

**Orkney Family History Society** will be one of many similar societies operating worldwide, through which members share a mutual interest in family history. We will help each other with research and, from time to time, assist in special projects concerning the countless records and subjects available to us all for finding our roots.

The Orkney Family History Society was formed in 1997 and is run by a committee of volunteers.

The main objectives of our society are:

1. To establish a local organisation for the study, collection, analysis and sharing of information about individuals and families in Orkney.
2. To establish and maintain links with other family history groups and genealogical societies throughout the UK and overseas.
3. To establish and maintain a library and other reference facilities as an information resource for members and approved subscribers.
4. To promote study projects and special interest working groups to pursue approved assignments.

We have an office, adjacent to the archives department in the Orkney Library, which holds our library etc and is available for members to do their research. The office is staffed by volunteers and is open to visitors and members during set hours or by arrangement.

Our library, although small at the moment, holds a variety of information, most of which has been donated from members.

Information includes :

The IGI for Orkney, on microfiche.

The Old Parish Records, on microfilm.

The Census Returns, on microfilm and transcribed onto a computer database.

Family Trees.

Emigration and Debtors lists.

Letters, Articles and Stories concerning Orcadians.

Hudson Bay Company information.

Graveyard surveys ( this is a long term project ).

It is our aim to record as much of this as possible on a database to facilitate research.

Locally we have monthly Members Evenings with a guest speaker.

We produce a newsletter 4 times a year ( providing we get enough articles submitted ) which is posted out to all our members, and we also have a booklet of our members and their interests to allow members with similar interests to correspond with each other.

We can usually undertake to do research for our members who live out with Orkney, but this is dependent on the willingness of our island members giving up their spare time to help. Obviously, the more we have on computer the easier this will be.

Genealogy is a rewarding and absorbing subject, which requires a great deal of time and patience. Many of our members have been studying their family histories for many years, while others have only just started. All enjoy the detective work, especially when they pull out those surprises! Many enjoy the membership of other family history societies also.

So, if you have any family links and / or subject interests in the Orkney Isles and wish to join please complete the attached 'membership & interests' form and send to the Treasurer or send S.A.E for further details.

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**Orkney Family History Society****New Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:  
& Postcode  
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Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: £ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Orkney Family History Society****Members Interests**

<b>Surname:</b>	<b>Parish(s):</b>
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Are you willing to let the research secretary contact you to see if you can assist with members queries \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to have your name, address and interests listed in our 'Interests Booklet' \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Categories**

1. £10.00 Standard - All UK Membership and Members abroad who opt out of receiving a printed copy of our magazine (this is available for reading/downloading through our website)
2. £15.00 Overseas - (Surface Mail)
3. £18.00 Overseas - (Air Mail)

- Please make cheque / postal order payable to Orkney Family History Society and send to :- The Treasurer, Orkney Family History Society, Orkney Library & Archive, 44 Junction Rd, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1AG, Scotland, United Kingdom.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1984, members details are stored on computer for administration purposes only

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# Orkney Family History Society Ancestor Chart

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If required, use copies of this chart as continuation sheets.

Family trees are given to the society on the understanding that they may be copied to assist members in their research.