her other surname branches, she has English, Welsh, and Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry.

Emma's research made use of a number of websites. These helped her to find out more about the people buried at Seafield Cemetery.

A very useful free website which Emma highlighted was the Commonwealth War Graves website: www.cwgc.org.

Emma also featured newspapers in her presentation. They are a great source of information and with more being added to digital collections all the time, they are an integral part of our family history research.

The British Newspaper Archive is a valuable resource but you may have access to this through your Findmypast subscription. The <u>Google News Archive</u> is a great free resource.



Tracing Scottish Women

by Kirsty Wilkinson

Twitter: @GenealogyGirl

Kirsty F. Wilkinson has worked as a professional genealogist since 2006 and holds an MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographical and Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde. After successfully running her own family history research business for over ten years, Kirsty joined AncestryProGenealogists, the research division of Ancestry.com, in 2017 where she continues to specialise in Scottish research. Kirsty's first book, 'Finding Your Scottish Ancestors: Techniques for Solving Genealogy Problems' was published by Robert Hale in 2020.

Kistry's book is available from <u>Amazon</u> as a hard copy and the Kindle Edition. It is also available from the publisher, <u>The Crowood Press</u>.

Traditionally, genealogies followed the male surname line with little attention paid to female ancestors. Although that is less so with family history today, the fact that women typically generated fewer records than men means they can often be more difficult to research. This presentation looked at some of the challenges of tracing women in Scotland, as well as highlighting some of the records that can shed light on their lives and bring their individual stories to life.

Kirsty showed us sources for information relating directly and indirectly to our ancestors. For example the book 'Sair, Sair Wark: Women and Mining in Scotland' by Lillian King will help us understand the work our female ancestors did in connection to mining in Scotland.

Particular record sets, such as poor law records can fill in the missing parts of the story. There is a partial list of online indexes to these records in the <u>Scottish Indexes Learning</u> <u>Zone</u>.



Sharing Shetland Surnames

by Susan Cooper & Alan Beattie, representing the Shetland Family History Society

Website: www.shetland-fhs.org.uk Email: secretary@shetland-fhs.org.uk

We were all captivated by not only the genealogy but the prospect of homebaking at the events hosted by the family history society. Over the last few years, the society have been conducting studies into some of Shetland's surnames. Here are the surnames the society have researched so far:

Bolt

Henry

Abernethy

Inkster

Mouat

Arcus

Anderson

Gifford

Pearson

Goudie

Arthur

Arthurson

Robertson

Alan and Susan were also telling us about the VIKING II project. Do you have at least two grandparents from Orkney or Shetland? If so, you may be interested in joining this exciting project. Find out more at https://www.ed.ac.uk/viking



Member's Story: Diana Rae

by Jennifer Jolly

It was great to see Jennifer join us as a presenter for this conference. Jennifer is a member of the Scottish Indexes Facebook group and regularly helps people solve genealogy mysteries. Using online resources, Jennifer has been able to trace the life of Diana Rae.

One resource Jennifer uses regularly are the Statistical Accounts of Scotland 1791-1845. These provide an insight into each parish in Scotland, which can help you understand what an area was like when your ancestors lived there. These volumes are available online for free at stataccscot.edina.ac.uk. If this is a new resource to you, there is a helpful introduction too.

Jennifer's links are on her blog: jensjardin.wordpress.com

Jennifer also made excellent use of the Merchant Seamen records on Findmypast. These can be quite confusing at first but it's worth persisting with them. The <u>research guides</u> on The National Archives website are excellent to use in conjunction with the records on Findmypast. For example the guide '<u>Abbreviations in merchant seamen's records</u>' may be one you'll want to bookmark if you are working with these records.



Tracing Scottish Ancestors before 1855

by Alison Spring

Website: Scottish Ancestral Research: Genealogy Detective service

Blog: https://scotsancestors.blogspot.com/

Twitter: @FrugalFH

Facebook: @scotsancestors

Researching Scots ancestors before civil registration in 1855 can be challenging! In this presentation we learnt about some of the rich alternative sources you can mine when looking for your earlier forebears, like tax records, directories, newspapers, and more – where to find them, and how to make the most of them.

Alison has been looking for ancestors for over 40 years, and she runs <u>Scottish Ancestral</u> <u>Research: Genealogy Detective service</u>. Alison enjoys sharing what she's learned with others in talks, magazine articles, classes, and her <u>Frugal Family Historian blog</u> where she advocates tracing your family tree without breaking the bank (something we can all get on board with).

