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Kentucky Sunset

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Sunset in Kentucky

Photo taken
September 2020

By John W. Moffett

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We Are The Scottish Society of Louisville

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish Ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.





**FROM THE PRESIDENT
Bruce Wilson**

Good day!

It's very warm today and I hope you are all enjoying the summer. It sure seems like it's been 20 years since we've been together.

As of now, we will be back at Christ Church United Methodist this August. Wow! It's been so long.

In the meantime, we have just met online July 27th. The presentation was from Scotland and was quite informative about farm life in the 17th through the 19th century in Scotland. Thank you again to Dr. Alan Hay for his presentation.

Hopefully we will be meeting soon in person. It all depends on what Covid 19 does. In the meantime, please wear a mask, socially distance and take care.

Keep an eye out for any changes in the CDC guidelines. Check your email for the latest word on our next meeting, as the situation appears to be very fluid at this point.

President Bruce Wilson



**RECORDING SECRETARY
Linda Wilson**

**SSL Virtual Membership Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2021**

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm and asked Program Commissioner Robbin Goodin to introduce our speaker, Dr. Alan Hay. Robbin gave a short biography and introduced Alan.

"THE RURAL SOCIETY OF LOWLAND SCOTLAND"

*Dr. Alan Hay, FRSA, FSA (Scotland)
PowerPoint presentation by the author.*

Alan spoke about early life in Scotland, which was organized into landed gentry, the Baron Courts, and tenants. Later, the courts were administered by the Church.

Alan showed us pictures of tenants' homes. These included the crofter's house made of stone or turf with a thatched roof. There were 2 or 3 rooms, each with a small room called a box bed with a door, containing beds for several people. One room held the kitchen, one the best room, and the third was usually for grandparents or children.

Another was the But and Ben cottage, one and a half stories, with windows in the loft. This was a larger home, with children often sleeping in the loft. The family vegetable and herb garden was usually near the kitchen. There was a separate room for single workers; farmers often preferred to hire unmarried men. When a worker married, he found his own croft. He paid for his property by the work done on the farm. There could be several tenants and sub-tenants on a single piece of property. Farming was hard, as the soil was often poor and rocky. Horses, cattle, and oxen were used to plow and fertilize the fields. Cattle and oxen were preferred as meat animals. However, Clydesdale horses are stronger than oxen and cattle, meaning the farmer could use fewer animals to plow.

Alan used the painting "The Penny Wedding" as a backdrop showing a wedding reception. The Church opposed these, as it made money on the wedding itself, but nothing on the party afterward.

The diet of the tenants included oatmeal at every meal, potatoes, kale, peas, beans, cabbage, carrots, and a lot of fish. This was mostly herring and dried cod, which was soaked in water or milk. They had a bland diet but lived longer than wealthy people, who ate a lot of red meat and drank a lot of alcohol, with the usual health problems associated with this diet. Obesity, diabetes, heart problems among other health issues were problems of the wealthy.

To have people educated enough to read the Bible, John Knox dictated that there would be a school built in every county. This was paid for by the landowners in the form of a tax, which they did not want to pay. The schools were eventually all built, and farmers were convinced to send their children to school even though they wanted to keep them working on the farm. Reading became

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quite common among men, not so much for women. This widespread education made Scottish workers more valuable to employers. They were paid more, as they made better workers. Children began school at the age of 7. Teachers were provided with a home and used one of the rooms for instruction. Each county had one school, no matter how many people lived there, or how large the county was.

The Parish Kirk was responsible for poor relief and education, as well as administering the courts. This meant that people who were accused of witchcraft were tried by the Church, and when found guilty, they were punished by the Church. Punishment included being half-strangled, then burned alive, a terrible fate.

Question & Answers

Alan then answered questions. John Scott commented on how our schools are similar to Scottish parish schools.

John M. asked if Alan had read the book "How Scots Invented the Modern World", which he had not read. In that book it tells that in 1700s 90% of Scottish People were literate.

There was a question about when the Highland Games began, and Alan said at least a thousand years ago, perhaps more. There are no written records that go back that far. The Games were athletic competitions of strength, as well as competitions for pipe and drum bands and dancing.

There was a question about the clans in Scotland. Alan said that Highland clans are tribal, with kinship being very important. In the Lowlands, clans were based on blood connections. Both have been around for thousands of years.

Alan answered a question about how many people could live in a croft. He said only the crofter and his family lived in this house, which could hold a dozen or so. This was similar to early American farms in the Appalachian Mountains.

