


Scottish Indexes Conference



Learn how to trace your Scottish
family history 

www.scottishindexes.com



Quick Links

['The Society Resources - Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society'](#) by Scott Fairie

['Your Scottish Archives'](#) by John Pelan

['Blackmail, Burnings, Banishment and Shipwreck: Aberdeen Crimes and Convicts 1830s-1840s'](#) by Dr Dee Hoole

['The Orkney Archive Service'](#) by Lucy Gibbon, Archivist at Orkney Library and Archive

['Homes fit for Heroes: 1919 Act houses in the 1921 census'](#) by Kay Williams

['What is Ireland? Understanding the Lay of the Land'](#) by genealogist Chris Paton

['Tracing a Building Through Time'](#) by Graham Maxwell

['Tracing your Scottish Family History: Solving one puzzle at a time'](#) by genealogist Emma Maxwell

[Scottish Genealogy Q&A session links and reading list](#)

[Virtual Family History Fair](#)

Scottish Indexes Conference XXVIII

Saturday 15 March 2025

Thank you all for attending our 28th conference. As always, we thoroughly enjoyed the presentations but also your questions. They made us think and sparked some great discussions. Hopefully the answers have helped you with your research.

As the days lengthen and the sun rises, it's the end of the conference season. Our next conference will be held on 13 September 2025. [Click here to register on Zoom.](#)

We hope to have more indexes available over the summer so keep an eye on ['What's New on Scottish Indexes'](#) for new releases.

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com

Scottish Indexes Conference

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025



Learn how to trace your
Scottish family tree

www.scottishindexes.com



'Glasgow & West of
Scotland Family History
Society' by J. Scott Fairie

'The Society Resources - Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society'

by Scott Fairie

Website: gwsfhs.org.uk

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

The Chair of GWSFHS introduced the Society, its history, some of the resources available to members, and the sort of material which can be found at the Society's research centre.

J. Scott Fairie, Chair of GWSFHS for the last 4 years. Scott started an interest in family history as a teenager, his family from the northern belt of Scotland, with a few English and Irish links. He was involved for many years in the early years of the GWSFHS, and has edited a number of the Monumental inscription publications. A career in electronics in Europe and America interrupted his active involvement for more than 30 years. After retiring it was possible to pick up this obsession, on the Council of the Society.

Scott has kindly prepared a factsheet about the society which is [available here](#).

Scottish Indexes Conference

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025



'Your Scottish Archives'
by John Pelan



Learn how to trace your
Scottish family tree

www.scottishindexes.com

'Your Scottish Archives'

by John Pelan

Scottish Council on Archives: <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/>

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

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

The new Your Scottish Archives portal was launched on Tuesday 10th December 2024, at the SCA Annual Conference in Stirling.

Your Scottish Archives is a unique project to gather and make available worldwide, through a dynamic online portal, catalogue descriptions from archives across Scotland, including local authority, health, business and community archives, and records of under-represented groups. This major new resource is managed by the Scottish Council on Archives (SCA) partnering with Jisc/Archives Hub. It will build capacity amongst archive holders and develop skills, particularly amongst local communities, making an enormous contribution to the wider heritage sector by improving access to Scotland's documented past.



Scottish Indexes
Conference

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025

FAMILY

Learn how to trace your
Scottish family tree

**'Blackmail, Burnings, Banishment and
Shipwreck: Aberdeen Crimes and
Convicts 1830s-1840s'
by Dr Dee Hoole**

www.scottishindexes.com

'Blackmail, Burnings, Banishment and Shipwreck: Aberdeen Crimes and Convicts 1830s-1840s'

by Dr Dee Hoole

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.

Using High Court records Dee researched three crimes, followed the lives of the criminals and shone a light on the social history of Aberdeen.

You can search for [criminal ancestors here in Scotland's Criminal Database](#) where you will also find victims and witnesses of crimes.

Learn more about High Court records [here in the Scottish Genealogy Learning Zone](#).

Scottish Indexes Conference

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025



'The Orkney Archive
Service' by Lucy Gibbon



Learn how to trace your
Scottish family tree

www.scottishindexes.com

'The Orkney Archive Service'

by Lucy Gibbon

Website: <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/orkney-archive/>

Orkney Archive - get dusty blog: <https://orkneyarchive.blogspot.com/>

Lucy Gibbon, Archivist at Orkney Library and Archive since 2003. Originally from Lockerbie, Lucy worked at Dumfries Archive Centre as an Archive Assistant and at various Dumfries and Galloway Libraries as a Library Assistant before she caught the Orkney bug.

