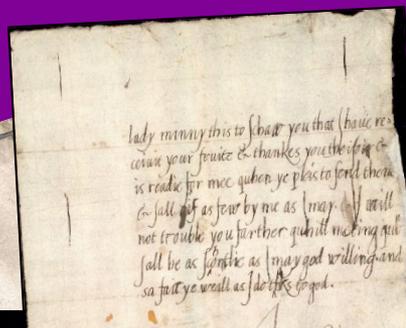


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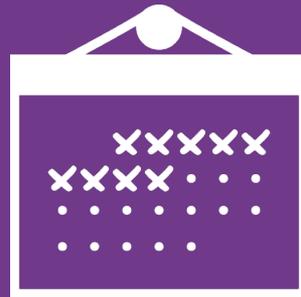
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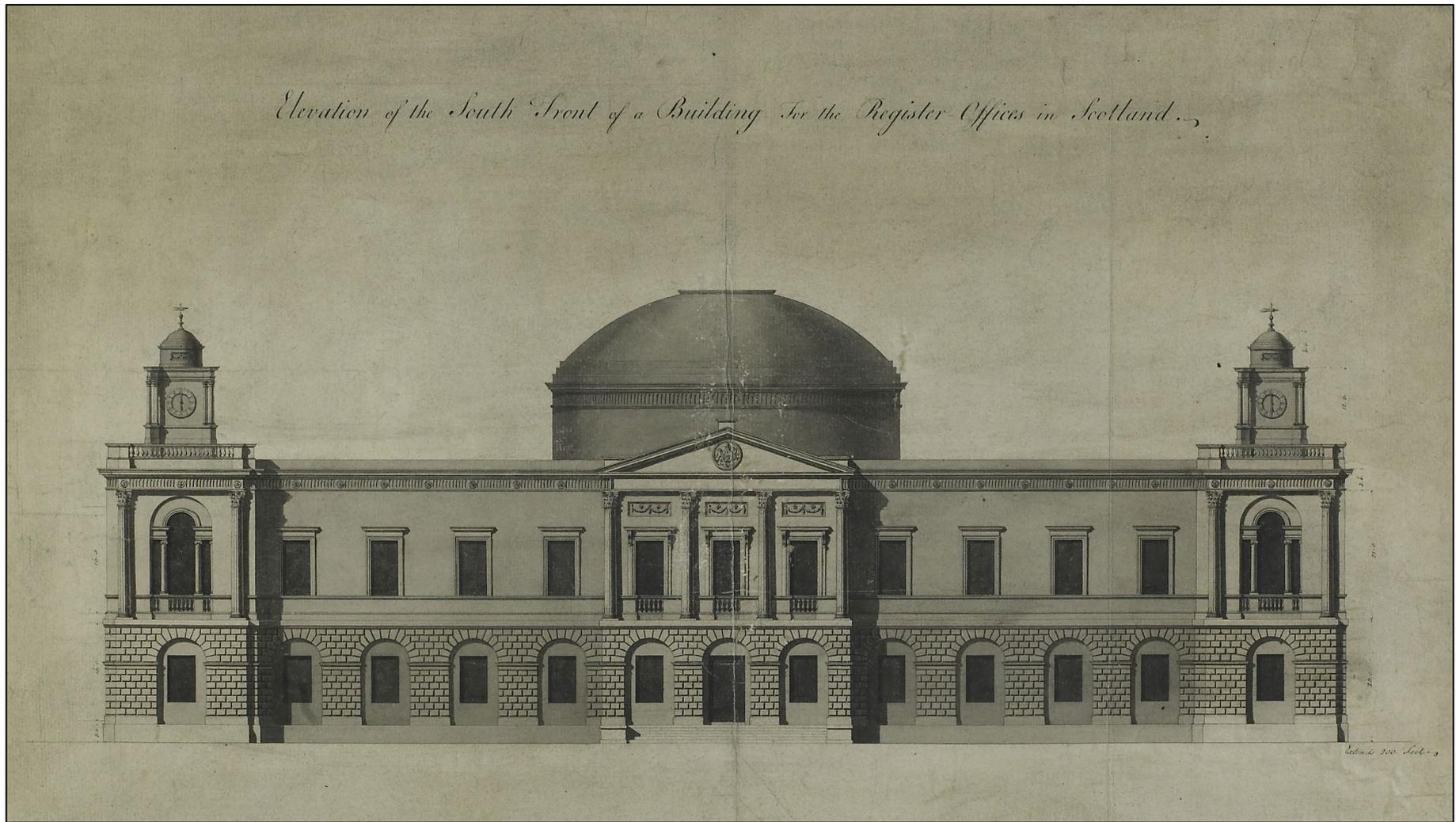


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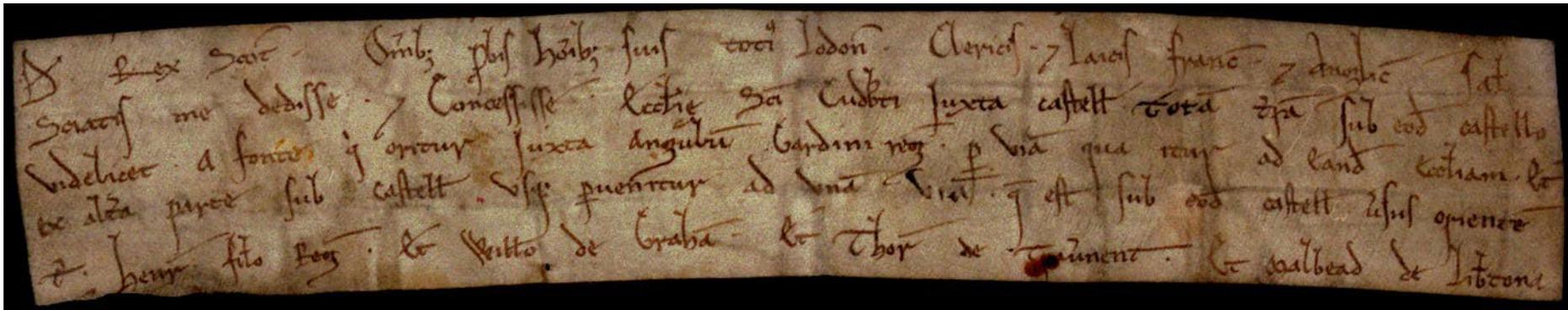
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in session, and after prayer (our last m  
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The session observing that neither this  
give obedience to discipline, according to  
yt now being called at y church-door, he  
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# Searching for a birth record for Arthur Conan Doyle

