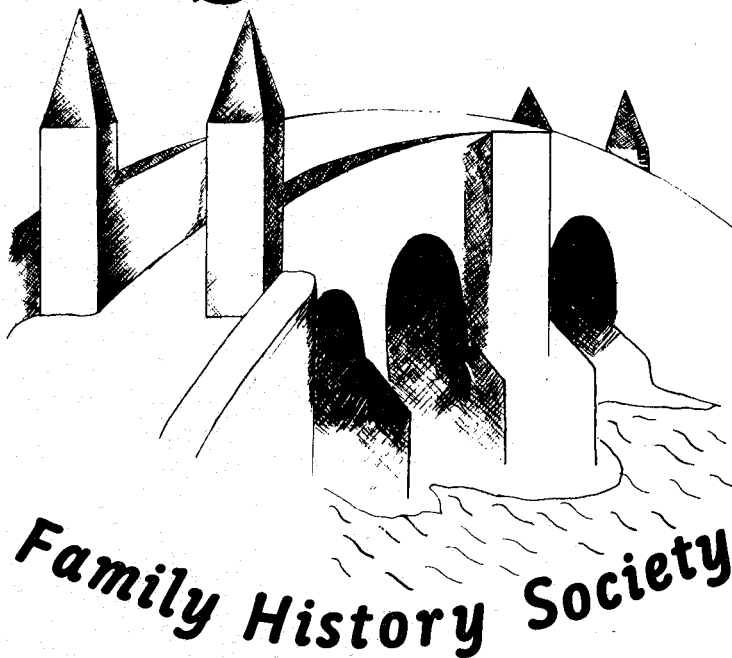


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Scottish Association of Family History Societies

8th Annual Conference

The organising committee wishes to remind you that the Central Scotland Family History Society will be hosting the 1997 Conference in The Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling on 26th April, 1997.

As previously announced the theme will be:-

MERCHANTS AND LANDOWNERS : TRADE AND INDUSTRY IN CENTRAL SCOTLAND

A very interesting programme has been arranged. Some of the speakers are already well-known to our own members.

John G Harrison: 17th century Stirling Merchants:
Who were they? And how do we know?

Gavin Spratt: Scottish Agriculture: 17th and 18th century.

Iain Scott: Falkirk Industry: 18th and 19th century.

Richard MacGregor: Estate Papers as a tool for Family Research (making particular reference to the MacGregor, Grant/Seafield, Invercauld papers and others).

It is anticipated that the other SAFHS member Societies will have displays of their publications available for you to look at and, hopefully, purchase.

The doors will open at 9.00am and the Conference will close at 5.00pm. Lunch will be available in the Lesser Hall between 12noon and 2.00pm. Application forms are still available from the Conference Secretary :- Mrs. J. Irene Anderson, 22 Strachan Crescent, DOLLAR, Clackmannanshire, FK14 7HL. The cost for the Conference will be £15 (Conference £7, Lunch £8).

The Organising Committee are hoping to have a good representation from our own members and will also be looking for volunteers to assist in the organisation on the day! It will not be too late to apply when you receive this Newsletter. Keep the applications coming in and help to make this Conference a success!

Remember 26th April, 1997 - keep it free!

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THE 15th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

As none of the other 25 Societies who are full members of The Scottish Association of Family History Societies had come forward to act as host for the 2004 Annual Conference by the recent SAFHS Council Meeting on 8th March 2003 your Committee, after consulting with those members who attended our AGM on May 8th, have volunteered to hold the 15th Annual Conference on behalf of SAFHS only seven years after hosting the 8th Conference.

The 15th Conference will be held in the Albert Halls, Stirling on Saturday 24th April 2004 from 10.00am to 4.30 pm. The event has been titled

"In Loving Memory - A Celebration of Graveyards"

and papers will be given by:-

Dr Angus Mitchell, Edinburgh
Dr David Caldwell, National Museums of Scotland
Ms Rachel Hosker, Glasgow University Business Archive
Mrs Elizabeth Roy, Clackmannan Field Studies Society
Miss Irene Mackay, Edinburgh Cemeteries Support Group
Mr Bill Wolseley, Kincardine Local History Group

There will also be the usual Society Bookstalls, raffle and a members' interest board - 'Written in Stone' - Delegates are asked to bring along a photograph of their favourite gravestone with a few words on why they like it, pin it to the pin board and share their pleasure with us all.

