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Scottish Indexes Conference XXXIV

Saturday 14 November 2026

Thank you for joining us at the Scottish Indexes Conference. I hope you are inspired to push forward with your own research and find your ancestors in a variety of records.

In this handout, you will find links to the speakers' websites and more information about them.

We hope the submitted links section will be useful. These are the links shared in the chat during the conference.

Our next conference will be held on Saturday 23 January 2027. Registration is now open. We hope you can join us again in January.

Graham & Emma Maxwell
Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com



Researching Urban Ancestors in Scotland

Alison Spring

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

Alison Spring is a professional genealogist, speaker, and writer specialising in the records of Scotland. With over 45 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 also teaches university genealogy courses and has written for the UK's Family Tree magazine. She delivers webinars for Scottish Indexes and Legacy Webinars as well as many family history societies in the UK and overseas.

Did your ancestors live in or migrate through one of Scotland's many cities or towns? Using case studies, you will find out about the rich sources you can mine to uncover the details of their urban lives, including those in the twentieth century.

Download Alison's handout here: https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/urban_ancestors.pdf



Researching Scottish Genealogy at the Society of Genealogists Research Hub

Else Churchill

Website: sog.org.uk

Else Churchill is the Genealogist at the Society of Genealogists, the UK's largest and oldest genealogical society based in London. She has over forty years of experience as a professional genealogical librarian and researcher and teacher since 1982. Her main interests lie in the seventeenth century and sources for people who lived through the English Civil Wars but Else also specialises in researching before the Victorian Censuses. She is looking forward to returning to her own family history research, which at present lingers in Herefordshire in the late 17th century.

Founded in 1911, the Society of Genealogists Library and Archives provide a remarkable resource for anyone tracing their UK ancestry. Along with copies and transcripts of name-rich genealogy resources and records, the archives and special collections hold diaries, family papers, pedigrees and research notes as well as original records. This talk will help you identify and locate resources online, remotely and in person at the Society's premises in Wharf Road.

321 videos are available to non-members in the SOG Learning Hub.

There are over 150,000 records in their library catalogue: https://sog.org.uk/research/library/

Else Churchill has provided the slides from her presentation, 'Researching Scottish Genealogy at the Society of Genealogists Research Hub' which are available here.



Tracing emigrants to Scotland's forgotten colony of East New Jersey

Derrick Johnstone

Website: https://eastjerseybound.scot/

Derrick Johnstone is a Research Affiliate in the Department of History at the University of Glasgow, having completed his postgraduate dissertation, Scots Emigrants to East Jersey, 1682-1702: Motivations and Outcomes, in 2025. He has developed a freely available website, East Jersey Bound, home to a database with details of 600 emigrants and over 2,000 of their kin and associates. The research has involved extensive use of the National Records of Scotland and the New Jersey State Archives, supplemented by over 300 other sources to help identify the people involved, their backgrounds and life stories.

Derrick has over 10 years' experience in family history and is a member of several genealogical societies. His first degree was in Economics and Economic History and he has maintained an interest in economic and social history ever since. He is currently Secretary of the Old Edinburgh Club, the city's history society, where he has sought to improve access to historical sources and written and presented about the later Covenanters.

In the early 1680s, several hundred Scots crossed the Atlantic to establish colonial settlement in New Jersey. This was backed at the highest level and sought to ensure that Scotland had a stake in the development of the American colonies. It brought together Quakers, Episcopalians and Presbyterians, a tense mix of religious affiliations. Many of the Presbyterians were transported Covenanters and the Quakers too had had their share of persecution.

Derrick Johnstone has also prepared a handout for his presentation, 'Tracing emigrants to Scotland's forgotten colony of East New Jersey' which is available here.



The People of New Lanark

Sophie Hunter

Website: https://newlanark.org/learning/collections-research/

Sophie Hunter is the Learning and Engagement Officer at New Lanark World Heritage Site. She is passionate about bringing history to life and loves to share stories that connect people with the past in meaningful and engaging ways. Sophie designs and delivers creative learning experiences that inspire curiosity, deepen understanding, and celebrates the rich heritage of New Lanark.

Sophie explored 240 years of history through the fascinating lives of the people who called New Lanark home. From familiar figures like David Dale and Robert Owen to the lesser-known paupers, doctors, soldiers and millworkers, the People of New Lanark talk showcases fascinating stories and original research from our archive.



Landlord and tenant in Edwardian Dundee

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.

Most of our city-dwelling ancestors rented homes at the start of the twentieth-century. The type of tenure mattered as weekly-let tenancies came with social disadvantages and longer tenancies were more desirable and respectable.

However, the missive system of house letting was under stress in the reign of Edward VII (1901-10). Lord Guthrie's government inquiry (1906-7) took evidence on the grievances of occupiers, owners, house factors and the rating authorities and reveals details about how our ancestors rented their homes.

This talk drew on original research using the 1911 Valuation Rolls which mapped tenure types for Dundee on the eve of the implementation of the House-Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act 1911. To add to the big picture, Kay took a closer look at some streets, landlords, and tenants. Sources used include maps, newspapers, government reports, local government records, census returns and property records (sasines and the Inland Revenue survey).

Kay has prepared a page on her website with further resources relating to her talk, 'Landlord and tenant in Edwardian Dundee' which you can visit here.



Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors in Kirk Session Records

Emma Maxwell

Website: www.scottishindexes.com
Facebook: scottish.indexes

Emma Maxwell is a professional genealogist and co-founder of Scottish Indexes. Since 2001, Emma 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.

