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22 May 2021

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our tenth conference such a success. As always, we all learned from each other and I think many of us have some new ideas for our own research.

Registration is now open for Scottish Indexes Conference XI and it’s already shaping up to be a great conference. [Click here to register on Zoom.](#)

As always, here are some of the resources and links that we mentioned at the conference. Hope we haven't missed too many!

Please feel free to share the PDF with fellow researchers who you think will be interested. You can access previous conference handouts on our [‘past conferences’](#) page.

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com

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Kate Keter, genealogist at Family
Tree Tales, will present "Mother
dead, Father in prison"

'Mother dead, Father in prison'

by Kate Keter

Kate has been researching family trees for over 30 years and now works as a professional genealogist based in Linlithgow. She has an MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographical and Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow where she is now a tutor on the Family History Research short courses. Kate is an accredited member of the Association of Scottish Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (ASGRA).

In this presentation Kate told the story of how a single entry in a school admission register led to uncovering stories of 3 generations of one family in sources from workhouses, prisons, passenger lists and British Home Children, to name just a few, from Scotland, England, Canada and USA.

Kate has kindly prepared a handout to accompany her presentation which contains a comprehensive list of the sources she used. [Click here to download Kate's handout.](#)

If you love a good family history story, check out Kates' blog posts:

<https://familytreetales.co.uk/posts>

Need help with your own family tree tale? You can hire Kate to help you with your research. Visit her website www.familytreetales.co.uk to learn more about her services.

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Andrew Armstong, Genealogist at
Relatively Scottish, will present
"Patterns of Migration in the Scottish
Textiles Industries 1750-1950".

'Patterns of Migration in the Scottish Textiles Industries 1750-1950'

by Andrew Armstrong

Andrew has been working as a professional genealogist since 2015 in the Scottish Borders. He has a postgraduate diploma in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde. He has presented on the Records of the Kelso Dispensary and Using Buccleuch Estate records at previous Scottish indexes Conferences. Andrew is accredited on the Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG).

Andrew's interesting presentation broadened our knowledge of the textile industry and helped us understand why our ancestors may have moved. Andrew has kindly added the slides for his presentation to his website. These will be available until Saturday 29 May so that should give you time to make some notes. See www.relativelyscottish.com.

Andrew is also available for commissions, especially to help you knock down that brick wall. See Andrew's website, www.relativelyscottish.com, for details of his services.

Andrew was looking at migration in the Scottish textiles industries but we also had a good chat about some of the different textiles occupations and what people were actually doing. An attendee has shared this [link with us to 'Reports from Commissioners'](#) which includes some information on bleaching etc. (see page 237 onwards).

I also mentioned the song, 'The Bleacher Lassie O' Kelvinhaugh' which popped into my head. Here is a link for anyone who is interested:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuBnYFwOvA4>

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Robbie Mitchell will present 'Family History at the National Library of Scotland'

‘Family History at the National Library of Scotland’

by Robbie Mitchell

Robbie joined us to represent the National Library of Scotland (NLS) who have a vast amount of material to help us trace our Scottish family history.

The NLS has a [dedicated family history section](#) which will tell you about online and offline records.

Their free ‘Digital Gallery’ section is well worth a look. From there you can access a variety of records. Some are particularly useful to family history but there are also some general history sections which are very interesting too.

One of the resources which many of us bookmark are the Statistical Accounts of Scotland 1791-1875 which [you can view online here](#).

For those of us who live in Scotland, National Library of Scotland registration gives us free access to an extensive range of [eResources](#). This includes free access to the British Newspaper Archive.

Got a question for the NLS? You can ask a question online. For detailed questions use their online form. For a quick question use their online chat:

<https://auth.nls.uk/contact/ask-a-question/>

Robbie didn’t cover their maps collection on Saturday (as we’ve looked at these in detail at previous conferences) but do check them out if you have not done so already:

<https://maps.nls.uk/>

During the Q&A session, a question was asked about copyright. Here is a link to the National Archives flowchart:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/information-management/non-crown-copyright-flowchart.pdf>

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Margaret Fox, Archivist at Traquair House will present "A decent looking woman in the early prime of life" - how it all went wrong for Sarah Gregg.

“A decent looking woman in the early prime of life” - how it all went wrong for Sarah Gregg’

by Margaret Fox

What a gripping story Margaret told! I think we all became quite attached to Sarah who was tried and found guilty of culpable homicide in 1847. You can see Sarah’s [entry in our indexes here](#). Margaret was able to use a variety of sources to tell Sarah’s story from her apprehension to release.

