



January 2024

Happy New Year to all our members and friends, all went too fast last year so you didn't get a December issue, so I got started early with January edition for 2024 . Activities are returning to normal and the research centre in Partick is getting busier with members and visitors.



## Society News

- **Meetings** - Christine, our Syllabus Secretary is due a big thank you for arranging such a varied programme of talks. Members please register on the website, at the Meetings box on the Members area, for the next meeting:-  
[My Ancestors were Irish. Or Were They? Origins of Irish Surnames](#) - by Natalie Bodle on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm
- **Opening Hours**  
Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1-4pm. It is not necessary to book by Telephoning 0141 339 8303, during opening times, but a good idea to book ahead if you are travelling a distance. Check out the flash screen on the website for conditions, and at :-  
<https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/2022/09/17/research-centre-open-tues-thurs-sat/>
- **Journal**  
When you are logged in as a member you will see the Journals tab which lets you browse scans of all of our past journals. Just a reminder that the deadline for submission of articles for the next Journal is 8<sup>th</sup> January, the theme is Ephemera..., or any other subjects you want to share. If you have any ideas bouncing around in your skull, why not find a bit of time to write them down and send to the [Editor@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:Editor@gwsfhs.org.uk).
- **Library**  
Linda has been busy cataloguing gifts and acquisitions including, *Reformation : the dangerous birth of the modern world*, by H. Reid. There are three books on the *history of Glasgow*, also, *History of Irvine : royal burgh and new town*, by J. Strawhorn. A privately published *Martin Family history*, including Herdmans, Curries and Lairds by D. Martin has been added to the biographies section.
- **Datasets**  
Thanks to Murray Archer members will have seen an addition to the dataset tab in the members

area. So far, we uploaded approximately a quarter of our transcriptions and photographs of the Monumental inscriptions for Tollcross Cemetery, Shettleston. We will upload the rest of them over the coming few weeks as we index the names on the stones. This is the first of a series of datasets of Monumental Inscription collections that were formerly sold on CD or DVD.

## ● Website

Users who used 'search' on the website will have appreciated the work of Murray and Jean in coordinating the improvement in the speed of the search, particularly where the surname or place field is used. When specifying a date range you may notice unexpected returns, this often occurs because many of our entries have no start date.

For many years the society has been exchanging journals with other societies around the world, these have been available at the research centre, now we have agreement to all members around the world to view them online. When logged in members can see under the services tab, a link to the Exchange Journals for the last two years exchanges for societies in Scotland, England and Australia so far.

We are delighted to announce a new feature on the Society's website - a collection of 19th and early 20th century photographs and albums, donated to us over the years. It can be found in the website menu under Services, and subjects include Arran, the Holy Land, Australia and India, and the Scots families who travelled to and lived there. The collection is available for members to view at :- <https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/2023/12/31/the-gwsfhs-photo-collections/>.

If you have an old photo collection, either in digital format or as an album, which you would be interested in donating to the Society, please contact [diana.burns@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:diana.burns@gwsfhs.org.uk).

## ● Social Media

Keep an eye on Facebook where many helpful contributors are helping solve problems, and also the images and comments at <https://www.instagram.com/gwsfhs/>.



## News from elsewhere

- Christine's contributors had a rest in December, but again her 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. You can look forward to the next talk on :-.

Jan 22 **Cracking the Code: Reading Scottish Documents**

In this webinar, archivist Margaret Fox will help us to decode the lines, squiggles, abbreviations and dots often found on old Scottish Documents

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqcOmvvj0gEtdm3kWxf-G>

## ● Ancestry

Users of DNA pages will have noticed that there is now a requirement to register 2-factor authentication of login, this confirms your identity with a 6 digit code sent to email or your mobile. Before you set this up, ensure that your correct email or phone# is present on your account page. This only affects DNA pages at this time; other pages don't require this extra authentication.

No new additions to the site for our area, but just a reminder that they have Chelsea Pension admission books 1702-1980, which will record many Scottish and Irish soldiers wounded or pensioned. Another source for related information is at the 'Discovery' search page <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk> of the National Archives at Kew where the Chelsea Pension Discharge books are catalogued.

- **Findmypast**

Modern editions of Scotland on Sunday newspaper have been added to the collection.

- **ScottishIndexes**

It seems no time since the last, 22<sup>nd</sup>, conference, and this reminds me that I haven't got round to downloading the handout from their webpage yet. We now look forward to their 23<sup>rd</sup> Zoom Conference on Saturday, 13th January 2024, as before, another packed day of interesting talks, repeated twice to allow the whole world to hear.

