

Scotland Project

Newsletter

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Project Announcements

Tartan Trail: If you read last week's WikiTree News, you'll already know that the Scotland Project has launched our Tartan Trail! This program is required for all new members joining the project and we encourage existing members to go through it as well. Similar to the England Project's Orphan Trail, the program is designed to help our members learn to research Scottish ancestors, improve their profile building skills, and learn to navigate WikiTree. We look forward to seeing you there!

Member Spotlights: Scotland Project has been in the WikiTree News fairly consistently over the past couple of months! Congratulations, [Jaki Erdoes](#) on your Member Spotlight! We thank you for your contribution and dedication to the Scotland Project. You can read her interview by clicking on her name, above.

Connect-a-Thon: It's that time of year again! If you're interested in participating in the 2020 Connect-a-Thon, consider joining our Twisted Thistles Team!



Team Updates

Topical Teams: **Jen Hutton** has graciously agreed to take on the Coordination of these teams! There will be more announcements coming from this group in the coming months!

WikiTree Help Page Feature

This is the third article in our Feature section of the Newsletter. If you would like to have a specific help page featured, with additional information, tips and suggestions, please submit your requests to the Newsletter Committee via Google Group.



Pre-1700 Profiles

You can find the help page [here](#)

Since you are researching your Scottish ancestors, it is very likely that you will need to work in very early time periods. WikiTree requires a certain level of skill and knowledge from its members to work on these earlier profiles. You can self-certify by taking the [Pre-1700](#) quiz at any time. We encourage you to do so, if you haven't already.

One of the most important things you can do when it comes to working on pre-1700 profiles, is to join a project, like the Scotland Project, that works with these early profiles. You've probably noticed by now that searching through Scottish records is not an easy task. Often, we must rely on reliable secondary sources such as the Scots Peerage, and other historical books.

It is important to remember that there's a very strong possibility that the profile you want to create for your ancestor already exists on WikiTree. Be sure to search for it BEFORE you create a new one. This prevents the need for merging later on, and helps keep errors to a minimum.

When in doubt, or if you're unsure of where to start, you can always ask questions in our Google Group, or on G2G. The point here is: collaboration.

As you go back further in time, naming conventions become more important. You should read and understand the style guidelines and naming conventions for Last Name at Birth (LNAB) within the Project that your profile is part of.

I'll throw in a little 'advertising' for our Tartan Trail program here. If you are interested in learning to improve your Scottish research skills and profile development skills, please consider joining the Tartan Trail!



Just for Fun!

From Bobbie Hall

We often find ourselves deep in research and stumble upon a word in a Scottish document that is unfamiliar to us. So we wander off to Google, and often become ... more confused.

What do Chattels, Baillie, Assize, Croft and Toft, Heriot, Messuage, Pannage, Sasine, Sherriff, Teind and Villein actually mean in Scottish records?

There is help at hand! The PoMS website (People of Medieval Scotland) has a Glossary of Terms that will come to your rescue.

See: <https://www.poms.ac.uk/information/glossary-of-terms/> for all the answers!

Chain eil thu tuilleach 's sean airson ionnsachadh fhathast

English equivalent: We are to learn as long as we live.