



February 2024

Greetings to all our members and friends, time is flying by faster than ever, and the deadline of the third Monday talk is nearly here again. Recently I have spent some time at the research centre where it is good to meet some of the members face-to face.



## Society News

- **Meetings** - Members please register on the website, at the Meetings box on the Members area, for the next meeting:-  
**Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons – Library Heritage Collection** – by Clare Harrison on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.  
Remember that you can see recordings of most of the past talks at the same Meetings Box on the website, along with any handouts provided by the authors.
- **Membership** - if you are a member and you are not receiving an reminder e-mail on the Monday that the talk is held, then we may have an error in your email address on our membership file – in this case please drop a note to [membership@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:membership@gwsfhs.org.uk), so that we can confirm.
- **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**  
The Spring Journal is on its way to the printer. 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. The theme for the next Journal is 'The Scots in India'. Submission deadline is the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, for the theme or any other articles, big or small, which you would like to share, please send to the [Editor@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:Editor@gwsfhs.org.uk).
- **Library**  
In the last month Linda has been busy cataloguing gifts and acquisitions including; a comprehensive 2 volume study of *Scottish Studio Photographers to 1919* by D. Richard Torrance, S/-/TOR, this could be of great help in dating, if the photographers name and address is known from the picture. *A City Situated for Commerce...* by John N Moore, S/GLA/MOO, is a statistical account of Barony Parish of Glasgow in 1826.

- **Datasets**

Further additions to the collection of transcriptions and photographs of the Monumental inscriptions for Tollcross Cemetery, Shettleston, have been added by Murray, he has now completed about 75% of the uploads.

- **Website**

Further exchange journals for Canada and New Zealand have joined other societies from around the world, for members to view online. When logged in members can see a link under the Services tab, to the Exchange Journals saved for the last two years of exchanges with societies around the world. If anyone would like to 'adopt' a Journal and briefly summarise articles of interest to West of Scotland, send a note to [enews@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:enews@gwsfhs.org.uk) and we may be able to get a regular feature of interesting articles on eNews or in the Journal.

- **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 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 :-

**Feb 29**

**Researching British India Family History for Free** - by Valmay Young

In this webinar, FIBIS webmaster and social media director, Valmay Young will share free resources for finding our ancestors who were in British India

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlId-urqDltGN1JM5bTiEpmEenOibNfHtCM>

**March 13**

**Crew Agreements for British Empire merchant vessels, 1863-1938 and 1951-1976, held at the Maritime History Archive** - by David Bradley

Archivist David Bradley of the Maritime History Archive (St John's Nfld) will share this rich resource with us and help us to understand the information contained within these records.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcuCqjltHdBP\\_hSobxwDVr1ygeoMfUQb](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcuCqjltHdBP_hSobxwDVr1ygeoMfUQb)

- **Family History Fairs**

The society is taking part in events open to all, if you are in the vicinity it would be good to meet you whether you are a member or not.

7-9 March SECC, **The Creative Craft Show**, if you are paying for entry to the Craft Fair, then you can also visit our stand, shared with other Family History Societies.

16 March 10am - 4pm **Local and Family History Fair**, at Summerlee Industrial Museum, Coatbridge, being held by Lanarkshire FHS

- **Ancestry**

The addition of *UK Royal Mail Pensions & Gratuity Records 1860-1970* may be of interest to some with Post Office connections. Nothing directly for our area, but Armagh/Londonderry absent voters

roll 1918 may be interest.

- **Findmypast**

We are not doing very well with Scottish additions, *Passenger Lists Leaving UK 1890-1960* may be of interest. A large collection of South African BMDs have been added. Some recent Newspaper additions to the *Motherwell Times*, and addition of *Mearns Leader*. Some Irish Memorial Inscriptions have been added.

- **ScottishIndexes**

Admire their new website layout at <https://www.scottishindexes.com/> look forward to the 24<sup>th</sup> conference on Zoom – Saturday 23 March 2024, I am sure, another packed day of interesting talks, repeated twice to allow the whole world to hear.

Click on homepage, or at <https://www.scottishindexes.com/conference.aspx#c2> to register.

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



## From our Regular Correspondents

Craig Bryce gives us another interesting study from collection of the Trades House of Glasgow Collections.

