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Conference 2014

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies 25th Anniversary Conference and Family History Fair "A Matter of Life and Death" will be held at the Carnegie Conference Centre, Halbeath Road, Dunfermline, Scotland, on Saturday 26 April 2014, 9.30 am – 4.45 pm.

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies

25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE & FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Saturday 26 April 2014
9.30-4.45
THE CARNEGIE
CONFERENCE CENTRE
HALBEATH ROAD
DUNFERMLINE, FIFE
KY11 8DY

Speakers: Inghen
Estimation - Ian Lath
Military - David Holman
Mortgages & Wills - Maryn Gorman
Using Newspapers - Ken Nisbet
Other Talks/Workshops
Getting Started - Lloyd Pezzer
Palaeography - Barbara Holburn
Book Research - Ian Erze
English Research - AGRA Members
Children's Workshops - Steve & Jennifer Sutton
ASK THE EXPERTS SESSIONS

CONFERENCE COST
(includes registration
refreshments, morning tea &
coffee & lunch, afternoon tea)
£32
Family History Fair only
£2 at the door
PROGRAMME & BOOKING
FORM from:
bbishop@tinianet.com
and
www.safhs.org

Homecoming Scotland
Scottish Charity No: SC 029666
SAFHS
2014

This one-day family history Conference and Fair will take place in the historic old capital of Scotland. There will be four main talks, for delegates, and a series of other talks and workshops during the day, which can be booked on arrival. There will also be a children's Family History Workshop. The extensive Family History Fair will feature Family History Societies, Local History Groups and many commercial stands.

The cost for delegates is £32, which includes access to all lectures and to the Family History Fair, tea/coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Admission to the Family History Fair will be £2, at the door.

Full details can be found on the SAFHS website at www.safhs.org, and booking forms can be downloaded from the website.

The event is part of the Homecoming Scotland 2014 programme, and has received Awards for All Lottery funding.

From the Chairman

Since the last Bulletin, there have been 2 fairly major additions to the SAFHS website, which have already generated interest in the family history community.

The ***SAFHS Graveyard Inventory***, which was first published as a CD in 2009, is now online on the website. The database identifies the location of all 3506 known graveyards, churchyards and other burial grounds in Scotland, the dates they were in use, and also further information on the site. Obviously, the database on the website does not include MI transcripts, but it identifies whether the MIs have been recorded, and, if they have been published, where these are available. As the publications mentioned in the database at present are only those up to 2009, there is an ongoing process of updating the information, and I hope that societies will keep SAFHS informed when they publish new MI books.

There is also the ***SAFHS Inventory of Scottish pre-1841 Population Lists***, which includes the surviving Censuses 1801 – 1831, mainly containing similar information to the 1841 census, Poll Tax Records, mainly 17th century, containing Heads of Households and in some cases other family members, and also the Hearth Tax Records

which generally are similar to the Poll Tax Records. There are other lists of Heads of Families in the Parish, which are only included if it is known that this is a fairly complete list of families in the parish, and there are also Examination and Visitation Lists, which include a list of the adults and older children in the parish being examined on their knowledge of the scriptures. In some parishes, there are Lists of Inhabitants and Population Lists, which are included where this is considered to be a fairly complete list of the people living in the parish or area. The location of these published records is included in the Inventory, and it is likely that as more archival information becomes available and is transcribed and published there will be further additions to this list.

We are all, of course, looking forward to the forthcoming ***SAFHS 25th Anniversary Conference and Family History Fair "A Matter of Life and Death"*** and you will find details of this on the front page of this Bulletin.

Follow SAFHS and the 2014 Conference progress on Facebook: www.facebook.com/safhs2014

Bruce B Bishop, Chairman

News from Member Societies

Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS

The meetings of the Society in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh continue to be well-attended.

In May, Neil Allan spoke to the Aberdeen meeting on "Wills, Legal Jargon and Tracing Beneficiaries". A former solicitor, after retirement he set up a small heir-tracing business, and in his talk he explained how this works. He provides a service to the legal profession, handling about 20 to 25 cases a year.

He outlined the sources which he used, mainly of course ScotlandsPeople, and noted that it was very rare for his research to take him back into

the era of the Old Parish Registers. The talk ended in a lively question and answer session, in which many aspects of the research were discussed.

The Glasgow meeting in May was a Members Day, the theme being was "organising your records". Much of this was obviously focused on the use of the various Family Tree computer programmes, which made it much easier to store and to sort the information, and which resulted in a much more useable product at the end of the day. There was also expert advice on palaeography, and of course, the usual very popular quiz.

The shop, library and research centre on King

Street has been very busy, as usual, over the summer, and the Society has been represented at many events over the course of the summer. The society has a very full calendar of events over the coming winter, in Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh and in Elgin. A full list of these can be found on the ANESFHS website.

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Website: www.anesfhs.org.uk

AGRA

The last six months have been a period of consolidation for AGRA council. We have a new chairman, Ian H Waller FSG, and a couple of new council members. The Association has continued to promote the role of the professional genealogists in the family history press, as well as having expertise drawn upon by a couple of the magazines to answer readers Q & As. We continue to hold our study days, the last being in London, where such topics as naming patterns, house histories and what it takes to become a good professional genealogist were discussed. AGRA membership continues to increase at both associate and full member levels, enabling us to continue to provide an unrivalled service to family historians seeking professional help with their research. We look forward to the Who Do You Think You Are? Live exhibition, where we will have a stand jointly with ASGRA.

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ASGRA

Since the last Bulletin, ASGRA has admitted Lorna Kinnaird as a probationer. We welcome her and look forward to working with her, and mentoring her, if required, as she works towards full membership.

We have 2 large events to look forward to in the next 5 months. In February, Janet Bishop, Val Wilson, John McGee and Bruce Bishop will be

attending *Who Do You Think You Are? Live* in London, where we will be on a joint stand with AGRA for the fourth year running. We will be joined by other ASGRA members over the three days, and will be on hand to answer questions, take commissions and give advice.

In February, we will of course be attending the SAFHS 2014 Conference, and, along with AGRA, will man the *ASK THE EXPERTS* session.

Contact: *The Chairman:* www.asgra.co.uk

Alloway and Southern Ayrshire FHS

Our Summer Outing this year was to Crossraguel Abbey. Members were given an excellent guided tour by Historic Scotland, and the weather was kind to us. The Abbey ruins can be seen from the main road, but there is so much to be seen and explored on the site, that it is well worth an extended visit. It is most famous for the troubles of the Commendator in the 16th Century, who complained to the Privy Council that he had been captured by the Earl of Cassilis and roasted over a fire until he agreed to make over abbey lands and revenue to him. Although he eventually obtained redress for this, the abbey's wealth declined and it was finally abandoned in the 17th Century.

