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If someone had told us back in March that by August we would have held five conferences, we would never have believed them, but here we are!

As ever, we have endeavoured to collate the links that were mentioned throughout the conference so that you can work through them in your own time and hopefully find out more about your Scottish ancestors.

Please feel free to share the PDF with fellow researchers who you think will be interested.

If you have missed previous events, go to our website (<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx>) to see what you have missed and catch up with some of the presentations that are available online.

The conferences are funded by your voluntary contributions. We want to keep these events free, so if you can, please consider making a small donation through www.scottishindexes.com if you are able to do so.

Graham & Emma Maxwell
Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com



Discover Scottish Land Records

By Chris Paton



Northern Irish born Chris Paton lives today in Ayrshire, Scotland, where he works as a genealogist through his Scotland's Greatest Story service (www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk).

There is no handout with this talk but Chris has written a book, "Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry through Church and State Records" which is available from www.pen-and-sword.co.uk.

Chris also runs the The Scottish GENES Blog (GEnalogy News and EventS) blog which is a great way to keep up-to-date with new resources <http://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/>

Watch again: <https://youtu.be/gBDpAr-mm-0> (available for 1 week only)

Some websites Chris mentioned:

National Library of Scotland - <https://www.nls.uk/>

ScotlandsPeople - <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Google News (Glasgow Herald) - <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=GGgVawPscysC>

British Newspaper Archive - <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

ScotlandsPlaces - <https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/>

Canmore - <https://canmore.org.uk/>

National Records of Scotland - <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>

Statistical Accounts of Scotland - <https://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home>

Registers of Scotland - <https://www.ros.gov.uk/>

DNA Case Studies: How to Successfully Combine DNA & Traditional Research Methods

By Michelle Leonard



Michelle Leonard is a professional genealogist, DNA detective, speaker, author, historian and the official genetic genealogist of [#AncestryHour](#).

Michelle specialises in unknown parentage and all manner of unknown ancestor mysteries using a combination of DNA expertise and conventional research methods.

Michelle is also co-author of the book "Tracing Your Ancestors Using DNA: A Guide For Family Historians" [available from Amazon](#) and other retailers.

Links:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/genesandgenealogy>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/GenealogyLass>

More webinars by Michelle: <https://familytreewebinars.com/michelleleonard>

Table showing AncestryDNA features with and without subscription:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/scottishindexes/?post_id=3080046312121528

Upload your tree to MyHeritage to gain Theory of Relativity Hints and Smart Matches - www.myheritage.com

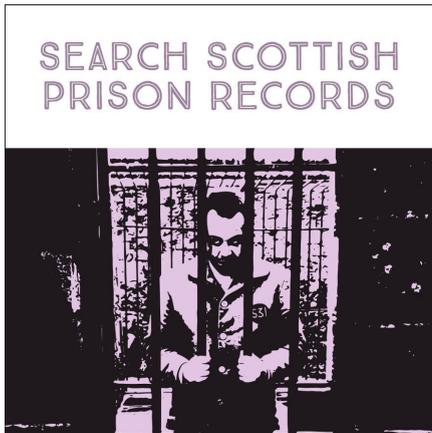
Link tree to results for Common Ancestor Hints & Thrulines - www.ancestry.co.uk

Upload your tree and use Linked Relationships tool to add confirmed relations to populate paternal/maternal buckets - www.familytreedna.com

Add Family History information and a tree link: www.23andme.com

Scottish Prison Records

By Emma Maxwell



Graham and Emma Maxwell run www.scottishindexes.com. As genealogists they know which historical documents are useful to family historians and how to access them. Twenty years ago they began indexing records and they are still going.

At the conference, Emma delivered the presentation, 'Scottish Prison Records' which showed how to access these amazing records.

Learning Zone - Scottish Prison Registers

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

The Scottish Genealogy Learning Zone on Scottish Indexes has an increasing number of articles to help you trace your Scottish family history by explaining more about the records you are searching. The Scottish Prison Registers section tells you what information you can expect to find in a prison register, how to use this information, where these records are held and which ones are indexed.

Scotland's Criminal Database

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

Scotland's Criminal Database includes an index to all surviving High Court Precognitions and Trial Papers between 1790 and 1917, as well as a variety of prison registers and Sheriff Court records.

Dumfries Jail Books and Bail Bond Registers 1714-1810

<https://info.dumgal.gov.uk/HistoricalIndexes/Home/IndexDescription/5>

Hardworking volunteers at the Dumfries & Galloway Archive have indexed Dumfries Jail Books and Bail Bond Registers. This index is free to use, sadly the images are not online.

