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WELCOME. With so much going on in the country it is hard to keep everything together. Our decision to leave the EU could have an effect on the relationship between Scotland and the rest of Britain. Something I am sure we are all interested in. Our main topic this month is the sharing that occurred at our last Branch meeting. Hope you find some of the topics of interest. Please remember that there is no Branch meeting in August. Most people take holidays then so it makes sense. We draw your attention in this issue to the information regarding the October Branch meeting during which we host Dr John Morrow, the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland.

Branch Meeting 16th July 2016

The theme of the Branch Meeting was "Questions and Answers" in which members brought issues that puzzled them and sought help from other members. About a dozen members attended and a variety of issues were raised. One issue was difficulty finding the death of an aunt born in 1882. She is in the 1939 Index, but no record of a death after that. Various suggestions were made as to how to go about finding the information.

The group was reminded of another worthwhile site for 1st World War soldiers who died. It is a site hosted by <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/world-war-one-use-search-7529784> in which you are able to put in the name of a town and all the war dead from that town are listed.



On the topic of the 1st World War a member brought a copy of a service record signed by a soldier's father in 1919 indicating that it was signed by the "late" father. However the father did not die until the 1920's. It was an example of how many of the 1st World War records were written up and backdated.

Someone else spoke of her discovery of her grandparents marriage in Johannesburg South Africa after many years of searching. She was able to get a copy of this marriage certificate. The message, - never give up!!

An interesting issue that was raised concerned someone's grandfather who, on his marriage certificate gave his father's name as one thing, but on his birth certificate, the father had a different name. His birth was in Withington workhouse. The group offered some advice on how to go about clarifying this



Bits and Pieces

Whilst sifting around in the Newspaper Archive I came across the following article that I thought amusing. The article was in the *Manchester Evening News* on Tuesday 19th December 1916. Clearly there were more important issues going on for some people than the 1st World War and the Battle of the Somme that had recently finished!!! The issue appears to have arisen out of the new food regulations that were in place because of the war.

THE SCOTSMAN'S PORRIDGE

Breakfast Time Comedy Under Meals Regulations.

What *IS* a course?

Though the "Regulations of Meals Order", which came into force yesterday has, generally speaking, been carried out without much trouble, hotel and restaurant managers and waiters are still having to answer this question many times.

In a Manchester hotel, this morning, a Scotsman began his breakfast with a plate of porridge, which is one course. Then he had fish. Afterwards he asked for eggs and bacon. "Sorry sir" said the waiter, "but only two courses are allowed for breakfast."

The Scotsman; "Do you mean to say that porridge is a course?"

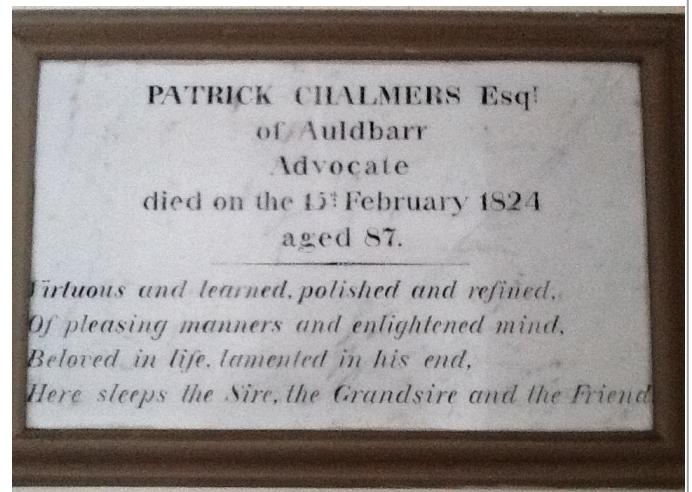
The Waiter; "Yes, sir."

The Scotsman; "Well, I say it's a necessity."

The manager ruled that whether a necessity or not it must be regarded as a course, and the bacon and eggs were not served.

