



October 2021

Greetings to all our members and friends, life is getting a bit more normal again, at least the roads are busy again! . Things are going to be chaotic in Glasgow at the end of the month with roads closed and 30,000 people visiting the COP26 Climate Change conference, hopefully not all coming in private jets and helicopters, however trains from all 200 countries would be a problem!



Society News

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

Find My Past update by Myko Clelland 18th October 1 2021 at 7.30pm UK time.

Please **note** that the video of Chris Paton's presentation 'Sharing your Family History Online' will be available online to members-only, and only until 20th October.

- **Opening Hours**

Watch out for notice in the next Journal and on the Website for news of trial opening of the research premises on Saturdays. Hopefully we are close to getting on with some 'mask-to-mask' contact, and disinfected-hands-on research activity, with limited number of visitors to start with.

- **Journal**

The October Journal is progressing well thanks to Jean and her team, the theme for this month is supporting Black History Month, there are interesting articles following a family from African tribes to Glasgow University missionary and doctors, to Chief Justice of South Africa. There are useful book lists and links of related material, as well as articles on Poor law, Trades House and Burying Grounds.

- **Library New Project**

On our website, we are planning to showcase information about local institutions such as museums and heritage centres, through which our members can learn more about their ancestors' way of life and their communities. We are putting together a Scotland-wide list of such places, stretching from the Shetland Textile Museum to the Museum of Lead Mining at Wanlockhead and from the Slate Islands Heritage Centre to the North Berwick Coastal

- **Tiree and Coll** , islands off the west coast

What caught my eye on the Rockfield site, was a note that an Australian with Tiree ancestry had indexed the Kirk Session records for the Island. Well done him, considering usual difficulty with handwriting, what a bonus for researchers. I guess researchers with an interest in that area will have found www.tireegenealogy.com

already, a great collection for a little island 20km long, I guess many left for distant parts over the years, so lots of descendants out there. The other item that caught my eye was in their Census tab, where they have 1779 census, which was extracted from 'Inhabitants of the Argyle Estate 1779' transcribed by Eric Creegan, and published in 1963 by the Scottish Record Society. Expensive to buy from SRS website; in Glasgow I found a copy in the University Library, but I can't see it in the Mitchell Library catalogue. The volume has a good index of persons and of places...It seems that the data is quite variable over the extensive Argyle lands and islands, content for different areas is generally full names and ages for all tenants and children, sometimes only males over 12, but only numbers in Kintyre. Much of the county of



Argyle and the western islands was under control of the Duke of Argyle and Clan Campbell as shown on this map of 1734, NLS collection at <https://maps.nls.uk/counties/rec/201> and <https://maps.nls.uk/view/00000647> for the map above

- **National Library Blog**

Morag Fyfe has spotted that recent NLS blogs have been in the form "Zoom into", and the latest is North Lanarkshire. <https://blog.nls.uk/zoom-into-north-lanarkshire/>. Scrolling down on the home page shows numerous areas: Fife, Aberdeenshire, Glasgow ..., each provides a short overview, and an eclectic list of links and references to books, maps, films, random people and places for each region, from the National Library collections.

- **Scotland's Slavery Past**

Glasgow City Archives is the repository for the Stirling of Keir archive which is one of Scotland's major collections for the study of Caribbean slavery. The family had sugar estates in Jamaica - Hampden in St James and Frontier in St Mary. A selection of documents has been digitised from one series of records (TSK 22 2). These include: letter book of James Stirling, 1764-1772; account books for both Hampden and Frontier; invoices and sales books, 1764-1784, including lists and valuations of enslaved people; and records of ship arrivals with details of sales of sugar and rum, 1788-1793.

See <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/digital-resources/scotland-s-slavery-past>

- **Worldwide list of links from Australia**

Our Vice Chairman has been searching in Australia, he has spotted :

<http://membership.wags.org.au/links/genealogy-links>, this is from the Western Australia FHS. This resource contains a massive number of links from more than 60 countries, 660 links for Australia, 3 for Belgium, 35 for Canada. Sorting by country gives you links to societies, military, newspapers, indexes for that area – many are well known and some are just links to pay sites, but a useful collection. Researching in far away places can often be a challenge when you are not familiar with geography or societies, this gives many good pointers.

- **Public Service Announcement!!**

Brian has also come across recent publicity about service in the UK, by Consumer Magazine Which - <https://campaigns.which.co.uk/scam-alert-service/>, to alert contributors of new frauds committed by phone, text and internet. The link provides a signup, and also summaries some common scams. I hope that readers do not give away any details to callers or e-mailers claiming to be from bank or delivery company wanting you to transfer money – don't trust the number displayed on your phone, fraudsters can 'spoof' numbers to appear as genuine caller - always phone your bank using the number on your card to check. If you don't know your bank contact number, in the UK there is a number 159 which will connect you to all major banks.

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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