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Scottish Indexes Conference XXIX

Saturday 13 September 2025

We hope you enjoyed the conference as much as we did! There is always something new to learn, and it's great to spend a day learning about Scottish genealogy.

As well as the reading list towards the end of this handout, we have created a new list on Internet Archive. This contains all the books on our reading list which are available on their website: https://archive.org/details/@emma_maxwell143/list/s/1/scottish-indexes. We hope this will make it easier to access these.

Our next conference will be held on Saturday 22 November 2025. Caroline Brown will present 'Weaving the threads of time: exploring the lives of Dundee textile workers' and Robert Urquhart will present 'An Arran Jigsaw: some records relating to people and places between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries'. You can [register here](#) on Zoom.

Graham & Emma Maxwell

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**"I want to research my
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Speaker
Lorraine Stewart
Genealogist



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'I want to research my family history – how do I start?'

by genealogist Lorraine Stewart

Website: <https://www.kincardineshireancestors.co.uk/>

Handout: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/howdoistart.pdf>

Lorraine inherited an interest in researching her family history from her mother while a teenager, but it was only after records became available online in the 1990s that she was able to combine online research with the occasional visit to Edinburgh – sourcing the records to confirm and extend her mother's findings. When the opportunity arose to take early retirement in 2010 she grabbed it eagerly and enrolled for the Post Graduate Course in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies at Strathclyde University. Two years later, having completed the PG Diploma she started her own research business – mainly researching families from North East Scotland, where she lives. She is now "winding down" and hoping to have more time in the future to continue with her own family research which has taken a back seat in recent years.



Women of Glamis: Privilege and Privation

by Ingrid Thomson

Website: <https://www.glamis-castle.co.uk/castle-gardens/about-glamis-castle/the-archives/>

Ingrid Thomson is a graduate of Scottish History from Edinburgh University, and she went on to undertake her Archive Diploma at University College London. She has worked in local government archives, business archives, university archives and moved on to estate archives in 2010, when she became Glamis Castle Archivist. Ingrid installed the Women of Glamis Exhibition in 2019-21 and she compiled *A Glamis Treasury*, which was published in 2022 to mark the 650th Anniversary of the granting of the Thanage of Glamis by King Robert II to Sir John Lyon in 1372.

Glamis Castle is recognised as the family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, but women have played a major role in its history. Ranging from queens and princesses to countesses and businesswomen, botanists, composers, novelists, poets, philanthropists, servants and charity workers, the women of Glamis have inspiring stories to tell. Their lives have not always been easy, and this talk is a mark of respect for the notable and dynamic women who have lived at or been associated with Glamis Castle over the centuries.

Women featured were Princess Johanna, great-granddaughter of King Robert the Bruce, who married Sir John Lyon in 1376; the ill-fated Janet Douglas, Lady Glamis, who was burnt at the stake in 1537; Mary, Queen of Scots, who visited Glamis in 1562; the wealthy and highly educated 18th century heiress, Mary Eleanor Bowes, who paved the way for the rights of women in her landmark divorce case; the heroine nursemaid, Annie Jackson, who saved the life of the 13th Earl's grandson; the opera composer, Lady Mildred Bowes Lyon; Lilian Bowes Lyon, author/poet and 'Queen of the Slums', who sponsored two Jewish boys in the Second World War; and of course, The Queen Mother, The Queen and Princess Margaret, who was born at Glamis in 1930, as well as countless Countesses, who played more than a supporting role to their husbands.



'The Servants in Traquair House'

by Margaret Fox

Website: <https://www.traquair.co.uk/traquair-archives/>

Margaret holds an M.A. (Hons.) degree in History from Edinburgh University and is a professional archivist. For many years she has looked after the archives at Traquair House, Scotland's oldest inhabited house. She worked for twelve years in the National Records of Scotland where she immersed herself in the records of the Kirk (Church of Scotland) and the High Court of Justiciary, and in wills and testaments. She now enjoys promoting these records, and also Traquair's fascinating archival heritage, at local and family history societies and at online genealogy conferences.

In this presentation, we learnt about the relationships between the servants of Traquair and the owners of the house.

