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Secretary: Ken Nisbet; Treasurer: Bruce B Bishop; Publications: Bruce B Bishop; Ordinary Member: Lorna Kinnaird.*

27th SAFHS Conference & Family History Fair

Heritage along the Clyde

NEW LANARK MILL (*World Heritage Site*)

Saturday 23 April 2016

9:30 am – 4:45 pm

Main Speakers and Topics

Jane Masters

Dr Irene O'Brien

Dr Stephen Mullen

Graham Maxwell

New Lanark Mill.

Industries along the Clyde - Records held in the Mitchell Library.
Glasgow, the West of Scotland and New World Slavery, 1660-1838.
Researching Prison and Lunatic Asylum Records.

Full details on Conference, Fair & Delegate Tickets can be found at

www.SAFHS2016.weebly.com

Delegates and visitors to the Conference and Fair will be pleased to know that we have arranged for a **free Shuttle Bus** from the Car Park to the Mills between 9-5pm.

Delegate options:-4 Talks £16 or 4 Talks and Buffet Lunch £20

Hosted by: Lanarkshire Family History Society



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SAFHS COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 2016

The next **SAFHS Council Meeting** will take place on **Saturday 8 October 2016, at 2.15 pm**, at the **Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL.**

We cannot get into the hall until 2 pm to set up, so please do not arrive until 2.10 pm at the earliest. The meeting is open to designated reps only. Agendas will be circulated but if anyone hasn't had an agenda by 7 days before, please contact jb.bishop@btinternet.com

SAFHS, its Membership Benefits & Why Your Society should Join Us!

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies was founded in 1985, with the objectives: "to advance public education by promoting and encouraging the study of Scottish family history, genealogy and local history". To that end SAFHS sought to "co-ordinate and assist the work of member societies among bodies interested in Scottish family history, genealogy and local history"; "provide a forum for the exchange, collection and distribution of information amongst member societies"; act as spokesman with National and Local Government Bodies and Agencies, The Federation of Family History Societies and International Associations, etc, on behalf of its members as requested"; "engage in educational activities; publication and sale of relevant information".

I think we do all that! Furthermore ...

The Association was empowered to: "take out membership of such organisations as are considered to be in the interests of and compatible with the objectives of the Association"; "arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars and training courses"; "cause to be prepared and printed or otherwise reproduced (including electronic media) and circulated, free of charge or for payment, such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other document or films or recorded tapes (whether audio or visual or both) as shall further the objectives".

I think we do that too!

Constitutions are, by their nature, wordy and often incomprehensible; however, the SAFHS Executive Committee and, I am sure, the SAFHS Council can be confident that they are fulfilling their roles as society representatives and are adhering to their Constitution.

SAFHS member societies are expected to appoint 1 or 2 representatives, who are invited to attend Council meetings in March and October each year. This allows interaction with other societies from all over Scotland. Also in March each year is the AGM, where SAFHS fulfils its charitable status obligations.

To coincide with each Council meeting, the SAFHS Bulletin is published, nowadays in electronic form (although hard copies are provided for the ScotlandsPeople Café), by way of which, member societies are able to inform potentially the whole world what they have done, what they are doing and what they hope to do in the future.

In April each year a member society hosts the SAFHS Annual Conference, in their home county, providing a Conference and Fair followed by a faithful band – a major event in the Scottish Family History Calendar. The Conference allows SAFHS itself to have an outlet for its own publications (which are otherwise available on Parish Chest and also in FHSs with premises).

In addition, SAFHS member societies, mostly from Glasgow and the Western counties, take part in the twice-yearly Hobbycraft and Stitchcraft shows at the SECC Glasgow. The stand is courtesy of the Federation of Family History Societies, with whom SAFHS has a partnership, each having special membership of the other.

SAFHS has representation on the following: ScotlandsPeople User Group; National Committee on Carved Stones; Visit Scotland Ancestral Tourism Group.

Why Should My Society Join SAFHS?

For all the reasons above, if your society is eligible to join SAFHS, then it has to be a good idea. A forum for like-minded enthusiasts. An opportunity to network with all the major FHSs in Scotland. For a modest annual subscription you will be entitled to the following member benefits:

- 3 Meetings per year
- A free table at the SAFHS Annual Conference
- Electronic Bulletins twice yearly
- Public Liability Insurance
- Discounted ScotlandsPeople Vouchers
- Advice if required

Membership is open to:

- Scottish Family History Societies
- Associations with an interest in Scottish Family History and Genealogy

There are of course overlaps, and SAFHS is happy to receive applications from other Scottish History or Local History associations with open membership, as long as they have an interest in Family History or Local History as part of their structure.

We also have an Associate Membership category, which in the main is taken up by associations outside Scotland, who can't attend meetings and therefore do not need voting rights.

