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30 Years of Scottish Name Studies

Simon Taylor

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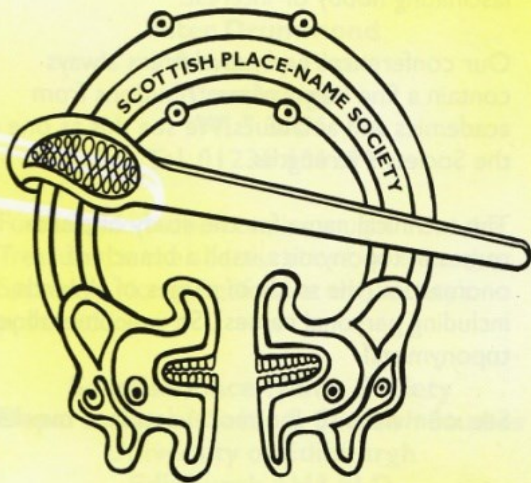


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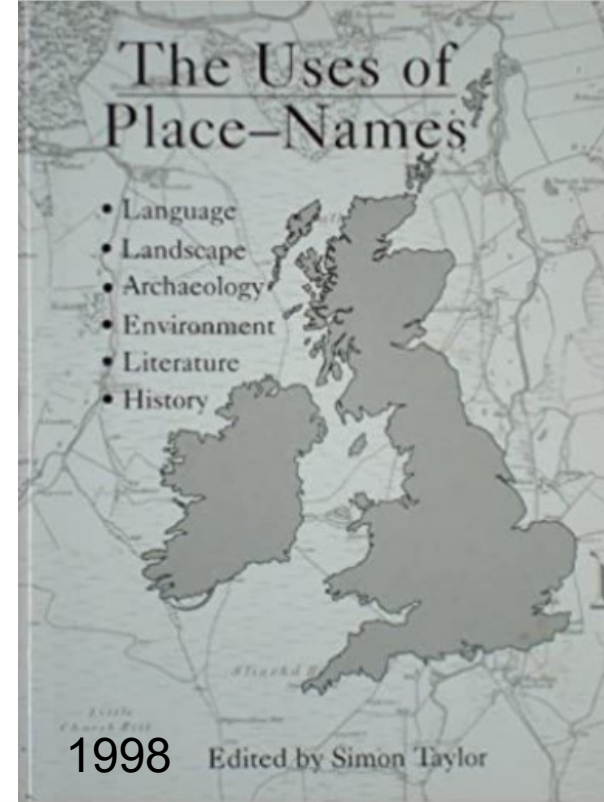
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The Scottish Place-Name Society



**Comann Ainmean-
Aite na h-Alba**

**Founded
February
1996**



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**Scottish Place-Name
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THE EVOLUTION OF THE SCOTTISH PLACE-NAME DATABASE

Name

Article: [dropdown] Is Root name: Name Analysis Exists: Historical Form?:
Displayed as: Culsh Qualifier: [dropdown] Is OS Pathf Name: PRN: 3377
Sorted as: Culsh Details: [dropdown] Special Attention/Incomplete: PFID: 2203
Pronounced as: [dropdown] Alternative names for this place: 4
Language: Scottish Standard English
Feature/Person named: [text]
Sources: [table with Source, Notes Exist, Seq, Prev, All/Add]
Associated with: [text] Prev. [text] Value: [text]
Who Receiving: [text] Value: [text]

Place/Feature Certainty re place: Certain Link the name to a different Place/Feature: Change Remove

Known as: Culsh Place/Feature ID: 2203
NG Reference: NJ 880 480 4 fig ref: Assumed location: [dropdown]
Feature Extends beyond Grid Ref: Pathfinder Sheet: [text] Notes: [text]
Classification: [dropdown] Seq: [dropdown] Notes: [text]
Altitude (Metres): [text] Slope: Notes Exist: Last Updated: 31/10/2000 11:32
Created By: odr1 Last updater: ST

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Name is Part Of	North Mains of Culsh	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Name is Part Of	Mains of Culsh	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Name is Part Of	Hilton of Culsh	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Name

Article: [dropdown] Is Root name: Name Analysis Exists: Historical Form?:
Displayed as: Loch nam Ball Qualifier: [dropdown] Is OS Pathf Name: PRN: 2065
Sorted as: Loch nam Ball Details: [dropdown] Special Attention/Incomplete: PFID: 1703
Pronounced as: [dropdown] Alternative names for this place: 1
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Who Receiving: [text] Value: [text]

Place/Feature Certainty re place: Certain Link the name to a different Place/Feature: Change Remove

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Relationship	Related Name	Sp. Attn	Dates	Notes
Alias	Loch A'airigh a' Mhàil	<input type="checkbox"/>		

- **Database Mark 1 in FOXPRO**
- Based on Carmarthenshire Place-Name Database
- Designed and constructed by Terry James in collaboration with Simon Taylor
- Funded by St Andrews Scottish Studies Institute
- Late 1990s

- **Database Mark 2 in ACCESS**
- Based on Mark 1
- Constructed by Ed Dee in collaboration with Simon Taylor
- Funded by the Carnegie Trust
- Early 2000s

Welcome to the REELS staff pages. Please choose one of the menu options above.

