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26 November 2023

Once again we thoroughly enjoyed the conference yesterday. There were so many tips to put into practice as we continue our research.

I don't think any of us will look at a placename again without trying to work out its origins. Hopefully, we'll all be looking back through our research to see if anyone was living in a bothy and checking on the NLS maps to see if the building is still there.

Of course, we were also asked a lot of great questions. We have compiled a list of links and books that were mentioned and included these in this handout.

Thanks again for supporting our conference and we hope to see you all on 13 January 2024. Zoom registration is now open: [click here](#).

Graham & Emma Maxwell

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**Search over half a million prison
register entries!**

Over 180,000 prison register entries added from 10 Scottish prisons:

Dunbar (1844-1878)
Edinburgh Bridewell (1818-1823)
Edinburgh Police Prison (1841-1841)
Linlithgow (1849-1849)
Ayr (1897-1905)
Campbeltown (1840-1895)
Duke Street (1845-1871, 1887-1895)
Paisley (1848-1864)
Aberdeen (1905-1911)
Dundee (1922-1927)

This brings the total number of entries in our prison index to over half a million. Of course, this is only part of Scotland's Criminal Database; in total you can search over 800,000 criminal records on our website:

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



‘Edinburgh City Archives’

by Ashleigh Thompson

Website: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/managing-information/edinburgh-city-archives-1>

Email: archives@edinburgh.gov.uk

Facebook: [Edinburgh City Archives](#)

Instagram: [@edinburghcityarchives](#)

Ashleigh has worked and volunteered within various archive services for over eleven years. During her time studying history at university, an interest in women’s history was sparked and this led her to undertake a Masters degree focusing upon political expression amongst women. It was during this research that Ashleigh decided to ultimately pursue a career in archives, having been fascinated by her trips to archives and the role of the archivists within them. She graduated from the University of Dundee in 2019 with a Masters in Archives and Records Management.

Ashleigh has been in her current role as Records and Archives Officer at the City of Edinburgh Council for over six years and is part of a small team responsible for both archives and records management. Ashleigh’s favourite thing about being part of the team at Edinburgh City Archives is the sheer diversity of the collections and working with lots of different people and communities. You can learn more about Edinburgh City Archives by following them on Facebook and Instagram.



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Website: <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/archives>

Catalogue: <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/archives#catalogue>

Email: Archives@dundee.ac.uk

Caroline Brown is the University Archivist at the University of Dundee, Scotland where she works with a range of records including those of the local Health Board, NHS Tayside. For many years Caroline was the Programme Leader on the University's Archive and Family History distance learning courses. She has a passion for archives, the stories that they can uncover and their relevance to today.

This talk took us into the world of 19th and 20th century medical records. Using hospital and asylum records from the University of Dundee Archives, Caroline explained what fascinating stories they can reveal about your ancestors and the lives that they led.

Top Tip Use our [free index to identify ancestors](#) who spent time in an asylum. If the records are now held by the University of Dundee Archives, contact them to arrange to see them.

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'Discover Scottish Civil Registration Records' by Chris Paton

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Website: www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk

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

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

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

If you live in the UK you can buy Chris Paton's book, 'Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet' [here](#). If you are in the USA you can buy it [here](#).

Chris Paton's new book, 'Tracing Your Belfast Ancestors', is also available from Pen & Sword in the UK at www.pen-and-sword.co.uk, and in the USA from www.penandswordbooks.com.

A full list can be found here: <https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Chris-Paton/a/1799>



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Chris Fleet has worked at the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the National Library of Wales before joining the National Library of Scotland in 1994. His main responsibilities at NLS relate to modern and historical digital mapping, and he has overseen the development of the Library's maps website over the last two decades. He has researched, written and spoken widely on these subjects, and is a co-author of several popular books on Scottish mapping, including *Scotland: Mapping the Nation* (2011), *Edinburgh: Mapping the City* (2014), *Scotland: Mapping the Islands* (2016), and *Scotland: Defending the Nation* (2018).