At Orkney Archive Lucy gives advice to help researchers find the right records and looks after and catalogues & 'new' collections. A personal interest in family history enables her to assist fellow genealogists in particular.

Since 2009, under the pseudonym Dusty, she writes and publishes blog-posts for the Orkney Archive Blog about interesting, funny and poignant stories discovered in the collections. Over the years she has developed an interest in deciphering Secretary Hand and since 2019 has hosted a fortnightly Palaeography Group who help each other transcribe 17th century documents from the Orkney collections.

Scottish Indexes Conference

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025



Learn how to trace your
Scottish family tree

**'Homes fit for Heroes: 1919
Act houses in the 1921 census'
by Kay Williams**

www.scottishindexes.com

'Homes fit for Heroes: 1919 Act houses in the 1921 census'

by Kay Williams

Website: thepastandotherplaces

Links and resources for 1919 Act Houses in the 1921 Census:

<https://thepastandotherplaces.wordpress.com/homes-fit-for-heroes/>

Kay Williams has a doctoral degree in urban historical geography. She has recently returned to historical research in retirement following many years working in learning development in higher education.

Was your ancestor living in a brand-new council house in the 1921 census? In November 1918 Prime Minister Lloyd George promised to make Britain a fit country for heroes to live in. The 1919 Act which followed required local authorities to assess local housing need and enabled them to provide homes subsidised by central government. Many of the council schemes built were low-density developments influenced by Garden City ideas.

This talk looked at examples of 1919 Act homes that some of you might discover your ancestors had lived in at the time of the 1921 census.

Scottish Indexes
Conference
SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025

FAMILY

Learn how to trace your
Scottish family tree

**'What is Ireland?
Understanding the Lay of the
Land' by Chris Paton**

www.scottishindexes.com

'What is Ireland? Understanding the Lay of the Land'

by Chris Paton

Website: [Scotland's Greatest Story](https://scotlandsgreateststory.com)

Blog: <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/>



[@chrispaton.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/chrispaton.bsky.social)

Looking for Irish ancestors may be one of your key priorities, but understanding what Ireland actually is may be quite another! Who are the various peoples referred to today as “the Irish”? What were the changing administrative boundaries that we need to be aware of when carrying out research in Irish documents from across time? Where are the main gatekeeping institutions in Ireland and beyond which preserve the Irish ancestral story?

In this talk, family historian Chris Paton provided a much-needed background primer to help provide context to your Irish research!

Northern Irish born Chris Paton lives in Ayrshire, in the west of Scotland, where he works as a professional genealogist, an author, tutor and a lecturer specialising in Scottish and Irish research. A former television documentary maker for the BBC and STV, and case worker for a Member of the Scottish Parliament, Chris holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from the University of Strathclyde, and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Chris blogs daily at Scottish GENES at <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com>. His recent books include *Tracing Your Belfast Ancestors*, *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records*, *Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet*, *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records*, *Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet* (2nd ed), and *Sharing Your Family History Online*, available from Pen and Sword in the UK at www.pen-and-sword.co.uk, in the USA at www.penandswordbooks.com, and via other distributors worldwide.



Scottish Indexes
Conference
SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025



Learn how to trace your
Scottish family tree

**'Tracing a Building
Through Time'
by Graham Maxwell**

www.scottishindexes.com

'Tracing a Building Through Time'

by Graham Maxwell

Website: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/>

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

Graham Maxwell has worked as a professional genealogist for 29 years. Along with his wife Emma, he co-founded www.scottishindexes.com where you can search a range of records.

There are many records which relate to the history of properties in Scotland. Here are some useful links:

Scottish Genealogy Learning Zone

Valuation rolls: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningrolls.aspx>

Sasines - Scottish Property Records: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningsasines.aspx>

Other websites

<https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/>

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

<https://www.ros.gov.uk/>



'Tracing your Scottish Family History: Solving one puzzle at a time'

by Emma Maxwell

Website: www.scottishindexes.com

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

Researching your family history is never straightforward. People had complicated lives and the way their details have been recorded can leave us in a complete muddle.

