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Welcome: to a new year and to the January edition of the newsletter. We trust that you had a pleasant and peaceful Christmas and that your new year has started with hope. The Branch began the year with the branch Christmas party and this forms the main topic of the newsletter. As usual we have also provided some information about various web sites that you might find useful as well as updates on the more familiar sites. As usual in this edition the last pages are taken up with the Scottish quiz that tested the members. Have a go and see how well you do. Enjoy. Editor.

Branch Christmas Celebration: With the festive season well behind us (thankfully, I hear some say) the Branch Christmas party lacked the usual signs of decorations, crackers and party hats. What it did not lack however was bonhomie, generosity and good fun. The gathering was held in the rather grand "Librarian's meeting room" at Manchester Central Library. Whilst "grand" it was not really conducive to familiar interaction, but, being old



hands, we made the most of it. The event was advertised as a "shared tale" event, and as usual, generosity prevailed with a rather laden table lurking behind the gathering awaiting an attack. Firstly though proceedings commenced with the annual quizzes prepared by our two intrepid quiz mistresses, Yvonne and Ina. We started with the Scottish quiz, always the most threatening given our communal claim to be of Scottish descent. This is the quiz that has been appended to this newsletter, so have a go and see how well you do—without sneaking glimpses at the answers!!! In our forum the highest score was only 12 out of 20. Yvonne and Ina had also generously arranged prizes, one for the winner and one for the lowest scorer. There were ample claims on the latter!

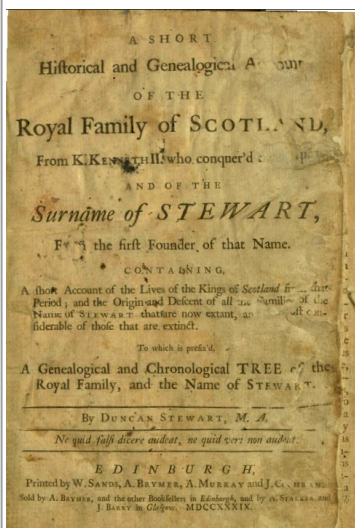
New Year Additions at Scotlands People: keeping up with the new year theme, ScotlandsPeople have announced that they have updated the records available for research to include births for 1917, marriages for 1942 and deaths for 1967 releasing 233,000 records. This follows the pattern of updating the records according to the rule of 100 years for births, 75 years for marriages and 50 years for deaths. This means that you can now download copies of certificates for those additional years on the ScotlandsPeople website. Outside of those dates you will see a copy of the index, but will have to send off to Edinburgh if you want a copy of the certificate. The following article from ScotlandsPeople gives some interesting facts about the births, marriages and deaths in those years.

[\(Click here\)](#) Well worth a read. I must say that whilst I understand the time limits related to births and marriages because individuals concerned could still be alive, I struggle to understand that time limit on deaths. Why do you have to wait 50 years before you can see a digitised copy of someone's death certificate? Presumably the deceased is not affected, other than perhaps by way of reputation, so perhaps it is to safeguard relatives. Perhaps if anyone has an answer they can let us know.

New in the Anglo Scots Webpage: a couple of new resources have been added to the Scottish Document Collection in the AngloScots Branch section of the MLFHS website. You have to access them through the member area, but once logged in simply go to the *Scottish Document Collection*.

The first is an article I came across in the Society library case at Manchester Central Library. Entitled ***“Scots and Manchester after the ‘45”*** it was such an interesting read that I considered others might find it useful. The author, Henry Thomas Crofton, wrote several works but I have been unable to discover the source of this article and where it was published. The article is essentially about exploring the presence of Scots in Lancashire prior to and after the ‘45 rebellion. In doing so the author makes use of several sources (all cited) to detail the names, history and occupation of several individuals and families. However, he appears to select these individuals on the basis of the “Scottish-sounding” of their name. At first glance this seems a somewhat

dubious basis for selection although many of the names selected are supported by respectable sources. There are some very interesting nuggets in the article, such as the observation that Bonnie Prince Charlie’s army marched south from Preston to Manchester via Wigan and not by the shortest route through Bolton because the Preston-Wigan-Manchester road was better maintained being a turnpike road, but generally it is an exploration of Scottish presence in Lancashire despite the ‘45 Rebellion. For family historians, particularly those with an interest in Scottish history, there is value in the article since it lists many names of individuals and families who originated in Scotland and moved to live in Manchester, and Lancashire generally. To assist in searching for these names an index has been created at the back of the article indicating the pages in which the particular names appear.