Content Management System



- **Database Mark 3 in MySQL**
- **Based on Mark 2**
- **Constructed by Brian Aitken**
- **Funded by the Leverhulme as part of the *Recovering the Earliest English Place-Names in Scotland* project.**
- **2016-2019**
 - Carole Hough
 - Simon Taylor
 - Eila Williamson
 - Brian Aitken
 - Dàibhidh Grannd

CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



The Leverhulme Trust

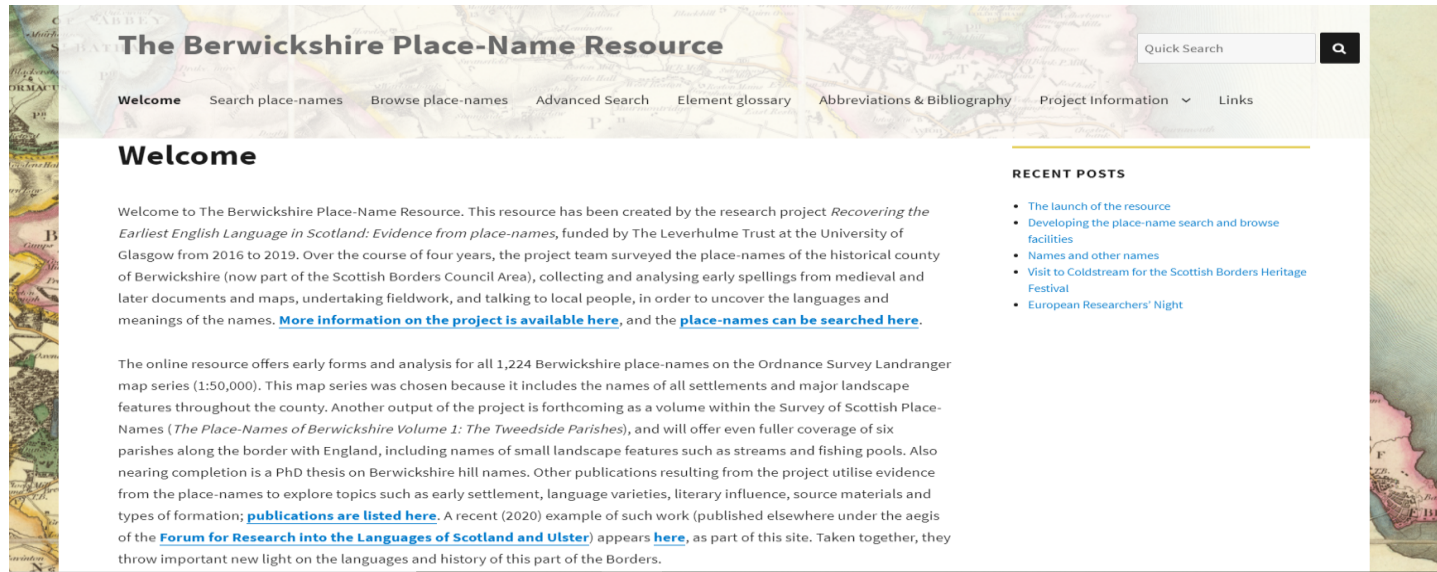
Database Mark 3

MySQL is the underlying database with a user interface built on top of it. In the earlier databases (Mark 1 and Mark 2) the user interface was part of FoxPro and Access but for the current one (Mark 3) the user interface is the browser-based content management system, API and front-end and these were written in PHP / HTML / JavaScript.

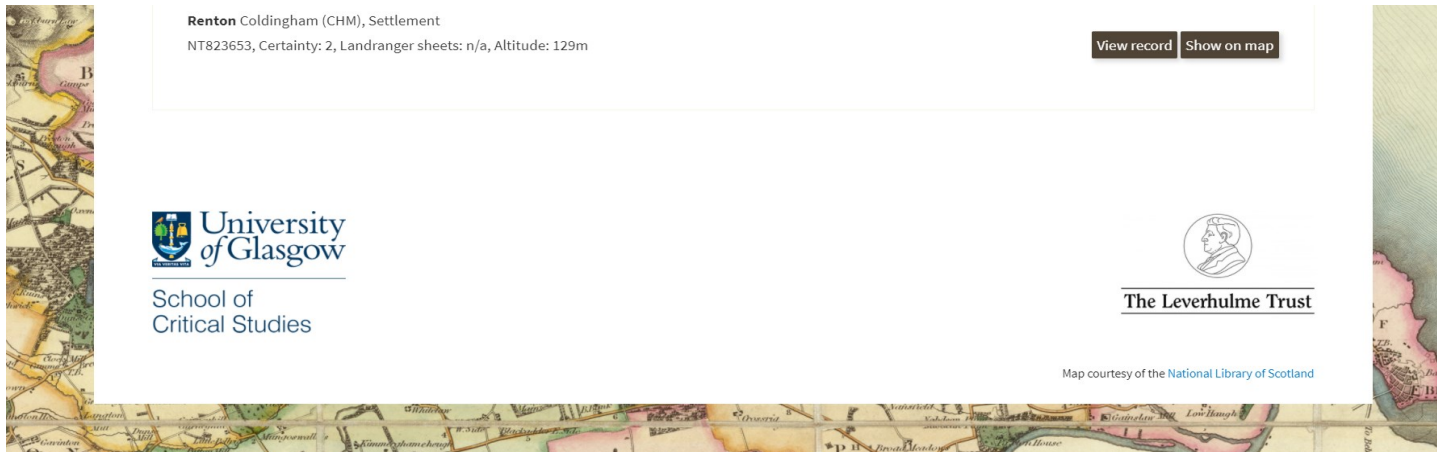
Brian Aitken

Public interface

[The Berwickshire Place-Name Resource \(glasgow.ac.uk\)](http://glasgow.ac.uk)