How can you foresee and avoid 'brickwalls'? When the standard records don't answer all your questions, where can you look?

Scottish genealogist Emma Maxwell shared a case study. Emma traced the family history of a Scotsman who became an American citizen in 1922 back to 1792 by solving one puzzle at a time.

- Don't make assumptions - Two people listed as a 'child' of the family head don't necessarily have the same mother.
- Don't look at things through a 21st century lens - An illegitimate child could be recorded using a variety of names; it may be more of a reflection on the person recording the information than what the child was known by.
- Know the features of a variety of websites - There is no 'best website'; they may all be useful at different times
- Make use of free websites and indexed records - Even if it's not the most likely place to find information, use these before going through unindexed records.
- Use wildcards as standard to avoid 'missing' people
- Find all the puzzle pieces - Look at as many records as you can afford. Marriage records may give different information to a death record. Siblings' certificates can be illuminating.
- Review what you think you 'know'
- Keep learning - Use the basic records first but get to know what other records exist, what they tell us and how to access them.

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

SAFHS website with links to some other societies: <https://www.safhs.org.uk/members.php>

GENUKI provides a virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland: <https://www.genuki.org.uk/>

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

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

Scottish burial grounds <https://www.safhs.org.uk/burialgrounds.php>

Aberdeen and North-east family history society are really helpful in finding graves in NE Scotland: <https://www.anesfhs.org.uk/guest-home>

Community archives: <https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/community-archives/>

Separated from family by crime and transportation:
<https://youtu.be/6wpM33Nx86Q?si=Wsfhi1W-DqRx4Bl>

Maritime deaths 1781-1968:
<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/maritime-deaths-1781-1968/>

'Getting the best from the NLS maps website for family history research' by Chris Fleet, Map Curator at the National Library of Scotland. Watch here:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pastconferences.aspx#c22>

The National Archives has some advice on looking for railway workers.
<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/railway-workers/>

Skye Burial Grounds: <http://www.skyegravestones.co.uk/>

There are some railway workers' records on Ancestry.
<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/1728/?redirectFor=db.aspx>

The Irish Manuscripts Commission: <https://www.irishmanuscripts.ie/>

Memory, Mining and Heritage: Voices from Ayrshire Communities by Yvonne McFadden & Arthur McIvor. <https://www.carnpublishing.com/mmh.html>

"Sugar, Ships & Slavery" by Vincent P Gillen - available as a PDF which is useful for overseas purchasers. See <https://www.cartsburnpublishing.com/ebooks>

BNA titles - pay attention to dates available:

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/home/NewspaperTitles>

Reading list:

Robinson, Robinson, Mairi, and Scottish National Dictionary Association. Concise Scots Dictionary. Edinburgh: Polygon at Edinburgh, 1999. Print. [Details on NLS](#).

Steel, Donald John., Steel, A. E. F., and Society of Genealogists. National Index of Parish Registers. Vol. 12, Sources for Scottish Genealogy and Family History. London: Phillimore for the Society of Genealogists, 1970. [Details on NLS](#).

Bigwood, Rosemary. The Scottish Family Tree Detective : Tracing Your Ancestors in Scotland. Manchester: Manchester UP, 2006. [Details on NLS](#).

Hamilton-Edwards, Gerald Kenneth Savery. In Search of Scottish Ancestry. 2nd ed. Chichester: Phillimore, 1983. [Details on NLS](#).

Clarke, Clarke, T. N., and National Records of Scotland. Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors : A Guide to Ancestry Research in the National Records of Scotland and ScotlandsPeople. 6th Ed. / Edited by Tristram Clarke. ed. Edinburgh: Birlinn : National Records of Scotland, 2011. [Details on NLS](#). (Note, there is now a 7th edition available. You will also find the [free guides on the NRS website](#) have a lot (but not all) of the information. However, the hard copy is useful as we can make notes like Jane.

Gouldesbrough, Peter; Gordon, Donaldson, and Stair Society. Formulary of Old Scots Legal Documents. Edinburgh: Stair Society, 1985. Print. Publications Stair Society v. 36. [Details on NLS](#). This is not for beginners but it's really useful if you are working with old Scottish legal documents.

O'Rourke, Stephen R., and Andrew Dewar Gibb. Glossary of Legal Terms. Sixth ed. 2014. Print. LawBasics. [Details on NLS](#). Note, for genealogy the 1st edition may be helpful as it includes terms that are no longer used.