Kirk Session records are a fundamental tool for all researching their Scottish family history. They often fill the gaps left by church baptism, marriage and death records and can offer context to your research.

Although free to use, the lack of an index can make them more challenging to use. In this presentation, Emma explained who created the records, how we can access them and shared expert tips on making effective searches.

Emma Maxwell has prepared a handout for her presentation, 'Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors in Kirk Session Records' which is available here.



Exploring the Collections of Edinburgh City Archives

Ashleigh Thomson

Website: www.edinburgh.gov.uk

Ashleigh has worked and volunteered within various archive services for over ten years. She is a History graduate from the University of Stirling. During her undergraduate degree, an interest in gender history was sparked and this led her to undertake a masters degree focusing upon political expression amongst women. It was during this research that Ashleigh decided to ultimately pursue a career in archives, having been fascinated by her trips to archives and the role of the archivists within them. She graduated from the University of Dundee in 2019 with a Masters in Archives and Records Management.

Ashleigh has been in her current role as Records and Archives Officer at the City of Edinburgh Council for five years and is part of a small team responsible for both archives and records management. This is a diverse role and includes managing a public searchroom, undertaking research, responding to enquiries, providing training and guidance on the care of current and historic records, outreach, and managing various projects. Ashleigh's favourite thing about being part of the team at Edinburgh City Archives is the sheer diversity of the collections and this is something that she enjoys speaking about. You can learn more about Edinburgh City Archives by following them on Facebook and Instagram.

Q&A and Submitted Links

Resources suggested in the chat:

The Trades House Digital Library is a good source for guild membership and burgesses in Glasgow - see https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/

Trove in Australia has historic newspapers and is free
https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/about

House and building history:
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/help-and-support/guides/house-and-building-history#VR

All About That Place - Society of Genealogists
https://sog.org.uk/welcome-to-all-about-that-place/

Online access to the out of copyright Fasti books is available at https://www.ecclegen.com/

Pension appeals online:
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/news-and-articles/world-war-i-pensions-appeal-records-now-online

Background to the Barclays Ury Estate Stonehaven
https://stonehavenhistory.wordpress.com/quakers/

The Killing Time. Fanaticism, Liberty and the Birth of Britain, David S Ross
https://luath.co.uk/products/the-killing-time

The Scotland, Scandinavia and Northern European Biographical Database (SSNE)
https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/history/ssne/

Jardine's Book of Martyrs (Covenanters) https://drmarkjardine.wordpress.com/

Markets and Baths Committee (1910) Handbook: City of Dundee Corporation Baths and wash-houses. Dundee: Dundee Corporation Baths and Wash-Houses Department. Available from: Wellcome Collection Library https://wellcomecollection.org/works/a5wg99hs or https://archive.org/details/b32174974

The Old Edinburgh Club
https://oldedinburghclub.org.uk/resources/old-tolbooth-records-1657-1686/

Scottish Newspapers scanned by the British Newspaper Archive (with dates):
https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.com/newspapers/scotland
NLS - Scottish newspapers: https://www.nls.uk/tools-for-research/family-history/newspapers/

NLS -Scottish newspaper titles that have an index:
https://digital.nls.uk/catalogues/newspaper-indexes/

Brain of Britain Radio 4 Glasgow subway questions:
https://www.facebook.com/BBCRadio4/videos/going-underground-for-the-final-spotlight-round-of-the-series-and-these-glasgow-/2049910852350860/

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A History of the Dispossessed, 1600-1900
https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/product/9780141985930?gC=098f6bcd4&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23606081272&gbraid=0AAAADsTpAQZw7m0oeWWXYCa3iCCHVrpu&gclid=CjwKCAiAquDXBhApEiwAoyNqBJy4FzJmauwVLKVlqEljS4KFlSjm_YKvKZ6F96vqWF1Qz5nSzzBZ0hoCmi0QAvD_BwE

Berwickshire Naturalists Club https://www.bnc1831.co.uk/

Ulster Historical Foundation
https://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com/presbyterianism/covenanters/17-18-century

Kirk session records:
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/help-and-support/guides/kirk-session-records

Learning Zone - Poor Relief Records in Scotland
https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningpoor.aspx

The Trades House Digital Library is a good source for guild membership and burgesses in Glasgow - see https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/

House and building history:
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/help-and-support/guides/house-and-building-history#VR

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
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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

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,

Neilston, Barrhead, Uplawmoor, Paisley, Abbey Parish, Renfrew, Erskine, Bishopton, Inchinnan, Houston & Killellan, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, Kilmacolm, 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
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
Twitter: @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
Twitter: @fifefhs

Fife FHS was established in 1989 and is a charity registered in Scotland. Our members are from all over the World. In normal times we have an Archive Room based in Cupar Library, Fife, where our team of volunteers are available to help people with their Fife family history three days a week.

We have recently revamped our website www.fifefhs.org and as well as an extensive members area including a Record Archive, Journal Archive, Members Forum and free access to the Pre 1855 Fife Death Index (over 250,000 deaths) we have an online shop www.fifefhs.org/shop/ There are 25 digital publications available to purchase as downloads. These include pre 1855 Baptisms from non establishment churches, Monumental Inscriptions and our Fife Shopkeepers and Traders Directory 1820-1870.

Central Scotland Family History Society

Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

The Central Scotland Family History Society covers the old counties of Clackmannanshire, Stirlingshire and West Perthshire, plus the parishes of Bo'ness and Carriden in West Lothian.

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.