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Scottish Indexes Conference XIV

5 December 2021

From toilets to tea smugglers, we once again covered a great array of topics thanks to your questions at the conference yesterday! Thank you for coming along, taking part and donating so that we can keep these events going.

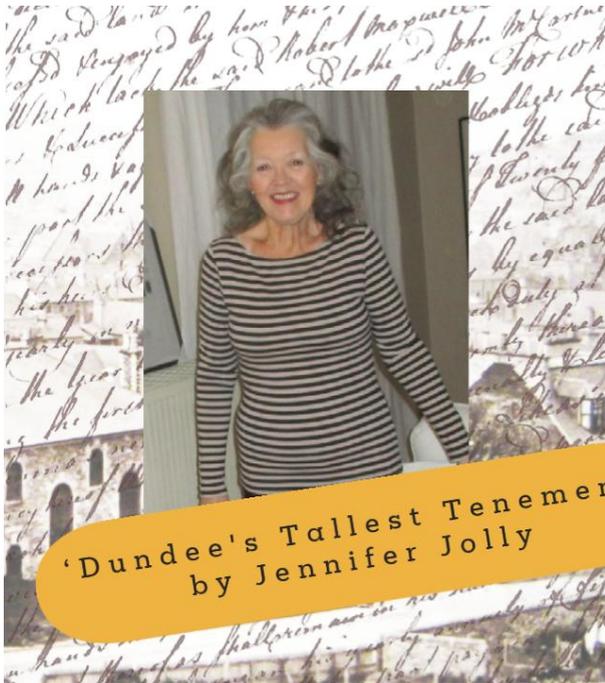
The next Scottish Indexes Conference is scheduled for Saturday 15 January 2022. [Click here to register on Zoom.](#)

Kirsty's handout can be downloaded from our website, www.scottishindexes.com and Andrew's handout can be downloaded from relativelyscottish.com.

Handouts from past conferences are available, along with the most recent ones, [on our 'conferences' page.](#)

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com



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'Dundee's Tallest Tenement'

by Jennifer Jolly

Website: Scottish Family History



Jennifer is a retired Dundonian living in France. When she's not gardening, looking after hens or running, she dabbles in family history. Jennifer was born in a tenement round the corner from Robertson's Land and the building has intrigued her since she was a child.

This was the tale of a building, its inhabitants and its original owner. The information gathered comes from a wide variety of sources including maps, wills, newspapers, personal accounts, census returns and valuation rolls. The presentation gives a feel for the period (the building opened in 1870) and an insight into the lives of some of the almost 500 souls who inhabited the nine story building known as Robertson's Land.

Visit Jennifer's Scottish Family History page to find the sources she used.

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Tracing Jewish families in Scotland
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Email: michael@tobias.org

Michael is a co-founder and Board Member of Jewish Records Indexing – Poland (1995-); Vice President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain (JGSGB 2019-); Honorary Research Fellow – Genealogical Studies, University of Strathclyde (2020-); Former Vice President, Programming of JewishGen, Inc (1995-2018). He was Database matching consultant to the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims. Michael was awarded the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Lifetime Achievement award in Washington in 2011. He was awarded the OBE for services to the Jewish Community in the Queen’s New Year Honours List 2021.

This talk covered a brief history of Scottish Jewry and how to trace your Scottish-Jewish branches. The ancestral origins of Scottish Jewry were discussed, including a brief overview of the resources available for tracing Jewish families in Central/Eastern Europe.

Recommended Organisations:

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain: jgsqb.org.uk

JewishGen: www.jewishgen.org

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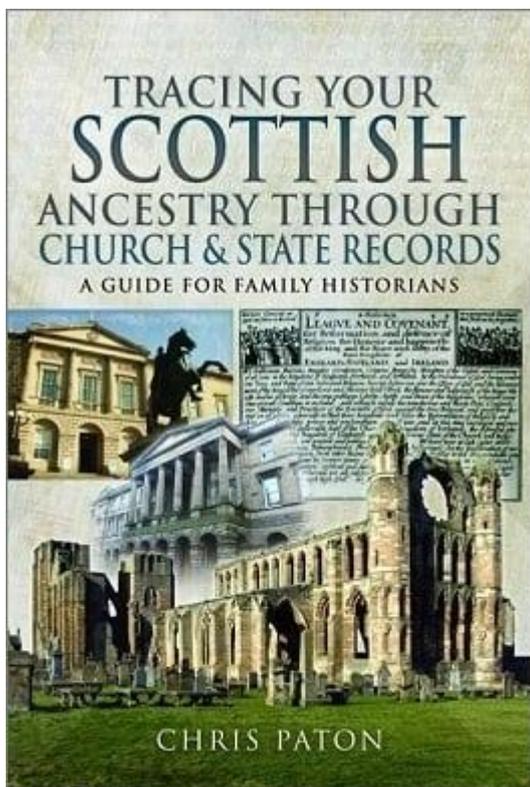
Scottish Marriage: Instantly Buckled for Life