Durie, Bruce. Scottish Genealogy. Fourth Edition, Fully Revised and Updated. ed. 2017. [Details on NLS](#).

Smout, T. C. A History of the Scottish People : 1560-1830. London: Fontana, 1985. [Details on NLS](#).

Smout, T. C. A Century of the Scottish People, 1830-1950. London: Fontana, 1987. [Details on NLS](#).

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

Simpson, Grant G. Scottish Handwriting, 1150-1650 : An Introduction to the Reading of Documents. New ed. East Linton: Tuckwell, 1998. [Details on NLS](#).

Young, Alex F. The Encyclopaedia of Scottish Executions, 1750 to 1963. Orpington: Eric Dobby, 1998. [Details on the NLS](#).

Hamilton, David. The Healers; a History of Medicine in Scotland. Edinburgh: Mercatpress, 2003. [Details on the NLS](#).

Fenton, Alexander. Scottish Country Life. New Rev. ed. East Linton: Tuckwell, 1999. [Details on the NLS](#).

Carter, Ian. Farm Life in Northeast Scotland 1840-1914 : The Poor Man's Country. Edinburgh: John Donald, 1997. [Details on the NLS](#).

Roulston, William J., and Ulster Historical Foundation. Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland. 2020. [Details on NLS](#).

Brown, Callum G. Religion and Society in Scotland since 1707. Rev. and Updated New Ed.]. ed. Edinburgh: Edinburgh UP, 1997. [Details on NLS](#).

Scottish Genealogy Society. The Scottish Genealogist. (1954). [Details on NLS](#). Note, as this is a long run of journals, scroll down on the NLS website to see the full run. You can download these for just £1 each from the Scottish Genealogy Society's website [here](#). The society also has a free index (1953-2005) [here](#) which means you can identify a specific issue of interest.

Scottish Indexes Conference Virtual Family History Fair

Tay Valley Family History Society

Scottish Charity SC016560

Address: 179-181 Princes Street, Dundee

website: <https://tayvalleyfhs.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tayvalleyfhs> email: tvfhs@tayvalleyfhs.org.uk

Tay Valley Family History Society was founded in 1980, as the third Scottish regional FHS, and now has strong worldwide membership. We have a Research Centre and Library at 179-181 Princes Street, Dundee and there extend a welcome to members and visitors. We are open Monday to Friday, and currently also on the first and third Saturdays in the month - check our 'Contact' page at <https://tayvalleyfhs.org.uk/contact/> for opening times and location of the Centre.

TVFHS promotes the study of family history, genealogy and local history throughout the Tay Valley: the former counties of Angus, Fife, Kinross and Perthshire, and the City and Royal Burgh of Dundee. Our journal, The Historian, is issued three times a year, and we run a quarterly series of online Video Talks, followed up by Question and Answer sessions via Zoom for our members.

We have a Facebook page, and a Facebook group for members' discussion, in addition to our online presence through our website. Our AGM, in November 2023, will be held in Dundee's Glasite Hall as a 'hybrid' meeting to enable participation to members outwith Dundee, and this will include a discussion led by our President, Iain Flett (formerly chief archivist at Dundee City Archives) on use of archival material in research. We will participate in Dundee Open Doors on 23rd September 2023.

Scottish Genealogy Society

The Scottish Genealogy Society Situated in the heart of Old Edinburgh, the SGS is the place to come if you are interested in researching your family history in any part of Scotland. Manned by knowledgeable volunteers who can help at all stages of your research, you can be sure of a warm welcome and helpful advice.

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

Membership - from £20

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



Shetland Family History Society

Our Coontin Kin journal is free to members 4 times a year and we hold online conferences. Members Area includes Shetland Census including the 1911 and we are nearly at the stage of adding the 1921.

Our next project is adding all the Monumental Inscriptions to our website. See our website for more details.

Membership starts at £12 and more information can be found at:

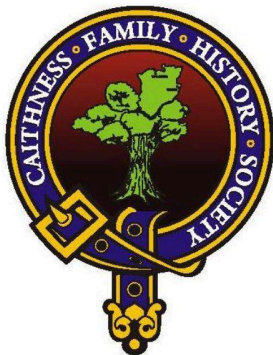
<https://www.shetland-fhs.org.uk/>

secretary@shetland-fhs.org.uk

Shetland Amenity Trust Garthspool
Lerwick.
ZE1 ONY

Open every weekday afternoon from 14.00-16.00.

