

# Researching Scottish Ancestors

*Class 2: Civil and Parish Records  
in Scotland*

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# Civil and Parish Records

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  - Baptisms
  - Marriages
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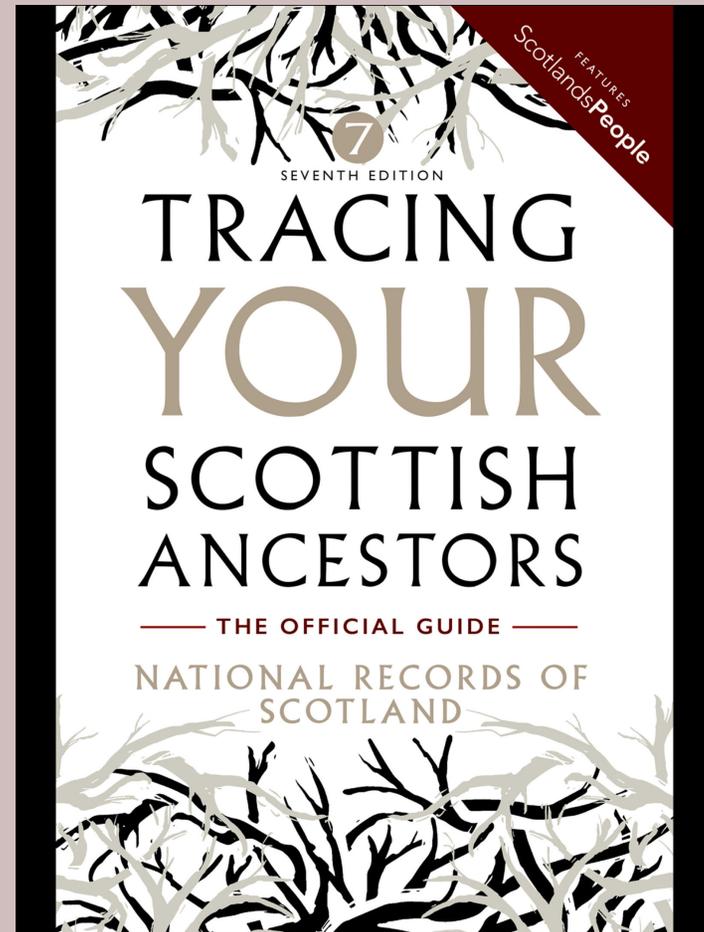


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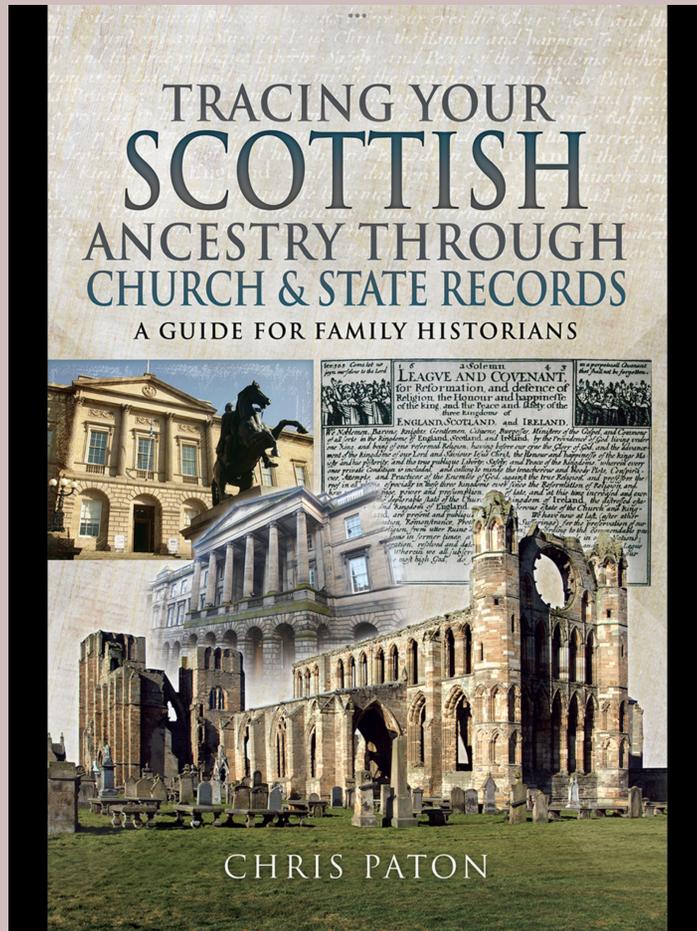
# Guides

# Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors

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



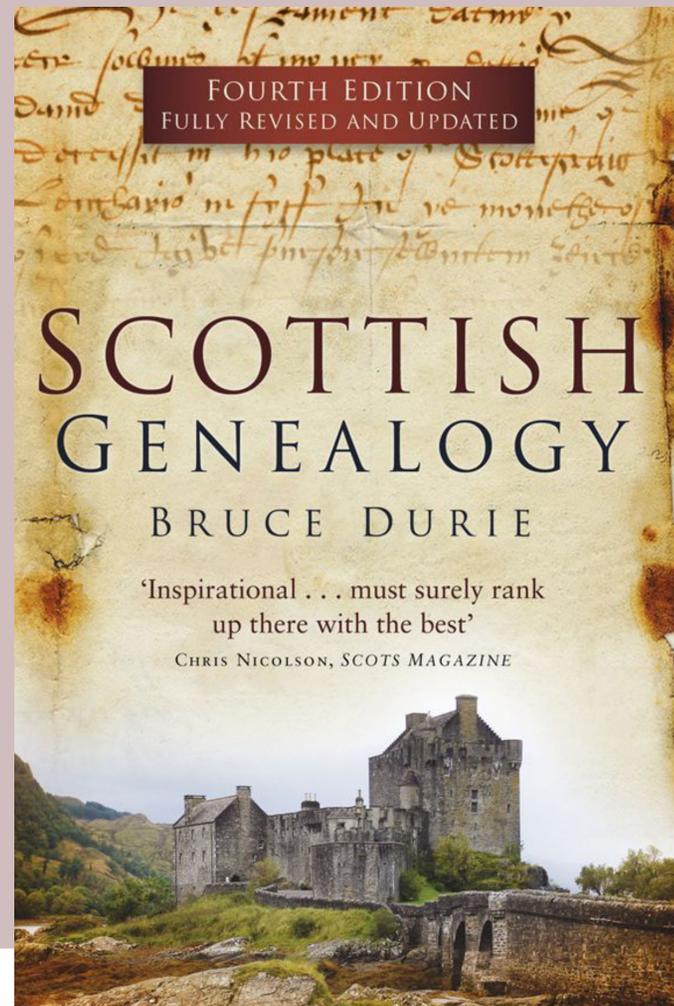
# Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry...



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

# Scottish Genealogy

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



# Where are they from?

# Where are they from?

- Need to exhaust all records where the family ended up
- Need to identify a place in Scotland:
  - Vital records
  - Passports
  - Passenger lists
  - Census
  - Compiled directories

## RECORD OF

DATE		NAMES OF PARTIES	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF BIRTH	AGE
Month and Day	Year				
Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	1911	Henry J. McCarthy Maude E. Left	Springfield, Mass. "	Springfield, Mass. "	22 18
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	1911	Robert M. McIntyre Carrie Elise Rice	Toronto, Canada 746 Prospect ave N.Y.C.	Point Edward Ont. Canada N.Y. City, N.Y.	30 31
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	1912	William A. Risland Eva L. Jaeger	3268 Decatur ave 564 Fox St.	N.Y. City Highland Falls	28 20
April 3 <sup>d</sup>	1912	William J. Sharp Annie Cameron	939 Longwood ave 943 "	Dunfermline Scotland Morayshire Scotland	24 28
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	1912	Benjamin Traverso W. L. Tr.	374 East 137 <sup>th</sup> 934 East 165 <sup>th</sup>	St. Paterson, N.J. St. Permain	35 26

## Vital Records

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The original and each copy of an application for a passport must have attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph. A loose signed photograph of the applicant must accompany the application. The photographs must be on thin paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

BE-This blank must be completely filled out. The legal fee of one dollar, in currency or postal money order, and the certificate of naturalization of the person through whom citizenship is claimed must accompany the application. The rules should be carefully read before mailing the application to the Department of State, Division of Passport Control, Washington, D. C.