NLS map help videos are at: <https://maps.nls.uk/videos/?vid=Map-Images-Website-Help>

NLS map workshops are advertised at: <https://www.nls.uk/events/workshops-and-tours/> a few weeks in advance, and also on [natlibscotmaps](#) Twitter/X.

NLS maps help pages: <https://maps.nls.uk/site-map/#help>

NLS maps research guides: <https://maps.nls.uk/guides/>



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'Placenames'
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Website: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/highland-archive-centre/>

Learn With Lorna: [Watch on YouTube](#)

Facebook: [@highlandarchives](#)

The story of a place can often be read through its toponymy. Placenames describe landscape features and recall lost-gone settlements. Events from centuries ago, and real or created local legends, live on in the names of fields, hills and towns. In this talk we looked at some of the placenames in the Highlands & Islands where English, Gaelic and Norse came together with other languages to populate the maps with fascinating insights into our history and culture.

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 163 episodes and over 350k views, and led to a High Life Highland award for innovation.



'The 'peculiar position' of housing the farm worker (1900-25)'

by Kay Williams

Website: <https://thepastandotherplaces.wordpress.com>

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

Kay Williams has a doctoral degree in historical geography and her thesis focused on housing in Dundee (1868-1919). She has returned to historical research in retirement following many years working in learning development in higher education. Kay is fortunate to be based in Edinburgh, Scotland, where a rich variety of historical source material is easily available. Many of her own ancestors are from a farming background.

Did one of your ancestors live on a farm in the first quarter of the twentieth-century? If so, you may have found the census evidence a bit puzzling or wondered why your ancestor(s) moved around so much.

The Ballantyne Royal Commission on housing reported in 1917 and noted the 'peculiar position of the farm worker' in the section on rural housing. Unlike most employees at the time, those who worked the land in lowland Scotland in the early twentieth-century were employed in a binding contract as a farm servant and paid in a combination of cash and kind. As part of this agreement, they lived in accommodation provided by their employer. This talk focused on the main systems for housing farm workers in different parts of lowland Scotland between 1900 and 1925. Examples discussed included farm cottages in East Lothian and Berwickshire (double-hinding), the farm kitchen system in Ayrshire and the bothy system in Kincardineshire. Source material used included evidence given to the Ballantyne commission (1913-15), census examples (1901-21), valuation rolls, house plans, maps, photographs, contemporary newspapers and published local and oral histories.

Links and resources for lowland rural housing 1900-25:

<https://thepastandotherplaces.wordpress.com/agricultural-housing/>



Q&A and Submitted Links

Websites suggested in the chat:

Ancestry has England and Scotland Selected Cemetery Registers

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/9041/>

National Registration <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/national-register>

Hawick <https://www.hawickonline.com/heritage/>

Liverpool School for the Deaf and Dumb

<https://www.childrenshomes.org.uk/LiverpoolDeaf/index.shtml>

Liverpool Records and Local History Service <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/archives/>

Catalogues and Indexes <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/catalogues-and-indexes>

Lothian Health Archives, based at University of Edinburgh <https://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/>

Women's Royal Naval Service personnel

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/womens-royal-naval-service-personnel/>

Scottish Mining Website <http://www.scottishmining.co.uk/399.html>

Edinburgh Cemetery Registers at Ancestry

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/62334/>

IWM for home guard info <https://www.iwm.org.uk/search/global?query=home+guard>

Ministry of Defence, Guidance on requests for Home Guard Records

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/request-home-guard-service-records>

Home Guard

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/home-guard-personnel/>

Mental Health Records <https://www.scottishindexes.com/mcsearch.aspx> (1858-1921)

OnFife (Fife Archives) <https://www.onfife.com/libraries-archives/>

Old Parish Registers

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/birth-death-and-marriage-records/old-parish-registers>

