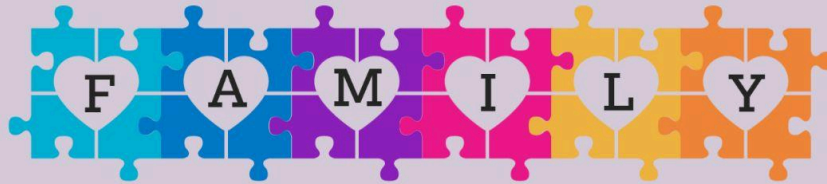


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Thank you for spending the day with us. I hope you are inspired to dig deeper into your family history.

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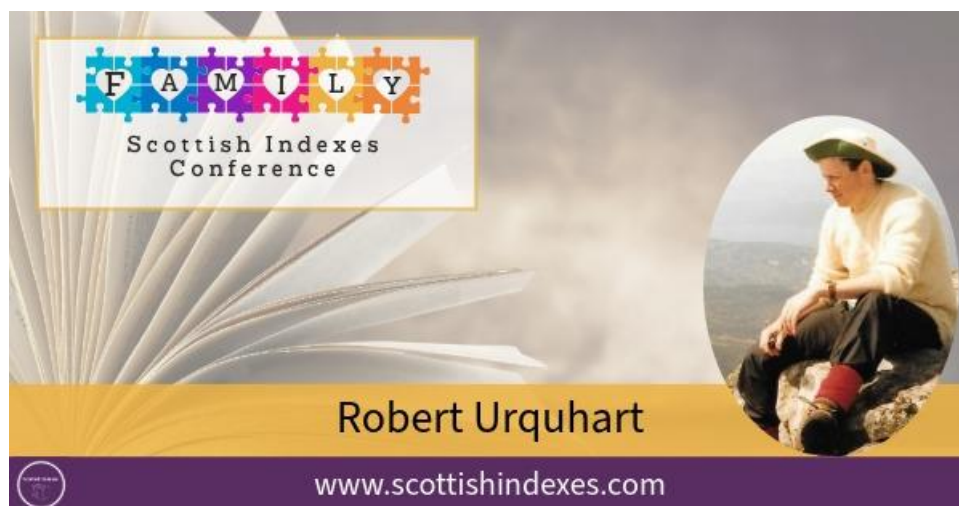
Thank you to everyone who posted a useful link during the Q&A sessions. These are now in the Scottish Genealogy Q&A session links and reading list section of the handout.

Coming up next time: Irregular marriage, a DNA case study, illicit distilling, a deep dive into church records and a look at the Edinburgh Public Dispensary.

31 January 2026. Register [here on Zoom](#).

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com



An Arran Jigsaw: some records relating to people and places between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries

by Robert Urquhart

Website: abbotshall.net

Robert Urquhart is a native of the Kingdom of Fife, and worked as an archivist for 35 years in local authority archives in the west of Scotland and in Scotland's national archives. During his career he also taught palaeography. He was the joint editor of 'The Hearth Tax for Ayrshire, 1691' (Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies, 1998) and the original content writer and editor of the www.scottishhandwriting.com website. He now runs Abbotshall Palaeography, a transcription and teaching business, dealing mostly with 16th and 17th seventeenth century wills and testaments, marriage contracts and other court records. In his spare time, he is involved in research projects concerning parish boundaries and early modern Scottish communities in the Netherlands.

The island of Arran lies on the geographical boundary line between the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland. For much of its history it sat between Gaelic-speaking parts of Argyll and Scots-speaking parts of Ayrshire and Galloway, and its culture and languages were influenced by both.

There are lots of sources of information about Arran (and for other parts of Scotland) covering the modern era: from the late-1700s onwards. Many of these, like census returns and statutory registers of births, marriages and deaths, are available online as digital copies, and they are often conveniently indexed by personal name and place-name, and structured in a way that makes it easy to identify and connect individual people.