[EDITION OF 1919.]

[FORM FOR PERSON CLAIMING CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION OF HUSBAND OR PARENT.]

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Issued \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

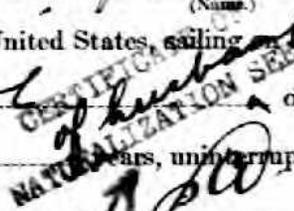
STATE OF New York  
COUNTY OF New York ss:

I, Annie Sharp, (married), a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF

THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport accompanied by my minor children {Donald Sharp Born N.Y. 7 yr old  
James Sharp " " 4 " "



I solemnly swear that I was born at Foxes, Moray shire, Scotland on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1884; that my ~~father~~ (husband), William John Sharp (Name) was born in Scotland (Country) that he emigrated to the United States, sailing on board the Bellic from Liverpool on or about 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1908; that he resided 12 years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from 1908 to 1920 at New York; that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the District Court of Brooklyn



Passport application

## LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

S. S. Columbia sailing from Glasgow 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1912

No. on List.	NAME IN FULL.		Age.	Sex.	Married or Single.	Calling or Occupation.	Able to—		Nationality. (Country of which citizen or subject.)	Race or People.	*Last Permanent Residence.		Final Destination. (Extended future permanent residence.)
	Family Name.	Given Name.					Read.	Write.			Country.	City or Town.	
13	Muir	Mary	32	f	✓	none	Y.	Y.	British Scot	Scot	Scotland Hamilton	Mother: Janet Muir 12 Gov. St. Perthshire Orange	
14	McNicol	Jeanette	24	f	✓	none	Y.	Y.	British Scot	Scot	Scotland Combank	Mother: Mrs. James McNicol High Street, Glasgow New Haven	
15	McNicol	Daniell	18	m	✓	none	Y.	Y.	British Scot	Scot	Scotland Combank	Combank, Glasgow New Haven	
16	Spring	Grace	37	f	✓	none	Y.	Y.	British Scot	Scot	Scotland Fife	Mother: Mrs. James Spring 24 Pitt Meadows, Glasgow New York	

## STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.

to the United States Immigration Officer by the Commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

Arriving at Port of New York 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1912

No. on List.	Whether having a ticket to such final destination.	By whom was passage paid?	Whether in possession of \$50, and if less, how much?	Whether ever before in the United States; and if so, when and where?		Whether going to join a relative or friend; and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address.	Whether a Polygamist.	Whether an Anarchist.	Condition of Health, Mental and Physical.	Deformed or Crippled. Nature, length of time, and cause.	Height.		Color of—		Marks of Identification.	Place of Birth.	
				Yes	No						Feet.	Inches.	Hair.	Eyes.		Country.	City or Town.
4011	Yes	father	50	Yes	No	Uncle: Maunatoda	No	No	Good	No	-	-	fair	blue	blue	none	Scotland Glasgow
4012	Yes	father	50	Yes	No	Aunt: John Patton 20 William Street, Glasgow	No	No	Good	No	-	-	fair	blue	blue	none	Scotland Glasgow
13	no	Self	25	No	No	Father: James McNicol 900 State St. New Haven	No	No	Good	No	5	1	prof	dark	brn	none	Scotland Motherwell
14	no	Self	50	No	No	Father: Do Combank	No	No	Good	No	5	-	red	brn	blue	none	Scotland Rutherglen
15	no	Self	50	No	No	Father: Do Combank	No	No	Good	No	5	-	red	brn	blue	none	Scotland Rutherglen
16	no	Self	50	No	No	Father: Andrew Spring 24 Pitt Meadows, Glasgow	No	No	Good	No	5	4	prof	brn	blue	none	Scotland Glasgow

