



December 2021

It doesn't seem time for Seasons Greetings yet, the year has moved too fast, but the shops are full of trees and lights, so I guess the Festive Season is upon us. I hope we are all pretty well protected by booster jags, but since there will probably be a limited number of masked gatherings, to keep away from the Greek alphabet, there may still be time for some ferreting about on the computer.



## Society News



Council knows it has been a challenging year for many of our members. We may be many miles apart, but our interest in family history unites us. Wishing you all the best for this Festive Season and the coming New Year.  
Eddie Nairn, Chair GWSFHS

- **Meetings** - Members please register on the website, before the Next Meeting:-

13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7:30pm **Early Scottish Settlers in Ontario** by Christine Woodcock

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**

Saturday afternoons opening has been continuing. Telephone 0141 339 8303 Saturday 2-4pm to make a booking.

The research centre will be closed over the festive season from 16<sup>th</sup> December and will be open again on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We look forward to welcoming members to meet 'mask-to-mask' for research sessions. Check out the website for conditions at :-

[www.gwsfhs.org.uk/2021/10/22/research-centre-opening-30th-october](http://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/2021/10/22/research-centre-opening-30th-october)

- **Journal**

Hopefully all members have now received their print Journal. Our new editor has given us a great variety of articles on all sorts of subjects; colour certainly brightens up the pages. I am sure that she will appreciate any constructive comments on content or format. Any contributions on the next theme of 'Diaspora' or any informative stories will be appreciated.

## ● Datasets

A brand new series has been launched on our website, Museums for Family Historians. Genealogists are becoming increasingly interested in their ancestors' lives - their childhoods, their houses, their work - and Museums for Family Historians is a directory of specialist Scottish museums which give background to those lives. Visit the site at [www.gwsfhs.org.uk/2021/11/11/museums-for-family-historians](http://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/2021/11/11/museums-for-family-historians)

## ● Website

Diana's new listing of museums by theme appears under the Articles tab. If anyone is interested in helping to create a similar series on Museums for Family Historians focussing on local museums by area, please contact [webmaster@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@gwsfhs.org.uk)

### Photographs for the Website

The website manager is appealing for members to donate digital photographs to the society for use on the website and other publications (we may be able to handle printed photos at a later stage).

We are looking for good quality images that illustrate subject matter relevant to family history: people, places, records, houses, paintings, engravings. If this is something that interests you, please contact [webmaster@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@gwsfhs.org.uk) for further details. If anyone can volunteer experience in managing digital photos, please get in touch. If it is not your own image, remember in the UK that copyright on images normally lasts for the life of the creator plus 70 years.



## 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 talk with Zoom web link to register 10<sup>th</sup> January - **Paisley Weavers** by Stephen Clancy  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduiurD0sGdGsR2ceIPsXZhV34i6vcHhN>
- The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (Canada) has kindly opened its webinar series for **GWSFHS members**. All are free at the time of the live presentation. They start at 4pm Glasgow time (11 am Eastern). Members can register via the Members Area of our website:  
[www.gwsfhs.org.uk/boxes-members-area/meetings-presentations](http://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/boxes-members-area/meetings-presentations)  
8 January 2022 - Margaret Fox - **Using Estate Papers for Genealogy**  
15 January 2020 - Christine Woodcock - **Canadian Fur Trader Ancestors**
- **Findmypast**  
There are many newspaper additions all over the country, especially Welsh titles. Difficult to believe that they now have captured 46 million newspaper pages. Remember that news was also reported far from your own area. Some of the updates to newspapers for our area are :-  
Glasgow Courier 1848, 1851, 1856      Oban Times 1877  
Kilmarnock Standard 1875      Barrhead News 1913
- As ever, Chris Paton's blogspot at <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com> always has useful news for Scottish and Irish researchers. Chris reports a notice that Scotlands People centre at the Mitchell Library plan limited opening from mid January with booking open from 5<sup>th</sup> January.

- **ScottishIndexes**

The past 14<sup>th</sup> conference was keeping up a superb standard with so many interesting subjects, with lots of useful references. Emma's Handout on their website gives links to speakers' sites. The next conference in their great series of Zoom presentations is to take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Go to their website at [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com) to register.