Genealogy in the Scottish Borders Archives

by Hannah Bell

A view across Hawick >

Hannah Bell is the Genealogy Registrar at the Scottish Borders Archives. The archive is based at the Heritage Hub. The Hub will reopen the week commencing Monday 14 September for pre-booked visits and at a reduced capacity.



The Scottish Borders Archives covers the four historic counties of the Scottish Borders: Peeblesshire, Selkirkshire, Berwickshire and Roxburghshire.

The Scottish Borders Archives website - <https://www.liveborders.org.uk/culture/archives/heritage-hub/>

Scottish Borders Archive Catalogue - <http://www.calmview.eu/HUBCAT/CalmView/>

A Hawick Word Book - <https://www.astro.ubc.ca/people/scott/book.pdf>

Stobs Military Camp - <http://www.stobscamp.org/>

Some, but not all, Scottish Borders newspapers - <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

The British Newspaper Archive is also included in some FindMyPast subscriptions - www.findmypast.co.uk

If you live in Scotland you can also access some newspapers for free through the National Library of Scotland - <https://auth.nls.uk/eresources/>

Top Tip - Many libraries offer member benefits, these may be online access to licenced collections. Find out what your local, county or national library has to offer.

Caring for Collections: protecting and preserving the family archive

by Shona Hunter and Joe Jackson

Shona Hunter and Joe Jackson both work at the National Library of Scotland's conservation department (www.nls.uk).

Materials, suppliers & seeking further advice:

Preservation Equipment Ltd - <https://www.preservationequipment.com/>

Conservation by Design - <https://www.cxdinternational.com/>

Conservation Resources (UK) Ltd - <https://conservation-resources.co.uk/>

Conservation Register - <https://www.conservationregister.com/>

NLS Handling Video - <https://youtu.be/yRDAaO5nIng>

Photographic advice - [NLS imaging services department](#)

Silver safe photo paper sheets and rolls - [Preservation Equipment Ltd](#)

Mapping the Archival Footprints of Scotland's Ministers

By Michelle Brock and Chris Langley

This project is really exciting and Michelle and Chris want to hear from you. Visit <https://mappingthescottishreformation.org> and let them have your feedback on how this project can help genealogists.

Michelle Brock on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/MikkiBrock>

Chris Langley on Twitter - https://twitter.com/Chris_R_Langley

Project on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/MappingScotsRef>

Hew Scott's Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae - <https://archive.org/details/fastiecclesiaesc01hews>



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National Library of Scotland's map website - <https://maps.nls.uk/>

Estate Maps of Scotland, 1730s-1950s - <https://maps.nls.uk/estates/>

Maps by John Woods (the maps with the names) -
<https://maps.nls.uk/mapmakers/name/Wood%2C%20John>

GB1900.org - <http://geo.nls.uk/maps/gb1900/#zoom=6&lat=55.0000&lon=-2.5000&layer=0>

Ten things you (maybe) didn't know about our maps website - <https://maps.nls.uk/ten-things/>

Top Tip - Did you know? Some of our census transcriptions are georeferenced to the NLS maps website, here is an example -

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/51transcript.aspx?houseid=76701037>

Scottish Indexes Conference Virtual Family History Fair



The Scottish Genealogy Society is based in Edinburgh but can help you with your research all over Scotland. Jean Dickson, genealogist and volunteer at the Scottish Genealogy Society joined us at the conference to tell us about the resources of the society. Many of these resources are available to members and non-members but membership also comes with a lot of benefits.

Website - <https://www.scotsgenealogy.com/>

Membership - From £20

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ScottishGenealogySociety>

Highlights of www.scotsgenealogy.com

The Black Book - <https://www.scotsgenealogy.com/Downloads/TheBlackBook.aspx>

Resources Page - <https://www.scotsgenealogy.com/Resources.aspx>

Family History Index - <https://www.scotsgenealogy.com/FamilyHistories.aspx>

Online Shop - <https://shop.scotsgenealogy.com/acatalog/shop.html>

Benefits of Membership - <https://www.scotsgenealogy.com/Membership.aspx>

During the conference Jean offered to compile a list of Scottish based family history societies. When completed, Jean will put the list in the resources section of the Society's website.

Top Tip - Although closed just now the SGS has a large library covering the whole of Scotland. Their Monumental Inscription (MI) collection is particularly good!



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, who told us about the resources they have available to help you trace your Scottish family history.

Website - www.dgfhs.org.uk

Membership - From £7.50

Highlights of www.dgfhs.org.uk

Online Shop - <https://dgfhs.org.uk/shop-online/shop-info/>

Index to Pedigree Charts - <https://dgfhs.org.uk/pedigree-chart-surname-index/>

Graveyard Photographic Project - <https://dgfhs.org.uk/graveyard-photographic-project/>

Maps - <https://dgfhs.org.uk/resources/maps/>

Newsletter Index - <https://dgfhs.org.uk/resources/newsletter-index/>

During the conference we were talking to their representative, Terry Brown, about the Graveyard Photographic Project. He offered to update the website and add the locations of every graveyard and its location by Parish within the three historical counties of Dumfriesshire, Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtownshire. Terry has already done this and this new resource is now available!