We have recently updated our website to include the option to buy digital versions (PDFs) of our publications at a discounted rate, and this is working well. It is a fully automatic system, which pleases both our Publications Officer and the Treasurer.

Our first talk of the new Session was held, as usual, at Alloway Church Halls at 7.45 pm on *Tuesday, 17 September* – the topic was **Dumfries House and Estate**. Tom Breckney gave us a fascinating glimpse into the history of the house and estate, the family who owned it until recent years, and the work which is now being carried out to make it a focus for "heritage-led regeneration".

This was good preparation for our planned **visit** on Friday 11 October, when we hope to enjoy a tour of the house and a walk around the grounds to view current developments.

Ruth Fisher will be the speaker on "**The History of the RNLI**", on *Tuesday 15 October 2013*.

On *Tuesday 19 November*, **Chris Paton** will give a talk entitled "**Genealogy and Newspapers**", and we look forward to finding out more about how to use this resource.

Our **Annual Christmas Supper** will take place on *Tuesday 10 December 2013*, in the Robertson Room, Burns Museum, Alloway.

The new year starts off with a talk by an old friend of the Society, **Tom Barclay**, of Ayr Library on "**The Great Burns Festival of 1844**".

"**Legendary Ayrshire**" will be the topic of **Dane Love** on *Tuesday 18 February 2014*.

"**The Tall Ships at Riverside, Glasgow**", will be **Frank Brown's** topic on Tuesday 18 March 2014, when we will be hosting the joint members' meeting with other Ayrshire Family History Societies.

Our project to transcribe the early Parish Records of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Ayr continues to progress slowly – there were certainly a lot of baptisms, marriages and burials between 1839 and 1862, and not everyone who was responsible for the entries was careful with their handwriting! A full report of our talks can be viewed on our website www.asafhs.co.uk - see under Activities.

Contact: *The Secretary, Alloway & Southern Ayrshire FHS, c/o Alloway Public Library, Doonholm Road, Ayr, KA7 4QQ*

Website: www.asafhs.co.uk

Borders FHS

The highlight of 2013 was the SAFHS Conference, held in Galashiels. Our grateful thanks go to our speakers, who came from as far afield as Harrogate and Wick; to our exhibitors who came from Devon to Inverness; to delegates from home and abroad; to our volunteers and to all of the

visitors who dropped in.

Old Gala House, dating from 1583, has been the Society's home for some years. Our Archive and Research room is in the Laird's Room, on the first floor, and is too small for visitors and volunteers. On 1 May, the Society took possession of premises in the centre of Galashiels - easily accessed from the bus station, nearby car parks and also the planned railway station due for opening in 2015. Most recently used as an estate agent and music shop, the premises need to be refurbished to suit our purposes, and will include our library, a computer/research room and a quiet study room. In the meantime, our archive will remain at Old Gala House, and will be open until the end of October, when the museum closes for the winter. Visits to the archive may be arranged over the winter months but need to be organised in advance, using the contacts on our website.

The Society continues to welcome new members. Our e-magazine is now received by 10% of our members, and this format allows us to include more photographs and other additional content. News of our projects, local events and local and family history news, is regularly added to our facebook and twitter accounts, where we receive much appreciated feedback from our growing band of followers.



Work continues on several projects, the main one being the recording of Monumental Inscriptions throughout the Borders counties, with visits to Peebles St Andrews, Chirnside and Jedburgh St Johns over the summer months. Our programme of photographing monuments also continues, in preparation for future

MI recording, and also revisiting the Parishes which have already been recorded and published in MI booklets.

Stow and Lyne, Megget & Manor are next in line for publication on CD (pic,



Stow St Mary's).

Indexing of the Police & Criminal Records is being done by a team of volunteers, all working from home. Recently, indexing of the Berwickshire Recruitment Book 1858- 1893 was completed, and the results showed surprisingly large numbers of men who moved to the Borders.



The Society attended the Bygone Borderlands event, organised by the Berwick Record Office, and marking the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden. This two-day event, with talks on the archaeology and the history of Flodden and local

history, was held in the Guild Hall and was very well attended. The Society also attended a Family History Day at the John Gray Centre in Haddington, where some of our members were successful in locating information on their East Lothian ancestors.

The contribution of our online volunteers is greatly appreciated. Some are members of the Society, but others have joined us through the Borders Volunteer Centre. The Centre hosted a Volunteers Day during the summer, which was a great opportunity to meet with other organisations and their volunteer staff.

Recent additions to our library include much appreciated donations from the authors of books on the Heriots and Waddells, both interesting reads. We have also received donations from members who have been spring cleaning their book shelves.

Our winter season of talks started in September with 'Memories and Memory - how good are yours?' by Mrs Anne Reid, of SpeakingLives, and we look forward to our planned events in Stow, Melrose, Coldingham and Hawick.

Website: www.bordersfhs.org.uk
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Central Scotland FHS

Our once a month drop-in sessions at St Ninians Library are going well, with a mixture of regulars and newcomers. Visitors are asked to phone and book a slot, so that we are not overwhelmed at the beginning. This does not always work as they do tend to come early. A few new members have joined after receiving help at the sessions.



The photo shows Dr Ian Anderson thanking Dr Alastair Durie for his talk on *Friendly Societies, Friendly for Whom?*

Planning has begun for the 2015 SAFHS Conference, which we will be hosting in Stirling in the Allan Park South Church in the town centre. All the talks will have a military theme, so it will appeal to a wide audience. More details will be available later on in the year.

Isabel Kincaid, one of our Committee members for several years, passed away recently after a few months of illness. Isabel worked away quietly doing things, such as making the tea and serving it along with Mairi, organising the newspaper announcements and the posters, helping regularly at the drop-in sessions, and always offering to do the odd jobs that need to be done in any Society. Isabel was battling a return of the cancer, which she had over 7 years ago, but said that she had had seven good years and spent her last months with her family.

We published our final CD of Camelon Cemetery Lair Records in the summer, and no doubt Ian Anderson, one of the Committee members, will be lining up another project for the Society over the winter session.

Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

Dumfries & Galloway FHS

Our Family History Centre was busy with visitors this summer, perhaps helped by the good weather we enjoyed in the douce south-west. Our meetings in Castle Douglas on Saturday afternoons continue to be well attended, and we have now decided to change our traditional evening AGM to the new time and venue.