We would like you to consider joining us – contact our Secretary, Ken Nisbet, for details, via the SAFHS website: www.safhs.org.uk

Janet M Bishop, Chairman

Contacts List

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

SP Voucher Orders

Please note that all orders for SP vouchers should now be sent to Bruce Bishop, with a cheque, and should include postage as per the current agreement:

Bruce B Bishop
4 Williams Grove
Dunnikier Park
Kirkcaldy
Fife KY1 3ND

Minimum order 20 vouchers

Postage:

21-40 vouchers - £6.45

41-175 vouchers - £8.25

176-425 vouchers £11.55

More than 425 vouchers, by arrangement

NB *It is advised that vouchers should be loaded on to the system before Scotlandspeople changes provider at the end of August 2016.*

ScotlandsPeople User Group

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

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.

FIFE FAMILY HISTORY AND LOCAL HISTORY FAIR 2016

In a new departure for the society, Fife Family History Society will be sole organisers of the 2016 Fife Family History and Local History Fair. As in previous years the event will focus on Family History. However this year its scope will be widened to include coverage of Local History in general – Fife can boast many local history groups across the towns and villages of the county who are all active in exploring and promoting the history of their own localities.

The Fair will include a series of talks from key speakers on a range of subjects, and a Fair with stalls run by a number of family history societies and local history groups, both from Fife and from wider afield. In addition, the event will include some new features such as 'Ask the Expert' with specialists on hand to assist visitors to overcome brick walls in their researches.

The event will be taking place on **Saturday 8 October**, in the Carnegie Conference Centre in Dunfermline.

Further details of speakers, stallholders, experts, ticketing, etc. will be available soon. In the meantime, please keep an eye on our website – www.fifefhs.org - where information will be posted as it becomes available.

Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS



Our team of volunteers who staff the Research Centre continue to provide an excellent support service to new and experienced researchers and develop the resources available.

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

Our Aberdeen meetings are held in the Unitarian Church Hall. 16th April, 17th Sept, 15th Oct, 19th Nov, 10th Dec, 21st Jan 2017, 18th Feb & 18th March. Our Glasgow branch meetings are 14th May, 8th Oct, 19th Nov 2016 and 12th Feb 2017 held in St Stephens Church Centre, Renfield St. Our Edinburgh branch meetings are 16th Apr 2016, 10th Sept, 12th Nov 21st Jan 2017 held in Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place. Our Moray Branch has meetings on 9th April, 14th May, 11th June, 10th Sept, 8th Oct, 12th Nov, and 10th Dec 2016. 14th Jan 2017, 11th Feb 2017 in Elgin Library. Full details including speakers can be found via our website.

Our Research Centre is at 158-164 King St. Aberdeen. AB24 5BD

The opening hours are:

Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Saturday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm



Contact: Hon Secretary, Aberdeen and NE Scotland FHS, 158-164 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5BD.

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Website - www.anesfhs.org.uk

Anglo-Scots FHS

The winter season has seen some changes in Manchester. On the mornings of our afternoon meeting we have started a help session in a quiet part of Central Library where members can gather, discuss problems or do their research in more convivial surroundings than the main research area.

Attendance at our meetings has been variable but we are looking forward to Brian McKechnie of the LDS church to speak about the FamilySearch website and in May to a visit by Bruce Bishop to talk about Kirk Session Records. Booking for these talks are going well. Future meetings will cover a visit to the Rylands Library in Manchester, Scottish Family History on the Web as well as Ancestry workshops and members talking about their Ancestral breakthroughs and Heirlooms.. Full details of our meetings are on our website, <http://www.anglo-scots.mlfhs.org.uk> as well as details of resources available should you visit our help desk at Manchester Central Library.

We continue to add to our Scottish Marriage Index, for which new entries are always welcome and for which we have recently received many details from New Zealand. For details again see our website.

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, starting at 2.00pm., except August and December and non-members of the Society are always welcome.

Contact: Michael J Couper, 3rd Floor, Manchester Central Library, St Peter's Square. Manchester, M2 5PD

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ASGRA



We are pleased to say that our membership is at an all-time high, showing that ASGRA, as the only accrediting association of professional genealogists in Scotland, is recognised as *the* professional body. Membership of ASGRA is aspired to by professional genealogists of all ages, backgrounds and qualifications,

and our assessment panel works hard to keep abreast of what is going on in the genealogical world, to make sure that our expectations remain realistic. To that end we have agreements with Strathclyde University and Dundee University, to ensure that their graduates are equipped to be eligible for ASGRA membership.

Since the last Bulletin we have admitted Sylvia Valentine, Ian Leith and Elizabeth Cunningham as full members, and we welcome them. We will be available at the SAFHS Conference at New Lanark in April, to help solve your problems, and to advise on membership and hiring a genealogist.

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Borders Family History Society

Archive & Research Centre opening hours from 4th March to 28th October 2016
Monday 6pm to 8pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am to 4pm
Appointments also available.



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.

Programme of talks and events

So far this year, we have enjoyed an illustrated talk on Moffat by Richard Torrance, on the Register of Corrected Entries by Ken Nisbet and on the history of the Mills in Hawick and the Borders by Gordon MacDonald.

