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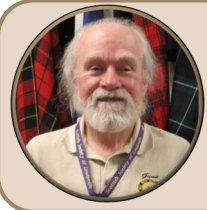
We Are The Scottish Society of Louisville...

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 affiliation.





**FROM THE PRESIDENT
Bruce Wilson**

Sorry I could not be present at the February meeting. I was told that everything went smoothly, which I had no doubt it would with Jim Hughes in charge. There were several officers and commissioners out sick, or unable to attend because of other responsibilities. I know you were all missed.

Linda told me that Jack Bowling had a great presentation on heraldry. Jack is quite knowledgeable on this subject and always puts on a good presentation. Thanks, Jack.

Please remember that our commissioners perform important jobs for the Scottish Society. We need all these positions filled; if something like Regional Celtic seems like too big a job, but you feel like you could do part of it, please contact me or someone on the Nominating Committee. No law says we cannot have more than one person fill a position and it might be easier to fill with two or three people.

I want to welcome all the new members, and I hope to meet you all soon.

Sincerely, Bruce Wilson



**RECORDING SECRETARY
Linda Wilson**

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2020**

President Wilson was unable to attend due to illness, and Vice-President Hughes opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with 37 attendees. Mr. Hughes then asked for

approval of the January 2020 General Membership Meeting minutes. There being no discussion, a vote to approve the minutes was called for; John Scott made the motion, and Annie Rivers seconded. Mr. Hughes called for the vote, which passed. He then read off the list of February member birthdays, and we sang “Happy Birthday” to Marla Jo Cameron, as she was the only one present.

Mr. Hughes asked new members who were present and introduced Jennifer and Shawn McCleod and their 3-month old daughter Abby, Sarah Colglazier and her mother Timmy Sorrow, and Jim McGuire. Guests included Jerry Coleman and his son Benjamin, Terry Pyles, and Kelly Quade. Mr. Hughes asked our guests if they wanted to become members, and all but Kelly stated they did. A vote was held by the membership, in which all were accepted.

Mr. Hughes gave the Heritage Committee report. There has been only one request for funds, and he reminded us that the cutoff is March 31st, so anyone who may need funds needs to get their request to him very soon.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge provided the totals for both the General Fund and the Heritage Fund. She also gave totals for Burns’ Night, and the Auction, which brought in only \$42 less than last year, even though there were higher expenses this year. She has already signed a contract with Woodhaven for next year’s Burns’ Night. A motion was made to accept the report and seconded. The membership voted to accept the Treasurer’s report.

Our At Large Member, Dianne Holland, said there was no report. Jane Seelig was not present.

Membership Commissioner Annie Rivers updated our membership totals; there are 72 family memberships (up from 68), 31 life members, and 49 individual memberships, for a total of 151 members (not counting the members we voted on at this meeting).

Electronic Commissioner Damien Burns was not present and there was no report.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Robbin Goodin was unable to attend due to illness, but Pat Schweitzer gave her report and reminded us of upcoming events.

There is a KY Dames Genealogical Meeting at the New Albany library on March 21st from 10 AM to 2 PM, in the Straasweg Auditorium in the library’s basement (which may be entered at the ground floor in the back). We

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have been invited to have a presenter at this meeting, for a 5-10 minute presentation about the Scottish Society. Pat said we still need a presenter, so please contact her if you would like to do this.

March 14th Finding Your Irish Roots genealogical meeting in Frankfort, KY. Also, on March 14th, Louisville Genealogical Society meeting on Hurstbourne Lane, Louisville, KY.

A Fifth Tuesday FUNdraiser will be held on March 31st. Pat was not aware where the FUNdraiser will be held, and suggested it might be in the upcoming newsletter.