In the past year, we had an interesting talk on the Crichton Royal Archives, which reminded us all of just what a wealth of material they contain. Ken Nisbet came in May, with a talk entitled 'Newspapers as a source', which was full of great advice and was well received. Recently we welcomed Alan Muirden from RCAHMS, and again our members were fascinated by what a range of material there was to search.

Our new syllabus is now in place for 2014. Firstly Ken Nisbet is returning to tell us about the Registers of Corrected Entries. Later in the year, there will be a talk on the archives at Traquair House, Innerleithen, and also Andrew Nicoll will give a talk on ScotlandsPlaces. Our Newton Stewart 'lunch and talk' sessions continue to be very well attended. Later this month, John Sproat will talk on the Wyllie family, who were grain merchants in the area, and next March Prof Ted Cowan will mark the 100th anniversary of the death of S R Crockett with a lecture.

New Publications: With local help, we updated and republished Middlebie and Hoddom MIs (DFS). From KKD we have published Carsphairn, Lochrutton and Kelton (Castle Douglas). Checking the huge Troqueer graveyard has been ongoing for some months, and the old section is well in hand, with the first extension not far behind.

We attended the SAFHS Conference in Galashiels in May, Troon History Fair in early June and Lanarkshire History Fair in Motherwell in August. We are looking forward to seeing you all next year at the SAFHS Conference!

For further information contact:

Website: www.dgfhs.org.uk

Fife FHS



At the recent SAFHS Council Meeting, the SAFHS 2014 Conference Committee was delighted to receive a

cheque for £1000 from Fife FHS, as sponsorship of the 2014 Conference. Thanks are due to Fife FHS for their support. The photo shows Fife FHS Chairman, Andrew Campbell, presenting the cheque to SAFHS Chairman Bruce B Bishop.

Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS

IMPORTANT all meetings (unless otherwise stated) are held at Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, G12 0SW and entry is via the Kirklee Rd entrance.

The first meeting of the new session was in September, when Colin Mackay gave an excellent talk on the Glasgow Undergrounds, full of anecdotes from the people of the time.

The meetings start at 7.30 pm prompt, and for the 2013/14 session are:

2013

- Monday 18 November, "The Southern Necropolis", by Colin Mackie
- Monday 9 December, Social Night; Heirlooms evening

2014

- Monday 20 January, "DNA, Genealogical Testing and Family History", by Alasdair MacDonald
- Monday 17 February, "The Trades House of Glasgow", by Hamish Brodie
- Monday 17 March, "Genealogy and Newspapers", by Chris Paton
- Monday 14 April AGM, followed by "William Marshall and the Lanark Settlement Pioneers", by Iain McKenzie
- Monday 9 May, "Retours of Services of

Heirs, the greatest underused resource in Family History", by Bruce Durie

Information on the meetings can be found on the Society's website, and reports of the talks are usually given in the Society's Newsletter, published three times a year in March, June and October.

After many years' valued service on the Society's Council as Treasurer, and latterly as Chairman, Eddie Nairn stood down at the Society's AGM in April. Following the AGM, Alastair Mackenzie stepped forward and was elected to the post of Chairman.

In August, the Society attended the Argyll Gathering in Oban and the 'Celebrating Lanarkshire 2013 Local & Family History Show' in Motherwell. We will be attending the Crafts for Christmas & Hobbycrafts (24-27 Oct 2013) at the SECC Glasgow on Friday 25 October, under the Federation of Family History Societies banner.

The monthly electronic newsletter, E-NEWS, is sent out to all members with an email address. This provides members not just with the Society's news updates but general news as well. Back issues can be viewed on the members only area of the website, which also includes several databases, together with information from recent talks.

The Society has finally joined the social media revolution, and, with the help of one of our members, we now have a Facebook page. The aim of the Facebook page is to promote the Society, provide information on resources, advertise events the Society is attending or running, and encourage interaction between the Society and its members. We also hope to attract some new members.

We are offering the following Census CDs for sale at a reduced price of £5.00 each, plus post and packing, whilst stocks last:

CDM01 - Glasgow, 1841 - City, Govan & Gorbals
CDM02 - Glasgow, 1841 - Barony
CDM03 - Dunbartonshire, 1841
CDM04 - Lanarkshire, 1841 - Except Glasgow

Parishes

GCD01 - Glasgow, 1851 - All Glasgow Parishes
GCD02 - Dunbartonshire, 1851
GCD03 - Renfrewshire, 1851
GCD04 - Lanarkshire, 1851 - Except Glasgow Parishes
GCD05 - Argyll, 1841

So hurry if you wish to order any. Please see the publications page on the Society's website for ordering details.

As well as frequent additions to the Society's library, there are also regular additions to the computers in the Research Centre. The library additions include both new publications and out-of-print books, and the library catalogue can be searched on the Society's website. Many of the books are donated by members.

Finally, thanks must go to all the many members who help keep the Society running, and help with the operation of the Research Centre in Mansfield Street. The Centre's opening hours are:

TUESDAY from 2 pm until 4.30 pm
THURSDAY from 10 am until 8.30 pm
SATURDAY from 2 pm until 4.30 pm
except for Easter Saturday and 3-4 weeks over Christmas & New Year

Contact: *G&WSFHS, Unit 13, 32 Mansfield Street, Glasgow G11 5QP*
Tel: 0141-339 8303

Website: www.gwsfhs.org.uk

Guild of One-Name Studies

The Guild Journal is published four times a year, and every recent issue has had an article updating members about DNA, and another about Marriage Challenges. Many Guild members have become involved with DNA projects, and some have considerable numbers who have been tested. In some cases, this indicates where several separate trees have the same common ancestor, although documentary information to confirm this may have still to be discovered. In other cases, it indicates that there has been illegitimacy. I use the marriage challenges,

because it is a way that I can get transcriptions of marriage certificates for my registered surnames.

Each Journal also has a number of articles from members about features connected with their surnames. In some cases, these are based on projects completed in connection with gaining a qualification through an internet course on one-name studies. There are also reports about Guild conferences and seminars.

Over the past decade, the genealogical world has changed enormously, and the Guild has set up a panel to review the governance of the Guild. Members have been encouraged to make comments to this panel. I was involved with a major revision of the Guild constitution about 15 years ago, and will leave this work to younger members who are more aware of the new technology and the problems that this may create in the next few years.