By contrast, for the early-modern era (from the late-1500s to the mid-1700s) the sources of information are, in general, more difficult to get access to, harder to read and understand,

and not often indexed. What is needed is a different approach from the straightforward searching of online indexes. A key to researching in this period is altruistic groundwork, carried out individually or in groups, to transcribe, summarise and index sets of records for the wider benefit of researchers.

For a long time Robin has been interested in the island of Arran, its people, landscape and ecology, between the 1500s and 1700s. He has been transcribing records for that era, some of which are in private hands and some of which are in public archives and libraries. The resulting work, compiled intermittently over more than thirty years, will be published in autumn by the Scottish Record Society. It will contain transcriptions and summaries of a selection of rentals, estate papers, wills and testaments, and other court records between the late 1500s and mid-1700s. It has been a bit like assembling a jigsaw, assembling a picture of everyday life on Arran before the agricultural improvements of the early-1800s and the migration and emigration associated with it.

The talk is not exclusively about Arran; it is more about the problems and possibilities of using early-modern records. There is a common misconception that once you get back beyond the late-1700s, you don't stand much chance of finding information about people, unless they were landowners, merchants or professionals. This is an overly-pessimistic assumption, as it is possible to compile information about ordinary folk, such as tenant farmers and their families. In particular, Robin would like to flag up commissary court records as an underutilised source for people and places in Scotland during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Estate Papers

National Records of Scotland research guide:

<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182606/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/estate-records>

Online catalogues for searching for estate records

- National Register of Archives for Scotland online register - <https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrasregister/search.aspx>
- National Records of Scotland online catalogue - <https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue/search.aspx>
- Scottish Archive Network online catalogue - <https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/scancatalogue/search.aspx>
- Your Scottish Archives - <https://yourscottisharchives.com/how-to-search>.

Commissary Court Records

NRS research guide -

<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182458/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/commissary-court-records>

Taxation Records

NRS research guide -

<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182458/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/commissary-court-records>

Record Publishing Societies (still functioning)

Scottish Record Society - <https://www.scottishrecordsociety.org.uk/>

Scottish History Society - <https://scottishhistorysociety.com/>

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- Murdoch, Alexander, 'Hector McAllister in North Carolina, Argyll and Arran: Family and Memory in Return Migration to Scotland in the Eighteenth Century' in *Journal of Scottish Historical Studies*, 33, 1 (2013), 1-19
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Published and unpublished visitors' accounts, agricultural surveys and statistical accounts

- Martin, Martin, *A Description of the Western Isles of Scotland* (1703)
- Two pages of an incomplete description of the isle of Arran, undated, late-seventeenth century, in the Hamilton of Blantyre farm papers (NRS, GD1/732/7)
- Pennant, Thomas, *A Tour in Scotland, and Voyage to the Hebrides* 1772 (1774)
- Headrick, J., *View of the Mineralogy, Agriculture, Manufacture and Fisheries of the Island of Arran* (1807)
- Aiton, W. *General View of the Agriculture of the County of Bute with Observations on the Means of its Improvement* (1816)
- Journal of a visit to Arran, 7 July-1 August 1783, by Charles Hutcheson, a Glasgow merchant, 1783, National Library of Scotland (MS.2736). The journal is printed, with an introduction by W. P. Ker, in *Scottish History Review*, 16 (1916), 89-131
- Three journals of Sir Patrick Walker, advocate, describing a 'Tour to the West of Scotland from Edinburgh to Arran by Glasgow, Kilmarnock and Saltcoats and Return

to Edinburgh by Greenock. From July 24th to 13 Sept. 1797 inclusive', National Library of Scotland (Adv.MSS.20.5.1-3)

