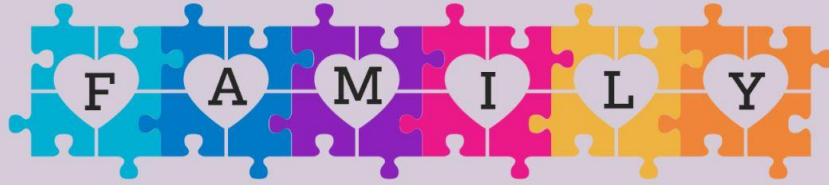



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Scottish Indexes Conference XX

15 April 2023

I am writing this the morning after our 20th conference! Another exciting day with lots of discoveries. I know I will be looking at the FS4 records in the National Records of Scotland. This is a collection of records relating to Friendly Societies. I'm excited to see what these records can tell us. I will write about it in our newsletter, if you have not already done so [you can subscribe here on Hubspot](#).

As always we enjoyed some amazing presentations. In this handout, you will find links to presenters websites and contact information.

We are already looking forward to our September conference. Registration is open and we will announce speakers in the coming weeks. You can register here on [Zoom](#).

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com

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Emma has written a Learning Zone article on Scottish Prison records [which you can read here](#). This includes a list of prison records which are known to survive and if there is an index online we have linked to that too. With the release of another batch of records to www.scottishindexes.com yesterday you will see many prisons now have an online index.

You can search prison records as part of Scotland's Criminal Database which will search all criminal records: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/ScotlandsCriminalDatabase.aspx>

Alternatively use our standalone prison search:

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

Indexing work is ongoing so follow Emma and Graham on social media or sign up to their [newsletter](#) to hear about the latest releases.



‘Caledonian Asylum Petitions’

by Lorna Kinnaird

Website: www.dunedinlinks.scot Twitter: [@DunedinGenie](https://twitter.com/DunedinGenie) Facebook: [@dunedinlinks](https://www.facebook.com/dunedinlinks)

Lorna has been researching family history since she started in 1986 after her late father discussed their origins of the MUAT surname. From there she completed the Correspondence Course with IHGS in Canterbury within 3 years, became a Probationer with ASGRA and then worked towards gaining the PGDip through Strathclyde by 2012. Shortly before she gained her PGDip, she became an Accredited member of ASGRA which she is extremely proud of. She has since 2012 worked as a professional genealogist running Dunedin Links Genealogy from her home in Edinburgh; became a tutor for IHGS and also runs courses at Giffnock Library for East Renfrewshire Heritage and Arts Department. Lorna’s passion revolves around anything to do with the Napoleonic era as she says that from 1750s to the 1820s when there is a real difficulty in finding Scots. Linking Scots all over the world back to Old Parish Registers in Scotland is a real passion for Lorna. Militia records are another passion of Lorna’s as are apprenticeship indenture records – as they all tell a story and can provide important links.

A chance encounter at the London Metropolitan Archive on a wet Thursday afternoon in 2019 provided an amazing link between London and Scotland. The Caledonian Asylum was set up by the Highland Society in London to assist Scottish children of serving men left abandoned or in need after the Napoleonic Wars – with care and education. These petitions are the applications that families made on their children’s behalf for the Society to take on their child or children. The collection consists of 31 volumes, all of which Lorna aims to image and catalogue. The amount of detail provided on these petitions can literally take your breath away and Lorna will demonstrate how valuable the collection is to genealogists looking to find family information around the Napoleonic era. When the Old Parish Registers (just one church record source) lack baptisms, banns and burials, there is always the possibility that the family were involved in the militia or even the Napoleonic Wars. This is where this particular collection could help fill in gaps between Scots leaving Scotland around the 1750s to the 1820s and beyond. It is an amazing collection that Lorna is eager to tell you about.



'My Cousin Sophia– from Exeter to Edinburgh via India and the suspect family she married into!'

by Karen de Bruyne

Website: notjustanyfamily.co.uk

Twitter: [@karendebruyn](https://twitter.com/karendebruyn)

Sophia Periam was the eldest daughter of a Devon farmer. The surname Periam intrigued Karen as it often appears as a middle name of her ancestors. Sophia's own life was very sad, but the family she married into was one of those that you would not believe if it was made up!

The main characters are: Sophia, her father-in-law Major General Sir Neil Campbell, Napoleon, her husband Lieutenant Colonel James Campbell, his housekeeper and Sophia and James's son James Neil Campbell (bigamist, fraud, saddler, aeronaut and balloonist). The story takes us on a journey around the world: England, Scotland, India, Russia, Elba, Australia, France, Jamaica and Sierra Leone. Karen shared some of the sources she used in uncovering this rather bizarre story.

