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Scottish Indexes Conference XXXII

Saturday 28 February 2026

From digestive biscuits to dockleaves and nettle stings, it was a fascinating conference. We really appreciate the speakers and all of you who took part in the discussion.

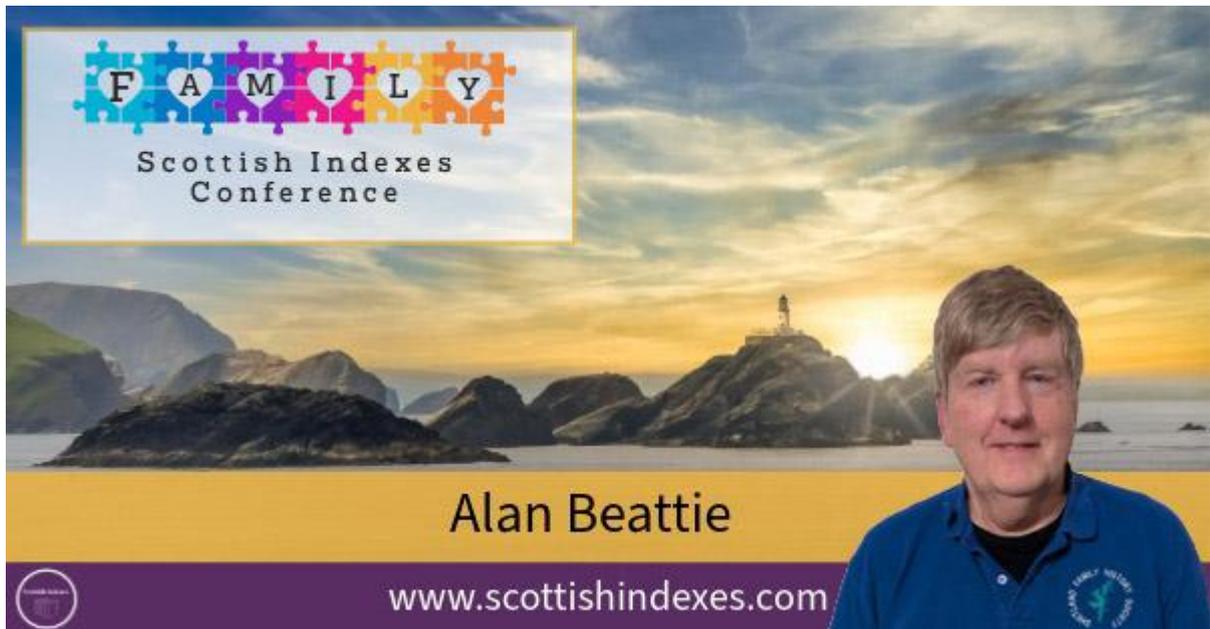
As always, you will find information from the speakers as well as links shared in the chat.

Don't forget to look at the Virtual Family History Fair, where a good number of family history societies are listed.

We'll be back in September, [so book now](#), and we'll share more details over the summer.

Graham & Emma Maxwell

Genealogists at www.scottishindexes.com



Breaking Brick Walls: How local Family History Societies can help

by Alan Beattie, Chair of the Shetland Family History Society

Website: www.shetland-fhs.org.uk

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/614219502528208>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ShetlandFamilyHistorySociety>

Bigger is not always better when it comes to breaking brick walls in our research. A small local Family History Society (FHS) may have both the expert advice and records that you require. Alan Beattie is chair of the Shetland FHS, so most of the examples are from Shetland, but the talk was general and the ideas could be transferred to any area in Scotland.



Family History Research at the National Library of Ireland

by Steven Skeldon, manager of the Family History Service at the
National Library of Ireland

Website: www.nli.ie

Steven Skeldon is the manager of the Family History Service at the National Library of Ireland in Dublin. He is a qualified professional archivist with twelve years experience working in libraries and archives. His career started at the Registers of Scotland providing public access to land records, before moving to the Edinburgh University Library, and latterly to Cork City and County Archives. Steven is an advocate for the profession, a member of the Archives and Records Association, and chairperson of the Genealogy and Local Studies Group in the Library Association of Ireland.

