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31st Annual SAFHS Conference 2020

It's a Sair Fecht!

(Hosts: ASGRA; Borders FHS; Lothians FHS; SGS)

Saturday 18 April 2020
The Brunton, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh, EH21 6AA
9 am – 4.30 pm

To be opened by Michael Williams, Lord-Lieutenant of East Lothian



Conference: £ 35 per Delegate: 4 Speakers (must be pre-booked); Morning Coffee; Lunch; Afternoon Tea; Free entry to Family History Fair.

Family History Fair: £2 entry at door: Around 50 stands, with all your favourite local and family history societies and charities; Ask the Experts.

Booking Forms: Available on the SAFHS Website: www.safhs.org.uk

Enquiries: to SAFHS 2020 Co-ordinator: Janet Bishop www.safhsconf2020.simplesite.com

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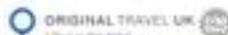
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The next SAFHS Council Meeting follows the AGM which will take place on **Saturday 14th March 2020 in The Sanctuary, Augustine Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh at 1.00.p.m. The meeting will be over by approx. 3.00 p.m.** Please note that the **Council Meeting** is open to **designated SAFHS Council Representatives only**. An agenda will be circulated to the designated SAFHS Council reps prior to the meeting. If any rep has not received an agenda, seven days before the meeting, please contact the Chairman.

OTHER SAFHS NEWS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meets quarterly. Edited minutes are sent to member societies.

Website

Items for the website should be submitted to Janet Bishop direct, including changes to your **website contact details** only.

Bulletin Editor

The Editor thanks those who have contributed and welcomes interesting items and PICTURES.

Contacts List

The Chairman maintains the official contacts list. If you have changes between council meetings, please send them to Janet by email.

National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this committee.

Visit Scotland Ancestral Tourism Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group.

Editorial Board, Statistical Accounts of Scotland Online

Ian Leith represents SAFHS on this group

The 31st SAFHS Annual Conference

As you will see from the above, the 31st Annual SAFHS Conference, titled 'It's a Sair Fecht!' will be held in Musselburgh on Saturday 18th April 2020.

This year the Conference is being jointly hosted by ASGRA, Borders FHS, Lothian FHS and Scottish Genealogical Society.

SAFHS Member societies are requested to book their tables as soon as possible, but certainly by 31 January 2020.

Full details of the Conference are available on the Conference website safhsconf2020.simplesite.com

Delegate Booking Forms and Standholder Booking Forms are available to download from the SAFHS website www.safhs.org.uk

The Statistical Accounts of Scotland Online

Service Update

From 1 August 2019, the Statistical Accounts of Scotland Online website will be hosted by the University of Edinburgh Library for a period of two years. Scans, transcripts, map-based searching and other Related Resources will be available free of charge to all users.

As a result of these changes, you no longer need a subscription or a user account to use the website.

Over the next year, our Board will be working with the University of Edinburgh, the University of Glasgow, Historic Environment Scotland and the National Library of Scotland on their plans to integrate the Statistical Accounts of Scotland into their national collections. We look forward to updating you in the coming months as these plans take shape.

<https://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home>

The Diary

All Family History Societies welcome members from other societies – check below for ideas

2019

- 1 October **West Lothian FHS** - Regular meeting – an introduction to WLFHS website and how to start researching using the internet at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL
- 9 October **Central Scotland FHS** "The List – First World War service people from the Falkirk District" by Geoff Bailey in Stirling Smith, Stirling
- 9 October **Caithness FHS** Annual General Meeting + CFHS 20th Anniversary Celebration +Icelandic Tapestry Panels in Nethercliffe Hotel, Wick
- 12 October **Guild of One Name Studies** 'Industry in the Potteries' at Whitmore Village Hall, Newcastle-under-Lyme

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- 21 October **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS** 'Irish Land Records + Q's on Irish/Scottish Genealogy' by Chris Paton at Kelvinside Academy
- 27 October **Borders FHS** "Borders Animal Farming – An Honourable History: by Professor Colin Whittemore, FRSE author of several books on the history of farming and rural life in the northern Parishes of Peeblesshire
- 5 November **West Lothian FHS** Regular meeting - "Gies' a haun' night" – small help groups focussing on various websites and how to use them at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL
- 13 November **Central Scotland FHS** "Scottish research resources before 1800" by Chris Paton in Stirling Smith, Stirling
- 13 November **Caithness FHS** 'E Players through the Years (Wick Players) by Kathlyn Harper in Nethercliffe Hotel, Wick
- 14 November **Lanarkshire FHS** "My Grandfather the POW" by Douglas Smith in GLO Centre, Pollock Street, Motherwell ML1 1LP
- 14 November **East Ayrshire FHS** 'Ayrshire around the world' by Tom Barclay, in the Daniel Coffey Suite, North West Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1NQ at 7 pm
- 18 November **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS** 'Glasgow's Fire History' by Jim Smith & Alan Forbes at Balgray Pavilion
- 24 November **Borders FHS** "Kelso and the American Revolution by local historians Derek Robeson & Dave Welsh
- 3 December **West Lothian FHS** - Christmas get-together – informal evening, non-alcoholic drinks, snacks and a quiz at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL
- 4 December **Central Scotland FHS** "Maps for Family History" by Laragh Quinney followed by Social Evening in Stirling Smith, Stirling
- 9 December **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS** Christmas Social Evening in Balgray Pavilion
- 11 December **Caithness FHS** 'Seafarers Memorial' by Willie Watt Thurso Library, Davidson's Lane, Thurso KW14 7AF
- 13 December **Lanarkshire FHS** "Walking the Great Wall of China" by Robert Nimmo Followed by some Christmas Nibbles and drinks, including Ginger Wine.