The servants went to watch 'The London Merchant: or, The History of George Barnwell 1766'

https://archive.org/details/bim_eighteenth-century_the-london-merchant-or-_lillo-george_1766/page/12/mode/2up

Another servant was Mrs. Radcliffe. You can read The Memoirs of Mrs. Mary Ann Radcliffe: in familiar letters to her female friend here:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.hxgeqq&seq=7&q1=traqu>



Searching For Your Scottish Ancestors

by Hilary Hartigan

Website: <https://mlfhs.uk>

Website: <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events>

Email: angloscots@mlfhs.org.uk

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

Hilary has a longstanding interest in understanding how and why her ancestors left their homelands and settled in the North West of England. Two of her 2×great grandfathers came from Scotland – what drove them to leave? Were they pushed by hardship or pulled by promise? Did they find what they were hoping for? Hilary's passion is to tease out the details and tell the stories of their lives. She is also fascinated by the careers of her ancestors, the industries they worked in, and how these shaped – or limited – their opportunities.

The Anglo-Scottish FHS began as a group within the Manchester and Lancashire FHS (MLFHS), united by an interest in Scottish migration to the region. Over forty years, volunteers have transcribed thousands of names from historical records, including major projects on the Scotch Church in Manchester, Scottish soldiers discharged to pension, and policemen recruited from Scotland. Many of these records, once available only as typed documents, have now been reformatted, indexed, and added to the MLFHS Great Database. The Scottish Marriage Index is a separate listing of Scots who married overseas.

Hilary's presentation demonstrated the value of exploring Anglo-Scottish transcriptions through the Society's Great Database, where even a single surname search may uncover unexpected detail — from occupations and family networks to migration patterns and burial places.



Anglo-Scottish Family History Society

Formed in 1982 by members of the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society, the Anglo-Scottish FHS supports those tracing Scottish ancestors, whether their families moved south to England or emigrated across the world. They are one of the founder members of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS); their members include researchers in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Their aims are:

- To guide and assist those in England searching for ancestors born, married or died in Scotland.
- To help researchers in Scotland whose ancestors may have emigrated to England.
- To support family historians worldwide in finding their Scottish roots.
- To offer advice on researching using our Manchester-based resources or by signposting external records.

Their branch webpage (<https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots>) gives access to a wide range of resources:

- The Scottish Marriage Index, freely available to all, lists thousands of marriages involving Scots around the world, including many linking back to their origins in Scotland.
- Presbyterian church records from Manchester and Lancashire (1802–1970), including baptisms and communion rolls.
- Military records covering Scots in major 18th- and 19th-century conflicts, including Jacobite prisoners, veterans of Waterloo, and 19th-century pensioned soldiers.
- Occupational records, such as Scottish men who joined the Lancashire Police Force (1869–1900), 1845 post office staff in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and details of Scottish child cotton workers.

These valuable records are searchable by members via the MLFHS Great Database.

Membership of the Anglo-Scottish FHS is included in MLFHS membership. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of 10 months each year, either in person at Manchester Central Library or via Zoom. Membership is £15 per year.



Tracing Your Family History: Church Records by Dr Irene O'Brien

Website: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/city-archives>

The City Archives are housed in the Mitchell Library and include the official records of various local authorities as well as a large number of private archive collections.

Timeline of the evolution of the churches of Scotland from the Reformation:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_Scotland#/media/File:Reformed_Scots_Church_Denominations.svg

Search NRS catalogue:

<https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue/welcome.aspx>. Some church records have the note, 'This record group is not in the NRS. It is held in Glasgow City Archives'. This is one way to discover which records are held by Glasgow City Archives before you visit in person.

The social history of religion in Scotland since 1730 by Callum Brown:

https://archive.org/details/socialhistoryofr0000unse_m8y3/page/n5/mode/2up

Sexuality and social control: Scotland 1660-1780:

<https://archive.org/details/sexualitysocialc0000mitc/page/n5/mode/2up>

Mitchison, Rosalind, and Leah Leneman. [Girls in Trouble : Sexuality and Social Control in Rural Scotland, 1660-1780](#). Edinburgh: Scottish Cultural Press, 1998. Print.

Aitchison, Jean (1998) A Study of the Servant Class in South Ayrshire, 1750-1914. MPhil(R) thesis, University of Glasgow. <https://theses.gla.ac.uk/74470/>

Leneman, Leah, and Rosalind Mitchison. [Sin in the City : Sexuality and Social Control in Urban Scotland, 1160-1780](#). Edinburgh: Scottish Cultural Press, 1998. Print.

Hillis, Peter. The Barony of Glasgow : [A Window onto Church and People in Nineteenth Century Scotland](#). Edinburgh: Dunedin Academic, 2007. Print.



