



August 2021

Greetings to all our members and friends, things are slowly opening up, maybe we will see more appointments available for archives research soon. Summer is flying by quickly, and it won't be long till meetings start again, they will continue on Zoom for the foreseeable future, which may not be so good for networking, but a boon for our distant members.



## Society News

- **Meetings** -

Members please register on the website, in the week before the Next Meeting(s) :- Advance notice!! this is something to look forward to in September.

**Sharing your Family History Online**, by Chris Paton - Monday 20 September 7.30pm,

- **Opening Hours**

Sadly we can't predict when we will be able to open the premises to members. Consequently we have limited news to report on new library and database additions. Keep your eyes peeled next month, when there may be some signs of plans to get access to premises, with a booking system.

- **Journal**

Do you Scots have any stories about black African ancestors? Or indeed are there any people of African descent who have Scottish connections on your tree? We want to hear your stories for the next issue of the Journal which will be out during Black History Month. If you have anything to say, please contact [editor@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@gwsfhs.org.uk) by 20th August

Hopefully postal systems have managed to get issue 121 to you already; I have heard that one reached Canada already. Well done to acting Editor and her team for putting together the first colour issue, with a great selection of interesting subjects. In future they plan to try and have a theme for each issue - Black History, Migration, Disasters .... "If you have any interesting stories to share on these, or other, topics, please first consult the authors' guidelines in the Resources box on the members' area of the website. The [editor@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@gwsfhs.org.uk) will be delighted to hear from you"

- **Website**

Look out for new Articles, - an interesting story of the Lost Tomb of Stuarts at East Kilbride by Tom Mitchell, continuing the lost graveyards series. There is a summary of a detailed history of the family and company of Steven & Struthers, Brassfounders.



## News from elsewhere

- **Lanarkshire FHS - talk**

**The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Museum** 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm UK time

"Telling the stories of the people of one of Scotland's great Highland Regiments..."

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlf-ihqjwoE9AWG5zZbf4LnZtNJqIBp\\_b1](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlf-ihqjwoE9AWG5zZbf4LnZtNJqIBp_b1)

Or Watch via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrY4JPv-MlvJiWCRiXB11Qg>

If you miss it on the night then you can catch up via the YouTube link

- **Ancestry** - see also below.

Updates to - UK & Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists 1890-1960, for passengers leaving for ports outside Europe; from the National Archives, Board of Trade, BT27 collection;

and, UK & Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists 1878-1960, for vessels from outside Europe, but some may have picked up passengers at European ports en route; from BT26 collection.

- **Findmypast**

Release of huge collection of Scottish parish records is announced, along with Monumental Inscriptions collection shared from many local Family History Societies, including our collections.

- **ScottishIndexes**

Registration is now open for their 12<sup>th</sup> Conference on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, as usual talks are repeated twice, so that the whole world can participate. Check Registration Instructions, for Facebook or Zoom, half way down their homepage at <https://www.scottishindexes.com>

- **Chris Paton's blogspot**

Always a useful source of new at <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/p/links.html>

- **Do you have Air Force Ancestors?**

As many of you may know Clare Wilson of Treehouse Genealogy has a passion for Air Force Research covering all periods from World War 1 onwards, all Air Force Trades, WAAFs etc & includes those from throughout the Commonwealth & beyond who served. Over the years she has worked with many organisations & Museums researching the circumstances of those who sadly lost their lives in Aircraft losses. Clare currently works as the Archivist for 102 Squadron & is part of the research team at the Aircrew Remembrance Society.

Having recently set up the 'Allied Air Force Research' Facebook group, as a great place to discuss ancestors service, aircraft and any other questions you need answered (see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alliedairforcereasearch>), Clare has now gone on to set up a website of the same name. This new Website will cover all time periods, countries & trades. The website will continually grow & will contain details of some of the projects Clare works on, hints & tips to assist your own research & a blog which will feature news, articles on Aviation Museums & much more.

You can sign up for FREE to receive Articles & newsletter direct to your inbox via this link

<https://www.alliedairforcereasearch.com/blog>.



## Ramblings

This month just some brief items that have caught my eye.

- **GEDCOM 7**

Familysearch has reported the release of a new version of the Gedcom standard for transferring information between genealogy databases. The current standard 5.5.1 is used by nearly all family history software to export and import information, but there are often missing items transferred because of ambiguities in the standard and customised fields. The new version 7.0.0 tightens up some specifications, adds some tags, and allows linking to images and external web resources. Software written to the new 7 standard should be able to read all older versions, but exports of version 7 will not be readable by version 5. This is just a look ahead to the future where you may have to be careful if you want to import into your older family history programmes!

- **Scotland and NI death index 1989-2020**

Last month I asked about the source of this dataset from Ancestry, and got help from Ian Brown, Murray Archer and James Oakes who managed to clarify the origin. This database appears to come from a commercial company who provide a useful service to prevent fraud and clean mailing lists by identifying deceased persons. Wilmington Millennium and their associates have extracted identities from UK probates, Funeral Directors, Registrars and other verified sources. The Ancestry lists may be a useful lead for genealogists to lost relatives, and commercial users will get the fully up to date information from services on the Wilmington website.

- **Early Census**

In addition to the note from last month James Oakes has pointed out that you can use FindMyPast 'Search' then 'All Record Sets' enter keyword "census" and filter by "Scotland" to get a list of all their census holdings, then search only on that dataset.