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- 7 January **West Lothian FHS** - Helpdesk meeting, bring along your brick walls and we'll try to help
- 8 January **Central Scotland FHS** "Using Local Authority Archives for Family History Research" by Neil Dickson, Assistant Archivist, Stirling Council Archives in Stirling Smith, Stirling
- 8th January **Caithness FHS** Workshop: 'Bring Your Brick Walls' in Thurso Library, Davidson's Lane, Thurso KW14 7AF
- 9 January **East Ayrshire FHS** Members Night, various speakers, in the Daniel Coffey Suite, North West Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1NQ at 7 pm
- 20 January **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS** 'City of Glasgow Police – 175 years of History' by Alastair Dinsmor in Balgray Pavilion
- 4 February **West Lothian FHS** - 'Linlithgow Lives' by Bruce Jamieson, ex teacher and author of many books on Linlithgow

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- 12 February **Central Scotland FHS** "A Forgotten Estate – the story of North Bantaskin" by Professor Donald Meek in Stirling Smith, Stirling
- 13 February **East Ayrshire FHS** 'Dumfries House and its wider developments' by Carol Drummond, in the Daniel Coffey Suite, North West Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1NQ at 7 pm
- 17 February **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS** 'Researching a Victorian Love Story' by Maurice Paterson in Kelvinside Academy
- 22 February **Guild of One Name Studies** 'Wherever I Lay My Hat' at Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall, Winchester
- 23 February **Borders FHS** "Wilson's Tales of the Borders" - a talk by Andrew Ayre of the Wilson's Tales Project
- 3 March **West Lothian FHS** - 'Banishment and Transportation' by Ken Nisbet at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL
- 11 March **Central Scotland FHS** "The Heritage of the Union Canal at Redding" by Danny Callaghan in Stirling Smith, Stirling
- 12 March **East Ayrshire FHS** 'Living History' by Hugh Robertson, in the Take A Bow Opportunity Centre, 2 Fraser Walk, New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock, KA3 7PH at 7 pm
This is the **2020 joint meeting** of the family history societies in Ayrshire
- 16 March **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS** 'Family History at Glasgow City Archives: From Cradle to Grave and Everything in between' by Dr Irene O'Brien at Kelvinside Academy
- 29 March **Borders FHS** Borders Family History Society meeting
- 7 April **West Lothian FHS** - "Gies' a haun' night" – small help groups at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL
- 8 April **Central Scotland FHS** "Going beyond names, dates and places" by Ken Nisbet in Stirling Smith, Stirling
- 9 April **East Ayrshire FHS** 'Ayrshire at war' by Bob McMillan, in the Daniel Coffey Suite, North West Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1NQ at 7 pm
- 20 April **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS** AGM + Alex Inglis – 'Restoration of Photos' at Kelvinside Academy
- 24-26 April **Guild of One Name Studies** AGM and Annual Conference - Oxford
- 26 April **Borders FHS** "Poaching and the Game Laws in South-East Scotland - a talk by David McLean, historian from Berwickshire
- 6 May **Central Scotland FHS** Annual General Meeting followed by "Stirling's Bain – Glasgow' Gain: a tale of Scotland's Oldest Printing Firm" by John McGee
- 16 May **Guild of One Name Studies** 'On The Wrong Side of the Law' at Ruishton Village Hall, Taunton
- 18 May **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS** 'The Story of Kilbarchan' by James Wallace in Balgray Pavilion
- 31 May **Borders FHS** Borders Family History Society AGM followed by a talk "Picture Postcards - the social networking tool of the early twentieth century" by Pat Littlewood
- 1 August **Guild of One Name Studies** 'Those Who Serve at Stock Village Hall, Ingatestone

Your Local Lock-Up Project

I write on behalf of Dr Rosalind Crone of The Open University who created the 19th Century Prisons database at www.prisonhistory.org in 2018. This project has recently been updated and extended to include local lock-ups and, we believe, will be of even greater interest to family and local historians. We should be grateful if you would kindly please share details with your members and member societies.

Alongside the 19th Century Prisons database (www.prisonhistory.org/19th-century-prisons/), which provides a searchable list of 847 prisons and their archives, Rosalind Crone has developed Your Local Lock-Up; a public engagement project which aims to locate any structures used for temporary imprisonment or restraint. These lock-ups might have confined the accused until they appeared before a local magistrate, when being moved between penal institutions, or when undergoing trial. Some lock-ups, like stocks, could also have been used to punish those behaving badly in the local community.

Lock-ups have been almost entirely overlooked by penal historians, but they are essential for understanding criminal justice at the local level, and the use and experience of imprisonment in British history. Your Local Lock-Up at www.prisonhistory.org/local-lock-up/ is building a national database of surviving or demolished lock-ups and other places of local confinement. This will allow us to explore various aspects of lock-ups use, character and design, and enable us to complete the next stage in the recovery of the penal landscape of historic Britain.

To do this, we now need the help of local historians! There are around 650 lock-ups in the database at www.prisonhistory.org/local-lock-up/ and, although we currently have 96 for Lancashire, we suspect there are still countless others we know nothing about. We are therefore calling upon local and family historians, or members of the public to help us recover more lock-ups and would be very grateful if your members could tell us about any in your area. The project is compiling data on any place or structure used for temporary confinement between the 16th and early 20th centuries; including purpose built lock-ups, police stations, cells in town halls, courthouses, workhouses, stocks and even rooms in pubs used to detain prisoners.