The latest issue of the Guild Journal has an article by Michael Stonehewer about using internet search engines to find relevant images. I was tempted, and put in my full name and clicked "images" and was surprised by some of the photographs of myself that were available. Some had been taken many years ago, and they brought back memories of earlier events. Different search engines produce different pictures. I am sure I could spend many hours seeking out information about other people on my family using the different search engines. Try it.

The forthcoming events organised by the Guild are:

- 16 November 2013 – Seminar - Colonial Sources – The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey
- 15 February 2014 – Seminar - One-Name Studies: The Next Generation – Telford Conference Innovation Centre, Telford, Shropshire
- 11-13 April 2014 - Guild Conference and AGM – 35 years on - the way forward – Ashford International Hotel, Ashford, Kent
- 17 May 2014 – Seminar - Printed Sources – The Temple Centre, Nuthall, Nottingham
- 2 August 2014 – Seminar - One-Name

Studies: Sources in the Medieval to Early Modern Periods – Borthwick Institute, York

The week before the 2015 SAFHS Conference, there will be the Guild Conference and AGM on 17-19 April 2015 at Broughton, Lincolnshire.

Contact: *Secretary: Jan Cooper, Guild of One-Name Studies, Box G, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA*

Website: www.one-name.org

Highland FHS

Our opening meeting this session was a day outing to Dornoch on 24 September, when a number of retired members (it was held on a weekday!) explored this historic burgh, visiting the Cathedral, the old town gaol, and the Historylinks Museum.

Our regular monthly meetings, held in the Archive Centre, Bught Road, Inverness, at 7.30 pm, are as follows:

- 23 October - The real story of one Highland cottage, by Gordon Waddell;
- 27 November - Robert Bruce to MI6: the glamorous past connections of Tarradale in Ross-shire, by Dr Eric Grant;
- 22 January - The Dewar Report of 1912: how the Highlands pioneered the NHS, by Dr Miles Mack;
- 26 February - 1314 and all that: a look at aspects of Clan Donald history, by Maggie Macdonald;
- 26 March (AGM at 7pm) - New Inverness, Clan Chattan, and the Creek nation, by Graeme Mackenzie;
- 23 April - At home with the Empire: Highland monuments and memorials of the British Empire, by Dr Jim MacPherson.

Website: www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org

Lanarkshire FHS

In June we organised an "**Irish and Scottish Family History Day**", in July a "**Military and**

Family History Day", and in September an **"Industrial and Family History Day"** - all events held at the David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre.

At the September event, we were treated to an unscheduled dance display by a group of Masai Dancers from Malawi, who were on a visit to the Centre. Here is the link to the Youtube (*home*) video of the dance at DLC Blantyre.

http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=C_nQDb5qM4w - *It is a traditional Masai dance, with the highest jumpers getting the girls. Who says the SAFHS Bulletin is not educational and informative?!*

Our big event was in August, the **"Local and Family History Show"** in Motherwell Concert Hall. There were 5 Taks: *William Wallace; *DNA; *Union of the Parliaments 1707; *Hamilton Palace; *David Livingstone (this presentation was delivered by Jennifer and Dillon two 11 year pupils from David Livingstone Memorial Primary School).

The Exhibitors included 12 family history societies, along with 14 Local History Groups, Rootschat, ScotlandsPlaces RCHAMS, Scran, Strathclyde and Dundee Universities and many more exhibitors. Three Schools organised displays on 8 Famous Lanarkshire People past and present. Other activities to keep the children occupied included Face Painting, Hair Braiding, Butter Churning, Story-Telling and a Hand-Loom Weaving experience.

It was a great mix of family and local history, along with kids' activities, which attracted families to the Show. The event proved very popular, with numbers attending exceeding our expectations. Following requests from exhibitors and public, our committee has decided to do it again next year. You can put **Saturday 23 August 2014** in your diary. We will be sending out further information shortly.

Other news

At the SAFHS Conference in Galashiels, a gentleman donated an old metal trunk to the society. It contained a variety of old documents, some dating back to the 1750s, concerning

mainly the Milnwood estate in Lanarkshire. We are currently indexing the contents, and will pass the trunk and Index over to North Lanarkshire Council Archives for safekeeping.

Also In the trunk was a "Scrapbook" of Newspaper cuttings, all concerning the Motherwell Swimming Club and its members' achievements at Olympic and International competitions during 1948-52. This has developed into a project researching the Swimming Club, and has received coverage on STV Evening News and in Local Lanarkshire Newspapers. Many of the past members of the Swimming Club contacted us, and we worked with them to assemble a Display, which was shown at our Show in August. Information and pictures continue to be handed over to us, and we are now planning an exhibition in the local Heritage Centre in November. This project is proving to be a great PR exercise for the society.

New Publications

6 Primary School books each giving a short history of the schools and lists of the Prize Winners: *Bellshill Schools (West); *Bellshill Schools (East); *Cleland & Omoa School; *Carluk and Lanark District Schools; *Overton Primary School; *Coltness Iron Works School.

3 Mining Books: CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION 1842 West of Scotland; CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION 1842 East of Scotland; CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION 1842 LEAD-MINES, in the Counties of Lanark and Dumfries. Three Volumes - Reports on the Employment of Children and Young Persons in the Mines, Collieries and iron works of the West and East of Scotland, and in the Lead Mines of Lanark and Dumfries

Our Speaker evenings for November and December are as follows:

- Thursday 14 November at 7 pm: **"Hamilton Palace"**, Speaker Joyce Brown.
- Thursday 12 December at 7 pm: **Irene O'Brien, Senior Archivist** at the Mitchell Library Glasgow, will give a talk on the new website to be launched at the end of November, and will discuss the many

current and new records that will be available to aid research. Irene's talk will be followed by the usual Christmas treat of Soft Drinks/Ginger Wine, nibbles and mince pies.

Please note that our **Correspondence Address** is:

Lanarkshire Family History Society, c/o North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre, Local History Room, High Road, MOTHERWELL, ML1 3HU.

Our **Research Centre** is at: 122-124 Merry Street, Motherwell. ML1 1NA.

(Above Hara Hill and Wason, Insurance Services
**Enter from rear Car park **)

No mail should be sent to this address

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Local History Room, High Road,
MOTHERWELL. ML1 3HU.

Website: www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk

Largs and North Ayrshire FHS

The Society continues to hold meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, in the Community Room of Largs Library, from September to May at 7-30 pm. This session there will be an additional meeting in the form of a Workshop, to be held at the same location, on the last Thursday of the month from September to April, excluding December.

