



April 2022

Easter Greetings to all our members and friends, we are not back to normal but things are slowly sliding back to how they were before covid. We are seeing the opening of some of our favourite libraries and archives, and our research centre has started its Thursday and Saturday research sessions – see below.



## Society News

- **Meetings** - Members please register on the website, up to a week before the Next Meeting:-  
A short E.G.M. and A.G.M. followed by talk:  
**Glasgow High Kirk Burying Ground**, by Scott Fairie, Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.30pm
- **Website**  
Due to server upgrade the website will not be available on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 7am – 2pm, on first use after the change you may have to restart or refresh your browser.
- **Syllabus Secretary Vacancy**  
Annette McGarill has very ably put together very interesting schedules of meetings for many years. She is now proposed to take over the post of Society Secretary, so will not be able to carry on both tasks. If any members have experience of finding speakers, or can suggest ideas and lend a hand to form a small task group, PLEASE drop a note to [Secretary@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@gwsfhs.org.uk).
- **Opening Hours – Research Centre**  
Saturdays 2pm till 4pm and Thursdays 2pm till 4pm.  
Telephone 0141 339 8303 during opening hours to make a booking for either day  
Check out the flash screen on the website for conditions, and at :-  
<https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/2022/03/25/research-centre-open-thursday-and-saturday/>
- **Journal**  
Members should all have received their March Journal by now. *Please note there was a typing error in the March Journal (page 47) in the formatting of the income and expenses account to 31/12/21. The two totals at the bottom of the page for 2021 should be £34,886.*  
We are now past the submission deadline for the next Journal, but why not think about offering a story for the October edition when the theme is: 'Who doesn't love a good story'? - *Unlocking our family history through storytelling: ideas and examples*, reflecting Visit Scotland's – 2022 Year of Stories. Perhaps you could share your ideas on the best way to present your family history, or just a good story that you have discovered during researches.

## ● Datasets

The Monumental Inscriptions for Rhu Graveyard are being preparing for upload as a dataset on the website; we are looking for a few volunteers who can check the index spreadsheet against the text. If you can use Excel, Libre or Open Office, and can offer to do some checking, at home, or in the centre, please offer your name to [projects@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:projects@gwsfhs.org.uk). Following the simple instructions the task is straightforward, it is easiest to download the sheet and then you can check the columns of names and dates against the actual transcript in the last column. Here for example one of many lines from the dataset.

errors	Name	surname(s)	place	Record Ref. No.	Birth year	Birth month	Birth day	Death year	Death month	Death day	Monument inscription	Age
	Adam Monteith	Monteith, Chrystal, Taylor	Rhu, Helensburgh	RHU006	1803			1857	1	9	In memory of ADAM MONTEITH formerly of <del>Rockbank</del> , Helensburgh who died 9th January 1857, aged 54, and of his spouse JANE CHRYSTAL who died 9th December 1884, aged 80; <u>also</u> of their daughter JANE who died 2nd March 1845, aged 17, and of their son ADAM who died 6th January 1880, aged 50, and of SARAH ELIZABETH TAYLOR his wife who died 1st November 1891.	87

Can you spot the deliberate error in the entry? Marking any error in the first blank column will allow any corrections to be easily identified and inserted before upload. .



## 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 UK time, next talks with Zoom web link to register.

MAY 11 **A look at Kirk Session Records** by Tessa Spencer & Schreuder

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf-Gvqj8jGN3tjCHbaeifEF2WcX\\_Pli\\_Z](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf-Gvqj8jGN3tjCHbaeifEF2WcX_Pli_Z)

- Glasgow Genealogy Centre - at Mitchell Library

The Registrars site at: <https://glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17698> has announced limited re-opening, by appointment, at Mitchell Library - phone 0141 287 7655 :-

The centre will open **Monday and Tuesday only** from **9th May 2022**. We will also be **open one Saturday per month** from **2 July 2022**, with the exception of Public Holidays (**2 July, 6 August & 3 September**).

- Findmypast

New releases keep getting added and I keep my eye open for additions covering our area. Quaker Deaths 1810-1918, in the printed 'Annual Monitor', is not an obvious candidate, but testing the dataset throws up 12 Kilmarnock and 62 Glasgow entries, may be of interest because gravestones often don't exist for Quakers, also surprising places like Syria and Madagascar! FmP report 200,000 additions to the English 1939 register. Newspaper additions for Rutherglen Reformer, Wishaw Press, Dumfries & Galloway Courier, Dumbarton Herald, Glasgow ET, and

others. Note that the newspaper collection is almost the same as the British Newspaper Archive (BNA) with a few exceptions because of licensing agreements, so worth checking both for coverage and dates. Check out Chris Paton's blog for BNA additions.

- [ScottishIndexes](#)

Their 16th Zoom Conference on Saturday, 12th March 2022, as before, was another packed day of interesting talks; remember to check out the handout at

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/pdf/handout16.pdf>

The Prisons database has been updated with another 43,000 entries, so definitely worth a look.

Emma and Graham organised the Zoom for the 32<sup>nd</sup> SAFHS conference on 9<sup>th</sup> April, hope you didn't miss interesting talks on Irish records and the Glasgow City Archives Poorlaw records.

- As ever, Chris Paton's blogspot at <https://scottishgenes.blogspot.com> always has useful news for Scottish and Irish researchers.