Margaret mentioned the book *Circuit Journeys* by Lord Cockburn. I have found that this and other titles by Lord Cockburn are available on the Internet Archive. Here is the link to ‘[Circuit Journeys](#)’.

If you are interested in finding out more about convicts in Tasmania there are a lot of resources online. Libraries Tasmania has a list of resources here:

<https://libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/Convict-life.aspx>

In Scotland, all convicts sentenced to transportation to Australia were given a High Court trial and you can search an index to these cases on our website www.scottishindexes.com.

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Chris Paton, Genealogist at
Scotland's Greatest Story, will
present "Genealogy Without
Borders".

'Genealogy Without Borders'

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. A holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from the University of Strathclyde, Chris is author of 'Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet (2nd edition)', 'Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records' and 'Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records', and also writes a daily genealogy blog, Scottish GENES. As well as regularly lecturing on Irish and Scottish subjects, Chris also runs courses for [Pharos Teaching and Tutoring Ltd.](#)

Research Services: www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk

Books: pen-and-sword.co.uk

Blog: [Scottish GENES](#)

NEW RELEASE

SCOTLAND'S CRIMINAL DATABASE
HAS BEEN EXPANDED. WE HAVE ADDED
ANOTHER 107,729 RECORDS!



New Releases on Scottish Indexes

by Emma Maxwell

We were delighted to announce the release of over 100,000 prison records to www.scottishindexes.com. As with all of our records, the indexes are free to search. They are comprehensive, so even from the index entry you should learn a lot about your ancestor. We already had a large criminal database online which means that 'Scotland's Criminal Database' now contains over 280,000 entries from a variety of sources.

Over the coming weeks, we will be adding more records so keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for announcements.

You can find out more about criminal records in our Scottish Genealogy Learning Zone. We have articles on High Court records and Prison Registers which both include examples from the records. See: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learning.aspx>

A few weeks ago we released an index to Wigtownshire Poor Relief Records which I am delighted to hear has already helped people to solve some long-standing mysteries! This update also included entries from Castleton Register of the Poor 1846-1864 (Roxburghshire) and Drumelzier Register of the Poor 1845-1864 (Peeblesshire).

There are many indexes to Poor Relief records from other areas online. Take a look at our Learning Zone section, '[Poor Relief Records in Scotland](#)' for information on these records and links to others that are available online.

Forename	Surname	Record Type	Year Range
Drumoak		Gen Reg (AC 6/20/5) p95	1912 (-1915)
Forgue		Gen Reg (AC 6/25/8) p114	1866 (-1889)
Forgue		Gen Reg (AC 6/25/9) p15	1877 (-1880)
Forgue		Gen Reg (AC 6/25/9) p173	1913 (-1916)
Fraserburgh		Gen Reg (AC 6/27/17) p314	1872 (-1874)
Gartly		Gen Reg (AC 6/29/4) p187	1901 (-1928)
Glenmuick, Tullich & Glengairn		Rec Apps (AC 6/32/6) p91	1883/1886
Glenmuick, Tullich & Glengairn		Rec Apps (AC 6/32/6) p90	1884/1886
Glenmuick, Tullich & Glengairn		Gen Reg (AC 6/32/4) p28	1885 (-1888)
Grange		Gen Reg (BC 6/13/7) p3	1851 (-1858)
Grange		Gen Reg (BC 6/13/8) p86	1868 (-1874)
Keith		Rec Apps (BC 6/16/15) p34	1879
Keith		Gen Reg (BC 6/16/9) p286	1880 (-1888)

‘Aberdeen & North East Scotland Family History Society’ by Ivor Normand

Ivor told us about some of the many useful resources that the Aberdeen & North East Scotland Family History Society make available on their website. Some of these are free to all and some are available to members only.

The [DataBank](#) is a collection of Indexes and Transcriptions of original source material produced by ANESFHS members, generally not available elsewhere.

The volunteers at the Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society have produced an index to surviving Aberdeen Poor Law records 1845-1900 which you can search [here on their website](#).

The society has a full [calendar of events](#). The organisers go to great lengths to make these events available to people all over the world.