Passenger list

Scotch: Kirkpatrick Fleming

68 SCHEDULE L.—POPULATION. District— *Welford Co. Kent.*

Number.	Names of Inhabitants.	Sex.	Relationship to head of family.	Age.	Race and where born.
1	<i>James Johnston</i>	<i>Mr.</i>	<i>Head of the Family</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>Scotch Kirkpatrick Fleming</i>
2	<i>Elizabeth do.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>do Kirkcudbright</i>
3	<i>Elizabeth do.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>do do</i>
4	<i>James Law do.</i>	<i>Mr.</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>do do</i>
5	<i>John Robertson do</i>	<i>Mr.</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>do do.</i>
6	<i>David D. do</i>	<i>Mr.</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>do do.</i>
7	<i>Alexander do.</i>	<i>Mr.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>do do.</i>
8	<i>Elizabeth do.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>do do.</i>

Scotch: Kirkcudbright

1861 Canadian Census

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# A DICTIONARY OF SCOTTISH EMIGRANTS TO CANADA BEFORE CONFEDERATION

VOLUME 2

DONALD WHYTE  
F.H.G., F.S.G.



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Compiled Dictionary

**6608 McLAGAN, Peter, 1754-4 Oct 1843.** From Logierait par, PER. Served in the 42nd Regt as a Cpl during the Amer Rev War, and on discharge, 1783, arr St John, NB. Stld Carleton, Lot 448, later on the Campbell Gr, Nashwaak, York Co, Lots 171,173,175-6 and 177. m Margaret, d/o Alexander MacIntosh, qv, and Grace MacLean. ch: 1. Grace, 1788-1877; 2. Helen, 1790-1862; 3. Alexander, 1793-1871, who went to Blackville, on the Miramichi, 1832; 4. John, 1795-1870; 5. Margaret, 1796-1865; 6. Isobelle, b 1798; 7. Marjorie, b 1801; 8. Peter, 1802-43; 9. Christina, 1804-89; 10. Elizabeth, b 1805; 11. Mary, b 1808; 12. James, 1809-74; 13. Ann, 1811-80. **LNB 312; NF 74;**

Lerags, Kilmore and Kilbride par, ARL. s/o John M. and Catherine McCallum. To Kilworth Bridge, Delaware Twp, Middlesex Co, ONT. <1836. Later in W. William Twp, Farmer. m Kathrine Carr, qv. ch: 1. Margaret, b 1836; 2. Archibald, 1838-1903; 3. Jan, b 1840; 4. Angus, 1843-1934; 5. James, b 1847. **DC 6 Nov 1990.**

PMD 1.

MacLANE. See also MacLEAN.

**6609 McLANE, John, b 1811.** To Horton Twp, Renfrew Co, ONT <1851. Clerk to John L. McDougall, qv, storekeeper. **DC 21 Dec 1990.**

from Arisaig, INV. To NS, prob ht land in Antigonish Co, 1808.

so MacLAURIN.

b 1792. From Callander, PER. John, NB, on the *Favourite*, ex. PLF.

er, b ca 1789. From r, PER. To St John, NB, on the r, 22 Oct 1816. Labourer. Wife s. PLF.

er. Prob rel to John M, qv. To 14; stld Lot 9RH, Con 17, ot due 30 May 1817. **CLP 421.**

er. From ARL. To NS, 1821, with nd after arr. **TPC 20 Jul 1992.**

ld. To Quebec, ex Greenock, in who loc on Lot 11FH, Con 17, Co. ONT. Wife Ann McPherson, s-3; SEC 3; **CLP 421.**

ld. Arr Quebec, 18 Aug 1816, on ot 9NE, Con 6, Drummond Twp, d for 100 acres, 7 Apr 1820.

be, d 28 Feb 1893. From Is Coll, rio Co, ONT, ca 1840, m 22 Dec r. **DC 28 Nov 1986.**

b ca 1827. To ONT. <1840; stld o. Servant at an inn. **CEN 1852.**

a, 10 Sep 1819-19 Feb 1894. /o Peter M. (17815 & Appx) and bec on the *Brock*, ex Greenock, b, Lanark Co, ONT. m John 1987.

stld with his wife at River Inhabitants, Inverness Co. **ICB 173.**

**6607 McLACHLAN, John Alexander, b 1846.** To Middlesex Co, ONT, prob <1867. m Sarah Ann Kemp. ch incl: 1. John A.; 2. Angus; 3. Sarah; 4. Nelles. **OGF 25, 240.**