The screenshot shows the top of the website. At the top left is the title "The Berwickshire Place-Name Resource". To the right is a search bar labeled "Quick Search" with a magnifying glass icon. Below the title is a navigation menu with items: "Welcome", "Search place-names", "Browse place-names", "Advanced Search", "Element glossary", "Abbreviations & Bibliography", "Project Information", and "Links". The main content area has a "Welcome" heading. The text describes the resource's origin and purpose, mentioning the research project "Recovering the Earliest English Language in Scotland: Evidence from place-names" and the Ordnance Survey Landranger map series. It also lists recent posts such as "The launch of the resource" and "Developing the place-name search and browse facilities".



This screenshot shows a detailed record entry for "Renton Coldingham (CHM), Settlement". The entry includes the coordinates "NT823653, Certainty: 2, Landranger sheets: n/a, Altitude: 129m". To the right of the text are two buttons: "View record" and "Show on map". Below the record entry are the logos for the "University of Glasgow School of Critical Studies" and "The Leverhulme Trust". At the bottom right, there is a small text credit: "Map courtesy of the National Library of Scotland".

PLACE-NAME DATABASES MARK 3 ONLINE

BERWICKSHIRE PLACE-NAME RESOURCE (BERWICKSHIRE - all**)**

PLACE-NAMES OF THE GALLOWAY GLENS (KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE - part**)**

PLACE-NAME DATABASES MARK 3 UNDER DEVELOPMENT

**AINMEANNAN-ÀITE MHUILE IS ULBHA/PLACE-NAMES OF MULL AND ULVA
(**ARGYLL - part**)**

PLACE-NAMES OF THE COALFIELD COMMUNITIES (AYRSHIRE - part**)**

**COMPARATIVE KINGSHIP: THE EARLY MEDIEVAL KINGDOMS OF NORTHERN
BRITAIN AND IRELAND: PLACE-NAME SURVEY**

RHYNIE AND ENVIRONS (ABERDEENSHIRE - part**)**

BURGHEAD AND ENVIRONS (MORAY - part**)**

ALSO

CASHEL (TIPPERARY) AND DUNSEVERICK (ANTRIM) (IRELAND – part!**)**

BILINGUAL (ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH GAELIC/ENGLISH AND IRISH)

**IONA'S NAMESCAPE: PLACE-NAMES AND THEIR DYNAMICS IN IONA AND ITS
ENVIRONS (**ARGYLL - part**)**

***ALSO ONLINE:* SAINTS IN SCOTTISH PLACE-NAMES (**SCOTLAND - all**)**

[Place-Names of the Galloway Glens \(glasgow.ac.uk\)](http://glasgow.ac.uk)

Place-Names of the Galloway Glens

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Welcome

Welcome to the Place-Names of the Galloway Glens project website. This project is part of the Heritage Lottery-funded [Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership](#). Over the course of 2018 and 2019, Gilbert Márkus (assisted by other members of the project team) surveyed the place-names of seven historical parishes in Kirkcudbrightshire, making these names and explanations about their meaning and historical context available through this website. You can find more about the project [here](#); or search the place-names [here](#).

We hope to publish a general introductory booklet on the Place-Names of the Galloway Glens later in 2020; and in due course a full published volume of The Survey of Scottish Place-Names. In the course of 2020 we hope also to have a number of events exploring and exchanging information on the place-names of the area. The GGLP website and social media platforms will alert people to these when they happen.

SEARCH PLACE-NAMES

RECENT POSTS

- [Gatherings about Moss](#)
August 10, 2020
- [Echoes of an early territory](#)
June 25, 2020
- [Boundary? What Boundary? – Urr Water and Loch Urr](#)
June 9, 2020
- [Why do earrann-names form clusters?](#)
February 6, 2020
- [Unpacking Balmaghie](#)
December 1, 2019
- [Microtoponyms – little places with a big](#)

GILBERT MÁRKUS with Thomas Clancy and Simon Taylor
Systems Developer: Brian Aitken

Ainmeannan-àite Mhuile is Ulbha

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Dr Alasdair Whyte, LKAS (Lord Kelvin and Adam Smith)
Research Fellow in Celtic Onomastics, University of Glasgow



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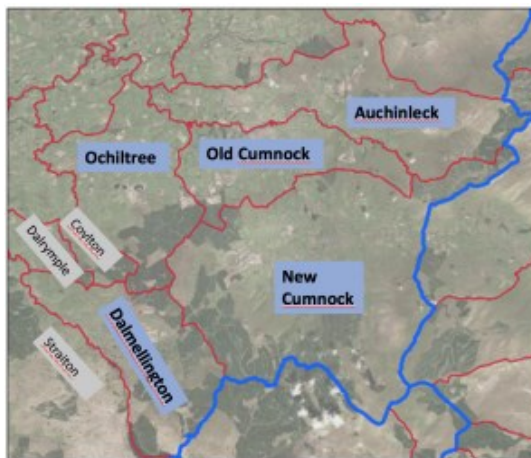
Place-Names of the Coalfield Communities

