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Scottish Indexes Conference XXVII

Saturday 18 January 2025

Thank you for joining us at the 27th Scottish Indexes Conference. We enjoyed seeing all your comments and trying to answer all your questions. Thank you for sharing links to useful websites too, this is such a great help. We have listed these in the 'Scottish Genealogy Q&A session links and reading list' section of this handout.

Our next conference will be held on 15 March 2025 ([click here to register on Zoom](#)). We will announce speakers on Facebook and in our newsletter. [Click here to register for our newsletter](#) so that you receive a reminder about our conferences and hear about what's new at Scottish Indexes.

Thank you to all who donated, it is appreciated so much.

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com

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Researching
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Families 1600-1800'
by Andrew Armstrong

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by Andrew Armstrong

Website: <https://relativelyscottish.com/>

Understandably, Highland Clansmen in kilts feature strongly in the romantic images of those whose ancestors left their homes in Scotland for a new life elsewhere.

But at the other end of the country Andrew fully believes in the equally compelling story of the Border Reivers. More and more people are becoming interested in finding out more about their Border ancestry. There are of course significant challenges in researching connections to a way of life which was effectively terminated after the Union of the Crowns in 1603. This presentation considered specialist resources which can help in discovering your Border ancestors in the period 1600-1800.

After a career in computing and electronics, Andrew became a professional genealogist in 2015. He has a strong association with the south of Scotland, having been born in Dumfries and chosen to live in Kelso in the Scottish Borders for the last 20 years. Not surprisingly, Andrew takes a keen interest in family history puzzles across the Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway.

Andrew has a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde and can be seen online at Relatively Scottish (<https://relativelyscottish.com/>). He has participated in Scottish Indexes Conferences since they began in 2020.

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'Commissioners of Supply'
by Lorna Steele-McGinn

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Highland Archive Centre: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/archives-service/>

Learn With Lorna:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYxasYGi8klcL7OThf1QGsHAMACY_1DGE

Commissioners of Supply were first established in Scotland in 1667 to collect the cess, or national land tax, on a county basis. What can we discover in the records they left behind? In this talk Lorna shared stories from these records.

If you missed this presentation you can watch it here:

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx#c27>. Not all presentations from past conferences are available there, but there are quite a few so it's worth checking out in case you missed any.

Lorna Steele-McGinn is the Community Engagement Officer for the Highland Archive Service, which has four archive centres across the Highlands of Scotland. Her work involves connecting a wide range of audiences to the diverse historic collections held in these centres through an extensive engagement programme which includes collaborations with schools, adult learning groups, HMP Inverness, care homes and numerous other organisations and individuals. 'Learn With Lorna', her online series of talks about the Highland Archive Service collections, has, to date, over 200 episodes which has led to a High Life Highland award for innovation.

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Glasgow City Archives: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/city-archives>

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

Learning about our ancestor's work can enrich our research. We may be able to access licenses, personnel records or photographs.

Local Council Records Glasgow City Archives

- Few early records of those working for Glasgow
- Mainly white-collar workers annually from 1899-1975
- Glasgow Corporation Transport Department superannuation records, 1923-1983
- Glasgow Corporation Cleansing Department (Northern District) register of employees, 1884- 1970.
- Professionals, e.g., police. teachers, firemen
- Licensed occupations

Irene also highlighted the Scottish Business Archive held at the University of Glasgow:
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/archivespecialcollections/discover/business/>

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Website: <https://yourscottisharchives.com/>

Sadly this presentation had to be postponed, but here is some information about this new website. Check it out using the link above and we will try to reschedule this presentation for a future conference.

The new Your Scottish Archives portal was launched on Tuesday 10th December 2024, at the SCA Annual Conference in Stirling.

Your Scottish Archives is a unique project to gather and make available worldwide, through a dynamic online portal, catalogue descriptions from archives across Scotland, including local authority, health, business and community archives, and records of under-represented groups. This major new resource is managed by the Scottish Council on Archives (SCA) partnering with Jisc/Archives Hub. It will build capacity amongst archive holders and develop skills, particularly amongst local communities, making an enormous contribution to the wider heritage sector by improving access to Scotland's documented past.