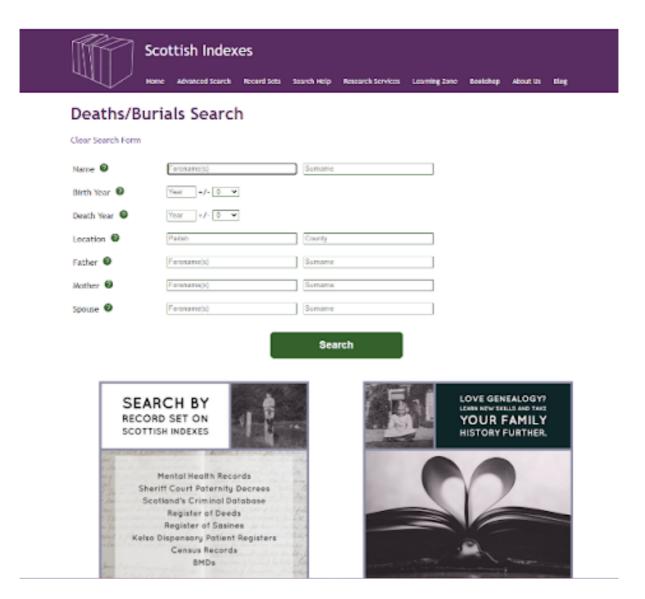
Alison has prepared a handout to accompany her presentation which you can access here.

New Releases on Scottish Indexes

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We were delighted to release an index to Crown Office Sudden and Suspicious Deaths: Deaths 1823-1857. These records are taken from volumes AD9/1-11 and AD12/11,12, which are held by the National Records of Scotland. There are 8,709 entries from across Scotland, and the index is now part of our 'Non-OPR Deaths/Burials Index'.

These records can fill in the gaps in the records before 1855, but they can also add to your family story. To illustrate this we have added two short case studies to our <u>Learning Zone</u>. The first revolves around the death of Margaret Mill or Bett and it demonstrates the extra detail these records can add.



Our growing collection of indexes cover poor relief records, Kirk session records, Scotland's Criminal Database, the Scottish Paternity Index, Mental Health Records and more. To find out exactly what we've indexed so far visit our <u>coverage pages</u> which will give you a breakdown by year and place.



Scottish Genealogy Q&A

Once again we had two lively Q&A sessions and covered a lot of ground. Here are the links I promised to share with you.

Getting started with DNA:

Michelle Leonard joined us for the Q&A. Michelle combines traditional genealogy with DNA to trace family trees. You can find out more about <u>Michelle's services here</u>.

Starting on 29 September Michelle will be tutoring an <u>8-week DNA Bootcamp</u>. On the DNA Bootcamp you will have the opportunity to gain a solid understanding of your DNA test results, DNA match lists and of how to use the tools provided by DNA testing companies.

A free version of Michelle's presentation Making the Most of your Autosomal DNA Test is available https://familytreewebinars.com/michelleleonard

1921 Census:

Chris Paton, Scottish genealogist and author of the <u>Scottish GENES blog</u>, joined for the Q&A. His blog keeps us all up-to-date with what's new in Scottish genealogy and beyond.

Chris mentioned an article he has written for Family Tree magazine, 'Key 20th Century Scottish Resources'. Chris details many of records from the last century which you may have overlooked or not used to their full potential.

Online Catalogues:

The <u>catalogue of the National Records of Scotland</u> (NRS) is essential to bookmark for everyone researching in Scotland. This is a catalogue to their collections and is very comprehensive.

The <u>National Register of Archives for Scotland (NRAS)</u> was established by the Scottish Record Office (now the National Records of Scotland) in 1946 to compile a record of papers of historical significance in private hands in Scotland. This can be a great way to work out where estate records are held.

The <u>Scottish Archive Network catalogue</u> will be replaced in the coming years. Although their website is a bit old-fashioned, the information is still very useful. The project aimed to revolutionise access to Scotland's archives by providing a single electronic catalogue to the holdings of more than 50 Scottish archives, many of whom do not have their own online catalogue.

<u>Discovery</u> - Discovery holds more than 32 million descriptions of records held by The National Archives and more than 2,500 archives across the country.

Learning Resources:

We have an ever growing <u>Scottish Indexes Learning Zone</u>. Primarily we focus on records available through our website but it is growing to include other resources.

The National Records of Scotland (NRS) has a large collection of detailed research guides. <u>Here is a link to their A-Z</u>. ScotlandsPeople also have <u>free research guides</u>.

