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Welcome: to the July edition of the newsletter. Trust that you remain well. Given the lack of activity in the area of speakers and gatherings, I have been moved to look elsewhere for inspiration. In the last two newsletters I have presented you with a couple of *Youtube* videos. I have been a fan of Youtube for some time seeking help with various tasks around the house. However I have now found that there is an amazing amount of Youtube videos relevant to our family history research. Consequently the main feature in this month's newsletter is reference to a number of Youtube videos that I found very useful, not to say entertaining. I trust you do as well. Also, in response to popular demand, (well, one person asked!!!) I include another crossword for you to try. As previously, the answers will be in the August newsletter. In the meantime, stay safe and stay well. Editor.

Youtube Videos: as I say in the editorial, I came across these Youtube videos whilst clicking around on the computer. You can of course search the Youtube site yourself (simply Google: Youtube Scottish Family History). I didn't realise that there were so many specialist items to view. Just shows you what I know!! Anyway, I found these particularly useful and helpful. Have a look and see what you think.

The Scottish Clearances: In a previous newsletter I mentioned the book of this title written by **Tom Devine** in which he explores the Clearances that occurred throughout Scotland and not just the Highlands. This Youtube video is part of the "Festival of Politics" from 1918 but held annually in the Scottish Parliament and features a discussion with Tom Devine about the book. It lasts about an hour but well worth the viewing. [\(click here\)](#)



Ulster Scots Journey: I am aware that we are an Anglo Scottish Branch, but one of the issues that we are often asked about when considering our Scottish history is the link between Scotland and Ireland. Whilst many travelled to Scotland from various parts of Ireland, the bit of Ireland that we are usually referring to is the north of Ireland only 12 miles distant from the shore of Scotland. Over the centuries there was much toing and froing between the peoples of the two countries.

Then in the 16th and 17th centuries a policy was formed (The Plantations) to suppress and control Catholic Ireland by giving land to the Presbyterian Scots mainly from the Border area and it is these that have come to be known as the Ulster Scots. If you want to have a humorous, light but instructive lesson about the Ulster Scots then listen to this presentation by Belfast comedian, Tim McGarry. It is in two parts [\(part one\)](#) and [\(part two\)](#) and they assert, as with most human situations, that things are rarely as simple as our prejudices would have them be.

Find My Past: I am very reluctant to plug one web site over another but Find My Past do seem to have more records and material relevant to Scottish research than others so here goes. If you did not know already Find My Past have what they call "Find My Past Fridays" in which they present a video about family history research, of course making use of their own material. Still, if you have nothing better to do, and are a user of FMP, then it is worth having a look since they are quite informative about the records they hold and how to access them. You don't have to subscribe and can access their more recent offerings by logging into their facebook page. [\(click here for a sample\)](#)

Scottish Indexes videos: we are familiar with the “*Scottish Indexes*” web site ([click here](#)) operated by the Maxwells. They have a number of interesting records and whilst their site and indexes are free to peruse, you do have to pay for any access to the actual records. Nevertheless they are a good source of information and have, during this time of lockdown, organised a number of webinars on Scottish family history research. You can see information about this, and how to register, on their home page. I would however draw your attention to what they call the “Learning Zone” in which, amongst other things, they have a few video presentations

Amongst them is a tutorial on the use of **maiden surnames in Scotland** ([click here](#)); how to access and make use of **The Register of Deeds** ([click here](#)); **High Court Criminal Records** ([click here](#)); **Mental Health Records** ([click here](#)) and many more. Do have a look. You may find something of value, but in any event, it helps broaden our understanding of systems.

Family Search Videos: there are times when we take some of our resources for granted and forget to keep up with what they have to offer. The *FamilySearch* web site has a large amount of information about Scottish sources of research. ([click here](#)) but they also have a couple of videos that are worth having a look at. Whilst they are mainly for the benefit of beginners to Scottish research, it is always worth having a look to refresh memories. You do have to remember that these videos are produced for the American market and so have an American orientation to them. That said, while reference to Scottish resources might be somewhat basic, they also make reference to how to access cross-Atlantic resources such as passenger lists and this will be helpful to anyone who has an ancestor who has emigrated. The video's I refer to are;

Basic Scotland Research Strategies: ([click here](#)) this is exactly what the title indicates and last about 25 minutes. It covers all the basic information needed to begin Scottish research.