The Long, Long Trail - Researching soldiers of the British Army in the Great War of 1914-1918

<https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/soldiers/how-to-research-a-soldier/how-to-find-a-soldiers-service-record/>

The Royal Archives Collection

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/world-records/search-all-uk-records/special-collections/the-royal-archives-collection>

The Royal Archives <https://www.royal.uk/the-royal-archives>

Kirk Session Guide

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/guides/record-guides/kirk-session-records>

Learn with Lorna 161 - The Curious Case of Hugh Fraser, Kirkhill

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl2ssHdHnY8&list=PLyxasYGi8klcL7OThf1QGSHAMACY_1DGE&index=3

Scotland, National Probate Index (Calendar of Confirmations and Inventories), 1876-1936

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/60558/>

Record Sets - Coverage <https://www.scottishindexes.com/coverage.aspx>

A comical interpretation of 'shaw' here <https://stooryduster.co.uk/scottish-word/shaw/>

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission <https://www.cwgc.org/>

Drumgowan, Leslie, Aberdeenshire

<https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/historical-tax-rolls/farm-horse-tax-rolls-1797-1798/farm-horse-tax-1797-1798-volume-01/54>

Dr McVail and housing the tattie pickers

<https://thepastandotherplaces.wordpress.com/2023/11/24/dr-mcvail-and-housing-the-tattie-pickers/>

Folks in the US, if your library has Hoopla the Roulston book is available digitally

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13771252>

Home Guard see national archives .

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C12483430>

Bondagers in Berwickshire and Roxburghshire

<https://relativelyscottish.com/bondagers-berwickshire-roxburghshire/>

Discovery holds more than 32 million descriptions of records held by The National Archives and more than 2,500 archives across the country <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Old Glamis Road in 1905

<https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=17.8&lat=56.47898&lon=-2.97612&layers=168&b=1>

Online version of Watson's Placenames of Ross & Cromarty

<https://archive.org/details/placenamesofross00watsuoft/mode/2up>

There is information about the name Lonmay in the OS name books

<https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/ordnance-survey-name-books/aberdeenshire-os-name-books-1865-1871/aberdeenshire-volume-58/1>

Loaning - an enclosed track for animals through cultivated or park land

<https://dsl.ac.uk/entry/dost/loning>

Ordnance Survey Name Books

<https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/ordnance-survey-name-books>

Learn Gaelic <https://learngaelic.scot/dictionary/>

The University of Edinburgh's collections catalogue is online. Their collections are vast -

<https://collections.ed.ac.uk/>

Vital registration : a manual of the law and practice concerning the registration of births, deaths and marriages : Registration Acts for Scotland with relative notes on vaccination and the census by G. T. Bisset-Smith: <https://archive.org/details/b28086181/page/n5/mode/2up>

Pages 8 and 9 discuss informants on a birth certificate:

<https://archive.org/details/b28086181/page/n27/mode/2up>

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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:

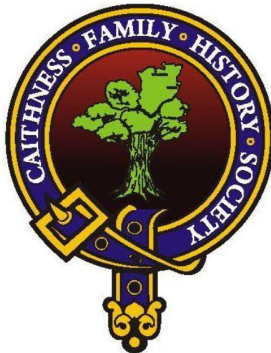
<https://www.shetland-fhs.org.uk/>

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, Kilmacollm, Langbank, Port Glasgow, Greenock, Gourrock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

Membership fees starting at £12 includes:

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

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

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

Anglo-Scottish Family History Society

Website - angloscots.mlfhs.org.uk

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

Ardchattan Parish Archive

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

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

Email: ardchattan@gmail.com

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

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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 Wigtonshire. 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)

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.

Our next virtual Conference, Leaving their Scottish Homes: What were they thinking?, will be held October 28 – 29, 2023. For more information and registration, please visit our Website <https://www.bifhsgo.ca/2023-conference>.