This presentation was an overview of the Family History Service at the National Library of Ireland (NLI), the tools available to search Irish ancestry, and the collections held at the NLI. The talk was primarily aimed at those getting started with Irish connections in their family tree. It is estimated 80,000 people emigrated from Ireland to Scotland in the years 1846 to 1851. The failure of the potato crop and impact of An Gorta Mór, the 'Great Hunger', had a lasting impact on Scotland and Ireland. Descendants of mixed Scottish and Irish populations are also identifiable across the world, with an estimated 5.3 million in the United States alone. The difference in source material and the websites available in Ireland was investigated. The NLI is home to over 12 million items including books, original manuscripts, photographs, maps, drawings and other ephemera. The talk showcased these collections with a family history focus.



Introducing the Archives and Manuscripts of the National Library of Scotland

by Chris Cassells, Head of Archives and Manuscript Collections at the National Library of Scotland

Website: www.nls.uk

Chris Cassells is the Head of Archives and Manuscript Collections at the National Library of Scotland, a position he has held since 2021. He qualified as an archivist in 2011, and earlier in his career worked with business, local authority and university archives. He holds a PhD in Information Studies from the University of Glasgow, is a trustee of the Scottish Council on Archives and sits on the editorial boards of Scottish Archives and Business and Industrial History.

The National Library of Scotland holds one of the country's largest collections of archives and manuscripts, dating from the 9th century to the present day. This presentation provided a broad overview of these collections before focussing on those collections most fertile for genealogical research.



Poor Law Records post-1845 in Glasgow City Archives

by Dr Irene O'Brien, archivist at Glasgow City Archives

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

Facebook: facebook.com/GlasgowCityArchives

Online catalogue: <https://cityarchives.glasgowlife.org.uk/>

This was a brief guide to poor law archives where you can discover vital clues about your family's history and reveal details of their daily lives. Before you start you should know the following: name of person, where they were born and the approximate year of their birth.

Glasgow City Archives holds the records of the poor law authorities in Glasgow and other areas in the west of Scotland. The poor law authorities began in 1845, becoming Public Assistance in 1930, and ended with the introduction of social security in 1948.

To establish the needs of the applicant and their eligibility, Inspectors of the Poor recorded large amounts of personal data in 'registers of applications' or 'general registers of poor.' Where these records do not survive, other records may assist, e.g. minute books (useful in smaller parishes); printed annual rolls; poor house registers.

Applications and General Registers normally include name of applicant, including maiden name of women, age, sometimes with actual birth date and birthplace. From 1865 it was compulsory including parish of birth in Scotland and county of birth in Ireland from 1865. This detail was often recorded in earlier applications. The religion of the applicant was added in 1865.

Other information includes details of dependents, including children's names, ages, places of birth, marital history, names of applicant's parents and parents-in-law, confirming where born and if still alive and previous addresses.

Glasgow City Archives hold registers for the following areas:

- Glasgow, 1851-1948
- Barony, 1861-1898 (part of Glasgow from 1899)
- Govan, 1876-1930 (part of Glasgow from 1930), and
- Bute, West Dunbartonshire, South Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire (not Paisley), often dating from 1845.

The City Archives has databases of the applications for Glasgow, Barony and Govan to c.1925 and for the County Council areas up to 1900.

Records are generally closed for one hundred years for children and 75 years for adults.



Patients and staff: stories of health and wellbeing

by Lorna Steele-McGinn, Community Engagement Officer for the Highland Archive Service

Website: www.highlifehighland.com/archives-service

Learn with Lorna: youtube.com/playlist

Lorna Steele-McGinn is the Community Engagement Officer for the Highland Archive Service, which has four archive centres across the Highlands of Scotland. Her work involves connecting a wide range of audiences to the diverse historic collections held in these centres through an extensive engagement programme which includes collaborations with schools, adult learning groups, HMP Inverness, care homes and numerous other organisations and individuals. 'Learn With Lorna', her online series of talks about the Highland Archive Service collections, has, to date, over 240 episodes which has led to a High Life Highland award for innovation.

Patients and staff: stories of health and wellbeing

Some of our ancestors may have worked in healthcare but all of our ancestors will have been on the receiving end of it. Lorna uncovered where stories of health and wellbeing can be found in archives, and the Highlands' particular place in medical history.