Business Meeting

The business meeting started at 7:15 pm. Mr. Wilson reported on his conversation with Angel at the Masonic Temple regarding the cost of using their facilities for the Burns Gala. She will send him information by email early in September.

Vice President Dianne Holland had no report.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge sent our 2 checks for the Heritage Fund. She needs Dianne to sign with her for the Heritage Fund account at PNC Bank.

Secretary Linda Wilson read the August birthdays; Robert Harrison 1st, Victoria Snelling 2nd, Pat Schweitzer 10th, Jane Seelig 11th, Sarah Colglazier 12th, Jerry Colvin 15th, Amy Johnson 16th, Laura Doll 17th, Jeff Forbes 21st, Holley Holland 21st, Marleen Bailie 28th, Margaret McRae 30th, and Caleb Popp 30th. There were 20 members present, including our presenter.

Linda gave Membership Commissioner Marla Jo Cameron's report as she could not attend. There are 27 individual members, 69 family members, 32 life members, 6 honorary members, giving a total of 134.

Newsletter Editor Commissioner John Moffett asked Damien if we can set up donation buttons for SSL and the Heritage Fund on the website. Damien said there is a way to do that in Pay Pal. He suggested a meeting with himself and Cheri. There was a general discussion on this topic. John said he will donate \$100 to the Heritage Fund when this is set up.

Electronic Services Commissioner Damien Burns is going to check out technology at Strathmoor and Christ Church with Robbin. David Rummler said he would like to be part of this and show Damien his new camera. Damien said he will keep him in the loop. Pat Schweitzer asked to go with them as well, so the group will contain Damien, Robbin, David Rummler, and Pat.

Newsletter Editor John Moffett asked for more pictures and articles for the newsletter. He asked if anyone had gone to the Grandfather Mt. Highland Games in July, as he would very much like to have pictures. He added that the games were canceled for Glasgow, Columbus, and Indianapolis. Pat said that Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, GA are on for October 14-15. Damien said there is one in Evansville, IN with athletics only, no competitions for bands or dancers. This is being held as a fundraiser for their pipe and drum band.

Member at Large Commissioner Pat Schweitzer pointed out that Jane Seelig needs to be on our prayer list, as she has had ongoing health issues.

Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.



Regional Celtic Commissioner

Janie Blome

I hope your summer is going well and that you are staying healthy. Please take care of yourselves! The following information about upcoming events is current as of now. Please know that things may change due to reactions to COVID variants.

The [Southwestern Indiana Highland Games](https://hadihighlanders.com/) are expected to take place as planned on August 14, in Evansville, IN. A schedule of events, a map to the location, and hotel information are all available on their website, <https://hadihighlanders.com/>.

The schedule for the [Berea Celtic Festival](https://bera-celtic.com/) (August 20 – 22) **-[SEE BWELOW]** is available at <https://bera-celtic.com/>. The home page of the website does say that some events may not take place as live events, so check it out before you go if you're thinking of attending.

We received notification that WorldFest 2021 will take place in downtown Louisville from September 3 – 6. We have been invited to participate in the parade of cultures on September 4th. Please stay tuned for additional details.

Please let me know if you have questions, comments, or information about other events.

Janie Blome

EDITOR'S UPDATE: From Berea Celtic Festival Response to Janie Blome's question on FaceBook.

Q: IS THE FESTIVAL STILL HAPPENING THIS YEAR?

A: Due to the significant increase of COVID-19 cases and variants, we have canceled all live music and live interaction for this year's Celtic event. We are planning on a virtual event on FB and zoom. Sorry about the inconvenience but please understand we prioritize your health and ours to the highest degree.

Big parts of Kentucky are in the RED.



Programs and Education Commissioner

Robbin Goodin

Well, a standing ovation for our July presentation from Scotland by Alan Hay. I learned so much about the life of the farmer/crofter in Lowland Scotland over the years. He was eloquent, fun, and oh so knowledgeable. I hope he agrees to grace us next year as well. Be sure to watch the recording if you missed this excellent presentation.

AT LONG LAST, we will be in person at CCUM starting in August. And to top it all off, our presenter is none other than our very own Pat Schweitzer. She will finally get to present on the Kentucky Tartan that she helped institute. I am very excited to hear all about the process and the labor of love it took to get this tartan recognized and authorized.