Sunday, 27 March 2016 – The How and Why of Family Search and Family Tree by Karen Allen of the Edinburgh Family History Centre

Saturday, 16 April 2016 - Berwick 900 Family History Day at Berwick Guildhall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed. 10am to 4pm.

Sunday, 24 April 2016 - Members' Short Talks with Questions & Answers. An opportunity for members to give a short talk and share their family histories.

Sunday, 29 May 2015 - The pre-1855 Parish Registers of the Roman Catholic Church by Donna Maguire.

Sunday, 25 September 2016 - Ken the Horse - Hawick's 1514 Memorial by Ian Landells.

Sunday 30 October 2016 - The Great Disruption by Kenneth McLean.

All Borders FHS talks start at 2.30pm and will be held in the Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, TD6 9PN.

And don't forget the 2016 Borders Heritage Festival from 1st Sep to 30th Sep at venues throughout the Scottish Borders including our own Archive & Research Room in Galashiels.

New publications available now

Bunkle & Preston Monumental Inscriptions including Hearth Tax, Militia Lists and other snippets on the people who lived in the parish before the 1841 census. Colour photographs of all memorials and indexed by Surname with full names and dates. CD-Rom Price £7.50 plus p&p.

To Follow the Dogs and Carry the Stick – Glimpses of the Herding Life over Thirty Years in Lammermuir 1935-1965. With over 40 photographs, Bob Jaffray recalls his childhood and early working years at Longformacus. 94pp £7.50 plus p&p.

And coming soon, the Monumental Inscriptions for the parish of Edrom with Hearth Tax, Militia Lists.

If you are looking for Monumental Inscriptions which haven't been published yet, get in touch with our Research Team using email to research@bordersfhs.org.uk

Our Police & Criminal Indexing Project is yielding some fascinating insights into the people of the Borders. The building of the Borders Union Railway through the remote uplands between Hawick and Carlisle can be mapped by the arrest records of the navvies and gangers who worked there in the 1860's. Analysis of the Hawick Criminal records reflects the many people moving into and through Hawick, attracted by the mills.

The Society magazine is sent to members in February, June and October and over 20% of our members have chosen to receive the magazine by email. Our magazine team would be interested in receiving any articles or news for inclusion.

Visit our website to find our magazine articles, surnames in the Monumental Indexes, Family Trees and other sources of information on our Maps & Parish Pages. Keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and twitter for updates on events, projects and news.

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Caithness Family History Society

Hello from Caithness Family History Society (CFHS). We may have been quiet, but we are always active. As Scotland's most northerly mainland family history society we continue to research and make available resources for local and international members. MIs for a number of Caithness graveyards and Census records for Caithness parishes are available. Our recently updated website (<http://caithnessfhs.org.uk>) provides details and costs for these publications. The website also provides CFHS members with access to a range of information, including member research interests and copies of the CFHS Journal. The CFHS Journal is issued every four months and features articles on a wide range of topics.

Our events are always well attended and photographically recorded by long standing member Sheila Moir.

The current programme has included:

A talk on records associated with the First World War

A presentation on research into the Caithness men and women who left their native land for a life in Patagonia

An evening dedicated to demonstrating and highlighting online and library resources.

The programme for the next two months is:

April 13th – **'Weaving Fiction from Fact'** by author Dorothy Stewart

May 11th – **'Finding Relatives in New Zealand'** by Myrtle Gillies

All welcome.

CFHS has, over the years, acquired many resources that can help trace Caithness roots. These are held in our Library, located in Caithness Horizons, Thurso's museum and gallery (<http://www.caithnesshorizons.co.uk>). The library resources and the experience and expertise of CFHS members are available every Saturday afternoon to anyone seeking help or support with Caithness ancestors.

Finally, CFHS will be represented at the 27th SAFHS Conference in New Lanark. Please come and say hello.

Website: <http://caithnessfhs.org.uk>

Central Scotland Family History Society

We are busy putting together our spring newsletter and hope it will be sent out next month.

All our meetings are held at 7.30pm in the lecture theatre of the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling. Visitors will be made most welcome.

The remaining meetings for the 2015-2016 session are:

13 April 2016 Iain Ferguson "Minor records at the GRO"

4 May 2016 AGM, followed by Yvonne McEwen "WWI Nurses Memorial Appeal"

Website: www.csfhs.org.uk

Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society

Dumfries and Galloway Family History Society continues to flourish. In the past year we have been delighted to welcome a steady stream of foreign and domestic visitors to our premises in Glasgow Street Dumfries. The number of members now opting for an E Journal in preference to a paper copy has steadily increased over the last two years. In

April, our Newsletter Editor, Marion Matthews, steps down after six years dedicated service. She will be succeeded by John Maxwell. Feedback from our members, particularly those overseas, suggests a desire for historical information on the local area and articles from our members of local interest are welcome.

Our society flourishes due to the dedication of our volunteers, those who work in the background, filling a variety of essential roles, as well as the front shop team, who deal with visitors. In the last year we have updated our volunteer policy, which provides guidance for our shop team. As we welcome new members of our team we are embarking on training sessions to share expertise and ensure we offer the public the best service we can.