Another web site for you to try, although some of you may be familiar with it already. <http://www.ancestor.abel.co.uk> I found it by accident whilst researching the County of Angus.. Last month we directed you to some resources covering Aberdeenshire. This site appears to be a better resource for Angus (Forfarshire) and Kincardine. There are however several sources for other areas and for general search around Scotland. I don't know the author of the site but they have clearly put a great deal of work into it and are to be congratulated. If anyone has any information about the site can you let us know and we will pass it on. Anyway, why not have a look if you haven't already. You may find something of interest. I did.

I saw this plaque on the wall of a Church in the village of Aberlemno in Angus whilst on a visit to family in Dundee. I thought it a very well considered epitaph for a man who was clearly well thought of by all who knew him. A bit of research shows that Patrick Chalmers was once Sherriff of Angus (or I presume Forfarshire in those days) and something of a landowner. He lived in his family home, Auldbarr Castle which was between Forfar and Aberlemno, but now destroyed.



THE LORD LYON—KING OF ARMS OF SCOTLAND

At the October Branch Meeting (Saturday, 15th October) we will have a visit from Dr John Morrow, the Lord Lyon—King of Arms of Scotland. He will be talking with us about his role and the history of the Office of the Lord Lyon.

More details about this talk will be given in later Newsletters, but it is anticipated that this will be a well-attended meeting. It is important therefore that if you intend to come that you book your place well in advance. You can do this through the Eventbrite site on the MLFHS web page. <http://www.mlfhs.org.uk>



NEWS.

ANCESTRY announce that they have updated a selection of **Scottish Cemetery Records** for the dates 1800 – 2014. They cover the counties of Dumfries, Kincardine, Kirkcudbright and Wigton, with the promise of more to follow.

Not to be outdone, **FIND MY PAST** announce that they have installed a brand new set of **Monumental Inscriptions** for the counties of Aberdeenshire, Kincardine and Banff. There are 21,098 records covering 22 different Scottish cemeteries.

Martin Briscoe of Fort William tells us that the series, “*Tracing Your Roots*”, a Scottish equivalent of *Who Do You Think You Are*, originally broadcast by BBC Radio Scotland in 2013, is again available on BBC iPlayer as a Podcast. Try it at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006zbxm>

The **Scottish Marriage Index** web page is undergoing some restructuring. Dan Muir, who was the focus and energy behind this Index for many years has decided to withdraw. We thank Dan for his many years of service and his work leaves us with a great resource. A replacement for Dan is being sought. Someone who can “manage” the site. At the moment the site is being reorganised including the means by which material is referred to the site and how information in the site is shared. More information about this will be available in the next Newsletter with advice on how to get the most out of it.

We draw your attention to the **Exchange Journal** section of the MLFHS website. Register in the members area of the website and click the **Exchange** button on the menu bar. This will take you to a list of Family History Societies with whom we have exchange arrangements. The Scottish Association of FHS's and the Scottish Record Association Newsletters are full of meetings and activities that are going on and in which you could take part if you are in the area. The Journals from the other FHS areas are full of interesting articles and websites and well worth a look. Discussions with other Scottish FH Societies is always on the go and it is hoped to increase the number of Journals that we are able to offer.



If you are new to the *e-Scotia Newsletter* and would like to receive a copy regularly then why not register for one. It is simple to do. Go to the Anglo Scots web site, <http://www.anglo-scots.mlfhs.org.uk>. The Newsletter tab is on the menu bar. Click this and you will have access to current and back numbers of the Newsletter. If you want to receive a copy of the Newsletter each month then register using the form on that page. This submits your e-mail address to our main office and will include you in the many other recipients of the Newsletter. In the alert letter that will be sent to you each month there is the facility for you to de-register at any time.

Branch Meeting September

Please remember that there is no Branch meeting in August. The **next Branch** meeting will be on **Saturday, 17th September**. The topic for the meeting will be a focus on Ancestral Breakthroughs. This meeting will be guided by a presentation by David Muir on maritime resources to assist in the search for any ancestors who may have emigrated voluntarily or otherwise. If you have managed to find ancestors who have emigrated and how they did it, why not come along and share the expertise with us.