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Title

Separation and Divorce Scotland 17th to 19th Centuries

Summary

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.

Abstract

This is quite a complex issue. The following topics will be covered:

- Informal separation
- Formal separation and aliment
- Desertion and adherence
- Declarator of marriage
- Declarator of Freedom
- Nullity
- Divorce

Issues will include:

- Adultery
- Desertion
- Bigamy
- Incompatibility
- Cruelty

During the presentation, quite a lot of time will be live on the National Archives of Scotland website.

Congress attendees will be shown what records exist, where to find them, and what records are available online.

Audience

All levels