The Frazier Museum has asked us to participate in their Celebration on National Tartan Day, Saturday, April 4th. Last year we had a lot of fun doing this and attracted some new members. Several people have signed up to participate, but more are always welcome. Mr. Wilson and Jack Bowling have said they will put on a demonstration/program about Scottish life, Janice Beatty and Linda Wilson will 'man' a Children's Table with activities and coloring sheets, we hope to have someone talk about sheep, spinning, and weaving and Pat Schweitzer will do a program on the Kentucky tartan with her able assistant, Angus.

Indiana University South East (IUSE) is holding its International Festival on Monday, April 6th, from 5 to 7:30 PM, and has invited us to participate again. This was a lot of fun last year and is another good opportunity to promote the Scottish Society to younger people.

There was no information about either the Ladies' Night Out or the Men's Night Out. Please contact John Moffett if you have any pictures, as he needs these for the newsletter and Damien Burns needs to put them on the website.

Melissa Ingram, our Hospitality Commissioner, was unable to attend, and there was no report.

The lovely Baroness Pat Schweitzer stated that Clan McFritz attended The Celtic Pig for the Irish whiskey tasting on February 20th. Several members showed up, and a good time was had by all.

Our Newsletter Editor, John Moffett, was unable to attend. Anything that needs to go into the newsletter needs to get to him right away, as he has pressing matters to attend to and needs to get the newsletter out by March 1st.

Mr. Hughes adjourned the business meeting, and we broke for refreshments; Melissa Ingram was unable to attend, but thanks to several members, who provided us with popcorn, banana nut muffins, as well as a fruit, cheese, meat, and cracker tray. Linda Wilson set out the refreshment counter and made coffee, and Pat Schweitzer cleared everything away. Several volunteers put our supplies back in the closet.

Mr. Hughes introduced our speaker, Jack Bowling, who started by talking about the Bowling family. His research shows they came from England, Scotland, and Normandy, France. An ancestor was given several large tracts of land, some in Scotland and some in England. Jack explained that this was a common practice at the time, as it kept the lords from raising large numbers of men for an army. This kept the king a little safer from lords who might want to oppose him. At one point, his family fell out of favor with the king, and lost their manor houses. After 14 years, an influential person who later became king himself interposed on their behalf, and their property was reinstated.

Jack's family name has two spellings; Bolling is the Protestant spelling, and Bowling is the Catholic spelling. Much of the information Jack has found on his family was found in the Domesday Book, which includes tax records which were written in code. His family eventually immigrated to the United States through Maryland, which was a Catholic colony.

Heraldry originally came from France. The different aspects of heraldry, such as colors used, geometric designs, symbols, animals and so forth were a code which gave information about the wearer. Jack explained what some of them meant, though he ran short of time and could not go into much detail. We enjoyed his presentation very much, and hope he can put on another program with more information in the future.

Mr. Hughes called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wilson, Secretary





We're Searching for Volunteers

The Scottish Society of Louisville is in need of volunteers for coming events. Please consider signing up to help.

April 4th Tartan Day at the Frazier Museum 11:00-2:00 PM

April 6th IUSE International Festival 4:00-7:30 PM

BE PART OF OUR TEAM!

Contact: [Robbin Goodin](mailto:Robbin.Goodin@sslouisville.org)
(502) 894-8863



Greetings All...

We have lots of activities and events on the calendar. One that will be filled with lots of fun and people is the Glasgow Highland Games in Lucas, Kentucky at the Barren River State Resort Park. Mark your calendars May 30-31, 2020.

Contact: [Robbin Goodin](mailto:Robbin.Goodin@sslouisville.org)
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Peace,
Robbin Goodin
Regional Celtic Commissioner