We continue to host successful talks for our members at St Ninian's Church Hall, Castle Douglas. In February, Bruce Bishop gave a very interesting talk on Pre 1841 census records and OPRs not on Scotland's People. At our AGM on 16th April, Ken Nisbet will talk on Researching Your Military Relatives from 18th Century to WW2. Details of talks and other society news can be found on our website www.dgfhs.org.uk.

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East Ayrshire FHS

Meetings: Evening meetings are held at 7 pm in The Johnnie Walker Bond, Strand Street, Kilmarnock on the second Thursday of the months September to May. Visitors are welcome. Workshops are held in New Farm Loch Community Centre, Kilmarnock from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm on most other Thursday afternoons throughout the year.

At the January meeting Jim Steel and Ian Wilson, two of our committee members, shared their memories of National Service. They spoke about their lives abroad during military service and showed photographs taken at the time. In February the speaker was Stuart Wilson who gave a presentation about local hydraulic engineering company Glenfield & Kennedy during World War I. He spoke about the many employees who enlisted and the effects on the firm during and after the war.

At the time of writing we look forward to two family history society meetings this month. At the EAFHS meeting on March 10th George English's talk is about aspects of Family History Research. The following week, the joint meeting of the family history societies in Ayrshire is being hosted by Troon @ Ayrshire FHS. The speaker is Ronnie Scott and his topic is Death and Burial Records. At the meeting in April Barbara Graham will speak about Flora Macdonald and in May the AGM will be followed by a Members Evening.

Events: EAFHS will have a stand at the SAFHS Conference at New Lanark on Saturday 23rd April and at the South Ayrshire Local History and Family History Fair in the Walker Halls, Troon on Saturday 4th June. If you are attending either of these events, do come and meet us.

Information for visitors to Local and Family History Centres: Visitors to the Burns Monument Centre in Kilmarnock and to the Carnegie Library in Ayr should probably telephone in advance to check opening hours and/or to book access to computers or microfilm readers. Details about the Local & Family History department of the **Carnegie Library** can be found at www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries/local-history.aspx; the phone number is 01292 286385. Visitors to the **Burns Monument Centre** in Kay Park, Kilmarnock should be aware that there are different opening hours for the library section and for the ScotlandsPeople hub. There is free access to the **Local & Family History Library Section**, including microfilms of Ayrshire OPRs and 1841-1891 censuses, as well as local newspapers; the Library Section is closed on Mondays and closes between 12 noon and 1 pm Tuesday to Friday. Places in the **ScotlandsPeople Section**, which is open Monday to Saturday, cost £15 a day and can be booked in advance. Visitors planning a visit to either section of the Burns Monument Centre are advised to check details by telephoning 01563 578895.

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Facebook: find the EAFHS Page by entering **East Ayrshire Fhs** in the Search Box and then clicking on the Society's name when it appears.

Fife Family History Society

The Fife Family History Society has begun the publication of a regular Newsletter, which gives details on What's On, New Publications, and Fife Family History News. It appears on our Website (www.fifefhs.org) and is intended to compliment our Journal. The Newsletter is edited and compiled by our Secretary. It has been met with favourable comments.

The Fife Family History Society will be putting forward an application to host the 2018 SAFHS Conference at the next SAFHS Committee Meeting, held on Saturday, 12 March 2016. As you know the 2016 Conference is at New Lanark, with ASGRA hosting the 2017 Conference at North Queensferry, and the 2019 Conference being the responsibility of the SAFHS Executive. This leaves 2018 free, and Fife will be pleased to host it.

Speaking of Conferences, the Fife FHS will be hosting its own Fife Family History Fair later on this year at the Carnegie Conference Centre in Dunfermline on Saturday, 8th October 2016, in lieu of Fife Council Libraries, who are not holding a Fair this year. We only knew of the Libraries' decision at a meeting with them at the beginning of February, and since then everything has been a mad rush in finding a suitable venue and choosing a date. The Society believes that it has found the best venue available. The Carnegie Centre was the venue of the SAFHS Conference of 2014. Further details re booking, pricing, and speakers will be put on our website (www.fifefhs.org) as they become available

Website: www.fifefhs.org

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 meetings start at 7:30pm prompt and the remaining meetings for 2015/16 session are on

21 March 2016 Ronnie Scott "Family History on the Internet"

18 April 2016 is the AGM followed by William Black "Illustrating Glasgow"

16 May 2016 Lorna Kinnaird "The Latest from the Guild of One Name Studies"

NOTE: The May meeting will be held in St Peter's Parish Hall in Partick which can be accessed from either White Street or Chancellor Street.

The society will be taking one of the stalls at the SAFHS Conference 2016 to be held at New Lanark on 23 April. Our team will be there to welcome any visitor to the stall.

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.

Please note that any changes to venues will be advertised on the Society Website or the Society Facebook.

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 that also includes several databases together with information from recent talks.

The society is sad to report the death in January of one of our Honorary Vice Presidents, Mary Buchanan. Mary quickly became very active in the society following joining in 1988 first as membership secretary and then as Vice Chairman (including the post of office manager). She was elected Chairman in 1998 and continued to guide the society until 2006.