Anyone can easily contribute information on a new lock-up directly into the database through an online form at www.prisonhistory.org/locallock-up/submit-lock-up. Or perhaps someone has more details and photographs of a lock-up already listed in the database. If so, we would be very grateful for any additions or corrections via the Anything to Add button on each lock-up entry. We are also inviting anyone interested in lock-ups and penal history more generally to join our project team to help with research and the development of the database at www.prisonhistory.org/local-lock-up/become-a-contributor/

Your Local Lock-Up is interested in collecting many different types of evidence on lock-ups, and especially welcomes historic and present-day descriptions of structures or their uses, and pictures. It need not be written evidence, either. We are equally keen to hear anecdotes about incidents involving the lock-up, the prisoners held there and the location of any that are now lost.

We are also collecting stories of lock-ups or prisons for our new features page, some of which can already be seen at www.prisonhistory.org/category/stories/. Could any of your members please contribute a story on the history of a particular institution, prison or lock-up in the local area; the restoration or conversion of a lock-up; local events held there; or accounts of how data from the project is being used?

To increase Your Local Lock-Up usefulness to history societies and communities, every lock-up entry in the database includes a print button, which generates a ready-made pamphlet containing information and an image that can be displayed or distributed. Please do let us know if this facility is of use to your society and members, and whether there are any additional features that you would find valuable on the site. We need your feedback to develop this resource further!

Finally, why not connect with Prison History UK on social media? Your members can follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/prisonhistoryuk>) like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Prison-History-UK-2390455521218014); and share material with us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/prisonhistoryuk). You can also subscribe directly to our mailing list at www.prisonhistory.org to receive the latest project news and updates.

If you have any queries or would like further information about Your Local Lock-Up, please email Dr Rosalind Crone at Rosalind.Crone@open.ac.uk or myself at earlypolicing@gmail.com. We very much look forward to receiving your comments and contributions to this exciting new project.

www.prisonhistory.org/local-lock-up/

Society News

from around the Family History Societies

Aberdeen and NE Scotland FHS



The summer months are always busy for the Society with attendance at a number of conferences and fairs. After the SAFHS Conference at Wick (most enjoyable) there have been various trips in the local area and further afield - ranging from a 2 day agricultural fair just down the road, Highland Games at Aboyne and Braemar, the Family/Local History Fairs at Ayr and York, a Provincial Booksellers Fair at Ballater and the annual local Doors Open Day. Still to come are another Booksellers Fair in Aberdeen and the

Family/Local History Fair in Motherwell organised by the Lanarkshire FHS.

These are always enjoyable events and it's a great chance to meet local members and spread the word about our interest. A successful annual graveyard outing was held in June at Old Deer; the final work continues, and we hope to publish soon.

The Society's latest publication is

The Kirkyards of Forbes, Kearn & Tullynessle (MIs) Ref. AA078 £3.60.

Our website show the full range of publications for sale which can be accessed by keyword for a more specific search if necessary. Details are given of how to order.

The full programme of talks for Aberdeen and Edinburgh, Glasgow, Elgin, and the Midlands branches is given on our website. Keen members in Australia have now set up branches in Melbourne and Brisbane – we wish them every success.

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Anglo – Scottish FHS



Our major event since the last edition of the Bulletin was the visit by representatives from National Records of Scotland who gave us a deeper understanding of the ScotlandsPeople website and the wealth of information available to assist one's research within the National Records of Scotland.

We were visited in September by L. Bruce Keith who spoke about the long and illustrious history of bridges within Scotland, and the contribution Scottish engineers have made to bridges around the globe.

This month we look forward to a visit by Chris Paton who goes in search of the records of ancestral hardship in Scotland to discover just what our ancestors had to endure, from poverty and illness to eviction and emigration. Following the presentation by Jill Williams in February detailing the records available for Irish research, in November Carol Wells will be going into greater detail on how to achieve the most from these records. Next February we will be hosting a presentation by Dr Crosby, who regularly writes for the Who Do You Think You Are magazine.



We continue to receive contributions to our Scottish Marriage Index. You can access the Index at www.angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk.

Distribution of our newsletter continues to grow. This is not restricted to our members but available to anyone. Past editions can be viewed at <http://www.angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk/scotia/scotia.php> where you can also subscribe to receive future editions.

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, starting at 2.00 pm., except August and December and non-members of the Society are always welcome. The help desk is open from 10.30am until 1.00pm. on our meeting dates.

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ASGRA



Association of Scottish Genealogists & Researchers in Archives (ASGRA)

As joint host of the 2020 SAFHS Conference, ASGRA is busy working on its contribution to the Conference itself, as well as their attendance at the Fair. Joining us in Musselburgh will be our partners AGI (Accredited Genealogists Ireland), who, as well as running their own stand, will be helping us in 'Ask The Experts', which this year will be on hand to help visitors with their research in Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland.

As part of our recruitment drive, we held a Professional Day in The Dome, New Register House, attended by 20 researchers from all walks of life. Our aim has been to encourage anyone interested in becoming a professional researcher to think about becoming a member of ASGRA, which is the only accrediting body of professional genealogists in Scotland. The theme of the day was "The Importance of Accreditation", the keynote speaker being Paul Gorry, of AGI, who came across from Ireland to speak for us on a topic very close to his heart. It was an extremely successful event, and we hope to follow on from it with another event in the Spring of 2020.

www.asgra.co.uk

Borders FHS



Our latest exhibition is on Robert Coltart, weaver and confectioner, who sold homemade candy around the Borders towns from around 1875.



