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## Newsletter of the Anglo-Scottish FHS

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Anglo Scottish Family History Society

**Welcome:** to the May 2023 edition of the newsletter. There was no Branch meeting this month given that King Charles decided to get crowned on our meeting day!!! To celebrate we have put together some monarchical items to educate and amuse. Some other features came our way that we share with you to assist you in your research so we hope you find them useful. Whilst the Anglo Scots are laid to rest this month there is still plenty going on in the Society and we point you in that direction. Take care. Editor.



**Scotland and the Monarchy:** aware that as a Branch we have an international membership the following offering comes with a knowledge that the various national attachments to Royalty are many and, indeed, various. Even here at home in the UK the coronation has stirred up disparate opinions as I am sure it has in the Commonwealth countries. Our members in the USA of course did away with the monarchy some time ago. Anyway, some interesting facts;

**1st Monarch of Scotland:** whilst there have been monarchs in Scotland since 843 AD, the first monarch of the whole of Scotland was James IV (1488-1513) who subdued and secured the lands of MacDonald, Lord of the Isles. Since the "unification" of Scotland there have been 28 monarchs

**Female monarchs:** there have been two female monarchs of Scotland, Margaret, the "Maid of Norway" (1282-1290) and Mary, Queen of Scots (1542-1587). Neither came to a pleasant end. On a sea journey from Norway to England Margaret became ill and died, aged 8yrs. Mary's end is well known.

**Scottish Monarchs and violent deaths:** between the years 1000 and 1603 (the union of the Crowns) there were seven monarchs of Scotland who met violent ends. Two were assassinated; one fell off his horse in a storm and was killed; one was killed with an exploding cannon; two were killed in battle and one, Mary, Queen of Scots, was executed.

**Of the Stewart monarchs** only two, James V and James VI, died in their beds.

**Claims to fame:** Longest ruling monarch - William (1165-1214), 49 years. James VI ruled for longer (1567-1625) but from 1603, the Union of the Crowns, he ruled Scotland and England.

Shortest ruling monarch - Duncan II who ruled for only 7 months

Youngest ruling monarch - Mary Queen of Scots became queen aged 7 days.

**Monarchical prophecy:** "It cam wi a lass it'll gang wi a lass" the purported last words of James V on his deathbed in 1542. The Stuart dynasty had begun in 1371 with their accession to the throne through Marjorie Bruce, daughter of Robert the Bruce. It ended with Queen Anne of England in 1714.

**Charles II:** was crowned king in Scotland 10 years before he was crowned in England. He was crowned at Scone Palace on 1st January 1651 but had to wait until the death of Cromwell and the Restoration of the Monarchy before being crowned in England on 23rd April 1661.



## Important message to all registered members of the Society regarding changes to the MLFHS Constitution



In the Society newsletter sent out in November 2022 it was announced that changes to the MLFHS Constitution had been agreed by the Trustees and that these are due to be presented to members of the Society at the **Annual General Meeting to be held at Manchester Central Library on Wednesday, 10th May 2023** for approval and implementation. Details of the changes together with an explanation of the reasons for them have been posted on the Society website and can be found at <https://mlfhs.uk/constitution2023>.



**Old Scottish - Genealogy and Family History:** I was reminded of this website the other day by a reader [www.oldschottish.com](http://www.oldschottish.com). It is one that we have referred to before but it is so good in the resources it offers it warrants another plug. There is a vast number of records on offer including Sherriff Court records, Asylum records and Poor Law appeals with a reference to named indexes. You can also search the records by place. It is worth noting that the source is an index list, but should you find an ancestor of yours then you can order it for a small sum. Well worth a look if you have lost an ancestor.



**University of Strathclyde:** we were contacted recently by the University of Strathclyde who announced the setting up of a new Institute dedicated to Genealogical research. The **Strathclyde Institute for Genealogical Studies** (SIGS), part of the University of Strathclyde, is due to be launched on Tuesday, 9th May. The Department is the Centre for Lifelong Learning, and as the name suggests, hopes to attract those of at a more mature stage of their life. Full details of this Centre can be found [here](#) together with all the courses that are currently on offer. It is evident that some of the courses can be carried out remotely so we pass the information on to you in case any feel ready to take up the cudgels of study again.