Kyle
AYRSHIRE



COALFIELD

Communities Landscape Partnership



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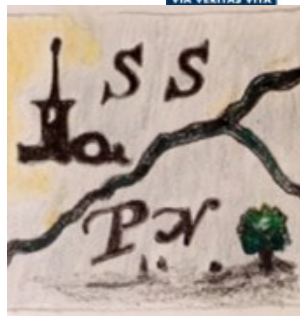


HISTORIC
ENVIRONMENT
SCOTLAND

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ALBA



Eila Williamson with Thomas Clancy and Simon Taylor
Systems Developer: Brian Aitken



Comparative Kingship: the early medieval Kingdoms of Northern Britain and Ireland



The Leverhulme Trust



Principal Investigator
Professor Gordon Noble,
University of Aberdeen

Project Directors

- Dr. [Tim Mighall](#), University of Aberdeen
- Dr. [Patrick Gleeson](#), Queens University Belfast
- Dr. [Derek Hamilton](#), SUERC, University of Glasgow

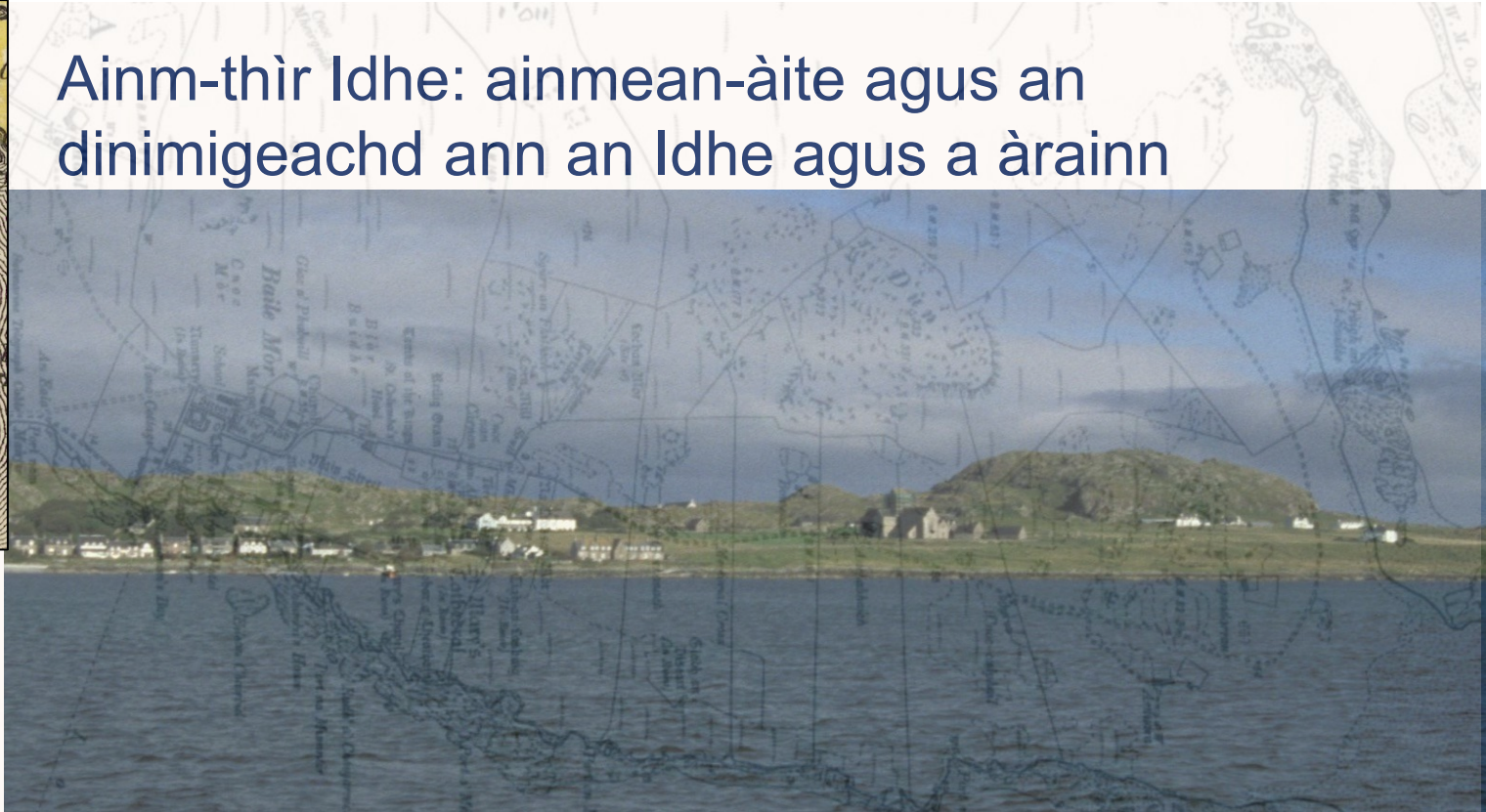
**Historical and Place-
Name Researcher**
Dr Nicholas Evans
(with Simon Taylor)



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Ainm-thìr Idhe: ainmean-àite agus an dinimigeachd ann an Idhe agus a àrainn



