



June 2022

Greetings to all our members and friends, it is difficult to believe that half the year has nearly gone already. Out on the streets we are seeing visitors from all over the world, but not all of our favourite archives are not back to full opening, so be sure to check with them before visiting.



## Society News

- **Meetings** - Next year's schedule has been ably compiled by our Syllabus Secretary, the list of talks for the 2022-23 session will appear in your next journal and will be up on the website during the summer. During the summer we are hoping to have a few organised events for members to join. See below for outing to the High Kirk Old Burying Ground.

- **Tour the Old Burying Ground of Glasgow Cathedral**

Our member Colin Campbell has offered this tour free of charge but donations will be welcome. Dates: 9 July and 16 July 2022. Time 11:00-13:00 (please specify your date.) This is open to members only so please quote your membership number when responding to: [Colin.Campbell@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:Colin.Campbell@gwsfhs.org.uk). Numbers are limited to the first 20 to apply.

Dating back to early Christian times, the Old Burying Ground of Glasgow Cathedral (Hie Kirk), is one of the oldest in the City. This is a two hour illustrated tour exploring the lives of those interred and showing how they reflect the contact (and influence) Glasgow had with Scottish, British and World history. The advent of Christianity, the Treaty of Perpetual peace, the Reformation, the Union of the Crowns, the War of the Three Kingdoms, the Darien Expedition, the Act of Union, the '45 Jacobite Rebellion, the abolition of Slavery and much more are all reflected by those interred here.

- **Opening Hours**

The research centre continues to open Thursday and Saturday 2-4pm. There is no requirement to book in advance unless you wish to secure a PC, in which case, phone 0141 339 8303 during opening hours. Check out the flash screen on the website for conditions. Even if you don't have a specific problem to tackle, why not come along to check out the resources at the research centre, you will always learn something new just browsing in the library, or spending some time on Ancestry or FindMyPast.

## ● Journal

Latest Journal will soon be going to press; you can look forward to some interesting articles. 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

Look out for the latest upload to the website - High Kirk Churchyard of Dunoon, Old and St. Cuthbert Memorial Inscriptions Original Transcription Work carried out by Margaret White, E. Baird & D. Baird Uploaded by David Hart



## News from elsewhere

### ● FHF Really Useful Family History Show

The on-line event is not until 11/12 November, but until 23:59 BST on 30th June they are offering an extra-special **EARLY BIRD £9 TICKET**, from July it will be £12. The schedule of talks will not be publicised on their website at [www.fhf-reallyuseful.com](http://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com) until July, but you can see what was offered at last year's event. Although it may be a bit English-centric, they normally have a good selection of interesting talks.

### ● Ancestry

From the Card Catalogue they show addition of 'Scotland, National War Memorial Index 1914-1945'. There are also a number of Edinburgh entries, for Passports, Aliens Register, and Extent Tax Rolls, which may be of interest. On the search page for each you will always find a short description of the dataset.

### ● Findmypast

Some new additions from the National Archives add more than 200,000 new military records - Army Recommendations for Military Honours 1935-1990  
South Africa, Local Armed forces nominal rolls 1899-1902, local troops raised for the Boer War  
Britain & India, Campaign, Gallantry and Long service Medals  
Newspaper additions for East Kilbride, Perthshire Advertiser, Ayrshire Post, Irvine Herald, Glasgow Chronicle and Paisley Daily Express.

### ● ScottishIndexes

Emma and Graham are having a well earned break from conferences to catch up their researches in Edinburgh. However they have already announced their 17<sup>th</sup> conference on Zoom to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and registration is open at <https://www.scottishindexes.com/>.

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

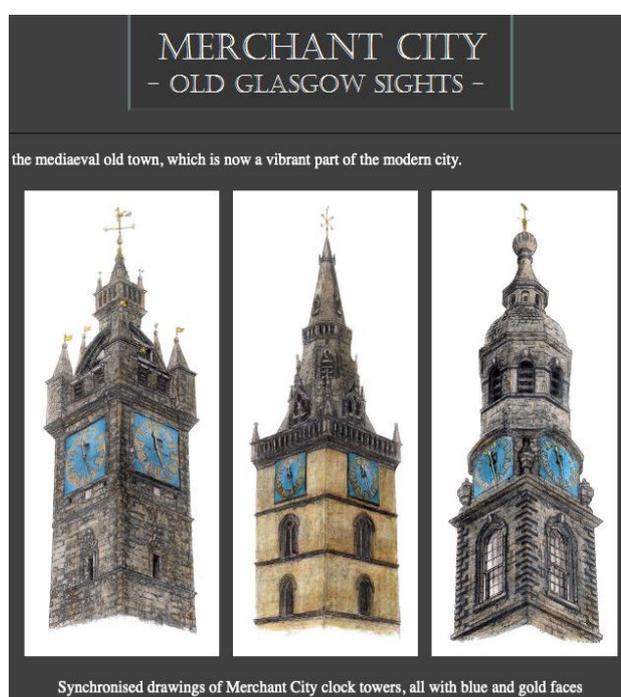


## Ramblings

When looking for other things on the internet, I got distracted by some interesting sites containing very interesting views, both historical and modern, of different areas in the city of Glasgow. As usual some other random items which may be of interest.

