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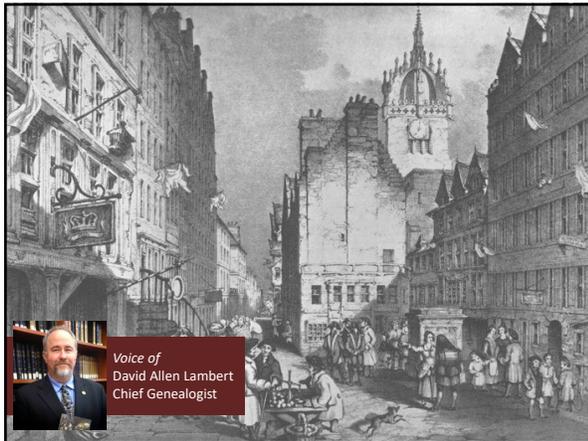
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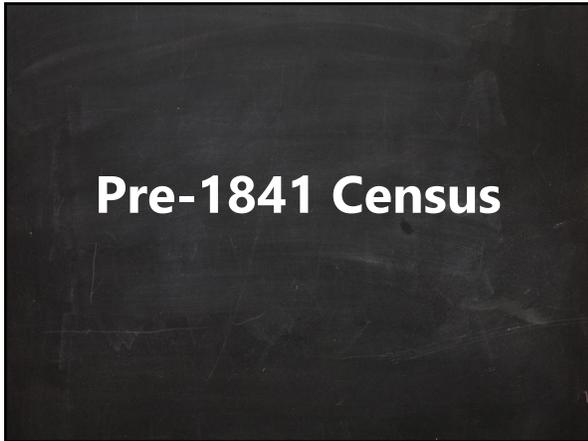
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### 1801 Census

- Created because of the worry of food shortage in Britain
- Population Act of 1800
- Number of families and houses
- Number of Individuals and occupations
- Number of marriages, christenings, and burials
- Census taken every ten years starting in 1801



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### 1801-1831 Census Content

- Contains only statistical information
- Some parishes compiled lists of names and occupations (population lists)
- Surviving pre-1841 census entries are found in:
  - Kirk session records (most) - available on Virtual Volumes in the Historical Search Room and the ScotlandsPeople Centre
  - Old Parish Registers (a few)
  - Local Archives
  - ScotlandsPeople Centre Reference Library (photocopies, transcriptions, and indexes)

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### Some Surviving Censuses

- Dallas (1811)
  - one of the best surviving records: includes address, name, rank (this can be occupation, marital status, lodger) and age
- Dornoch (1811)
- Inveresk (1831)
- Jedburgh and suburbs (1831)
- Lindean, part of Galashiels (1831)
- Lochrutton (1821, 1831)
- Melrose (1831)
- Rothes (1811)
- Stow (1801)
- County Sutherland (1821)

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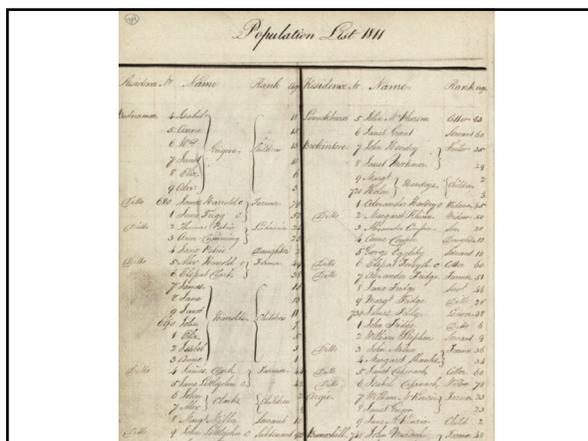
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**Pre-1841 Census Records**

Enumerators were asked to provide statistical returns for the 1801 to 1831 censuses but some kept lists of householders along with other details notably occupations. Most of the surviving pre-1841 census entries are found in the kirk session records with a few in the Old Parish Registers. Those known to contain census information are listed below. They are not indexed.