'Discovering Ancestors Through Royal Commission Reports and Published Sources'

by Emma Maxwell

Website: www.scottishindexes.com

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

Royal Commissions

- Form of Public Inquiry
- Temporary bodies set up by the Crown (on government advice) to investigate complex issues
- Have the authority to summon witnesses and take evidence under oath
- Report will include findings, policy recommendations and evidence
- Give us knowledge of subject
- Help us understand the system of the day
- Read testimony of experts
- Read testimony of everyday people (possibly our ancestors)
- Help us understand day-to-day life
- Free to access

Significant Royal Commission Reports

- 1842 - Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain
- 1842 - Employment and Condition of Children in Mines and Manufactories: First Report (child labour in mines)

- 1842 - Employment and Condition of Children in Mines and Manufactories: Second Report (child labour in trades and manufactures)
- 1844 - Poor Law Commission
- 1857 - Scottish Lunacy Commission
- 1865 - First Report by Her Majesty's Commissioners Appointed to Inquire into the Schools in Scotland (Argyll Commission)
- 1867 - Second Report by Her Majesty's Commissioners Appointed to Inquire into the Schools in Scotland (Argyll Commission)
- 1884 - Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Condition of Crofters and Cottars in the Highlands and Islands (Napier Commission)
- 1917 - Report of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Industrial Population in Scotland

See our Learning Zone for useful links:

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningvisual.aspx#q2>

Example: Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain - Lochmaben & Glasgow: <https://archive.org/details/b21307313/page/456/mode/2up>

Index to The Napier Commission:

<https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/research-enterprise/cultural/centre-for-history/research/resources/the-napier-commission/#d.en.310814>

Published Sources - Top Websites

Top websites:

- The Statistical Accounts of Scotland 1791-1845 - stataccscot.edina.ac.uk
- Internet Archive - archive.org
- Google Books - books.google.com
- HathiTrust Digital Library - hathitrust.org
- National Library of Scotland - www.nls.uk
- JSTOR - www.jstor.org (often available for free with a library membership)
- British Newspaper Archive (also available on Findmypast as part of a subscription)
- Ancestry
- Family Search

Example: Indexed records example, U.S., Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825 by Dr. David Dobson:

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62215/images/scotsettlersiv-001884-iii?pid=9864>

Example: Dr. Dobson's index helps us to find records such as the Aberdeen propinquity books: <https://archives.aberdeencity.gov.uk/CalmView/record/catalog/CA/5/10>

If you don't have an Ancestry account, you may be able to borrow an index from the Internet Archive.

Example: Scottish schoolmasters of the seventeenth century,
<https://archive.org/details/scottishschoolma0000dobs/page/10/mode/2up>

National Library of Scotland, home to over 61 million print and digital items!
https://search.nls.uk/discovery/search?vid=44NLS_INST:44NLS_VU1

Example: Inverness Kirk-session records, 1661-1880:
<https://archive.org/details/invernesskirkses00inve/page/n101/mode/2up>

Online Indexes to sasines: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningsasines.aspx#q8>

Printed Indexes to the Register of Deeds:
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningdeeds.aspx#q7>

Example: Records of the Sheriff Court of Aberdeenshire. Edited by David Littlejohn
<https://archive.org/details/recordsofsheriff02aberuoft/page/20/mode/2up>

Trades House Digital Library: <https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/>

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet: <https://www.cyndislist.com/uk/sct/>

Example of 'worthies': Blairgowrie, Stormont, and Strathmore Worthies
<https://archive.org/details/blairgowriestorm00drye/page/286/mode/2up>

Example: Circuit journeys by Lord Henry Cockburn
<https://archive.org/details/circuitjourneys00cockuoft/page/296/mode/2up>

Questions to ask once you find a book

- Am I looking at a primary, secondary or tertiary source?
- What is it proof of?
- Is the author biased?
- How easily could a mistake have been made?
- Did they have reason to lie?
- Was it well researched?
- Have I checked the context?

Search Tips

- Take a look at the contents page to see the structure
- Think in terms of place and occupation as well as names
- Find out if there are any indexes
- Use the NLS then search for it online

Scottish Indexes Internet Archive Reading list:
https://archive.org/details/@emma_maxwell143/lists/1/scottish-indexes



What's new at Scottish Indexes?

Scotland's Criminal Database:

- Prison Registers added September 2025:
- Calton Jail: 1858
- Edinburgh Police Prison: 1841
- Leith Police Prison: 1842-1848
- Helensburgh: 1855-1878
- Linlithgow: 1844-1851
- Musselburgh: 852-1861
- Wick: 1848-1862
- Dumbarton: 1840-1847, 1871-1883
- Inveraray: 1828-1841, 1848-1873
- Paisley: 1864-1865, 1875-1882
- Rothesay: 1877-1882
- Aberdeen: 1911, 1916-1918

We are adding entries from 13 different prisons, which means we now have entries from over 44 Scottish prisons.