Iona's Namescape: place-names and their dynamics in Iona and its environs





Ainm-thìr Idhe: ainmean-àite & an dinimigeachd ann an Idhe & a àrainn

Iona's Namescape: place-names and their dynamics in Iona and its environs

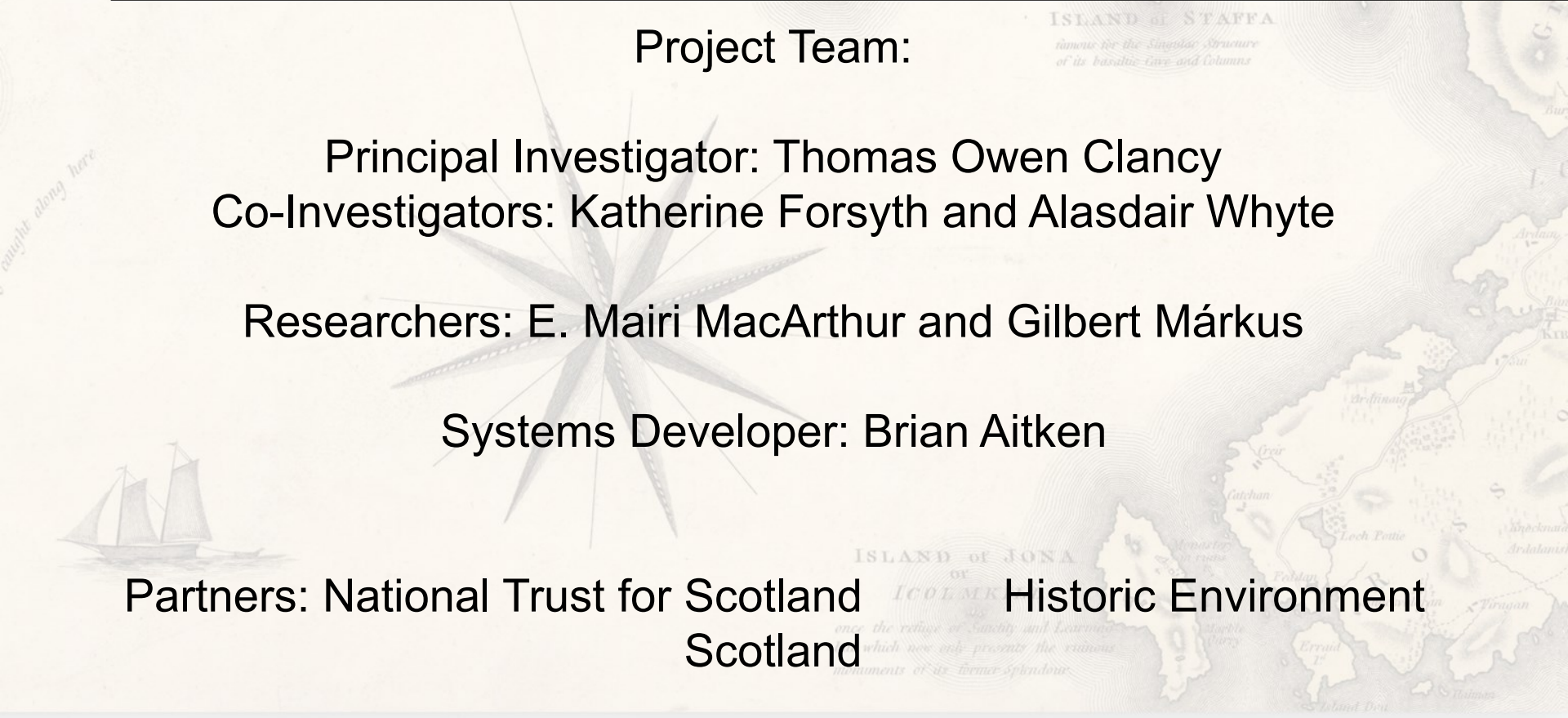
Project Team:

Principal Investigator: Thomas Owen Clancy

Co-Investigators: Katherine Forsyth and Alasdair Whyte

Researchers: E. Mairi MacArthur and Gilbert Márkus

Systems Developer: Brian Aitken



Partners: National Trust for Scotland
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Saints in Scottish Place-Names

Funded by a Leverhulme Trust Project Grant

St Baldred's Boat, East Lothian

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SEARCH PLACES

SEARCH SAINTS

WELCOME TO THE DATABASE OF SCOTTISH HAGIOTOPONYMS

This website is the result of a project, 'Commemorations of Saints in Scottish Place-Names', funded by a Research Project Grant from The Leverhulme Trust (2010-13), and undertaken by staff in the University of Glasgow's School of Humanities (Celtic & Gaelic, and HATII).

Scotland's landscape is rich in place-names incorporating names of saints (hagiotoponyms), mostly of medieval origin. These names, several thousands of them, span Scotland's historical linguistic range, including names in Northern British (**Ecclesmachan**), Gaelic (**Kilmacolm**, **Tobermory**), Norse (**Barra**) and Scots (**St Quivox**, **Ladykirk**). The project aimed to collect these hagiotoponyms, identify the saints commemorated in them, and present them in a public, searchable database.

