



GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

e-NEWS

May 2021

Greetings to all our members and friends, After the clocks change we hope that summer is on the way, maybe it will come after showers of hail stones stop, lets be positive now that lock down is easing and we can meet outdoors. Remember to drop, a line through the Contact form on the website, or direct to enews@gwsfhs.org.uk , with feedback, or suggestions resources.



Society News

- **New Honorary President**

We are delighted to announce that Sir Tom Devine, Kt, has agreed to accept the post of Honorary President – make sure you mark Monday 7th June in your diary, to attend his inaugural zoom presentation.

- **Meetings** - invitations for Members to register will be put on the website at <https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/boxes-members-area/meetings-presentations/> about a week before the Meeting, and through link on website homepage.

NOTE - DATE CHANGE - speaker unfortunately had to delay by one week.

Monday 17th May 2021 - A short **EGM** to update the constitution, relating mainly to changes allowing online working, and membership processing on the new website, this has been notified by members mailing. [[click here to register](#)]

Monday 24th May 2021 at 7.30pm - **Photo Restoration** by Alex Inglis, on Zoom
Speaker is a photographer. He restores old Black & White, Sepia and Colour photos. He also edits digital images and works on digital graphic design. [[click here to register](#)]

Christine Woodcock's Scottish Interest Group shares live zoom talks with our members – timed at 3.00pm UK time [Christine is a keen Canadian/Scot]

May 19th 2021 at 3pm - **Historic Environment Scotland Archives** presented by Neil Fraser
members register on website at : <https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/boxes-members-area/meetings-presentations/>.

Monday 7th June 2021 at 7.30pm – **The Death and Reinvention of Scotland 1750-1850**, a zoom presentation by Sir Tom Devine. Watch website at end of June to register.

- **Opening Hours**

Sadly we can't predict when we will be able to open the premises. We live in hope that we might meet face to face later in the autumn, and onsite volunteers may be able to get together again!!

- **Volunteers** – please offer your services to addresses below

You don't have to be a local, just a member anywhere in the world, if you are opening this then you have access to technology – you don't need to be an Einstein or a computer whizz to help out, if have a computer and some way to operate a keyboard!!! If you have some other skills or expertise your help would be gratefully received by committee members who have taken on more and more tasks.

Editor – after the Journal editor retired we URGENTLY need someone with relevant experience to take over preparation of the Journal, or oversee and co-ordinate a team of editing helpers – contact editor@gwsfhs.org.uk .

Editing – helping to prepare the Journal - can you could offer some time to check articles submitted and perhaps edit to required size – contact editor@gwsfhs.org.uk .

Checking and indexing, monumental inscriptions for the Cathedral burying ground have been collecting over the years, to finalise, some checking and indexing is required – contact enews@gwsfhs.org.uk if you have some time to spare.

Canadian enquiry support, Christine Woodcock has arranged a zoom drop-in session for inquirers from Canada seeking help, a small group of experienced 'helpers' from the society are needed to assist. If you can offer some time to share your knowledge, please contact enews@gwsfhs.org.uk to be referred to coordinator of sessions at our end.

- **Library**

No new physical additions, but we are working towards making the e-journals, which we receive as exchanges from other societies, available to read on the website.

- **Datasets**

Calton Burying Ground Monumental Inscriptions are now available along with Lair Registers for Calton. That is Calton Glasgow – not Calton, Edinburgh which can be confusing!



News from elsewhere

- One of our members is a very knowledgeable guide at the Cathedral, with an encyclopedic knowledge of the Burial Ground. Colin Campbell offers free tours to small groups, which can be booked through his email on website at <https://www.glasgowcathedraloldburialgroundtours.com> , he would obviously appreciate a donation.

BRING UP THE BODIES

A Walk through the Old Burial Ground of Glasgow Cathedral

Explore the lives of some of those interred within the Old Burial Ground and learn how they reflect the history of Glasgow, Scotland, Great Britain an (quite often) the World. Explore the quirks of the external facades of this fascinating mediaeval building.

- **Findmypast**

Recently added some military records which will include many soldiers from Scotland.

- British Army, Royal Engineers 1900-1949
- British Army, Coldstream Guards 1800-1947 Image Browse
- Updated 95,000 entries in ENGLISH 1939 register

- ScottishIndexes
Saturday 22nd May 2021, their 10th Zoom Conference – promising another day of useful talks, register on their site <https://www.scottishindexes.com> .
- Renfrewshire Family History Society talks link at <https://renfrewshirefhs.co.uk/meetings/>
Lorraine Murray (Archivist Inverclyde), “James Watt’s Legacy in Greenock and The Watt Institution” 15th April 2021 at 19:30 GMT
- Chris Paton's blogspot always has timely news <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com> . He notes limited opening at Edinburgh Scotlands People Centre.



