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Scottish Indexes Conference XXXI

Saturday 31 January 2026

Wow, what a day! I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We have a bumper list of useful links from the chat. I hadn't spotted them all during the conference, and there are some really useful links. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

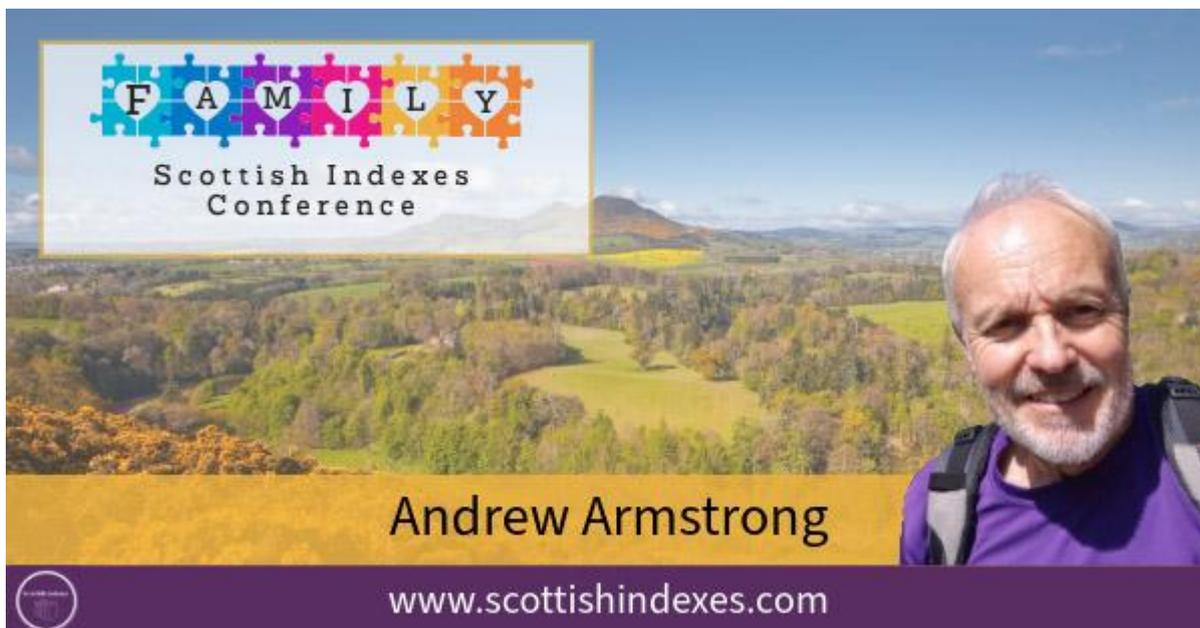
We had 287 posts in the Q&A box, and we managed to get through most of them.

Next time we will be looking at Prisoner of War records, midwives, Poor Law records, and so much more.

Register here on [Zoom](#), and keep an eye on the conference section of our website as we will be updating it with information about the [February 2026 conference](#) soon.

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com



'Taking The High Road'

by Andrew Armstrong, Genealogist

Website: relativelyscottish.com

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. He has participated in Scottish Indexes Conferences since they began in 2020.

'Taking The High Road'

As genealogists we can often build a picture of our law-breaking ancestors from their misdeeds and the records kept by the authorities. But what if they're so successful that the law never catches up with them? Andrew looks at the evidence that a cattle droving family were involved in the developing illicit whisky trade in the 18th century around Loch Lomond. This study draws on OPRs, archaeological evidence and holdings at the National Records of Scotland including property records.

Andrew's handout for this presentation is [available here](#).

Website: www.rcpe.ac.uk



The Edinburgh Public Dispensary, Patients and Doctors

by Daisy Cunynghame

Website: www.rcpe.ac.uk

The People's Dispensary: <https://www.rcpe.ac.uk/peoplesdispensary/index.html>

Catalogues & Digitised Material:

<https://www.rcpe.ac.uk/heritage/catalogues-digitised-material>

Daisy Cunynghame completed an MA in Modern History at the University of St Andrews and a Higher Diploma in Archival Studies at University College Dublin. She is the Heritage Manager and Librarian for the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. She was awarded her PhD by the University of Edinburgh in 2020. The focus of this work was 'The Roles of the Edinburgh, Kelso, and Newcastle Dispensaries in Charitable Relief, 1776-1810'. Her research investigates public health initiatives in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries in Scotland and the north of England, with a particular focus on the patient experience within the dispensary system.

'The Edinburgh Public Dispensary, Patients and Doctors'

In this talk Daisy shares the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh's new digital resource, The People's Dispensary. At its core, The People's Dispensary features a digitised and transcribed collection of over 10,000 pages of 18th century patient case notes of the Edinburgh Public Dispensary from its foundation in 1776. Located in Edinburgh's Old Town, it provided free diagnosis and medicines to the city's sick. Users of the website are able to search these digitised and transcribed records which feature fascinating details about the diseases, treatments and experiences of poor patients in 1700s Edinburgh. Genealogical researchers will be able to use this resource to uncover the stories of both patients and practitioners.