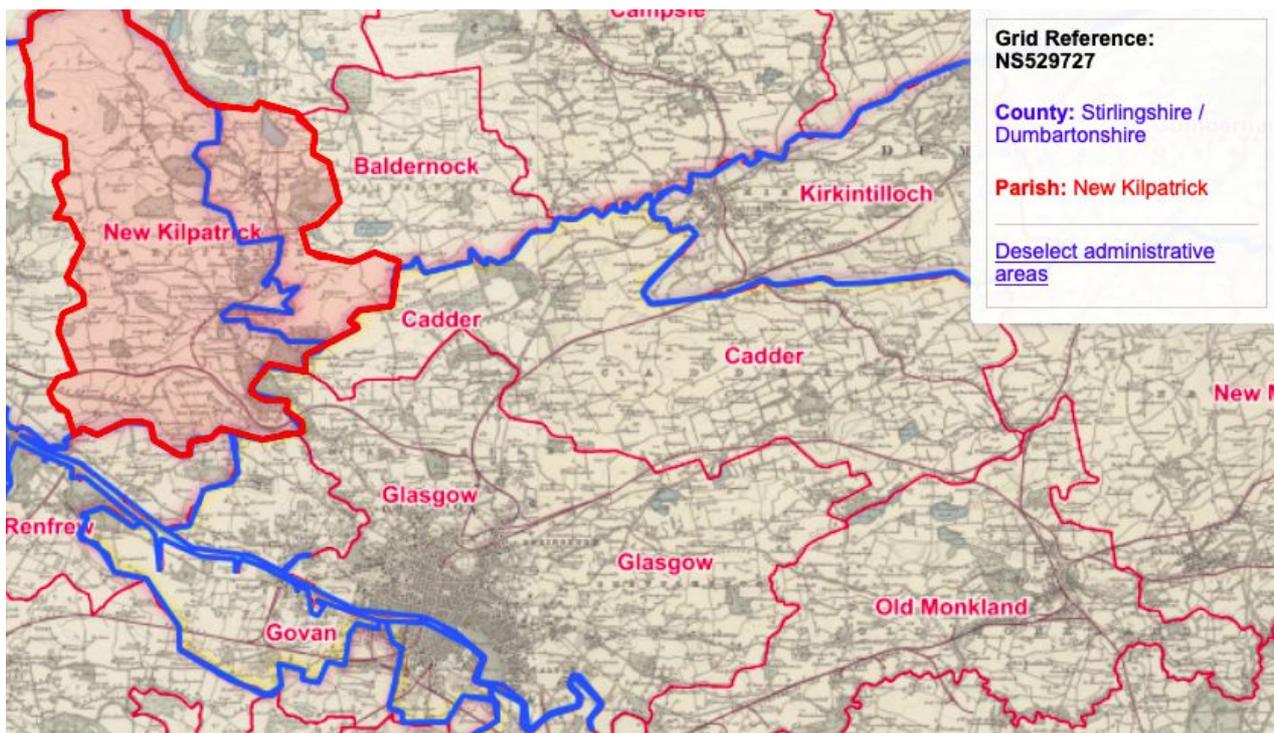
## Ramblings

Some more bits on maps courtesy of the National Library of Scotland to help with locating parishes. In a previous issue we saw where to identify parishes with their records, that's where to check for numbers, but we don't always know where they are geographically.

- **Locating Parishes, and the National Library of Scotland maps - again.**

Last month we looked at the ways to view maps at different periods, in passing I noticed the map they have created showing parish outlines superimposed on early OS map. This is a useful resource where one is unfamiliar with the geography of the countryside, and which parishes surround an area of interest. Now a caution here, there is a difference between Civil and Ecclesiastical parishes. Until 1845, most administrative areas followed the Church of Scotland parishes which had been virtually unchanged for hundreds of years, with the establishment of Parochial boards to administer the poor law, Civil parishes were formed. Initially the coverage corresponded to the same area as earlier parishes, except in Towns and Burghs where many boundaries changed a bit, and over the years boundaries were adjusted with many changes in 1889. For our genealogical purposes where we are mainly considering the parishes for church records before civil registration in 1855, so later boundary changes are not so important, except that they affected which county records office may hold deposits.

Opening <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/boundaries> you see county boundaries, and zooming in show individual parishes, clicking on area highlights and shows name and county in top righthand box.



As before, you can enter a place in the search box and auto zoom to the same parish map. Often you can note strange boundaries, like New Kilpatrick highlighted which is split in two counties, and Kirkintilloch which is in a detached portion of Dunbartonshire. You see here that Glasgow is shown over a large (civil) area, where ecclesiastically Glasgow City parish is a small area in the old city, where Glasgow Barony parish is the larger area surrounding the city. Nonetheless useful to find parish location and visualise surrounding parishes.

- **GENUKI - parish information**

For some further information on parishes GENUKI can be a useful resource to view at : <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct> . Clicking on a county in the map displayed and then 'CountyMap' tab, takes you to a similar view to previous, but you can then double click on parish name to see useful text details like churches, cemeteries, and church records.



You can see that the boundaries are not so well defined. Among other errors, Glasgow is again wrongly defined, and in detailed text it does not mention Barony parish or its records.

- **Glasgow Kirk Session records**

I recently checked ScotlandsPeople for Glasgow High Kirk/St Mungo's Kirk Session CH2/550 minutes and found the period 1593 - 1788 missing; the National Records of Scotland and Glasgow City Archives catalogues confirmed the same. During the recent Scottish Indexes conference Dr Irene O'Brien was asked about the gap and was able to tell us that - the missing bits in records are not lost, but still at the Session house in Glasgow Cathedral. She is investigating recovering them for the Archives.

- **English 1921 Census**

In a previous issue I could not define costs, but Murray Archer has pointed out what the charges on Find My Past will be. £2.50 for every record transcript and £3.50 for every original record image. This will cover the cost of digitising and transcribing the 18,235,242 images... <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/1921-census> to see details and their countdown clock to January!

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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