The Society will shortly be publishing transcriptions of the gravestones in Cathcart Churchyard. Following completion and publication of this the team will move onto Govan Churchyard. Another two volunteers have started on Rhu Churchyard. Recent publications on CD include Tollcross [Glasgow] Churchyard and Cemetery MIs. These (ref. GCD14 – 16) together with our other publications can be viewed on the website (under "Resources").

The Society is also transcribing the records of Erskine Hospital for 1916, with regard the medical treatment of Soldiers who lost limbs due to injury in the war. This is to be showcased this year during the Centenary celebrations.

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 includes 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. Recent additions include several volumes in the series Place Names of Northern Ireland.

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. We are very grateful to Alastair Smith who has maintained our website: www.gwsfhs.org.uk for many years and has recently completed a major revamp of the website.

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

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Lanarkshire Family History Society

We look forward to welcoming members of all societies to the **27th SAFHS Conference and Fair in New Lanark Mill on Saturday 23rd April**. Full details on SAFHS Web-site and the Conference Web-site:- www.safhs2016.weebly.com



2016 is our 25th Anniversary

Originally formed in 1991 as Hamilton and District Family History Society. In the year 2000, when our meeting place, Hamilton Reference Library, closed for major renovation work our meetings and small amount of equipment were relocated to the Local History Room in North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre Motherwell. Around this time the society changed its name to Lanarkshire Family History Society. 2004 saw us moving to our own premises in Coursington Road. After around three years we had outgrown the space and moved to a Cottage in Crosshill Street. In 2012 we moved to our current building in Merry Street, where we have 6 PCs on broadband in the Research Room. A second room is used as a meeting room and also holds our reference library which now contains around 1,500 books and a large range of Maps. Members of all SAFHS societies are welcome to visit the centre for their Lanarkshire research.

Village of Calderbank - An Industrial and Social History. This is a local history book first published in 1986, the society has worked with the author Robert Duncan to get the book re-typed, updated and back in print. It will be available at the SAFHS Conference.

Newarthill Local History Group produced 7 volumes of local history during the years 1995-2002. The books have been out of print for many years and are constantly being requested by people wishing to purchase copies. We have worked with three ladies who had been on the original committee; we should have the reprint of the First Issue ready in time for SAFHS Conference. The other six volumes will follow later.

Local and Family History Show Saturday 3rd September. This will be held as usual in Motherwell Concert Hall. Many of Scotland's family history societies and local history groups will be attending. Also taking part will be teachers and pupils from 2 Primary Schools and 5 High Schools displaying class projects. It promises to be a great day out.

Doors Open Days Sat 10th & Sun 11th Sept. our Research Centre will be open as usual on both days.

Society monthly speaker evenings

14th April - Presentation by Tom Lawton "Forth & Clyde Canal - Past and Present". This will be followed by a short presentation by Alexandra J. Morris about her recently published book "The Laws of Gartsherrie"

12th May - Our AGM followed by Jean Barr's presentation 'Roy & Ordnance Survey Maps'

9th June - "Carlisle's 3 VC Winners" by Robert Wilson.

Contact: (Correspondence Address) Lanarkshire Family History Society % North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre, Local History Room, 1 High Road, Motherwell. ML1 3HU.

Research Centre Address: (No mail should be sent to this address) Lanarkshire Family History Society, 122 -124 Merry Street, Motherwell ML1 1NA. (Above Swinton Insurance Services, Enter the Centre from the rear Car park)

E-mail: secretary-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk

Largs and North Ayrshire Family History Society.

Although we are one of the smaller societies, we are managing to maintain our membership, which may be partially due to our monthly 'Find your Ain Folks' workshops, which are open to anyone requiring assistance with their research.

The new session began with a talk by one of our members, John Riddell, titled 'The Clyde from Fairlie to Hunterston', in which he told us of the earliest mention of the area; the later developments through the centuries and how the geographical features influenced the type of work available to those living from Glasgow to the estuary.

In February, Drew MacKenzie, spoke very movingly on Birdie Bowers of Scott's Antarctic Expedition. 'Birdie', a young naval officer of twenty-seven, born in Greenock, was the only person, who was proposed for a place on the expedition. He was one of those chosen to make the final push to the Pole and sadly died with Scott at the age of twenty-nine.

On March 8th there was an evening Workshop and this will be followed by the Joint Meeting of the Ayrshire Federation of F.H. Societies in Portland Street Church, Troon, on the 17th March Dr Ronnie Scott will be the speaker and his subject will be 'Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates' and what may be discovered from them. On the 31st March, there will be a visit to the Burns Centre, Kilmarnock for a research day. The speaker at our April meeting, on the 12th April, will be Barbara Graham, who will talk on 'Edith Cavell'. The 10th May, brings us to our AGM, the final meeting for the year followed by a supper provided by the Committee.

The Society meets in the Community Room of Largs Library, 26 Allanpark Street, Largs, KA30 9AG, unless previously stated, on the second Tuesday of the month from September to April at 7.30 pm.