by Chris Paton

Website: www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk

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

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



Northern Irish born Chris Paton lives today in Ayrshire, Scotland, where he works as a genealogist through his [Scotland's Greatest Story](http://www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk) service. A holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from the University of Strathclyde, Chris is author of 'Sharing Your Family History Online', 'Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records', 'Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet' and many more. All these are available through [Pen & Sword](http://www.penandsword.co.uk).

Chris also writes a daily genealogy blog, [Scottish GENES](http://www.scottishgenes.com). As well as regularly lecturing on Scottish and Irish subjects, Chris also runs courses for [Pharos Teaching and Tutoring Ltd](http://www.pharos.co.uk).

In July, Chris wrote about marriage by habit and repute, Tametsi and Ne Temere on his blog. [Here is a link to read this article.](#)



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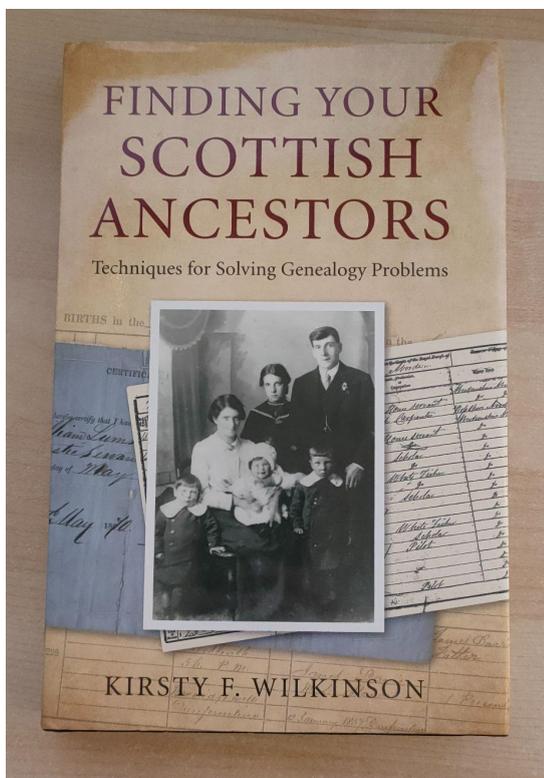


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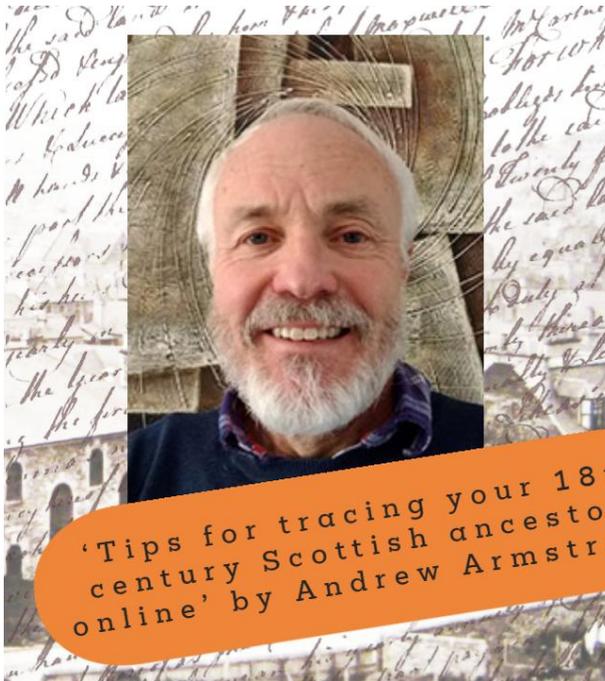
'Ae fond kiss, and then we sever' - Finding Records of Marital Disharmony

by Kirsty Wilkinson



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.

