



PIONEER TRAILS

Newsletter of the Birmingham Genealogical Society



April 2023

April is Scottish-American Heritage Month

BGS is celebrating Scottish-American Heritage Month during April. Scottish Americans contributed significantly to the establishment and development of the United States. Scots and Scotch Irish were some of the first Europeans to settle in North America. An estimated 20-25 million Americans claim Scottish descent today. Thirty-five American presidents can claim Scottish heritage.

BGS Meetings - March

The Board held a Zoom Meeting on March 25, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Five Board Members were present. Items discussed were: future programs, the 2022 Annual Report, and the IRS 990 form.

Following the Board Meeting, Zoom was opened at 2:00 PM for a Virtual Meet and Greet. Joining the five Board Members were a BGS member and a guest from the genealogy community. ***Please check our Facebook, Instagram, and website for information concerning our April Meeting.***

--- Scottish Genealogy ---

Going Further With Scottish Genealogy by Hannah Bell

see BYU Family History Library on Youtube

Pretty Young Rebel: The Life of Flora MacDonald

Monday, April 10 from 06:30pm EDT - 07:30pm EDT **(5:30 - 6:30 PM CDT)**

FREE Online via Zoom
newyorkfamilyhistory.org

Presented By Flora Fraser

Sponsored by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
and the National Trust for Scotland

Join the NYG&B and the National Trust for Scotland for a look at *Pretty Young Rebel: The Life of Flora MacDonald*. We will be joined by author Flora Fraser to discuss her captivating biography of the remarkable young Scotswoman whose bold decision to help “Bonnie” Prince Charlie—the Stuart claimant to the British throne—evade capture and flee the country has become the stuff of legend.

Exploring Our Past: The NYG&B Visits Scotland

10/01/2023 - 10/07/2023

Admission

\$2,975.00 - 50% deposit to reserve spot

\$5,950.00 - Full registration

\$7,390.00 - Full registration with single supplement

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In-person --- Edinburgh, Glasgow

Sponsored by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

Summary

Join the NYG&B for an exclusive guided tour of Scotland. This tour includes a group guide for the five-day tour, hotel, and breakfast each day, travel to attractions, and museum tickets. You'll also have time to explore the rich heritage and history of sites at your leisure. Pricing starts at \$5,950 per person. Reserve your spot today by placing a deposit. Please note: Fees do not include airfare or airport transportation. Register online or contact Jen Davis, Vice President, Advancement and Membership, at 212-755-8532 x208 or jdavis@nygbs.org for additional details and questions. The deadline for registration is May 10, 2023.

--- Websites for Scottish Research --- (from scotland.com)

The General Register Office (GRO)

Records for Scottish births, marriages and deaths held at New Register House, West Register Street, Edinburgh. EH1 3YY. Tel: 0131 334 0380

Find My Past

Carry out some free ancestry searches here - Scottish records from 1700 to 1990, and marriages, births and christenings from 1553 – 1875.

GENUKI

Good information here to get started on your genealogy trail, and loads of resources to help you get there. Covers the UK & Ireland.

UKI Search

Search by county on this site, with loads of handy links, free access to most of the resources, and genealogy records for the whole of the UK.

Scotlands People

This is the official government source for genealogical data for Scotland. You'll find good resources here for tracing your Scottish ancestry, with statutory records of births, marriages and deaths, dating back to 1855. There's old parish registers for births, baptisms and marriages from 1553, and census records from 1841. You can start your search here for as little as £6.

