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WELCOME: August is a quiet month with many on holiday. If you are going on holiday or are already on holiday, have a great time and a safe return. We had no Branch meeting this month because of the holiday period and so this edition of the Newsletter is a distillation of some of the sites and articles that you may not have come across but which are available to you as you progress with your research. We hope it is useful. We do have an article by our chairman, Michael Couper, outlining the revamped Scottish Marriage Index and how to get the most out of it. We also draw your attention to the September meeting on Saturday, 17th September, when we will be looking at breakthroughs in research. By the way, I think we have conquered the ability to be able to "hyperlink" (no, I didn't know what it meant either) so wherever you see a website address in the Newsletter you will be able to click right through to that address.

Scottish Marriage Index

For the last 20 years the Society has been building a database of Scots who married overseas. This database has relied upon the kind contributions of members scattered throughout the world and we hope that these contributions will continue to arrive.

As mentioned in an earlier Newsletter, other than the addition of many new marriages, some changes have now been made to the structure of the *Scottish Marriage Index* and we take this opportunity to bring you up to date with these changes which we think will enhance and improve the quality of your research.

Previously when you searched the index you were presented with an alphabetical list of all persons with that surname and after you had viewed information about one partner you had to then search again for details of the spouse. Now, due to some excellent work by MLFHS Chairman, John Marsden, we have a new presentation of search results. After entering the surname you are searching you will be presented with full details, in a more readable format, of all the marriages where one partner has the surname entered **together with the name of the spouse**. Clearly this greatly simplifies and enhances the search.

We also wanted to make the site more dynamic and user-friendly, so one other main change is that we are asking future contributors to enter the details of their ancestor's marriage directly into the website, together with any other information that they feel is appropriate. Details of how to do this are clearly indicated on the site and the online submission form is very clear and simple to use. The website manager will automatically be notified of each new contribution and, after vetting the entry, will post it to the database. In this way the whole database will be continually updated. Should contributors indicate that they have more information and researchers want to make contact with the contributor, the normal route for this link is through the site manager who will seek the contributors permission. However the process now allows contributors to indicate that they are prepared to be contacted directly by researchers, and for this to happen, although, at no time are the home or e-mail addresses of contributors visible to researchers on the site.

Now is the time to have another look at this very useful database. www.scottishmarriageindex.org.uk



Updated Collections on Ancestry

New and Updated

United Kingdom ▼

[Web: Scotland, Non-OPR Deaths and Burials Index, 1673-1855](#)

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[Web: Scotland, Non-OPR Births and Baptisms Index, 1666-1874](#)

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[Web: Scotland, Non-OPR Banns and Marriages Index, 1656-1875](#)

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Recent additions on FindMyPast



Scotland, Registers & Records

Number of records added: 6 new titles, 79 volumes

Total records: 12,036

Covering: Dundee parishes, highland clans & regiments, social life in Scotland and clan histories

Discover: The realities of life in historic Scotland

Lost Cousins Website

I was passed the following article headlines taken from the "*Lost Cousins*" newsletter and thought it might intrigue. I took up the offer at the end to log in and have a look at the articles. Very interesting. So much so that I joined "Lost Cousins" - **and it is free!**

Mystery Scottish records coming soon.
(Sounds mysterious!!)

Ancestry DNA links with Quest Diagnostics

Family Matching Tool makes it easier to identify matches

Are these the cheapest autosomal DNA tests ever?
ENDS SOON

Nottinghamshire parish records on the SoG website

How many Norfolk records???

Free UK Genealogy plans for the future

Findmypast add 2.5 million crime records

New Home Secretary is a descendant of King Charles II

Where do I come from?

Do you have German ancestry?

Church of Ireland parish registers

Over 250,000 images of London online

Who was the oldest person to be photographed?

6th Jefferson Tayte thriller is close to completion

Do you believe in coincidence?

Peter's Tips (He's the editor)

Now you know what's in the newsletter – the next step is to click the link below so that you can read the articles (or else, highlight it, copy it, then paste it into your browser).

<http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/aug16news.htm>

A Consideration of some Trades.

OK, as a Dundonian I am biased here. Came across reference to this site, <http://goo.gl/o1iV6S>, that deals with "The Nine Incorporated Trades of Dundee". It is described as "an ongoing project to transcribe the records of the nine crafts, providing a growing repository of documents and imagery that covers both the history and traditions associated with the Trades in Dundee." Turns out that the nine crafts referred to are baker, cordiner, glover, tailor, bonnet maker, flesher, hammerman, weaver and dyer. So my own great-grandfather's craft of slippermaker is not included although the "cordiner" (from cordwainer) or shoemaker, comes close. According to the various census' his father and brothers were content to call themselves "shoemakers" but he always insisted in referring to himself as a "slippermaker". I include the reference because, although the project refers to the trades in Dundee, the information about the various trades transcends Dundee and is interesting in itself. If you had an ancestor involved in any of these trades, have a look.

NB Perhaps you have some snippet of information about your own place of research in Scotland. Why not let us know about it so that we can share it with everyone. Come on, or I shall bore you to death with Dundee!!



News from the ScotlandsPeople website:

The statutory birth, marriage and death indexes for 2015

Just a brief note to say that we plan to release the statutory birth, marriage and death indexes for 2015 very soon - so please watch this space!

Dates for the diary (Click on the underscored references and you will be taken to the site)

'You Are Here': free [exhibition of maps](#) at the National Library of Scotland, runs from 22 July 2016 until Monday 3 April 2017.