On the last Thursday of the month, unless altered, there is the 'Find your Ain Folks' Workshop from 2.00-4.00pm.

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Lothians FHS

This year our team of volunteers have continued to transcribe the burial indexes for Midlothian. The parish of Currie is now almost complete and Dalkeith is in progress. The society has also carried out research into the Dalkeith poorhouse and has transcribed the Dalkeith Poorhouse Punishment book.



Dalkeith Poorhouse and the Punishment book

For the first time the society will be present at the Berwick Family History Fair at Berwick Upon Tweed on 16th April 2016 and we will be present at the SAFHS Conference at New Lanark Mills on 23rd April.

The society has a wide variety of informative and entertaining talks ranging from 'Huguenot research', 'The Lord Lyon, King of Arms', 'A brief history of Dalkeith' to 'Inside the mind Mary Queen of Scots'.

The remaining program for the 2015/ 2016 is as follows –

Apr 13 **Researching UK & Abroad** - George English

May 11 **WW1 naval research station at Aberdour** – Diana Maxwell

Jun 8 **AGM**

Talks are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Library, Lasswade Centre, Bonnyrigg. Workshops take place each Wednesday evening from 7 till 9 pm. The Lasswade Centre is a 10 minutes walk from the main bus stops and has a large car park.

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Moray Burial Ground Research Group

During 2015 our MI recording plans were somewhat thrown into some confusion by the vagaries of weather here in Moray on a fairly regular basis. This simply meant that the overall number of memorials we were able to transcribe and photograph was to some extent reduced. However, thanks to the determination of members not to be beaten, a great deal of work was still achieved. Our grateful thanks go to all our volunteers who helped make this possible. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by many people in various parts of the world, as can be seen on our Website Guestbook!

As a result the following graveyards and public cemeteries have now been completed:- Cullen & Deskford, Cullen New, Grange, Kirkmichael, Rothiemay and Rothiemay New, Tomintoul Parish, Tomintoul New and Tomintoul St Michael's. We also recently completed the major public Cemetery of New Elgin (South Section) with over 2,600 MI inscriptions relating to nearly 7,300 people. As a result, once Kirkmichael, Tomintoul and Elgin South have been added to our website data sets in the near future, it will bring our overall Moray total to around 79,000 people.

Recording at the churchyards of Inveravon (Inveraven) near Aberlour and St Lawrence in Forres were also started last year. Both these burial grounds are of interest in their own way. St Lawrence is important to record in detail due to the fact that much of it was removed during the latter part of the 20th century. What is left is particularly difficult to record due to the uneven ground surface at the rear of the church, as well as difficult lighting conditions caused by the church fabric blocking out the sun most of the time. This makes for serious photographic problems. Inveravon is of considerable historic interest due to its very considerable antiquity. The site is well known for its collection of Pictish Symbol Stones which are on display in the church. MBGRG hopes to finish MI recording at both these burial grounds this coming season.

Before leaving Inveravon, it is perhaps worth mentioning that while carrying out our search for Buried Tombstones last summer, we uncovered what at first glance appeared to suggest the possibility that we had found another Pictish stone. Imagine the excitement! Although the "slab" of stone was similar in size to that of a normal flat or table stone top, there



MBGRG Members Stephen Leith, Irene Black & Ruth McIntosh at Grange old churchyard trying to record several particularly difficult inscriptions.

were no carvings of any kind to be seen on it. However, undaunted we contacted Moray's Cemeteries Manager, who along with the County Archaeologist supervised the full excavation of this stone with a view to proving one way or another if indeed there was any possible Pictish connection. Sadly this proved not to be the case – but at least we tried!

This coming season we plan to concentrate our recording efforts at Edinkillie Churchyard south of Forres, which although quite small with approximately 250 memorials, includes a fair number of flat stones and at least several buried tombstones. Our other major project will be Keith Churchyard beginning with the oldest section, which I suspect promises a few interesting genealogical surprises. There are also a fair number of flat stones requiring careful cleaning, as well as yet more Buried Tombstones.

On the publications front, our largest ever MI book, New Elgin (South Section) has just been printed. It is available in both A4 & A5 format at £12.00 and £16.00 respectively. It will also shortly be on our website Publications page as a fully searchable PDF file for £12.00. Our next MI book will cover the memorials in Kirkmichael Churchyard and all the memorials in within the village of Tomintoul. This is expected sometime around April or May, but prices have still to be decided.

Since deciding last year to put all our publications into PDF format, as well as having normal printed versions, the process of converting and amending the files has been regularly ongoing. Thanks very largely to our Webmaster, Lindsay Robertson, 31 of our MBGRG publications are now available in this popular format. The remaining two, Bellie and Elgin Cathedral are in a final proof stage and should be available shortly.

