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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for July 17th, 2020

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:

<https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

### Electric Scotland News

I confess to enjoying the study of the graphs of the pandemic through the BBC news devoted to the global outbreak. I particularly like the running graph where they count from February right through to today and so you can see how countries are moving up and down. In particular you can see how the South American countries and Africa are really moving up the top countries list which is headed by the US and then Brazil, India, Russia, Peru, Chile, Mexico, South Africa, UK and Iran.

The data used on this page comes from a variety of sources. It includes figures collated by Johns Hopkins University, data from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, national governments and health agencies, as well as UN data on populations.

When comparing figures from different countries it is important to bear in mind that not all governments are recording coronavirus cases and deaths in the same way. This makes like for like comparisons between countries difficult.

You can see this page at: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-51235105>

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

Note that this is a selection and more can be read in our [ScotNews](#) feed on our index page where we list news from the past 1-2 weeks. I am partly doing this to build an archive of modern news from and about Scotland as world news stories that can affect Scotland and all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. I might also add that in a number of newspapers you will find many comments which can be just as interesting as the news story itself and of course you can also add your own comments if you wish which I do myself from time to time.

Face coverings now compulsory in Scotland's shops

The Scottish government has said it hopes using face coverings will provide an additional layer of protection to lower the risk of coronavirus being transmitted

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-53354308>

Stephen Hendry - the making of a winning machine

Here we look at snooker legend Stephen Hendry, winner of seven World Championships, more than any other player in history.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/snooker/53349163>

Bye-bye BBC: why I've cancelled my TV licence

The BBC is lost - but there's no reason it can't find itself again

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/bye-bye-bbc-why-ive-cancelled-my-tv-licence/>

How we can protect our farmers and promote free trade

For our farmers, leaving the EU means an end to regulations that have held them back

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/how-we-can-protect-our-farmers-and-promote-free-trade>

Freeports and growth

Today the government's extended consultation on Freeport's closes. It is time to press on with this excellent idea to boost investment growth and trade.

Read more at:

<http://johnredwooddiary.com/2020/07/13/freeports-and-growth/>

Trudeau admits mistake while facing third ethics inquiry in office

The contract immediately raised eyebrows and accusations of favouritism, since it was outsourcing a massive federal aid programme to a private organisation with close ties to the prime minister.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-53394272>

Kate Forbes' Grievance, Dissected

At the time of writing, in the 24 hours since being posted this tweet from Scottish Finance Secretary Kate Forbes has received around 4 thousand retweets and likes

Read more at:

<https://chokkablog.blogspot.com/2020/07/kate-forbes-grievance-dissected.html>

Free Movement & Trade Talks Between Australia & UK Successful & Productive

In a global ranking index for 2020, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom have been ranked in the Top 10 for possessing the world's most powerful passports.

Read more at:

<https://www.canzukinternational.com/2020/07/visa-free-mobility-trade-talks-between-australia-uk-productive.html>

Coronavirus pandemic: Tracking the global outbreak

This series of maps and charts tracks the global spread of the virus.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-51235105>

## Electric Canadian

Pioneer Work in Canada

Practically Presented by J. J. Rouse (1935) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/pioneering/PioneerworkinCanada.pdf>

Short History of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/saskatchewan/MooseJaw.pdf>

The Problem of Canada

By Malcolm McLeod (1880) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/problemwithcanada.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday morning - 12th July 2020

By the Rev. Nola Crewe.

You can view this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5556-Thoughts-on-a-Sunday-morning-12th-July-2020?p=19273#post19273>

Canada USA

Problems and contradictions in North America Economic Integration. (pdf)

This can be read at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/canadausa.pdf>

## Electric Scotland

### A Scotch Farmer

The true story of Peter Morrison, a Scotsman, who built up an American farm that today is one of the conservation showplaces of northern Michigan.

This is a transcript of a radio show which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/scotchfarmer.htm>

### Scotch Heather in Connecticut

Interesting wee story which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/articles/Heather.htm>

### Scotch Law and Politeness

A fascinating look at Scotch law in practice (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/law/scotchlawpoliteness.pdf>

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree came in as Section 2 for August 2020.