The second addition is a book that, again, I came across in the Society bookcase at Manchester Central Library. With the rather catchy title of ***“A Short Historical and Genealogical Account of the Royal Family of Scotland and of the history of the surname Stewart”*** it was written in 1739 by Duncan Stewart. The book was donated to the Anglo Scots Branch of the Society some years ago by one Mr R Walkden. Sadly no one is around who knows who Mr Walkden was/is but we are grateful to him for his generosity. (If any reader does know who Mr R Walkden is we would love to hear from you) Whilst the main part of the book is in good condition given its age, it lacks a cover. Given the importance of the book we are looking into having it rebound but in the meantime its contents have been scanned and are available for you to read. Its importance I think lies in the fact that it was written between the “rebellions” of 1715, (the old pretender) and 1745 (the young pretender) and whilst Duncan Stewart may not have anticipated the ‘45 rebellion, methinks it remains a rather political treatise emphasising the legitimacy of the Stewart line over the Hanoverian introduction.

Available on the MLFHS Web Site: the above article refers you to the Scottish Document Collection, but there is a lot more on the MLFHS web site. We have mentioned before that all the back issues of the Manchester Genealogist have been digitised, but now John Marsden has inserted a “search engine” onto this site so that you can search all the magazines by various criteria, title, author, surname, place name or keyword. By doing so you are then given a selection of magazines that bear your criteria with the ability to click onto that reference and be taken straight to the magazine. It is however a work in progress and so there remains value in having a look at the magazines themselves.



We remind you also of the many ***Exchange Journals*** that we receive from other family history societies and upload to the MLFHS website. As well as several English family history societies, our antipodean colleague participating societies include; Australian Institute; Queensland FHS, Canberra FHS, Redland Gen. Soc., and New Zealand FHS. From Canada we have the Prince George FHS. Then of course there are the many Scottish sites including, Caithness, Orkney, Dumfries and Galloway, Highland, Central Scotland, Lanarkshire and Lothian. These societies cover a large area of Scotland and are likely to find someone with an interest. Remember also that these areas receive a copy of our “Manchester Genealogist” so if you want to put something in the magazine that might attract their attention or seek their advice then take advantage. Remember though that you have to be a member of the Society to access this resource, so if you are not, why not join?

“Annie Jane”: the sinking of a migrant ship.

We were contacted by Martin Briscoe, a member who lives in Fort William, who drew our attention to this web site ([Click here](#)) that details a book about the sinking of the “Annie Jane”. See also this site. ([Click here](#)) Martin writes;

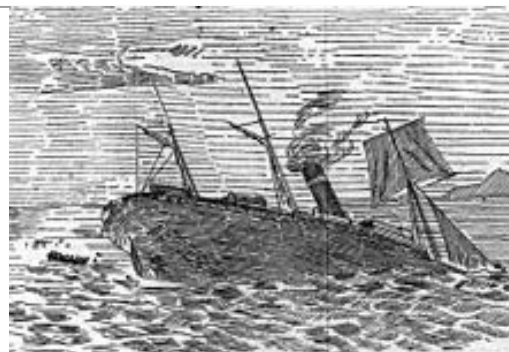
The “Annie Jane” was a migrant ship from Liverpool to Canada, its first voyage was in 1853 carrying many Scottish and Irish migrants as well as others from England – there was a large number of tradesmen on board. There were about 450 on board including the crew. It rolled badly and when the weather worsened, the top of the main mast broke. The ship returned to Liverpool. They tried to get their fares refunded but could not get a refund. Most sailed when it tried again after repairs but it soon had similar problems. It broke up and sank on the coast of Watersay with the loss of about 350 lives.

The book describes well the conditions on board migrant ships and also how they were treated when the ship was delayed in sailing then after it returned for repairs, as well as the survivors stranded on a remote island with a small population. I am sure many other migrant ships were similar so it could be of interest to anybody whose ancestors emigrated to the Americas in the 19th Century.

The book has a list of passengers, most are just names and few of those who died have their home location. The dead were buried somewhere on the shore but the location is not known. A fence was erected around the location using timbers from the ship but the owners of the wreck objected and removed the timbers.

Some years later a small memorial was erected overlooking the bay. ([This can be viewed here](#))

Whilst the book might not be of much value in locating specific family members, it looks like an ideal volume to illustrate what emigrating ancestors experienced and what risks they took. Thanks, Martin, for the reference.



The Border Reivers: You may recall that in May last year we had a talk by Andrew Lowes exploring The Border Reivers.