Dive Deeper Into Scottish Church Records

by Alison Spring

Website: scotsancestors.weebly.com

Blog: scotsancestors.blogspot.com

Alison Spring is a professional genealogist, speaker, and writer specialising in the records of Scotland. With over 40 years' experience of family history research, she has a Masters Degree in Family & Local History from the University of Dundee and is a member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists. Based near Glasgow, she is passionate about tracing your family tree on a budget, and blogs as the "Frugal Family Historian". She has also taught college and university genealogy courses and written for the UK's "Family Tree" magazine. She has delivered presentations for conferences, Legacy Webinars, RootsTech, and Family Tree Live, as well as family history societies in the UK and overseas.

'Dive Deeper Into Scottish Church Records'

This presentation explores the background and records of the various churches that existed in Scotland from the Reformation, covering Catholic, Presbyterian, and non-conformist church records. It also takes a look at some of the stories from around Scotland that can be uncovered using Presbyterian kirk session records.

Alison's handout is available here: https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/church_records.pdf



Crofter ancestors and the Crofters Commission records

by Jane Harris, Retired Genealogist

Website: www.jgsqb.org.uk

After a varied career in teaching, information management, university student services and projects, Jane Harris was a professional genealogist for around fourteen years, specialising in Scottish family history. She holds a postgraduate diploma in Genealogical Studies from the University of Strathclyde. Her interest in family history goes back many years, nourished by roots which are mainly in Orkney, where she was born and grew up, with some Caithness. She now lives just north of Inverness, in the Highlands, and has a one-place study for the North Walls and Brims areas of Hoy, Orkney. With many ancestors who were crofters her topic this time is Crofter ancestors and the Crofters Commission records.

Jane's handout is available here: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/crofters.pdf>



Using DNA for Family History Research - A Beginner's Guide

by Chris Paton

Website: ScotlandsGreatestStory

Webinar schedule: scottishgenes.blogspot.com/p/talks-diary.html

Northern Irish born Chris Paton is a genealogist and writer based in Ayrshire, where he runs the Scotland's Greatest Story research service at www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk. As well as contributing to the UK's best known family history magazines, he also writes for his own Scottish GENES news blog at www.scottishgenes.blogspot.com, and regularly gives talks to family history societies across the UK and worldwide. His publications include Tracing Your Belfast Ancestry, Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records, Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet (2nd edition), Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records, Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet, and Sharing Your Family History Online.

Chris Paton provided a jargon-free introduction for beginners on how DNA can be used for family history research to break down brick wall problems; along the way he highlighted three case studies from his own ancestral research where DNA has offered answers to problems which the paper trail alone could not resolve.

Books mentioned by Chris:

Tracing Your Ancestors Using DNA: [Pen & Sword UK](#), [Pen and Sword USA](#)

Sharing Your Family History Online: [Pen & Sword UK](#), [Pen & Sword USA](#)

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy: [Amazon UK](#), [Amazon USA](#)



How did my Scottish ancestors get married?

by Tahitia McCabe

Website: www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/centreforlifelonglearning/genealogy

Tahitia is the Head of the Strathclyde Institute for Genealogical Studies based at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. A former librarian and costume designer, she now loves to help students learn about history through their families' experiences. In her spare time, she's working on a PhD researching American residents in Scotland during the late 1900s while her day job is full of planning events, facilitating genealogy communities and supporting tutors and students.

'How did my Scottish ancestors get married?'

This session explores, from a genealogist's perspective: the different historical forms of Scottish marriage; their legality and validity and whether this might impact on whether any trace of a marriage can be found. Scotland had distinctive marriage practices based on principles of mutual consent rather than religious ceremony. Both 'regular' and 'irregular' marriages were recognized by the law. Consideration is given to how irregular marriages were recorded once civil registration began in 1855 and the long road to the creation of civil marriage, which became possible in 1939 and allowed a ceremony in a registrar's office. Sources for marriage records are considered, both online and in physical archives. Tips and tricks for finding these and understanding the records are shared.

Tahitia's handout is available here:

https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/scottish_marriage.pdf



Locating Scottish Burial Records

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.

'Locating Scottish Burial Records'

From 1855, Scottish death certificates began recording when, where, and why someone died. Between 1855 and 1860, they also noted the place of burial. After 1860, however, finding burial records is more complicated. What resources are available, and how can these records help us trace our Scottish family tree?

In this talk, Emma explains how to access burial records in Scotland, focusing on sources from 1855 to the present day. She also shares practical tips and highlights common pitfalls when searching for burial records before 1855.

