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The Library is Open by Appointment

The library is currently open **by appointment**. To make an appointment please phone the person listed for the day of the week you wish to visit the library:

- Monday Michelle 253 205-7597
- Wednesday Mary 206 784-8403
- Thursday David 206 687-5249
- Saturday Larry 206 720-4719

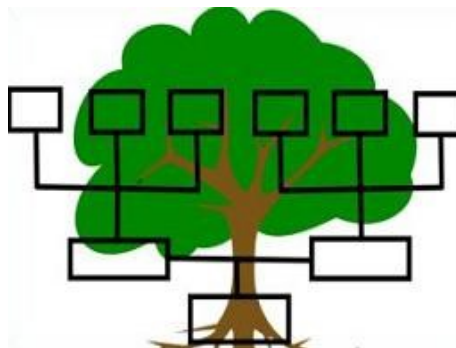
(Do not call the library itself as those messages are not picked up daily.)

We are following State mandated precautions regarding Covid-19. Currently, visitors must be masked regardless of vaccination.

Due to continuing Covid concerns and low attendance in the Fall, classes are being presented virtually. See the schedule on p. 5. **The Winter series will begin on Wednesday, January 12.** Instructions for connecting to the Wednesday presentation will be posted on the website at least 24 hours ahead.

While no charge is being made for class attendance at present, your support as a Fiske Patron will be greatly appreciated.

~ David Brazier



“Brick Wall” Victory

Submitted by Marjorie Jodoin



Paisley High Church

I just spent a week working a Scottish genealogy problem with two cousins. Cousin Marina working her Ancestry tree queried whether the parents of patriarch John McAulay b. 1780 in Paisley, Scotland could have been John McAulay & Janet Hunter? To date none of us had been able to garner any data about our John or his wife, Janet Gibson, before the birth of their son John in 1804. We only had his birthdate and place from the 1851 census. Cousin Ruth said she thought she'd looked at that couple once before and she was also interested in a couple of women who had been living at the address where John died in 1853. He had been buried in the family lair of her ancestor James Macaulay, a talented pattern designer in Paisley. She had years of copious notes extracted from FHL microfilms and original documents researched on visits to Scotland. I'm active on

ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk and FindMyPast.com so I offered to check things out on those sites, while Marina continued digging on Ancestry and Ruth ran through her notes.

The problems we faced included:

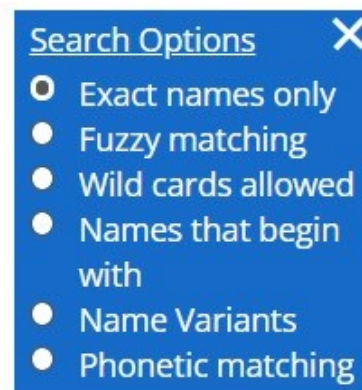
1. search failures due to name variations or too many people of the same name
2. the fact that this family were largely weavers often on the edge of poverty and unlikely to be found in directories or through wills
3. and the fact that addresses were not a sure guide since Paisley residences were often multi-family buildings containing many unrelated people.

Marina was having some success in turning up names and dates in Ancestry searches, but Ancestry does not carry Scottish images due to Scotland's Crown copyright rules. She asked if I could verify the finds on ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk. It is good to get index info from the free sites or a subscription you might have before looking for documents on ScotlandsPeople because rather than a subscription, SP charges a fee for each document viewed and downloaded. It can get expensive to stumble about pulling the wrong documents [no refund]—but once you have an account they are kept in a folder for you to consult or re-download ever after for free.

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I was having real trouble searching because—as we discovered—some names can be spelled an INCREDIBLE number of ways. Even with ScotlandsPeople's options for alternate spellings I frequently came up blank. But with Marina's finds I searched under the spellings she provided on that specific date, sometimes using the child's or spouse's name instead of "McAulay" and began to find specific entries. It is good to see the original entries because they can contain details not shown in the indexes.



Marina found an entry for Margaret Hunter's birth [no absolute proof it was the same woman, but likely]. I found the image and noted that her mother was listed as "Hogyard." It looked more like "Hogsard" to me. Searching for variations on that theme, I turned up her marriage "Hunter-Hogsheart" and six children under "Hogsheart, Hogsyard, Hogyard, Hodgeard and Hodgert."

For the marriage of patriarch John's parents, I searched under "Hunter" and turned up two registrations for Proclamation of Marriage; his name was listed as "McAulay or McCaulay."