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# Birth entry for Arthur Conan Doyle

1859. BIRTHS in the District of Saint Andrew in the Burgh of Edinburgh

(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	
No.	Surname, and Name (if given). Name, when given or altered in Baptism, or otherwise, after Registration of Birth.	When and Where Born, with Hour of Birth.	Sex.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession, of Father.	Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
367	Doyle Arthur Conan	1859 May Twentieth second 10h 55m a.m.	M.	Charles Altimont Doyle, Second Clerk	Mary Doyle, Maiden name Foley	Charles Doyle Father	1859 May 24 <sup>th</sup> at Edinburgh
		11 Picardy Place Edinburgh		Attended by Worke		Present	Mrs. D. M. Assistant Registrar West

Birth entry for Arthur Conan Doyle, Statutory Register of Births, Edinburgh, 22 May 1859

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# Birth entry for Jemima Boyd

1857. BIRTHS in the Parish of Griff in the County of Perth

No.	Surname, and Name (if given). Name, when given or altered in Baptism, or otherwise, after Registration of Birth.	When and Where Born, with Hour of Birth.	Sex.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father.	Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
76	Boyd Jemima	1856 twentieth August, at 10-45 A.M. High Street Griff	F	Legitimate	Ann Boyd out Door servant	Her Ann X Boyd Crep - mother	1857 14 <sup>th</sup> July At Griff Registrar

Birth entry for Jemima Boyd, Statutory Register of Births, Perth, 20 August 1856

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# Death during construction of Forth Bridge

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1888. DEATHS in the District of *Inverkeithing* in the County of *Fife*

No.	Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
73	<i>David Clark Russell</i>	<i>1888, September Inverkeithing</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>13 Years</i>	<i>David Russell Miner (Coal)</i>	<i>Fracture of base of Spine of Cervical column. Fracture of both legs.</i>	<i>Robert Clark M.D.</i>	<i>1888, September 14<sup>th</sup> Inverkeithing</i>
	<i>Russell's Labourer</i>	<i>11.30 a.m. A.M. Forth Bridge Works Inverkeithing, Fife</i>			<i>Dora Clark</i>	<i>Death instantaneous result of accident as certified by James Hunter M.D.</i>	<i>James Hunter M.D.</i>	<i>R.M. Wardrop Registrar.</i>
	<i>(Single)</i>	<i>Usual Residence, Inverkeithing (Inverkeithing)</i>						

See Reg. of Cor. Entries  
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21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1898

Entry for David Clark Russell's death in the statutory register of Inverkeithing, 13 September 1888

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# Register of Corrected Entries

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Register of Corrected Entries

for the District of Inverkeithing

in the County of Fife

The following Report of Result of Recognition has been received touching the death of David Clark registered under No. 73 of the Register Book of Deaths for the year 1888.

Names, Profession and whether Single, Married or Widowed.	When & Where died Usual Residence	Sex & Age.	Parents' Names.	Cause of Death and Name of Medical Attendant
David Clark A River Catcher (Single)	Killed on the 13 <sup>th</sup> September on a part of the South Bridge on the Island of Inchgarvie, Parish of Dunfermline. Maygate, Street Dunfermline	Male Thirty-two Years.	Illegitimate, Dora Clark or M. Gregor	Instantaneously killed by falling from a plating a distance of about 180 feet.
<p>Procureur-General's Office } Dunfermline, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1888</p> <p>certified by Jas. McFarlane Procureur-General 1888 September 24<sup>th</sup> At Inverkeithing R. N. Hardrop Registrar</p>				

Entry for David Clark Russell's death in the statutory Register of Corrected Entries, 24 September 1888

# Agatha Christie's 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage

938	1930	(Name in full) Max Edgar		45	Frederick Mallowan	(Signed)	1930
	on the	Lucien Mallowan	31	Cornwall	Produce Broker	George F. Maynard	September 12 <sup>th</sup>
	day of	(Signature) Max L. Mallowan		London		Parish Minister	
	at	archaeologist		London	Marguerite Mallowan	St. Cuthberts Church	
	Church of	Bachelor			Mrs. Deuivier	Edinburgh	At Edinburgh
	Edinburgh					(Signed)	
	after Banns	(Name in full) Agatha Mary Clarissa Miller or Christie	34	22 Casswell Place London	Frederick Alva Miller	Charlotte W. Fisher	
	according to the Form	(Signature) Agatha M. C. Christie		(Presently residing at Bradford	Trustholder (deceased)	16 Crick Road Oxford, Witness	J. S. Prewes
	of the Church of	Formerly married to Colonel		Hotel, Orsett	Clarissa Margaret	Mary Jane Fisher	Registrar.
	Scotland	Archibald Christie Royal Air Force (Retired) against whom she obtained Decree of Divorce		Swerness /	Miller Mrs. Beamer (deceased)	16 Crick Road Oxford, Witness	

M

J. S. Prewes Registrar.

Entry for Agatha Christie in the statutory register of St Giles,  
11 September 1930

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# Unusual names

1897 THUNDERBOLT, EQUATOR (Statutory registers Births 644/9 600) Page 200 of 636  
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1897. BIRTHS in the District of Kelvin in the Burgh of Glasgow. Page 200.

