

Searching for you Scottish ancestors? Don't have the time to spend hours researching your family's past? Scottish Bloodlines (SB) is the place to start!!

A dedicated researcher, Elaine, the company's head, brings to her company a unique ability to grasp nuance in a family's historical past. Years of familiarity with local historical contexts also shows in the ways that Elaine imbues her research with an acute awareness of local history. In other words, Elaine's years of experience and flexibility of mind imbue her research with a clarity and yet awareness of a family's uniqueness. Elaine's experience and intelligence means Scottish Bloodlines goes above and beyond in uncovering your family's history. No boilerplate approaches here!!

Elaine's experience, dedication, and assistance have been invaluable in my efforts to locate my family in Scotland. A stickler for accuracy and depth, Elaine also was able to break down into smaller pieces a seemingly insurmountable research challenge: finding an American's Scottish ancestors with little, if anything in the way of leads.

After proposing a workable research strategy, Elaine took a professional, no-nonsense, yet flexible approach to the research. She scoured New Register House for sources to document my family's past, and more importantly, she refused to be stymied when, as is so often the case, historical actors' memories of events fell short. I also discovered that Elaine has an uncanny ability to sense errors in historical record, an ability that undoubtedly provides financial savings for her clients.

In taking a flexible approach to the research, Elaine did so with impressive levels of professionalism and efficiency. When challenges arose, she explained them clearly; proposed alternative research strategies for filling blank spots in historical record; and offered careful documentation of the alternatives. Here, I also benefited from Elaine's passion for other types of historical fieldwork, including her scouring of churchyard cemeteries throughout Scotland in search of historical proof of family members who have escaped the grasp of modern recordkeeping. In other words, Elaine thinks outside of the box when research challenges arise and is able to draw on a wealth of resources—far beyond the reach of most ordinary research services-- to fill in gaps in historical record.

Elaine, moreover, made research in my families' historical pasts fascinating!! Certainly, she embraced research into my family with an enthusiasm which made me think she was researching her own family. Elaine's enthusiasm, knowledge, intelligence and attention to detail also can be seen in how she went above and beyond to provide a staggering amount of information about my family. Elaine offered unique insights and fascinating detail about my family at a "microscopic" level: she provided not only a comprehensive, meticulously researched and documented reports but also included some invaluable photographic evidence of addresses, burial places, etc. Since Elaine has a deep grasp of local historical contexts, she also was able to go a step further by offering a deeper "macroscopic" perspective: she pointed out fascinating historical "flashpoints" in which my family members—quite ordinary people, truth be told—contributed to local and national historical triumphs and tragedies in unexpected ways. Elaine, moreover, inspired me to continue research on my own, and three years later she continues to provide me invaluable guidance at difficult junctures. She not only introduced me to family history, but she continues to serve as my mentor!

For all of these reasons, I would recommend Scottish Bloodlines to anyone interested in exploring their family's historical past. You will not be disappointed with the depth of Elaine's knowledge, attention to historical detail, not to mention nuance, and her talents as a historical researcher.

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