The year will begin with a talk by Jill McColl from the Heritage Centre, Saltcoats, on 'ScotlandsPeople and Its Use'. Separately, the Committee will be receiving training on using ScotlandsPeople, in order to help those attending the Workshops.

October's meeting will be a talk by Gerry Hearn on 'St. Kilda - An Archaeological Approach'. Later in the month, on 26 October, there will be the Annual Coffee Morning in the Dunn Memorial Hall, Largs.

On 12 November, we are hosting a Joint Meeting with Largs Historical Society, in the Session House of St. Columba's Parish Church at 7-30 pm, where local genealogist, Chris Paton, will talk on 'Genealogy and Newspapers'.

This meeting will be followed by an evening Workshop on 19 November.

At our Christmas Social Evening, Tom Barclay will be giving a very suitably-titled talk on 'The Franco-Scottish Wine Trade in Ayrshire'.

Contact: *The Secretary, Largs and North Ayrshire FHS, c/o Largs Library, 26, Allanspark Street, Largs KA30 9AG*

Website: www.largsnafhs.org.uk

Lothians FHS

We have moved to our new location in the library at the new Lasswade Centre. There have been a few teething problems with internet access and storage, but we hope to have these resolved shortly.

The autumn session started in September with a talk by James Waugh, on The old Kirk of Glencorse. Our Speakers' evenings take place at 7pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, September to November and January to May.

- 13 November: "*One-Name Studies*", Lorna Kinnaird
- 8 January: "*St Mungo's & the witches of Penicuik*", James Waugh
- 12 February: "*Who do you think you are?*", Ruth Boreham
- 12 March: "*Pre-1855 BMDs*", Bruce Bishop
- 9 April: "*Scotland's DNA*", Alistair Moffat
- 14 May: "*ScotlandsPlaces*", Andrew Nicoll

Volunteers are currently transcribing OPR deaths for Midlothian parishes. Several parishes have been completed and are available on CD. The Dalkeith Poorhouse Punishment Book has also been transcribed, and will also shortly be available on CD. Workshops take place each Wednesday evening from 7 till 9 pm in the library of Lasswade Centre, and we have been delighted to welcome several new local members in the last

few weeks.

Contact: *Lothians FHS, Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg, EH19 2LA*

Moray & Nairn FHS

The society continues to move along, if only slowly, and this summer has seen the recording of Cawdor Churchyard, which hopefully will be completed in the spring and published soon thereafter.

The society has also completed one new publication:

Alves Poor Register 1837-1930 and Alves War Memorial - Poor Register 1845-1930 (full transcription of each entry, as detailed in the Parochial Board Register of Poor) for over 250 individuals of the Parish; War Memorial includes details of each of the fallen from WW1 and WW2, as commemorated on the War Memorial (with relevant newspaper articles transcribed). ISBN 978-0-9561750-9-0, 90 Pages, £5.

The following publication should also be available before the end of the year:

Death Notices, Articles Concerning Deaths and Obituaries, from the Forres Gazette 1837-1855.

Unlike today, in 1837 there was no newspaper published in Forres; people of the town had to content themselves with newspapers from other parts of Scotland, and further afield. Newspapers were being printed in Edinburgh, Glasgow and elsewhere which might just contain small snippets of news local to Forres, and there were some newspapers being published at that time in Inverness and Aberdeen. Between Inverness and Aberdeen, however, the only local newspaper published at that time seems to have been the *Elgin Courant*, which started in 1836. John Miller, an Elgin businessman, saw an opportunity, and opened a printing establishment in the town, where he determined that Forres should have a newspaper of its own and, in June 1837, posters were displayed in the town announcing the forthcoming publication on 4 July 1837 of a new

newspaper, the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette*, a local newspaper still going strong in the town today as the *Forres Gazette*. The newspaper started as a monthly publication of only four pages - it was not until the start of 1851 that it was published fortnightly and, only from April 1855 did it start to appear weekly. Notices cover deaths in Forres, the near neighbourhood, the rest of the county, throughout the country and even overseas. Examples can be found of notices from Australia, Canada, India and other parts of the British Empire, as well as from the United States, and more unexpected places such as Paris, Buenos Ayres, Gambia, etc. There are announcements of the death of the illustrious, the well-known and the humble. The shortest announcement may be one from December 5, 1838 which simply states, "Died, at Elgin, last month, James Hay, Porter." The longest announcement and obituary is probably that for the Rev Thomas Stark, whose death is announced in the issue of February 7, 1849 and whose obituary occupies many columns of the next issue on March 7, 1849.

Published in 3 Parts:

1 – 1837-1846, 94 pp;

2 – 1847-1851, 90 pp;

3 – 1851-1855, 108 pp;

Each £5 - P & P costs on application.

For further information see the Bookshop on the website:

www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Moray Burial Ground Research Group

Work has all but finished on recording the graveyards and cemeteries of Moray for this year, with recording completed for Cullen Old and Kirkmichael churchyards, and Elgin East and Mortlach nearing completion.

While work in the field may be finishing, behind the scenes work of the group continues.

Work on typing up transcriptions, cataloguing photographs, indexing, researching and checking details for new publications is always ongoing and help on this from members is always welcome.

Our AGM for 2014 will be on the move to a new venue, namely Lhanbryde Village Hall.

Newsletter

The MBRGR newsletter has received a complete makeover, thanks to the hard work of Newsletter editor Derek Page. If you have not seen it, then head to the MBGRG website and click on newsletters. Feedback and comments are most welcome on the new look newsletter.

Keep in contact with the work of the group at www.mbrgrg.org - and find us on Facebook.

Recent Publication

Monumental Inscriptions, Knockando Churchyard, Extension, War Memorials and Archiestown War Memorial (Parish of Knockando, Moray): Moray Burial Ground Research Group, ca 100 pages, 2 colour plates, 2 b/w plates, A5 format. Published June 2013. ISBN 978-0-9573737-3-0. £7.50 + P & P. Contact Helen Mitchell on 01343 546620 for further order details.

Forthcoming publications

Our next publication will be for Aberlour and includes: Aberlour churchyard and new cemetery; war memorials for Aberlour and Craigellachie; St Margaret's Episcopal Church (including the memorial for the boys of the orphanage who were killed in the two wars). An addition to this are the burial records from St Margaret's Burial Register. The Aberlour book will be published before Christmas 2013.

Shetland FHS

Once again, the Society has had a very busy summer, with visitors from many parts of the world, all grateful for the work put in by many volunteers to research, arrange visits and contact relatives on their behalf.