Since we will be back in person, and will not have snacks provided by the lovely Melissa Ingram, we are asking that you either donate \$\$ to the pot OR bring simple finger food to share with everybody at snack break. The SSL will provide simple drinks, cups, plates, and napkins.

Current CCUM mask policy:

Do what is comfortable for you. They will keep us posted if this changes. As for me with the rise in cases, I am going to mask up and be so happy to see people in person! We will keep you posted on masking changes. Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY, 40207 (portico side – upstairs to rm. 250).

Thanks to those of you who have been sending in ideas for programs for next year

I am just so excited that we will be in person at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church for the 2021 November Dinner Auction. The theme of the

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auktion is Scottish Family Reunion. We do hope you will join us for this fun and lively night. We are going to scale back this year, as we are coming out of COVID and ease back into Strathmoor. The dinner will once again be POTLUCK, with meat provided by the Scottish Society and fashionable Chinet plates and bowls with equally appropriate plastic ware. We are still working out some details on how to make it safe and fun for everyone, so thank you for your patience. Also, we are only having a live auktion this year, no silent auktion, so be thinking about what you can contribute. Whatever doesn't sell at auktion will need to be taken away by the bringer. So please keep that in mind. We're not keeping/storing anything this year.

Current Strathmoor mask policy:

Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear facial coverings indoors or outdoors. Those not fully vaccinated should wear a face covering at all times indoors. They are following these guidelines as a church and we will need to as well. We will keep you posted on masking changes.

Peace to you—Happy August!

**Robbin Goodin
Commissioner**



**Dr. Alan Hay
July Presenter**

Alan Hay was born on a farm on the Aberdeenshire coast, in the rural North East of Scotland. He is the descendant of many generations of farmers and crofters from that part of the country. He was educated at the universities of Aberdeen and Stirling. He has been writing, speaking, and thinking about Scotland's history and topography for the best part of 40 years. He is Archivist of Clan Hay, and a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Arts and of the Society of Antiquaries. He is Chairman of The Royal Celtic Society, an Edinburgh-based organization that is dedicated to preserving and promoting the languages, literature, music, and culture of Scotland. It was founded more than 200 years ago.

Alan's particular interest is in social history: what people's lives were actually like. That's a big subject for a 45 minutes talk, so here he will look mainly at life in the rural communities of Lowland Scotland, a background from which so many of our ancestors stemmed. What was their context and the nature of the local social structure? What were their work, their recreations, and their customs? He will look at their religious belief (together with the ancient folklore - superstition, if you will - that went hand in glove with it), their education, and the everyday matters of the houses they lived in, the food they ate, and where it came from. And ultimately, what caused them to go to the USA. Watch his Presentation Below: PSWD SSL2021

[CLICK HERE](#)

[01:02:11] Presentation starts at [03:00]

MEMBERS' NITE OUT

**Typically the 3rd week of each month.
Date and theme TBD.**

Host	Date	Time
Linda Wilson	August 26	7:00 PM
Pat Schweitzer	September	TBD
Cheri Eskridge	October	TBD
Sarah Colglazier	November	TBD

Help Us Stay Financially Sound

Renew your dues. As you may know because of health concerns two fundraising events, the November Dinner & Auction 2020 and Burns Night Gala January 2021 were canceled. The Dinner & Auction proceeds are used to support the Heritage Fund. The Burns Night Gala is used to support the general operating fund. The Heritage Fund paid out \$1,050 for virtual lessons and instruction. Please help us rebuild these heritage events. You are encouraged to pay your dues and if you can afford it, consider donating to the Heritage Fund or the General Fund. Either one will be helpful.

