



January 2022

Greetings to all our members and friends, wishing all the best for the New Year. Trusting that the majority of our readers have escaped any serious infections. Another year has come round quickly, I hope we will all see better times to come, and we can get out and about to continue with our researches in libraries and archives sometime soon.



Society News

- **Meetings** - Members please register on the website, up to a week before the Next Meeting:-

January 17th 2022 - 'Huts in Scotland - our modest missing paradise' by Lesley Riddoch at 7.30pm

When you have registered click <Add to Calendar> and select (Google, Outlook etc) whichever is yours, Save it to your calendar and it will set a reminder before the meeting

- **Opening Hours**

Sadly the recent acceleration in Covid cases has meant that we have once again closed the research centre for personal visits. To protect the volunteers and visitors, we have put the Saturday research sessions on hold until things have calmed down again and the infection risk has eased.

- **Journal**

Deadline has passed for submission of articles for Journal 123, and the editing team are now busy getting the issue prepared for publication early in March. However, don't let the deadline hold you back from submitting articles and other items for future editions, as we can all learn something from other people's research. The theme for J124 is 'accidents and disasters': events (big or small) that happened which changed the course of your family.

The editor@gwsfhs.org.uk will be pleased to hear from you.

- **Datasets**

Burial register indexes for :- Ramshorn Churchyard 1776-1854, and Govan 1817-1855, have been added to the datasets which can be viewed at members area of our website. Here you can search by full name, by Surname or place, the see the date of burial and cause of death, for more than 40,000 inhabitants of Glasgow.

- **Website**

The articles area on the website has the exciting news that many of the booklets created by society members are now being released as pdf files for sale as alternative to print booklets. Having the data in electronic form means that you can search more easily for names or places, and for iPad users a convenient and portable resource.

Another article by Diana Burns is an interesting writeup illustrating a tombstone in the Necropolis and telling the story of a well travelled family, from their origins, to great wealth, and sad end in Gartnavel Asylum.



News from elsewhere

- Once again Christine Woodcock's Canada/Scotland Special Interest Group has kindly opened their talks to our members, all at 3.00pm our time, next talks with Zoom web link to register.

JAN 24 - **Lives of our Fisher Ancestors**, by Scottish Fisheries Museum

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwocuqoqz0sHtFeSxgkh7INRIQismFZZiJl>

FEB 7 - **Glengarry Archives**, by Allan MacDonald

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsf-6rpzMiHdWBRpbzwg5XZC5IXkm7IWVC>

FEB 16 - **Merchant Seamen**, by Caroline Gurney

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwucuqqrDwiHteHNx3G9NEX1WxSzgPqxIPx>

- **Findmypast**

Members please remember that you can get a discount on FmP membership, using coupon code from members area on our website at <https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/boxes-members-area/resources/>.

I guess that they have been very busy at FmP with the recent introduction of the English 1921 Census - at <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/1921-census> , and see below.

There is nothing for our area in the weekly 'whats new' updates, but a seven Irish newspapers from Cork to Ulster, starting in the late 1800s, have been added.

- **ScottishIndexes**

Look forward to their 15th Zoom Conference on Saturday, 15th January 2022, as before, a number of interesting subjects for the talks, repeated twice to allow the whole world to hear.

Register at their website <https://www.scottishindexes.com/> .

- As ever, Chris Paton's blogspot at <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com> always has useful news for Scottish and Irish researchers

- **Ancestry**

There are updates to RAF Operations Records Books, and Global Find a Grave index..., coverage of additions is not defined, but always worth re-checking your search, as they regularly update datasets.



Ramblings

December seemed very short, and I have been distracted with trips to Glasgow Graveyards, playing Lego with the kids, and building a model of the Titanic (my present), so ramblings are a bit short this month. Just a few resources experimented with and suggested by a reader.

- **The 1921 Census of England and Wales**

I did manage to waste an hour looking for a Glasgow born stray, when I checked my notes I re-discovered that he had left for Canada in 1920!!!! At first look I thought that the Search fields were not going to be very useful, with only Name/Date/Location, when you only know that someone came from Scotland, but not where to. However, clicking 'Advanced Search' gives you another 33 search fields. You can search on Birth Place, Nationality, Occupation, Other Household member ..., so if you don't know address or where in England, there is very good chance that you can narrow down the correct entry before paying your £3.50 for an image of the household entry. The transcript may be cheaper, but it's someone else's interpretation of handwriting, so get the original.

If you suspect an address you may be able to verify before ordering entry. For example trying 'John and Letitia Keogh at 53 Ingleby St, Bradford', you can search and find address, then click transcript or image icon on the way to purchase, then you see up to 3 forenames at that address, so there is a good chance that you can verify correct family before you buy anything :-

1921 Census Of England & Wales image



John and Letitia are on this record



- **British Newspaper Archive, Family Notices**

One of our readers, Murray Archer has pointed out "A collection of marriage and birth notices found in different British Newspapers, This collection comes from the British Newspaper Archive, and is a collaborative project with FindMyPast.", at:

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2562514>

Checking the Catalog at FamilySearch shows the coverage on the table below, showing Ayr, Paisley and Motherwell in our area, with other titles all over the country. There is also an Obituaries collection at: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2562508> but it does not seem to be as comprehensive as Family Notices.

From surname searches I found events from Rhu, Kelvin, Biggar and Kelso reported in Dundee Courier - Tradeston and Barony in Paisley Herald - Leith and Glasgow reported in Inverness Courier. I knew that news was often picked up and reported outside the area, but I assumed that Family would be kept local unless the event was a famous person. It just shows that it is worth browsing at this sort of national site even if the coverage doesn't look too promising.

List of coverage for Family Notices collection, from FamilySearch Catalog:-

Scotland, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen, family notices, 1899-1939
Scotland, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen, Obituaries, 1899-1939
Scotland, Angus, Dundee : Family Notices, 1839-1953
Scotland, Ayrshire, Ayr : Family Notices, 1888
Scotland, Ayrshire, Ayr : Obituaries, 1888
Scotland, Dumfriesshire, Dumfries : Family Notices, 1844-1845
Scotland, Dumfriesshire, Dumfries : Obituaries, 1844-1845
Scotland, Fife, Dunfermline : Obituaries, 1859-1866
Scotland, Inverness-shire, Inverness : Obituaries, 1824-1930
Scotland, Midlothian, Edinburgh : Family Notices, 1739-1920
Scotland, Midlothian, Edinburgh : Obituaries, 1739-1920
Scotland, Perth, Perth : Obituaries, 1890-1895
Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley : Obituaries, 1853-1870
Scotland, Stirling, Falkirk : Obituaries, 1870-1895
Scotland, Stirling, Stirling : Obituaries, 1844-1867
Scotland, Angus, Dundee, obituaries, 1844-1953
Scotland, Fife, Cupar, obituaries, 1862-1885
Scotland, Lanark, Motherwell, obituaries, 1884-1924

Where anyone has comments or corrections, don't be shy, and send a note to enews@gwsfhs.org.uk, thoughts can be included next month. Also let us know of any other suggestions for less obvious resources which may be of use to other members.

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