This guide also provides information about:

- [pre-1841 census records held by local archives in Scotland](#)
- [published transcriptions of pre-1841 census and population records](#)

**Pre-1841 Census Information in the Kirk Session Records**

Digital copies of the kirk session records (our reference CH2) are available on Virtual Volumes in the [Historical Search Room](#) and the [Scotland's People Centre](#).

- A list of the population of the parish of Dallas, June 1811 (our reference CH2/11/29/2/25-36). This record covers the whole population of this Morayshire parish. It is very unusual for early census records to include children making the 1811 census of Dallas one of the best of the known surviving records. Each entry includes address, name, rank (this can be occupation, marital status, lodger) and age.

nrsotland.gov.uk/research/guides/census-records/pre-1841-census-records

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### Pre-1841 Statistical Data

- Statistical charts available for the 1801, 1811, 1821, and 1831 Scotland censuses
- Government gathered statistical data to understand economy of the people
- Lists occupations, housing, and populations for every parish in Scotland; notes changes from previous census and reasons for those changes
- Online Historical Population Reports (OHPR) <http://www.histpop.org/ohpr/servlet/>

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### Database: Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists

- Created from early census records and parish lists for six parishes; may contain:
  - Name
  - Year
  - Birthplace
  - Occupation
  - Address
  - Residence
  - Archive and reference sources
- FindMyPast — index (\$) <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/scotland-pre-1841-censuses-and-population-lists>

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## Parish locations of surviving Pre-1841 Census on FindMyPast

- Jedburgh
- Greenlaw
- Ladykirk
- Melrose
- Applegarth
- Sibbaldbie



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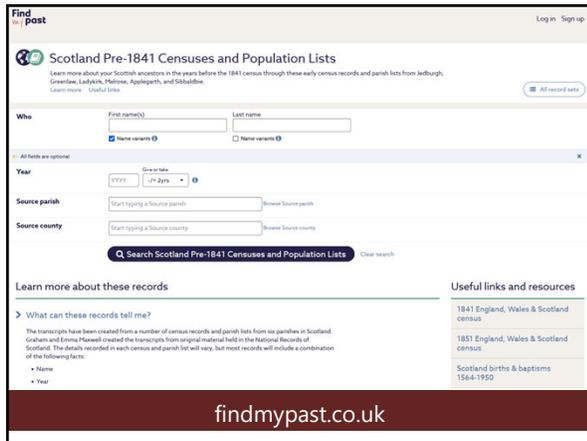
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Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists

Learn more about your Scottish ancestors in the years before the 1841 census through these early census records and parish lists from Jedburgh, Greenlaw, Ladykirk, Melrose, Applegarth, and Sibbaldbie.

Who: First name(s) Last name

Year: YYYY - 2nd 2yrs

Source parish: Start typing a Source parish

Source county: Start typing a Source county

Search: Search Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists

Learn more about these records

What can these records tell me?

The transcripts have been created from a number of census records and parish lists from six parishes in Scotland. Graham and Emma Maxwell created the transcripts from original material held in the National Records of Scotland. The details recorded in each census and parish list will vary, but most records will include a combination of the following facts:

- Name
- Year

Useful links and resources

- 1841 England, Wales & Scotland census
- 1851 England, Wales & Scotland census
- Scotland births & baptisms 1564-1950

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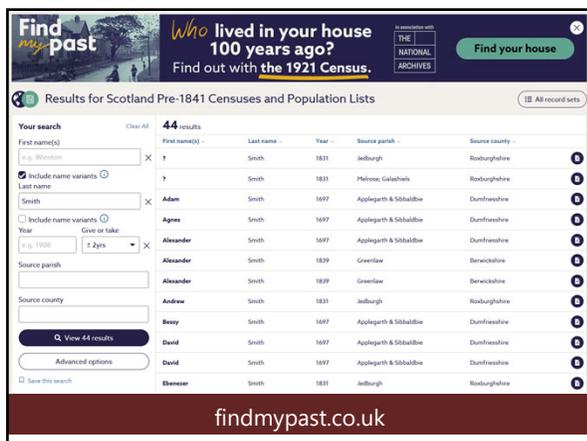
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Who lived in your house 100 years ago? Find out with the 1921 Census.