No.	Name and Surname	When and Where Born	Sex	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father, Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother, Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
598	August Emma Ross	1897, April	M		(Signed)	1897, April 21 <sup>st</sup>
	(Illegitimate.)	11 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Ann.		Anna Ross Domestic Servant (Domicile: 24 <sup>th</sup> Bath Street, Glasgow)	Anna Ross mother.	Partick (Signed), Hugh Kelch Registrar.
		7 Wood Street, Partick.				April 26 <sup>th</sup> Transcribed at Glasgow: W. Buchanan Registrar.
599	John - Arthur Copeland Grieva Brittain	1897, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	M	Catharine - Helen Brittain Blacksmith (Journeyman).	N W Brittain	1897, April 26 <sup>th</sup>
		11 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Ann.		Margaret - Helen Brittain m. s. Grieva.	Father	Glasgow. W. Buchanan, Registrar.
		54 Dumars Street Glasgow.		1897, March 5 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow.		
600	Equator Thunderbolt	1897, April	M	Edward Thunderbolt Engineer.	Edward Thunderbolt	1897, April 26 <sup>th</sup>
		14 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann. Ann.		Lily Thunderbolt m. s. Kel.	Father	Glasgow. W. Buchanan, Registrar.
		158 Woodlands Road Glasgow		1896 February 21 <sup>st</sup> Melbourne	Present.	

W. Buchanan Registrar.



# 1901 census return

## Charles Rennie Mackintosh

Charles R. Mackintosh	Head	Mar	<del>37</del>	Architect	Employer	Lawershall, Glasgow
Margaret Do	Wife	Mar	<del>36</del>	Artist	Own Account at Home	England
Harry C. Marillier	Visitor	Widr	<del>56</del>	Metal Worker	Employed	City of Good Hope
Maggie Macdonald	Servant	S.	<del>24</del>	General Servant (Domestic)		Inverness, Arisaig Gt E

Detail from 1901 census return for Charles Rennie Mackintosh **Crown copyright, NRS, 1901/644-7/23, page 28**

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Nomina baptizatorum anno domini millesimo quingentesimo.  
decemb: 27. ~~quingentesimo~~ tertio decemb: 27. ~~1553~~ the  
Baptized Paroch of Erroll. 1553

Christiane Hay daughter to Peter Hay and Janet Strmland in Ork.  
Decemb: 29

1554. Robert Barrie son to Edmond Barrie and Janet plaisur in guthrie.  
1554. Martij 7

John Duntane son to John Duntane and Helen Eggs in Girdihill.  
Junij 7

Alexander Scott son to John Scott in Craig Hall and Christiane Hay.  
August 20

Andrew Chalmer son to Andrew Chalmer and Margory Hay in guthrie.  
Septemb 20

Janet Dalbie daughter to Richard Dalbie and Johne Duntane in Loring.  
Novemb 19

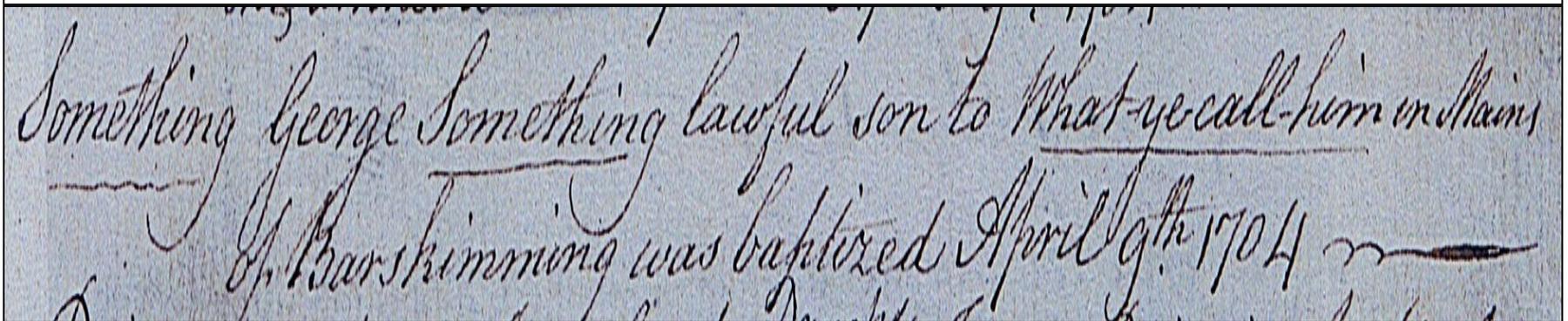
Janet Hay daughter to Peter Hay and Margherit Ogilvie in medecoun.

Baptism record for Christiane Hay, 27 December 1553

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# Example of poor record keeping

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Something George Something lawful son to What-ye-call-him in Mains  
of Barskimming was baptised April 9th 1704

‘Something George Something lawful son to What-ye-  
call-him in Mains of Barskimming was baptised April  
9<sup>th</sup> 1704.’

# Baptism for James Clerk Maxwell

Maxwell 30<sup>th</sup>  
John Clerk Maxwell of Middlebie Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Advocate & Mrs Francis Cay his Spouse  
St Stephens Parish a Son Born 13 June  
1831 Named James Baptised 29 July 1831  
by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr David Ritchie.

