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**Civil and Parish Records**

- Civil Records
  - Births
  - Marriages
  - Deaths
- Parish Records
  - Baptisms
  - Marriages
  - Burials
  - Other Records



*Voice of*  
Rhonda R. McClure  
Senior Genealogist

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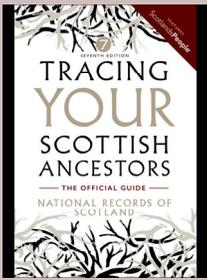
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**Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors**

- Now in its 7th edition
- Compiled by the National Records of Scotland
- Offers information about ScotlandsPeople



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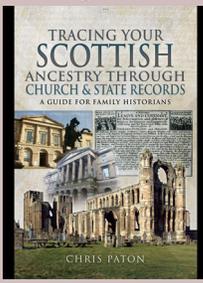
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**Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry...**



- Written by Chris Paton
- Published in 2019
- Covers many of the major records

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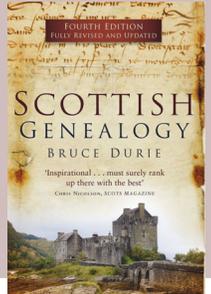
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**Scottish Genealogy**

- Written by Bruce Durie
- Now in its 4th edition
- Includes information on records that are seldom used by family historians



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**Civil Records**

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### Marriage Records

- Includes when, where, and how married
- Name, age, occupation, marital status of groom
- Name, age, occupation, marital status of bride
- Regular residence of groom and bride
- Name and occupation of fathers of groom and bride
- Name and maiden name of mothers of groom and bride

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### Marriage Records

- Usually if parent of the bride or groom is deceased, the record reflects that
- If a regular marriage, the names of the officiant and witnesses are included
- If irregular, could have:
  - Date of conviction
  - Decree of Declarator
  - Sheriff's warrant
- Date recorded, name of registrar

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1879. MARRIAGES in the Parish of St. Andrew's in the County of Dumfries

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2	1879. James Stewart & Margaret Stewart	James Stewart Margaret Stewart	37	St. Andrew's	James Stewart	Margaret Stewart	James Stewart	James Stewart	1879. St. Andrew's
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Marriage Record

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**Religious History**

- Church of Scotland, the national church
- Claimed independent jurisdiction over its own business
  - Claim of Right, 1689
  - Act of Union, 1707
- Right of patronage restored, 1712

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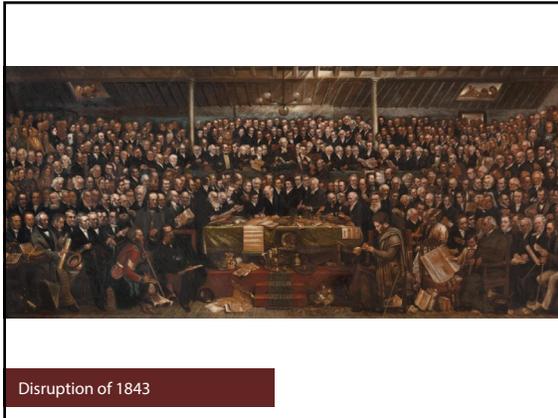
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### Churches

- Church of Scotland – on ScotlandsPeople
- Roman Catholic Church – on ScotlandsPeople
- Other Nonconformist:
  - Society of Friends
  - Methodist
  - Episcopal
  - United Free Church
  - Congregational
  - Unitarian
  - Free Church

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### Church of Scotland

- In the 1600s it was Episcopal in beliefs
- Traditionally Presbyterian
- Old Parish Registers cover up to 1854
- 900 parishes
- Approximately 3,500 registers survive