SEARCH PLACES



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SEARCH SAINTS



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Project team: Thomas Clancy, Rachael Butter, Gilbert Márkus, Matthew Barr

[Saints in Scottish Place-Names - Home \(gla.ac.uk\)](http://gla.ac.uk)



The Leverhulme Trust



SURVEY OF SCOTTISH
PLACE-NAMES

*SURVEANCE O THE PLACE-
NAMES O SCOTLAND*

SUIRBHIDH AINMEAN-ÀITE NA
H-ALBA

THE
PLACE-NAMES
OF FIFE
VOLUME ONE

West Fife between
Leven and Forth
SIMON TAYLOR
WITH GILBERT MÁRKUS

2006

THE
PLACE-NAMES
OF FIFE
VOLUME TWO

Central Fife between
the Rivers Leven and Eden
SIMON TAYLOR
WITH GILBERT MÁRKUS

2008

THE
PLACE-NAMES
OF FIFE
VOLUME THREE

St Andrews and
the East Neuk
SIMON TAYLOR
WITH GILBERT MÁRKUS

2009

THE
PLACE-NAMES
OF FIFE
VOLUME FOUR

North Fife between Eden and Tay
SIMON TAYLOR
WITH GILBERT MÁRKUS

2010

THE
PLACE-NAMES
OF FIFE
VOLUME FIVE

Discussion, Glossaries, Texts
SIMON TAYLOR
WITH GILBERT MÁRKUS

2012

THE
PLACE-NAMES
OF BUTE
GILBERT MÁRKUS

2012

THE
PLACE-NAMES
OF KINROSS-
SHIRE

SIMON TAYLOR
WITH PETER McNIVEN AND
EILA WILLIAMSON

2017

THE
PLACE-NAMES OF
CLACKMANNAN-
SHIRE

SIMON TAYLOR
WITH THOMAS OWEN CLANCY
PETER McNIVEN AND
EILA WILLIAMSON

2020



THE SURVEY OF SCOTTISH PLACE-NAMES
SURVEANCE O THE PLACE-NAMES O
SCOTLAND
SUIRBHIDH AINMEAN-ÀITE NA H-ALBA

Publisher:
Shaun Tyas

In the pipe-line are:

The Place-Names of Berwickshire Vol. 1,
The Place-Names of Iona and Staffa (Argyll)
The Place-Names of Kirkcudbrightshire Vol. 1
The Place-Names of Lanarkshire Vol. 1
*The Place-Names of Mull and Ulva/Ainmeannan-
àite Mhuile is Ulbha* (Argyll)
The Place-Names of Perthshire Vol. 1 (Menteith).



THE SURVEY OF SCOTTISH PLACE-
NAMES
SURVEANCE O THE PLACE-NAMES O
SCOTLAND
SUIRBHIDH AINMEAN-ÀITE NA H-
ALBA

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Welcome

Welcome to Name Studies at the University of Glasgow.

This site is under development. Please visit us again later!

The background image is a Map of the City of Glasgow and Suburbs by Smith and Fleming (1822) and is courtesy of the University of Glasgow Library, Case Maps C18.45 GLA18. A zoomable version can be found [here](#).



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Coming soon to a website near you ...

The Journal of
Scottish
Name Studies

JSNS 1

2007

Volumes 1-13

**[The Journal of Scottish
Name Studies: Contents
\(clanntuirc.co.uk\)](http://clanntuirc.co.uk)**

**Ed. Simon Taylor and
Richard Cox**

Volume 14 (2020)

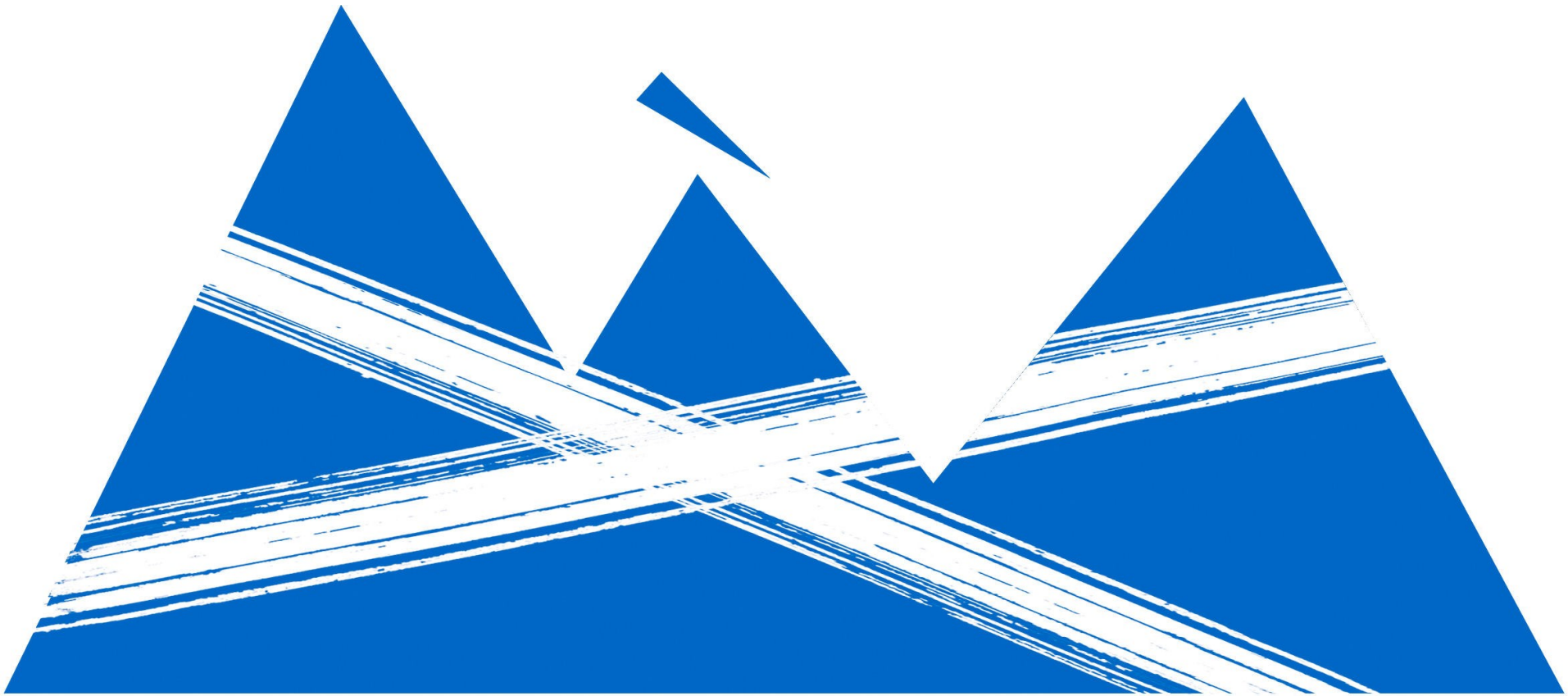
**Guest Ed. Sarah Künzler
with Simon Taylor**