Baptism entry for James Clerk Maxwell in the OPR  
for Edinburgh, 29 July 1831

**NRS, OPR 685-1/56, page 341**

# Death entry for Jean Mcfarlan[e]

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Hunter 21 Robert, S. W. of Reynold, 48 y<sup>r</sup>. decay  
Brown 23 And<sup>w</sup>. in the arms, 77 years  
McGibbon 25 David, W. of M'Key stone 63 years decay  
Baird 26 Cecil, dau. to Mrs. in Lockburne B.P.  
6 y<sup>r</sup>. decay  
Scott 27 Robt. officer of Excise, E. of Atrachan  
Livingham 28 Eliz<sup>t</sup>. relict of Panton, at Lamson B.P.  
57 years  
Maiper 30 Marj<sup>t</sup>. dau. to John, arms of M'Farran  
Reid—  
June  
M'Farlan 1 Jean, W. of Chapp's B.P.

# Spellings of forenames and surnames

## Baptised 'Jean', 1835

and baptised on the 6<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>  
 the daughter of Robert Hardie and Elizabeth  
 Simpson as born on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. and baptised on the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> Hardie

## Married 'Jane', 1866

		(Spinster)		M.S. 1201.51.11.11.11.11.		1866.	
1866.	Signed,			James Pollock	Signed		
on the twenty-ninth	John Pollock	28	Deering.	Labourer	James Caesar,	August	
day of August	Schoolmaster,			Mary Pollock,	Minister	Twenty-ninth	
M. Minchburn	(Bachelor)			M.S. Scrimgeour,	of Bonbride,	at Bonbride	
of Bonbride					Signed,		
afterwards, accord-	Signed,			Robert Hardie,	Pro. Esquire	Witness.	
ing to the Form	Jane Hardie	30	Penbride	Servant	John Hill	Witness.	
of the Church of	(Spinster)			Elizabeth Hardie			
Scotland,				M.S. Simpson.			
				(deceased)			

## Died, Jeanie, 1900

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V. DEATHS in the Parish of Aberdege in the County of North

No.	Name and Surname Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attentions by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
	Jeanie Pollock	1900. December 26 <sup>th</sup>	F	65 years	Robert Hardie Servant (deceased)	Phosmia dyspepsia asthenia	Mary K. Pollock Daughter	1900. December 14 <sup>th</sup> At Aberdege
1	Married to John Pollock Schoolmaster	1866. The Schoolhouse Aberdege			Elizabeth Hardie M.S. Simpson (deceased)	as certified by Robert Fleming M.D. Perth.	(Present)	John Pollock Registrar.

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*...ession, and after prayer (our last minute  
over) acted as follows;  
The Coll. for the poor wa  
The session observing that neither this day do  
give obedience to discipline, according to his  
ut now being called at a church-door, he did n*

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Book of Discipline of  
the Kirk of Borthwick  
beginn Anno 1690.

At Borthwick Kirk Juny 29. 1690.  
This day at the desire of the presby of —  
Dalketh preached here Mr W<sup>m</sup> Traill minister  
of the Gospell brother in law to the decessit Mr  
Thomas Paterson late minister of the Gospell in  
this paroch, who hath been some years in America  
but is lately returned home.

Detail of first page of Borthwick kirk session, 1690

NRS, CH2/38/1, page 1

# Anti-social behaviour

Continues the report  
son: This Day it was reported, that James Weir,  
son to David Weir, and Helen Hastie, Daugh- David Weir  
ter to John Hastie in Lanark, both single and Helen Hastie  
persons, were found together under a cloud  
of Night, in an outer Coalhouse in the Mi-  
nistie's Close, and that it is suspected, they  
have been guilty of unsuitable Behaviour  
with each other; this happened on Thursday  
the third of this instant belwist seven and  
eight of the Clock at Night, and the scandal  
thereof to the Session

# Creiff Kirk Session minutes

Boyd Anne

Voluntarily appeared Ann Boyd residing in Creiff stating that about six months ago she was delivered of a female child in fornication, and further that she had appeared before the Kirk Session of Madderty in which Parish she resided when the guilt was contracted, and named Peter Kemp as the father of her child. But that so far as she understood no finding had been come to in regard to his participation in her guilt and that she was now anxious to be taken upon discipline for her sin in order to be restored to the privileges of the Church. The Kirk Session instruct their Clerk to forward a copy of this Minute to the Kirk Session of Madderty with a request that they would furnish this Kirk Session with information as to how the case stands and they cite Ann Boyd apud acta to appear at next meeting of Session.

Kemp Peter

Extract from Creiff kirk session minutes, 9 Mar 1857.

# List of population of parish

*A List*  
of the  
*Population of the Parish of Dallas*  
*June 1811.*

<i>Residence.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Residence.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Age</i>		
<i>Pinnacop.</i>	1	<i>Robert M. Zuban</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	29	<i>Brabery</i>	2	<i>Wm</i>		14		
	2	<i>Margaret M. Kay</i>	<i>Widow</i>	52		3	<i>Sabel</i>	} <i>Children</i>	12		
	3	<i>James Gounice</i>	<i>Servant</i>	8		4	<i>Margt</i>		9		
<i>Delto</i>	4	<i>Abc. Blunbach</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	25		5	<i>Anne</i>		6		
	5	<i>Margt. Wardele</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	50		6	<i>Elix.</i>		4		
	6	<i>Margaret Harvey</i>	<i>Widow</i>	80		7	<i>David</i>		1		
	7	<i>Janet Kendall</i>	<i>Widow</i>	47		8	<i>Margt. Macintosh</i>		<i>Servant</i>	14	
	8	<i>Lewis Grant</i>	<i>Servant</i>	12	<i>Muggans</i>	9	<i>An. Craichshank</i>		<i>Farmer</i>	52	
<i>Delto</i>	9	<i>Mary M. Tomate</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	81		10	<i>Mary Kindlay</i>		35		
	10	<i>Barbara Forsyth</i>	<i>Widow</i>	28		1	<i>Ann Craichshank</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	1		
	11	<i>Janet Ross</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	8		2	<i>Jane Kandiok</i>	<i>Servant</i>	10		
	12	<i>Jane Murray</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	47	<i>Quichness.</i>	3	<i>William Giltan</i>	<i>Servant</i>	68		
<i>Leanech.</i>	13	<i>Elizabeth Harvold</i>	<i>Widow</i>	48		4	<i>Olupal Harvold</i>		50		
<i>Delto</i>	14	<i>Thomas Hanson</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	32	<i>Polthlehem.</i>	5	<i>William Anderson</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	65		
	15	<i>Margt. Couplase</i>		30		6	<i>Janet Barron</i>	<i>C.S.</i>	51		
	16	<i>John</i>		6		7	<i>Will.</i>		28		
	17	<i>Anne</i>	} <i>Hanson</i> <i>Children</i>	4		8	<i>Jas</i>	} <i>Anderson</i> <i>Children</i>	21		
	18	<i>Hill</i>		1		9	<i>Thos</i>		14		
	19	<i>Shashan</i>		12		10	<i>Wm</i>		14		
	20	<i>Mary Lyman</i>		<i>Servant</i>	14		1		<i>Ann Anderson</i>	<i>Servant</i>	18