Hey everyone! Here is BNFT August 2020 Section B. I surely hope you enjoy this issue.

You'll find some interesting things in this one. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln fought in the Black Hawk War? Our friend, Bryan Mulcahy, sent us an article all about that war and Lincoln's participation.

There's a nice piece on the Picts in Scotland. The advances in archaeology have made it possible to see things not seeable before.

I think everyone will like the front-page story this time. Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish will be taking a road trip through Scotland. From the preview, it will be such great fun! You do realize that is "Jamie" from Outlander, don't you?

Don't forget to let me know if you have changes in your email address, please.

Please stay safe and be careful.

Aye,  
beth

This issue can be read at: <https://electricScotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

### The Fife Family History Society Journal

Has reviewed many published Fife family histories. We have gathered them all together here, and will add to the file as more become available. Many of the family histories are hard to find, but some are still available on the antiquarian market. Others are available as Print on Demand; while a few can be found as Google books. (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/articles/fifefamilyhistories.pdf>

## Story

The story was taken from The Fife Family History Society Journal detailed above.

THE MATRIARCHS. THE WOMEN BEHIND THE ANDERSON MEN.

By James Fagan in Aurora, Canada.

Has compiled this family history as a sequel and companion to an earlier history, The Andersons - The Story of Robert Anderson and Amelia Craigie (a copy of which he also presented to the Fife FHS Library). In the foreword to The Matriarchs he writes: "A reader of the family history, "The Andersons - The Family of Robert Anderson and Amelia Craigie," might notice that the wives of the Anderson men are recorded only in the shadows of their more famous husbands, and might wonder if the women had their own life stories. The Anderson history records only their marriages to the Anderson men and the delivery of their children, but it does not chronicle the women` lives and contributions. They deserve their own place in the family history, so I have attempted to record, in this volume, not only the lives of the Anderson matriarchs, but also to identify their ancestor families."

Some of the information has been seen previously in the Anderson history, but has been repeated in presenting the biographies of

the following women:

1. Emelia Craigie (1744-1822); married (1786) to Robert Anderson of Alyth, Perthshire, and mother of two sons, David Anderson (1787-1866) and James Anderson (1789-1857), who settled in St Andrews as slaters.
2. Elizabeth Alexander (1783-1853), who married the above James Anderson (1789-1857), who led the most colourful life, a rogue and a scoundrel, who after various minor misdemeanours was transported overseas to Australia for 7 years in 1831 for passing counterfeit coin, after a trial at the High Court in Perth in November 1830. His story has been told in *Golfing Skeletons in Family History*, published by The Fife Family History Society. He died in Sydney on 29 June 1857.
3. Margaret Alexander (1808-1877), who married David Anderson (1819-1901, - "Old Da" - son of the above James Anderson) a golf-ball maker, green-keeper and caddie, who, in his old age, was allowed to run a small drinks stand at the 9th hole of the Old Course, St Andrews, which was thereafter called, and still known today, as the Ginger Beer Hole. Through her mother, Elspeth Robertson, she was connected to the famous Robertson family of golf ball makers in St Andrews.
4. Janet Armit (1841-1917), who married James (Jamie) Anderson (1842-1905; son of "Old Da"), a golf club maker and famous golfer, winning the Open Championship a record three times in a row in 1877-79; his end, however, was a sad one, dying penniless in the Dysart Combination Poor House in Thornton in August 1905.
5. Helen Adamson (1847-1920), who married David Anderson (1847-1912, brother of Jamie); he had more success as a club maker, which he ran under the firm of D Anderson & Sons (1895-1926).

As stated above, each of their lines is researched in turn, and there are numerous family trees. Copy of both family histories with Fife FHS Library at Methil

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And that's it for this week and hope you all have a great weekend and mind and keep your distance, wash your hands and stay safe. Don't be stupid or selfish and instead be considerate of others and wear a mask if going shopping or into a crowded place and consider whether you should indeed go into a crowded space in the first place.

Alastair