Author of the song "Coulter's Candy", he is now commemorated by a statue in Market Place, Galashiels and for some time resided in 48 Overhaugh St – now



part of Borders FHS research room. Much of the research into Coltart's family history has been done by the Society's research team with many photographs kindly donated by family members.

Following the installation of the Coulter's Candy statue in Galashiels, we enjoyed a talk "**Creations in Bronze, the Borders and beyond**" by Angela Hunter, the Innerleithen based artist, whose work includes the Turnbull monument in Hawick.

Our monthly talks are held in St Peters Church, Parsonage Road, Galashiels on the last Sunday of the winter months. Talks start at 2.30pm with teas/coffees.

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Robert Coltart, candyman

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Jun 2019 saw the publication of the 100th edition of the Society's magazine. Our thanks are due to the many contributors who share their family and local history research with us. Members also use the magazine to share queries and to link up with fellow researchers.

Our Monumental Inscriptions project continues with the recent recording of Duns Preston Road cemetery with the inscriptions now available for reference. We have researched some additional sources of information for the early part of the 19th century which includes a population list and members of the non-Conformist congregations in the town.

Indexing of Police & Criminal records is one of our long-term projects where we recently reached a milestone of 20,000 individual arrests.

Researching in both Scottish Borders Archive and in National Records of Scotland has provided us with insights into some of

the farm tenants and workers on the Lothian estates in Roxburghshire which we are able to share with family historians. Pre 1841 population lists, some farm records and even ledgers kept by a grocer in Berwickshire have also been rich sources of information which casts more light on the lives of our ancestors.

Visitors "frae a' airts an' pairts" have been welcomed to our research room by our volunteer researchers whose local knowledge can help to build many family trees. Our experts cover the Borders from Eyemouth to Newcastleton and all parts in between.

Some of our members enjoyed a "Volunteering in the Borders" open day, hosted by the Lords Lieutenant, and their Deputies, of Berwickshire, Tweeddale and of Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale where we were able to meet up with many charities and volunteers from around the Borders.

Archive & Research Centre opening hours – over the winter months, we will be open on Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 4pm. From the beginning of March, we will also be open on Fridays. Appointments may also be arranged out with the normal opening hours.

If you are unable to visit, we offer a Research Service. Contact us via our website, email, facebook or by post. We can help you break down those brick walls and source information on your ancestors and their families. The Society gratefully appreciates the many members who keep the Society running and welcome visitors to our Archive & Research Room.

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Caithness FHS



All the preparations and hard work paid off when we hosted the 30th SAFHS Conference

Caithness Family History Society hosted the 30th annual Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS) conference at the Pulteney Centre, Wick.



Left to Right: M.C. Harry Gray, Chairperson Janet Mowat, Speaker Neil Fraser, Secretary Nancy Swanson, Speaker Nick Hide, Speaker Doreen Leith

Picture: Alan Hendry

After an evening reception on Friday, the conference – Northern Roots – was officially opened on Saturday morning by Lord Thurso, Lord-Lieutenant of Caithness and chairman of VisitScotland.

The programme of talks was introduced by master of ceremonies, local historian, Harry Gray.

The first speaker, Doreen Leith, representing the Wick Society's online oral history project – Wick Voices, explored how oral history meets family history. The presentation included photographs from the Johnston Collection, along with audio clips from the Wick Voices collection.

Nick Hide, researcher for the Clan Davidson Association focused upon the cluster of Davidson families in Caithness. He also emphasised the importance of sharing information, which he explained could be achieved through depositing family documents in the Caithness archive at Nucleus.

Neil Fraser of Historic Environment Scotland (HES) introduced the audience to a vast range of research resources and collections available online.

Delegates attending the SAFHS conference visiting the facilities at Wick's Nucleus archive centre.

After lunch delegates visited Nucleus: The Nuclear and Caithness Archive which houses records relating to Caithness dating from the 16th century.

After an introductory presentation, visitors were able to view a sample of resources made available in the search room.



Meanwhile the family history fair continued within the Pulteney Centre, where volunteers from family history societies from Orkney to the Borders of Scotland assisted visitors with their genealogy enquiries.

In addition to the Ask the Expert team, representatives from organisations such as Findmypast, GenealogyUK and the Association of Scottish Genealogical Researchers in Archives (ASGRA) offered help and advice with genealogical research.

The positive response from members of the public, family history society volunteers, SAFHS and ASGRA representatives, invited speakers and CFHS members confirmed the success of both the event and the venue for the 2019 SAFHS Conference.

Ian Marson, secretary of ASGRA announced that the location for the 2020 event will be Musselburgh.

20 YEARS YOUNG

This October, Caithness FHS celebrated 20 years. The AGM was followed by CAKE!

Founder Member Anne Dunnett performs the cutting ceremony



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Central Scotland FHS



Our meetings take place in the Stirling Smith at 7.30pm. Non members are welcome but there is a small charge of £2.

We continue to hold monthly drop-in sessions at St. Ninians Library, Mayfield Centre, Stirling which are open to anyone looking for some advice on family history research with volunteers from Central Scotland Family History Society available to offer help and are run in conjunction with Stirling Council Libraries and Archives.

Booking is preferable.