Schedule of Highland Games and Celtic Festivals

Date	Games or Festival and Website	City, State and milage from Louisville, KY
August 6-7, 2021	Saint Andrew's Society of Detroit - Highland Games Website: www.highlandgames.com	Livonia, MI 394 miles
August 13-14, 2021	Sparta Celtic Festival Website: http://www.spartacelticfest.org/	Sparta Village, MI 370 miles
August 20-22, 2021	Berea Celtic Festival VIRTUAL PROGRAM ONLY Website: http://www.berea-celtic.com/	Berea, KY 113 miles
September 3-6, 2021	WorldFest 2021	Louisville, KY
September 4, 2021	Royal Braemar Gathering, Braemar Scotland Website: https://www.braemargathering.org/ CANCELED	Braemar, Scotland 3,785 miles
September 10-11, 2021	Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival & Games Website: https://buffaloareachamber.org/celticfestival	Buffalo, MO 502 miles
September 11, 2021	Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Festival Website: https://www.midtenngames.com/	Nashville, TN 174 miles
September 11-12, 2021	Columbus Scottish Festival Website: www.scottishfestival.org CANCELED	Columbus, IN 73 miles
September 18, 2021	Ligonier Highland Games Website: www.ligonierhighlandgames.org	Ligonier, PA 424 miles
September 24 -26, 2021	Annual Ohio Celtic Festival Website: http://www.ohiocelticintfest.com/	Mentor, OH 368 miles
September 25, 2021	Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival Website: https://www.scotsirishfestival.com/	Dandridge, TN 276 miles
October 2, 2021	Scotland County Highland Games Website: www.schgnc.org	Laurinburg, NC 571 miles
October 9, 2021	Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival Website: www.indyscotgamesandfest.com CANCELED	Indianapolis, IN 107 miles
October 15 – 17, 2021	Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival Website: www.smhg.org	Stone Mountain, GA 472 miles

COVID-19 PART TWO—The DELTA VARIANT

By John Moffett

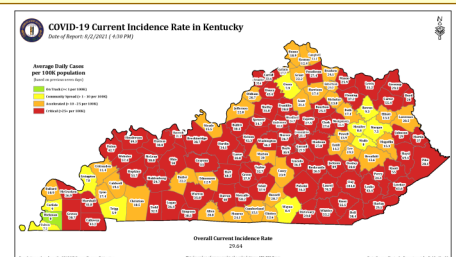
Based on the latest government information, we should brace ourselves for a second wave of COVID-19 the Delta Variant. According to Dr. Steven Stack, Kentucky's Health Commissioner, the Delta Variant has a viral load of 1,000 times more potent than other strains and is 2.5 times more transmissible, making it more likely to spread infection. This virus is reinfecting people who have had COVID-19 and who have been vaccinated. Fortunately, if you have already been vaccinated the reinfection is much milder. Another

twist is that people may be infected and not experience any symptoms but they can still transmit the virus. It makes you wonder about Masking Up again when you are in public.

According to a statement by Governor Andy Beshear, 95% of the COVID cases since March are of those who are not vaccinated. Nearly all (99%+) hospitalizations and deaths infected by the Delta variant are unvaccinated. His plea is, "Get Vaccinated!" Governor Beshear went on to say that the positivity rate has been steadily rising over the last 30 days.

Many Kentucky Counties are again in the red zone (critical). See the current map of counties. The red zone is 25+ cases/ 100K people. The incidence rate for Kentucky state-wide is 31.20 as of August 3, 2021 4:34 PM. Click on MAP below to see current information.

[MAP](#)





Scottish Society of Louisville attends the Battle of Bannockburn Feast.

Attendees of the Battle of Bannockburn Feast at the Scottish Rite Temple. Thanks to our friends at the Scottish Rite for inviting us and providing a splendid dinner.

(Front Row L-R) Pat Schweitzer, Jenny Dickson, Dianne Holland, Bruce Wilson, (Second Row, L-R) Janie Blome, Linda Wilson, Marla Jo Cameron, Judy Stubbs, Jean Hughes, (Back Row, L-R) Scott Blome, Gary Schweitzer, Holley Holland, John Dickson, John Scott, and James, Hughes.

Bannockburn Feast at the Scottish Rite Temple

June 24, 2021

We were glad to be invited to this event again, as they have invited us several times in the past and we have always enjoyed their program. We had a nice turn out, as 20 members attended. The Scottish Rite members provided us with a very tasty dinner before the rest of the event. The desserts were wonderful!

After dinner, we went upstairs and those who were going to carry flags in the parade got set up. Those unable to carry flags went in ahead and sat down in their stunning auditorium. I got some pictures, but I don't think they did the hall justice. As the event began,

our members carried the flags in a short parade down the steps in the auditorium. When they reached the floor, they held the flags at the sides of the auditorium while their officers took their places and the proceedings began with the Pledge of Allegiance. When this part was done, the flags were placed in their holders, and those who carried them took their seats for the rest of the program.

When the program was done, each of us received a gift of an etched glass, along with their sincere thanks for sharing this occasion with them.