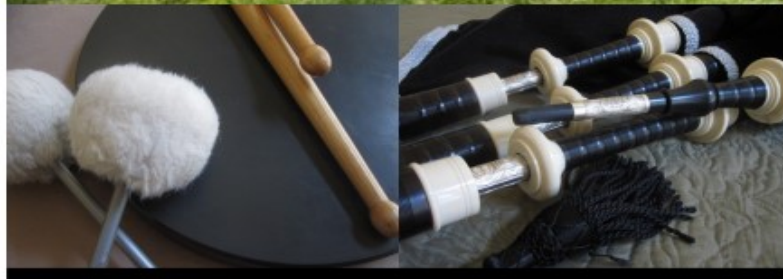
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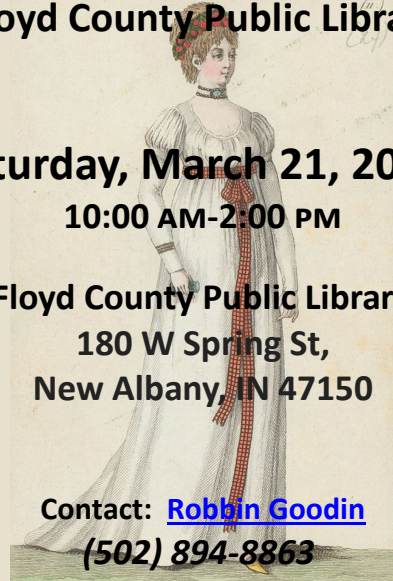


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FUTURE EVENTS

Dames Lineage Workshop

Floyd County Public Library



Saturday, March 21, 2020

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Floyd County Public Library

180 W Spring St,
New Albany, IN 47150

Contact: [Robbin Goodin](#)
(502) 894-8863



Tartan Day Celebration At The Frazier History Museum

Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:00 AM -2:00 PM

Need Volunteers to Support SSL

Frazier History Museum

829 W Main St,
Louisville, KY 40202

Contact: [Robbin Goodin](#)
(502) 894-8863

Note: National Tartan Day is Monday, April 6th

REMINDERS!



SSL FUNdraiser

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

5:30 PM

Molly Malone's Irish Pub

933 Baxter Ave., Louisville, KY 40204

Contact: [Robbin Goodin](#)
(502) 894-8863



IUSE International Festival

Indiana University South East

Monday, April 6, 2020 4.00 –7:30 PM

Need Volunteers to Support SSL

4201 Grant Line Rd,
New Albany, IN 47150

Contact: [Robbin Goodin](#)
(502) 894-8863



**MARCH ELECTION OF SSL
COMMISSIONERS**

The SSL elections are held each year at our March general meeting. Last year we elected our officers, this year we will be electing members to serve in the capacity of Commissioners on our Board of Directors. The Commissioners positions include; Communication and Editor, Regional Celtic, (2) At Large, Electronic Services (Web Master), Programs & Education, Membership, and Hospitality.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions please contact one of your Nominating Committee members: Jim Hughes 438-9811, Dianne Holland 897-0379, John Dickson 553-7185, Annie Rivers 472-0359, or Linda Wilson 468-3616 and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the positions and get you entered on the ballot for our election.

Ask any of the SSL Board Members and I am sure that they will tell you that serving on the Board has brought them closer together, made their experience with the Society more enriching, and we have a little fun along the way.

The following is a brief description of the various commissioners' roles in the Society.

Regional Celtic Commissioner shall recruit members to assist in developing relationships between the Society and other groups and Celtic organizations. This Commissioner shall be our community liaison, public information contact, and coordinate with regional highland games, other Scottish and Celtic groups, and Kirkings.

Programs and Education Commissioner shall make arrangements for our members to provide educational and cultural programs within our community and to arrange presentations of educational and cultural programs to our membership

Hospitality Commissioner shall conduct new member orientation and coordinate hospitality at membership meetings and special events.

Membership Commissioner shall process memberships of the Society, coordinate membership renewal in April,

send out renewal notices, maintain the membership database, and create membership directory.

Electronic Services Commissioner shall develop and maintain the Society website, email communications, distribute electronic communications and oversee electronic Social Networks.

Communication & Editor Commissioner shall develop and maintain the Society's monthly newsletter and shall be responsible for the selection and editing of articles and photos and the maintenance of the Society calendar.

