



May 2022

Greetings to all our members and friends, yet another month has flown by. Members will be aware that a new season started after the recent AGM. A number of new office bearers and ordinary members have been appointed, in future we can hope to see some new ideas from the Council to try and include more member activities in these days of Zoom. Things have started by extending the Zoom meetings, after our monthly talks, to include an open session for discussion and chat.



Society News

- **Meetings** - We have reached the last talk arranged in the 2021/2 session, see below for summer information, there is already a program of talks for 2022/3 in place, which you will see in the next issue of the Journal and on the website when it gets updated.

Members please register on the website, up to a week before the Next Meeting:-

May 16th 2022 at 7.30pm talk by Prof. Clare Willson (Glasgow University)
'The Rebirth of the Dear Green Place: Parks and Wellbeing in nineteenth-century Glasgow'

- **Research Centre Opening Hours**

2-4pm on Thursdays and Saturdays - booking is no longer required. However, if travelling from a distance you can still book ahead to guarantee a seat at a computer - just ring 0141 339 8303 during opening hours.

- **Summer Session**

As mentioned above we are starting to think about some events to continue contact during the summer season, so look out for these in the next e-News. As a start Colin Campbell, one of our new Council members, is arranging two tours of Glasgow High Kirk Old Burying Ground in July, so members look out for details in the forthcoming Journal and on the website.

- **Journal**

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**

Following last month's introduction to Index checking, to help David finalise some indexes of Monumental Inscriptions, we have three volunteers checking sections of the transcripts of the High Kirk of Dunoon dataset and we are moving closer to getting it up on website for members to search online. The more eyes we have on the task the faster we progress, so why not volunteer to projects@gwsfhs.org.uk



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

May 25 **Stories from the Glasgow Necropolis** by Ruth Johnstone

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfuqorDMoGdwckUEpP3Uz119vf3Jh_e6T

- **Ancestry**

Looking at the 'Search\Card catalogue' tab you see the 'New' additions, not much showing up for our area, but always worth a look. They have a number of WW1 women's service records, and UK & Ireland Newspaper Marriage and Obituary Indexes, quick search shows a tiny smattering of Strathclyde hits, but without paid membership you can't see dates or newspaper references.

- **Findmypast**

Always more of interest here with their weekly 'What's new on Friday'. Within the 1.8million new newspaper pages are additions to Hamilton Advertiser, West Lothian Courier (not quite our area but close), Paisley Daily Express, Rutherglen Reformer, and new addition of Glasgow Mercantile Advertiser.

Notes of large additions to English Roman Catholic records, led me to look at Scottish records, see below.

The US Census for 1950 is now up online to browse - unindexed so you would have to know a location - there is a lot of guidance on locating correct book from the registration districts map.

- **ScottishIndexes**

On their website at <https://www.scottishindexes.com/> you will find useful research guidance in their learning zone such as - Criminal records and Kirk Session tutorials.

- **British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO)** announces its 2022 Virtual Conference, 28 September-2 October 2022 / "**England and Wales: at home and on the move**" 12 international speakers in 12 presentations over 4 days, all for a C\$40 conference pass More information at <https://www.bifhsgo.ca/2022-BIFHSGO-Conference> .

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

- **Kilted Kulture**

The second session of Conference supporting Year of Stories 2022 – themed 'Crime and Punishment' is scheduled - for 18th June 2022, check out the website at:

<https://www.treehousegenealogy.co.uk/kilted-kulture-conference-ys2022> for details of speakers.



Ramblings

Some more random jottings, to give some ideas for web browsing these shorter evenings.

- **The Roman Catholic records on FmP**

One of the Friday announcements contained a link to a very interesting presentation on the history and background of Catholic emancipation and records across the world at :

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/blog/new/salford-roman-catholic> .