Ramblings

Sometimes verifying an old address in the city can be a problem where you are unfamiliar with street names, where spelling is messed up or street has been re-named, or disappeared in re-development. Looking at the Post Office Directories can be helpful. For places further afield, some other aids are discussed.

- **The Glasgow Post Office Directories (and other town directories)**
Not everyone was included in the directory by name, street or occupation, they may not have had a profession to advertise, or did not want to pay the fee. Each year information was collected over many months for the following publication, so data may not be correct at the time of printing. The useful part to mention here is the summary of streets included BEFORE the General alphabetical and Streets section. This lists all the Streets as well as named Terraces and Closes mentioned – often the alpha sequence is unusual, for example with West Regent St listed in the R's as Regent st (west) etc.
When checking street names after 1855, the Registration District number is also mentioned, this is a useful check when trying to verify street names on Census or Certificates. In 1875 areas covered by Registration districts changed, and re-numbered to cover a larger area of Glasgow. The National Library holds digitised collection of all Glasgow Directories, as well as for other towns and regions of the country. You can download complete directory from <https://digital.nls.uk/directories/browse/archive/91168983> , or name search by start of name/place/year at <https://digital.nls.uk/directories/browse/> .

Where you are looking for a place outside a City, you may find a suburban section or a County directory – but these will mainly index by name and only people who pay!...One good gazetteer is Francis Groome's 6 volume 'Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland', which you can view at National Library or at <https://electricScotland.com/history/gazetteer/index.htm> . The 3 volume 1904 edition is in society library at R/GAZ/GRO. Many small villages and hamlets are described, but for small farms and buildings you need to look elsewhere. Where your reference is from old documents, you have the typical problems of spelling and transcription errors, which we always have to overcome.

- **Ordnance Survey Name Books.**
As the first ordnance survey maps were being surveyed the 'correct' spelling of place names was investigated in local sources, this was recorded in 'survey' or 'name' books, giving the authority

for the information and often a short description of place. We are lucky in the West of Scotland that the first OS was for the detailed 1:2500 or 25 inch to the mile scale, other areas only got the 6 inch scale. Online, the name books at <https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk/places> can be searched by place, showing the handwritten entry with transcript at the bottom of the page.

For example if we look for Cawdercuil farm in the north of Glasgow, (ignore 'not found' at left) at the right we see all the counties recording that name, if it was a common place name you would see many options. Selecting the county brings you to a list of document series containing that name, if you are lucky you can find various tax rolls for servants, horses, carriages, hearths - as well as the name books, so there is a good chance of picking up some other links. For the example we find that the name has been standardised as Caddercuilt:-

County of Lanark No. 21. Cadder Parish				
List of Names as written on the Plan	Various modes of Spelling the same Names	Authority for those modes of Spelling	Situation	Descriptive Remarks, or other General Observations which may be considered of Interest
<i>Blackhill</i>	<i>Blackhill</i>	<i>Estate Map Valuation Roll A. Young Factor</i>	<i>I. 14 Tract 1</i>	<i>A good Farm Steading. The property of Mr. Stirling Esqr.</i>
<i>Caddercuilt</i>	<i>Cawdercuil " " Caddercuilt</i>	<i>Mr. Stirling Esqr. A. Young Factor See Cadder House</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>A superior Farm Steading with large Offices attached. the property of Mr. Stirling Esqr. See description of "Cadder House"</i>
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giving a short description of property and the owner's name (not the tenant here), as well as the map sheet number, Lanarkshire I.14. Going to https://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch/county_list.html and opening 'Lanarkshire I.14 (Cadder)' sheet we see what we are looking for at the top left.



If you had searched Google you would not have found Caddercuilt, it does throw up Caldercuil (School), is it the same place? It is, built on the lands of the farm, but with spelling changed, the adjoining Blackhill farm still exists. It is worth re-searching on spelling variants Cadercuilt/Cadercuilt/Caldercuil and often you will pick up other related document sets with other information such as Farm Horse tax, as in 'Caldercuil' showing Thomas Barr as master of 3 horses at the farm.

HORSE TAX, per 36 Geo. III. Cap. xv. 69

Date of Assessment.	Masters and Mistresses Names and Designations.	Actual No. of Horses.	Horses Excluded in Duty &c.	Horses not liable.	DUTY.		
					£.	s.	d.
	<i>Calder</i>						
	<i>James Baird (Glasgow)</i>	3	0				6

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- **'Of, in, or at a place'**, local researchers will know that 'of, in, at' a location, when used correctly, gives specific information on ownership of property, but researchers far afield will not realise that - 'of a place' indicates ownership of a property, 'in' indicates a tenant of a property, and 'at' just defines occupier and not necessarily any ownership, although could be a sub-tenant or renter of property.

To be in contact with others you can go to :



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