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## Newsletter of the Anglo-Scottish FHS

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Anglo Scottish Family History Society

**Welcome:** to the March edition of the newsletter. The topic chosen as our offering to members this month is rather nuanced and perhaps not immediately relevant to family history research. But then, (just a minute, didn't your teacher tell you never to begin a sentence with a conjunction!) as they say, whatever can throw light on research and broaden our vision and knowledge can only be a good thing. So we welcomed Sian Yates, the archivist for the Lloyds Banking Group, who is based in Edinburgh and who led us in our search. The presentation was recorded and is available to members. More details about that later. We append also some more bits of information that we hope you will find of value as you delve into your AngloScottish research and finally remind those who are within reach of Manchester of the Family & Local History Fair organised by the Society.

Take care.

Editor.

### Scottish Banking Records

Perhaps not an area of research that immediately leaps to mind when seeking sources for family history research, unless of course your name is Rothschild or you can claim association with a Scottish dynastic family with claims to wealth and resources requiring the services of a banking system. Such limitations were helpfully clarified for us from the outset by our speaker, Sian Yates. Sian is the archivist for the Lloyds Banking Group that came together largely following the financial problems in 2008. The group includes the Bank of Scotland, the National Westminster Bank, the Halifax, the Scottish Widows Assurance, as well as, of course, Lloyds and has two archive deposits, one in London and the other in Edinburgh. Sian emphasised that any records kept by the bank are mainly for legal/evidential purposes but with these limitations in mind, it was useful, nevertheless, to identify some nuggets of sources with which this vast banking archive might help the family historian.

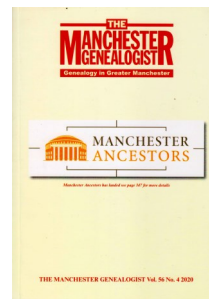


For a start, the Bank of Scotland archive goes back to its foundation in Edinburgh in 1695 whilst the archive of the other Banks date from the 18th and 19th centuries. Although the other banks were founded in England their archive, since the amalgamation, are all held in Edinburgh at the Museum on the Mound. ([Click here](#)) It was stressed that the archive consists of much more than what might be anticipated, namely, stacks of numerical ledgers. There are entries in the ledgers of the names of customers and as examples we were shown entries for Walter Scott and a "Mrs Robert Burns", wife of Robert Burns, who became a customer of the Bank of Scotland after Burns' death. However any direct reference to customers only reflects their relationship with the Bank and so is quite limited. Of more interest to family historians might be the staff records. These include information gained when they joined the company, position in the company and salary. Staff information, with photographs, also included members of staff who had joined the forces in WW1 and were killed. Reference was made to a staff magazine "Round the Table" which started in 1916 and ran until the 1980's. There are staff photographs and references to various staff members. To access any of these resources, if you think some family member worked for the Bank Group, then contact the Museum on the Mound with any details you have and they will gladly do some research for you.

Sian took questions from members after her presentation and one interesting one was a member who had an ancestor who lived in a property called "Bank House". Would this indicate that they had some connection with the Banking system? Sian explained that in the early days of banking managers and some higher ranks were indeed provided with accommodation and so this could be named as "Bank House". Most of these were sold off many years ago and so an ancestor living in "Bank House" would not necessarily be linked with the Bank. However, worth investigating via the Museum.

The recording of Sian Yates' video on Historic Scottish Banking Records is available to members for a limited period and can be accessed from the member web site at <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/research/speakers-notes>

**The Manchester Genealogist Appeal:** no, not for money, but for your family history stories. As members of the Society we all enjoy the benefits of the quarterly Journal that is delivered to us, "The Manchester Genealogist". I am sure also that we all enjoy the articles that are produced in the Journal and that entertain and, even sometimes, enlighten, us. The people who write these articles do not claim to be specialists in any way or even particularly skilled in writing. They simply want to share with other members, the information that they have found, the stories that they tell and, where relevant, the sources used to uncover that story.



All of us in the Society have carried out research on our family. It is why we are members. I am sure also that all of us think that our family tale is not worth the telling. This is never true. Each of us is where we are standing on the shoulders of our ancestors and their stories. They deserve to be told.

**Our appeal is for you to share your family story with us.** Our Journal editor, Pat Etchells, does a sterling job collecting and collating articles sent to her, but she is running out of material. So why not put together something about **your** journey in family history research. It does not have to be pages long. It could just be a paragraph highlighting a particular source that you found helpful or a particular family member or situation that intrigues you or a block in your research that was unblocked by a find or help from another.

Do think about having a go. Details of how to send your offerings to Pat can be found in the Journal.

**History Scotland Webinars:** attention has been drawn to this resource in previous newsletters, but we have just been contacted again with the latest offerings. Access to the History Scotland web site can be found [here](#) where you can consider all their offerings but they are now taking bookings for the next three webinars;



- 18th century Scottish family group portraits on the 29th March
- The Templars in Scotland: myth and reality on the 6th April
- Lady Jean Gordon, Countess of Bothwell on the 19th April

The talks look interesting but at £10 each you will have to give some thought to how relevant and interesting they are to you.