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**6620 McLAREN, Colin.** Prob from PER. To Lanark Co, ONT, ca 1820; loc Lot 21E, Con 5, Beckwith Twp. Patent to lot gr 2 Aug 1823. **CLP 421.**

**6621 McLAREN, D.** To ONT, ca 1821; stld Lot 5, Con 5, Marlborough Twp, Carleton Co. Patent to lot due 30 Nov 1824. **CLP 421.**

**6622 McLAREN, Donald.** From PER. To Charlottenburg Twp, Glengarry Co, ONT. <1809. ch: 1. Duncan; 2. Robert. **DC 10 Mar 1987.**

**6623 McLAREN, Donald.** Poss from PER, and prob rel to Duncan M, qv. To Glengarry Co, ONT, poss 1814; loc Lot 1FH, Con 17, Lancaster Twp. Slmt terms comp 30 May 1817. **CLP 421.**

**6624 McLAREN, Donald.** Arr Quebec on the *Proropt*, 8 Jul 1817. Loc 28 Nov, Lot 9 RH, Con 18, Lancaster Twp, Glengarry Co. **ICS-2.**

# Scottish Towns

- Kirkpatrick-Fleming (town)
- Lockerbie (district)
- Dumfries (shire)
- Scotland (country)
- Forres (town)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (district)
- Morays (shire)
- Scotland (country)

# Civil Records

# Civil Records

- Statutory Registers of Birth, Marriage, and Death
- Begin 1 January 1855
- 1,027 Registration Districts created
- By 1994, number of Registration Districts reduced to 360
- Registration Districts may straddle county lines

	OPR	Date from	Date to	Notes
Aberdeen	168	1560	1854	
<b>Registration Districts after 1855</b>		<b>Date from</b>	<b>Date to</b>	<b>Notes</b>
St Nicholas	168/01	1855	1930	
Old Machar	168/02	1855	1863	
Old Machar, Aberdeen Burgh	168/02	1864	1875	
Old Machar, Landward	168/03	1864	1875	
Old Machar	168/02	1876	1885	
Old Machar Parish	168/02	1886	1897	
Woodside	168/03	1886	1913	
Old Aberdeen	168/04	1886	1913	
St Machar	168/02	1898	1930	Same area as Old Machar
Rubislaw	168/03	1914	1930	Note change from previous Woodside number
Woodside	168/04	1914	1930	
Old Aberdeen	168/05	1914	1930	
Aberdeen, Northern District	168/01	1931	1967	
Aberdeen, Southern District	168/02	1931	1967	
Aberdeen, Eastern District	168/03	1931	1967	
Aberdeen	168	1968	1971	
Aberdeen	300	1972	current	

*Part of the table from Bruce Durie's Scottish Genealogy showing city of Aberdeen*

Table 8. The various RDs in Aberdeen city over the years. Dundee is equally complicated. Edinburgh and Glasgow, just because of their greater sizes and growths, are more complicated still.