Register at their website <https://www.scottishindexes.com/>.

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



## From our Regular Correspondents

We have another interesting study from the Trades House of Glasgow Collections.

### Featuring Trades House Ancestral Research Material 2

For those interested to see if their ancestors were members of one of the Trades Incorporations in Glasgow, one of the best places to start is the Burgess Roll of the City. The two books by Anderson lists the Burgesses from 1573 to 1846 and can be found on the Trades House Digital Library ([www.tradeshouselibrary.org](http://www.tradeshouselibrary.org)) and the two books can be downloaded at: [Burgesses and Guild Brethren from 1573 to 1750](#) and [Burgesses and Guild Brethren from 1751 to 1846](#).

The Rolls from 1846 have been transcribed and can be found at:-

#### 1846 to 1857

[Date Order](#)

[Surname Order](#)

[Membership Association](#)

#### 1855 to 1902

This is a particularly important document as it includes the 1020 citizens of Glasgow who volunteered to give their services to fight for their country in the South African War.

[Date Order](#) [Surname Order](#) [Incorporation Order](#) [South African Volunteers](#)

#### 1902 to August 1929

[Date Order](#) [Surname Order](#) [Incorporation Order](#) [List of Female Members](#)

#### 1929 to December 1955

[Date Order](#) [Surname Order](#) [Incorporation Order](#) [List of Female Members](#)

Once you have found an ancestor who has been a Burgess, it is worth determining if they

received financial support from the Trades House via pensions or bursaries and this can be done by downloading

Trades House Pensioners from 1868 to 1882 at: [Trades House Pensions etc. 1868 to 1882](#) and Trades House Pensions and Scholarships from 1877 to 1946 at: [Pensions and Scholarships ~ 1877 to 1946](#).

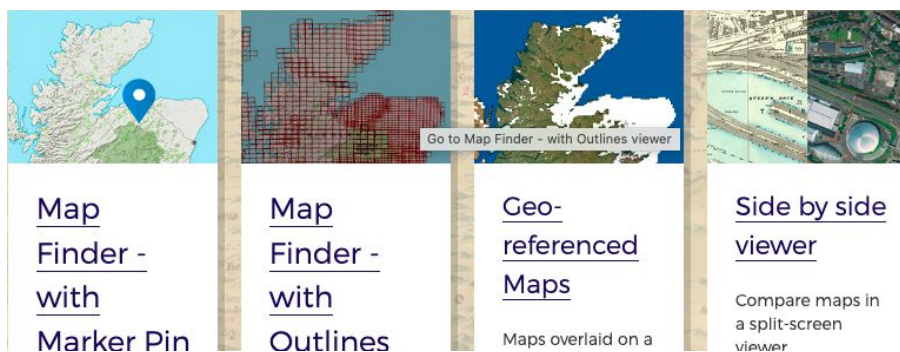


## Ramblings

Here are more maps, since I find them a great source; also a few other miscellaneous items.

### ● NLS Maps

If you listened to the excellent Scottish Indexes presentation by Chris Fleet of the Maps department you will have come away with a brain full of all the new features on the site. <https://maps.nls.uk>, the place to go for all sorts of maps, and particularly Ordnance Survey. Now, not only covering Scotland at all scales, but also all 6" and 25" maps of England are available, most of Ireland is covered by the 6" map. The home page is the route to useful and fun features which I have not highlighted before. Along with link to detailed Guides, the large icons are excellent finding routes.

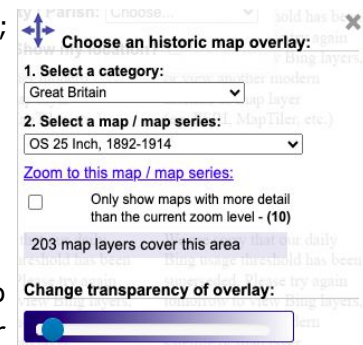


Using the 'Map Finder with Marker Pin' pane has made it easier to identify all relevant maps, click on the pane and locate a place, either by entering a place name or zooming and setting a marker pin, then you see on the right a list of all the maps relating to the area, if you are zoomed in they relate to the town or area, zooming out you see maps of the larger area or whole country. Then you can click on required map to see it in the viewer.