<https://dgfhs.org.uk/graveyard-locations>

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. Our volunteers are working from home currently are happy to assist with any enquiries by email. They have a membership of around 1700 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 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

Tel: 01856 879207

Address: 44 Junction Road
Kirkwall
Orkney
KW15 1AG

East Ayrshire Family History Society



East Ayrshire Family History Society

Scottish Charity number SC029629

Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Email: enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Can we help you with your Ayrshire research? The former county of Ayrshire is divided into three local authority areas: North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire on the Clyde coast and East Ayrshire inland. Volunteers from East Ayrshire FHS are best able to help members whose connections are to East Ayrshire but, in normal circumstances, we have local access to census and old parish records for all parishes in Ayrshire. Please see our website for information about the society or email an enquiry.

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 E-mail 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.morayandnairmfhs.co.uk

Contact can be made through the website, or by email to: enquiries@morayandnairmfhs.co.uk

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society



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.

Website - www.anesfhs.org.uk

Caithness Family History Society



Website: <https://caithnessfhs.org.uk>

Email: via Contacts page on website

Facebook: [Caithness Family History Society](#)

Facebook: [CFHS Discussion Group](#)

Nucleus: The Nuclear & Caithness Archive -
north.highlandarchive@highlifehighland.com

Formed in 1999 Caithness Family History Society has over 300 members from across the world. Members of Caithness Family History Society have considerable skills in genealogical research plus knowledge of Caithness and its historical resources. They are happy to share this knowledge and expertise in assisting members. New members can join by using the "Genfair" link or by completing the membership form both of which are accessed via the website page.

The Society have transcribed and published census returns and memorial inscriptions relating to Caithness which are available to purchase (details on the website).

Central Scotland Family History Society



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

We organise monthly meetings from October to May, held in the Smith Museum in Stirling. Due to Covid-19 we had to postpone our AGM. This will now be held as a virtual meeting in September. As our meeting venue is not opening its lecture theatre until at least 2021, next year's programme of talks has also been suspended.

We produce a Journal twice a year, and since lockdown the committee has introduced a monthly newsletter, 'Share your Story', to keep members feeling connected to the Society. We have a full list of our own publications – see our website for details of price and ordering.

Website - www.csfhs.org.uk

Anglo-Scottish Family History Society

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.

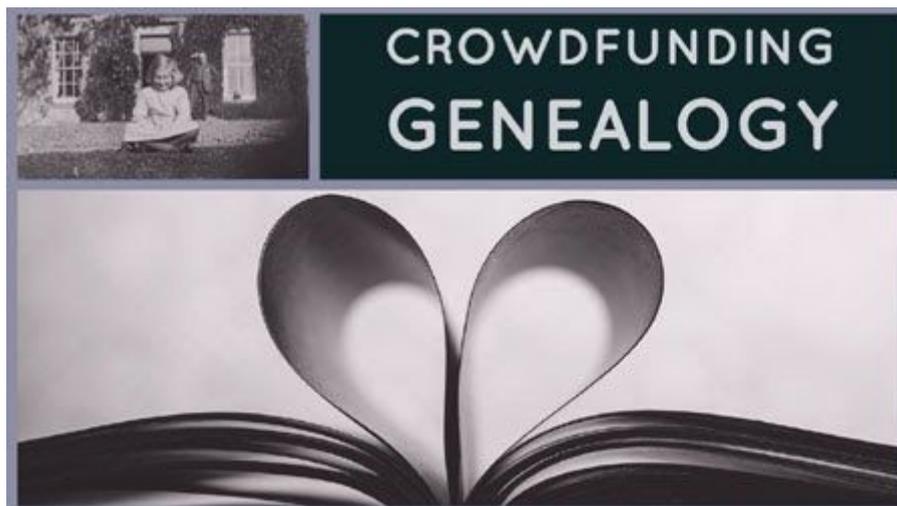
Website - <https://angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk/>

Threipland's People

During the conference a question was asked about Threipland's People and Chris Paton found the link for us.

Find members of the Threipland family, their relatives, friends and associates. Look for tenants and workers on the estates in Perthshire and Caithness, as well as local tradesmen.

[Perth & Kinross Council website](#)



Finally here is a link to our crowdfunding page where you can find a list of records we have ready to index: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/crowdfundingscottishgenealogy.aspx> please get in touch if you would like to help find a project or volunteer to index some records.