All details of these and talks are advertised in the local press.

East Ayrshire FHS

Evening Meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Thursday of the months September to May. Thanks to East Ayrshire Council for the past few years these meetings have been held in the Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock. However, due to a number of changes, the only room now available there is too small for the number of people attending – which presented us with a “good problem”!

New Venue: From October our regular evening meetings will be held in the Daniel Coffey Suite, North West Kilmarnock Area Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1NQ.

Workshops: The venue for our Members Workshops, which are held from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm on most other Thursday afternoons throughout the year, is still the Take A Bow Opportunity Centre (formerly New Farm Loch Community Centre), Kilmarnock, KA3 7PH. This will also be the venue for the 2020 Joint Meeting of the Ayrshire family history societies which we are hosting on Thursday 12th March at 7 pm. The speaker on that occasion will be Hugh Robertson who will give an active presentation entitled *Living History*.

Talks: At the opening meeting of the session in September Ian Clark spoke about *The Jougs and some history of Kilmaurs*. Ian talked first about the Kilmaurs Jougs. This is the name used locally for the old tolbooth which has an original set of jougs (i.e an iron neck ring fastened by a short chain to a wall and used for punishing offenders). The iron jougs were last used in 1820. As well as its use as a jail, the building was used at different times for other purposes, including being the chambers of the Parish Council. In the 19th century The Jougs was also used as a Fire Station, with the fire engine being kept in one of the old cells. The fire engine survives to this day and is on display in the museum at The Dick Institute in Kilmarnock. A photograph of The Jougs and some information about Kilmaurs can be found at <https://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/kilmaurs/kilmaurs/index.html>.

Ian went on to talk about various buildings in the town and local industries over the years.

The parish church dates from the 12th century. Next to it is the Glencairn Aisle, the burial place of the Earls of Glencairn. Nearby is Tour House, which has the remains of an ice house in the grounds.

As well as being known for traditional cottage industries such as making shoes and bonnets, Kilmaurs was at one time noted for the excellent cutlery produced in the town.

At the October meeting Tom Doherty will continue his presentation *1955 plus 55*. We look forward to seeing further photographs taken in 1955 and corresponding 2010 views.

Publications: Details can be found on the Shop pages of the EAFHS website

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FIFE FHS



The Fife Family History Society is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. It was in May 1989 that a group of Levenmouth individuals – Fay Will (Member 002), Bessie Winton (003), Dave White (004), Betty Stott (007), May Aitken (008), Mrs McGuinness (009), and Mrs Eunson (010) - contacted the Kennoway historian, Dave Reid, about family history and how to go about tracing their family trees. An inaugural meeting was held on 2 May 1989, which elected a steering committee, and the first meeting of The Fife Family History Society took place on 13th June, when a constitution

was proposed and accepted. The first Chairman was Dave Reid; but the first member of the Society was Ewen Collins, a retired secondary school teacher then living in Kirkcaldy and then a semi-professional genealogist. He now lives in Haddington, East Lothian, and is an Honorary Member of the Society. He was the Society's first Membership Secretary, which was how he came to allocate the first Membership number to himself. The Society began with £14 in the bank, and was helped by an anonymous donation of £200

THE FIFE KALENDAR OF CONVICTS, 1790-1880 has now been added to FindMyPast. It contains some 28,000 entries. To coincide with this record going live, the Fife FHS can now offer a 15% discount to all new subscriptions to FindMyPast. This offer is open only to Fife FHS members only.

THE PRE-1855 FIFE DEATH INDEX has also been added to FindMyPast and is also available on our Website. Containing over 250,000 entries from 1549 to 1854, it took over 5 years to produce. It contains deaths and burials from a wide variety of sources (not only the OPR), and over the years it has been the best seller of all the Fife FHS Publications. Our last CD-run was sold out several months ago, and with modern computers favouring digital downloads the decision was taken not to order any more CDs but to add the data base also to FindMyPast

FIFE SHOPKEEPERS & TRADERS, 1820-1870. This is the next of our Publications to be added to FindMyPast. We will keep you informed via our Website and Facebook when it is added. We still have a small number of CDs available on our Website, but stocks are low and once sold out no further CDs will be produced

FINDMYPAST. Every time you click on an entry in one of our Databases on FindMyPast you earn money for the Society. So our advice to all our members and others is: K-e-e-p Clicking.

CUPAR LIBRARY FAMILY HISTORY ROOM. It is now 3 years since we opened our new Archive Room in Cupar Library, and in that time we have welcomed visitors from all over the world. In this Journal we give a small selection of those we have helped and their family histories. We thank Cupar Library and staff and also Fife Cultural Trust for making this all possible. Most of all we thank our hard-working volunteers who give up their free time to make this all possible. It really has been a great success

HARRY GOODSIR. In our last Journal we published an article on Harry Goodsir of Anstruther and Largo, Assistant Surgeon on board HMS Erebus, which was part of the ill-fated Sir John Franklin Expedition of 1845 to find the North West Passage. He died with all the other members of the crew, probably in 1848. The article is by his distant relative, Michael Tracy of Illinois, USA.

We can also inform our readers that Dr Iain MacIntyre of Edinburgh will be giving a talk on Harry Goodsir – A Family Skeleton to the Fife FHS on Tuesday, 8 Oct 2019. This promises to be a very interesting talk.