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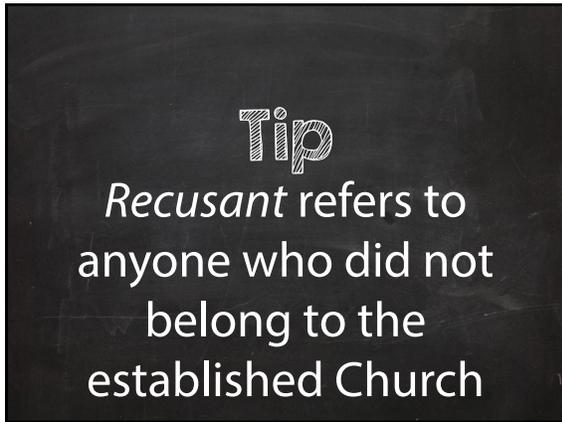
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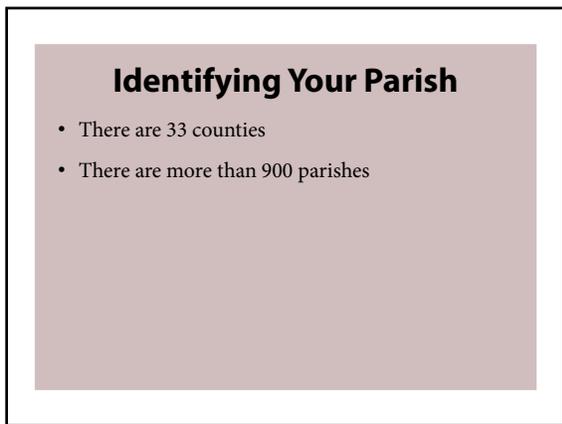
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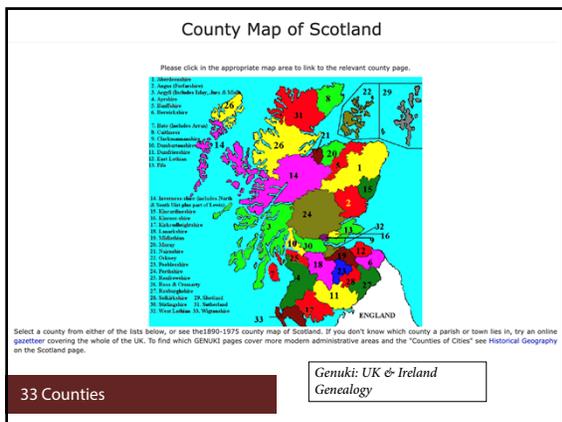
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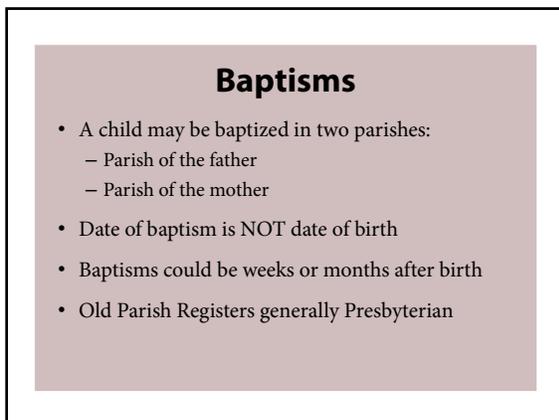
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**Other Non-Conformist Religions**

- Records of Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Quaker, and Unitarian can be found at the National Records of Scotland
- Also, in archives in the areas where they exist
- Restricted access
- Requires a form for researchers to look at the records

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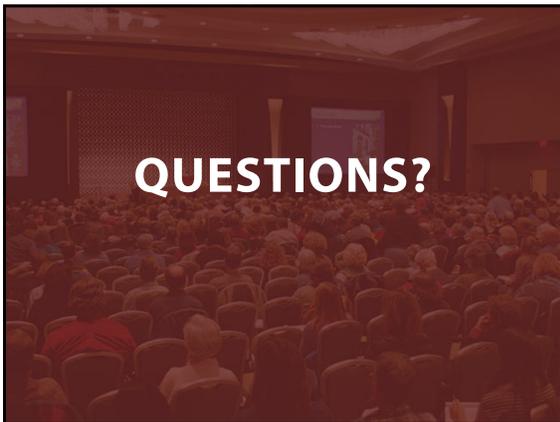
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**ScotlandsPeople**

- Contains digital images of important Scottish records from:
  - National Records of Scotland
  - Lyon Court
  - Scottish Catholic Archives
- Has a research center in Edinburgh
- Online site (\$)

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**ScotlandsPeople**

- Old Parish Registers (1553-1855)
- Civil (Statutory) Registers
  - Births, Deaths, Marriages (1855-current)
  - Divorces (1984-current)
  - Register of Corrections (1855-current)
  - Civil Partnerships (2005-current)
  - Dissolutions of Civil Partnerships (2007-current)
- Registers of births, deaths, marriages outside Scotland (years vary)
- Roman Catholic records (1703-20th century)

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## Accessing Registers

- Online:
  - Births more than 100 years old
  - Marriages more than 75 years old
  - Deaths more than 50 years old
- In the Center:
  - Can download/print records as described above
  - Modern records are view-only
- A cost (in purchased credits) is used

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Scotland's People

Advanced Search

Please select a category:

- Statutory registers** (Selected)
- Church registers
- Census returns
- Valuation rolls
- Legal records
- Poor relief and migration records
- Prison registers
- Kirk sessions

Statutory registers

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

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Please select church

Church of Scotland (old parish registers)

Roman Catholic Church

Other churches

Surname:

Forename:

Gender:  Male  Female  Both

Year range:  to

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Baptism Search

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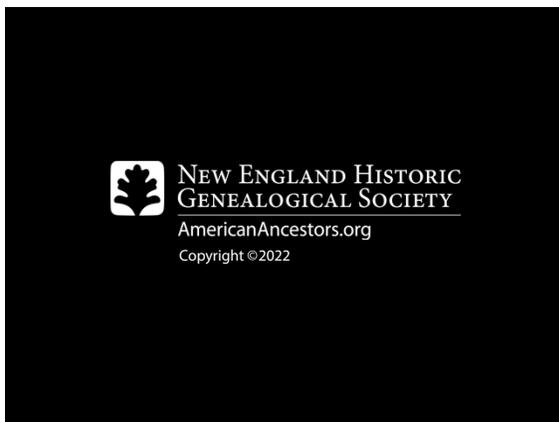
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