After a varied career, from accountant for McDonalds and an American Bank, lecturer in Business Studies, Maths and English in Further Education College, Karen is now a professional genealogist through her company "Not just any family", with a particular interest in London families and British India.

Karen achieved the Post Graduate Certificate in Genealogical, Palaeographic & Heraldic Studies in 2019, now studying for Diploma.

Karen is a Volunteer Zoom talks host for the [Society of Genealogists](http://www.genealogistsociety.org.uk) and Events Team Coordinator for London Westminster and Middlesex Family History Society. Karen is also an associate of AGRA and an APG member and appeared twice on Find My Past at home on YouTube and Facebook.

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Website: www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk

Twitter: [@GenesBlog](https://twitter.com/GenesBlog)

Facebook: [@TheGENESBlog](https://www.facebook.com/TheGENESBlog)

Sign up for the Scottish GENES newsletter: <http://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/>

Northern Irish born Chris Paton lives today in Ayrshire, Scotland, where he works as a genealogist through his Scotland's Greatest Story service (scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk). A holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from the University of Strathclyde, Chris is author of 'Sharing Your Family History Online', 'Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records', 'Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet' and 'Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet (2nd edition)'. His book, 'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records', was released in late 2021. Chris also writes a daily genealogy blog, Scottish GENES (<https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com>), and as well as regularly lecturing on Scottish and Irish subjects, Chris also runs courses for Pharos Teaching and Tutoring Ltd (www.pharostutors.com).

Chris has kindly prepared a handout to accompany his presentation which [you can access here](#).



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'Body Snatching and Dissecting the Destitute'

by Dee Hoole

Website: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp/people/profiles/deehoole>

Dee Hoole is a social historian who began with her own family history in Yorkshire. She is now an Honorary Research Fellow in the Department of History at the University of Aberdeen. Her research interests are the poor of Aberdeen – specifically those dissected in the Medical Schools of Aberdeen c.1832-1914 and used as subjects in the teaching of Anatomy. Currently other Aberdeen research includes Juvenile Delinquency, Prostitution and Transportation of Female Convicts to Tasmania.

Dee mentioned the Anatomy Registers. You can find an index to the Aberdeen Anatomy Registers 1842-1868 [here on our website](#). This is part of the 'Non-OPR Births/Baptisms, Banns/Marriages and Deaths/Burials Indexes'.

The graphic is a promotional poster for the Scottish Indexes Conference. On the left, there is a portrait of Michelle Leonard, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. A purple circular badge in the top left corner of the portrait area says "Free online Event". A pink banner across the bottom of the portrait reads "'Using DNA For Family History' by Michelle Leonard". To the right of the portrait, the text "Scottish Indexes Conference" is written in a serif font. Below that, the date "SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2023" is displayed. A colorful graphic of the word "FAMILY" in large letters, where each letter is a different colored puzzle piece, is positioned below the date. Underneath this graphic, the text "Learn how to trace your Scottish family tree" is written. At the bottom right, the website "www.scottishindexes.com" is listed.

Using DNA For Family History

by Michelle Leonard

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Twitter: [@GenealogyLass](#)

Michelle Leonard is a Scottish professional genealogist, DNA detective, author, speaker, historian and the official genetic genealogist of [#AncestryHour](#). She runs her own genealogy and DNA consultancy business, Genes & Genealogy, specialising in solving unknown parentage and all manner of unknown ancestor mysteries using a combination of DNA expertise and traditional research methodologies. She also undertakes conventional family history research, living relative tracing, media consultation, lecturing, coaching, podcasts, webinars, speaking engagements, teaching DNA courses and article, blog and book writing commissions. Additionally, she is known for her work on the WW1 Fromelles Genealogy Project, is a co-author of 'Tracing Your Ancestors Using DNA: A Guide For Family Historians' and is a regular speaker at major global genealogy events.

If you want to learn more about using DNA you may be interested in the 'Immersive DNA Case Studies Workshop with Michelle Leonard':

<https://www.familyhistoryacademy.com.au/product/immersive-dna>

New records indexed to help you trace your Scottish Family History

At the Scottish Indexes Conference on 15 April 2023 Graham and Emma Maxwell announced the release of indexes to three record sets.

