

# SHARING SHETLAND

Free Virtual Conference  
27 November 2021

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- All times given in this schedule are Eastern Time (EST). Please see [www.shetland-fhs.org.uk](http://www.shetland-fhs.org.uk) for schedules for other time zones.
- Following the presentations, at 3 pm ET, there will be a Q&A session where you can ask the presenters questions.
- All presentations will be available to watch on YouTube from 25 November to 4 December 2021. Here is a link to the [playlist](#).

## Programme

- 11:00 am Introduction
- 11:15 am 'Sharing Shetland Surnames' by Susan Cooper & Alan Beattie
- 11:40 am 'War Casualties and Remembrance in Shetland (WW1 & WW2)' by Jon Sandison
- 12:20 pm 'Shetland's Long Reach James Teit and the Struggle for 'Indian Rights' in the Canadian West' by Wendy Wickwire
- 1:10 pm 'Finding Shetland Ancestors on [scottishindexes.com](http://scottishindexes.com)' by Emma Maxwell
- 1:20 pm 'Genetic Insights into Shetland Family History' by Jim Wilson
- 2:05 pm 'Lloyd's Shetland Captains and Mates 1850-1927' by Laughton Johnston
- 2:40 pm A Peerie Look Inside
- 3:00 pm Q&A Session

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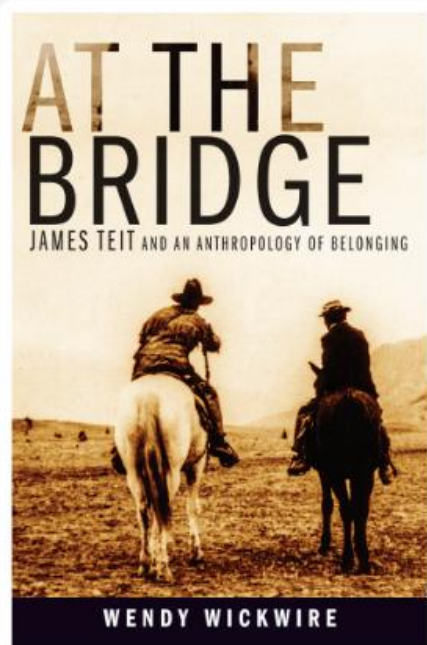
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## "Genetic insights into Shetland family history"

**Jim Wilson**  
**Professor of Human Genetics**  
**Centre for Global Health Research**  
**Usher Institute**  
**University of Edinburgh**  
[www.ed.ac.uk/viking](http://www.ed.ac.uk/viking)

Over the last decade Jim led two large genetic epidemiology studies in Orkney and Shetland. These platform resources for health research benefit from rich phenotyping, deep genotyping, a tissue biobank and prospective follow up through record linkage and have contributed to the discovery of over 1000 novel associations.

Hailing from Orkney with Shetland connections Jim is very familiar within the islands and the huge health study undertaken here.



## At the Bridge

*James Teit and an Anthropology of Belonging*

By Wendy Wickwire

"It is an exceptional book about a remarkable man who never received the recognition he deserved for his major input to what was then the new science of anthropology"

- Jim Cooperman, Salmon Arm Observer

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## 'Shetland's Long Reach James Teit and the Struggle for 'Indian Rights' in the Canadian West'

**Wendy Wickwire**

'At the Bridge' is available from UBCPress

[www.ubcpres.ca/at-the-bridge](http://www.ubcpres.ca/at-the-bridge)

Wendy Wickwire is an emeritus professor in the Department of History at the University of Victoria (Victoria, British Columbia). In addition to teaching courses in British Columbia history, oral history, the history of anthropology, and environmental history, she published the following books: *Stein: The Way of the River* (with Michael M'Gonigle), Talonbooks, 1988; *Write It On Your Heart: the Epic World of an Okanagan Storyteller* (with Okanagan elder, Harry Robinson), Talonbooks, 1989; *Nature Power: In the Spirit of an Okanagan Storyteller* (with Harry Robinson), Douglas & McIntyre, 1992 – reissued by Talonbooks, 2004), *Living By Stories: A Journey of Landscape and Memory* (with Harry Robinson) (Talonbooks, 2005); and *At the Bridge: James Teit and an Anthropology of Belonging* (UBC Press, 2019). In 2020, *At the Bridge*: won the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences' \$10,000 Canada Prize; the Canadian Historical Association's Clio prize; the Canadian Anthropology Society's Labrecque-Lee book prize; and the Canadian Studies Network's best book prize. In 2021, the book won the International Council for Canadian Studies' Pierre Savard book prize. Wickwire lives with her partner, Michael M'Gonigle, on southern Vancouver Island.