New discoveries are being made all the time into the ships of the Franklin Expedition, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror, and their crew members. The ships set sail in 1845 but were beset by ice off King William Island in 1846, and deserted 2 years later in 1848, according to a note left by a crew member in a cairn. Franklin and his 128 men all died

But what really happened to the Expedition remains an enduring mystery. The ships were abandoned at the same time in April 1848, but this does not explain how the wreck of HMS Erebus was found in Sep 2014 in the shallow waters of the melting ice-cap of Wilmot and Crampton Bay, 100 kms south of the wreck of HMS Terror, which was discovered in Sep 2016, about 24 metres below the surface of Terror Bay, off King William Island. The first systematic exploration this year of HMS Terror by underwater archaeologists has revealed the tantalising prospect that well-preserved written documents might eventually be discovered within the Franklin Expedition Wreck.

It may be mentioned here (and it is really quite amazing) that the Assistant Surgeon aboard HMS Terror also came from Fife – John Smart Peddie (b 1 Feb 1816), son of James Peddie, architect, Inverkeithing.

Those interested are also directed to the Sky mini-series, The Terror. Although the names of HMS Erebus and its crew members have been retained, the rest is pure fiction, "The Terror" being a giant polar bear lurking in the depths of the ship and killing off the crew one by one

Lanarkshire FHS



Currently our membership numbers are slightly down on last year, but we do have a strong team of volunteers who continue to carry out all the functions required to keep the Research Centre and the society operating.

Our monthly Talks in the GLO Centre, Pollock Street, Motherwell ML1 1LP in the coming months are as follows.

All Talks start at 7:00pm.

Our team of "Graveyard Transcribers" have over the summer transcribed the following: - Wrangham Church Kirkyard, New Stevenson. Chapelton Cemetery and also the 3 Carstairs Cemeteries i.e. Churchyard, Cemetery Road and Avenue Road. All above Monumental Inscription books are now available.

Currently East Kilbride Cemetery and Bothwellpark Cemetery are both being transcribed.

In our series of books titled "Villages that went to War" detailing the men who fell and some of those who survived, the following villages have been researched and published over the summer months. Pettinain, Tarbrax, Lamington, Carmichael, Coulter, Braehead (near Forth) and Leadhills.

Also "The Fallen of Douglasdale Parish" was published in the summer.

Currently the Fallen of East Kilbride Parish and Larkhall are both being researched.

The members of our 'Military Forum' continue the work recording all men who fell during WW1 and WW2. The Project is funded by the "Heritage Lottery Fund".

All soldiers, seamen and airmen who had any connection to Lanarkshire i.e. born, worked, married etc,. The 'Master List' will assist anyone in identifying all locations where a soldier is recorded and remembered i.e. CWGC, SNWM, Civic Memorial, Church Plaque, Work Plaque, School Former Pupils Plaque and also where mentioned in Fallen books etc,. Currently almost 8,000 names have been checked and included, we have many more names we are currently checking and adding to the 'Master List'.

If any of your ancestors had a connection to Lanarkshire, please get in touch and we will make sure they are included and not forgotten.

Our dedicated E-mail address for this project is: -

Our 'Military Forum' E-mail is: - military-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk

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Research Centre address: -

Lanarkshire Family History Society,

122 -124 Merry Street, Motherwell. ML1 1NA

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Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 – 9:00pm

Across the road from the Hop Lee Chinese Restaurant, enter from rear car park off Dalziel Street.

Lothians FHS



Meetings: Evening meetings are held at 7 pm in the Library of the Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg every week from September to June. Talks are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

This year saw us complete the transcription of Liberton burial Indexes from 1647 to 1819. The following Burial indexes CD's are now available for sale.

1. Borthwick Burials 1784-1854
Carrington Burials 1698-1815 and 1820-1854
Cockpen Burials 1747-1813 and 1839-1854
Cranston Burials 1738-1746 and 1853-1857
Crichton Burials 1679-1818 and 1843-1854
Temple Burials 1697-1815
2. Colinton Burials 1716-1854
Corstorphine Burials - 1710 – 1854
Cramond Burials 1816-1854
Currie Burials 1662 – 1854
3. Dalkeith Burials 1641-1854
4. Duddingston Burials 1631 – 1854
5. Fala and Soutra Burials 1829-1852
Heriot Burials 1691-1819 and 1845-1854
Stow Burials 1722-1854
6. Inveresk Burials 1750 – 1854
7. Lasswade Burials 1634-1641 and 1820-1854
Newbattle Burials 1696 - 1819 -1838 – 1854
Newton Burials 1730-1805 and 1823-1854
8. Liberton Burials 1647 – 1819
9. Glencorse Burials 1673 - 1853
Penicuik Burials 1658 - 1854

All these burial indexes which have been transcribed by Lothians FHS are also now available on Findmypast. West Calder has now been transcribed and will also be available shortly.

For further information contact: Lothians FHS, the Library, Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg, EH19 2LA.

E-mail: lothiansfhs@hotmail.com

Website: www.lothiansfamilyhistorysociety.co.uk

Facebook: [Lothians FHS](#)

North Ayrshire FHS



At the time of writing, N.A.F.H.S. is about to begin its autumn / winter programme and welcome its members, old and new.

The Society joined with other local groups in an information evening organised by our local authority in August, to make residents aware of what is available locally to interest them over the winter months. Several people showed willingness to join our Society and it is hoped that they will enjoy the first talk by Ken Nisbet, who will be giving us lots of information to help with our research in his talk, 'Going beyond, Names, Dates and Places'.

In October, Jill Williams will be leading us through the Irish records, which are usually thought to be fragmented and sometimes few and far between. This is illustrated in the title of her talk- 'Irish Records- They all went up in smoke, or did they?'