See full coverage here: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/coveragescd.aspx>

Mental Health Records

Admissions from 10 June 1921 - 3 June 1924

This is the 17th volume of the General Register of Lunatics in Asylums. We now have an index to all available volumes (1858-1927)

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

Scottish GENES Webinar - Using DNA for Family History Research: A Beginner's Guide
Saturday, September 20th 2025, at 7pm UK time. UK £10:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6zmDVN02S16qflkpYCAFTg?fbclid=IwY2xjaWMyf99leHRuA2FibQlxMABicmlkETBwZ0NEc0R0WENXRUIVMjVtAR664ZHLiJ4S_SiB-

You can find information on passenger records for Australia here:

<https://www.library.gov.au/research/family-history/family-history-research-guide/shipping-and-passenger-records>

Free 3-week course on reading old handwriting:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/ems-palaeography>

For 1880 county and parish boundaries you can use the NLS Maps boundaries viewer. Find the county and click on it to get the parishes. Be aware some counties and parishes have different names at different times (e.g. Angus = Forfarshire, East Lothian = Haddingtonshire.

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

Church births and baptisms (pre-1855)

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-records/church-registers/church-births-baptisms>

The Marriage (Approval of Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2002.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2002/260/made>

Valuation Rolls usually record ownership, tenant and occupant. Some years have been digitised by Scotland's People (1855-1940). Note that if the house was of a low value, below £4 or £5 individual tenants may not have been recorded.

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/help-and-support/guides/valuation-rolls>

DSL Online brings together the two major historical dictionaries of the Scots language: Modern Scots (after 1700) in The Scottish National Dictionary (SND) and Older Scots (before 1700) in A Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue (DOST). <https://dsl.ac.uk/>

Another version of the churches diagram:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/8f/Churches_of_Scotland_timeline.svg/1000px-Churches_of_Scotland_timeline.svg.png

Larger scale version of the churches diagram:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_Scotland#/media/File:Reformed_Scots_Church_Denominations.svg

Elsbeth Reid has a summary article about the Presbyterian churches with a reading list on Your Scottish Archives. <https://yourscottisharchives.com/presbyterian-churches-in-scotland/>

Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre at Portree -
<https://www.highlifehighland.com/skye-and-lochalsh-archive-centre/>

Your Scottish Archives. Explore and discover archive collections across Scotland
<https://yourscottisharchives.com/>

Old Parish Registers guide:
<https://webarchive.nrscotland.gov.uk/20240326182357/https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/birth-death-and-marriage-records/old-parish-registers>

Ministers of Scotland: <https://www.ecclegen.com/>

Mental Health Institutions in Scotland
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/institutions/countylist.aspx>

Ordnance Survey Name Books:
<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/virtual-volumes/os-name-books-main>

Military Service Appeals Tribunal
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-records/legal-records/military_tribunals

Mental Health Institutions in Scotland
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/institutions/countylist.aspx>

Lothian Health Services Archive https://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/collections/LHB_list.htm

Papers Past: <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

England & Wales, Quaker Birth, Marriage, and Death Registers, 1578-1837
<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/7097/?srltid=AfmBOopvpBfWPdLI9ih5Dq-ZIGne4kcar8FXxu18J2ZnqCaKAfOD0mnL>

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_Scotland#/media/File:Reformed_Scots_Church_Denominations.svg

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Visualising Your Family History <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningvisual.aspx>
Printed indexes to the Register of Deeds -
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningdeeds.aspx#q7>

Printed pre-1780 Sasine Indexes -
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningsasines.aspx#q8>

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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.

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Tay Valley Family History Society

Scottish Charity SC016560

Address: 179-181 Princes Street, Dundee

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

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

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

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

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

Scottish Genealogy Society

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

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

Membership - from £20

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



Shetland Family History Society

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

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

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

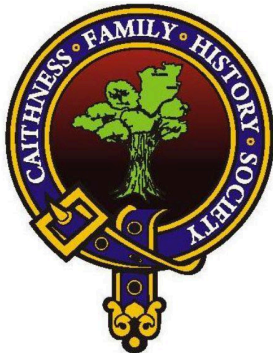
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Caithness Family Society



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,



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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

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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>



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>.