Kirsty has prepared a handout which can be downloaded from www.scottishindexes.com.



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Tips for tracing your 18th century Scottish ancestors online

by Andrew Armstrong

Website: relativelyscottish.com

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

Email: andrew.armstrong@relativelyscottish.com

Andrew took his lifelong hobby of genealogy to the next level with a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde in 2012. He has been running Relatively Scottish, a genealogy business based in the Scottish Borders, since 2015. He specialises in the south of Scotland – Dumfries, Galloway and the Borders. His own ancestry includes the infamous Border Reivers of the 16th century. Andrew has previously presented at Scottish Indexes Conferences on several occasions on varied topics like Kelso Dispensary Records, Rentals of the Buccleuch Estates and Migration Patterns of Scottish Textile Workers.

Searching for 18th century ancestors requires an alternative approach to the most common techniques used for the 19th and 20th centuries. Many of the resources that are available for later searches just don't exist pre-1800. And as we've learned since Covid struck us in 2020, archives that require in-person visits are not always open and always present a challenge for the Scottish diaspora on other continents who wish to trace their roots. This presentation considered a range of practical, best value methods using online sources that have helped Andrew to discover more about 18th century Scottish individuals that can be searched without breaking the bank.

Download Andrew's handout from his website: relativelyscottish.com

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‘Business Records for the Family Historian’ by Dr Irene O’Brien

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

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

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

Glasgow City’s archives began c.1175 when Bishop Jocelin obtained a royal charter authorising the bishops to have a burgh at Glasgow.

The Burgh continued to produce records of its work and maintained these for future reference. In 1560 Archbishop Beaton escaped to Paris and took the records of the burgh with him. He placed them in the Scots College in Paris, and they were taken from there and lost at the French revolution.

The little of what remained of the City’s archives were kept in the ‘Common Kist’ which was the town chest for muniments and money. In 1626, the City incorporated an iron-lined safe for their archives in the rebuilt Tolbooth. Fire-proof accommodation was included in the Municipal Buildings in Wilson Street - Ingram Street 1844-1888.

In 1964 the Town Clerk appointed the first professional City Archivist and in 1975 the service became Strathclyde Regional Archives. In the 1980s the archives moved from the City Chambers to the Mitchell Library. In 1996 the service once again became Glasgow City Archives.

For 800 years the Keepers of Archives have preserved the archives, maintaining the official memory and evidence of the City’s activities.



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Overcoming Brickwalls

by Emma Maxwell

Website: www.scottishindexes.com

Scottish Genealogy Learning Zone: www.scottishindexes.com/learning

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

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

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

Emma and her husband Graham run www.scottishindexes.com. Over the past 20 years they have published indexes to over one million historical records to help you trace your Scottish family history.

Discover these collections and more on www.scottishindexes.com:

- Mental Health Records
- Scotland's Criminal Database
- Scottish Paternity Index
- Poor Relief Records Index
- Deeds Index
- Register of Sasines

When the pandemic forced archives to close their research was severely restricted. Immediately they began planning an online conference which was free and open to all. The first conference was held on 9 April 2020 and much to their surprise it was very well received and people wanted more. Graham and Emma have now hosted 14 of these events but none of this could have been achieved without the donations of those who attend and the loyal support of presenters from around the world.

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested by attendees:

If a Scottish person had property in England or Wales you may find details in the probate records of those countries too. Here is an article which could help with your research:

<https://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/tutorials/where-are-wills-kept/>

Scottish Business Archive at University of Glasgow:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/archivespecialcollections/discover/business/>

Mormon immigration index:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Mormon_Immigration_Index

Tenement Museum in New York City: <https://www.tenement.org/>

Aberdeen Militia records:

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/aberdeen-city-and-aberdeen-shire-archives/catalogues-and-indexes/aberdeen-county-militia-records>

Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society:

<http://www.dgnhas.org.uk/>

Duke University Library. Broad­sides and Ephemera Collection - Broad­sides, pamphlets, form letters, posters, newspapers, tickets, and other printed items on a wide range of topics from across the World (including some from Scotland): <https://repository.duke.edu/dc/broadsides>