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Records of the Crown Office, Court of Session, High Court of Justiciary, Sheriff Courts, commissary courts, registers of sasines and deeds

# COURTS OF LAW AND LEGAL REGISTERS

# Indictment of Helen McGrigor

**H**ELLEN M<sup>c</sup>GRIGOR, now or lately prisoner in the prison of Perth, you are Indicted and Accused, at the instance of ANDREW RUTHERFURD, Esquire, Her Majesty's Advocate for Her Majesty's interest : THAT ALBEIT, by the laws of this and of every other well-governed realm, CHILD-MURDER is a crime of an heinous nature, and severely punishable : AND ALBEIT, by an Act passed in the forty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Third, chapter fourteen, intituled ' An Act for repealing an Act of the Parliament of Scotland relative to Child-Murder, and for making other provisions in lieu thereof,' it is enacted, ' That if, from and after the passing of this Act, any woman, in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, shall conceal her being with child during the whole period of her pregnancy, and shall not call for, and make use of, help or assistance in the birth, and if the child be found dead, or be amissing, the mother, being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be imprisoned, for a period not exceeding two years, in such common gaol or prison as the Court before which she is tried shall direct and appoint : YET TRUE IT IS AND OF VERITY, that you the said Hellen M<sup>c</sup>Grigor are guilty of the said crime of child-murder, actor, or art and part, or of the crime specified in the said statute : IN SO FAR AS, upon the

17th day of June 1847,

(Thursday)

or on one or other of the days of that month, or of May immediately preceding, or of July immediately following, you the said Hellen M<sup>c</sup>Grigor having brought forth a living female child on or near the bank of the river Falloch, in the parish of Killin, and county of Perth, and at or near that part of the said bank which is opposite or nearly opposite to, and on the same side of the said river with, the inn or hotel at or near Inverarnan, in the parish of Killin aforesaid, then and now or lately occupied by Colin M<sup>c</sup>Lellan, innkeeper, then and now or lately residing there, or at some other place in or near the parish of Killin aforesaid, the particular place being to the prosecutor unknown, you the said Hellen M<sup>c</sup>Grigor did, then and there, wickedly and feloniously, squeeze or otherwise forcibly compress the said child's throat with your hand, or in some manner or by some means to the prosecutor unknown, and did forcibly twist the naval string or umbilical cord of the said child round the neck of the said child, by all which, or part thereof, the said child was strangled or suffocated ;

Indictment of Hellen McGrigor for the crime of child murder, or concealment of pregnancy, on or at the bank of the river Falloch, Killin parish, Perthshire, 1847.

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# A Victorian Valentine



Valentine's card, 1880

**NRS, SC58/22/630**

# Robert Burns' testament

Test. Dat. } The Testament, Ratior and Inventory of the debts &  
of }  
Robert Burns } justly owing to and payable Robert Burns Officer of Excise  
his decease viz. the ----- day of July last, faithfully  
by Jean Armour Widow of the said defunct and Executrix qualified  
Decree Ratior of the Commissary of Dumfries dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
There was justly owing to the said defunct at the time of his decease  
Sum of five pounds sterling contained in a promissary Note dated  
74 last, granted by Sir William Forbes & Company Bankers in Edinburgh  
payable on demand, which Note is by the said George Thomson &

# Jean McFarlane's testament

27<sup>th</sup> August 1800 } The Testament dative  
Sean M<sup>r</sup> Farlane } and inventory of the goods  
and gear which pertained and belonged  
to umq[uhil]e Sean M<sup>r</sup> Farlane late servant to  
the also deceased Mrs. Jean Smollet late  
of Bonchill, at the time of her decease  
which Sean M<sup>r</sup> Farlane did at her  
house in Banongale of Edin<sup>g</sup> upon  
the <sup>day of</sup> ~~day of~~  
years made and given up by Laurence  
M<sup>r</sup> Farlane Invalid Soldier in the Garrison  
etc

1723

The Testament dative and inventory of the goods and gear which pertained and belonged to umq[uhil]e Jean McFarlane late servant to also deceased Mrs. Jean Smollet late of Bonhill, 27 August 1800.

Records created by the Scottish Government from the 12<sup>th</sup> century to the present day; records of the Scottish census and post-1855 civil registration system

# GOVERNMENT RECORDS

## Historical Tax Rolls



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When the Crown collected taxes, it collected information about its subjects. Most taxation was levied from landowners until the late 18th century when government sought to broaden the tax base by taxing other forms of property. A by-product of this is a useful series of records for historians, listing different types of people in each of Scotland's parishes and burghs. The farm horse tax and clock and watch tax rolls can be viewed freely. More tax volumes will be added shortly.

