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## Newsletter of the Anglo-Scottish FHS

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Anglo Scottish Family History Society

**Welcome:** to the December edition of the Newsletter. There was no Branch meeting this month so this edition is a potpourri of items that we trust you will find helpful, and interesting as well as a couple of items just to amuse you. Please take note of the announcement on page 3 it is important. Enjoy. Editor.



We wish you all the Joy, Peace and Hope of the Christmas Season  
and every good wish for 2019



One year Father Christmas is forced to have an official from the Aviation Authority check out his sleigh to make sure it is airworthy. The official checks out the sleigh on the ground then sits beside Father Christmas for a test flight. Suddenly Father Christmas notices the official has a revolver in his hand. "What's that for," he asks, "you're not a hijacker are you?" "No replies the official, "but we have to see how you handle this craft when you lose one of your engines on take-off."



## Scottish Women's Hospitals and Nurses in the 1st World War.

Once again we are indebted to our correspondent in Fort William, Martin Briscoe, for drawing our attention to these resources. In the September issue of *e-Scotia* we made mention of Ken Nisbet's talk on researching 1st World War family history, with an emphasis on Scottish research. There is a larger article detailing this talk in the recent copy of the Anglo Scottish section of the Manchester Genealogist. (Vol.54 No.4 2018) However Martin points out that there is much more information available about the work of the Scottish Women's Hospital, and the nurses who worked in them and he details these in particular; [www.scottishwomenshospitals.co.uk](http://www.scottishwomenshospitals.co.uk) that details some of the history of the SWH and the struggle they had to be accepted by the British authorities but snapped up by allied countries, in particular Serbia, and [www.scottishwomenshospitals.co.uk/serbian-stamps-honour-scots-ww1-heroins/](http://www.scottishwomenshospitals.co.uk/serbian-stamps-honour-scots-ww1-heroins/) that gives the names of some of these women, and the honour in which they continue to be held by Serbia.



Martin continues: *"I have come across quite a few nurses' names on War Memorials whilst uploading them to the IWM WMR. It can often be difficult to identify them because usually only those in military units are listed by the CWGC. Many died back in the UK of various diseases they had contracted with their work so again might not be recognised by the CWGC. To confuse matters, some are listed on several War Memorials. I usually ask on the Great War Forum where there are some people with a lot of knowledge and information about them. I posted a query today after Orkney Library Tweeted an interesting piece on a WW nurse and she was quickly identified. [www.greatwarforum.org](http://www.greatwarforum.org) and [www.orkneyarchive.blogspot.com](http://www.orkneyarchive.blogspot.com) Many large houses were used as VAD hospitals, the newspapers had regular features on Red Cross work with lists of hospitals and quite detailed information on how many they had treated. Also details of large estates sending their game to the hospitals. Even lists of many cups of tea etc. their tea stalls at railway stations had provided! Canmore will often indicate wartime use of a large house. There is a project in the Highlands researching hospitals with a series of books on areas which often mention WWI hospitals. [www.historyofhighlandhospitals.com](http://www.historyofhighlandhospitals.com)*

Once again many thanks to Martin for his contribution. **Remember**, if any of you have information that helped you and you think might help the rest of us in our research, please do let us know via our email address.



## Scottish Association of Family History Societies:

Just in case you want to do some research over the Christmas period and think you may need to contact one or other of the Scottish Family History Societies for help, you can find all of the contact details of the Societies that are members of SAFHS on their website. Just [click here](#). They are always willing to help if they can.

## Family History can drive you insane!!

A psychiatrist is interviewing a patient in a mental home. "How did you get here?" he asks. "What is the nature of your illness?" The patient replies,

"Well, it all started when I married a widow with a grown daughter. My dad came to visit us, fell in love with my lovely step-daughter, then married her. So my step-daughter was now my step-mother. Soon, my wife had a son who was, of course, my dad's brother-in-law, since he is the half-brother of my step-daughter, who is now, of course my dad's wife. Now, since my new son is step-brother to my step-mother, he also became my uncle. Then, as my wife is mother to my step-mother she is also my step-grandmother. So since I'm married to my step-grandmother, I am not only my wife's grandson and her husband but I am also my own grandfather. And if that's not enough to drive you crazy, what is?"



THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE; YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUSE.  
YOU DON 'T BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUSE.  
YOU BECOME SANTA CLAUSE  
YOU LOOK LIKE SANTA CLAUSE



## Anglo Scottish Branch Meeting 2019

**January 19th:** Quiz and Social.

**February 16th:** "They all went up in smoke - or did they?" Irish genealogy with Jill Williams.

**March 16th:** Branch annual meeting followed by members sharing heirlooms.

**April 13th:** "Your favourite website". An opportunity for members to share the websites they found most helpful.

**May 16th:** This is a Thursday gathering. Details to be revealed next month, but keep it free.

**June 15th:** Ancestry workshop - questions and answers.

**July 20th:** Visit to the People's History Museum, Spinningfields. Details later.

**August:** No meeting.

**September 21st:** "Bridgescapes" with L. Bruce Keith.

**October 19th:** "Down and out in Scotland" Chris Paton.

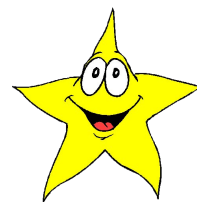
**November 16th:** Ancestral Breakthroughs.

**December:** No meeting.

All meetings are at Central Library on Saturday and begin at 2.00 pm. Help desk available from 10.30 am.

### MAJOR EVENT - MAY 16TH 2019

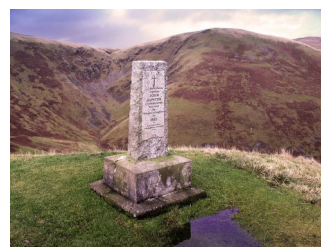
We are in the process of finalising the details of a major event that we are pleased to have organised. We intend to announce it in the January issue of the Newsletter but, in the meantime, keep that date free if you can.



**Scottish Monumental Inscriptions.** The following information has been passed on to me by a reader.

*"Many new records from Abernethy, Greyfriars, Kilmore, Urray, Clachan have been added to the **FindMyPast** collection. Most will include your ancestor's death date and burial location & some have the actual inscription. These were created by a variety of family history societies and independent licensors, with transcripts that will vary depending on the age of the monument and its legibility."*

If you have **FindMyPast**, or access to it, have a look under the heading of Scotland, then, Monumental Inscriptions.



**Research during the Christmas Break:** when you are able to drag yourself away from family, friends and Christmas pudding, then relax with a look at some old favourites that we can tend to forget whilst chasing the latest download from somewhere or other. Remember that the **National Library of Scotland** has a fantastic resource for family history research ([click here](#)) where you can access their digitised resources ([click here](#)) But have a look around the whole site. There are loads of resources. Then there is the family history resource offered by the **National Records of Scotland** ([click here](#)) Again loads to read up on and to search.



### Anglo Scottish Branch January Meeting - Saturday 19th January 2019



This is our seasonal get-together to share time, food, drink and companionship. All are invited and as usual we will have a shared table. So if you can please bring along some contribution, be that savoury or sweet and/or in liquid form. But whatever, do come.

As usual also we will have our annual quiz to test our knowledge of things Scottish as well as our general knowledge. These are provided by our intrepid quiz setters, Ina Penneyston and Yvonne Gill-Martin. Prizes to be won so get thinking!!!