November will be a very busy month for the committee and members, as we shall be having our only fund-raising event, a Coffee Morning, on Saturday 2nd. in the Dunn Memorial Hall, Largs from 10-12.

This will be followed by a Joint Meeting with Largs Historical Society, in the Session House of St. Columba's Parish Church, when Iain McGillivray will be talking on Alexander 'Greek' Thomson.

Later in the month, instead of the usual afternoon workshop, Barbara Graham will tell us of the life of Flora Macdonald. Many members enjoy the afternoon meetings in the darker, colder months.

There will be a Christmas Social Evening in December, which will be preceded, by June Wiggins telling how one of her ancestors became the subject of her talk- 'My Ancestor was Shipwrecked.'

'Find your Ain Folks' workshops will be held on - 26th September, 31st October, 27th February and 30th. April, at 2.30-4.30 in Largs Library Community Room.

All meetings are held in the Community Room of Largs Library at 7:30pm, unless otherwise stated. The Syllabus may change if a speaker is unable to attend.

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Scottish Genealogy Society



The Scottish Genealogy Society is the longest established family history society in Scotland and our library and research centre are located at 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL, where members and non-members are welcome. The library is staffed by enthusiastic volunteers who are happy to assist researchers and offer advice.

UK annual membership is £20 and overseas membership is £25, which includes receipt of 4 journals a year. The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.30-5.00, Wednesday 10.30-7.30 and Saturday 10.00-5.00. The library offers access to both Ancestry and Find My Past, as well as the myriad internet sites offering free access. ScotlandsPeople website can also be accessed using the visitor's account. The society holds all the microfiche and microfilm records of the Old Parish Registers for the whole of Scotland, of which copies can be taken at a charge of 30p. One of the strengths of the society is its collection of Monumental Inscriptions which are continuously added to and can be viewed free of charge or purchased as required. The extensive reference library holds many rare and interesting volumes. Our website offers a wealth of information with numerous links which are helpful to family and local researchers. Monthly meetings are held between September and April (see website for details). The society also organises a series of courses on Saturday mornings in the library. Upcoming topics include "Researching Soldiers of the Great War 'Irish Records an Introductory Class' 'Beginners Class in English Genealogy', Researching Convict & Criminal Ancestors' 'Intermediate Irish Records' 'Health and History: Using Medical Records in Genealogical Research', 'Napoleonic and Victorian Soldiers' and Advanced Class on Irish Records . Please see the website for further details. The Society is also running from the autumn a series of Podcasts on Scottish Genealogy. The society continues its publishing programme with recent publications including Poor Law Registers for the parishes of Urray, Loth, Dornoch, Abernethy, Reay, Bower and Avoch. Monumental Inscriptions have been published West Byers Ormiston, Humbie & Keith Marsichal. There is an ongoing project to record the monumental inscriptions of Edinburgh's large municipal cemeteries with Piershill being the most recent published on CD.

Contact: Scottish Genealogy Society, 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL Tel: 0131 220 3677 E-mail: enquiries@scotsgenealogy.com Website: www.scotsgenealogy.com

Shetland FHS



Shetland has had a late start to its summer, but this has benefited our MI project of photographing all the grave stones in our county. A team of well, co-ordinated volunteers have been out in dull weather getting the best shot (without sun shadows). We have nearly complicated it and now are moving towards getting this information collated in a way our members can view it. Summer visitors to the Hillhead office has been steady. Lots from Australia and New Zealand. Our premises is due to be handed back to the council as needing major work to renovate. We are in talks with them and others to find another location. The Sharing Shetland Surnames event brought around 90 people both days to our weekend event. Our name Arthur and Arthurson was well received. A couple from America especially for the event was a bonus as was the Arthur cousins from around the UK.

West Lothian FHS

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from September to June at 7.00 pm at the Lanthorn Centre, Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston EH54 6JL. This is an opportunity for people to come along and meet us and learn what the Society is all about. With the help of our member volunteers we aim to provide beginner start up sessions as well as giving a helping hand to all members, old and new, to explore various websites to get the best out of them, further their knowledge and to help grow their family trees. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

We have office space within the Library at the Lanthorn Centre, where we are happy to welcome along new members. Lanthorn days and times: Mondays 10.00 am till 3.00 pm and Thursdays 11.00 am till 4.00 pm.

As well as the Lanthorn, there will be a volunteer on duty at the Local History Library in Linlithgow offering the same service that we provide at the Lanthorn to society members and interested members of the public.

Linlithgow days and times: Wednesdays and Fridays between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm.

We continue to have our monthly visits to New Register House on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month, 6.30 pm until 9.00 pm. These visits are very well attended by our members and more often than not our 40 places are taken up. New members are welcome to attend and our steadfast members will assist anyone who needs help with their research.

The Society continues to grow from strength to strength and we are very fortunate that we continue to have an excellent turnout of members to all of our meetings and talks.

Our membership remains at £10 for single members, £15 for a couple from the same household and £12.00 for overseas membership.

We have now completed transcription of dissenter church baptisms from the Associate Presbytery of Linlithgow from 1738 onwards and CDs are now available, £5 for members, £10 for non-members.

For further information contact: Secretary, West Lothian Family History Society, c/o 21 Willowpark, Fauldhouse, West Lothian EH47 9HN

Email: sec@wlfhs.org.uk

Membership Enquiries: member@wlfhs.org.uk

Western Australian Gen Soc Inc.