Caithness Family Society



Website: www.caithnessfhs.org.uk

Email: <https://caithnessfhs.org.uk/contacts/>

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

Caithness Family History Society was formed in September 1999 by a small group of enthusiasts and has already grown to around 250 members worldwide. Our aim is to promote an interest in genealogy and, wherever we can, to help others trace their roots – especially families originating from Caithness.

Renfrewshire Family History Society

Website: www.renfrewshirefhs.co.uk

Email: secretary@renfrewshirefhs.co.uk

Renfrewshire Family History Society was founded in March 1999 and has charitable status. It exists to promote the study of family history based on the old County of Renfrewshire encompassing Cathcart, Clarkston, Eaglesham, Eastwood, Mearns, Thornliebank, Giffnock,



www.scottishindexes.com - Helping you trace your Scottish family tree

Neilston, Barrhead, Uplawmoor, Paisley, Abbey Parish, Renfrew, Erskine, Bishopton, Inchinnan, Houston & Killellan, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, Kilmacollm, Langbank, Port Glasgow, Greenock, Gourrock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

Membership fees starting at £12 includes:

- Induction pack for new members
- Full syllabus of monthly presentations and workshops (September to May).
- Society Journal published at least twice a year, distributed to members mainly by email
- Access to a small library of books CDs etc for loan
- Assistance with family history research, particularly helpful to overseas members
- Books and CDs written/compiled by members are available for purchase online.

The Society's has not held face-to-face meetings since the arrival of Covid-19 but it is intended to introduce combined physical and virtual meetings during 2023.

The Society has carried out projects involving gravestone transcriptions and indexing of records, some in conjunction with The Mitchell Library Glasgow and "Find My Past". More work of this nature is anticipated in the future.

Anglo-Scottish Family History Society

Website - angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk

The Anglo-Scottish FHS was formed in 1982 by members of the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society (M&LFHS) to assist in tracing their links back to Scottish origins. We have details of baptisms and communion rolls from Presbyterian churches in Manchester from 1802 to 1970 in our members area. More images are included in the DVD from our online shop. We also have a Scottish Marriage index, giving details of Scots who married overseas. This index is freely available to search. We would also welcome any new information that researchers would care to contribute to the index.

Ardchattan Parish Archive

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

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

Email: ardchattan@gmail.com

Ardchattan Parish Archive - researching and sharing the built, family, natural and social history of the Parish of Ardchattan from Big Bang to Present day. The area between Loch Etive and Loch Creran : Barcaldine, Benderloch, Connel, Bonawe. Enquiries welcome, we are always interested to connect with descendants and anyone interested in our heritage.

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.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society

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

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

UK (includes a paper Journal) £20.00

Overseas (PDF Journal) £20.00

Overseas (Paper Journal) £25.00

Membership of the Society includes:

Journal 3 times per year

Use of the Society's Research Centre & Library in Glasgow

Access to unique data sets

Expert research assistance



Borders Family History Society



Based in Galashiels, Borders Family History Society is run by volunteers who have researched their own family histories. We are here to help you discover your family stories in the Border counties of Berwickshire, Peeblesshire, Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire in southern Scotland. Our main project is recording the Monumental Inscriptions for Borders burial places. In partnership with the Scottish Borders Archive, we are indexing Police and Criminal records and Poor Law records. Our research room is at 52 Overhaugh St, Galashiels, Scotland, TD1 1DP.

Website: www.bordersfhs.org.uk

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

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BordersFHS>

Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society



The Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society covers the three counties of South West Scotland – Dumfriesshire, Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtownshire. We were joined at the conference by Terence Brown, volunteer and council member at the Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society, at our August conference. If you missed it you [can watch it here](#).

Website - www.dgfhs.org.uk

Membership - from £7.50

Orkney Family History Society

Orkney Family History Society was formed in 1997 and is run by a committee of volunteers. They have an office (currently closed) adjacent to the archives department in the Orkney Library in Kirkwall. Their volunteers are working from home currently and are happy to assist with any enquiries by email. They have a membership of around 1,700 from all over the world. For an annual subscription (starting at £10) members are given access to a wealth of transcribed records on the society's website www.orkneyfhs.co.uk.