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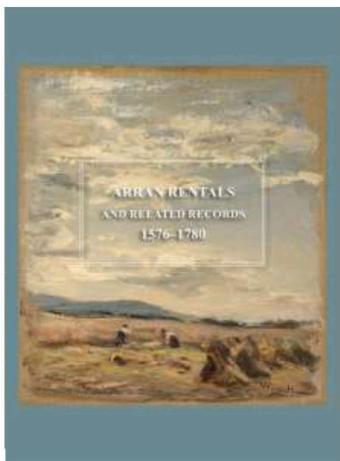
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- Devine, T. M., *The Transformation of Rural Scotland: Social Change and the Agrarian Economy, 1660-1815* (1994)
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Scottish Record Society, New Series, Volume 51

Arran Rentals and Related Records, 1576-1780

edited by Robert H J Urquhart



Original records relating to early-modern Arran are sometimes difficult to consult, so printed surrogates are made available in this volume. A selection of rentals and other estate papers between the mid-sixteenth and mid-eighteenth centuries, from the archives of the dukes of Hamilton and Brandon and other repositories, are transcribed, along with a calendar of wills and testaments and other commissary court records relating to Arran before 1780. Together they provide details of the people, places, ecology, landscape and everyday life on the island between the medieval and modern eras.

294 pages, 215x150mm, 2025, ISBN 978-0-902054-09-7, non-members' price £25.

Copies may be ordered from the Scottish Record Society, www.scottishrecordsociety.org.uk

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Weaving the threads of time: exploring the lives of Dundee textile workers

by Caroline Brown

Website: www.dundee.ac.uk/archives

Caroline Brown is the University Archivist and an Assistant Director in the Library Academic and Cultural Services at the University of Dundee with responsibility for collections and resources. She was previously the lead for the University's Archives and Family History programmes and is a strong advocate for the importance of archives and the stories they can tell for today's society.

Dundee was once the jute capital of the world; at one point around half of the city's workforce were employed in the jute and related industries, the majority of whom were women. Textile manufacturing had a huge impact on Dundee and its inhabitants, and its legacy can be felt in the city today. This talk explores that impact and looks at what we can learn about the lives of the men, women and children who were employed in Dundee's many factories.



Reverend Russell and relief from patronage

by Dr Kay Williams

Website: thepastandotherplaces

Dr Kay Williams became interested in her family tree as a teenager through her grandparents who helpfully provided details. She first visited Edinburgh's New Register House in the days of paper indexes and transcribed information from the registers. As a student, Kay studied history and geography at St Andrews and researched housing as a postgraduate. Having returned to historical research in retirement, she very rarely posts a blog, but does provide pages of links and resources on her site.

In early summer 1820 David Russell arrived in the Perthshire village of Errol with his family to take up his new post. He was inducted as minister of the Relief Church on 21st June 1820. In the 1820s Errol's villagers had a choice of three presbyterian churches: the Church of Scotland parish church, the Secession church and the Relief church. The following decades were to prove tumultuous for the ministers, their congregations, and their families.

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Have you wondered why your ancestors joined a dissenting church? Why worshippers craved 'relief from patronage' and who the patron was? The Disruption of 1843 was an event staged in Edinburgh. What impact did that have at a more local level at a time when a parish was for civil and religious purposes?

This talk looks at social history from the bottom-up, the experiences of the people in Errol and in particular members of the Russell family. It will draw on a wide range of sources including maps, newspapers, church records, the statistical accounts and property records. Reference is made to [Wikimedia's Churches of Scotland timeline diagram](#). A list of other sources are available on thepastandotherplaces.



5th Duke of Buccleuch: a forward thinking landed aristocrat

by Dr Craig Thomas

Website: blht.org

Dr Craig Thomas is Assistant Archivist at the Buccleuch Living Heritage Trust (BLHT). He is based at Bowhill House in the Scottish Borders and looks after the archives across the Buccleuch Estates in Scotland. Craig recently completed an AHRC funded Collaborative Doctoral Award between Newcastle University and BLHT. In addition to his role at BLHT, Craig is a Committee Member of the Scottish Association of Country House Archivists; Trustee of Wanlockhead Lead Mining Museum and Education Advisor to Historic Houses.