Name	Description
<a href="#">Carriage tax rolls, 1785-1798</a>	Between 1785 and 1798 the owners of 2 or 4-wheeled carriages in Scotland paid tax on their carriages. In carriage tax rolls you will find the names of carriage owners and the types of carriage they owned, as well as the duty paid in tax.
<a href="#">Cart tax rolls 1785-1798</a>	Between 1785 and 1798 the owners of 2, 3, or 4-wheeled carts in Scotland were taxed. The tax fell mainly on farmers and landowners in the rural areas and carters in the towns. Cart tax rolls list the names of cart owners and the types of cart they owned, as well as the duty paid in tax.
<a href="#">Clock and watch tax rolls 1797-1798</a>	Clock and watch tax rolls (National Records of Scotland, E326/12) list the names of clock and watch owners as well as the number of clocks and watches they owned. The listing below is that of the original rolls. Only two volumes survive and it is fairly clear that a third volume (containing the counties of Midlothian, Moray, Orkney, Peebles, Perth, Renfrew, Ross, Roxburgh, Selkirk, Shetland, Stirling, Sutherland, West Lothian, and Wigtown) is not extant.
<a href="#">Consolidated Schedules of Assessed Taxes, 1798-1799</a>	From 1787 taxes were payable to a single consolidated fund. These were entered on a single schedule, which included houses and windows, inhabited houses, male servants, carriages, riding and carriage horses, horses used in husbandry and trade and mules, and dogs. The consolidated schedules survive for the year 5th April 1798 to 5th April 1799 only. County schedules for Nairnshire, Renfrewshire, Roxburghshire, Ross-shire, Selkirkshire, Stirlingshire, and Wigtownshire do not survive.
<a href="#">Dog tax rolls 1797-1798</a>	A tax of 5 shillings on non-working dogs was levied in 1797-8. The resulting dog tax rolls provide information about owners of non-working dogs in Scotland and the number of dogs they owned.

# Female servants tax

## FEMALE-SERVANTS TAX, in *Dunbartonshire*

from 5<sup>th</sup> July 1785 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 1786 By John Vetch Surveyor

Dates of Survey.	Masters and Mistresses Names and Designations.	Female Servants Names.	Actual Number of Servants.	Bachelors Servants Double Duty.	One Servant, 2 s. 6 d.	Two Ditto, 5 s. Each.	Three, or More, 10 s. Each.	Duty.
Sept.	<i>Cardross Parish</i>							
	<i>Miss Pentlands Ardoch</i>		1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
	<i>William Donald of Lyleston</i>	<i>Helen McWattie</i>	1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
	<i>Miss Buchanan's Drumbar</i>	<i>Margt. McKenlay</i>	1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
	<i>James Stirling Cardale</i>		1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
			4		4			£ 7 6
	<i>Luss Parish</i>							
	<i>Sir James Colquhoun</i>	<i>M<sup>rs</sup> Farquhar</i>	2			2		7 6
		<i>Grizel Spence</i>				2		£ 7 6
	<i>Bonhill</i>							
	<i>William McAllister Ferry</i>	<i>Peggy Buchanan</i>	1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
	<i>George Buchanan of Arden</i>		1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
	<i>M<sup>rs</sup> Graham Dalnadamby</i>		1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
	<i>John Miller Waterston</i>		1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
	<i>M<sup>rs</sup> Hewet Belbretre</i>	<i>Mary Donnie</i>	1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
	<i>Robert Carmichael of Bromby</i>		2	2		2		15
	<i>M<sup>rs</sup> Smollet</i>	<i>Jean McFarlane</i>	1		1			1 10 <sup>½</sup>
			8	2	6	2		£ 16 3

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Extract from female  
servant tax records,  
Dunbartonshire, 5 Jul  
1785-5 April 1786.

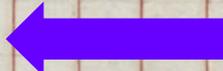
Mrs Smollet and  
Jean McFarlane.



# Window tax

A Survey of the Rates and Duties on Windows or Lights and Houses within the Shire Dumbarton from the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 1785 to the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1786 by John Veitch Surveyor 55

No.	INHABITANTS NAMES, &c.	Progrressive Number of Houses.	R A T E S .													DUTY ON				
			Seven	Eight	Nine	Ten	Eleven	Twelve	Thirteen	Fourteen to Nineteen	Twenty	Twenty-one	Twenty-two	Twenty-three	Twenty-four	Twenty-five and upwards.	WINDOWS.	HOUSES.		
			windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows	windows			
85	Bonhill parish																			
	John Alexander vint.	1	7															.. 1 2	1	
	Walter McAlister Ferry	2	7															.. 1 2	1	
	M <sup>rs</sup> Graham Dalman <sup>Becky</sup>	3	7															.. 1 2	1	
	Robert Ewing Ladrasbag	4		8														.. 4 ..	1	
	John Miller westertoun	5					12											.. 12 ..	1	
	John Todd Levenparish	6								17								1 5 6	1	
	Robt. McAlister Ferry <sup>Becky</sup>	7																	1	
	Robt. Carmichael Bromlie	8														25	2 10 ..	1		
	John Buchanan Ladras <sup>more</sup>	9	7															.. 1 2	1	
	Charles Scott woodbarry	10																20	2 16,	1
	M <sup>rs</sup> Smolet Cameron	1																30	3 ..,	1



Mrs Smolet Cameron

Valuation rolls, records of some burghs, county councils, justices of the peace and other local authorities

# LOCAL AUTHORITIES

# 'Prince Valler, tattooer'

VALUATION ROLL FOR THE CITY AND ROYAL BURGH OF GLASGOW FOR THE YEAR 1925-26. SURVEY BOOK 570.

