

Fred's Thread

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As easy as A B C

It's the end of summer holidays and whilst the daily grind gets underway, I'm feeling rather happy with my August thread.

Heritage can sometimes throw up real stumbling blocks but my recent find was as easy as A, B, C. That's Aberdeen to Brighton to Colorado where I've discovered some fantastic links to the local area.

Here's the initial email I sent to two other heritage mannies:

Hello,

I am known in Portlethen as the Heritage Mannie, I am 74 years young, and with Wood"s, Craigs and Leipers on my mothers side , I feel part of the local community.. In April of this year I sat up the Portlethen Heritage Society (tphs.org.uk) with a view to reminding locals of their heritage. With the support of our Education Dept., a corner of the library at Portlethen Academy has been set aside , in order for me to display Photos and Books relevant to Findon , Portlethen, Downies, and Newtonhill, I am hoping to involve teachers and pupils in local projects etc....I am aware it will be difficult, the past seems to be just that, but if like you , I can record our heritage , it is there for future generations..

On Friday I am meeting ladies who have set up the Skateraw History Group, and will make them aware of your Web Site

Regards Fred

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And here are their replies:

Hi Fred

You have a great web site and I think what your doing is wonderful. Our familys and the villages they came from should not be forgotten. Those folks from the fishing villages around Aberdeen where a tough breed and are an inspiration to me.

Your welcome to anything I have on my website.

My Grandmother is Mary Masson born April 5 1887 in #35 Skateraw. We believe that is now #15 Bettridge Road Newtonhill. I have connections with many Mains from Portlethen also some Woods, Allans and so on. My Great Great Grandmother is Ann Masson ms Main b 10 Dec 1843 in Portlethen.

My Grandfather was born in Portsoy.

Good luck with your work I think it's important to pass on and I'll bet a labor of love for you. I've enjoyed learning about my family.

Bob Kinahan

Arvada Colorado

<http://www.skateraw.com/Main/>

Dear Fred: Good to hear from you. It would be a privilege indeed to be able to help. Haven't done much on it recently, but it's something others can hopefully build on. I'm attaching a pdf which you can also use, and maybe print out a hard copy if you want for use in the library. Some people prefer to have a bit of paper in their hands – and it's certainly easier to leaf through.

Any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warmest regards

Stuart

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/c/h/r/Stuart-Christie>

Please do take a look at these excellent websites. I hope you'll all agree that the crucial threads are all beginning to knit together to help encompass our fabulous local heritage.

Regards

Fred ☺

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