Scottish Wildlife Trust

There are lots of online wildlife talks available at scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk

Unearthing the treasures in the Irish Registry of Deeds

Natalie Bodle --- familytreewebinars.com FREE

Fri, Apr 14, 2023: 7:00 AM CDT

The “Forgotten” Immigrants: The Swiss to America

Michael D. Lacopo, DVM --- familytreewebinars.com FREE

Fri, Apr 14, 2023: 1:00 PM CDT

Finding Your German Ancestor's Place of Origin

Thursday, April 20 from 07:00pm EDT - 08:00pm EDT (6:00 - 7:00 PM CDT)

Presented By Dana Palmer, CG, CGL

Sponsored by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

A free, online event held via Zoom.

newyorkfamilyhistory.org

Not sure where your German ancestors came from? Join the NYG&B and special guest Dana Palmer as we learn how to determine your ancestor's place of origin using *auswanderungen* (emigration records) and other helpful materials, including German church records. Dana will discuss what information can be gleaned from *auswanderungen* and German church records, how to access these records, and other helpful hints for finding your German ancestor's place of origin.

Dana Palmer, CG, CGL, specializes in lineage society applications, family book publications, and Midwestern research, particularly Ohio. In addition to her client work, she reviews military repatriation cases and is part of the Mayflower Silver Books team. Dana also lectures at RootsTech and the National Genealogical Society conferences.

This program is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.

Covering Your Bases: An Introduction to Autosomal DNA Coverage

Paul Woodbury, MEd., AG --- familytreewebinars.com

Wed, Apr 5, 2023 1:00 PM CDT FREE

Liverpool: The Central Hub for Northern Europe's 19th and 20th Century Emigration

Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv --- familytreewebinars.com

Regular sailing schedules between Liverpool and North America began in 1818, and during the 19th century Liverpool became the primary port for emigrants from the British Isles, northern Europe and Russia to North America, Australia, and the rest of the British Empire. Learn how and why this came about, understand what the experience was like going to, in, and leaving from Liverpool. Learn how to identify, access, and use the records of the port and shipping that are available.

Thu, Apr 13, 2023 6:00 PM CDT FREE

Southern California Genealogical Society

Genetic Genealogy 2023

In-Person and Online: March 31 - April 2, 2023

\$95 for SCGS Members and \$105 for Non-members

GeneticFREE 2023 on Sunday, April 2

Southern California Genealogical Society

FREE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Saturday, April 8, 2023 - ONLINE ONLY*

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Speaker - Nancy Loe, MA, MLS (3:00 - 4:00 PM CDT)

"Organize Like an Archivist: Taming Your Genealogy Records and Research"

This presentation helps you put your family history research in order. Learn simple and effective strategies to organize and link your digital files and paper records, using the same principles as professional archivists. No need for color codes, numbering systems, or other complicated schemes with this archives-based system. And when your records are organized, you can spend more time on research.

2:15 - 3:15 p.m. - Speaker - Nancy Loe, MA, MLS (4:15 - 5:15 CDT)

"Think Like an Archivist:

Finding Genealogy Records in Libraries and Archives Worldwide"

Discover genealogy records held in archives in the US and worldwide. Learn how archivists make collections accessible through online archives portals and digital finding aids. Find out effective search terms to use in archives portals. Specific URLs for regional, state, national, and worldwide archival portals are included.

Nancy E. Loe is a professional archivist and genealogist, who writes and lectures at the National Genealogical Society, RootsTech, SCGS Jamboree, Legacy Family Tree, and genealogy conferences in the US, Canada, and Australia. Visit her site to see all she features. Nancy also provides expert guidance on information management and research skills.

Please register at least one hour ahead and click on link below:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3402191769592258905>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

MyHeritage: 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon

Join MyHeritage on **April 12-14, 2023**, for their 4th annual 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon hosted by Legacy Family Tree Webinars! Pop in for a session or two or stick around for the full 24 hours – it's completely up to you. **The event is free** so MyHeritage users worldwide can improve their genealogy and DNA research skills. --- familytreewebinars.com

--- Northland Genealogy Society ---

Are you looking for records from Australia? Try Trove <https://trove.nla.gov.au>
Trove is a collaboration between the National Library of Australia and hundreds of Partner organizations around Australia. Find newspapers, books, music, videos and more. This is a free resource.

When Enough is Enough

Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL --- familytreewebinars.com --- Free
Fri, Apr 14, 2023: 8:00 AM CDT

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