**Scottish Indexes Conference, April 2023:** we referred to this conference in our March newsletter and hope that some of you were able to attend. As usual there was a great array of speakers covering a spread of topics that do not normally come our way. If you missed the conference, there is a handout summarising all the presentations that can be accessed [here](#). Once again we thank Graham and Emma Maxwell for their generosity in hosting these conference. One thing I did not realise is that access to all the past conference handouts are available and can be accessed [here](#).



**National Library of Scotland:** in their most recent newsletter the NLS highlight two offerings that attracted my attention. OK, the first is to do with maps. To quote the NLS;

*Mapping lines: New additions! View more than [1,300 new maps of England and Wales showing boundaries](#) in the 20th century. These include administrative and judicial areas and show their changes over time. You can also see [100 maps showing the wider landscape of England and Wales \(1914-1942\)](#).*

*As part of [Project GREMLIN](#) we've stitched together 44 Scottish estate maps (pictured). The maps include georeferenced layers of [Earlstoun Estate](#) (1815-17) and nearby [Holm Estate](#) (1799) in Kirkcudbrightshire.*

The second item that got my attention was an item inviting us to virtually browse the NLS collections

*"Would you like to view an item but can't visit us in person? Members can now request and view some collection items online in our 'virtual reading room'. The items are displayed by Library staff in real time using a visualiser. See our website for more details and to book a session".*

Now there's an offer not to ignore. Have a look at the [virtual reading room](#) and see if it is something you can use.

**National Records of Scotland:** I am grateful for a reference in the current edition of the **WDYTYA** magazine to a feature in the NRS that, again, we tend to overlook - or at least I do. The reference is to the **free** "You Tube" channel of the NRS that can be accessed at [National Records of Scotland - YouTube](#). This is a gallery of resources and information that not only informs but also entertains. There are videos, exhibitions, talks and much, much more. Please do have a look at it. You will not be disappointed.

**MLFHS offerings:** mention has already been made to the Society AGM being held on Wednesday, 10th May. As well as the business of the day there are two presentations to inform and entertain.

**Your DNA Test Results - updated:** this is a presentation by Hilary Hartigan and begins at 10.30. It looks at the new tools that are continually being introduced by the various companies and how best to make use of them. So if you have had your DNA tested and are a bit confused about what to do next, this is for you.

**Searching for Samuel:** is a talk by Chris Tombs and begins at 1300 hours, or 1.00 o'clock if you are like me. This looks at the life of Samuel Hackney and his rise and fall as a businessman in Manchester in the 1800s. However, even if you do not know who Samuel was this presentation will be useful as it conveys the various avenues and resources that Chris made use of in unearthing Samuel's story. Perhaps you can apply the same techniques to your own research.

**Bolton:** a few days ago the Bolton Branch reminded us of the Bolton Wanderers FA Cup victory, sadly, 100 years ago. Their next offering on the 7th June is an introduction to the Egyptian Collection at Bolton Museum. All details are available on their website.

**Oldham:** on Saturday, 13th May, Oldham invite you to explore Tiffany Glass. The focus is on Joseph Briggs who was born in Accrington but as a teenager made his way to New York and was involved in the development of Tiffany Glass. This presentation is by Douglas Jackson, a journalist and writer, who has made several visits to America to research the life of Joseph Briggs, and has produced a book on his work. Sounds interesting.

**Society Shop:** items are always being added to the Society shop so it is always worthwhile having a look in there. We remind you of the option now of downloading various items that not only obviously saves time in getting it to you but is also bargainous. Included are some items directly related to Scottish research.

## Anglo Scots Branch Meeting

Saturday, 3rd June 2023, 1400 hours - by Zoom

### "Scottish Sources at the Society of Genealogists"



For quite obvious reasons we tend primarily to head towards Scotlands People, the National Records of Scotland and the National Library of Scotland for our Scottish resources. However we know that there are many other sources available to us and amongst these is the library of material held by the Society of Genealogists.

Sue Gibbons is a member of the Society of Genealogists (SOG) and she will be presenting our Branch offering this month and discussing the Scottish Resources held by the SOG.

This is a Zoom meeting and the invitation to booked attendees will be sent on Friday 2nd June and again shortly before the meeting. This is a more unusual offering by the Branch and is already proving popular. Please book your place early through [Eventbrite](#) so that our administrator can organise sending out the necessary links.