Well, Dave Hartley was good enough to forward us an e-mail he received referring to a new web site exploring The Reivers. It is called **“The Border Reivers Toolkit”**. (*This is a series of Google Earth PRO files of interest to researchers with Reiver or Border ancestors. Google Earth Pro and the files are freely available for non commercial use. The resources include: an 19th century Historic Overlay; a set of county boundaries for both Scotland and England border counties; the English and Scottish march borders in which the border Reivers were most active; a set of clan boundaries found within the Scottish border region; clans sorted alphabetically in folders to facilitate searches; a set of 459 English parishes boundaries found within the border region; a set of 157 Scottish parish boundaries found within the border region; a set of 170 English Castle locations; a set of 219 English Peel tower locations; a set of 149 Scottish Castle locations found within the Scottish borders; and a set of 198 Scottish Towers located within the Scottish borders. Distributions of the major border surnames can also be downloaded.*

If your family hails from that area, have a look. You may find something of interest.

February Branch Meeting: Saturday 18th February 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

Topic: Family Research and DNA:

DNA testing is becoming increasingly popular as a means of exploring and extending family history connections and informing family history research. For this reason we have decided that it would be useful to explore this, relatively (excuse the pun) recent resource and how we might let it inform our research. The meeting is, as usual, at Manchester Central Library beginning at 2.00. If you haven't already done so it is advisable that you book straight away. There is a numbers limit imposed by the library for health and safety reasons, and we have to abide by this. I am informed that the numbers are already filling up so please do not leave it til the last minute. We would hate to have to turn you away.

Remember too that the **Scottish History Research Help Desk** is available on the 3rd Floor of the Library from 10.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. So come and join us.



Anglo Scots Quiz 2018

General:

1. Cranachan is a Scottish dessert consisting of oats, cream raspberries and what other ingredient?
2. What opened to great fanfare on August 30th, 2017?
3. Where on the body were “nicky tams” worn?
4. What is the “Angel’s share”?
5. The holder of which title may grant new coats of arms in Scotland?

Geography:

6. What are the Corra Linn and the Grey Mare’s Tail?
7. Name the only lake in Scotland.
8. Which island told T.V. botanist, David Bellamy, to get lost, when he was attempting to stop Scottish Malt Distillers from cutting peat?
9. Which of these towns is not on the River Forth: Alloa, Dunblane or Stirling?
10. Where can golf be played in the middle of a river?

Arts:

11. Name the bass guitarist from Bishopbriggs, who became a 60’s superstar as a member of the rock trio “Cream”?
12. What was the name of the Robert Louis Stevenson sequel to “Kidnapped”?
13. Who sang the theme song of the James Bond film “For your eyes only.”?

Scots:

14. Name the leader of the Scottish Labour Party, who resigned in August 2017?
15. Which man, who gave away much of his worldly wealth said, “A man who dies rich dies disgraced”?
16. Who said, “Watson, please come here, I want you”, and how did this mark one of the greatest technological advances?
17. Which 18th century native of Kirkcaldy is widely regarded as the founder of classical economics.?

History:

18. Which language was used for the “Declaration of Arbroath” in 1320?
19. Which politician won Glasgow Hillhead in the 1980’s?
20. Which playing card is called “the curse of Scotland”?

Tie Breaker:

Can you name the 6 UNESCO World Heritage sites in Scotland?

Answers to Anglo Scots Quiz 2018

General:

1. Whisky.
2. The Queensferry Crossing.
3. On the leg. It is a string worn below the knee by farm labourers toiling in the mud.
4. The amount of whisky that evaporates through the casks.
5. Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Geography:

6. Waterfalls (near Lanark & Moffatt respectively)
7. Lake of Mentieth.
8. Islay (on Duich Moss)
9. Dunblane
10. Perth. (King James VI course, established in 1858, is on Moncrieffe Island in the River Tay).

Arts:

11. Jack Bruce.
12. Catriona
13. Sheena Easton.

Scots:

14. Kezia Dugdale.
15. Andrew Carnegie.
16. Alexander Graham Bell. They were the first words spoken over his new invention – the telephone.
17. Adam Smith.

History:

18. Latin. It was a letter sent to Pope John XXII on 6th April 1320 confirming Scotland's status as an independent sovereign state and defending its right to use military action when unjustly attacked.
19. Roy Jenkins
20. The 9 of diamonds. One explanation is that the orders for the massacre of Glencoe were written on this card.

Tie Breaker:

Skara Brae and Neolithic Orkney; Antonine Wall; New Lanark; St Kilda; Edinburgh Old and New Towns; Forth Bridge.