



September 2021

Greetings to all our members and friends, it's hard to believe that the summer is almost gone and we are at the start of a new session. Look out for our first talk of the season on 20<sup>th</sup> September, opening with another great talk from Chris Paton.



## Society News

- **Meetings** - Members please register on the website for the Next Meeting(s) :-

'Sharing Your Family History Online', Chris Paton September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 7.30pm  
Get lots of ideas on how to publish your family story online.

- **Opening Hours**

Limited opening by appointment is being discussed in committee but it is still in assessment stage, there are a lot of safety considerations before we can open the premises to members. There is still limited news to report on new library and database additions.

- **Journal**

The journal team is working on the October issue, and planning ahead for next year. Themes are of 'Diaspora' and 'Accidents' are planned. If you have any interesting findings to share, the editor would be pleased to receive any articles big (up to 2000 words with pictures) or small. Subjects don't have to fit the topic, we all learn something from other people's research methods and sources.

- **Website**

Have a look at the 'Articles' tab to see some more interesting submissions from Diana Burns, describing another lost graveyard at Airdrie East Church, and a Photo-sleuthing coincidence which brought an image of a young girl together with the sampler she created.



## 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, Zoom talks before next the eNews, with web link to register, are :-  
SEPT 22 **Step Away from the Computer**, Christine Woodcock  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdO-sqz4qEt3nrTChioPVxv\\_TyBuQYIOD](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdO-sqz4qEt3nrTChioPVxv_TyBuQYIOD)  
SEPT 27 **Cataloguing Archives**, George MacKenzie  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrdOCrrT0vGtAyKFmVZ-Ngfw6HeEDc4540>  
OCT 13 **Historic Environment Scotland website walk thru**, Neil Fraser  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrceGhrD8iHt3OnQqRoy1sIjk5GpgT9vWJ>
- Findmypast  
The Glasgow Courier newspaper from 1860 has been updated. A vast archive of photograph from the Francis Frith Collection has been added covering over 9000 towns and villages across the UK – 222 results for 'Glasgow', see:- <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/francis-frith-collection>.
- ScottishIndexes  
I hope many people managed to catch talks at their 12<sup>th</sup> Zoom Conference, the handout is available from their website at <https://www.scottishindexes.com>. Emma and Graham's team have transcribed another 10,000 prison register entries. Registration is now open for the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.
  - Chris Paton's blogspot <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com> always has a good summary of what's going on. He reports some archives opening up, but Genealogy Centre run by Glasgow Registrars at the Mitchell Library has not yet re-opened.



## Ramblings

Very brief this month, just a few ideas for finding and searching on some of our favourite sites

- **Mitchell Library Monumental Inscription holdings**  
Not everyone has access to the Mitchell, especially with restrictions to numbers of visitors, but their website provides a useful list of all the printed Monumental Inscriptions they hold, they have pretty good holding for areas all over Scotland, so worth a look. If you identify a volume covering your area of interest, at least you know it exists and can plan a visit or perhaps post a request for some kind person to do a lookup, via facebook site or the members area on website. Go to <https://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk> then 'Explore our Records, then 'M' to find Monumental Inscriptions, hidden on the right under 'Related Documents' is a link to 'Index to MI's ...', this downloads a spreadsheet with their holdings.

- **SGS Black Book**

A further source for MI's, which is perhaps more up to date, is maintained by the Scottish Genealogy Society as their 'Black Book'. It is another slightly hidden link, from their home page at <https://www.scotsgenealogy.com> you have to hover over Downloads to find the Black Book link. The list, by county, also includes all their holdings of burial records – this is a useful list to confirm existence of records, but you would have to be a member of SGS to access the documents.

- **Books on FamilySearch**

Family Search site has much more than their search box. They are building up relationships with libraries, mostly in America, to digitise useful books for family history. The old books they digitise are mainly out of copyright and 'Public' giving full access to the text, many of the recent publications and private Family histories are 'Protected' and may only be accessed through their research centres, either way may give you a lead to a good title.

Open <https://www.familysearch.org>, select Search and Books, the search is simple, it is best to put your subject in double quotes, or you will get all the John's and all the Smiths! It searches everything, title, author, and content – so throws a huge number of results – you can 'refine your search' by subject, so it is a bit of a browsing job, majority of the hits were public. Searching on "John G. Paton" threw up 271 results - autobiography and missionary history, but also '..History of Great Hamilton Street UF Church' because he is reported in the text as preaching there. As well as giving the full document, the bottom of each result offers 'Full text results' which shows a clip of the content mentioning the search subject (even for the Protected items).

- **Searching on Ancestry**

When searching on Ancestry I have often found that there is a fine balance between getting too many returns and missing what you seek. Usually you will select 'more options', and fill in dates/places/family/and Collection Focus. You can then 'Filter by Category' on the left, - for 'Census' you often get too many Electoral register results, if you use 'Browse by category', at the top right you can separate out Census only..

Using the general 'Search' on the home page normally returns huge numbers of results, for instance Alexander Cherry throws 57,000 results, selecting Collection = Scotland, and update, gives 2,822.

## All results for Alexander Cherry

**Search Filters**

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Cherry

Collection: Scotland

[Edit Search](#) [New Search](#) [Update](#)

1-20 of 2,822

Browse by category

**Filter by**

**All Categories**

- > Census & Voter Lists 1,229
- > Birth, Marriage & Death 237

**Information**

To get better results, add more information such as **Birth Info, Death Info and Location**—even a guess will help. [Edit your search](#) or [learn more](#)

<p><b>UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960</b></p> <p>Passenger lists</p> <p><a href="#">View</a></p>	<p>Name <b>Alexandra Cherry</b></p> <p>Birth <span style="color: #ccc;">abt year</span></p> <p>Departure <span style="color: #ccc;">location</span></p> <p>Arrival <span style="color: #ccc;">dd mm year Liverpool, England</span></p>
<p><b>1851 Scotland Census</b></p> <p>1850s</p>	<p>Name <b>Alexander Chirrie</b></p> <p>Mother <span style="color: #ccc;">Maney Chirrie</span></p> <p>Father <span style="color: #ccc;">James Chirrie</span></p> <p>Siblings <span style="color: #ccc;">Elizabeth</span></p>

when you 'Browse by category' at top right you see the sources of the entries and can narrow down to see only 27 entries in 1901 Scotland census or other likely category.

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**2,822 results** Browse by category

Census & Voter Lists	1,229
UK, Electoral Registers, 2003-2010	649
Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland, Electoral Registers, 1857-1962	305
Edinburgh, Scotland, Electoral Registers, 1832-1966	70
North Lanarkshire, Scotland, Electoral Registers, 1847-1969	43
1901 Scotland Census	27

[See all 1,229 results...](#)

This also works well combined with a detail search and filter by Category, it lets you see the source of the results.

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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