## Ramblings

Weather improving, and places opening up, so less time for everyone on the computer, but still the evenings to fill with browsing in some more ramblings

- Last month I asked about hospital addresses, I had a suggestion from one of our readers, Henry McDonald, to look at the Medical Register. Good idea which was a start, in the Mitchell Library they pulled out the 1882 edition as an example - about 6 inches thick - includes England, Scotland and Ireland. Each section contains, List of Towns with the resident doctor - Doctors with their qualifications and addresses - then Hospitals by county for whole of each country, not all have their street address. Finally a list of Lunacy Boards, Asylums and Poorhouses, with no addresses. A good start.

One of the 'chat' links shared at the recent SAFHS22 conference was:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/archivespecialcollections/nhsgreaterglasgowandclyde/collections/hospitalsandclinics/>, this lists holdings for all the hospitals in the GG&Clyde archive at Glasgow University.

The Hospital Records database is no longer being updated. We continue to make this information available for inspection and reuse but can no longer guarantee its accuracy. You can search [Discovery](#) to find records held here at The National Archives and in other UK archives.

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**Hospital Records Database**

A Joint Project of the Wellcome Library & The National Archives

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**Search the Database**

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The database may be searched by the name of a hospital, or the name of the town, or a combination of both.

**Hospital name**

Search for any matches on hospital name, both present and previous.

**Town name**

Search for any matches on the town name.

[Clear](#)

[Search the database >](#)

**Tip:**

It is not necessary to enter the full name, for example, 'George' will find all hospitals where this has been part of the name.

Another helpful link from the SAFHS chat was to a National Archives page : <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords/search.asp>, which is sadly no longer being kept up to date; it gives useful search by hospital name or town, with 53 for Glasgow - it gives dates, types of treatment and location of archives.

A GWSFHSFacebook link given by Jenny Blain, to: <https://theses.gla.ac.uk/79145/1/13838885.pdf>, gives pdf of an excellent Glasgow University thesis by Stuart I.A. Laidlaw, 'Glasgow Common Lodging Houses' - not dated, but appears to be from soon after 1954. This give a huge amount of social history about institutions - with addresses of those still extant in 1953 with descriptions of each, also addresses of Workers Hostels and Sailors Homes; lodging houses for some other towns are also listed in a later section. In the 390 pages there is great social history of the facilities and health of inhabitants, and also interesting review of improvements in disease and public health of the City as new water supplies were installed.

These still don't include all the institutions where people could have been born or died, like Womens' Refuges, so still some directory searching to do.

- **Evening Times Roll of Honour**

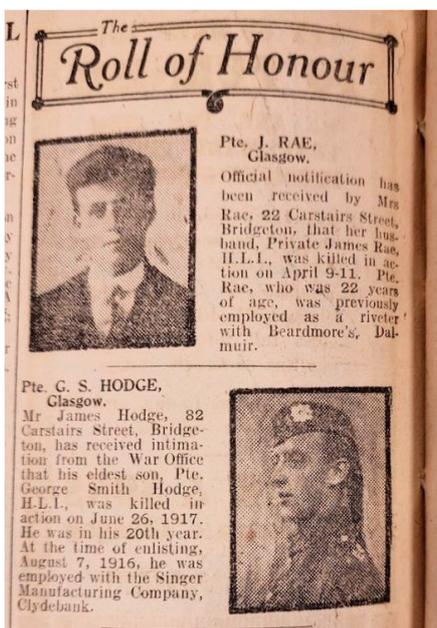
On the Mitchell Library online site :

<https://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk/ExploreRecords/Pages/Evening-Times-Roll-of-Honour.aspx> you can find an index of all sad notifications of losses in WW1, they are in 15 pdf sections which can be easily searched online, but you need to get all masked up and catch a bus to the Mitchell Library to see the originals. The BNA don't seem to have scanned the Evening Times up to 1917, - but they are continually adding editions. An example from the index:



**Evening Times Roll of Honour 1914 - 15**

Surname	Forename	Home	Rank	Regiment	Date of Death	Date in ET	Page	Portrait	Notes
Abercrombie	Harry	Kilsyth	Private	King's Own Scottish Borderers 9th		31-Aug-15	5		Missing
Abercrombie	Harry	Kilsyth	Private	King's Own Scottish Borderers 9th	14-Aug-15	04-Sep-15	3	Y	Drowned in the Royal Edward



While about 50% of entries are from Glasgow, and most from south west of Scotland, there are some from further afield in England, Australia and Canada, I guess all with Scottish connections. Many have a thumbnail photo of the lost serviceman.

Even just reading the indexes you get some sad family history, like - James Greig, Rutherglen, of Cameron Highlanders, in the paper of 23 June 1917; in the notes : "Died of wounds (brother of SgtMajor Matthew Greig who was killed in action the previous day)".

The clip on the left from the original newspaper at the Mitchell Library shows a couple of typical entries. You may also get a death notice in the 'Hatches, Matches and Dispatches'.

- [Recorded Talks](#)

As a member you have access to recordings of most of our recent Zoom talks. Log in and select the Members Area, there you will find the 'Meetings & Presentations' box, where you register for Zooms. Below the list of meetings you will find links to view presentations from the last few years. If you missed a meeting, or just want to repeat a talk, that's the place to go.

- [Did you spot the ERROR in the dataset index example?](#)

The age has been wrongly entered as 87 where 54 was correctly used to enter an approximation of birth year. A simple "age 54" placed in 'error' field by checker, will flag the error.

If you got it, you are just the person to volunteer some help to the society.

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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