Emma's handout is available here: https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/burial_records.pdf

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

TNA Currency Converter: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency-converter/>

Kelso Dispensary Patient Registers: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/dispsearch.aspx>

JiscMail: <https://www.jisc.ac.uk/jiscmail>

Strathnaver Museum <https://www.strathnavermuseum.org.uk/>

Crofts and Crofters: Definitions, Derivations and Consequences. Scottish Historical Review, Volume 102, Issue 1 <https://www.eupublishing.com/doi/10.3366/shr.2023.0589>

The Gift BBC: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/p0gd2dgb>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/60mnGyrXmukPwKHBjGbeB0>

Apple: <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-gift/id1707025341>

This is a great book which is available online and covers some of the families around the Borders and Reivers Storeys: [Storeys of old](#)

I have trees on my laptop but use <https://www.familyecho.com/> as a backup

This is the official website for family tree maker - <https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>

British Army muster rolls and pay lists c.1730-1898:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-muster-rolls-pay-lists-1730-1898/>

TNA <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/>

WDYTYA? Magazine - What is the best UK family history software?:

<https://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/feature/family-history-software>

NRS Military Records Guide:

<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182508/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/research-guides/research-guides-a-z/military-records>

Officers and ordinary soldiers who served with the Militia between 1522 and 1907.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/militia/>

Mull Genealogy: <http://www.mullgenealogy.co.uk/>

This website helped me find an ancestor who was in the Perthshire militia. I confirmed the record with Perth Archives. http://www.borenich.co.uk/Perthshire_Militia.html

Crown Office Sudden and Suspicious Deaths:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningsuddendeaths.aspx>

Fatal Accident Inquiry Records:
<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182459/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/fatal-accident-inquiry-records>

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

Scotland's People in person. £15 for a full day or £7.50 for a half-day search in the SP Centre in Edinburgh: <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/visit-us>

For Gravestone Inscriptions from several Kirkcudbrightshire Churchyards I can recommend www.kirkyards.co.uk website. The website also has photographs along with the inscriptions.

Geograph - photos of every grid square: <https://www.geograph.org.uk/>

Worth a look for WW1 injuries is <http://www.gilliesarchives.org.uk/>

Alistair Mutch. Crofts and Crofters: Definitions, Derivations and Consequences. Scottish Historical Review, Volume 102, Issue 1
<https://www.eupublishing.com/doi/10.3366/shr.2023.0589>

Links to selected Royal Commission Reports:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningvisual.aspx#q2>

Save and tag your online resources for easy access anytime, anywhere:
<https://www.diigo.com>

Coverage of the Old Parish Registers:
<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182428/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/old-parish-registers/list-of-old-parish-registers>

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

Spreadsheet for DNA matches - Leeds Method may help
<https://www.danaleeds.com/the-leeds-method/>

Tiree Graves: <https://www.tireegraves.org.uk/>

Kilmartin Church And Graveyard:
<https://www.ancient-scotland.co.uk/site/kilmartin-church-and-graveyard>

Caledonian Mercury newspaper at the British Newspaper Archive
<https://britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

Berwick-upon-Tweed Record Office: <https://northumberlandarchives.com/berwick/>

NRS online public catalogue

<https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue/welcome.aspx>

NRAS online Register <https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrasregister/welcome.aspx>

Your Scottish Archives: <https://yourscottisharchives.com/>

Ancestry - Uploading and Downloading Trees:

<https://support.ancestry.co.uk/s/article/Uploading-and-Downloading-Trees>

Border Reiver Heritage Society: <http://borderreiverheritage.com/>

Militia lists is on Archive.org <https://archive.org/details/militialistsmust0000gibs>

Chris Paton's blog on handfasting:

<https://scotlandsgreateststory.wordpress.com/2021/06/11/handfasting-marriage-or-betrothal/>

PT6 Scottish First World War pension appeals records:

<https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/2024/07/update-on-pt6-scottish-first-world-war.html>

Fife Place-name Data: <https://fife-placenames.glasgow.ac.uk/>

Coup-my-horn, Coupmahorn, <https://fife-placenames.glasgow.ac.uk/placename/?id=1206>

History of the kirk <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/p/kirk-history-2.html>

Cameronian Register - John Macmillan:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nyp.33433081809802&view=2up&seq=6>

Another website talking about using excel to track DNA matches:

<https://learnalittleeveryday.wordpress.com/2019/03/29/managing-your-dna-matches-with-excel/>

The United Church of Canada Archives:

<https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/ucc-family-tree.pdf>

Ross & Cromarty Roots: <http://gravestones.rosscromartyroots.co.uk/>

Kilmartin Church And Graveyard:

<https://www.ancient-scotland.co.uk/site/kilmartin-church-and-graveyard>

Reading list:

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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.
ZE1 ONY

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, 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

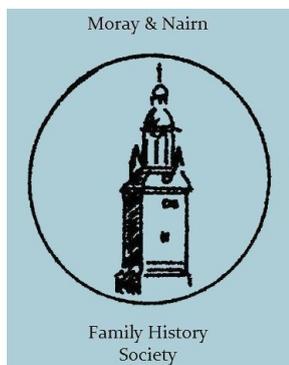
For questions of a military nature you can contact David Anderson by email at: -

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>.