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Traquair House Archive: <https://www.traquair.co.uk/traquair-archives/>

Margaret Fox, archivist at Traquair House and formerly an archivist at the National Records of Scotland kindly allowed us to reshew her presentation from our January 2023 conference.

Margaret has also prepared a handout to accompany this talk so that you can practice your palaeography skills.

Click here to download Margaret's handout:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/handwriting.pdf>



'There's Been a Murder - The Mount Stewart Murder of 1866'

by Chris Paton

Website: [Scotland's Greatest Story](#)

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



[@chrismpaton.bsky.social](#)

Buy the book: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mount-Stewart-Murder-Paton/dp/075246020X>

Who doesn't love a good mystery?!? It may have been a family mystery that sparked your interest in genealogy. Genealogist and writer Chris Paton presented 'There's Been a Murder - The Mount Stewart Murder of 1866'. Chris, who many of you know from our previous conferences, is the great-great-grandson of the victim Janet Rogers.

Northern Irish born Chris Paton lives in Ayrshire, in the west of Scotland, where he works as a professional genealogist, an author, tutor and a lecturer specialising in Scottish and Irish research. A former television documentary maker for the BBC and STV, and case worker for a Member of the Scottish Parliament, Chris holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from the University of Strathclyde, and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Chris blogs daily at Scottish GENES at <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com>. His recent books include Tracing Your Belfast Ancestors, Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records, Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet, Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records, Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet (2nd ed), and Sharing Your Family History Online, available from Pen and Sword in the UK at www.pen-and-sword.co.uk, in the USA at www.penandswordbooks.com, and via other distributors worldwide.



'Using the Sheriff Court to trace 18th-century Ancestors'

by Emma Maxwell

Website: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/>

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

Emma Maxwell is a co-founder of Scottish Indexes. Since 2001 Emma has worked as a professional genealogist, helping countless people research their family history. Along with her husband Graham, she runs the Scottish Indexes website. A collection of indexes to historical records held in Scotland. From prison to property records and health records to paternity records, the indexes are growing steadily.

Tracing your ancestors in the 18th century in Scotland can be a challenge. In some parishes the records of birth, marriage and death are wonderful and you can keep researching back to the early 1700s or earlier. Sadly, in other areas the records are patchy and the information scant.

There are a variety of resources we can use in the 1700s to piece together our heritage. One important source is sheriff court records, particularly the records of the Ordinary court which handled civil matters.

In this presentation Emma showed the richness of Sheriff Court records and the clues they contain to decipher your family history.

To use these records it's helpful to have some reference works to hand.

The archived Sheriff Court guide on the website of the National Records of Scotland is extremely useful. As this is an archived website it is very slow to load but it's worth the wait: <https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20241128123227/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/sheriff-court-records>

Comprehensive catalogue on the NRS website:
<https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue>

O'Rourke, Stephen R., and Andrew Dewar Gibb. Glossary of Legal Terms. Sixth. 2014. Print. LawBasics.

Stair Society. An Introduction to Scottish Legal History. Edinburgh: Printed for the Stair Society by R. Cunningham, 1958. Print. Stair Society (Series) ; 20. [A copy of this is available in the library at the National Records of Scotland.]

Whetstone, Ann E. Scottish County Government in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. Edinburgh: John Donald Publishing Ltd, 1981. Print.