## Registration Districts

Alpha	RD Name	County or Burgh	First year	Last year	Rd Number	Current Rd	
K	Edinburgh, Kirkliston	City of Edinburgh	2007			Today's RD	742
K	Kirkmabreck	Kirkcudbright	1703	1854	OPR <b>873</b>		
K	Kirkmabreck	Kirkcudbright	1855	1971	Old RD <b>873</b>	Today's RD	856
K	Kirkmabreck	Kirkcudbright	1972	2004	Old RD <b>856</b>	Today's RD	856
K	Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway	2005	2006	Old RD <b>856</b>	Today's RD	856
K	Dumfries and Galloway, Kirkmabreck	Dumfries and Galloway	2007			Today's RD	856
K	Kirkmahoe	Dumfries	1720	1854	OPR <b>835</b>		
K	Kirkmahoe	Dumfries	1855	1968	Old RD <b>835</b>	Today's RD	834
K	Kirkmaiden	Wigtown	1699	1854	OPR <b>890</b>		
K	Kirkmaiden	Wigtown	1855	1971	Old RD <b>890</b>	Today's RD	870
K	Kirkmaiden	Wigtown	1972	1988	Old RD <b>871</b>	Today's RD	870
K	Kirkmichael	Banff	1855	1855	Old RD <b>160</b>	Today's RD	298
K	Kirkmichael	Perth	1855	1857	Old RD <b>370</b>	Today's RD	381
K	Kirkmichael	Ayr	1855	1968	Old RD <b>600</b>	Today's RD	683
K	Kirkmichael	Dumfries	1855	1968	Old RD <b>836</b>	Today's RD	834
K	Kirkmichael	Banff	1856	1967	Old RD <b>160</b>	1 Today's RD	298
K	Kirkmichael	Perth	1858	1968	Old RD <b>370</b>	1 Today's RD	381
K	Kirkmichael (and Tomintoul) (Banff)	Banff	1725	1854	OPR <b>160</b>		
K	Kirkmichael (Ayr)	Ayr	1638	1854	OPR <b>600</b>		
K	Kirkmichael (Dumfries)	Dumfries	1727	1854	OPR <b>836</b>		
K	Kirkmichael (Perth)	Perth	1650	1854	OPR <b>370</b>		
K	Kirknewton	Midlothian	1923	1930	Old RD <b>690</b>	Today's RD	770
K	Kirknewton and East Calder	Edinburgh (Midlothian)	1642	1854	OPR <b>690</b>		
K	Kirknewton and East Calder	Midlothian	1855	1922	Old RD <b>690</b>	Today's RD	770
K	Kirkoswald	Ayr	1694	1854	OPR <b>601</b>		
K	Kirkoswald	Ayr	1855	1968	Old RD <b>601</b>	Today's RD	683
K	Kirkpatrick Durham	Kirkcudbright	1693	1854	OPR <b>874</b>		
K	Kirkpatrick Durham	Kirkcudbright	1855	1968	Old RD <b>874</b>	Today's RD	852
K	Kirkpatrick Fleming	Dumfries	1748	1854	OPR <b>837</b>		
K	Kirkpatrick Fleming	Dumfries	1855	1865	Old RD <b>837</b>	Today's RD	840
K	Kirkpatrick Fleming	Dumfries	1933	1968	Old RD <b>837</b>	Today's RD	840
K	Kirkpatrick Fleming, Northern District	Dumfries	1866	1932	Old RD <b>837</b>	1 Today's RD	840
K	Kirkpatrick Fleming, Southern District	Dumfries	1866	1932	Old RD <b>837</b>	2 Today's RD	840
K	Kirkpatrick Juxta	Dumfries	1694	1854	OPR <b>838</b>		
K	Kirkpatrick Juxta	Dumfries	1855	1968	Old RD <b>838</b>	Today's RD	836
K	Kirkton	Roxburgh	1855	1895	Old RD <b>794</b>	Today's RD	823

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# Birth Records

- Had to be registered within 21 days after birth
- Include name of the child
- Where and when born
- Information on father and mother:
  - Name, occupation of father
  - Name, maiden name of mother
  - Where and when married
- Informant's signature and qualification
- Where and when registered

# Birth Records

- 1855-1918: illegitimate births were identified as such
- May have a notation to a Register of Corrected Entries (which would name the father)
- After 1919: the word *illegitimate* was unlawful

1877. BIRTHS in the District of Annan in the County of Dumfriesshire

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.
37	Archibald Bell	1877. March Thirty-first 9h P.M.	M	James Bell Railway Porter Janet Bell M.S. Blackstock	James Bell Father (Not Present)	1877. April 12 <sup>th</sup> At Annan Wm. J. Cuthbertson Registrar.
		Howcill Annan		1862. December Sturdenyarth		
38	Jessie Henderson (Illegitimate)	1877. April Second 10h P.M.	F	Janet Henderson Agricultural Worker	Janet Henderson Her Mother Wm. J. Cuthbertson Registrar Witness	1877 April 13 <sup>th</sup> At Annan Wm. J. Cuthbertson Registrar.
		Murray Street, Annan				

Birth Register – 1877

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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.
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38	Jessie Henderson (Illegitimate)	1877. April Second 10h P.M. Murray Street, Annan	F	Janet Henderson Agricultural Worker	Janet Henderson Her Mother Wm. J. Cuthbertson Registrar Witness	1877 April 13 <sup>th</sup> At Annan Wm. J. Cuthbertson Registrar.

