



The Estes Park Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hondius Room of the Estes Valley Library as local resident, Andrew Glasgow, presents “Breaking Down a Brick Wall to Find My Grandmother’s Family”.

Family history becomes especially fun and rewarding when one discovers a relative who took part in some significant historical event. In Feb. 1917, Glasgow’s then single grandmother Jessie Robertson had to return to Scotland to visit a family member who was dying. Taking passage from NY on the SS California, Jessie survived a U-Boat attack on that sank the California in 9 minutes and claimed 43 lives. The sinking of the California started a series of incidents that resulted in the US declaring war on Germany on April 2, 1917.

Almost 100 years later, Glasgow caught the genealogy bug and decided it was time to find out the rest of grandmother Jessie’s story. Despite Scotland’s robust vital records repositories, several years of research produced nothing and he found himself stuck at the proverbial “brick wall”. In 2021, as a last resort, Glasgow hired a Scottish genealogist and together they solved the mystery of Jessie’s family history.

Andrew Glasgow is a retired business executive and former college professor with advanced degrees from the University of Rochester and Boston University. Andrew and his wife Jan raised their family outside Rochester NY before moving to Estes Park in 2018 to become “grandparents-in-residence” to two young grandsons.

The EPGS meets the second Thursday of every month from January through November in the library, offering a wide variety of programs and workshops. More information about the Society, including how to become a member, can be found on its website <https://estesparkgenealogicalsociety.weebly.com>. All who are interested in genealogy and family history research are welcome to attend these free public programs.