Update to Scottish Prison Register Index. Records have been added from the following prisons:

Glasgow, Duke Street 1850-1864 (53,623 entries)

Aberdeen 1896-1908 (20,198 entries)

Paisley 1866-1875 (9,198 entries)

Dundee 1911-1914, 1922 (8,906 entries)

Ayr 1893-1897 (8,577 entries)

Edinburgh 1848-1850 (2,919 entries)

Fort William 1849-1880 (949 entries)

This means that you can now search over 320,118 prison register entries from 1791 to 1936 on [Scottish Indexes!](#)

Also added to Scotland's Criminal Database is an index to 'Pardon or Ticket of Leave Criminals on New Charges'. This volume records repeat offenders from 1855-1895. These are people who were given a conditional discharge or pardoned but went on to commit another offence. Included in the index is a link to the previous offence (if it took place in Scotland) enabling you to piece together your ancestor's timeline.

Search Scotland's Criminal Database:

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

We have also updated our index to deeds. This update is from the mid-1600s. Deeds are a key genealogy resource and are particularly helpful when church parish registers have not survived or are not very informative.

See sample entry: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/deedtranscript.aspx?deedid=15761241>

In the coming days we will be telling you more about these records and some of the interesting entries we have found.

You will find out more about the records we index in our Learning Zone:

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

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

FIBIS - Families in British India Society https://wiki.fibis.org/w/List_of_doctors_and_surgeons

Information about Handfasting:

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

For those interested, the anatomical museum at Edinburgh University is open on a limited number of days:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/biomedical-sciences/anatomy/anatomical-museum/visit-us>

A picture of the lecture theatre where lecturers demonstrated dissection here:

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Anatomy_Lecture_Theatre_Edinburgh_University_-_geograph.org.uk_-_1518594.jpg

Crimean War Casualties 1853-1856

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/crimean-war-casualties-1853-1856>

Scottish Book Trade Index (SBTI) <https://www.nls.uk/catalogues/scottish-book-trade-index/>

Fold 3 <https://www.fold3.com/publication/978/british-battle-casualties-of-the-crimean-war>

TNA discovery Crimea War casualties

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/browse/r/h/C4400335>

Huntington Library in California has many digitised sources relating to Scotland including military records relating to a Scottish Highlands regiment from the late 18th c.

<https://hdl.huntington.org/digital/search/searchterm/scotland>

The Devil's Porridge Museum tells the story of HM Factory Gretna (First World War munitions) <https://www.devilsporridge.org.uk/hm-factory-gretna-miracle-workers-database>

Learning Zone - Sasines - Scottish Property Records

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

Orderly book for the 71st Highland Regiment of Foot (Fraser's Highlanders), 1779, Apr 27 -June 15. <https://hdl.huntington.org/digital/collection/p15150coll7/id/8194/rec/1>

Understanding X-chromosome DNA Matching presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n784kt-Xnqg>

Bygone Con at East Kilbride Central Library -

https://www.facebook.com/events/1269701577260479?locale=en_GB

Criminal Portraits blog <https://criminalportraits.blogspot.com/2020/02/blog-post.html>

Sources for London Lives <https://www.londonlives.org/>

Charles Booth's London <https://booth.lse.ac.uk/map/14/-0.1174/51.5064/100/0>

History of Photography timeline from Harvard University
<https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/photographpreservationprogram/harvards-history-photography-timeline-text-only>

Family History Federation <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>

Evidentia Software has a Cousin Tracker
<https://evidentiasoftware.com/cousin-tracking-in-evidentia/>

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<https://www.family-tree.co.uk/store/genealogy-tools/family-tree-magazine/dna-workbook/>

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Scottish Indexes Conference Virtual Family History Fair

SAFHS 2023

'Haste Ye Back' is the theme of the SAFHS 33rd annual one-day conference, which will take place as an online event on Saturday 22 April 2023.

Register here: <https://safhs2023.anesfhs.org.uk/index.php>

Here's what they have planned:

Prof Marjory Harper (University of Aberdeen) – Emigration, emigrants and returners
Dr Jackson Armstrong (University of Aberdeen) – Digitising Aberdeen's mediaeval city records

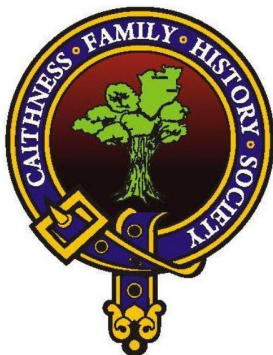
Dr Tom McKean (University of Aberdeen) – Family history interfacing with recorded history

Nicholas Le Bigre (University of Aberdeen) – New family traditions in the north east
Alasdair Macdonald (University of Strathclyde) - Using DNA in Family History Research

Ken Nisbet - (SAFHS/SGS) – War Brides

Alison Spring - Where Did My Scots Ancestors Go?

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.

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>

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

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

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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.

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.