Unfortunately, the summer outing planned for 11 August to the island of Bressay for walks, cemetery visits and a picnic had to be greatly curtailed due to the weather (Shetland has not had a summer this year, unlike the rest of the UK). A dedicated few made the trip, and spent

the day in the premises of the Bressay Heritage Centre, which was extremely interesting and informative – well worth a visit.

September saw the launch of the Society's new up-dated website, and this has proved itself already with increased sales, new memberships and research queries so watch this space www.shetland-fhs.org.uk

With the centenary of WW1 imminent, much work is being done locally to identify the many Shetlanders who served in all areas of war, contact relatives and publish stories and information in the quarterly journal, "Coontin' Kin".

The AGM of the Society will be held on Tuesday, 4 March, 2014.

The Society's opening times have now reverted to the winter schedule of every weekday afternoon from 2-4 pm, but appointments can be arranged by calling one of the contact numbers displayed at the premises.

Contact: *The Secretary. Mrs. E.M. Angus, 6 Hillhead, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0EJ*

Website: www.shetland-fhs.org.uk

Society of Genealogists

October's Book of the Month is *My Ancestor was a Railway Worker* by Frank Hardy. This guide to using railway records covers all aspects of this hugely significant industry, from station masters and drivers to cleaners and porters. The book includes a brief history of Britain's railways, individual case studies and a comprehensive chapter on records and sources.

Frank Hardy was a professional railway civil engineer for 50 years, and is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists, having been a member since 1981 and a volunteer since 1985.

During October, *My Ancestor was a Railway Worker* is available at the special offer price of GBP 6.47 (GBP 7.19 to non-members). You can purchase your copy from our bookshop, or online

at www.sog.org.uk - just follow the bookshop link from the home page. This offer is valid until 31/10/2013.

Tel: 020 7553 3290

Website: www.sog.org.uk

Tay Valley FHS

It has been a busy year as usual with the business of the Tay Valley FHS. Membership numbers are healthy and far from the point of worry, but have continued to show a slight decline for the year, as well as a slight drop in visitor numbers to the centre. This possibly can, for a good part, be blamed on the large amount of information that can be found on websites, whether it is correct or not.

We must express my appreciation for the good work of the volunteers who man the centre, in the many varieties of jobs. Please remember that the volunteers carry out a variety of jobs, not just assisting the visiting members, but also the members of the public who come through the doors. There are a lot of "behind the scenes" jobs, which are carried out to keep the centre running.

On 17 occasions, the TV has been represented at various meetings, talks, fairs and conferences, including the Scottish Graveyard Conference in Kirkcaldy in December and the SAFHS Conference in Galashiels in May.

Improvements to the TV centre continue to be made, most noticeable the electrification of all of the shutters. The IT equipment is scheduled to be renewed, but the person who is to carry out the work has taken a new job in Aberdeen, and will be working on the TV equipment during his holidays. Gus Gellatly has overseen a very successful beginners' class during the year, and has planned another 1 or 2 in the autumn and later.

We continue to receive good reports from members regarding the quality of the society's magazine. Emails arrive after each edition, expressing support for the editor. The editor is

always on the lookout for articles of interest for inclusion in the next edition. The website is adequately handled by John Ross, who is also on the lookout for material for display on the site.

The research section continues to receive enquiries from around the world, for information and help in finding relatives in this area. Thanks are due to Helen and her team for this service. Throughout, the library has received additional material, donated for display on its shelves. The library is open to all members, and a visit there for a browse can be quite rewarding. Thanks to Jack Blair, who looks after this part of the society. The bookshop also has had quite a reasonable year with a flow of book orders. Norma Petrie has to be thanked for her organisation of this facet of the society.

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Archives, Collections & news

Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives

Early Aberdeen Burgh Registers Receive UNESCO Recognition.

The fantastic collection of burgh records for Aberdeen held by Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives have long been a source of pride for the city and particularly for those who have worked most closely with the records. Earlier this year, the first eight volumes of burgh registers covering the period 1398 – 1509, were recognised by UNESCO and included in the UK Register of Important Documentary Heritage, part of the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme. At the award ceremony in Tamworth on 9 July, other recipients this year included the Domesday Book (The National Archives), the Churchill Archive (Churchill College, University of Cambridge), Earl Haig's papers (National Library of Scotland) and Alfred Hitchcock's silent films (British Film Institute National Film Archive).

That these volumes from Aberdeen should find themselves in such distinguished company, is a testament to their unique status: The 5,238 pages comprising these first eight volumes represents the earliest and most complete body of surviving records of any Scottish town. Alongside the government's Exchequer Rolls and the Register of the Great Seal, these volumes are the only near-continuous record which survives for Scotland in the fifteenth century and an unrivalled insight into the political and social life of the Scottish medieval town. The depth of detail in these records is unique as the registers include not only the records of the town council, which usually met twice a week, but of the bailie, guildry and head courts.

Aberdeen's mediaeval city council functioned both as a policy making unit and as a legal court. Thus the early council records contain not only documents of detailed council discussions of policy but also of the council's more routine concerns, such as legal decisions in hundreds of disputes between citizens, either at the instigation of individuals or the council's own officials. The registers include the elections of office bearers and councillors, admissions of burgesses, property transfers, promulgations of regulations

and prices, property and trade debts, cargoes of foreign vessels, statements regarding public health issues, rentals of burgh lands and fishings, royal missives, tax rolls and much more besides. Elsewhere in Scotland, the material that has survived is later and more limited, either to fragments of burgh court records or to guild court material of variable length and quality.

This endorsement from UNESCO presents huge potential by way of publicity and promotion for the archive: it sends a positive message to potential researchers and students both at home and overseas regarding the quality and depth of the records held by Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives. It will also be a significant lever in attracting project-funding to the service. The records, which have recently been digitized by the National Records of Scotland and which will be available on the ScotlandsPlaces website towards the end of November, are also the subject of very exciting collaborative project with Aberdeen University. This project will widen access to these fascinating records, of which only a tiny percentage have previously been published.

Britain from Above

The Britain from Above website features images from the Aerofilms collection, a unique aerial photographic archive of international importance. The collection includes 1.26 million negatives and more than 2000 photograph albums. Dating from 1919 to 2006, the total collection presents an unparalleled picture of the changing face of Britain in the 20th century. It includes the largest and most significant number of air photographs of Britain taken before 1939. The collection is varied and includes urban, suburban, rural, coastal and industrial scenes, providing important evidence for understanding and managing the built and natural environments. The collection was created by Aerofilms Ltd, a pioneering air survey company set up in 1919 by First World War veterans Francis Lewis Wills and Claude Grahame-White. In addition to Aerofilms' own imagery, the firm expanded its holdings with the purchase of two smaller collections – AeroPictorial (1934-1960) and Airviews (1947-1991). This very

large collection of historical air photographs was bought by Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS), English Heritage (EH), and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) from Blom ASA in 2007.