Volumes 15 >

**Ed. Thomas Clancy and
Maggie Scott**

**[The Journal of Scottish
Name Studies
\(glasgow.ac.uk\)](http://glasgow.ac.uk)**

Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba (AÀA) – Gaelic Place-names of Scotland (ainmean-
aite.scot)



Ainmean Àite na h-Alba Gaelic Place-Names of Scotland

Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba/Gaelic Place-Names of Scotland



- The purpose of Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba is to:
- determine authoritative forms of Gaelic place-names across Scotland with reference to both research into historical forms and consolidation of current usage
 - apply consistent orthography of Gaelic in place-names
 - to encourage the adoption of these forms of Gaelic place-names

*Funded by the Scottish Government through
Bòrd na Gàidhlig*

ORDNANCE SURVEY OBJECT NAME BOOKS

Tarish of Kilmory...

List of Names to be corrected if necessary	Orthography, as recommended to be used in the new Plans	Other modes of Spelling the same Name	Authority for these other modes of Spelling when known	Situation	Descriptive Remarks, or other General Observations which may be considered of Interest
Munshock Moss	Munshock Moss	Munshock Moss Do Do	Mr Wilson Mr J Grig Mr Duncan Rosewell	1/2 Miles N. by E. of South Bog side	A small piece of rough pasture land on the farm of Kirkland where the Bellberry abundantly grows. Hence the name, "Munshock" The Common "Bellberry" Admissions Scotch etc.
Craigimalecolan	Craigimalecolan	Craigimalecolan Do Do	Mr Wilson Mr J Grig Mr Duncan	1/2 Miles N. by E. of South Bog side	A small rocky knoll, on the farm of Kirkland, named after the proprietor on its summit is a Lighthouse