At Large Commissioners shall assist other board members and assume responsibilities and duties as agreed upon by the board.

Each of the Commissioners positions has voting rights on the board of directors.



Membership Update

Annie Rivers reported

Visitors: *Jerry Coleman and his son Benjamin, Terry Pyles, and Kelly Quade.*

January Meeting Attendees: 39

New members: *Jennifer and Shawn McCleod and their 3-month old daughter Abby, Sarah Colglazier and her mother Timmy Sorrow, and Jim McGuire*

72 Family Memberships

49 Individual Memberships

31 Lifetime Memberships

151 Members Paid





February 27, 2020, at the Pendennis Club Ballroom
 (Front Row-L to R) Mary and Ron Kemper, Gary Schweitzer,
 Jenny Dickson, Jean Hughes, Dianne Holland, (Back row) Pat
 Schweitzer, James Hughes, John Dickson and Melissa Ingram.
 Sponsored by The Kentucky Branch of the English Speaking
 Union and Sullivan University.
SCOTLAND WON THE COMPETITION!





Ingredients

- 1 C butter
- ¾ C sifted powdered sugar
- 2 C all purpose flour
- 1 C chopped pecans
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- 1 C turbinado sugar
- 1 large egg
- 42 pecan halves

Pecan Shortbread

Adapted from Southern Living.com

October 2019

By Sarah Epperson

Presented by Carol Moffett



Directions

- Beat butter, until creamy. Gradually add powdered sugar, stir in chopped pecans.
- Whisk together flour, baking powder and add to butter mixture until blended. Shape into 2 logs. Wrap in plastic wrap, refrigerate 4 hours to overnight.
- Preheat oven 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Place turbinado sugar in shallow dish, unwrap logs, brush logs with egg wash. Roll in sugar. Cut into 1/3-inch-thick slices, place 1 inch apart. Top with pecan half, press lightly.
- Bake 10-12 minutes, till edges are golden. Let cool 5 minutes on baking sheets. Transfer to wire cooling racks.

Scottish Society of Louisville Events Schedule

| Date | Time | Day of Week | Event | Venue | Address |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| March 14, 2020 | 8:30 AM-4:45 PM | Saturday | Researching Your Irish & Scots-Irish Roots | Center For Kentucky History | 100 W Broadway, Frankfort, Kentucky –Registration Online Kygs.org |
| March 17, 2020 | 5:30 PM | Tuesday | SSL-Ladies' Night Out Happy St. Patrick's Day | Cancelled | See you in April |
| March 17, 2020 | 5:30 PM | Tuesday | SSL-Men's Night Out Happy St. Patrick's Day | Cancelled | See you in April |
| March 21, 2020 | 10:00AM-2:00PM | Saturday | Dames Lineage Workshop | Floyd County Public Library | 180 W Spring St, New Albany, IN 47150 |
| March 31, 2020 | 5:30 PM | Tuesday | 5 th Tuesday FUNdraiser | Molly Malone's Irish Pub | 933 Baxter Ave, Louisville, KY 40204 |
| April 4, 2020 | 11:00AM-2:00PM | Saturday | National Tartan Day | Frazier History Museum | 829 W Main St, Louisville, KY 40202 |
| April 6, 2020 | 5:00PM-7:30PM | Monday | International Festival | Indiana University South East | 4201 Grant Line Rd, New Albany, IN 47150 |
| April 21, 2020 | 5:30PM | Tuesday | SSL-Dinner Night Out | TBA | |
| May 19, 2020 | 5:30PM | Tuesday | SSL-Dinner Night Out | TBA | |
| May 30-31, 2020 | 8:00AM-5:00PM | Sat/Sun | Glasgow Highland Games | Barren River State Resort Park | Lucas, KY |
| May ??, 2020 | 11:00AAM-3:00PM | ?? | International Festival | Atherton High School | 3000 Dundee Road, Louisville, KY 40205 |
| June 16, 2020 | 5:30 PM | Tuesday | SSL-Dinner Night Out | TBA | |
| June 30, 2020 | 5:30 PM | Tuesday | SSL-Dinner Night Out | TBA | |