It contains a number of illustrations from Glasgow. That started me seeking the list of records that have been captured and indexed on FmP site. The List of B,M,D and others at:-

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/scotland-roman-catholic-parish-list>

is not easy to locate. Before you login you get screen of guidance, but after free login you see a search box on the left, below this is 'Quick Links' and you want 'All Record Sets', enter Catholic and filter on Scotland, then you can select on various collections, once you have selected say Baptisms, then you get the specific search page, and down at the right is another 'Useful Links' with Scotland R C Parish List, and that gets you there – phew!. There are 4 lists for Ba, M, Bu and Congregational, showing coverage dates, a lot of Dunbartonshire and Glasgow entries are marked as 'New'.

- **New Zealand**

One of our readers has spotted an interesting set of New Zealand family history resources collected by Diane Wilson, a good search engine reports on Burial, Marriage and early settler records. The site at <https://wilsoncollection.co.nz/> may be of interest to some of our readers.

- **Agnatic descent**

Reading an article about someone's inheritance I came across the term 'agnatic', thanks to Google I didn't even have to get up to find a dictionary. Agnate/Agnatic, noun/adj means exclusively male line descent, Enate/Enatic is wholly female line descent, and Cognate line means mixed male and female descent. These terms are all new to me; maybe I was off sick from school that day.

- **Gould Genealogy in Australia**

A Sale of Scottish books and downloads was spotted by Murray Archer, some unusual books are mentioned, but postage is likely to outweigh any saving, however ebook/pdf offerings may be of interest. <https://www.gould.com.au/specials/scottish-sale/> , worth a browse of titles.

- **The Mitchell**

I was describing the complexity of the Mitchell to a member, and thought it might be useful to visitors and those not familiar to hear my musings. For our Aussie friends, not the Mitchell Library on Maquarrie Street in Sydney, the one in Glasgow. That must have caused a bit of

email exchanging over the years! In the past the Mitchell was 'only' the largest public reference library in Europe, now the building also encompasses Archives and Scotlands People search area.

The original building in North Street was greatly extended, after an almost catastrophic fire in the adjoining building on Granville Street, now the main entrance. The fifth floor area which used to host the Glasgow Room has now become Family History and Special Collections, their email contact is Specialcollections@glasgowlife.org.uk, don't expect an instant answer to email, because reduced staff are multitasking. The library has tremendous stock of useful material, sometime it is difficult to find, the online catalogue states that coverage is only for material added since 1976, but has much earlier Glasgow material, at: <https://libcat.csghlasgow.org/web/arena>. This is part of the GlasgowLife website which has some Family History sections, but leads you to the much more useful 'Family History at the Mitchell' site:

<https://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk>, here you can explore some of the collections, as it also pulls together information from the Archives Department and Scotlands People area.

Glasgow City Archives was founded in 1964, it became Strathclyde Regional Archives with local government re-organisation and in 1984 moved from the basement in the City Chambers to the old Mitchell building. In the 1990's, with another government re-organisation, it is once again the City Archives and now on Floor 5, as part of the Family History hub. As an archive they have their own regulations, and advance booking is normally required, Archives@glasgowlife.org.uk.

As yet their own catalogue is not online, items must be identified by searching at other places. Scottish Archives Network seems to contain a comprehensive list of their holdings <https://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/scancatalogue/search.aspx>. The catalogue covers multiple repositories, and you see a list at the Browse\Browse tab, where you get the 'archive reference'. To search a specific archive you must enter their archive reference, for Glasgow City Archives it is GB243. Your search term will return a list which can be expanded for more detail. Using Discovery at the National Archives is another option which often finds items from Glasgow if you select 'Other archives' to narrow search results. When you find a Glasgow result the 'Held by' link takes you to a useful list of all their business record holdings <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/a/A13533146>

Some years ago the Registrar was allocated an area to set up a ScotlandsPeople access centre with computer terminals to allow unrestricted access to records. For a daily fee, this is much more economical than pay-per-view when you have a large number of certificates to check or search through. Advance booking of a seat is essential.

The three areas on floor five form a Family history hub at the Mitchell, each with their own regulations and booking requirements, for booking and opening hours see: <https://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk/PlanYourVisit/Pages/Visitor-Information.aspx>.

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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