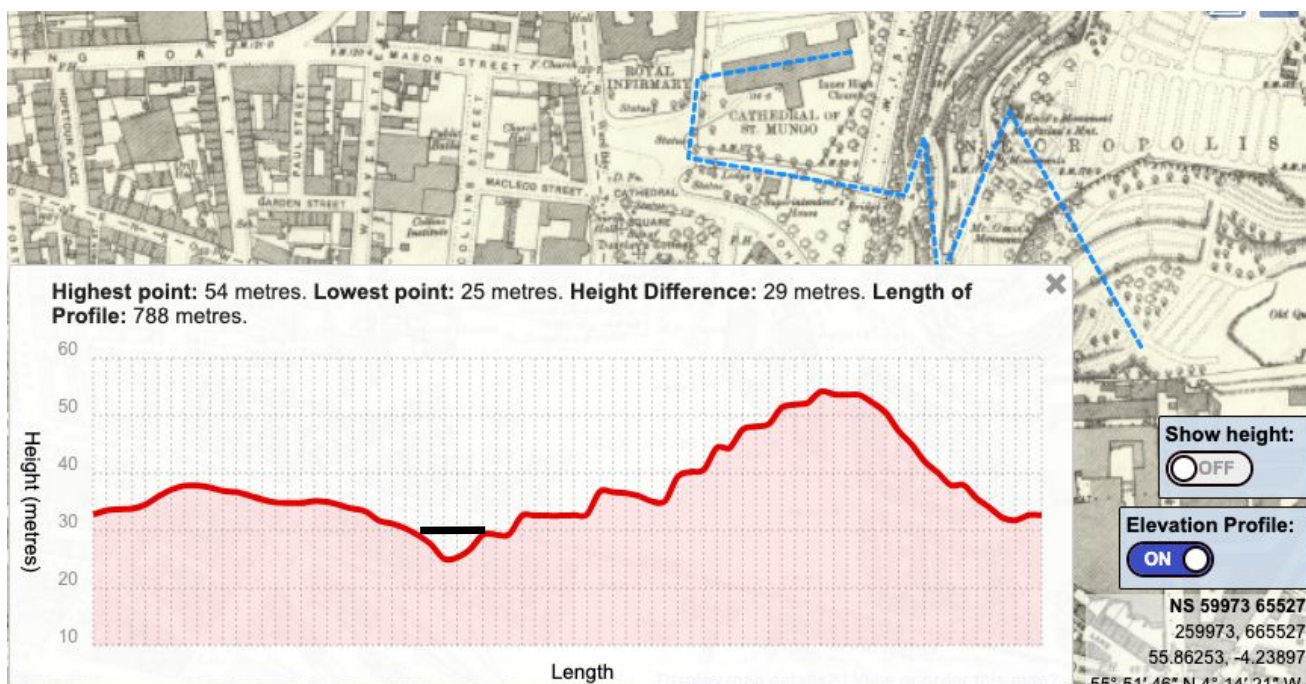
Selecting 'Geo-referenced Maps', pane opens a screen with many options. You can select the map series at the upper left and see the coverage.



At the top left enter a modern place name; if this doesn't find your place you can use the new historic search which uses the gazetteer of places from the 1888 6" OS map. When you have found your place you can use the transparency slider at lower left to fade in the satellite view. Changing the background image in the top window allows you to select other maps or views to overlay the historic map onto.



At the lower right you get the coordinates of your cursor. The 'elevation profile' is useful in town and country, to visualise the elevation as the flat map doesn't show you that. Selecting the option and clicking along a route on the map with a double click at the end, displays an elevation plot of the route.



Here you can see the route walking up from the High Kirk crypt to the top of the Necropolis and down the steps to the other side!! I have added in a black line for the Bridge of Sighs for you, since the route follows the land profile!. Loads of other features to print, annotate and create overlays have been added, reading the detailed guides and playing could keep you entertained.

- **Cautioner**

At the research centre James noticed an unusual description of named witnesses at a marriage, in a marriage record from Inveresk Parish. The supporters were described as 'Cautioners'. Probably from the Scottish legal term for a 'guarantor'. You can decide whether it was to guarantee that they were free to marry or, that they would stay married!

- **Antrim research**

If you are doing research in Antrim in Northern Ireland then <https://www.billmacafee.com/> may be of interest, it was spotted by Hector Crawford at the research centre. It is an example of digital legacy, where the personal researches of someone has been passed on to a society to be maintained for posterity. As well as a number of datasets created by the author, there are numerous guides to, and links to, research resources in Ulster.

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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