



March 2024

Greetings to all our members and friends, February was the shortest month and I don't seem to have achieved very much. I have been listening to too many recordings of RootsTech presentations, and trying to gen up on DNA. In person at the research centre Robert Carson continues his fortnightly DNA workshops, introduced by a new tab at Services on the Website.



## Society News

- **Meetings** - Members please register on the website, at the Meetings box on the Members area, for the next meeting:-  
**18th Century Doctors** - by Lesley McIlhagger - on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 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. Whether you have recently received a paper copy of the latest Journal, or read it online, I think you will have marvelled at the range of 'Ephemera' articles collected by Karen, ranging from Auchinlea Bricks to Sewing Samplers. For the next Journal the theme is 'families in India' and the editor is keen to receive anything related to the theme, or any other subjects you want to share. Please put fingers to keyboard and send any interesting stories, findings or puzzles to the [Editor@gwsfhs.org.uk](mailto:Editor@gwsfhs.org.uk).
- **Library**  
Among the additions that Linda has catalogued there are Parish histories relating to *Chryston Parish Church*, and *Around Old Cambuslang* by Ian L Cormack. Publications by Lanarkshire Family History Society are always useful, and we have added *Blantyre Mortcloth records*, and *1851 census index for ... Old Monkland Parish*.
- **Datasets**  
Upload of transcriptions and photographs of the Monumental inscriptions for Tollcross Cemetery, Shettleston, is progressing to 80% completion.

## ● Website

The 'Services Tab' on the top ribbon is a route into important resources, and has a number of new item links added. The collection of exchange journals with other societies now includes exchanges with New Zealand and Canadian Societies.

Also under Services, a tab has been added introducing the Thursday DNA Group which may be of interest to members, whether experienced or just trying to puzzle out DNA results. Diana has been doing a great job collecting and cataloguing the photographs in the ephemera collection. You can find the images listed by family and places groups, under 'Photo Collections' on the Services tab of the Website, you can browse a fascinating mix of people and places.



Images from an album of travels in the Holy Land, by an unknown author.

## ● 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, look forward to the next talk, with Zoom web link to register below:-.

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcuCqpjltHdBP\\_hSobxwDvr1yqeoMfUQb](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcuCqpjltHdBP_hSobxwDvr1yqeoMfUQb)

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.

- **Ancestry**

Although there are no West of Scotland additions, you may consider Ireland as the extreme west!!! Most of us will have connections there. Ancestry have added a few potentially interesting sources to their Card Catalog. *Northern Ireland Street Directories 1819-1900*, *Guinness Employee Records 1799-1939*, along with maps which duplicate NLS holdings.

- **Findmypast**

I thought that the *Women's Land Army Service Cards 1939-50* may be interesting, but they are only for England & Wales!. They have added a *British Home Children Collection* with Canadian records from 1860s to 1970s, illustrations show English names but searching shows up 'Quarriers' so includes the whole country. *Teachers' Registration Council 1914-1948* also covers the whole country. There are additions to Barrhead News, and Port Glasgow Express, Mearns Leader, Motherwell Times, in the newspapers' collections.

- **ScottishIndexes**

Not long now to look forward to their 24<sup>th</sup> Zoom Conference on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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/> . With Chris Paton, our own Christine Woodcock, and Emma Maxwell among others to keep us fixed in front of our screens.

- 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 tells us of some great work indexed at the Trades House of Glasgow.

### **Cambuslang Poor Law Records**

For those researching people who lived in Cambuslang and who may have gone through difficult financial times, then a look at the Cambuslang Poor Law Records from 1895 to 1897 is an excellent place to start. Address at the time of application applied for is usually given as is their previous locations, country or parish of birth, marital status and spouse's name are often listed as are their children and parent's names. On many occasions there is extra information concerning the family and how much they received in relief. The PDF Files may be easily searched to find names of interest and there may be more than one page concerning the person.