Consecutive No.	Description and Situation of Subject.	Proprietor, Tenant, Occupier, or Inhabitant Occupier.	Yearly Rent or Value.	Consecutive No.	Description and Situation of Subject.	Proprietor, Tenant, Occupier, or Inhabitant Occupier.	Yearly Rent or Value.
<b>GARSCUBE ROAD.</b> ALLAN M'LEAN, 41 West George Street, Glasgow, and others, the Trustees of John Watson (88)—				<b>STEWART STREET.</b> WILLIAM BRODIE, and others, the Trustees John Naismith, continued—			
138	Child Welfare Centre	168/164 Corporation of the City of Glasgow (Health Department) ...	100 0	167	House ... 66	Alexander Pickering, carter ...	8 10
139	Play ground	160/2 THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW (Parks Department), (P. & O.) (23)—	10 0	168	" ... "	Henry M'Masterton, carter ...	10 0
140	Lavatory ...	— THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW (Health Department) (P. & O.) (23)—	30 0	169	" ... "	Luke O'Neill, labourer ...	10 0
<b>STEWART STREET.</b>				170	" ... "	Frank Dolan, labourer ...	10 0
141	Factory ...21/51	JOHN BUCHANAN & BROTHERS, LTD, 51 Stewart Street, Glasgow (P. & O.) MRS. MARGARET C. BROWN, Olga, Springvale, Ryde, Isle of Wight (116)—	5000 0	171	" ... "	Joseph Quin, labourer ...	13 0
142	Pawn Office ... 63	Mrs. Annie M. Thornton, pawnbroker ...	70 0	172	" ... "	James Pickering, lorryman ...	10 0
143	House ... "	David Turnbull, carter ...	8 15	173	" ... "	John Eadie ...	9 5
144	" ... "	James Drysdale, checker ...	10 5	174	" ... "	Mrs. Margaret M'Cann ...	10 0
145	" ... "	Duncan M'Phee, distiller ...	11 15	175	" ... "	Mrs. Hannah Docherty, caretaker ...	10 0
146	" ... "	Prince Valler, tattooer ...	11 15	176	" ... "	John Stewart, lorryman ...	7 15
147	" ... "	James Muir, brassfinisher ...	10 5	177	" ... "	Mrs. Margaret Stephen ...	10 0
148	" ... "	John M'Cart, tinsmith ...	10 5	178	Shop ... 64a	Guilar & Brownlie, Ltd. ...	21 0
149	" ... "	Maria Dunn ...	12 10	MRS. GEORGINA YOUNGER, 17 Fotheringay Road, Glasgow (112)—			
150	" ... "	James M'Gown, stonepolisher ...	12 10	179	" ... 64	Guilar & Brownlie, Ltd. ...	30 0
151	" ... "	George Andrews, labourer ...	10 5	180	House ... 62	James R. Brown ...	14 15
152	" ... "	Daniel M'Intosh, bottle blower ...	10 5	181	" ... "	John Coyle, pottery worker ...	13 0
153	" ... 65	John Horner, labourer ...	14 15	182	" ... "	William Coyle, labourer ...	14 15
154	Shop ... 67	Catherine Campbell, dairykeeper ...	18 0	183	" ... "	William Gilhoolie, railwayman ...	10 5
WILLIAM BRODIE, 77 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, and others, the Trustees of John Naismith, Bondholders in possession (140)—				184	" ... "	Thomas Brannan, car driver ...	14 15
155	" ... 74	Kerr & Seymour, bottle merchants ...	20 0	185	" ... "	Thomas Bilsland, commissionaire ...	13 15
156	" ... 72	Empty ...	20 0	186	" ... "	Russell, car driver ...	14 15
				187	" ... "	Robert Greig, checker ...	10 5
				188	" ... "	Robert Drummond, boatman ...	14 15
				189	" ... "	James Campbell, lamplighter ...	13 15
				190	" ... "	John Gallagher, labourer ...	14 15
				191	" ... "	Patrick Molloy, carter ...	10 5
				192	Shop & house 60	John Elder, painter ...	25 0
				193	Shop ... 58	City Bakeries, Ltd., bakers ...	18 0
				J. B. HANNAY, Cove Castle, Loch Long, and others, the Trustees of Alexander Hannay (150)			
				194	" ... 54	Thomas Shannon, dealer ...	12 0
				195	House ... 52	William Park, labourer ...	8 5
				196	" ... "	James M'Mahon, labourer ...	7 10
				197	" ... "	Robert Johnston, labourer ...	6 0

Family, legal and estate papers; records of businesses, societies and institutions

# PRIVATE AND CORPORATE BODIES

# List of servants

List of Servants &c at present in the Service of the Marquis of Lothian.

House Servants &c	Wages Pensioners		
Rich <sup>d</sup> Cooke Butler	70	"	
Chas <sup>d</sup> Belshill Tiler	58	"	x
John Girdale Hind/Butler	28	"	& Clothing
Thomas Girdale Footman	25	"	d <sup>o</sup> x
Aug <sup>st</sup> Tail Footboy	8	"	d <sup>o</sup>
Matthew Peay Groom	33	"	d <sup>o</sup>
Andrew Fergie d <sup>o</sup>	25	"	d <sup>o</sup>
James Blairam d <sup>o</sup>	15	"	d <sup>o</sup>
Thomas Beth Groom Boy	13	"	d <sup>o</sup>
<u>Maid Servants</u>			
Mrs Browns Cook	42	-	Miss Lady ...
Mrs Tooe H. Nurse	25	-	Miss ...
Mary Anderson Nanny	12	-	
Mary Tully d <sup>o</sup>	10	-	
Mary Taylor Laundry	14	-	
Mary Fairham d <sup>o</sup>	12	-	left 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov x
John Millar d <sup>o</sup>	9	-	
Jane W. Arthur House M <sup>o</sup>	12	-	
Hannah Oliver d <sup>o</sup>	11	-	
Isabella Goodfellow d <sup>o</sup>	10	-	
Paul Boyd Dairy	12	12	
Mary Brown Still Room	12	-	
Ann Smith Kitch M <sup>o</sup>	12	-	left 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov x
Mary McMillan Scullery M <sup>o</sup>	9	-	
David Hinchcliff Labour	27	6	
<u>Gardener's Depart<sup>t</sup></u>			
James Good all Gardens	52	10	& Coal
Thomas Goodall Att <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	33	16	a 13/4 d <sup>o</sup>
Mr. Menzies d <sup>o</sup>	31	4	a 12/ d <sup>o</sup>
John McLeish d <sup>o</sup>	28	12	a 11/ d <sup>o</sup>
R. Simpson Labour	26	-	a 10/ d <sup>o</sup>
Thomas Murray d <sup>o</sup>	23	8	a 9/ d <sup>o</sup>
John Murray d <sup>o</sup>	26	-	
John Johnston Hedges	31	4	& Coal

List of Marquess of Lothian's indoor and outdoor servants and their wages, pensioners and their allowances, horses and carriages, 1841.