Researching British Prisoners of War, 1914-1919 and 1939-1946

by Ken Nisbet, Chair of the Scottish Association of
Family History Societies (SAFHS)

Website: www.safhs.org.uk

Ken Nisbet was born and educated in Aberdeen. He worked in the travel industry for 43 years, with the last 32 years based in Edinburgh, before retiring in May 2024. In the 1990s, he obtained an honours degree from the Open University and holds a Diploma in Modern Social History Research.

Ken has a particular interest in military history, notably the Great War and 19th-century conflicts. He serves as Chairman of the South of Scotland Branch of the Western Front Association, visits battlefields and cemeteries from the Great War, volunteers for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and acts as a speaker and tour guide. Ken compiled the Nairnshire Roll of Honour for the Great War, published by the Scottish Genealogy Society, which also publishes his works on the use of R.C.E.s in family history research and a historical account of the 2nd Battalion 78th Foot (1804–1816).

Researching British Prisoners of War, 1914-1919 and 1939-1946

This talk examined the sources that can be used to research your relatives taken prisoner during the Great War and those taken prisoner by German and Japanese forces in the Second World War. The importance of the Hague and Geneva Conventions was explained and when this was contravened by both the Germans and Japanese in WWII.



Using Scottish Indexes: Scotland's Criminal Database

by Emma Maxwell

Website: www.scottishindexes.com

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

Emma Maxwell is a professional genealogist and co-founder of Scottish Indexes. Since 2001, she and her husband Graham Maxwell have painstakingly indexed thousands of historic Scottish family-history records, making them accessible to researchers around the world.

Her work combines archival rigour with engaging storytelling. Emma has appeared on BBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and regularly speaks at major genealogy conferences, where she shares practical methods for turning indexed data into vivid ancestral narratives.

'Using Scottish Indexes: Scotland's Criminal Database'

With over 950,000 entries from seven different types of historical documents, Scotland's Criminal Database is an important resource when you are tracing your family history. In this presentation Emma explained what the different document types are, when each should be consulted, and what information the original documents will tell you. Emma also shared hints and tips on how to use Scotland's Criminal Database.

Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

The Ulster Historical Foundation has published on YouTube recordings of the recent conference on the Ulster Plantation held at PRONI. Unfortunately, the audio is poor - just a microphone in the room rather than connected to the speaker's microphone on the podium. See www.ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com

There is an exhibition on the 5th floor of the Mitchell Library in Glasgow on Donegal Working Lives in Scotland. See <https://www.donegalculture.ie/en/services/heritage/working-over-by-donegal-emigrant-working-lives-in-scotland-exhibition>

For Irish to English Christian names: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/264994-a-rose-by-any-other-name-a-guide-to-irish-christian-names>

There's a local history society which may be of use for context - and this makes reference to a family history site - <http://www.mullgenealogy.co.uk>

Learning Zone - The Court of Session: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningcs.aspx>

Highland Archive Service online catalogue: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/archives-service/online-catalogue/>

Ayrshire Archives: <https://www.ayrshirearchives.org.uk/>

Mental Health Records Search: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/hsearch.aspx>

British Army war diaries 1914-1922: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-war-diaries-1914-1922/>

There is a fantastic website for FEPOWs - <https://www.fepow.family/> and a corresponding group on Facebook

Search Britain, Enemy Aliens and Internees, First and Second World Wars: <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/military-armed-forces-and-conflict/government/britain-enemy-aliens-and-internees-first-and-second-world-wars>

GWSFHS holds Zoom meetings for members regularly to hear about and discuss the varied aspects of family history and allied topics <https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/events/>

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS) <https://www.safhs.org.uk/members.php>

Bayanne search page: <https://www.bayanne.info/Shetland/>

Irish Ancestors: <https://www.johngrenham.com/>

Scottish Indexes You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@scottishindexes8807>

Learning Zone - Civil Registration: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/learningcivil.aspx>

Scotland Quaker Digest: Births 1647-1874; Marriages 1656-1875; Deaths 1667-1878
<https://www.scottishindexes.com/coveragebmd.aspx>