The 5th Duke of Buccleuch (1806-1884) was one of Scotland's grandest landed aristocrats. Inheriting a largely agricultural set of estates with rudimentary industry, this individual transformed these estates into a diverse and modern business portfolio. Whilst this industrial transformation took place his paternalistic ethos was never forgotten. But could an individual of such eminence be wholly forward thinking? Through extensive use of the Buccleuch family archive including estate correspondence and assistance books, this presentation explores whether or not the 5th Duke of Buccleuch really was a forward thinking landed aristocrat.



The Doctor will see your ancestors now

by Fiona Musk

Website: www.nhsgrampian.org/archives

Fiona began working with archives in 2005, at Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives, and gained her masters in Archives and Records Management from the University of Dundee. She took over as NHS Grampian Archivist in 2015, following the retirement of Fiona Watson, who had been in post since the 1980s - big shoes to fill! Fiona is still learning new things every day, and really enjoys working with the extensive records held in the North East of Scotland. Fiona says that in her spare time, she is a glutton for punishment, being a season ticket holder at Aberdeen Football Club.

This presentation highlights the wide range of records created by hospitals across the North East of Scotland. The examples shared by Fiona from the archive help us to learn how to search and access these records. With some records dating to the mid-1700s, medical records can be a great resource when you are tracing your Scottish family tree. Of course, Fiona focuses on the area covered by the NHS (National Health Service) Grampian area, but even if your ancestors didn't live in this area, this presentation provides good examples of the types of records held by institutions in other parts of Scotland.

Mental Health Records Search: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/hsearch.aspx>

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Deaths

https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/component/anesfhs/?task=publications&view=publications&layout=full_list Each volume costs just £4.50.

Learning Zone - Mental Health Records in Scotland:

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

NHS Grampian Archives indexes:

<https://www.nhsgrampian.org/work-with-us/professionals/library-services/NHSGArchives/guides-and-indexes/>

List of records (no online access to records or name indexes):

<https://calm.abdn.ac.uk/archives/>

Atlantic Slavery and the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh:

<https://org.nhslothian.scot/aboutus/atlantic-slavery-and-the-royal-infirmary-of-edinburgh/>

Aberdeenshire Poor Law Index: <https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/databank/plindex/plindex.php>



Introducing the Ordnance Survey Name Books and historical tax rolls on Scotland's People

by Tessa Spencer

Tessa Spencer is a history graduate from the Universities of St. Andrews and Glasgow where she studied medieval history and the history of medicine respectively. She is a professional archivist and has worked at the National Records of Scotland for over 20 years in various roles.

In her current post as Head of Learning, Tessa is responsible for education in the archives for all ages and stages of learning from school pupils to university students to lifelong learners. She also facilitates access to the archives for higher education collaborations and partnerships.

In this talk, Tessa Spencer provides an introduction to the Ordnance Survey Name Books and historical tax rolls. Tessa explains what these records are, how you can access and use them for research purposes, and highlights some interesting and surprising examples.

The Ordnance Survey (OS) Name Books provide information about every Scottish place name found on the Ordnance Survey six-inch to the mile (1:10,560) 1st edition maps. They comprise the earliest complete gazetteer of Scottish place names. They will be of particular interest to local and family historians, hoping to gain insight into the evolution of the Scottish landscape and of the places their ancestors lived and worked. They also provide insight into the sources of names, their meanings, different spellings of place names, archaeological finds and the individuals involved in collecting this information.

The historical tax rolls from the 17th to the early 19th centuries comprise 15 different types of taxation which list a large variety of people, from cottars to dukes, in each of Scotland's

parishes and burghs. These include taxes on hearths (or fireplaces), windows, servants, carts and carriages and horses and dogs. The records are of particular interest to economic, family, local and social historians and researchers, providing a snapshot into people's lives.