The extract below is one example of the type of information which may be given:

### **APPLICATION FOR PAROCHIAL RELIEF PARTICULARS OF SETTLEMENT**

No. **2760** No. of Previous Application, if any

Name of Applicant, **Janet Allison or McIntyre**

Residence, **Vicerland**

Hour and date of Application, **12h. 20m. P.M. 28th March 1895**

Hour and date of Inspectors visit to Applicants home, **6h. 30m. P.M. 28th March 1895**

Age, **31** Country and Parish of Birth, **Stevenson**

Condition, **Widow** if married, place and date of marriage, **Stevenson, 2nd April 1890**

Religion, **Protestant** Occupation, **Housewife** Average weekly earnings, if any,

Able, or wholly or partially, **Partially** Description of Disablement, **Young Children**

Parents' Names &c., **Charles McIntyre, Coal Miner, dead, and Margaret Adams, Stevenson**

Names and Ages &c., or wife and children living in the family with applicant,

**Charles, born 2nd January 1881, in Stevenson**

**Janet, born 2nd November 1885, in Stevenson, Scholar;**

**James, born 17th November 1887, in Westburn Rows, Schollar;**

**Margaret, born 27th January 1890, in Westburn Rows;**

**Robert, born 1st February 1892 in Vicerland;**

**John, born 8 February 1894 in Vicerland**

Names, Ages &c., of Husband, wife or children not living in the family with the applicant,

Other information to enable Parochial Board to decide case, **Husband, Robert McIntyre, Coal Miner died 20th March 1895.**

These records show the people who were living in Cambuslang, but many had their relief paid for by their Birthplace or normal residence. There is even one French person and one Polish person in the listing and lots of Irish. Indoor Relief implies that the person was sent to the Poorhouse and Outdoor Relief is in the form of money to maintain themselves in the Community. Cambuslang's Poorhouse was located in Hamilton and insane people were sent to Harthill Lunatic Asylum.

To access the records, please click on the following links:

[www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/cambuslang\\_parish\\_poor\\_law\\_recordsw\\_~\\_1895\\_to\\_1896.pdf](http://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/cambuslang_parish_poor_law_recordsw_~_1895_to_1896.pdf)

and

[www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/cambuslang\\_parish\\_poor\\_law\\_recordsw\\_~\\_1896\\_to\\_1897.pdf](http://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/cambuslang_parish_poor_law_recordsw_~_1896_to_1897.pdf)

The **Cambuslang Poor Relief ~ 1841 to 1875** records are in the process of being transcribed and these will be uploaded to [www.tradeshouselibrary.org/](http://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/) shortly.



## Ramblings

Not so much has come to mind this month, I am always keen to hear and share resources that our readers have come across that may be of interest to others

- **Western Front Association**

Our correspondent Morag asks - "are you familiar with the Western Front Association?" (<https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/>). She has found a site that gives extensive background on the records related to the soldiers and events of the First World War. They have a large number of interesting articles, and information, on their website, of interest to family historians:

<https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/world-war-i-articles/in-the-event-of-my-death-an-analysis-of-what-can-be-gleaned-from-soldiers-wills/>

<https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/world-war-i-articles/great-war-pension-record-cards-and-ledgers-deeper-understanding/>

<https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/pension-records/>

The search is not very good, and seems to throw up articles as well as a number of mini biographies. Their membership subscription seems to give access to Ancestry's Fold3 site for military records.

- **GRO indexes for England and Wales**

Many of us have some connections in England to research. When you start looking at indexes for statutory registration you realise how lucky we are with ScotlandsPeople. Yes there are many more than ten times the number of certificates, BUT, the GRO can't even get full indexes online!! When you access [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk), run by the Passport Office, you can 'Order Certificates Online', you have to register and login to 'Search the GRO Indexes'. Then you find


you can only search Bs 1837-1922 & 1984-2004, plus Ds 1837-1957 & 1984-2022, no marriages; with year±2! On their site they recommend that you use <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>, this is a saviour as it is almost complete index for BMD's and gives the reference required to order certificates (at £11 paper, £7 or £2.5 if you are lucky, for pdf). Ordering is the only way to see more than the index, and then you get no mothers on marriages and no parents on deaths!!!! You can see that I have been somewhat frustrated by a search down south. Although FreeBMD is the way to go, it is worth checking the GRO site also, because they have more mothers names on births, and more ages recorded on deaths - but of course there are errors on both sites!! If you want to go back to the old days of looking through the annual indexes, you will find the GRO fiche collection in our society library.!!

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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