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

Bell's Dictionary and Digest of the Law of Scotland:
<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uiug.30112021646457>

A Dictionary and Digest of the Law of Scotland:
<https://archive.org/details/adictionaryandd00rossgoog/page/2/mode/2up>

Isabel A Milne, 'The sheriff court: Before the sixteenth century' and C A Malcolm, 'The sheriff court: Sixteenth century and later' in 'An Introduction to Scottish Legal History' (Stair Society, 1958)

Richard Muir, 'The Development of Sheriffdoms' in Peter McNeill and Ranald Nicholson (editors), 'An Historical Atlas of Scotland c.400 - c.1600' (Atlas Committee of Scottish Medievalists, 1975)

Sheriff David B Smith, 'The sheriff Court' in Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia, 6, (The Law Society of Scotland, 1988)

Ann E Whetstone, 'Scottish county government in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries' (Edinburgh, 1981)

Something I didn't have time to mention is that some of the Records of the Sheriff Court of Aberdeenshire have been transcribed and are available on the Internet Archive website in three volumes. Even if you don't have ancestors from Aberdeenshire a review of these would teach you a great deal about Sheriff Court records of this period:

Vol 1 <https://archive.org/details/aberdeenshirerec01aberuoft/page/n5/mode/2up>

Vol 2 <https://archive.org/details/recordsofsheriff02aberuoft/page/n35/mode/2up>

Vol 3 <https://archive.org/details/recordssheriffc00kenngoog/page/n35/mode/2up>



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Scottish Prison Records

We have added 105,855 entries to Scotland's Criminal Database. This new index covers 1871-1878. This means that Duke Street prison records are now indexed from 1845-1878 (males and females), 1884-1885 (males) and 1887-1895 (males). The total number of prison register entries indexed is now 607,487. This brings Scotland's Criminal Database to 919,075 entries. Search for your ancestors [here](#).

Information added to Mental Health Records Index

We have been adding more ages, addresses and occupations to the Scottish Mental Health Records Index (1858-1921) to make it easier to identify ancestors. This is an ongoing process. If you find an entry that you think is your ancestor always click 'Click here to search for any other records for this patient'. This groups all records for that patient together and hopefully one will have some additional information.

While adding this information we have uncovered the record of [Robert Coltart](#) who was committed to the Midlothian and Peebles District Asylum on 30 May 1883. Robert was a famous sweet seller in Galashiels and author of "Coulter's Candy", also known as "Ally Bally" or "Ally Bally Bee".

Scottish Paternity Index Updated

Extracted decrees from 1924 have been added to the database as they are now over 100 years old. We have also added select paternity cases from Banff and Wick Sheriff Courts. You can see a breakdown of which records are indexed [here](#).

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

A Guide to Glasgow Addresses – Parts I and II

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

Glasgow Burgess Rolls are available online at the Trades House - see

<http://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/genealogy.html>

Lothian and Borders Police catalogue on Edinburgh City Archives

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/managing-information/edinburgh-city-archives-1/3>

Royal College of Surgeons.

<https://www.rcsed.ac.uk/career-hub/learning-resources/library-and-archive>

Click on research guides NRS to get the archived links.

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/records-and-archives/>

Records of U.S. Embassies, Legations, Consulates General, Consulates, and Missions (RG 84): <https://www.archives.gov/research/foreign-policy/state-dept/rg-84/records.html>

US National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/084.html>

The Register of Deeds: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningdeeds.aspx>

Aberdeen Burgh Registers of Apprentices - Indentures are available online 1622-1878

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/aberdeen-city-and-aberdeenshire-archives/catalogues-and-indexes/aberdeen-burgh-registers-apprentices>

Finding Paternity Cases in Sheriff Court Records:

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

South African Commercial Advertiser 1824-1856 at eggsa:

https://web.archive.org/web/20130117025538/http://www.eggsa.org/newspapers/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=1&Itemid=2

Renfrewshire Libraries <https://libcat.renfrewshire.gov.uk/iguana/www.main.cls?surl=PoorLaw>

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

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

Railway accidents <https://www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk/the-accidents/>

Glen cinema list of children https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Glen_Cinema_Disaster

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Manx Library and Archives <https://manxnationalheritage.im/collections/library-and-archives/>
International Society of Genetic Genealogy (<https://isogg.org/>) has lots of useful information about using DNA for genealogy

Transactions of the Hawick Archaeological Society
https://books.google.com/books/about/Transactions_of_the_Hawick_Archaeologica.html?id=88wGAAAAYAAJ

English Hearth Tax Records were taken from 1662 to 1689. Unfortunately, Cumberland records survive only in fragments. They have not been transcribed yet. 1674 is the most complete, listing also those too poor to pay. They should be available at TNA and perhaps in local Cumbria archives. A few are available at <https://web.archive.org/> on the old EdenLinks website.