Websites:

www.genuki.org.uk

GENUKI provides a virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland. It is a non-commercial service, maintained by a charitable trust and a group of volunteers.

libindx.moray.gov.uk

Libindx is the Local Heritage Service's index to sources of information about people, places and subjects relating to Moray.

www.rosscromartyroots.co.uk

Family history and local history in Ross & Cromarty in the Highlands of Scotland is what this website is about. In particular, it includes a searchable database of headstone images & inscriptions for burial sites in Ross & Cromarty.

www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/archivespecialcollections

Guide to James Finlay & Co Managers and Assistants letterbooks.

www.tradeshouse.org.uk

The Trades House of Glasgow was created at the time of reform of Glasgow's local government in 1605. At that time the electorate was essentially divided into two groups: the Merchants and the Craftsmen. The Craft Incorporations were led by the Deacon Convener who was given a council seat which is retained to this day, but no longer has speaking or voting rights.

www.rcpe.ac.uk

A lot of work has been done by the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh to catalogue and index their historical records. In this YouTube video Daisy Cunynghame, Archivist at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh presents 'Uncovering the Collections of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh'. This talk briefly explores the history of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and its collections before delving into their use for genealogical research and was first presented at the Scottish Indexes Conference in July 2020.

dsl.ac.uk

Dictionaries of the Scots Language Online brings together the two major historical dictionaries of the Scots language: Modern Scots (after 1700) in The Scottish National Dictionary (SND).

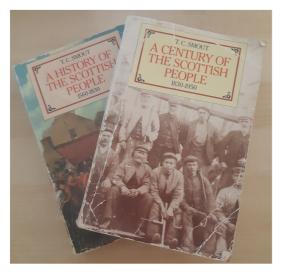
https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/glossary-of-terms

Glossary of Terms on the NRS website. It is intended to help with terms and phrases used on the NRS website.

https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/glossary

This is a helpful glossary not just of words but also abbreviations. Perhaps you have seen 'H.L.W.' in the census and wondered what it stood for. Or have you seen 'Bad blood' given as a medical term but not really understood what disease that would mean. This glossary will answer all of these questions.

Scottish Family History Reading List



An attendee suggested a reading list which we thought was a great idea. Thanks to our presenters and attendees for suggesting these books. I should add that none of these are sponsored; these are genuine recommendations from fellow researchers. It is also not an extensive list, I am sure we will add more as time goes on. Let's make a start with these:

Paton, Chris (2019) Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors Through Church and State Records: Pen & Sword

Paton, Chris (2020) Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet: Pen & Sword

National Records of Scotland (2020) Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: Birlinn

Simpson, Grant G (1998) Scottish Handwriting 1150-1650. Tuckwell Press.

Wilkinson, Kirsty F. (2020) Finding Your Scottish Ancestors, Techniques for Solving Genealogy Problems: <u>Crowood Press</u>

Bigwood, Rosemary (2006) The Scottish Family Tree Detective. Manchester: Manchester University Press

Brown, Callum G. (1997) Religion and Society in Scotland since 1707. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Gibb, Andrew Dewar (1946) Student's Glossary of Scottish Legal Terms. Edinburgh: W. Green & Son Ltd (Various later editions also)

Smout, T. C. (1998) A History of the Scottish People 1560-1830. London: Fontana Press

Smout, T. C. (1997) A Century of the Scottish People 1830-1950. London: Fontana Press

Steel, D. J. (1970) National Index of Parish Registers Volume XII: Sources for Scottish Genealogy and Family History. Chichester: Phillimore and Co. Ltd.

Wightman, Andy (2013) The Poor Had No Lawyers – Who Owns Scotland (And How They Got It), New Ed. Edinburgh: Birlinn Ltd.

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There are voucher codes in Family Tree Magazine and WDYTYA magazine for July.



View - Lady Margaret's Tower to Glen Creran

Ardchattan Parish Archive

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

Website: http://ardchattan.wikidot.com

Facebook: @ardchattan

Email: ardchattan@gmail.com

Enquiries welcome, we are always interested to connect with descendants and anyone interested in our heritage.

Caithness Family Society



Website: www.caithnessfhs.org.uk

Email: https://caithnessfhs.org.uk/contacts/ Facebook: @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.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society



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

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

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

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 - <u>www.dgfhs.org.uk</u> 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 SC029629 Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Email: 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

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

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Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society



Website: www.anesfhs.org.uk

Facebook: <u>@anesfhs</u>
Twitter: <u>@anesfhs</u>

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

Twitter: @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.

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.