Results for Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists

Your search: 44 results

First name(s)	Last name	Year	Source parish	Source county
Smith	Smith	1831	Jedburgh	Roxburghshire
Adam	Smith	1687	Applegarth & Sibbaldbie	Dumfriesshire
Agnes	Smith	1687	Applegarth & Sibbaldbie	Dumfriesshire
Alexander	Smith	1687	Applegarth & Sibbaldbie	Dumfriesshire
Alexander	Smith	1839	Greenlaw	Berwickshire
Alexander	Smith	1839	Greenlaw	Berwickshire
Andrew	Smith	1831	Jedburgh	Roxburghshire
Bessy	Smith	1687	Applegarth & Sibbaldbie	Dumfriesshire
David	Smith	1687	Applegarth & Sibbaldbie	Dumfriesshire
David	Smith	1687	Applegarth & Sibbaldbie	Dumfriesshire
Elzevier	Smith	1831	Jedburgh	Roxburghshire

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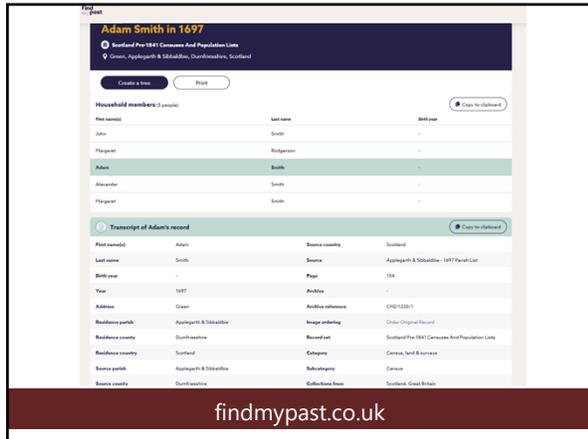
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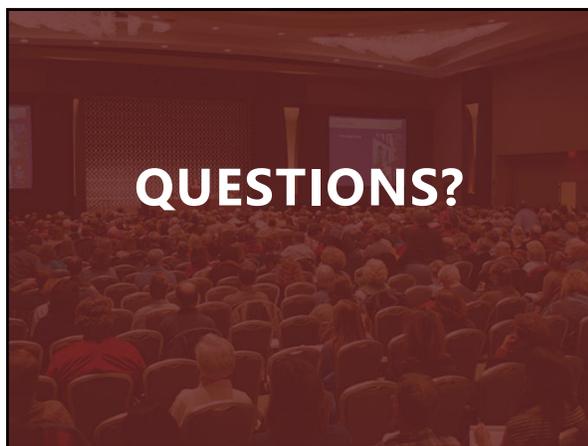
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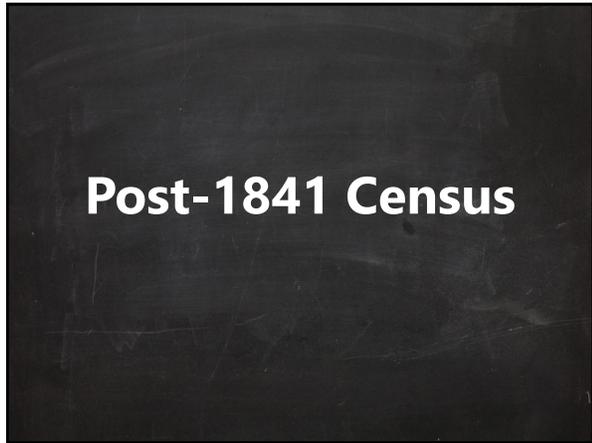
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### Overview

