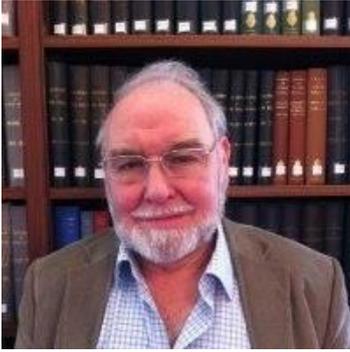




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10 am

Before the Bridges: Crossing the Firth of Forth in earlier times

The Firth of Forth has always been a barrier to north-south trade and travel in the east of Scotland. In his lecture, Bruce describes the various crossings of the Forth which have existed since the 12th century, carrying pilgrims and travellers, beasts and cargo. In addition to the well-known ferries at Alloa, Queensferry and Earlsferry, he explores the numerous other ferry ports on both sides of the Firth, with further details of the older crossings, and the social effects of these services.

Speaker: Bruce B Bishop, FSA Scot, ASGRA

Bruce B Bishop was born in Walsall, England. He spent almost 20 years as a Meteorologist, both in the UK and overseas, and then a similar length of time as a teacher at Gordonstoun School.

Bruce is now a professional genealogist, researcher in archives and a regular on the Scottish genealogy lecture circuit. He is the author of numerous books and booklets on local and family history, especially covering the Moray and Banff areas.

He is an Honorary Vice President of ANESFHS, a member of ASGRA and also on the Executive of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies. Special interests are the documentary records of 17th and 18th century Scotland, including the Kirk Session and Presbytery records, and also Scots–American migration in the 17th century.

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11 am

Connecting People and Places; Maps and Family History

Craig Statham will share his knowledge of the National Library of Scotland's wonderful map collection. Beginning by taking delegates through a short history of the NLS Maps Reading Room, he will then move on to give more details of what is held within the collection and how these maps can assist local and family history research.

Examples will be drawn from across Scotland, but there will be a special emphasis on the local Fife and Firth of Forth area. Concluding with an overview of the NLS's innovative maps website, this talk will give delegates insights into the ways in which maps can inform their own research, and how the NLS maps collection can help to connect people with their places in history.

Speaker: Craig Statham

Craig is the manager of the Maps Reading Room at the National Library of Scotland. He also works as an archivist for the Museum of the Scottish Shale Oil Industry. Previously, he worked for 8 years as Local History Officer for East Lothian, and before that in an array of jobs, mainly in the heritage sector, but also as an elected councillor on Midlothian Council.

Craig has written 5 books, including the best-selling *Lost East Lothian*, and a biography of Bruce Springsteen. He is currently writing a book on athlete and coach from Galashiels: Jimmy Curran.

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2 pm

Connecting to life through death: what death certificates can tell genealogists, historians and demographers

The information contained in Scotland's civil registers of death can inform genealogists about their ancestors last hours, historians about aspects of life which do not otherwise often come to light, and demographers about various aspects of mortality. The details can also shed light on less obvious corners of life and death in Victorian Scotland. In her talk Dr. Garrett will explore some of these using examples from the records of the Isle of Skye and the town of Kilmarnock. She will discuss how genealogists, historians

and demographers can all find something to interest them in the death records, as well as finding common ground which can help to build bridges between their disciplines.

Speaker: Dr Eilidh Garrett

A graduate of both St. Andrews and Sheffield Universities, Eilidh also spent a year as an apprentice at the Institute of Genealogy and Heraldry in Kent. Her research interests lie in the historical demography of Great Britain in the Victorian and Edwardian eras. She has worked extensively with census and civil register material from England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. She has held research posts in a variety of universities, her longest association being with the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure. Currently, she is a Research Fellow at the History Department University of Essex and is working, with colleagues there and in Cambridge, on an *Atlas of Fertility in Victorian England and Wales*, and is also involved in the *Digitising Scotland* project, based at the University of Edinburgh.

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3 pm

Only Connect – Finding your Scottish Ancestor on Findmypast

Findmypast, a Scottish-owned company based in Dundee, publishes millions of records each year, and has entered into partnerships with some of the most prestigious archives in the UK and overseas.

In this talk, Paul Nixon will look at the records – many of these uniquely available online – which are to be found on Findmypast.

Speaker: Paul Nixon

Paul Nixon heads up the UK data licensing team at Findmypast where he has worked for the past six years. As well as journeying to the far-flung corners of the British Isles in search of archives to digitise and publish on Findmypast, Paul is also the company's resident military expert and has a particular interest in British military history from the Crimean War through to the First World War. Paul has written extensively about the British Army and has delivered talks on various aspects of family and military history in the UK and overseas.

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