The society also has a wide range of publications for sale:
<https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/component/anesfhs/?task=publications&Itemid=203>

Ordinary e-membership is just £18:
<https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/about-us/members/membership>

Ivor’s presentation is now available to watch on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/NbmSPhg44fY>

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M. Diane Rogers, genealogy teacher,
researcher and speaker, will present
'Scots in Canada'

'Scots in Canada'

by Diane Rogers

Diane has kindly prepared a handout for her presentation which you can access here:

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/scotsincanada.pdf>

A little about Diane: <https://about.me/mdianerogers>

More about me (.pdf): <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AhafgVdnLht5ixMtAHOTkJzgPI4f?e=aliw4w>

My Blog, CanadaGenealogy, or, Jane's Your Aunt: <https://canadagenealogy.blogspot.com/>



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Today more and more people want to investigate their family history. Who were they? Where did they originate from and perhaps discovering a family secret or uncover a family skeleton that could potentially be lurking in the cupboard. Programmes like Who Do You Think You Are? access to digitised records online, digging up your roots has become even more popular. In this fast world that we live in, there is not often the time to do this and so this is where I can help you.

READ MORE

Looking for some professional help?

We all love tracing our family history but from time to time we may need some professional help. Perhaps we've hit a brick wall or live too far away from the archive which holds the records we need.

A genealogist doesn't need to take over your whole story, they can just help with a section to get you back on track.

Ali Murray from ScotsGenie.co.uk is accepting clients again. You may have met Ali at our conferences as she has been a panellist on several occasions (she represented Fife Family History Society a few months ago).

Ali has a wide range of experience and took part in an episode of the BBC television programme WDYTYA with celebrity Anne Reid.

Find out more about Ali and the services she offers: <https://www.scotsgenie.co.uk/>

Ardchattan Parish Archive

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

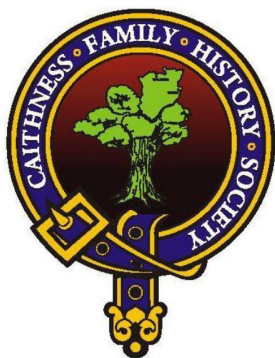
Website: <http://ardchattan.wikidot.com>

Facebook: [@ardchattan](#)

Email: ardchattan@gmail.com

Enquiries welcome, we are always interested to connect with descendants and anyone interested in our heritage.

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.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society



Website: <https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gwsfhs>

Membership: £15

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

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.

Scottish Genealogy Society



The Scottish Genealogy Society is based in Edinburgh but can help you with your research all over Scotland. 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>

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 SC029629
Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk
Email: enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

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



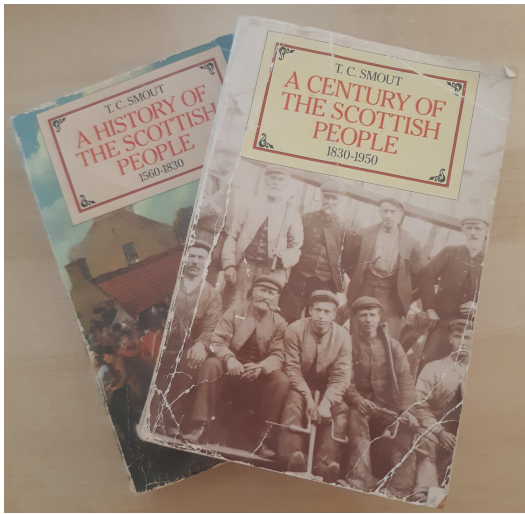
Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

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.

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.

Scottish Family History Reading List



An attendee suggested a reading list which we thought was a great idea. Thanks to our presenters and attendees for suggesting these books. I should add that none of these are sponsored; these are genuine recommendations from fellow researchers. It is also not an extensive list, I am sure we will add more as times goes on. Let's make a start with these:

Paton, Chris (2019) Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors Through Church and State Records: [Pen & Sword](#)

Paton, Chris (2020) Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet: [Pen & Sword](#)

National Records of Scotland (2020) Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: [Birlinn](#)

Simpson, Grant G (1998) Scottish Handwriting 1150-1650. Tuckwell Press.

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

Bigwood, Rosemary (2006) The Scottish Family Tree Detective. Manchester: Manchester University Press

Brown, Callum G. (1997) Religion and Society in Scotland since 1707. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Gibb, Andrew Dewar (1946) Student's Glossary of Scottish Legal Terms. Edinburgh: W. Green & Son Ltd (Various later editions also)

Smout, T. C. (1998) A History of the Scottish People 1560-1830. London: Fontana Press

Smout, T. C. (1997) A Century of the Scottish People 1830-1950. London: Fontana Press

Steel, D. J. (1970) National Index of Parish Registers Volume XII: Sources for Scottish Genealogy and Family History. Chichester: Phillimore and Co. Ltd.

Wightman, Andy (2013) The Poor Had No Lawyers – Who Owns Scotland (And How They Got It), New Ed. Edinburgh: Birlinn Ltd.

Law Basics: Glossary of Legal Terms (6ed): [Avizandum](#)