Secretary Linda Wilson



Participants (16)

- Damien Burns
Host
- John Moffett
Cohost
- Dr. Alan Hay
Speaker
- Cheri Eskridge
- David Rummmler
- Dianne Holland
- Robbin Goodin
- Jane Seelig
- Jean & Jim Hughes
- Jenny & John Dickson
- Dot & John Scott
- Judy Stubbs
- Laura Doll
- Linda & Bruce Wilson
- Pat & Gary Schweitzer
- Steve Goodin

The Scottish Society of Louisville Presents
[The Rural Society of Lowland Scotland](#) PSWD SSL2021
 Click on the Above hyperlink to watch the presentation & meeting
July 27th Meeting
Dr. Alan Hay
 Some pictures of Croft Housing from Dr. Alan's Presentation.



**A BANFFSHIRE
 CROFT HOUSE
 of the 18th Century.**

BUT AND BEN COTTAGE
 Three rooms—the but, the ben and
 the closet.

*The Kitchen is in the but.
 Box beds in all the rooms — these
 were more than beds, having doors
 which could be closed—mor like a
 tiny room.*



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES

*Linville, NC
July 8-11, 2021*

By David Rummler

Before I traveled, I had called Banner Elk, NC motels and they were either outside my budget or not available. So, I looked on the Chamber of Commerce Website and found a church retreat center. I called them and since I was a member of their denomination in Menlo Park, CA, they invited me to camp there at no charge for 5 nights!! (Editor - *It's nice to have friends in high places watching over you and for paving the way*). My tent can

sleep 6 people and has a 7-foot-high peak. It rained a couple of times with no leaks!

I was the only person camping out and it was next to Lake Wildcat (Editor—I am not surprised with the name). See my view outside my tent below.

The games were crowded and there were over 50,000 in attendance. I believe this is a new record. Parking was miles away and you had to ride the bus up and down the mountain unless you had a Patron Ticket. That ticket cost \$300 but it did allow you to park near the Clan Tents at the top of the mountain. Pricing was as steep as the mountain. So, I rode the bus.

On one of the days riding the bus, I found someone's sunglasses laying in my seat. I picked them up and put them in my pocket. My trip back to the parking area ended, then I got off the bus, and went to use the parking lot port-a-potty. As I left the potty my insulated mug fell out of my backpack. A man standing nearby saw this and picked up my mug and handed it to me. He

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said he had lost his prescription sunglasses somewhere. I pulled them out of my pocket and handed them to him! We were both happy! I believe the Holy Spirit had something to do with this!!

This is my Clan—Clan Kennedy



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES

In 1956, Mrs. Agnes MacRae Morton of Linville, North Carolina and Mr. Donald F. MacDonald of Charlotte, North Carolina co-founded the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. MacDonald's vision for the games was based on the Royal Braemar Gathering, which he'd attended a few years earlier in Scotland in 1954. The MacRae family founded the town of

Linville in 1892 and provided the land for the games to be held. In 1955, Mrs. Morton contacted the Donald MacDonald, knowing his dedication to Scottish culture and convinced him to help her start the highland games in North Carolina. Mr. MacDonald agreed and the first games were held on August 19, 1956, on the anniversary of the landing of Bonnie Prince Charlie in Scotland and the beginning of the 1745 uprising.

The Royal Braemar Gathering has

been canceled for 2021. Hear a message from His Royal Highness Prince Charles, The Duke of Rothesay the Patron of the Royal Braemar Gathering. His message is applicable to Scotland and the USA.

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2021 Schedule

August 24, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: Pat Schweitzer KENTUCKY TARTAN	CCUM	IN- PERSON
August 29, 2021	7:00 PM	Thursday	MEMBERS' NITE OUT HOSTED BY LINDA WILSON SHARE FAVORITE RECIPES SCOTTISH OR OTHER	ZOOM	Online Video
September ??, 2021	7:00 PM	??	MEMBERS' NITE OUT HOSTED BY PAT SCHWEITZER	ZOOM	Online Video
September 28, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Tom Hay Bauer (USA) House of Scotland Beret Dernbach (USA) Highland Dancing	CCUM	IN- PERSON
October ??, 2021	7:00 PM	??	MEMBERS' NITE OUT HOSTED BY CHERI ESKRIDGE	ZOOM	Online Video
October 26, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: MEGAN BURNETT (USA) Scottish Ghost Stories	CCUM	IN- PERSON
November ??, 2021	7:00 PM	??	MEMBERS' NITE OUT HOSTED BY SARAH COLGLAZEIER	ZOOM	Online Video
November 23, 2021	5:30 PM	Tuesday	HERITAGE DINNER & LIVE AUCTION Strathmoor Presbyterian Church	GYM	IN- PERSON
December No Meeting			<i>MERRY CHRISTMAS</i>		

**Regular Board Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday every Month at 7:00 PM.
Regular Membership Meetings the 4th Tuesday every month Time as Listed.
Board Meetings are via WEBEX Video Conferences.**



Previous SSL Presentations

By Damien Burns



The videos have been edited and trimmed-down to make them a little more professional and easier to follow. I hope you enjoy the presentations.