Scotland's Old Parish Registers: How to Access, Use, and Interpret: ([click here](#)) of the two I found this video most helpful in that it reminded me of some of the research techniques I had forgotten. You will see that the video is in two parts, each about 25 minutes and it is worth watching both.

These then are a few suggestions for you to access during this time of lockdown. I hope you find something useful.

Journal Storage (JSTOR): came across this web site the other day ([click here](#)). You have to register but it is free to do so. You then have access to any number of articles, journals and academic resources. It is a major resource for students and defines itself thus;

JSTOR provides access to more than 12 million academic journal articles, books, and primary sources in 75 disciplines. We help you explore a wide range of scholarly content through a powerful research and teaching platform. We collaborate with the academic community to help libraries connect students and faculty to vital content while lowering costs and increasing shelf space, provide independent researchers with free and low-cost access to scholarship, and help publishers reach new audiences and preserve their content for future generations.



JSTOR

In case you think that all sounds a bit too grand for your own humble research, please think again. It is amazing how much information it has on various people, places and occupations so a great resource for expanding and broadening your family history research. Have a look anyway and see what you can find.



No Help: Came across this search option in the Family Search web site. So I put in “Why have I come up the stairs?” but it was no help

Find Memories

Wedding picture

☐ Search Text ☒ Search Topic Tags

When you search for any topic or subject, we'll find memories that have been labeled with those topic tags. [View Topic Tags applied to close relatives.](#)

National Library of Scotland: dare I say that some good things have happened as a result of this awful lockdown. The NLS have just announced the on-line version of their latest exhibition, “**Her Century - Scottish Women on Film**”. As an exhibition it was planned to be held at the NLS in Edinburgh, but as a result of the lockdown they have digitised it and put it online. Their by-line says;



Our first online exhibition of archive footage charts the varied stories of Scotland's women in the 21st century. Available to watch online until 20 September.

The online exhibition can be accessed here ([click here](#)) and not only takes you to the exhibition but gives access also to a lot of archive material belonging to the NLS. However, to stay with this exhibition, once you go on to that site, I recommend that you take up their option of viewing the film on Youtube ([click here](#)). The reason is that by doing so you are able to watch the film on a full screen rather than on the somewhat mini screen they initially offer. Whatever way you choose to look at it I do recommend it. It is a wonderful historical portrayal of the life that women in Scotland lived in the past 100 years.



Looking Ahead - a Date for your Diary

Over the past several months we have all had to endure the consequences of this terrible virus, some more than others. However we are forever hopeful and continue to look ahead to better times. The Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society, of which we are a Branch, has taken up this torch in a positive way and we are planning to hold a Family History Fair In March 2021 at Manchester Central Library.



FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

At
Manchester Central Library

On
Saturday 27th March 2021

10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
(More details to follow)