<http://www.britainfromabove.gov.uk>

East Dunbartonshire Photo Library

The East Dunbartonshire Photo Library was developed by East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust (EDLC) to widen access to our photo collection. Funding from East Dunbartonshire Council allowed EDLC to digitise 5,000 photographs from the collection to create this online photo library.

The website contains only a small selection of the vast collection of images - over 40,000 at the last count - collected by staff over the last 30 years. The collection is also available to view at libraries in Kirkintilloch and Bearsden.

EDLC are grateful to the Kirkintilloch Camera Club who helped staff start the collection in the late 1970s, and the many local people who have kindly donated copies from their collections.

<http://www.edlcimages.co.uk/>

National Library of Scotland

Black-and-white photographs mainly of the Western Front during the First World War. Official British war photographers took many of them for propaganda purposes. Unless otherwise stated, titles are the photographs' original captions. From the papers of Field Marshal (Earl) Haig (1861-1928). The Haig Papers also contain Douglas Haig's diaries.

<http://digital.nls.uk/first-world-war-official-photographs/>

Scottish Jewish Archives

Genealogical resources at the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre by Harvey L Kaplan

Organised Jewish settlement in Scotland dates back to the establishment of the first communities in Edinburgh around 1816 and Glasgow about 1823. Synagogues opened in Dundee about 1878 and in Aberdeen in 1893. In the late 19th century and early 20th, small communities arose in Greenock, Ayr, Inverness, Dunfermline and Falkirk, but all of these five communities are now defunct.

The largest collection of records of Scottish Jews is held by the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre (SJAC), which opened in 1987 in Scotland's oldest synagogue, Garnethill Synagogue in Glasgow (opened in 1879). The Archives Centre (SJAC) collects and preserves material relating to the history of Jews in Scotland, catalogues the material and makes it available for researchers.

SJAC has a number of synagogue registers dating back to 1858 from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen, as well as year books, minute books, annual reports, accounts, correspondence and membership lists relating to congregations, welfare organisations, friendly societies, social groups, youth groups, charities, cultural groups, political groups, businesses and educational institutions, which can provide context to the lives of Scottish Jews.

In the last 25 years, SJAC has collected together the records of 99% of the 17 Jewish burial grounds in Scotland - the first time that they have all been held under one roof. Over 15,000 Scottish Jewish burials have been indexed on the SJAC database (see below). SJAC also has collections of tombstone inscriptions and cemetery photographs.

SJAC has:

- A library of around 350 books on Scottish Jewish history, autobiographies, biographies, as well as almost 30 theses and dissertations.
- A complete set of the *Jewish Echo*, 1928-1992, with its announcements of births, barmitzvahs, marriages, deaths etc, as well as copies of other Scottish Jewish newspapers.
- The *Jewish Echo* photo library, as well as around 3,000 other photographs of

individuals, families, youth groups, schoolchildren, synagogues and Jewish shops.

SJAC's oral history collection includes interviews with around 60 people who have played a leading role in communal life or were able to describe aspects of the history of the community.

SJAC aims to document the story of those who fled to Scotland from Nazi-occupied Europe, including those who came on the Kindertransport, refugees and survivors. Currently, a feasibility study is looking into the establishment of a Scottish Holocaust Study Centre as an adjunct of SJAC to maximise access to these records, which include passports, family photos, educational certificates, correspondence, memoirs, documents and photographs. For example, SJAC has a copy of the Garnethill refugee hostel, listing over 175 individuals who were admitted between 1939 and 1948.

The Historical Database of Scottish Jewry at the SJAC is a computer database which collates and cross-references around 70 Scottish lists and sources, and has information on around 40,000.

SJAC is open on most Thursday and Friday mornings, by appointment only, and once a month on a Sunday afternoon.

Harvey L Kaplan is Director of the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre in Glasgow.

Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, Garnethill Synagogue, 129 Hill Street, Glasgow G3 6UB; tel: 0141 332 4911; email: info@sjac.org.uk; website: www.sjac.org.uk

Transcribe ScotlandsPlaces

The Transcribe ScotlandsPlaces project is encouraging members of the public to help create transcriptions of various resources in the website. These resources are images of historic archives which contain handwritten information about the people and places in Scottish history.

<http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/transcribe>

Book Review

The Brewers and Breweries of Ayrshire, Buteshire and Renfrewshire, Forbes Gibb and Rob Close. 144p, illustrated. ISBN 9780956028860. Lomax Press, Stirling.

This is the fourth book in the 'Brewers and Breweries of Scotland' series, which tells how the breweries in Catrine and Irvine were celebrated in poetry, how James Watt's grandfather attempted to stop sailors' wives pawning their household goods to buy ale, and how William Wallace was blown into a field by a boiler explosion. This original research has generated information and illustrations about breweries and their beers from Ayr to Stewarton.

The first part of the book is a listing by town of the biographical information on the brewers known to be active across these three historic counties, and the second part gives descriptions of the major local breweries and brewing companies.

The book contains information on brewers, breweries and their beers from 1559 to the present day. Not only of value to brewery historians, there are over 700 references to brewers, their business associates and families, which will provide invaluable information to add flesh to the bones of any ancestor you may have who worked in the brewing trade. Information about partnerships, addresses, sometimes even about employees, will all be of use to the family historian. In addition to a brief history of brewing, for each of the main towns there are maps, photographs and details of the business premises.

This book is recommended reading for any family historian whose ancestors were in the brewing trade, and also those with an interest in the local history of their beers.