- Taken every ten years since 1801 except in 1941
- Censuses from 1841 to 1911 are available for public use
- 1921 released late 2022 ScotlandsPeople.co.uk



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### Dates the Census was taken

- 1841 – 6 June 1841
- 1851 – 30 March 1851
- 1861 – 7 April 1861
- 1871 – 2 April 1871
- 1881 – 3 April 1881
- 1891 – 5 April 1891
- 1901 – 31 March 1901
- 1911 – 2 April 1911

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The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com Card Catalog interface. The search term 'scotland census' has been entered. The results table lists seven entries for Scotland Censuses from 1841 to 1901. Below the table, a message states: 'Ancestry.com has transcribed copies of the 1841-1901 Scotland Census - no images'. At the bottom, a URL is provided: 'Ancestry.com/search/collections/catalog/?title=scotland%20census'.

Title	Category	Records	Activity
1901 Scotland Census	Census & Voter Lists	4,470,812	
1881 Scotland Census	Census & Voter Lists	3,738,000	
1861 Scotland Census	Census & Voter Lists	3,873,843	
1871 Scotland Census	Census & Voter Lists	3,385,750	
1851 Scotland Census	Census & Voter Lists	3,807,340	
1861 Scotland Census	Census & Voter Lists	3,062,857	
1841 Scotland Census	Census & Voter Lists	2,204,777	

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**1841 Census Basics**

- June 6, 1841 – the population was 2,620,184
- Some parishes (mostly in Fife) do not survive
- **FamilySearch.org** <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/442707?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
- **FindMyPast** <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/1841-england-wales-and-scotland-census>

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**1841 Scottish Census**

- Name of Village, Street, Square, Close, Court, &c.
- House – Whether an inhabited building or uninhabited
- Name of Individual; Age
- Profession or Trade
- “If born in Scotland, state whether in County or otherwise”
- “Whether Foreigner, or whether Born in England or Ireland”

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**Robert's local area**

**About 1841 England, Wales & Scotland Census**

The amount of information listed varies, but the 1841 Census records usually include the following information:

- First name
- Middle name
- Last name
- Sex
- Birth place
- Age
- Place of residence
- County

You can also search the 1841 census by address, which is ideal for tracing the history of your house or exploring the local history of an area.

By noting how many households there were in a building and whether the household included servants or boarders or visitors, you can gain insight into the social circumstances of the family.

As well as the above details, census returns may also include information that not only helps us to determine who our ancestors were, but that also tell us:

- Where your ancestors were living

[search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/1841-england-wales-and-scotland-census](https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/1841-england-wales-and-scotland-census)

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- Where your ancestors were living
- Who they were living with
- What their occupations were
- If they had any servants
- Who their neighbours were
- If they had any boarders and visitors

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**FamilySearch** Family Tree Search Memos Get Involved Activities

Records Images Family Tree Genealogics Catalog Books Wiki

**BACK TO SEARCH RESULTS** PRINT Catalog Print List (0)

**Census returns of Scotland for 1841** Add to Free List

Author: Scotland. Census Office (Main Author)

Format: Books/Monographs/Book on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1962

Physical: 164 rolls of microfilm ; 35 mm.

**Notes**  
Microfilm of original records (rolls, 1-903) in the new Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Subjects**  
Locality Subjects  
Scotland - Census - 1941

Film/Digital Notes

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B-W, no. 7-12	Family History Library	BR5AH B1	Southwest	1042618 4090174	Q, es

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### 1861 Scottish Census

- April 7, 1861 – the population was 3,062,294
- FamilySearch.org  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/160553?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
- FindMyPast  
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### 1861 Scottish Census