Volunteers have transcribed all census records for Orkney from 1841-1911, most gravestone inscriptions as well as a growing number of birth, marriage and death registrations. These are all indexed and searchable on the website.

Email: secretary2013@orkneyfhs.co.uk



East Ayrshire Family History Society

East Ayrshire Family History Society

Scottish Charity number SC029609

Website: www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Email: enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

The former county of Ayrshire is now divided into three local authority areas. We are best able to help members with connections to East Ayrshire but we have access to census and other records for all parishes in Ayrshire and can often assist with enquiries about these other areas.

Volunteers do their best to help members with their research and to direct non-members to sources of information. Members receive three magazines per year and can view digital copies of all back numbers.

Meetings are held in Kilmarnock most weeks and there is a speaker once a month. Visitors are welcome but should email in advance to check details.

Please see our website for information about membership, meetings and publications.

Lanarkshire Family History Society



Our Research Centre in Motherwell is currently closed because of Covid 19, we will open again when the situation improves. In the meantime we can still assist you with your Scottish and Irish questions and any 'brickwalls' you have at present. Our Research Coordinator, John Kennedy and his 'team' of researchers can be contacted by E-mail at:

research-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk

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

military-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk

One of our members, Clare Wilson, has produced a short Video tour of our Centre and the many facilities we have in the Centre. Including over 1,800 books (Family, Local and Military History) in our Reference Library. The Video can be viewed on YouTube, here is the link: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMQC1kir9LQ&t=0s>

Moray & Nairn Family History Society



Moray & Nairn Family History Society was established in February 2009, for people researching their ancestry in these old counties.

Website - www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Contact can be made through the website, or by email to:

enquiries@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society



Website: www.anesfhs.org.uk

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

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

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society (ANESFHS) covers the old counties of Aberdeenshire, Kincardineshire, Banffshire and Moray in Scotland's North-East corner. We also hold records for all of Scotland and wherever else Scots and their descendants can be found.

The Society's research premises in Aberdeen has reopened, containing a huge range of resources, including subscriptions to paid websites, plus journals from other family-history societies worldwide. We stock many publications for sale.

Regular meetings, covering many topics of interest to family historians, are held in Aberdeen, Elgin, Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, Brisbane, Melbourne and Southern Ontario. Meetings currently take place online, and anyone is welcome to request an invitation.

Fife Family History Society



Website: www.fifefhs.org

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

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

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

We have recently revamped our website www.fifefhs.org and as well as an extensive members area including a Record Archive, Journal Archive, Members Forum and free access to the Pre 1855 Fife

Death Index (over 250,000 deaths) we have an online shop www.fifefhs.org/shop/ There are 25 digital publications available to purchase as downloads. These include pre 1855 Baptisms from non establishment churches, Monumental Inscriptions and our Fife Shopkeepers and Traders Directory 1820-1870.

Central Scotland Family History Society



Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

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

Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday from October to May. For the 2022 – 2023 session, we are trying out a mix of meetings - four in-person afternoon meetings and four evening meetings on Zoom from December to March.

There is a monthly “drop-in” Session at St Ninian’s Library in Stirling, when we introduce the fascination of genealogy to new researchers starting out on their journey, and offer advice to anyone suffering from ‘brick wall’ syndrome.

We produce a Journal twice a year, and since lockdown the committee has introduced a monthly newsletter, ‘Share your Story’, to keep members feeling connected to the Society.

We have a full list of our own publications, many of which are now available as pdf downloads – see our website for details of price and ordering.



British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO)

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO) BIFHSGO is the leading Canadian family history society with a focus on the British Isles.

Our members connect with like-minded researchers to learn effective, trusted research methods and best practices, to share their knowledge, and to inspire other family historians with our presentations and publications. Our quarterly journal, *Anglo-Celtic Roots*, is filled with stories written by our members and provides excellent examples for others researching and writing their own family histories.

BIFHSGO has a Name Index which provides information from our ongoing research on home children, military ancestors, and migration, focusing on British Isles and Canadian ancestry.

Our monthly meetings can be attended in person or online. They are recorded and can be accessed by members following the meeting date. We always welcome visitors and new members.

To make inquiries or to register for any of our upcoming meetings, please visit our website at <https://www.bifhsgo.ca>.