The publication is available, price £10, plus £2 p&p in the UK, from: **Lomax Press, 13 Park Place, Stirling, FK7 9JR**. Or visit their website at www.lomaxpress.co.uk/ayrshirebreweries.html

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Diary Dates, 2013-2014**2013**

- November 13: Lothians FHS, *One-Name Studies*, by Lorna Kinnaird
November 14: Lanarkshire FHS, *Hamilton Palace*, by Joyce Brown
November 16: GOONS, *Colonial Sources*, The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey
November 16: ANESFHS, *The Boundaries of Parishes & Counties*, by Gavin Bell, Unitarian Church Centre, Skene Terrace, Aberdeen, 2.30 pm
November 16: ANESFHS Glasgow Group, *Grampian Lives: an oral history project*, by Dr David Northcroft, Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow, 2 pm
November 16: Anglo Scots FHS, *Bonnie Prince Charlie and The Manchester Rebels*, by John Doughty, Clayton House, Piccadilly, Manchester, 2 pm
November 18: GWSFHS, *The Southern Necropolis*, by Colin Mackie, Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm
November 18: SGS, *The Chief Secretary and his Diaries: Alexander Falconar of Falcon Hall*, by Joanne Lamb, Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 7.30 pm
November 19: ASAFHS, *Genealogy and Newspapers*, by Chris Paton,
November 24: Borders FHS, *The Caribbean Connection* by Prof Geoffrey Palmer, Corn Exchange and Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, 2.30 pm
November 27: Highland FHS, *Robert Bruce to MI6*, by Dr Eric Grant, The Archive Centre, Bught Road, Inverness, 7.30 pm
December 9: GWSFHS, Social Night and Heirlooms evening, Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm
December 10: ASAFHS, Annual Christmas Supper, Robertson Room, Burns Museum, Alloway
December 12: Lanarkshire FHS, *Glasgow City Archives website*, by Dr Irene O'Brien, followed by Christmas nibbles
December 14: Christmas Social, 2 pm

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- January 8: Lothians FHS, *St Mungo's & the Witches of Penicuik*, by James Waugh
January 9: EAFHS, *Old Crosshouse*, by Heather Dunlop, The Johnnie Walker Bond, Strand Street, Kilmarnock, 7 pm
January 18: ANESFHS Edinburgh Branch, *Wills & Retours*, by Dr Bruce Durie, Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, 2 pm
January 20: GWSFHS, *DNA, Genealogical Testing and Family History*, by Alasdair MacDonald, Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm
January 22: Highland FHS, *The Dewar Report of 1912*, by Dr Miles Mack, The Archive Centre, Bught Road, Inverness, 7.30 pm
February 12: Lothians FHS, *Who do you think you are?*, by Ruth Boreham
February 15: GOONS, *One Name Studies: The Next Generation*, Telford Conference Innovation Centre, Telford, Shropshire
February 15: ANESFHS Glasgow Group, *The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen*, by Graeme Nicol, Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow, 2 pm
February 17: GWSFHS, *The Trades House of Glasgow*, by Hamish Brodie, Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm
February 18: ASAFHS, *Legendary Ayrshire*, by Dane Love
February 23: Borders FHS, *The Veitch Archives: the stories behind the pictures*, by Chris Veitch, The Corn Exchange and Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, 2.30
February 26: Highland FHS, *1314 and all that: a look at aspects of Clan Donald History*, by Maggie Macdonald, The Archive Centre, Bught Road, Inverness, 7.30 pm
March 12: Lothians FHS, *Pre-1855 BMDs*, by Bruce Bishop
March 13: EAFHS, *Ayrshire Mining*, by Andrew Dick, The Johnnie Walker Bond, Strand Street, Kilmarnock, 7 pm
March 17: GWSFHS, *Genealogy and Newspapers* by Chris Paton, Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm
March 18: ASAFHS, *The Tall Ships at Riverside, Glasgow*, by Frank Brown
March 26: Highland FHS, *New Inverness, Clan Chattan and the Creek Nation*, by Graeme Mackenzie, The Archive Centre, Bught Road, Inverness, 7.30 pm

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- March 30: Borders FHS, *The Heritage Hub and Developments in Archives*, by Paul Brough, Evergreen Hall, Dovecote Street, Hawick, 2.30 pm
- April 9: Lothians FHS, *Scotlands DNA*, by Alistair Moffat
- April 10: EAFHS, *Presentation by Peter Cameron from LDS*, The Johnnie Walker Bond, Strand Street, Kilmarnock, 7 pm
- April 12: ANESFHS Edinburgh Branch, *Problem-solving Workshop with our resident experts*, Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, 2 pm
- April 11-13: GOONS, Conference and AGM, Ashford International Hotel, Ashford, Kent
- April 14: GWSFHS, AGM followed by *William Marshall and the Lanark Settlement Pioneers*, by Iain McKenzie, Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, 7.30 pm
- April 23: Highland FHS, *At home with the Empire: Highland monuments and memorials of the British Empire*, by Dr Jim MacPherson, The Archive Centre, Bught Road, Inverness, 7.30 pm
- April 26: SAFHS 25th Annual Conference, Carnegie Conference Centre, Halbeath, Dunfermline, Fife, 9.30-4.45
- April 27: Borders FHS, *Berwick's Victorian Food Heritage*, by Derek Sharman, Coldingham Village Hall, Coldingham, 2.30 pm
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SAFHS Publications, November 2013

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Parish Registers in the Kirk Session Minutes of the Church of Scotland	£ 4.00	2.20	3.62	5.70
The Parishes, Registers and Registrars of Scotland (New Edition)	£ 6.75	2.20	3.62	5.70
Registers of the Secession Churches in Scotland	£ 4.00	2.20	3.62	5.70
Researching Scottish Graveyards	£ 4.50	2.20	2.93	3.90
Scots Abroad, Part 1	£ 4.50	2.20	3.16	4.50
A Scottish Historian's Glossary	£ 4.50	2.20	2.93	3.90
Scottish Trades, Professions, Vital Records and Directories	£ 7.00	2.20	3.62	5.70
Weights and Measures	£ 3.75	2.20	3.16	4.50

OTHER SAFHS NEWS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has met since March, in Edinburgh, and minutes have been sent to member societies.

Website

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

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The Editor maintains the official contacts list. If you have changes between council meetings, please send them to jb.bishop@btinternet.com

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Minimum order 20 vouchers

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51-100 vouchers - £7.20

101-175 vouchers - £8.50

176-250 vouchers - £10.50

More than 250 vouchers, by arrangement

ScotlandsPeople User Group

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this group. Ken Nisbet and Janet Bishop also attend, representing the amateur and professional genealogists respectively.

The Scottish Council on Archives

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this council.

National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland

Bruce Bishop represents SAFHS on this committee.

The SAFHS AGM is on Saturday, 8 March 2014, at 1 pm, in the Boardroom, Edinburgh Youth Hostel, Haddington Place, Leith Walk, Edinburgh.

This will be followed by the SAFHS Council Meeting at 2 pm.

Agendas will be circulated prior to the meeting. If you have not received an agenda 7 days before the meetings, please contact the Chairman or Editor.

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