March 2020






| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 <i>John Stuart</i> | 4 | 5 <i>John Scott</i> | 6 <i>Wendy Mains</i> | 7 <i>Carol Moffett</i> |
| 8  | 9 <i>Ted McGill</i>  Full Moon | 10 7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14  |
| 15 <i>Erica Thomasson</i> | 16 <i>Marcie Birk</i> | 17  St. Patrick's Day | 18 <i>Janice Beatty</i> | 19 <i>Rose Shacklett</i> Spring Equinox | 20 | 21 <i>Anne Lewis</i> |
| 22 | 23 | 24 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, "VOTING NIGHT" | 25 <i>Doris Wilson</i> <i>Maxine Preuett</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Marjorie Cook</i> |
| 29 <i>Doug Elliott</i> | 30 | 31 | | | | |

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3- <i>John Stuart</i> | 9- <i>Ted McGill</i> | 19- <i>Rose Shacklett</i> | 28- <i>Marjorie Cook</i> |
| 5- <i>John Scott</i> | 15- <i>Erica Thomasson</i> | 21- <i>Anne Lewis</i> | 29- <i>Doug Elliott</i> |
| 6- <i>Wendy Mains</i> | 16- <i>Marcie Birk</i> | 25- <i>Doris Wilson</i> | |
| 7- <i>Carol Moffett</i> | 18- <i>Janice Beatty</i> | 25- <i>Maxine Preuett</i> | |

Is your name missing from our birthday list? Contact Anne Rivers at membership@scotsoflou.com to have your date and name added.

April 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1  | 2 Keeneland Racing Opens | 3 Christopher Rivers | 4 NCAA Final Four Atlanta |
| 5 Sanford Berenberg | 6 Reina Hamilton  | 7 Connie Fry Betty Green  Full Moon | 8 Peggy French | 9 | 10 | 11 Sharon Lillie |
| 12 Karen Berenberg | 13 Ruth Ann Moffett | 14 7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting | 15  | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Dot Scott  | 20 | 21 Archie Cunningham | 22 Earth Day | 23 Adrian Cole | 24 Scott Blome Arber Day | 25 Damien Burns, Bill Leroy, Patty Smith Open Churchill Down |
| 26 Kathleen Anderson | 27 Mark Johnson Marye Dillon | 28 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, "HAY TRAVEL LOG", Robbin Goodin Janie Blome | 29 | 30 Ann Barbieri | | |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 3-Christopher Rivers | 11-Sharon Lillie | 24-Scott Blome | 27-Marye Dillon |
| 5-Sanford Berenberg | 12-Karen Berenberg | 25-Damien Burns | 28-Janie Blome |
| 6-Reina Hamilton | 13-Ruth Ann Moffett | 25-Bill Leroy | 30-Ann Barbieri |
| 7-Connie Fry | 19-Dot Scott | 25-Patty Smith | |
| 7-Betty Green | 21-Archie Cunningham | 26-Kathleen Anderson | |
| 8-Peggy French | 23-Adrian Cole | 27-Mark Johnson | |

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2020 Meeting Schedule

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| 3/24/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “Voting Night” and visit, chat and fellowship. (Old Scottish phrase, “Haiver and Blather-skate”) |
| 4/28/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “CLAN HAY TRAVEL LOG”, Robbin Goodin |
| 5/26/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “SCOTTISH TRIVIA”, Jim Hughes & Arch Cunningham |
| 5/29-31/2020 | <i>Glasgow Highland Games, Barren River Resort State Park, Lucas, KY</i> |
| 6/23/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “AUTHOR FORUM”, Mark Johnson |
| 7/28/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “CLAN BAIRD HISTORY”, Cheri Eskridge |
| 8/25/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “CELTIC MUSIC”, Tom Cunningham and Kate Sanders |
| 9/27/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “KENTUCKY TARTAN “, Pat Schweitzer |
| 10/27/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “HALLOWEEN STORIES”, Mandy Dick |
| 11/24/2020 | 7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, “DINNER AND AUCTIONS” |
| | No Meetings in December |

Regular Board Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday every Month @ 7:00 PM CCUM

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Researching Your Irish & Scots-Irish Roots

A special, all-day KGS 2nd Saturday Genealogy event

March 14, 2020 Approximate times: 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Center for Kentucky History, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, Ky.



Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and gain tips and tricks for learning about your Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors.

Program content covers the entire island of Ireland, not solely Ulster.

Highlights:

- Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish family history research
- Using land records, including Griffith's Valuation and title and estate records
- Finding census substitutes and other sources for the 18th and 19th centuries
- Records related to the different churches in Ireland
- Emigration from the north of Ireland to North America
- Q&A

Included in this all-day program:

- Coffee, hot tea, bottled water
- A catered box lunch (optional)
- Breaks for networking and shopping
- Ulster Foundation vendor tables with books and materials for sale
- Tote bag for gathering treasures



Registration:

\$20 for KGS members; \$25 for others
Lunch option: \$12 (deadline: March 6)

Get updates and register online at kygs.org, or send a check and lunch preference info to KGS, PO Box 153, Frankfort, KY 40602.

Unlock your family's Irish story with the Ulster Historical Foundation

Watch this site for updates on times and other details.

SEATING WILL BE LIMITED, SO **REGISTER** SOON!



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BEGINNER LEVEL

Genealogy Research Challenges

Overcoming research challenges comes with the territory *as part of the research process*. Whether the issue involves contradictory information, dead ends, or family stonewalling, these challenges or “brick walls” are inevitable. The good news is that a wide variety of strategies can be used to overcome the challenges. The strategies listed below have been cited by many experts over the years as options with a proven track record for success.

1. Internet: Today, researchers have many online research options available which can speed up the research process to some degree. There are three areas of caution that researchers should take into account:

a. At best only 10-15% of all records are readily available online.

b. There are many items that are under copyright restrictions, meaning the researcher must deal with the agency that created the original record or hope that it may be available using one of the subscription databases.

c. Ask any professional and they will be the first to tell you that information online is not always accurate.

2. Be Methodical and Develop a Research Plan:

Long-term success in research involves having a plan and developing research goals and objectives. Even if it delays your research, taking the time to develop a plan and keeping track of your research and correspondence will pay dividends. There is a wide variety of print and online tutorials that will assist in the process of developing a plan. Skipping steps, taking short cuts, etc. seldom produces positive results.

3. Genealogical Records:

Check all potential records that may apply to the individual or family of interest. One of the best ways to begin this process is to compile a timeline of the events that impacted the subject of your search. For those interested, I've compiled a listing of the most relevant genealogical records by category which can be useful in this situation. Feel free to contact me at the email listed at the end of the article.

4. Original Records:

Even if researchers heed the warnings about limiting searches to online sources, failure to include examining the original record, will increase the chance that valuable information will be missed. Even the best compiled abstracts only contain what the abstractor thought was important. To be sure you have everything, you must compare the original document and the abstract. Examining both in light of the historical context usually provides a much more complete picture.

5. Thinking Outside the Box:

Challenges are inevitable in research. When researchers reach a dead end or brick wall, many professionals recommend taking a break for a short time and coming back to the problem. Thinking outside the box involves re-examining the historical context of the challenge. One popular option involves checking to see if other record types, previously ignored, might contain clues. Some examples are listed below. For a more detailed listing of potential record types, feel free to contact me at the email address listed at the beginning of the article.

a. **Court Records:** Look beyond probate records; if an ancestor is mentioned in conjunction with a civil or criminal case, look for the proceedings and who the informant was.

b. **Land Records:** Don't just limit yourself to the basic record. Take the time to analyze and evaluate the legal description, stipulations, and the witnesses.

c. **Newspapers:** Don't jump to the conclusion that there is no way your ancestors would be mentioned in them somewhere as part of a significant local event, court case, etc.

d. **Occupational Records:** They might shed light on other information besides the job bring performed.

e. **Organizational Records:** Religious affiliation may be mentioned, along with occupation, affiliation, and membership in social groups.

f. **Vital Records:** Pay close attention to the informant. How likely was it that the information provided was accurate? What was the informant's relationship to the ancestor?