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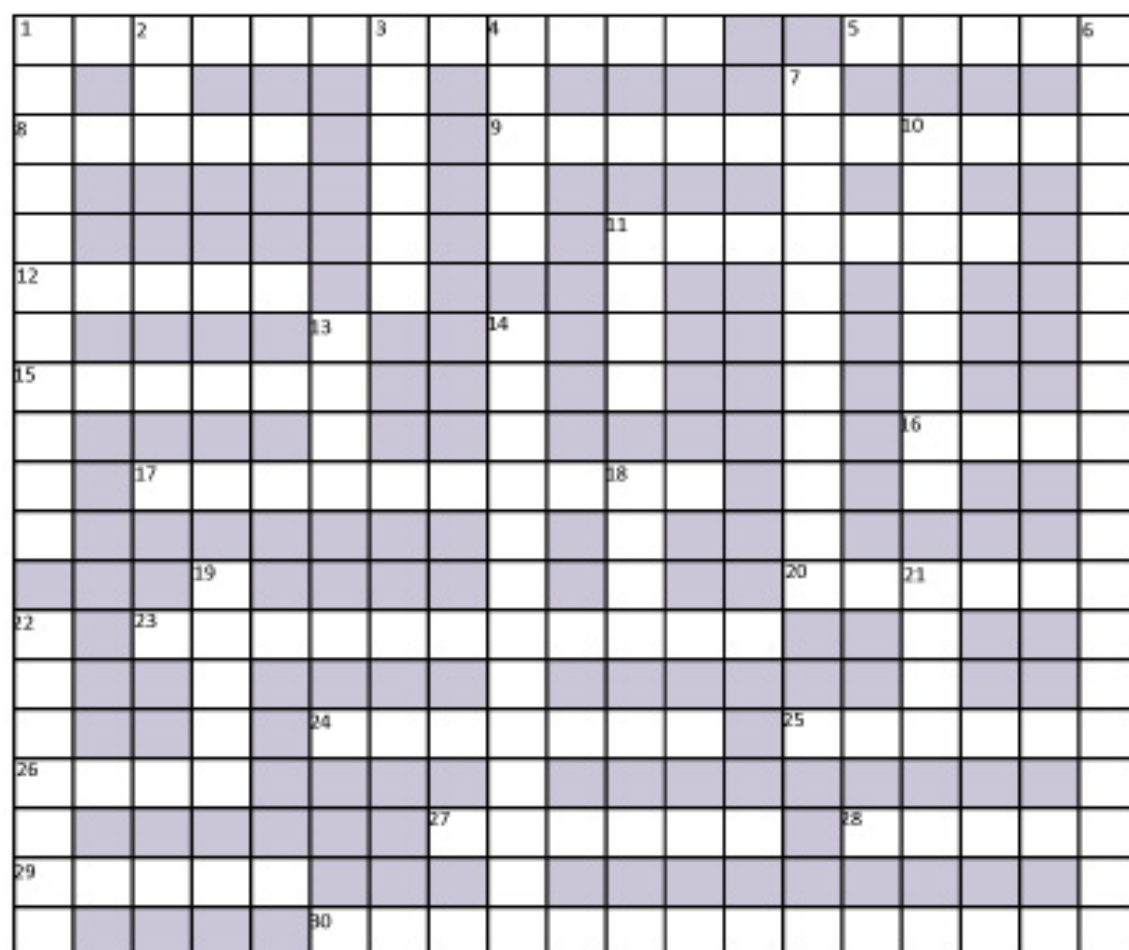
Details continue to be sorted out but please do make a note of this date and venue in your diary for next year and let others know who you consider might be interested. We look forward to being able to get together again to celebrate together our love of family history.

A Senior's version of Facebook: a friend sent me this the other day. I have seen it before, and some of you may well have as well, but it always makes me smile, and so I share it.

“For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists; I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening; taking things apart in the garage; watering the lawn; standing in front of landmarks; driving around town; having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them “thumbs up” and tell them I “like” them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.”



Scottish Family History Crossword



Across

1. Queen Mother born here
5. This river produces a great Glen whisky
8. An island for sweaters
9. The old name for Angus
11. The meaning of failte
12. Duncan was killed by Macbeth near this town
15. This island group were Margaret of Denmark's dowry
16. You can get the ferry to Mull from here
17. Surname of famous Scottish architect and designer
20. Did 19 Down ever enjoy one of these?
23. The newsletter of 15 Across
24. Nasty massacre here.
25. Mother's maiden name of 17 Across
26. An old Scottish word for Foxes
27. The hammer not the confessor
28. A town in Clackmannanshire

29. The Farquars collected these

- 30 A bridge on the Union Canal near Edinburgh

Down

1. Important port on the Forth near Stirling
2. County town of Robert Burns country
3. A Campbell castle near Inverness
4. Umbrella organisation of Scottish FHS
6. A central document signed in 1638
7. He spoke to the Branch in May 2016
10. Surname of senior peer in Scotland
11. General builder of roads?
13. Boat more familiar in Canada
14. Northern Ireland is part of this British designation
18. Charlie went over the sea to here.
19. An ancient Scottish people.
- 21 Scots gaelic for children
22. The Scottish flag