When you click on the hyperlinks in the right column it will take you to an authentication page where it will prompt you for a password, enter SSL2021 then click the OK button to continue.

Presentation	Presented By	TIME (HH:MM:SS)	Link To Presentation
July-21	Dr. Alan Hay	01:02:11	Rural Society of Lowland Scotland
JUNE-21	James Hughes & Archie Cunningham	00:37:44	Scottish Trivia
MAY-21	Pamela Rotheroe-Hay	01:18:01	Scottish Dress
APRIL-21	Stephen Hay	01:28:25	Scottish Castles
MARCH-21	Mel Hankla	01:02:45	Scottish Icons of Kentucky
FEBRUARY-21	Jeff Forbes & John Dickson	00:41:49	Bourbon vs. Scotch
JANUARY-21	David Purdie & SSL Tribute to Robert Burns	02:14:58	Robert Burns
NOVEMBER-20	Peggy French	00:47:35	From Knox to Weatherspoon
OCTOBER-20	Mandy Dick	00:43:45	Scary Stories
SEPTEMBER-20	James Hughes & Archie Cunningham	00:34:36	Scottish Trivia
AUGUST-20	Tom Cunningham & Kate Sanders	00:49:06	Scottish & Irish Music
JULY-20	Cheri Eskridge	00:35:12	Clan Baird
JUNE-20	Mark Johnson	00:36:16	M. J. Downing Series Sherlock Holmes



Thanks to Robbin Goodin for making contact and scheduling the presenters. Having international presenters was a first and a great idea. Thanks to each of the presenters who enlighten us on their subjects and took the time to teach us. Thanks to Damien Burns for working with each presenter to provide the technical assistance needed to make each presentation meaningful and efficient. Lastly thanks for recording each of the programs and providing edited videos which were packaged with a professional flair. Thanks to all involved for broadening our view and expanding our understanding.

Membership Update

SSL RENEWAL DUES

Dues renewal notices will be going out VIA EMAIL. People can print off the form, fill them out & send with payment to:

The Scottish Society of Louisville

**P. O. Box 32248,
Louisville, KY 40232-2248**

Renewal By April 1, 2021

**INDIVIDUAL - \$24, FAMILY - \$36
LIFE - INDIVIDUAL - \$240, FAMILY - \$360**

**[Marla Jo Cameron](#)
[Membership Commissioner](#)**

PAY RENEWAL DUES ONLINE

Save the price of a stamp and the trouble of USPS as you can renew your membership and pay your dues Online by clicking the Link Below

[PAY DUES ONLINE](#)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

If you need an application for a new member please download the membership brochure which has the information to join The Scottish Society of Louisville.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BROCHURE](#)

Members as of July 25, 2021

Membership

6	Honorary
32	Lifetime Memberships
27	Individual Memberships
69	Family Memberships
134	Members Paid



Follow The Scottish Society of Louisville on Facebook

Pat Schweitzer is updating the SSL page daily.

Remember when searching type "The Scottish Society of Louisville"

Enjoy and stay current with our Scottish Community Between Meetings.



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BEGINNER LEVEL

BRICK WALL SEARCH OPTIONS AND TECHNIQUES

Brick walls, also known as Dead-ends, are occupational hazards for genealogists. These challenges are an inevitable part of the genealogical research process. The good news is that many dead-ends can be overcome with patience and good detective work. Most genealogists usually find methods or strategies to overcome these roadblocks. The process involves creativity, knowledge of the history of the ethnic group, and having confidence in your gut feelings.

The following search options and research techniques listed below have a proven record of accomplishment for helping patrons overcome these challenges.