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.



Jim Hughes
Chairperson

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, James Hughes, 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/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou>

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.

Please see the Commissioner of Member Services, Annie Rivers, or for more details email her at membership@scotsoflou.com about our memberships. Remember, every *new* life member is acknowledged at the Burns Night Gala!

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INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL

Finding Ancestral Places of Origin

Locating the place of origin for immigrant ancestors can be one of the most frustrating searches encountered by genealogists and historians. While this challenge applies more for immigrants to the United States or Canada, American-born ancestors may present this same issue regarding the birthplace. This can be particularly frustrating if living parents, grandparents, or other family members refuse to discuss any events, facts, or individuals related to the past.

The following list of United States record types have a proven track record for successful research. These records apply to foreign and United States places of origin or birth. For a more complete listing of records that cover this topic, feel free to email me at the address listed at the end of this article.

1. Alien Registrations

2. Baptismal/Christenings and Other Church Records
3. Bible Records
4. Census Records (Federal and States)
5. Civil Birth, Death, and Marriage Records/
Applications (Don't Forget French-Canadian Catholic Church Marriages when applicable)
6. Civil/Criminal Court Records
7. Delayed Birth Certificates
8. Diaries and Journals
9. Military Enlistment and Service Records
10. Naturalization Records and Court Proceedings
11. Newspaper Obituaries and/or Stories
(Anniversaries, Personal Profiles, and Weddings)
12. Ship Passenger Arrival and Departure Records

If the subject of your search has a unique or unusual surname in a given locality, a general search in these and similar records may yield valuable clues. In other cases, you may need to search for neighbors and/or acquaintances to uncover the information.

Bryan L. Mulcahy



Celtic Organizations in our Area

Ancient Order of Hibernians

www.louisvilleirish.com/

The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati

www.caledoniansociety.org

Columbus Scottish Festival

www.scottishfestival.org/

Central Kentucky Heritage Society

pthdvg@email.uky.edu

Evansville St. Andrew Society

Rosemary and Deron Cowan

English Speaking Union

<https://www.esuus.org/>

Glasgow Highland Games

www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

Indy's Irish Fest

www.indyirishfest.com

Irish Society of Kentuckiana

www.irishkyana.org

Kentucky Highland Renaissance Festival

www.kyrenfaire.com

Kentucky United Pipes and Drums (KUPD)

www.kentuckyunited.org

Louisville Fire and Rescue Pipe Band

www.lfrbagpipes.org

Louisville Pipe Band

www.louisvillepipeband.org

Louisville Irish Fest

www.Louisvilleirishfest.com

McClanahan School of Irish Dance

www.Mcclanahanirishdance.com

The Murray Highland Festival

www.wkyhighlandfestival.com

Ohio Valley Celtic Society

Steve Thomas
208 East Second St.
Madison, IN 47250
www.thomasfamilywinery.us

Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington

www.bloomingtonscots.org

Scottish Society of Indianapolis

www.indyscot.org

Contact our Cheer Person

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, **Jean Hughes**, by calling her at (502) 438-9811

Ongoing Events

The Louisville Pipe Band meets from 2 PM - 5 PM on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at info@louisvillepipeband.org or visit www.louisvillepipeband.org.

The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums meet from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main Street in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502) 551-2732, or visit www.lfrbagpipes.org.

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 Annie Rivers at membership@scotsoflou.com