- Road, Street, or Name of House
- House – Whether an inhabited building or uninhabited
- Name of Individual; Relationship to the head of the household; Marital Condition
- Age, Military Rank, Profession, or Occupation
- Where born
- Whether Blind, Deaf, and Dumb
- **NEW!** Number of children 5 to 13 in School
- **NEW!** Rooms with one or more windows

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The screenshot shows the FamilySearch search results page for 'Census returns of Scotland for 1861'. The main entry is 'Scotland - Census Office (Main Author)'. Below this, there are details for the format (Manuscript/Manuscript on Film), language (English), and publication (Salt Lake City, Utah). A table at the bottom lists specific film records with columns for Note, Location, Collection/Shelf, Film, Image Group Number (DSIS), and Format.

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**1871 Scottish Census**

- **April 2, 1871** – the population was 3,360,018
- **FamilySearch.org**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/162199?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
- **FindMyPast**  
<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/1871-england-wales-and-scotland-census>

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**1871 Scottish Census**

- Road, Street, or Name of House
- House – Whether an inhabited building or uninhabited
- Name of Individual; Relationship to the head of the household; Marital Condition
- Age, Military Rank, Profession, or Occupation
- Where born
- Deaf and Dumb, Blind, Imbecilic, or Idiot, Lunatic
- Number of children 5 to 13 in School
- Rooms with one or more windows

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### 1901 Scottish Census

- Road, Street, or Name of House
- House – Whether an inhabited building or uninhabited
- Name of Individual; Relationship to the head of the household; Marital Condition
- Age (at last birthday)
- Profession or Occupation
- Employer, Worker, or on own account
- Where born
- Speaks Gaelic or Gaelic & English
- Deaf and Dumb, Blind, Imbecilic, or feeble minded
- Rooms with one or more windows

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### 1911 Scottish Census

- April 2, 1911 – the population was 4,760,904
- FamilySearch.org - transcription currently not online
- ScotlandsPeople.co.uk - searchable with images

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### 1911 Scottish Census

- Road, Street, or Name of House
- House – Whether an inhabited building or uninhabited
- Rooms with one or more windows
- Name of Individual; Number of persons in house.
- Relationship to the head of the household
- Age (at last birthday)
- Speaks Gaelic or Gaelic & English
- Single, Married, Widower or Widow
- [Questions for *Married Women*] Duration of Marriage; Children born Alive; Children still living

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### 1911 Scottish Census

- Personal Occupation
- Industry or Service in which worker is connected
- Employer, Worker, or on Own Account
- If working at Home
- Birthplace
- Nationality if born in a Foreign Country
- Totally Deaf or Deaf and Dumb; Totally Blind; Lunatic; Imbecile, or feeble-minded