1. Branch out from census and vital records and view different record types. Some examples would include military records, land, property, and tax records, church and family bible records, newspaper obituaries, and probate records.
2. Go back and review previous research looking for missed details or connections.
3. Whenever possible, view original documents, transcription errors are common with old records. Most original documents are created at or near the time of an event. Secondary sources are useful but may not be as accurate or complete. Someone who may have heard the information by a second-hand account usually generated them after the event.
4. Explore non-internet sources, like local history and genealogy centers, gravesites, books, and family Bibles (many of which contain information on families).
5. When you are unable to locate information about someone, try searching for their siblings or other close family members instead. Records that include family members often include the person as well.
6. There are many restrictions on public access to records about living individuals. When faced with this issue, try searching social media. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and even LinkedIn can connect you with people who may be otherwise hard to find.
7. Try connecting with people who have overcome similar research issues to get clues for moving forward. Joining a local genealogical society is a good way to begin this process.
8. Talk to family members, especially people in older generations. Share the information you have and ask what they know.
9. Keep checking back for the information you have already tried to find since new records are added to databases daily.
10. If you reside near a public library with a genealogy collection, contact the librarian in charge about setting up an appointment for a personalized online search. Please be advised that if possible, it is always better for you to be present at the time of the search.
11. Take a DNA test. DNA testing has become the go-to solution for longstanding roadblocks in family history research.
12. Maintain research and correspondence logs. Research logs document where you have searched, the sources you've found, and the information you have and still need. To accompany your research log, create a list of unsuccessful searches as well as a list of places you would like to search and what you want to find. Include comments about your search strategies, ideas you have, and questions you would like to revisit. Correspondence logs help you keep track of queries and important details sent to individuals, and entities such as churches, libraries, archives, and governmental offices, via email, snail mail, message boards, etc.
13. Search alternate spellings. The spelling of proper names and surnames often changes over time whether by accident or by intent. Wild cards are special symbols used in place of unknown letters in a word. They can be used in searches when you do not know an exact spelling. The two symbols used as wild cards are the asterisk (*) and the question mark (?). An asterisk (*) represents zero to five char-

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acters, and a question mark (?) represents one character.

1	Occupation
2	Land/property ownership
3	Slaves
4	How citizenship was acquired
	Citizenship of father Marriage to a citizen Decree of court Father's naturalization Naturalization of husband Act of Congress

For more information on this topic, please be advised that I have multiple guides that I can send you electronically. They are free upon request.

Bryan L. Mulcahy

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL

VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

Voter registration records are useful for genealogical research. Registration records certify the eligibility of voters and record participation in local, state, and national elections. Registrations are one of many underutilized public record sources containing relevant genealogical information. Content and format of information on voter registration records often vary from place to place. When researching voter's records, remember that voting was limited to men until Congress ratified the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920 which granted suffrage – the right to vote in elections – to all women.

In most cases, where voter's registration records indicate the voter was naturalized, the record will show the year, name of court, date of proceeding, and place where proceeding took place. Some may even name the presiding judicial official and their legal title. This information can lead you into naturalization records. "Poll tax" requirements for the privilege of voting provide researchers with another avenue in those states that required this form of payment. To access these types of records, follow the same search strategy by finding the state or county of interest and then enter the term "poll tax" as your subject heading. Not all states had voting stipulations for the collection of a "poll tax".

Older records are usually found in the county courthouse, courthouse annex, local historical society library, state archives, or the state historical society library. The Secretary of State normally has jurisdiction over the state archives. Older records are usually found in those states where the state archives have possession of voting records. Current records are usually maintained at the county level by the county elections supervisor (who is also under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State) on a database shared with main office in the respective Capitol. For more information on this topic, feel free to request the electronic study guide that goes into greater detail.

1	Name of the person registered to vote
2	Birthdate and year
3	Voting number
4	Registration number
5	Place of birth information
6	Voting precinct or district
7	Address
8	Party affiliation
9	Race or nationality
10	Poll tax amount
11	Miscellaneous personal information

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Examples of what might constitute "miscellaneous personal information" include"

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>1 Robert Harrison</i>	<i>2 Victoria Snelling</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 Pat Schweitzer</i> SSL 7:00 PM WEBEX Board Meeting	<i>11 Jane Seelig</i>	<i>12 Sarah Colglazier</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15 Jerry Colvin</i>	<i>16 Amy Johnson</i>	<i>17 Laura Doll</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Jeff Forbes</i> <i>Holley Holland</i>
<i>22</i> <i>Full Moon</i> 	<i>23</i>	7:00 PM CCUM "KENTUCKY TARTAN", Speaker: Pat Schweitzer IN-PERSON	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 Marleen Bailie</i> <i>Anne S. Moore</i> <i>Moncie Rose</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30 Margaret McRae</i>	<i>31</i>				