The Scottish Printing Archival Trust:

https://www.scottishprintarchive.org/resources/resourcesarchives/?fbclid=IwAR37yw9mRLi1vM_kw39D8z9qItv-TKPkL_YB74IeU_aGvnr3tFn8nC9s2Y

Smuggling on the Solway:

http://www.smuggling.co.uk/gazetteer_scot_10.html?fbclid=IwAR0Ifwg4wYX3DR3wIIPmCm m1LJJPfexdpiO41xkdbrpmu4QrR8frMto6C1l

A Closer Look at "tee-names" and Trade Advertisements from Portgordon to Cullen:

<https://buckieheritage.org/product/tee-names/>

Alienated Affections: Divorce and Separation in Scotland 1684-1830 by Leah Leneman:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/0748610316/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_bibl_vppi_i9

Scottish Indexes Conference Virtual Family History Fair

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies



'Hard Times!'

SAFHS Conference Saturday 9 April 2022

Discover how to trace the lives of your ancestors during their hard times through poor relief records, health records, criminal records and more. Free on Zoom and Facebook.

safhs.org.uk

Scottish Charity Number SC029006



National Records of Scotland, AD5/32

We are delighted to be helping our friends at the Scottish Association of Family History Societies with their annual conference in April. [Book ahead for this free conference](#) on 9 April 2022.

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.

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.



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.

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:

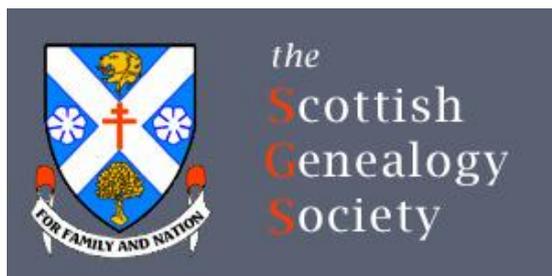
Journal 3 times per year

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

Access to unique data sets

Expert research assistance

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 - 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 SC029629
Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk
Email: enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Lanarkshire Family History Society



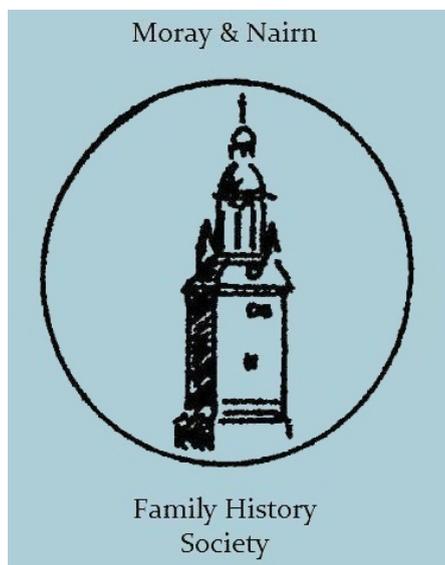
Our Research Centre in Motherwell is currently closed because of Covid 19, we will open again when the situation improves. In the meantime we can still assist you with your Scottish and Irish questions and any 'brickwalls' you have at present. Our Research Coordinator, John Kennedy and his 'team' of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

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



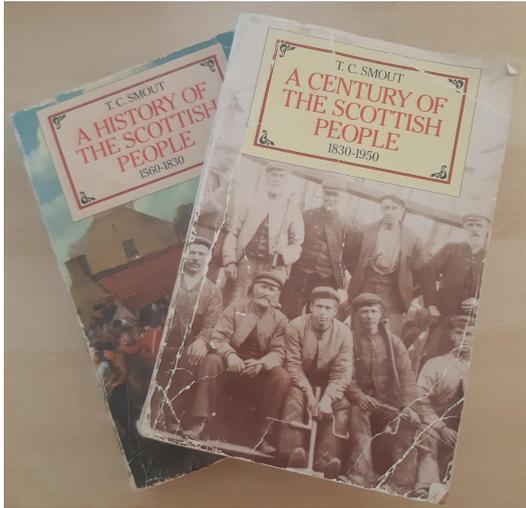
Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

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.

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.

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.

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: [Crowood Press](#)

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.

Fowler, David L., Allan A. Fraser, and Arnold. Pirie. A Closer Look at "tee-names" and Trade Advertisements from Portgordon to Cullen. Buckie: Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Centre, 2010.

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