### Burgess Roll June 1846 to March 1904

Following on from the great work carried out by Anderson and the detailed list of Glasgow Burgesses, the Trades House archives team has now updated this to include over 10 000 burgesses from June 1846 to 1904. This includes just over 1000 Volunteers who went to fight in the South Africa War and were made Burgesses by the City. This new material will make tracing ancestors very much easier as it lists the names of the wives that enabled the prospective Burgesses to join as a near hand via their father-in-law, whose name is also listed.

The screen shot below shows Alexander Lumsden who was the father of the famous Harry Lumsden, Clerk to the Trades House of Glasgow.

The original records are held at the Mitchell Library and had been digitised by the Mormon website [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) which we are very happy to have been able to transcribe. The website also holds details of burials in Glasgow, information on deeds and many other details of interest to genealogists.

Some further examples of material on this document include the employment details and home addresses of many of the Burgesses.

5 December 1876	John Lennox	Lumsden	Hammerman	B. & G.B. at far hand	Ship Builder	9 Brighton Place, Govan
17 September 1877	Robert	Lumsden	Mason	B. & G.B. at far hand	Brick Builder	Glasgow
01 February 1900	John Elder	Lumsden	Volunteer, Highland Light Infantry	B. & G.B. as having volunteered for the War in South Africa	Draughtsman	7 Broomhill Gardens, Partick
12 September 1896	Alexander	Lumsden	Weaver	B. & G.B. at far hand		Viewforth, Irvine
14 September 1896	Harry	Lumsden	Weaver	B. & G.B. as eldest son of Alexander Lumsden, Weaver (12 September 1896)		Viewforth, Irvine

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## Ramblings

Just a few miscellaneous items are jotted below. Let enews know if you spot any unusual links.

- **Exchange Journals (for our Members)**

Our member Diana was browsing through the exchange journals for possible articles we could use, she came across a regular column in the Canberra Heraldry and Genealogy Society journal called 'From our Contemporaries'. It describes itself as items 'taken from some of the many overseas journals received by the Society - they usually mention Australia in some form or may be of general interest to Australian researchers.'

In reverse this could be interesting for other members if anyone could 'adopt' some of the shared journals and briefly summarise any interesting articles relating to Scotland or our area. As suggested above contact [enews@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:enews@gwsfhs.org.uk) and we could try to pull together into a regular feature.

- **Old Occupations**

I was not familiar with this family researcher website, but I thought that the list of old occupations at <https://www.familyresearcher.co.uk/glossary/Dictionary-of-Old-Occupations-Index.html> was interesting. It is an English based site, so may not have too many Scottish names for trades, but I am sure that the majority translate across.

- **Glossary at ScolandsPeople**

Term type
Abbreviations
Agricultural produce and livestock
Legal terminology
Medical terms
Occupations
Weights, measures and money



For Scottish research you must be using ScotlandsPeople, their help sheets are excellent, hidden at: <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/glossary> is an excellent listing of abbreviations, occupations and legal terms etc., it is a bit aggravating having to page down long lists, but it's all there.

- CAIRT - NLS Maps

The latest CAIRT (Jan 24) is available from the NLS <https://maps.nls.uk/cairt/> and is in our Exchange Journals page for members: <https://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/services/exchange-journals/exchange-journals-scotland/>. In this issue there are a number of interesting links:

Read about GREMLIN ( <https://maps.nls.uk/projects/gremlin/> ), and a recent addition of 238 estate maps of Dumfries-shire: <https://maps.nls.uk/additions/#153>

We are planning a Scottish Maps Forum workshop on 3 May on *The Premodern Scottish Place* - see <https://forms.office.com/e/2CNpNd7TgR> for further details

The Blaeu Atlas of Scotland (1654) is currently on display in the NLS Treasures Gallery until March 2024: <https://www.nls.uk/treasures/explore/scotlands-first-atlas/>

*Collection of Surveys of Scottish Estates of the Earl of Selkirk*. David Devereux describes an exciting recent discovery of estate plans in the Yale Center for British Art: <https://maps.nls.uk/estates/selkirk/info.html>

For those of us who are Cartophiles there is always some rabbit holes to get lost down!!

- Centennia Historical Atlas

Here is a bit of fun at <https://historicalatlas.com/> with a dynamic animated map scrolling through



boundary changes in Europe from 1800 to 1939, it moves a bit fast but you can pause and click along the timeline, or adjust speed with the options' dots. Nothing much to see back home except Ireland changing colour in 1921, but the changes in Europe are so interesting to visualise if you are studying anywhere on the mainland. I have not subscribed to the website, it appears to offer images for wider time periods for a fee.

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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