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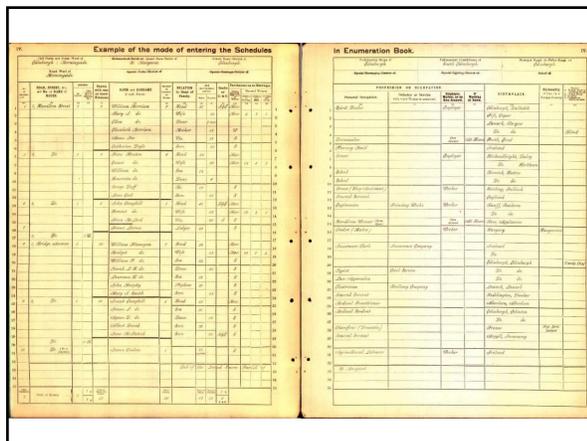
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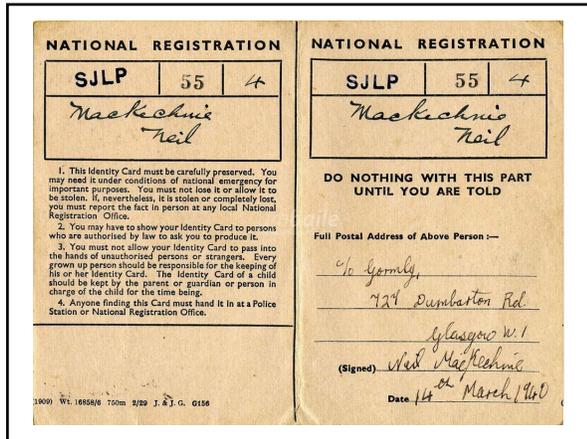
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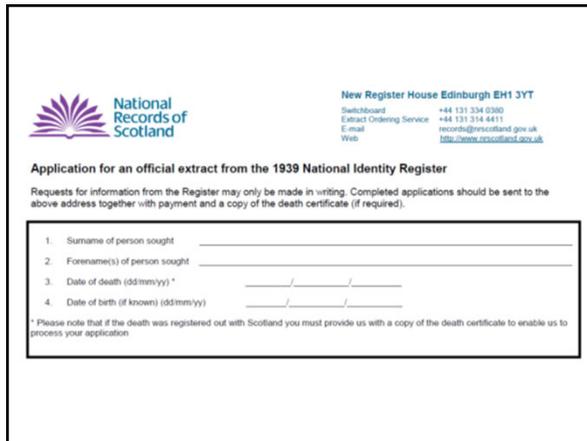
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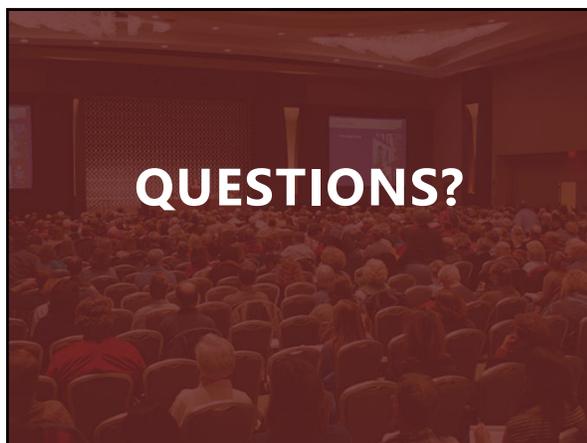
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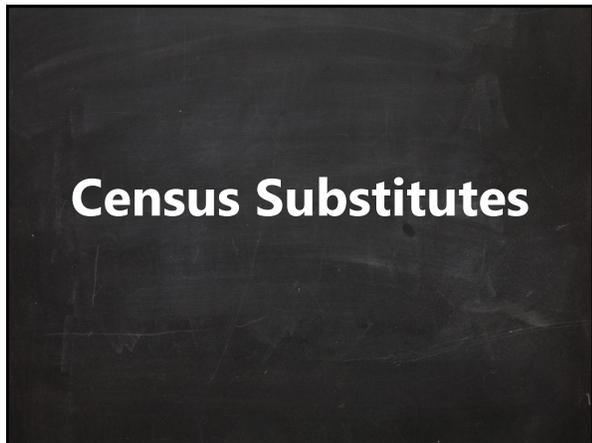
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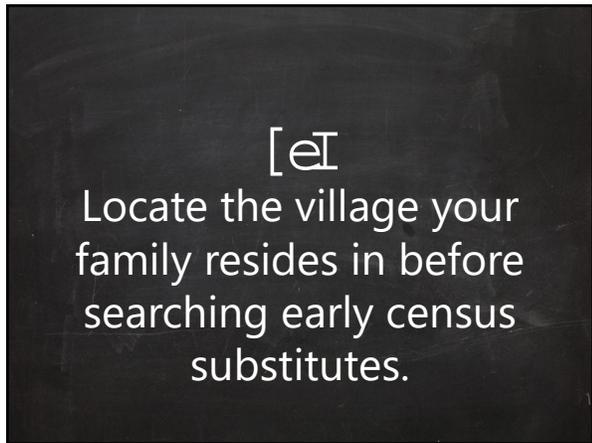
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**Hearth Tax 1690-1695**