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## 'War Casualties and Remembrance in Shetland (WW1 & WW2)'

### **Jon Sandison**

Jon is a History teacher at the Anderson High School in Lerwick, Shetland and a researcher, recently obtaining an M.A. in Military History with a dissertation focus on the Northern Isles soldiering during the Great War.

He has a passionate interest in Shetland's WW1 and WW2 heritage and related stories, having written various articles on Shetlanders on the Western Front, alongside a book entitled 'Grim Red Dawn' which focussed on the Shetland loss at the Battle of the Ancre, November 1916. He currently manages various Facebook research pages on Shetland and War.

Jon is also a local volunteer speaker and tour guide for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission locally.

In this talk, we will look at Remembrance in Shetland. This will focus on the Shetland County War Memorial, which commemorates the Shetland loss of both wars, as well as some of the stories in Lerwick Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, which incorporates men from the islands and elsewhere.

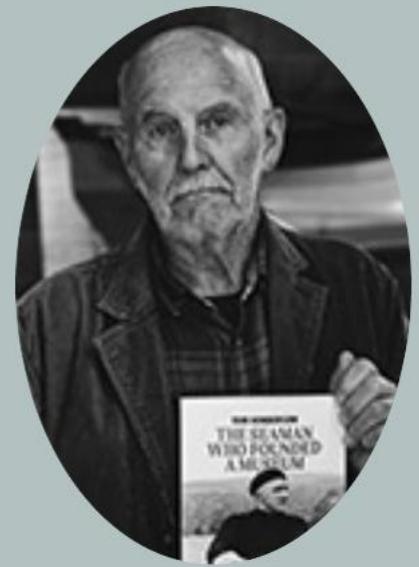
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Laughton Johnston will present 'Lloyd's Shetland Captains and Mates 1850-1927'. What does this list tell us about Shetland seamen in the 19th and early 20th centuries?

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## Lloyd's Shetland Captains and Mates 1850-1927

### Laughton Johnston

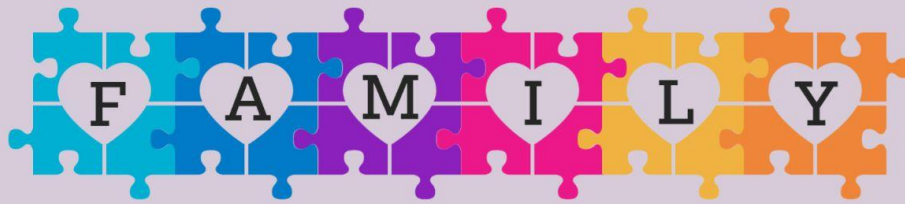
Laughton will first explain the List and the information it holds. Then, the numbers of seamen being so large, he will concentrate on a sample of individuals, looking at their part in Shetland's diaspora, why they went into the merchant service, where they went and what they did. Along the way Laughton will briefly explain the political system, social structure and relevant events at this time that influenced the choice that these men made to go to sea.


Laughton's aim with this talk is to raise awareness of the extraordinary number of Shetland men who went to sea during this period. He is also hoping to stimulate Shetlanders at home and abroad to contact him with their family maritime stories of this period which he might add to a growing body of information he has collected and plans to put together and publish.

Laughton Johnston has written several books on aspects of Shetland's history including 'Victorians 60 Degrees North', 'A Kist of Emigrants' and most recently a biography of Tom Henderson who established Shetland's Museum and Archives, 'The Seaman who founded a Museum'.

# Scottish Indexes Conference

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2021



Learn how to trace your Scottish  
family history 

[www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com)



## Finding Shetland Ancestors on [scottishindexes.com](http://scottishindexes.com)

Graham & Emma Maxwell have helped us bring this event to a global audience today. Graham and Emma are genealogists who have been indexing historical records for over 20 years. Their website [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com) has built up over time and you can now search over a million records. You can search by place as well as name so that can help you narrow down your results. There is no registration or login required to access the indexes.

As well as indexing records, Graham and Emma host the Scottish Indexes Conference series. The next is coming up on Sunday 5 December 2021, it's a free timezone friendly event. Here is what's coming up:

'Dundee's Tallest Tenement' by Jennifer Jolly

'Tracing Jewish families in Scotland and Central-Eastern Europe' by Michael Tobias

'Scottish Marriage: Instantly Buckled for Life' by Chris Paton

'Ae fond kiss, and then we sever - Finding Records of Marital Disharmony' by Kirsty Wilkinson

Genealogy Q & A hosted by Graham and Emma Maxwell

'Tips for tracing your 18th century Scottish ancestors online' by Andrew Armstrong

'Business Records for the Family Historian' by Dr Irene O'Brien

'Solving Brickwalls' by Emma Maxwell