

Central Scotland Family History Society,

Where can you meet us?

Once a month in the Stirling Smith Gallery from October to May normally on the second Wednesday of the month. We organise a wide variety of speakers and visitors are always welcome to attend any or all of the meetings.

How can we help you?

We have a drop-in session in St Ninian's Library on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-12 noon with members of the Society and library staff who are available to help you in your research whether you are a beginner or have hit a brick wall. There are computers available with access to online family History sources. Help and advice can be given for Scotland wide enquiries. (booking advisable Tel: 01786 472069).

Our area of interest covers Stirlingshire (including Bo'ness and Carriden), Clackmannanshire and parts of South Perthshire which, historically, were part of Stirlingshire. We have published transcriptions of the 1851 census in booklet and CD-Rom format, as well as printed and CD Rom copies of all surviving church burial records for our area.

As we have no premises of our own all family history trees donated by members and our book collection are held in Stirling Council Archives in 5 Borrowmeadow Road, Springkerse, Stirling, FK7 7UW.



*Scottish Association of
Family History Societies*

**26th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
& FAMILY HISTORY FAIR**

SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2015



*celebrating 25 years
(1990 - 2015)*

“There was a soldier...”

Hosted by
Central Scotland Family History Society
in
ALLAN PARK SOUTH CHURCH
Dumbarton Road,
Stirling, FK8 2QJ

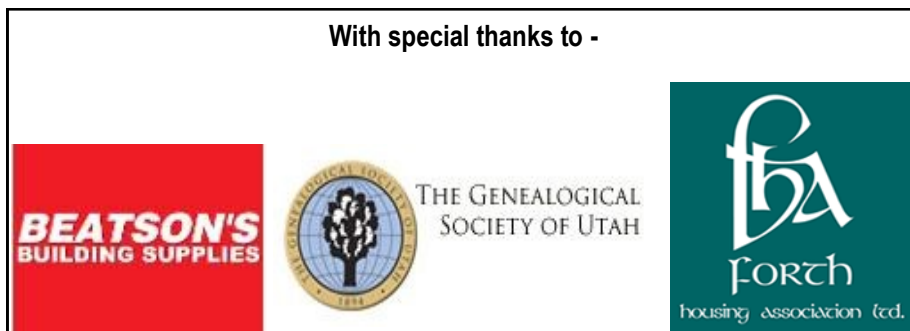
Programme

For further information on the conference please refer to our website at-

www.csfhs.org.uk

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15 April 2015



8:45 **Delegates Registration**

9:40 Welcome from CSFHS Chairperson

9:45-10:25 **Paul Laidlaw**

Of Laidlaw Auctioneers and Valuers.

Badges, Buckles and Bandoliers –

What we can deduce from commonly encountered military documents and personal mementoes.

10:30-11:10 **R. D. Laydon**

CE Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Trust.

Regimental Museums—

The Hidden Archives in Family Research.

10:45 **Family History Fair Opens to the Public**

11:15-11:55 **Pam McNicol**

Council Archivist, Stirling Council Archives.

“Killing a Russkie...”:

John Murray's Experiences in the Crimean War.

11:55-12:30 **Question time**

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-14:40 **Barbara McLean**

Archivist, Glasgow Life.

The Scottish Women's Hospitals Archive –

Women's Contribution to World War 1.

14:45-15:25 **Dr Tristram Clark**

Archivist, National Records of Scotland.

Leaving it all: Scottish Soldiers' Wills.

15:25-16:00 **Question time**

16:30 **Close of Conference & Family History Fair**

ALLAN PARK CHURCH - A BRIEF HISTORY

A petition for permission to establish a church at ‘Busby’s Orchard’ in Stirling was approved on the 2nd of January 1866.

Accordingly a group of Elders and communicants, under the guidance of the Rev J.T. Gowanlock raised funds and commenced construction.

Completed at a cost of £4,893 8s 11d, the first service was held on the 20th October 1867. The new church was named Allan Park United Presbyterian Church.

A Harmonium was installed in 1872 followed by a full organ in 1898. The church was heavily involved in the Christian Witness in Stirling town centre during the late 19th and 20th centuries and operated a mission at the top of the town, the Castlehill Mission, from 1886 until the late 1940’s and this included a very strong Boys Brigade Company – the 4th Stirling Company.

In 1935 a new hall was constructed alongside the church at a cost of £3,500. In the same year, concerns about the stability led to the reduction of the height of the church tower to the level we see today.