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# The Caledonian Railway Company

Reg. No. 2978

**THE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY.**

Name, John Anderson Date of Birth, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1866.

DATE.	DESIGNATION.	CLASS OR GRADE.	PLACE.	RATE OF PAY.
" 7 81	Porter		Airth	
26 7 83	"		Greenleaving	
18 10 83	"		Woodside W.D.	
20 10 84	"		South Alloa	
28 1 85	"		Longorgan	
22 12 85	"		Liff.	
18 3 86	Staff Man		Alloa Jct.	
3 5 86	Porter		Donne	
25 6 88	Reliefman		Forth	
8 12 89				Wages to 22/.
7 7 90	Shore Guard		"	24/.
22 12 90	"		Dundee East	24/.
9 1 96	"		Forth	25/.
1 3 97	"		"	26/.
6 5 00	"		"	27/.
1 1 07	"		"	29/.
26 5 07	Stn. Master		Forth Prince St.	30/.
3 5 08	"		Wether	30/.
31 5 08	"		Forth Prince St.	30/.
1 11 12	"		"	Salary £85.
1 11 15	"		"	£90.
1 1 17	acting Relief Agent	(Stn. closed)	Forth	£90.
1 1 19	"		"	£95.
1 6 19	Stn. Master		" Prince St.	£95.
1 8 19	"		"	Salary £200.
28 5 20	"		Juthrie	£200.
28 5 22	"		"	Salary £250.
28 5 24	"		"	£260.

Entry for John Anderson in the staff register for the Caledonian Railway company, (Dundee-Aberdeen District), 1881-1924

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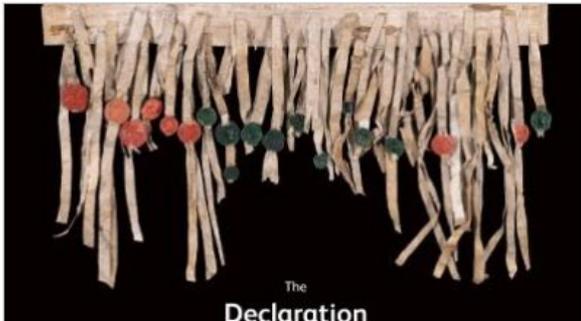
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[kəm'pi:r, kəm'pe:r]

**1.** (1) To appear in court as a party to a cause either in person or by counsel. Still sometimes found in official documents.

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To **compere** with one accord Before Tribunall of the Lord.

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I will not fail to **compear** on Tuesday.

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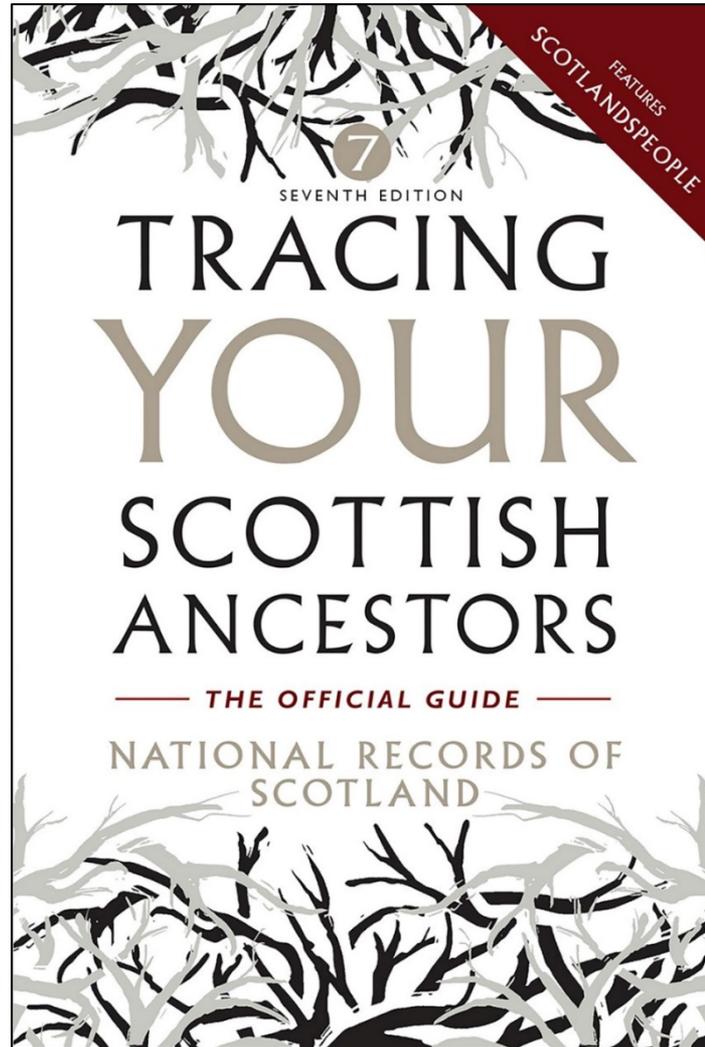
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