Graeme MacKenzie visit to Western Australia

On Monday, 25 March those of us who were lucky enough to secure a ticket gathered in Unit 4 to listen to leading Scottish Highland genealogist Graeme Mackenzie present two talks on the intricacies of the Highland clans and their families in Scotland.



The two talks presented were: The History of the Scottish Highlands and its Clans and Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland.

The history of the Islands is very involved, and Graeme used a very bright and visible map and we were able to follow the sequence of events as he spoke. Tips and tricks on how to trace our ancestors was also discussed with reminders that there might not be a birth/baptism record, there might not be a marriage record, there might not be a death record.

Don't be too pedantic about the spelling of your ancestor's name – we were given a fabulous example of a person's name and what his name really was and what he was actually called. In his book: "Genealogy in the Gaidhealtrachd" on Page 7, Graeme gives an example of how the name MacMillan can be spelt – there are 109 recorded variations.

We were given a very comprehensive, eight-page handout. There were two bookshops available with items for purchase. If you are researching Clan Mackenzie or Clan Macmillan there are new offerings in the Scottish section of the Library as well as Graeme's new book Genealogy in the Gaidhealtrachd.

A big thank-you to Graeme and Carol for coming to May Street, Bayswater, WA and presenting a well organised and entertaining evening. It was a pleasure to be a member of the audience.

For more information about Graeme go to: <https://www.highlandroots.net/>

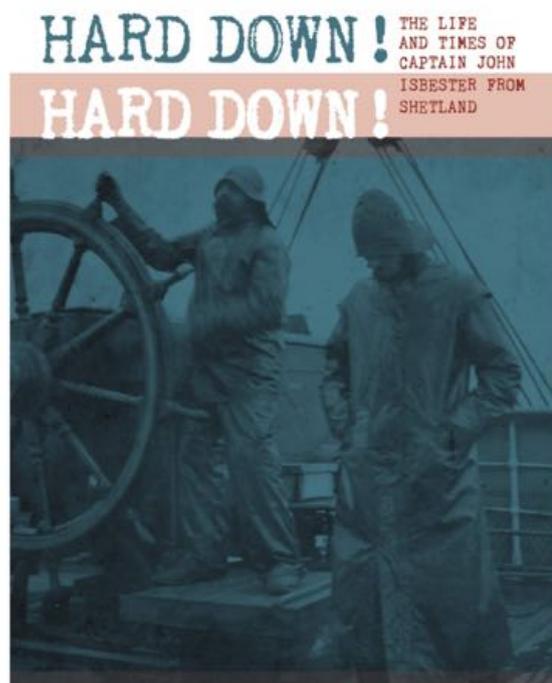
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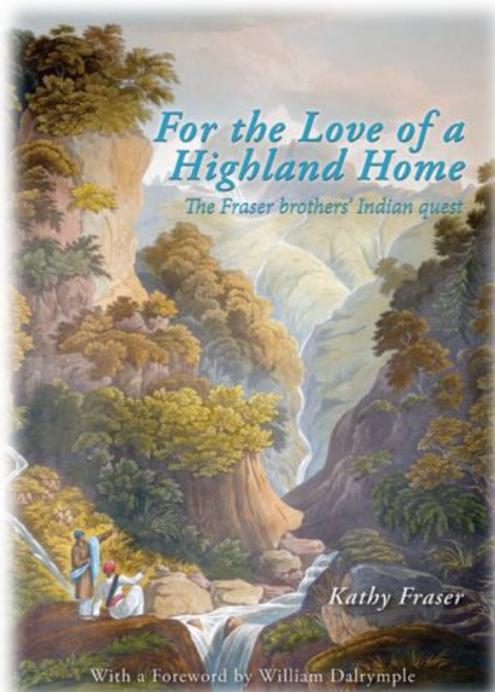
As genealogists and family historians we are sometimes overly focused on dates. Important as they are they are just the bare bones upon which we can tell the story of a family. These two recent publications are excellent examples of how family history can be brought to life.

'Hard Down! Hard Down!: the life and times of Captain John Isbester from Shetland' by Captain Jack Isbester.

Family letters, diaries and postcards enliven this tale of "heroic rescues and disastrous casualties" Captain John Isbester spend forty years on large square-rigged sailing ships, many times accompanied by his wife and family. Born in Shetland on 9th February 1852 to a mother, who remained unmarried while the father left for the Antipodes and never returned. Marriage followed in 1884, somewhat unconventionally – having declined to visit Maggie, who had previously refused his offer of marriage, he instead went to the household of the laird and his daughter Susie. When John left to go home he waited until Susie went to the well. Here he asked her to marry him and "said that he'd give her a week to make up her mind" They married within the month. The book as well as an exciting account of the sea in the second half of the 19th century, contains many family photographs, that help create a full picture of Shetland family



CAPTAIN JACK ISBESTER



"For the Love of a Highland Home: the Fraser brothers' Indian quest" by Kathy Fraser

Again, thanks to family papers, letters and diaries Kathy Fraser has brought to life the majestic and often harrowingly emotional story of this early 19th century family. The lives, loves and tragic deaths within this family is set against both Highland and Indian backdrops with various other countries in between. Like many Highland land holding families, money and debt is a central feature. As the sons vainly seek to make their fortunes in the West Indies and India, the parents continue a façade of parties and soirees that can be ill afforded. The book creates a timeline of the various family events and the author, while much use of made of letters etc., weaves a powerful family story.

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