



# e-Scotia

## Newsletter of the Anglo-Scottish FHS

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### Welcome:

....to this the first issue of the Anglo-Scots Branch Newsletter. Keep hold of it. It may be worth a fortune in years to come!! We hope that this launch will take *e-Scotia* to home and distant shores. Wherever you are, if you are researching your Scottish Ancestors or are interested in Scottish Ancestry, then this Newsletter is for you. It will keep you abreast of family history developments. It will inform you of resources, programmes and articles as well as tips to help you with your Scottish research. It is intended that as well as passing on news it will also be a vehicle for dialogue and the sharing of information and research. If you have come across something that you think may be of interest or help to others, then share it here. If you want help or information, ask. There may be someone around who can answer your query. Like every new venture however, we will be finding our feet as we go along, but we are confident that *e-Scotia* will develop and grow.

The Editor

### Dates for your diary.

#### May 21st

Scottish Kirk Session Minutes. The sins, lives and loves of a Parish. Presented by Bruce B Bishop, FSA Scot. ASGRA.

**June 18th.** Trip to Ryland's Library.

**July 16th** Ancestral Workshop.

**August** No meeting

**September 17th** Ancestral Breakthroughs

#### October 15th

The Office of The Lord Lyon of Scotland.  
Dr J Morrow—Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

**November 19th** Workshop.

**December** No meeting

### Saturday Help Desk

Following a trial period we have decided to establish a series of Help Sessions for those who want to develop their skills in researching Scottish resources and/or seek assistance with their own Scottish family research. These will take place on the 3rd Floor at Manchester Central Library from 10.30 am until 12.30 am on the third Saturday of each month, coinciding with the Anglo-Scots Branch Meeting. Why not come along and give it a go. A team of experienced volunteers will be available to guide you through the resources covering Scottish Records. Help and advice will also be given in the use of the ScotlandsPeople website. You will be able to print out the results of your research at a small cost.

### ScotlandsPeople Vouchers

Vouchers for the ScotlandsPeople website containing 30 credits can be purchased at the Help Desk for £6 to members (normal price £7) This discount is available to Society Members as a result of our membership of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS).

### Can you help?

We want to include a section in the Newsletter where help and advice can be sought and offered. So if you have any tips, advice or questions/queries about your research into Scottish Family History then please drop us a line and we will publish them in the Newsletter.



### Scottish Marriage Index.

This index can be accessed on the Anglo-Scots Branch website. ([www.anglo-scots.mlfhs.org.uk](http://www.anglo-scots.mlfhs.org.uk)) Currently it lists details of marriages which have taken place outside of Scotland where one of the parties was born in Scotland. By going onto the webpage you can add details of anyone you know who meets this criteria and in this way we can enlarge and enhance the Index. We recently received over 100 entries from a member in New Zealand.

## Branch Meeting - Saturday 19th March

**Family Search Workshop:** this was delivered by Brian McKechnie, Patron Services Manager for the LDS Church in the UK and Ireland. The 53 attendees were informed that *Family Search* have 5.69 billion records worldwide and that organisations such as Ancestry and Find My Past draw their records from *Family Search*. Unlike these however, *Family Search* is a free service—and always will be—dependant upon the work of volunteers to input data for everyone else to use. Brian took us through the *Family Search* website, which seemed so familiar to most, but we all learned new facilities on the system. Reference was made to the demise of



Brian McKechnie with  
Chairman Michael Couper



Branch Members at the workshop.

the previous, and well-loved outlay of the *Family Search* site, but Brian explained that the massive increase in the number of records necessitated a new programme being devised. It was explained also that the equally familiar IGI has been absorbed into *Family Search* and all the information that was there remains available. Altogether a very good workshop, well delivered with humour and encouragement to explore all the facilities that the *Family Search* site has to offer.

## NEWS

Well, it is a Newsletter! It might be that you have heard of something or some activity or event or occasion that might be of interest to other members. Why not let us know and we will pass it on.

Drop us an e-mail ([scotia@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:scotia@mlfhs.org.uk)) or have a word with us at the Branch meeting.



## Branch Meeting—Saturday, 16th April

A group of 16 members joined together for this meeting to share various heirlooms and, through these, their research into their family history. One member showed the group an inscribed wallet presented to his great-grandfather when he retired as stationmaster at Forfar station containing £100 in treasury notes. Another had an ornate watch on chain from a great aunt who was not thought to have been sufficiently wealthy to own such an item. There were also some communion tokens from an ancestor's Kirk which, although purchased on E-Bay, it was hoped that their ancestors had handled the tokens. The group was entertained by a doll and garlic found buried in a house overlooking Pendle Hill. To guard against the witches? Who knows. There was a collection of commemorative crowns covering a period from the 1952 Festival of Britain to the 1981 marriage of Charles and Diana. All personal items of family research shared and useful gateways into helping in broadening out the world in which our ancestors lived.

### BREAKING NEWS!!

At the Anglo-Scottish Branch Annual General Meeting held on the 16th April 2016 members voted to retain the present committee. We will spare you the delight of photographs of the committee but members are; Michael Couper, (chairman), Ina Penneyston; David Muil; David Kirkpatrick; Yvonne Gill-Martin; David Hartley and Mark Campbell. Best of Luck!!!

**Next Anglo-Scots Branch Meeting: Saturday 21st May 2016.** Our guest speaker is Bruce Bishop, FSA Scot. ASGRA, who will address Scottish Kirk Session Minutes under the title "The sins, lives and loves of a Parish". This will be a popular talk so to ensure yourself a place we advise that you book through *Eventbrite* on the MLFHS web page where all details of the talk and times can be seen.