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<i>1-Robert Harrison</i>	<i>12-Sarah Colglazier</i>	<i>17-Laura Doll</i>	<i>28-Anne Stokes Moore</i>
<i>2-Victoria Snelling</i>	<i>13-Leland Mason</i>	<i>21-Jeff Forbes</i>	<i>28-Moncie Rose</i>
<i>10-Pat Schweitzer</i>	<i>15-Jerry Colvin</i>	<i>21-Holley Holland</i>	<i>30-Margaret McRae</i>
<i>11-Jane Seelig</i>	<i>16-Amy Johnson</i>	<i>28-Marleen Bailie</i>	

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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Bruce Wilson</i>	3	4
5 <i>Judy Stubbs</i>	6 <i>Eva Challis</i> 	7	8	9	10 <i>Donald Yovich</i>	11
12	13 <i>Stephen Kirzinger</i>	14 SSL 7:00 PM WEBEX Board Meeting	15 <i>Alberta B. Baker (on the 14th)</i> ←	16	17	18
19	20 HARVEST MOON 	21	22 <i>Kate Sanders</i> Autumnal Equinox	23 <i>Carolyn Cook</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>Jamie Gray</i>	28 7:00 PM CCUM "HIGHLAND DANCE", Tom Bauer Beret Dernbach	29 <i>John Moffett</i>	30		

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2-Bruce Wilson	10-Donald Yovich	14-Alberta B. Baker	27-Jamie Gray
5-Judy Stubbs	11-Tom Cunningham	22-Kate Sanders	29-John Moffett
6-Eva Challis	13-Stephen Kirzinger	23-Carolyn Cook	

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A Response by Dr. Alan Hay...

Robbin thank you. You are very kind and it was a pleasure to meet everybody. Such a delightful group of people. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

On that very interesting question from David Rummler about clans in Wales, it did prompt me to read up a bit and chat with a couple of Welsh friends. Unsurprisingly, the answer is far from straightforward when it comes to the importance of kinship (or clans) in Wales, by comparison with Scotland, Ireland and large parts of central Europe. However, I am reliably informed that we don't find clans in Wales that can be defined by a common family name, in the way they occur in Scotland and Ireland.

This is because of the way surnames evolved in Wales. It was well into the 16th century before even the Welsh aristocracy began to adopt surnames. The use of patronymics ("son/daughter

of...") was general across the country and it was into the 19th century in some parts of Wales before they evolved into what we now know as a surname. So, the overwhelming majority of Welsh names come from the Christian name of an ancestor. Some of these - Jones, Richards, Evans, for example - involve adding a letter 's' to the personal name. Equally common is the prefix 'ap' meaning son of, where most Welsh names come from. For example, Pritchard (ap Richard), Bevan (ap Evan), Bowen (ap Owen) or Price (ap Rhys.) There are relatively few Welsh surnames by comparison with elsewhere, due to there being relatively few, very common Christian names.

I hope that may be of interest to him but it was a very good question which has prompted me to continue to discover some more.

Very best
Alan



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Information For Our New Members

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- ◆ Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members. Their information is found on page 2 of this newsletter.
- ◆ All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- ◆ January/February brings our Burns Night Dinner. You won't want to miss that. There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time.
- ◆ May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid. Jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- ◆ November is a really fun meeting. We have a dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item, if they wish, to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some of them ... well, you just have to be there to appreciate it. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote the Celtic-related "studies" by individuals.
- ◆ In December, we do not have a meeting.

We hope that you will attend as many meetings as possible (hopefully all of them). We are so happy to have you as a part of the group.

Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.), language (Gaelic, etc.) and athletics (Highland games).

This Fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up on the evening of the Society's monthly meeting from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, [Dianne Holland](#), or by e-mail at vicepresident@scotsoflou.com, or by using the online form [here](#).

The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31st and September 30th.

Find us on the Internet

You can find us on the internet in a couple of places.

Webpage: <http://scotsoflou.com/>

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Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts>

On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "hi."

Life Membership

Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can attain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a life membership for a single person is \$240. A family life membership is \$360.

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Change of Address, and other information

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, *et cetera*, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, P.O. Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232, or e-mail Marla Jo Cameron at membership@scotsoflou.com