Reading list:

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Bigwood, Rosemary. The Scottish Family Tree Detective : Tracing Your Ancestors in Scotland. Manchester: Manchester UP, 2006. [Details on NLS](#).

Hamilton-Edwards, Gerald Kenneth Savery. In Search of Scottish Ancestry. 2nd ed. Chichester: Phillimore, 1983. [Details on NLS](#).

Clarke, Clarke, T. N., and National Records of Scotland. Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors : A Guide to Ancestry Research in the National Records of Scotland and ScotlandsPeople. 6th Ed. / Edited by Tristram Clarke. ed. Edinburgh: Birlinn : National Records of Scotland, 2011. [Details on NLS](#). (Note, there is now a 7th edition available. You will also find the [free guides on the NRS website](#) have a lot (but not all) of the information. However, the hard copy is useful as we can make notes like Jane.

Gouldesbrough, Peter; Gordon, Donaldson, and Stair Society. Formulary of Old Scots Legal Documents. Edinburgh: Stair Society, 1985. Print. Publications Stair Society v. 36. [Details on NLS](#). This is not for beginners but it's really useful if you are working with old Scottish legal documents.

O'Rourke, Stephen R., and Andrew Dewar Gibb. Glossary of Legal Terms. Sixth ed. 2014. Print. LawBasics. [Details on NLS](#). Note, for genealogy the 1st edition may be helpful as it includes terms that are no longer used.

Durie, Bruce. Scottish Genealogy. Fourth Edition, Fully Revised and Updated. ed. 2017. [Details on NLS](#).

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Wilkinson, Kirsty F. Finding Your Scottish Ancestors : Techniques for Solving Genealogy Problems. 2020. [Details on NLS](#).

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Hamilton, David. The Healers; a History of Medicine in Scotland. Edinburgh: Mercatpress, 2003. [Details on the NLS](#).

Fenton, Alexander. Scottish Country Life. New Rev. ed. East Linton: Tuckwell, 1999. [Details on the NLS](#).

Carter, Ian. Farm Life in Northeast Scotland 1840-1914 : The Poor Man's Country. Edinburgh: John Donald, 1997. [Details on the NLS](#).

Roulston, William J., and Ulster Historical Foundation. Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland. 2020. [Details on NLS](#).

Brown, Callum G. Religion and Society in Scotland since 1707. Rev. and Updated New Ed.]. ed. Edinburgh: Edinburgh UP, 1997. [Details on NLS](#).

Scottish Genealogy Society. The Scottish Genealogist. (1954). [Details on NLS](#). Note, as this is a long run of journals, scroll down on the NLS website to see the full run. You can download these for just £1 each from the Scottish Genealogy Society's website [here](#). The society also has a free index (1953-2005) [here](#) which means you can identify a specific issue of interest.

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Tay Valley Family History Society

Scottish Charity SC016560

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

Shetland Amenity Trust Garthspool
Lerwick.
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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

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.

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 Wigtonshire. 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

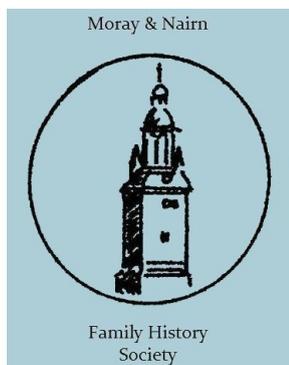
For questions of a military nature you can contact David Anderson by email at: -

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)

The 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.

To make inquiries or to register for any of our upcoming meetings, please visit our website at <https://www.bifhsgo.ca>.