

## JOHN BLACKWOOD

### About John



Born in Scotland, John emigrated to Australia in 1980 with the company he worked for. His interest in genealogy was awakened during a return visit to the UK when an elderly aunt gave him a hand-written family tree, which he has expanded considerably and has his own web site. He is president of the Genealogical Society of Victoria (GSV) and has worked part-time as a research assistant at the GSV for many years. He is a regular speaker on Scottish genealogical resources, and has presented papers at both the Second and Third Australasian Scottish Genealogy Conferences in 2006 and 2011.

### His topic

#### Separation and Divorce Scotland 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries

All levels

There were complexities in Scottish Separation and Divorce which did not necessarily exist elsewhere. This presentation will look at these complexities and attempt to unravel them and explain the differences between them, how each may have been used to resolve a marriage; and how they may, or may not, have been recorded.