On the Saturday night after the conference, a 'wake' will be held in the Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, where delegates and friends can enjoy a glass of wine with full buffet supper, listen to Lorna Sword, the clarsach player, and be entertained by a traditional storyteller, Paraig McNeil.

Full details of both events are available on the Society's web site, www.csfhs.org.uk - or by e-mail : csfhsconf2004@aol.com - or by sending an A5 SAE to the Conference Co-ordinator, Central Library, Corn Exchange Road, Stirling. FK8 2HR (Tel : 01786 432107), who will also be looking for members to volunteer to act as Car Park Attendants, Welcomers and Conference Registrars as well as other duties on the day.

POSTAL PROBLEM

Many copies of the Spring Newsletter for the UK were posted with a combination of 12½p + 20½p stamps to make up the correct postal rate of 33p. We were subsequently disturbed to learn

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For completeness I include the dates for England (and presumably Wales and Northern Ireland as well - but do not quote me!) again:-

1841 - 7th June
1871 - 2nd April

1851 - 30th March
1881 - 3rd April
1901 - 31st March.

1861 - 7th April
1891 - 5th April

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'In Loving Memory ' - A Celebration of Graveyards

The theme of the Conference will be graveyards and their importance to family, local and social historians. The morning papers will look at the benefits of well-maintained graveyards to the community and to the environment, but will also draw attention to the problems of vandalism, erosion and neglect. In the afternoon, two possible solutions will be discussed, and the Conference will finish with a presentation about a restored graveyard.

A complete programme has been arranged as follows:

MORNING

- 09.00 Registration, Coffee and Bookstalls
09.45 Welcome
10.00 Graveyards as an Educational Resource
Dr Angus Mitchell, Secretary, Greyfriars Graveyard Trust
10.40 Islay Graveyards and Cemeteries
Dr David Caldwell, National Museums of Scotland
11.20 INTERVAL
11.35 Using Burial Records in Family and Local History
Rachel Hosker, Glasgow University Business Archive Services
12.15 Best Journal Award
12.30 LUNCH (not included) and Bookstalls

AFTERNOON

- 2.00 Alloa Kirkgate Outreach - The Past is the Future
Mrs E Roy, Clackmannanshire Field Studies Society
2.40 Edinburgh Cemeteries Support Group
Miss I Mackay, Edinburgh Cemeteries Support Group
3.20 INTERVAL
3.35 The Tulliallan Graveyard Project
Mr Bill Wolsley, Kincardine Local History Society

4.15 Raffle and Close of Conference
4.30-500 Bookstalls

EVENING

7.30 - 10.00 The Wake

This will be held in the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling. Listen to the Scottish clarsach and hear traditional stories told by a local storyteller. A buffet supper and a glass of wine will be served at the start of the evening.

Tickets for the Conference will cost £10, and for the Wake £6.50

Booking forms will be available from early in January. Please send an A5 stamped addressed envelope to the Conference Co-ordinator at the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling FK7 2RQ or at Central Library, Corn Exchange Road, Stirling FK8 2HX. Booking forms will also be available on the Society web-site :- www.csfhs.org.uk

SUNDAY

Mrs Roy and Mr Wolsley have kindly agreed to lead guided walks round Alloa Kirkgate Graveyard and Tulliallan Graveyard respectively. As numbers for the walks will be limited, bookings will be taken at the Conference.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS - UPDATE

The listing of members' interests is normally updated every two years and a new edition will be due during 2004. Enclosed with this copy of the newsletter is a form to use if you have not previously submitted a list or if you wish to revise your entry. If you do not require any changes then ignore the form and your previous data will be transferred to the new edition.

Considerable thought has been given on how to publish the data. In the 21st century, the use of a microfiche reader can no longer be considered acceptable - very few people possess suitable readers and the ability to access readers is likely to become increasingly rare. Unfortunately all the alternatives - floppy disc, CDs and the Internet - equally suffer from lack of universal access.

Publishing the data on our web site would certainly be the cheapest option. Most members will either have access or be able fairly readily to access it through public Internet systems available in public libraries. It would, of course, not be acceptable to publish members names and addresses on the Internet.

What we propose is to put on to our web site the Introduction, Chapman County Codes and Members' Interests including the membership number of the member submitting the search name just as we currently publish in each Newsletter. To follow up on an entry, it will be necessary for the member to request from the Membership Secretary the name and address

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