**The Repair Shop:** don't know if you are familiar with the, rather brilliant, "*The Repair Shop*" programme that is shown on BBC where people take along items of some sentimental value but which are in a state of disrepair and these are restored by expert crafts people. Well it seems that this format has become very popular within the media because the Society were recently contacted by Red Sky Productions who are making a similar programme for the Discovery channel on TV and are looking for people to take part. Their presentation went thus;

I'm Kirsty, a Casting assistant producer at Red Sky Productions. We're making an exciting TV series for Discovery channel, REALLY and are looking for people to take part. I wondered if you might be able to help us spread the word.

Hosted by Amanda Lamb, "The Saved & Remade Workshop" will see a team of expert craftspeople take much-loved but unused objects from members of the public and transform them into something completely different; giving them a new lease of life and a real purpose that their owners will actually use. No matter how big or small, if you have an item that you'd like us to transform into something completely new, we are keen to hear from you!

We're looking for people (and their items) to take part. We'll be filming in May and June and applications are now open. I'd be grateful if you could help us spread the word by circulating this email. I have also attached a flier if you're able to post on your social media channels. For more info on the show, you can visit <https://www.redskyproductions.co.uk/take-part>. TO APPLY: Get in touch telling us:

Your name, age, location, and contact number

Some info about your item; what it is, why it's important to you and why you want to transform it

Please also send photos of your item

So, on the face of it not particularly associated with family history, but then you may have some heirloom at home that has meaning for you but is in a sad state of repair. A family clock, an item from the war, a piece of furniture passed down the generations. Here is your chance to have it restored. We get the offer and we pass it on.

## Treehouse Genealogy: Building on your Ancestral Roots



Through another advert I came across this web site that I hadn't met before. ([Click here](#)) It is yet another source of Scottish History. They formulate rhetorical questions such as "How do I find my ancestors?"; "I don't know where to start with Scottish Family History Research."; and "My family emigrated overseas. Will I be able to find their roots in Scotland?". They answer such questions by way of seminars given by some eminent people but the site is much more than that. A section of it is named "Kilted Ancestors" where anyone signed up to the site - for free - can list their experience of having a Scottish ancestor. Anyway, have a look at it. I found it enlightening and some of the presentations tempting enough to make me consider them, despite, once again, the £10 attendance fee. Is our Society missing out on something with only £15 for a whole year?

**MLFH Society News:** hopefully by now all our members are familiar with the Manchester Ancestors web site and how to navigate your way around the vast amount of material available to members. A little reminder of what our fellow Branches are offering:

**Bolton:** a presentation on Wednesday, 6th April at 19.30 by a long-established favourite on the family history circuit, Dr Alan Crosby, who is exploring "Finding Aunt Sarah". As usual Alan makes use of family stories to share some of the techniques and resources that help in our own research. The Branch are holding the first face-to-face gathering since the pandemic at their new premises, Bolton Golf Club. However it is to be a hybrid meeting so that those not able to attend can still sign up for Zoom. A great idea, brand new, and we wish them every success. We shall watch with interest.

**Oldham:** are also branching out to hold face-to-face meetings and their offering on Saturday, 9th April, at 1400 hrs. is "*Joseph Briggs and the Tiffany Glass Collection at the Haworth Art Gallery Accrington*". Details of the venue and how to register can be found on the Oldham web site but again a hybrid meeting is being tried so the Zoom alternative remains in place. Again, full details on the Oldham web site and we wish them every success for this new venture.

**Manchester's** next offering is in May and co-incides with the Society Quarterly Meeting. Again this is a face-to-face event and full details available on the Society web page.

Each of the Branches produce a monthly newsletter outlining details and events relevant to the local area. These newsletters and the back numbers can all be accessed on the Society web site.



**Anglo Scottish Branch Meeting - Saturday, 2nd April, 2.00p.m - 3.30 p.m.**

**Members Heirlooms**

**Manchester Central Library**



Yes, we have decided to break free and return to our social, face to face, meetings at Central Library. It was not an easy decision to make. Is it too soon? Will members come? Zoom has allowed members from a distance to join us. What about them? That last point is an important one and one that is at the forefront of our considerations. The apparent solution is a hybrid meeting with physical presence complemented with Zoom technology to cater for all members both at home and at a distance. This however is more complex than at first appears partly because of security considerations at Central Library, but is something we are exploring. Another option is to record meetings and presentations and place them on the member's web page but this does not allow for interaction and questions from members at a distance.

So know that whilst we have decided to move back into Central Library for most of our meetings we have not given up thinking about all our membership. Everyone is important, and it was good for us to have members from other parts of the country and abroad share with us. So, watch this space.







**Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society**

**SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH 2022**

Manchester Central Library 10.00am - 4.00pm

**FREE ENTRY**

**Everyone Welcome!  
No tickets required!  
Activities for children!**

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Family History  
Society

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District Family  
History Society

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Family History  
Society

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