- **Gerald Blaikie Architectural Drawings**

A rather uninspiring Home page opens to a wonderful set of studies of various subjects and areas illustrating Glasgow and Edinburgh. Many early images, details and plans of the buildings, past and present, are collected along with descriptive notes; these provide background to accompany his excellent architectural drawings.



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Along with Glasgow and Edinburgh sections and excellent studies on Mackintosh and Andrew Carnegies' libraries, among others at :- <http://www.gerryblaikie.com>

- **Roy Map Indexing**

The National Library of Scotland has announced indexing of places mentioned on Roy's Military Survey map of Scotland of 1747-55. Have a look at <https://maps.nls.uk/transcriptions/> to see the progress of the projects. They are also starting to extract all the text from the 25 inch ordnance survey maps, pilot project starting with Edinburgh. Remember that you can view Ordnance Survey maps for the whole country on this site, as well as many town plans.

- **Strathclyde Urban Design Studies reports**

– in depth studies of High Streets around Glasgow discussing use and urban development of the areas, in too much technical detail unless you are an urban planner or a masters student!! Part 2 of each set is titled 'History and Stories' each shows temporal mapping of the growth of the area, and also collection of photographs with historical notes.

**High Street**



Figure 5

This gave rights it endowed to the burghesses of the city to own land, to trade and hold an annual fair led to the expansion of the town towards the Cathedral. Glasgow by the 15th century had become a thriving town second only to St Andrew's in ecclesiastical importance. The medieval landscape of buildings such as the Bishop's Castle and the College, which dominated the High Street for hundreds of years, now lie hidden beneath Glasgow's Victorian architecture and new developments.

Medieval Glasgow from its beginnings in 1119 with the building of the Cathedral on the site of St Kentigern's first church, to becoming the seat of an archbishop in 1492 has stirred considerable interest. Glasgow's Medieval ecclesiastical centre had an important economic impact on the development of the town. When a charter was issued by William the Lion, between 1175 and 1178, giving Glasgow the status of burgh.



Figure 6

**Surviving Medieval Features**

- Glasgow Cathedral
- Provands Lordship
- Castle Street
- Saltmarket
- Steeple
- Trongate



Figure 7

**Some Lost Features**

- Blackadders Hospital
- Molendinar Burn
- University of Glasgow
- Huntarian Museum
- Greyfriars and Blackfriars Wynd
- Tollbooth



Figure 8

**LOST LANDMARKS & BUILDINGS**

1. **Crematorium of Ice Rink**  
Completed in 1907 it was the first building in Scotland. The rink closed in 1918. The building in the sketch picture is a mock-up for the Ice Rink for the Crematorium, representing the old rink on the same site. However, it was built later in the same site as now replaced by Morrison's Supermarket.



3. **Tron Gate at Edward Road**  
Located near the entrance of the Crematorium station, the elements are no longer there, all that is left is now a concrete wall separating the alleys on the left from the rest of the street.



5. **Blackadder's Toll**  
Blackadder's toll, located High Street at the junction with the old Saltmarket, is now a ruin.



2. **R.G. Gairley, Upholsterer and cabinet maker**

Owned by R.G. Gairley, these buildings were demolished in 1901. A site was reserved for Shawlands United Free Church, later known as Shawlands Parish Church.



4. **Tron Gate Bus Shelter at Shawlands Cross**  
The shelter was used to serve passengers using the bus and tram as a shelter while waiting for the trams and buses to arrive.



6. **American Police Kiosk**  
Opened around 1908, at the corner of Victoria Road and Robertson Street, located out of view area.



The reports on the homepage don't seem to be in a particular order, I have copied links to 'History' of each area as I found them most interesting, each opens to a viewer which lets you page through the document, when you select full screen the images are viewable though you sometimes need to zoom in to read the text.

[https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/2\\_history-and-stories\\_2018-2019](https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/2_history-and-stories_2018-2019)

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– 5 or more parts for each study

Maryhill, [https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/group\\_2\\_-\\_maryhill\\_history\\_and\\_stories\\_publication](https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/group_2_-_maryhill_history_and_stories_publication)

Drumchapel, [https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/2\\_history\\_and\\_stories](https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/2_history_and_stories)

Shawlands, [https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/group\\_2\\_-\\_shawnads\\_history\\_and\\_stories\\_publicatio](https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/group_2_-_shawnads_history_and_stories_publicatio)

Milton, [https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/history\\_and\\_stories\\_group\\_2](https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/history_and_stories_group_2)

High Street [https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/2\\_history-and-stories\\_2018-2019](https://issuu.com/udsu-strath/docs/2_history-and-stories_2018-2019)

- **Public service announcement**

Anyone in UK who has stock of plain coloured stamps squirreled away, should note that new barcoded stamps are being issued and the old ones will not be valid after the end of this year.

You cannot exchange at the Post Office, they must be exchanged using a special pdf form at :

<https://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps?> . This only affects stamps with the queens' head on a plain background, commemorative and Christmas stamps are not affected.

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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