Ordnance Survey (OS) Name Books record guide:

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/help-and-support/guides/ordnance-survey-name-books

1st edition six-inch to the mile OS maps, created from the name books:

<https://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch/>

Historical tax records record guide:

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/help-and-support/guides/tax-rolls

Using Virtual Volumes guide: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/using-virtual-volumes

Scottish Handwriting resource: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/scottish-handwriting

Scottish Handwriting Kit (SHK): www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/shop/scottish-handwriting-kit

Free version of SHK:

www.nrscotland.gov.uk/publications/scottish-handwriting-1500-1700-a-self-help-pack

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

NRS online public catalogue: www.nrscotland.gov.uk/catalogue

Video tutorial on how to use the NRS' online catalogue: https://youtu.be/2g1my_bKKIo

NRS research guides:

<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/0240326182456/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/a-z>

Video tutorial on how to access the NRS Research Guides: <https://youtu.be/ZTwily46LPw>



Court of Session: Neighbours at war and so much more!

By Emma Maxwell

Website: www.scottishindexes.com

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

Emma Maxwell is a professional genealogist and co-founder of Scottish Indexes. Since 2001, she and her husband Graham Maxwell have painstakingly indexed thousands of historic Scottish family-history records, making them accessible to researchers around the world.

Her work combines archival rigour with engaging storytelling. Emma has appeared on BBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and regularly speaks at major genealogy conferences, where she shares practical methods for turning indexed data into vivid ancestral narratives.

It's always good practice to look at any historical record that mentions your ancestor. Of course, some records are going to be more informative than others and that is also true when it comes to Court of Session records. Some cases are going to be more useful than others. For example, processes relating to a divorce are likely going to give you a lot more information about your family history than a case where a business pursues someone for an unpaid debt. In both, however, you may find useful gems.

In each case, a 'designation' for each of the parties concerned and any witnesses called will be given. In Scotland a 'designation' is the addition or description of a person. It was necessary to design or identify the parties, in such a way as to distinguish them from all others. This was done by setting down the title of nobility, or the name and surname of the party, with the addition of his or her estate, profession, trade, or place of residence. This is

particularly useful in earlier periods. It's not unusual for the designation to include the father's name of a young person or a woman's husband's name.

To establish the facts of a case, details had to be given and this could mean gathering evidence from witnesses. The witnesses may have been family members, and where relationships are given, this can be crucial in establishing your family tree; especially before 1855 when civil registration of birth, marriage and death began.

Search the Court of Session Records Index: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/cssearch.aspx>

Find out more in our Learning Zone: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningcs.aspx>

NRS Court of Session Records research guide:

<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182456/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/a-z>

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

FIBIS has a guide to the Jute industry in India

<https://www.fibis.org/store/fibis-books-and-publications/fibis-fact-files/indian-crops-ii-pdf/>

AA511 Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Deaths Recorded Vol 1: 1743-1822. S Smith; M Wilson
£4.50 210g

AA512 Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Deaths Recorded Vol 2: 1838-1855. S Smith; M Wilson
£4.50 260g

AA513 Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Deaths Recorded Vol 3: 1855-1870. S Smith; M Wilson
£4.50 230g

AA514 Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Deaths Recorded Vol 4: 1870-1897. S Smith; M Wilson
£4.50 240g. To buy see <https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/?id=78>

Aberdeenshire poor indexes for 1845 - 1900

<https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/databank/plindex/plindex.php>

Mental Health Records Search: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/hsearch.aspx>

A bit about by names/tee names in Avoch (Black Isle, Ross & Cromarty) here, another fishing community

<https://www.rossandcromartyheritage.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Fisherlore-of-Avoch.pdf>

Grace's Guide To British Industrial History https://www.gracesguide.co.uk/Main_Page

Lothian Health Services Archive: <https://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/>

Maryhill Old Parish Church burying ground

<https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/collection/maryhill-old-parish-church-burying-ground/>

Maryhill Old Parish Burial Ground

<https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/2019/11/28/maryhill-parish-burial-ground/>

