**The Scottish Prisoners of War Society’s Web-Site Is Celebrating Its Sixth Anniversary!**

The web-site for the Scottish Prisoners of War Society started six years ago on March 7, 2013. Teresa Rust, the Society’s Executive Director, created the web-site to bring together the community of descendants who wanted to know more about the men captured as prisoners of war at the Battle of Dunbar in 1650 and at the Battle of Worcester in 1651, and who were sent to America in indentured servitude.

Since March 7, 2013, the web-site has grown and is now a full-service resource for descendants, as well as for other historians and genealogists, who are looking for comprehensive information about the Scottish prisoners of war.

The administration of the web-site is now done by a volunteer staff who are all descendants of Scottish prisoners of war: Teresa Rust, Executive Director; Margaret Curry, Blog Administrator; Sue Raymond, Descendants and Researchers Editor; **Rosann Beauvais**, Editor-at-Large; and **Ray Dusek, Page Contributor Extraordinaire.**

The website provides helpful criteria one can use to determine if an ancestor is a Scottish prisoner of war from the Battles of Dunbar and Worcester. The individual profile pages housed on the web-site for each of the known Scottish prisoners of war are constantly being updated as more and more information is discovered about them.

There are numerous research and reference aids available on the web-site, as well as a section that provides a bibliography of articles, books, documents and media sources for learning more about the lives of these men and the times in which they lived.

The web-site’s blog posts cover a wide range of topics from research tips on discovering primary source records; to an article written by Carol Gardner, entitled **“Servitude, Freedom, and Land: The Scottish Prisoners in New England;” to** announcements for upcoming webinars, lectures and conferences from various sources, including an online course starting April 29, 2019, offered by Future Learn, <https://www.futurelearn.com/> entitled **“Archaeology and the Battle of Dunbar 1650: From the Scottish Battlefield to the New World.”**

Information on events relating to the history and genealogy of the Scottish prisoners of war is also provided, such as the upcoming 2019 Battle of Dunbar re-enactment in Dunbar, Scotland and a recent “Finding Your Roots” episode that uncovered documentary film-maker, Michael Moore’s ancestor, John Wattles (also known as Woodall, Woodell, Waddell, Wattles, Wodell, Wodle), who was captured at the Battle of Worcester and was transported to America aboard the “John and Sara.”

And, the web-site has links to important projects that the Scottish Prisoners of War Society is currently involved with, such as the Scottish Prisoners yDNA Study, <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/scottish-po-ws/about/background>, headed up by John Cleary.

Congratulations to all of you who over these past six years have contributed to the success of the Scottish Prisoners of War Society and its web-site!