Tip #1: *For those putting together Ancestry trees, the site does not make allowance for the Scottish practice of listing marriages as registrations for proclamation [banns]. If the parties are from two separate parishes, there are two records. Both records may be available on Ancestry, but it won't add both as one marriage—it will try to add them as two separate marriages. Sometimes a manual entry as "Marriage Bann" is necessary. Some proclamations contain a marriage date, but not all.*

Searching for this couple's children was a challenge. Our patriarch was listed as "McCalla." "Petter McCala" offered a link to Marina's ancestor also named Peter. "Agnes McClay" would prove a key person of interest. "Mary McCala" would also offer a key link. "Mathew McAlla" probably died young as he was followed by "Matthew McCalla." "Margaret McCalla" was the last found.

John's brother, Peter McAulay's marriage was found by searching for his wife, "Margaret Stevenson or Stivenson." Their children were found under "McCalay, McCalla, McCala, McAuley, and McAllay." John's sister, Mary McAulay married "James Wardrop or Wardrope" in 1817. Cousin Ruth had always thought her family was related to this Wardrop pair but had no proof. Ruth had developed a list of their children, and I ultimately found confirming evidence in the census records for 1841, 1851 where they were living at 113 George st.—the same address where brother John had died.

Tip #2: *I do my census searches on FindMyPast which offers a full transcription, although wonky on address and containing transcription errors. For the annual subscription price you can look up hundreds of records at no additional cost and only go to ScotlandsPeople when there is question to resolve from the image. They also offer an option of searching by address.*

I realized looking at the 1861 census that the widow Mary was not the same Mary as in 1851. She had a later birthdate. It turned out she was the widow of Mary's son James Wardrop. Scotland

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switched from parish records to Statutory Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in 1855. It seemed to me that the original Mary had died between 1851-1861.

I found Mary McAulay Wardrop’s death in 1855—a wonderful discovery, because in this first year of the new regulations they were still deciding how much data they required. Not only did it confirm her birthdate, parents, and marriage, **it listed all of her children and the date of death of any who had pre-deceased her!**

John’s sister, Margaret married a Samuel McCulloch in 1819. There were two registrations for proclamation of marriage and four births under “MacCulloch, Maculloch or McCulloch.”

John’s brother, Mathew offered a couple of options. Ruth’s research included a Mathew McAulay married to a Janet Warnock. But his census entries seemed to indicate a wife, Mary. The census entries again offered a clue to his death after 1855. I found the 1869 death registration. It confirmed he was a widower of Mary Robertson and son of McAulay-Hunter. Other details were also included.

Tip #3: *One underused resource on ScotlandsPeople is access to the Valuation Records. They have property data for taxing purposes listing the address, showing what it’s made up of—several “houses” which can be a house or a flat in a multi-family structure, “workshops,” “shops,” “loomsteads” [a spot for a large floor loom], etc. It also identifies the proprietor or owner and all the tenants and their annual rent. This DOES include people unlikely to be in the directories or legal documents like weavers renting “loomsteads.” The downside is that it was only started in 1855 and was repeated in ten-year intervals. But as these come between the census decades, it can be a great resource! I checked the VR for 1855 at 113 George st. but it appeared all the family had left by then.*

John’s sister Agnes proved to be the lynch pin. She was never married but shows up in several sibling census records. One confusing aspect was that although born in 1789, her census entries consistently claimed she was born in 1791. The death of a nephew, James Wardrop, in 1860 offered a clue. His mother was listed as “Agnes” rather than “Mary” who had been born in 1791. As Agnes and Mary consistently lived together, the census informants might have been confused. However, once again I had clues to when Agnes may have died, and her death registration proved to be the essential link. Agnes McAulay died in 1870, age 82 [b. 1788/89], parents McAulay-Hunter, **and her death was registered by “nephew, James Macaulay, 145 George st., Paisley.”** This James was the son of the patriarch John and cousin Ruth’s known McAulay/Macaulay ancestor!

Together, the Three Amigos had taken the family line back one whole, nearly two generations! And we have fodder for new lines of investigation. Ruth especially has a collection of poor relief records we can now link into the family more securely. Our research also illustrated the importance of exploring collateral lines—siblings may have clues that your primary subject lacks. These are the highs that keep genealogists addicted to their research!



WINTER 2021 EDUCATION

All classes are scheduled from 10:00 A.M. until noon unless otherwise noted. Presentations are currently virtual. Please check the website for linking information ahead of the start time.