- Scotland's Ordnance Survey Name Books are hosted on

<http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/>

- Free access: images of the original + transcriptions done by crowd sourcing

New: Scottish water mills website

Guide to this website

Ordnance Survey maps

Maps of Scotland

County Maps

Estate Maps

Town Plans and views

Coastal / Admiralty charts

Military maps

Series maps

Bridges / Canals / Railways

Air Photo mosaics

Bathymetrical Survey

International / non-UK maps

Atlases



Map Finder - with Marker Pin

Find maps using a Marker Pin



Map Finder - with Outlines

Find maps with their outlines shown



Explore Georeferenced Maps

Maps overlaid on a satellite image backdrop



Side by side viewer

Compare maps in a split-screen viewer



Browse by Mapmaker

Browse maps by names of surveyors or engravers



Roy Military Survey viewer

View Roy Map and shelfmarks for dissections



OS sheet records viewer

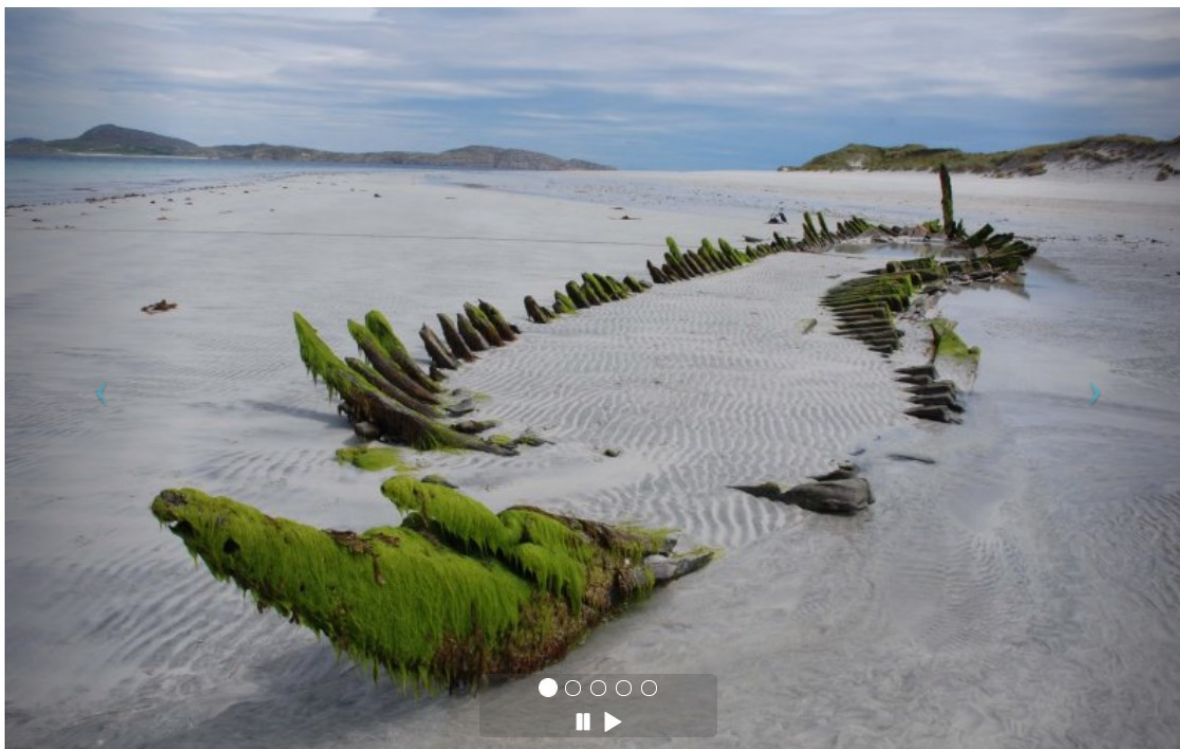
Find and view records for detailed OS maps (some not online)



Boundaries viewer

View boundaries for parishes, counties and unitary authorities

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ScotlandsPlaces

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| Angus | Nairnshire |
| Argyll | Orkney |
| Ayrshire | Peeblesshire |
| Banffshire | Perthshire |
| Berwickshire | Renfrewshire |
| Buteshire | Ross And Cromarty |
| Caithness | Roxburghshire |
| Clackmannanshire | Selkirkshire |
| Dumfriesshire | Shetland |
| Dunbartonshire | Stirlingshire |
| East Lothian | Sutherland |
| Fife | West Lothian |
| Inverness-shire | Wigtownshire |



North Rona, Toa Rona, Lighthouse at sunrise



Plan Of The City Of Edinburgh, Including All The Latest And Intended Improvements.'. By John Wood and Thomas Brown.

ScotlandsPlaces is a free resource that lets you explore thousands of records about Scotland simply by searching for a place name, clicking on a map or typing in your postcode. Search results bring together three national collections so that you can easily find maps, photographs and written records about your chosen place.

If you have any questions about your search results, go to [Help](#).

What kinds of records are on ScotlandsPlaces?

- Maps, Surveys and Plans
- Photographs
- Archaeological Records
- Drawings
- Tax Rolls
- Ordnance Survey Name Books
- Publications

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Choose a classification

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NEW DIRECTIONS

Sarah Künzler, 'Once Upon A Place-name: Diversifying Approaches To Onomastics In Scotland', *Journal of Scottish Name Studies* 14 (2020), 1-15.

[View of Once Upon a Place-Name \(glasgow.ac.uk\)](https://glasgow.ac.uk)

COGNITIVE TOPONYMY

Project 2014-2016 (Royal Society of Edinburgh funded)

'The project draws on evidence from Scotland and Denmark to investigate how human beings conceptualize place ...' Various disciplines involved including psychology.

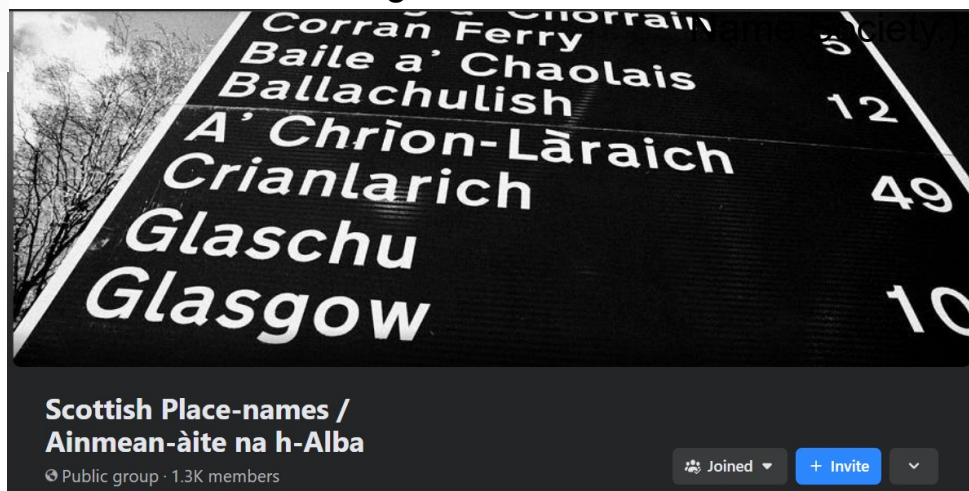
See **Burns**, Alison, **Hough**, Carole and **Simmons**, David, N.D., 'An Experiment in Public Engagement with the Cognitive Toponymy Project', University of Glasgow e-prints online at [122324.pdf](#) (gla.ac.uk)



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THANK YOU

Giovanni Botero, 1599

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