To end with I would like to highlight a burial ground emergency that is well outwith the bounds of Moray, or indeed the north. This is an appeal for financial assistance to help in the preservation of an extremely rare 16th century figure connected to Lady Margaret Barclay, at present open to all the elements in Arngask Old Churchyard, by Glenfarg, Perthshire. It is severely at risk and is sadly weathering away, with the result that it is liable to disappear completely within the next 20 years. Also at considerable risk of being lost to physical history is an unusual church bell-cote built in 1710. Our Member and SAFHS Representative, Karen McGregor, is appealing for funds to ensure that these extremely valuable items of Scottish burial ground history are not lost forever. If you are interested in supporting this project, or obtaining further details you can contact Karen by email (put Arngask Old Churchyard in subject line) kmmcgregor@hotmail.co.uk.

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Moray & Nairn FHS

The Moray & Nairn Family History Society would like to announce its latest publication – Poor Register for the Parish of Elgin from 1845-1891 (published in 3 parts 1845-1871, 1871-1881 & 1881-1891) which is a transcription of the Register for each pauper who was accepted to be given Poor Relief under The Poor Law Act of 1845 which ended the relief of the Poor by charity, ie by church collections, and made it possible for more financial support to be raised.

They note in detail the change in circumstances of the person named and sometimes their family's circumstances, including any increase or decrease of relief given, occasionally entry into the poorhouse and often their date of death. Over 970 individuals are listed in the Register of paupers. They give a unique glimpse of the social attitudes to the poor in Victorian Elgin, though it was not always paupers who got relief, sometimes it was those who were sick or out of work.

This work by the Moray & Nairn Family History Society follows on from the work undertaken on the Poor Registers for the Parishes of Alves and of Bellie.

These publications and other publications of the Moray & Nairn Family History Society can be purchased through the societies web page.

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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 10.30-5.30, 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. These include 'Old Scottish Handwriting', 'Beginners', 'Using Technology in Family History' and 'Pre-1841 Censuses'. Please see the website for further details.

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Shetland Family History Society

Our **Sharing Shetland Surnames** project kept the surname volunteer group hard at it researching the three names chosen for 2015 – Mouat, Arcus and Abernethy. It was gratifying that many of our members, and others who had seen the project on our web site, sent their family information and photographs to share. All public events in different parts of the Isles were well attended and a wealth of genealogical knowledge amassed. Because of events being held this year, the names chosen will be **HENRY** and **PEARSON**.

Our World War 1 commemoration work continued during 2015 – on Sunday, 14th June a small, moving ceremony took place on Victoria Pier, Lerwick as it was the 100th anniversary of the departure of the Shetland Companies of the Gordon Highlanders for war. This was followed by a walk to the Cemetery for wreath laying at the Cross of Sacrifice. On 14th November Lerwick Town Hall was the venue for a World War 1 Open Day when a number of local history groups, the Museum, the Library and the Shetland FHS joined Anderson High School pupils, just returned from their battlefield trip, all displaying the research they had undertaken. Music and teas were provided throughout the day and everyone was busy as members of the public brought their memorabilia and wartime artefacts to share. School pupils logged details on specially prepared sheets for follow up by Museum staff. Initial apprehension, "Would anyone come?" quickly gave way to relief and excitement at the numbers arriving with such interesting items to share. There will be more similar days!

Sadly, our proposed Maritime Heritage trip last September had to be cancelled due to cost and numbers, but Dr. Alan Beattie gave his lecture, "My Ancestor came from Shetland" to the Society of Genealogists, London on 23rd September last year. It well attended, with a number of our members reporting their appreciation and also the hope that he could do another sometime

From now on the Society opening times are each weekday afternoon from 2-4 p.m.

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What's On

Saturday 9th April 2016

Moray Burial Ground Research Group: led by Keith and Helen Mitchell 2:00pm-4:00pm Elgin Library, Moray (Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland FHS)

Tuesday 12th April 2016

Wemyss School of Needlework, Fiona Wemyss 7.30pm Volunteer House (Fife Voluntary Action Group) in 69 Crossgate Cupar KY15 5AS (Fife FHS)

Wednesday 13th April 2016

Researching UK & Abroad, George English. 7.00pm in the Library, Lasswade Centre, Bonnyrigg. (Lothians FHS)

Wednesday 13th April 2016

Weaving Fiction from Fact, Dorothy Stewart. 7.00pm Caithness Horizons Museum, High Street, Thurso. KW14 8DD (Caithness FHS)

Tuesday 12th April 2016

Edith Cavell, Barbara Graham.7.30pm . Community Room, Largs Library, Allankirk Street, (Largs and North Ayrshire FHS)

Wednesday 13th April 2016

Minor records at the GRO Iain Ferguson 7.30pm Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling. (Central Scotland FHS)

Thursday 14th April

Forth & Clyde Canal - Past and Present, Tom Lawton, followed by a short presentation by Alexandra J. Morris about her recently published book, The Laws of Gartsherrie 7.00pm GLO Centre, 78 Muir Street, Motherwell. ML1 1BN (Lanarkshire FHS)

Saturday, 16th April 2016

Berwick 900 Family History Day at Berwick Guildhall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed. 10am to 4pm (Borders FHS)