Statutory register of deaths:
<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/help-and-support/guides/statutory-register-deaths>

Church of Ireland registers:
<https://www.churchofireland.org/cmsfiles/pdf/AboutUs/library/registers/ParishRegisters/PARISHREGISTERS.pdf>

Garrison church records in Ireland:
<https://www.churchofireland.org/about/rcb-library/anglican-record-project>

Coverage of the Old Parish Registers:
<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/learning-and-events/research-guides/coverage-of-the-old-parish-registers/>

Ask the Archivist - Poor relief records:
<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/family-history/stories-and-blogs-from-the-mitchell/ask-the-archivist/ask-the-archivist-poor-relief-records>

Archives - Learn with Lorna:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYxasYGi8klcL7OThf1QGSHAMACY_1DGE

Discover your family history at The Mitchell Library
<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/family-history/research-guides>

This is the best current website for Paisley Local Records:
<https://libcat.renfrewshire.gov.uk/iguana/www.main.cls?p=13961a65-033a-4fdd-b6b1-cd91360ede1d&v=905d9a7c-b1db-4a22-90ec-e3bdde1e4328>

Edinburgh, Scotland, Army Attestation Registers, 1796-1857:
https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/62349/?geo_a=r&geo_s=us&geo_t=uk&geo_v=2.0.0&o_id=41013&o_lid=41013&o_sch=Web+Property

NHS Grampian Archives: <https://www.nhsgrampian.org/archives>

Cyndi's list of genealogical sites on the internet: <https://www.cyndislist.com/uk/>

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records (UK orders)

<https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Tracing-Your-Irish-Ancestors-Through-Land-Records-Paperback/p/19283>

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records (USA orders)

<https://www.penandwordbooks.com/9781526780218/tracing-your-irish-ancestors-through-land-records/>

NZ WWII records not yet online. Apply to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) for a copy of your person's records. <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/heritage-and-education/service-records/>

British Army soldiers of the Second World War:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-soldiers-in-service-after-1918/>

Ticket of leave Australia:

<https://www.library.gov.au/research/family-history/family-history-research-guide/convicts-research-guide/tickets-leave>

Discover the lives of your ancestors:

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

There is an exhibition on the 5th floor of the Mitchell Library in Glasgow on Donegal Working Lives in Scotland. See

<https://www.donegalculture.ie/en/services/heritage/working-over-by-donegal-emigrant-working-lives-in-scotland-exhibition>

Welcome to the online catalogue of Glasgow City Archives:

<https://cityarchives.glasgowlife.org.uk/>

Tay Valley Family History Society <https://tayvalleyfhs.org.uk/>

History of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland:

<https://archive.org/details/historyofpresbyt00reid>

Church of Ireland registers:

<https://www.churchofireland.org/cmsfiles/pdf/AboutUs/library/registers/ParishRegisters/PARISHREGISTERS.pdf>

Garrison church records in Ireland:

<https://www.churchofireland.org/about/rcb-library/anglican-record-project>

Moving Image Archive - catalogue: <https://movingimage.nls.uk/>

Coverage of the Old Parish Registers:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/learning-and-events/research-guides/coverage-of-the-old-parish-registers/>

Lothian Health Services Archive (LHSA) - Library:

<https://library.ed.ac.uk/heritage-collections/our-collections/lhsa>

On the subject of dock leaves and nettle stings, there was a clinical trial a few years back which found they weren't more helpful than lettuce leaves.

https://emj.bmj.com/content/41/Suppl_1/A12.3

Reading list:

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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:

<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,



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Neilston, Barrhead, Uplawmoor, Paisley, Abbey Parish, Renfrew, Erskine, Bishopton, Inchinnan, Houston & Killellan, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, Kilmacolm, 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.

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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

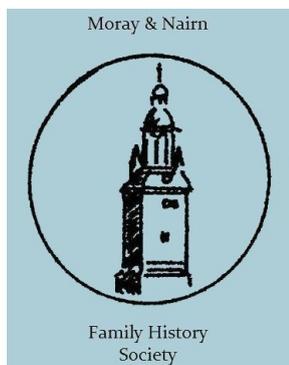
For questions of a military nature you can contact David Anderson by email at: -

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>.