Edinburgh, Scotland, Army Attestation Registers, 1796-1857:

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/62349/?srsId=AfmBOop2pgXobxud-VqMhpnw16KTMteQAwFkfhFo30Gp3x3MSb95etc>

Bonhill printworks ask at

<https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/libraries/library-branches/dumbarton-library/>

Scottish Business Archive:

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

West Dunbartonshire, Scotland, Poor Law Applications and Registers, 1846-1914

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/63179/>

Scottish council on archives website - look under business collections

<https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/explore/scottish-archives-map/>

British Army nurses' service records 1914-1918

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-nurses-service-records-1914-1918/>

Role Of Women in WW1

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-vital-role-of-women-in-the-first-world-war>

Neil R. Storey and Molly Housego (2010) 'Women in the First World War' Shire Library.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/women-in-the-first-world-war-9780747807520>

Ask about Ireland

<https://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml?action=nblSearch>

OS200 - Sources <https://www.irelandmapped.ie/pages/the-sources>

Scotland's Criminal Database:

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

Surviving Prison Records: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningprison.aspx#q4>

Sturrock diary.

https://www.regionalethnologyscotland.llc.ed.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-04/the_diary_of_john_sturrock_millwright_dundee_1864-1865.pdf

Ministers <https://www.ecclegen.com/>

NRS Old Parish Registers

<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182357/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/birth-death-and-marriage-records/old-parish-registers>

The Godly Commonwealth: Discover Scottish Church Records:

In this session family historian Chris Paton will provide a broad sweep of three hundred years of church history in Scotland, and discuss its impact for the family historian in locating relevant records for research. Saturday 29 November 2025, at 7pm (UK)

<https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/p/webinars.html>

Valuation rolls

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-records/tax-records/vr>

Learning Zone - Registers of Deeds:

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

History of Highland Hospitals <https://www.historyofhighlandhospitals.com/>

Scottish Archives Map: <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/explore/scottish-archives-map/>

NHS Map <https://www.nn.nhs.scot/niccs/about-us/service-map/>

Pharmacists - <https://www.rpharms.com/about-us/history-of-the-society>

History of Pharmacy: <https://www.bshp.org/history-of-pharmacy>

Anne Powell (2013) 'Women in the War Zone: Hospital Service in the First World War'
<https://thehistorypress.co.uk/publication/women-in-the-war-zone>

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Past Scottish Indexes Conferences <https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx>

Shipbuilding Records:
<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182514/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/shipbuilding-records>

The Scottish Highland Clans: Origins, Decline and Transformation
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-highland-clans>

Books by David Dobson https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/David_Dobson

Chris Paton: <https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Chris-Paton/a/1799>

Learning Zone - Sasines - Scottish Property Records:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningsasines.aspx>

Learning Zone - Finding Paternity Cases in Sheriff Court Records:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningcourt.aspx>

Phease One Name Study https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Phease_Name_Study

Scottish Fisheries Museum <https://www.scotfishmuseum.org/>

File of Captain John Phease captain of Edwin Fox <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Phease-3>

Books with fish in title
https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/component/anesfhs/?task=publications&view=publications&layout=full_list

'Getting the best from the NLS maps website for family history research' by Chris Fleet, Map Curator at the National Library of Scotland. Watch here:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx#c22>

Scottish Indexes Help: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/searchhelp.aspx>

Reading list:

Internet Archive Reading List:

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Scottish Indexes Conference Virtual Family History Fair

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:

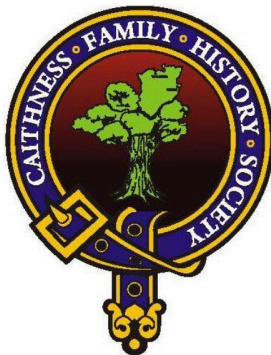
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Caithness Family Society



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, Kilmacoll, Langbank, Port Glasgow, Greenock, Gourock, 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 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 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>.