2022	Topic	Instructor	Location
Wednesday January 12	Genealogy Wall Art Using Free Image Editing Tools	Ken Peterson	Virtual Presentation
Wednesday January 19	Profile of a Quaker	Steven W. Morrison	Virtual Presentation
Wednesday January 26	Voices from the Past: Researching Old Letters & Diaries	Janet O'Connor Camarata with Ken Peterson	Virtual Presentation
Wednesday February 2	TBA		Virtual Presentation
Wednesday February 9	Creating A Private Family Tree from FamilySearch.org	Lou Daly	Virtual Presentation
Wednesday February 16	TBA	Janet O'Connor Camarata	Virtual Presentation
Wednesday February 23	Virginia and West Virginia Genealogical Resources	Gary Zimmerman	Virtual Presentation
Wednesday March 2	Colonial Virginia's Courthouse Records – Deed, Order and Wills Books	Steven W. Morrison	Virtual Presentation
Wednesday March 9	TBA		Virtual Presentation
Wednesday March 16	A Mystery Great-Grandmother: A Tale Unraveled	Ken Peterson	Virtual Presentation

Newsletter Submissions

Have you discovered a particularly useful resource in your research, or broken through a brick wall? Would you be interested in submitting an article for the newsletter? Articles can be 1-2 pages long and may be subject to gentle editorial comment.

Is there a class you'd like to see offered or is there a research issue on which you are stuck? Your editor would like to feature a semi-regular column with your input.

Our newsletter is published in September, December, April and June. Deadlines are the 20th of the month preceding publication. **Writers—articles are always needed and appreciated!** Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

Surplus Books

Surplus Book sales have continued into 2022. Thank you so much for your support. We are still overstocked with surplus books, many of which contain specific data on individuals, families and locations. We also have general histories which can be very informative for understanding background, and a lot of research guides with useful information. Even if out-of-date. These guides can prove useful.

Our Surplus Books Half-Price Sale will continue during this limited reopening phase. Now is the time to consider purchasing some of the higher priced books which might benefit your research.

~Marge Jodoin, Surplus Books Manager
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Legacy Family Tree User Group

The **Legacy Family Tree User Group** Zoom meetings are on the third Thursday of the month, from **1-2PM**.

The **Legacy Family Tree** questions we cover run the gamut from beginner to the more advanced - from how to contact Legacy support, to moving data from one computer to another, as well as running reports and tagging items, etc. We also welcome questions and topics you would like us to go over.

If you are interested in attending, please send a message to editor@fiskelibrary.org with your email contact information. We will need your email address to send out the Zoom invitation.

~ Siri Nelson

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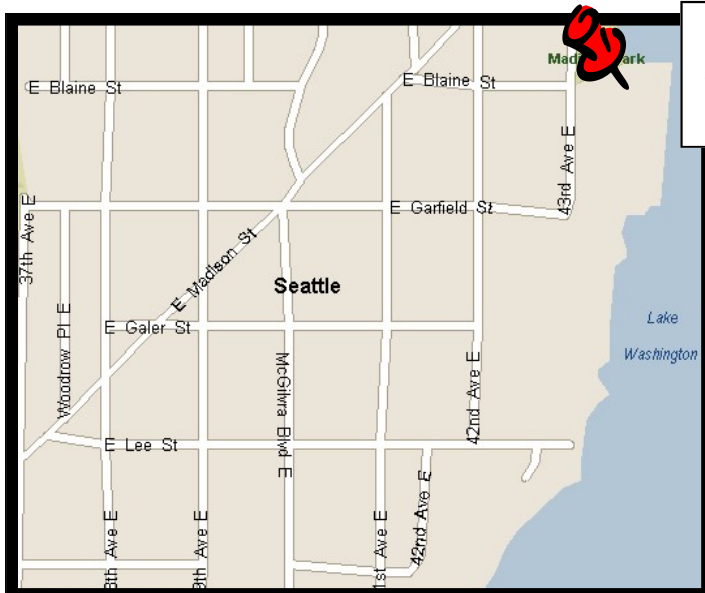
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HOW TO FIND US!



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on the lower level of the
Washington Pioneer Hall.**

- Drive east on E Madison Street to the third crosswalk after reduced speed zone of 25mph. The crosswalk has a yellow blinking light. A one-way street sign is on your right.
- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.