- Tax of 14 shillings on every hearth of both landowners and tenants to raise money for the army
- Hospitals and paupers were exempt from the tax
- Hearth lists are arranged by county and then by parish or landed estate
- Lists indicate the size of the house
- Most county hearth lists contain householders; some counties only give total number of hearths and money collected; small number of counties do not have hearth lists



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## 1755 Population of Scotland

- Webster's census of 1755 – "An account of the number of people in Scotland in the year seventeen hundred and fifty-five by Alexander Webster, one of the ministers of Edinburgh"
- Gives population total of 1,265,380; regarded as the most credible estimate of the Scottish population prior to 1801
- Ministers in 909 parishes provided information about:
  - extent of their parish
  - numbers of ministers, Roman Catholics, and Protestants
  - total number of inhabitants
  - number of fighting men (aged between 18 and 56)
  - ages of the inhabitants

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## Cart Tax (1785-1798)



- Owners of two, three, or four wheeled carts in Scotland were taxed
- Tax fell mostly upon farmers and landowners in rural communities, plus carters in villages

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## Dog Tax (1797-1798)

- listing of all those who were taxed 5 shillings on non-working dogs



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Fowen Parish								
E326/1/1/1	27 Jul 1797	Mr Robertson of Fowen	1	1		£0.3.0		
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## Female Servant Tax (1785-1792)



- Tax levied on households employing “non-essential” female servants
- Most of these servants were engaged in domestic work

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E326/6/1/1	25 Jul 1785	Old Aberdeen Parish								
E326/6/1/1		Alexander Thomson farmer	Bell Donald	1	1				£0.1.100	
E326/6/1/1		Mr Thomas Gordon	Martha Beverly May Gordon	2			2		£0.7.6	
E326/6/1/1		Mr Rodrick McLeod	Ann Keybooth Betty Frost	2			2		£0.7.6	
E326/6/1/1		William Fiddes Ltutor	Jean Black	1	1				£0.1.100	
E326/6/1/1		Mr John Leslie	Susan Wilson Ann Souter	2			2		£0.7.6	
E326/6/1/1		Mr William Ogilvie	Margaret Bruce	1	B1	1			£0.3.9	
E326/6/1/1		Mrs Webster	Netty Paterson	1		1			£0.1.100	
E326/6/1/1		Dr (Doctor) William Chalmers	Margaret Chalmers	1	B1	1			£0.3.9	
E326/6/1/1		James Low Mear (Merchant)	Margaret Smith	1		1			£0.1.100	
E326/6/1/1		Mrs Duff	Netty Rhynd	1		1			£0.1.100	

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## Male Servant Tax (1777-1798)

- Levied on households employing “non-essential” male servants from 1777 onwards
- This excluded farm laborers, industrial workers, and servants in businesses with shops and inns
- Tax was aimed primarily at the wealthy who could afford domestic or personal servants. Example: butlers, valets, grooms coachmen, and gardeners



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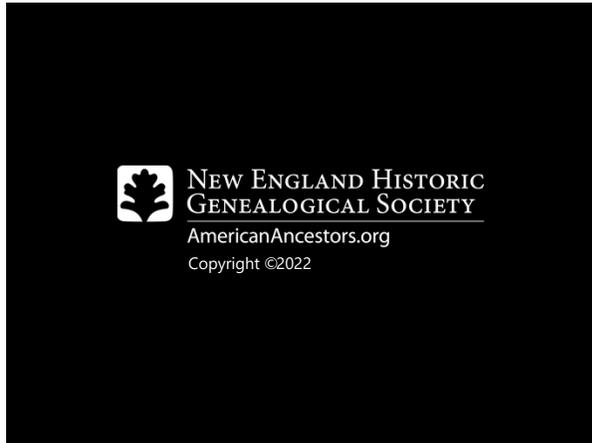
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