Saturday 16th April 2016

Fintry - A Rural North East School, Janet Byth. 2:30pm-4:30pm, Unitarian Church Centre, Aberdeen (Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland FHS)

Saturday 16th April 2016

AGM followed by Researching your Military Relatives, Ken Nisbet. 2.15pm St Ninian's Church Hall, Castle Douglas (Dumfries & Galloway FHS)

Monday 18th April 2016

AGM followed by Illustrating Glasgow, William Black 7.30pm Kelvinside Academy, 33 Kirklee Road, Glasgow, G12 0SW and entry is via the Kirklee Rd entrance. (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)

Wednesday 4th May 2016

AGM, followed by WWI Nurses Memorial Appeal, Yvonne McEwen 7.30pm Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling. (Central Scotland FHS)

Tuesday 10th May 2016

Crail Fishing Disaster, Alan Runcimen. 7.30pm Volunteer House (Fife Voluntary Action Group) in 69 Crossgate Cupar KY15 5AS (Fife FHS)

Wednesday 11th May 2016

Finding Relatives in New Zealand, Myrtle Gillies. 7.00pm Caithness Horizons Museum, High Street, Thurso. KW14 8DD (Caithness FHS)

Wednesday 11th May 2016

WW1 naval research station at Aberdour, Diana Maxwell. 7.00pm in the Library, Lasswade Centre, Bonnyrigg. (Lothians FHS)

Thursday 12th May

AGM followed by Roy & Ordnance Survey Maps, Jean Barr. 7.00pm GLO Centre, 78 Muir Street, Motherwell. ML1 1BN (Lanarkshire FHS)

Saturday 14th May 2016

A look at FamilySearch.org 2:00pm-4:00pm Elgin Library, Moray (Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland FHS)

Saturday 14th May 2016

AGM followed by talks from members, 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock (East Ayrshire FHS)

Saturday 14th May 2016

Bereavement Services & Customs, Ian Burnett 2:30pm-4:30pm, Unitarian Church Centre, Aberdeen (Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland FHS)

Monday 16th May 2016

The Latest from the Guild of One Name Studies, Lorna Kinnaird 7.30pm. St Peter's Parish Hall in Partick, access from White St or Chancellor St. (Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS)

Saturday 21st May 2016

Scottish Kirk Session Minutes - The Sins, Lives, Loves of a Parish-Bruce B Bishop FSA Scot ASGRA. Manchester Central Library (Anglo Scots FHS)

Sunday, 29th May 2016

The pre-1855 Parish Registers of the Roman Catholic Church by Donna Maguire. 2.30pm Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, TD6 9PN. (Borders FHS)

Thursday 9th June

Carluk's 3 VC Winners Robert Wilson. 7.00pm GLO Centre, 78 Muir Street, Motherwell. ML1 1BN (Lanarkshire FHS)

Saturday 11th June 2016

Wills and how they can help. 2:00pm-4:00pm Elgin Library, Moray (Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland FHS)

Tuesday 14th June 2016

AGM and Snippets of Researching my Family History, Fife FHS Members. 7.30pm Volunteer House (Fife Voluntary Action Group) in 69 Crossgate Cupar KY15 5AS (Fife FHS)

Saturday 18th June 2016

Trip to Rylands Library, Deansgate, Manchester. Meet outside at 1.45pm (Anglo Scots FHS)

Saturday 25th June 2016

Dumfries Academy and the Jamaican Slave Trade, Lynda Mackie. 2.15pm St Ninian's Church Hall, Castle Douglas (Dumfries & Galloway FHS)

Thursday 8th September 2016

Kilmarnock Memories, Frank Beattie. 7 pm, Johnnie Walker Bond, Kilmarnock. (East Ayrshire FHS)

Saturday 10th September 2016

Scottish Non-conformist records pre-1855, Bruce Bishop. 2:00pm-4:00pm, The Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh (Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland FHS)

Saturday 24th September 2016

The Office of the Lord Lyon, Dr J Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms. 2.15pm St Ninian's Church Hall, Castle Douglas (Dumfries & Galloway FHS)

Sunday, 25th September 2016

Ken the Horse - Hawick's 1514 Memorial by Ian Landells. 2.30pm Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, TD6 9PN. (Borders FHS)

Saturday 8th October 2016

Mapping Aberdeenshire over time - 400 years of maps, their makers and audiences, Chris Fleet, Map Curator, National Library of Scotland. 2:00pm-4:00pm, St Stephen's Church Centre, Renfield St, Glasgow (Aberdeen & N.E. Scotland FHS)

Saturday 15th October 2016

Alexander Ogg 1811-65. Douglas Lockhart 2:30pm-4:30pm, Unitarian Church Centre, Aberdeen (Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland FHS)

Saturday 15th October 2016

The Office of The Lord Lyon Dr J Morrow, Lord Lyon. Manchester Central Library (Anglo Scots FHS)

Sunday 30th October 2016

The Great Disruption by Kenneth McLean. 2.30pm Corn Exchange & Ormiston Institute, Market Square, Melrose, TD6 9PN. (Borders FHS)

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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
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