There is a useful Factsheet at <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/census-records/pre-1841-census-records> with links to a number of early lists. At the SAHFS website there is a useful inventory of pre-1841 lists <https://www.safhs.org.uk/populationlists.php>.

- **Ancestry**

There has been uproar on the web following changes to Ancestry Terms and conditions, around the wording non-revocable and perpetual, relating to your agreement to licence your data to Ancestry royalty free when you submit anything on your tree. This does not affect your ownership or the copyright, but they can do anything they like with it. They have later revised the statement by adding 'that the agreement expires when your content is deleted from their systems' – but not from other people who have copied it. Not being a California lawyer it is difficult to understand how a "perpetual" and "non-revocable" agreement can expire???

It is perhaps galling that they can potentially use images to make money for Ancestry, with no acknowledgement; but you have to balance against the fact that your images and data are still there for others to see when you pass away, and the point of the tree is

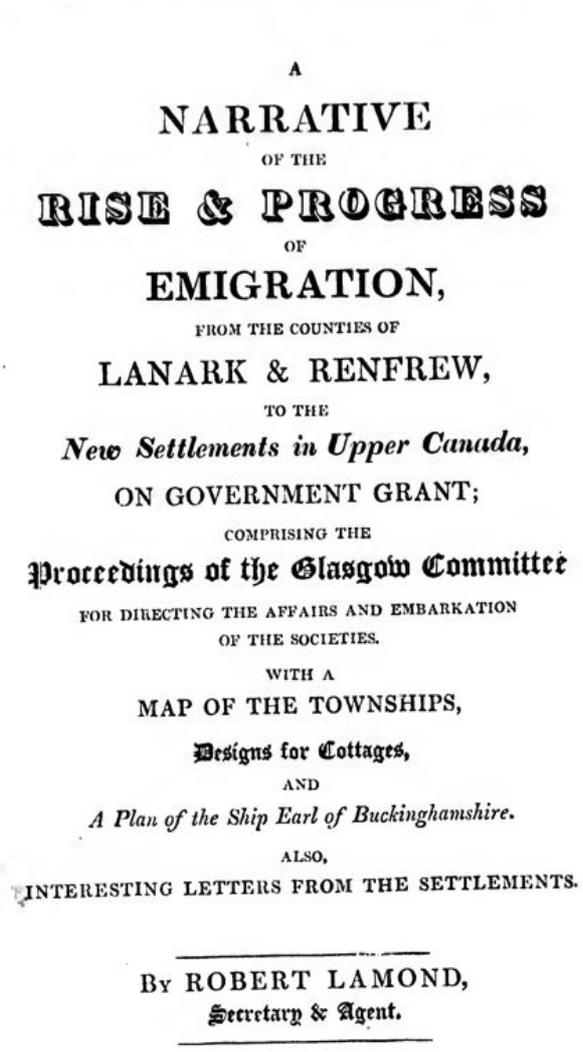
that you want to draw in other connections – although there should be some way of shooting down other users who wrongly appropriate chunks of your tree with no evidence!!

Bottom line is the same for any shared resource on the web – if you don't want your data/images/files to be copied and potentially uploaded to other sites, probably with no acknowledgement – don't put it up to be shared (for free!!). To destroy commercial usefulness, you could heavily watermark any image, but if you send an original to anyone it will surely escape onto the web sometime! The above does not apply to DNA site.

- **Trades House of Glasgow**

If you are researching anyone in Glasgow involved in trade they should be in the printed lists of Incorporations and Burgesses, since they had to be registered before 1846 to trade legally.

The digital collection with scans of books relating to the area is very well catalogued, for example <https://www.tradesouselibrary.org/emigration.html> has a 1821 volume describing all the organisation of '... Emigration ... from Lanark and Renfrew ... to upper Canada...' :-



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*At GLASGOW, 24th October, 1820, within the  
 Black Bull Inn—*

PRESENT,  
 LORD ARCHIBALD HAMILTON, PRESES.  
 COL. MURE, of Caldwell.  
 KIRKMAN FINLAY, Esq.  
 JAMES OSWALD, Esq.  
 ROBERT DALGLISH, Esq.  
 WILLIAM M<sup>c</sup>GAVIN, Esq.  
 ROBERT BROWN, Esq.

There was laid before the Meeting, the following  
 Lists of Emigrant Societies:—

	<i>Individuals.</i>	
Cambuslang, and	184	}
Govan, - - - - -	43	
Kilbride, - - - - -	40	
Stonehouse, No. 1, - - - - -	70	
Do. No. 2, - - - - -	89	
Strathaven, - - - - -	70	
Wishawtown, - - - - -	81	
Hamilton, - - - - -	295	
Lesmahagow, - - - - -	112	
Glasgow Highland and Lowland, - - - - -	167	
Brownfield and Anderston, - - - - -	395	
Glasgow Wrights', - - - - -	200	
Do. Junior Wrights', - - - - -	205	
North Albion, - - - - -	127	
Barrowfield Road, - - - - -	269	
Carried forward, - - - - -	2347	

The title page is rather like a printer's sample, sadly it includes very few names of emigrants, but a few tables showing places and numbers leaving, it would be good to find out if any lists survive.

## Open Days

Unfortunately the Trades House physical archives is not open at present but tours of the Trades Hall of Glasgow will be taking place over the Doors Open Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021, tours can be booked through the Doors Open website:

<https://glasgowdoorsopendays.org.uk/>. If you are interested in the records, ask for the Hon Archivist, Craig Bryce and he will be able to give you information.

Where anyone has comments or corrections, don't be shy, and send a note to [enews@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto: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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