'A night out: Theatre and cinema memories - an [event](#) for people affected by dementia, National Library of Scotland, Friday 9 September, 10.30 to 12.00 noon;

[Local and Family History Show](#): Motherwell Concert Hall, Saturday 3 September 2016;

[Family History Day](#): The John Gray Centre, Haddington, East Lothian, Saturday 10 September 2016, 10am to 6pm;

[Fife Family History Fair](#): Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline, Saturday 8 October 2016.

Some recent news stories about Scottish history

A news feature about [two sets of brothers](#) from crofting communities in Sutherland who fought in the First World War;

A news feature on the [Tyneside Scottish Regiment](#) (TS) in the First World War and what happened to the 'TS' at the Somme;

A news feature on the life and work of Glasgow-born artist, [Muirhead Bone](#) - a much-overlooked artist of the First World War;

The Declaration of Arbroath, is named as a '[Memory of the World](#)' by UNESCO, the United Nations' cultural body;

The 'Regno Di Scotia' map, the [oldest map of Scotland](#), goes on display at the National Library of Scotland.

ScotlandsPeople also have a special feature on the *Register of Corrected Entries* (REC's) that is worth looking at nrsscotland.gov.uk. If you haven't already done so it is always worthwhile to log into the ScotlandsPeople bimonthly newsletter to keep up to date with all that is going on at scotlandspeople.gov.uk

ScotlandsPeople shutdown: information has arrived from **ScotlandsPeople** that their site will be closing down from Wednesday 7th September (at 23.59 BST) until Monday 12th September (no time given). The reason stated is "essential planned work". One has to wonder if this "planned work" is not connected to the transfer of the **ScotlandsPeople** franchise from D C Thompson to the new service providers, CACI. Now having never heard of CACI I "googled" them and was presented with two possible options. One was a company offering non-surgical facelifts and the other an American company delivering "information solutions and services to national defence, intelligence and federal customers across a range of missions" (to quote their webpage). Whilst I like to think it might be the facelift company (being a suitable follow-on from the producers of the Beano and Dandy) I suspect it is probably the other. However their mission statement sounds a bit scary, and their sub-heading - CACI (Ever Vigilant) - does little to alleviate this. Anyway we shall have to wait and see, in particular, if and by how much, the price of services currently charged by ScotlandsPeople is effected by the new company's services—and vigilance. Watch this space.



TAXATION RECORDS: The National Records of Scotland (NRS) holds several series of records relating to taxation. <http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/taxation-records> Until the 17th century taxation was regarded as an extraordinary source of revenue levied for specific purposes such as the defence of the realm, the king's marriage or the knighting of his eldest son. Originally taxation fell on land and property with the barons, the burghs and the Church sharing the burden. Details of late medieval taxation can be found in exchequer records but there are no actual accounts until James VI's reign. In the 17th century the government sought to broaden the tax base. Various early attempts at taxation can be found in taxation records in the Exchequer Records (NRS reference E59-70). These include the valuation rolls – records of property ownership compiled for the collecting of local taxation and listing every house or piece of ground in the country, along with the names/designation of the proprietor, tenant and occupier. You can search various sets of valuation rolls via the ScotlandsPeople website. **We intend to have a presentation at one of the Branch meetings next year on valuation rolls. Look out for this.**

...and speaking about taxation, came across this article that might be of interest: Tax records have been released through the **ScotlandsPlaces Project**. <http://www.scotlandspplaces.gov.uk>. This is part of a transcription programme by thousands of volunteers, tackling pages of records written in Gaelic, English and Latin, covering land taxation and taxes on clocks, dogs, windows and more. With a subscription for **ScotlandsPlaces** (starting from £15 for three months), you can explore 88 volumes of poll tax material, while the historical tax rolls page has details of all sorts of strange taxes - from carriage tax rolls to farm horses. The shop tax rolls (1785-89), for example, contain the names of shopkeepers throughout Scotland, and occasionally the names of the businesses are included as well as the annual value of shops.

The **National Library of Scotland** have put online a map of the Highlands of Scotland denoting the districts or counties inhabited by Highland Clans. <http://goo.gl/G9dJJX>. This map was included in the 1822 and 1825 editions of David Stewart's sketches "...of the character, manners and present state of the Highlanders of Scotland" with a note on the map and a reference key to the numbered clans.

THE LORD LYON—KING OF ARMS OF SCOTLAND

Please remember: the October Branch Meeting (Saturday, 15th October) will include 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. It is important that you reserve a place for yourself for this as we expect a full house. Book through Eventbrite on the Society website: mlfhs.org.uk More details about this talk will be given in later

DON'T FORGET!!

There is the **help desk facility** available to all from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm prior to the Anglo Scots Branch meeting on the third Saturday of each month.



Experienced members will be there to offer help and advice. Why not give it a try? You can also pick up discounted **ScotlandsPeople** vouchers. £6 instead of the usual £7. What's not to like!!



September Branch Meeting: Saturday, 17th September.

The next Branch meeting will be on Saturday, 17th September at 1.30 pm at Central Library. The topic for the meeting will be a focus on **Ancestral Breakthroughs**. This meeting will be guided by a presentation by **David Muil** on maritime resources to assist in the search for any ancestors who may have emigrated voluntarily or otherwise. Where did they sail from? How did they get there? What was the journey like? Where did they arrive? 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.