Paternity  
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Birth Register – 1877

# Paternity Decree?

- Needed to include the father's name in the Register of Corrected Entries
- Petition of the father to the sheriff for a warrant to acknowledge him
- This launched an inquiry
- OR if court action was brought against the biological father

## SHERIFF COURT PATERNITY DECREES

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One of the most common "brick walls" that family historians encounter is where their ancestor is illegitimate. The father may not be named in the birth records, instantly closing off one line of research. Fortunately, there is sometimes a solution, when the mother took the father to court for maintenance payments ("alimant"). The most common approach in the 19th century was to pursue the father in the Sheriff Court. Such cases are generally known as filiation and alimant cases (or affiliation and alimant, sometimes referred to as paternity decrees).

The court's decision was known as a decree, and in order to enforce the court's ruling, these decrees could be extracted. Most Sheriff Courts recorded extracted decrees (for many different types of court rulings, not just filiation and alimant cases) in volumes known as Registers of Extract Decrees or similar. We have now indexed many thousands of these paternity decrees held in the National Records of Scotland, and can retrieve and provide digital images of individual entries.

To order a copy of an extract decree, use the indexes below to find the decree you want. The index now covers almost\* all extract decrees between 1828 and 1912 (and in many cases after 1912). There are over 45,000 entries in the index, spread across 593 volumes.

\* The index does not include decrees issued in Orkney and Shetland, as these records are not held at the National Records of Scotland.

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### Sheriff Court Filiation and Alimnt decrees

Mother name and residence	Defender name	Child birth	Order	Court
Mary HAINES Fisher Street, Stranraer	James MITCHELL	24 Oct 1901 Fisher Street, Stranraer	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Kilmarnock Records SC7/5/16
Agnes HAINING or MCCALLUM 4 Grougar Row, Galston	William MCMAHON	31 Aug 1912 4 Grougar Row, Galston	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Kilmarnock Records SC7/5/17
Elizabeth HAINING Birkhall, Holywood, Dumfriesshire	John CLARK	5 Jul 1893 Auchencairn, Closeburn	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Kirkcudbright SC16/7/17
Elizabeth Buthrie HAINING Royal Hotel, Monifieth	George MITCHELL	22 Aug 1891 Longforgan	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Perth SC49/4/53
Isabella HAINING Newton Stewart	Malcolm DRYSDALE	11 Sep 1851	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Wigtown SC19/7/6
Janet HAINING	Robert SOWERBY	7 Dec 1860	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Kirkcudbright SC16/7/14
Jean HAINING Parkfoot	Thomas HAINING	30 Aug 1841	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Dumfries SC15/7/28
Jessie HAINING Newton Stewart	George BROWN	27 Jul 1880	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Wigtown SC19/7/8
Margaret HAINING Kelton, Caerlaverock	John GORDON	24 Oct 1842	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Kirkcudbright SC16/7/9
Agnes HAIR	Arthur FOSTER	27 Apr 1858	<a href="#">Order</a> <a href="#">now</a>	Kilmarnock SC7/5/4
Aanes HAIR	William NEWBIGGINS	1 Apr 1868	<a href="#">Order</a>	Paisley

1877 HENDERSON, JESSIE (Statutory registers Births 812/ 38)

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37	<i>Bell</i>	<i>March</i>		<i>Railway Porter</i>	<i>Father</i> <i>(Not Present)</i>	<i>April 12<sup>th</sup></i>	
		<i>Thirty-first</i>		<i>Janet Bell</i>		<i>Wm. J. Cunningham</i>	
		<i>9h P.M.</i>		<i>M. S. Blackstock</i>		<i>Registrar.</i>	
		<i>Howgill</i>		<i>1862. December</i>			
	<i>Annau</i>		<i>Stundergarth</i>				
38	<i>Jessie</i>	<i>1877.</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>Janet Henderson</i>	<i>1877</i>	
	<i>J. Henderson</i>	<i>April Second</i>			<i>Her &amp; Mark</i>	<i>April 13<sup>th</sup></i>	
	<i>(Illegitimate)</i>	<i>10h P.M.</i>		<i>Janet Henderson</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Wm. J. Cunningham</i>	
				<i>Agricultural worker</i>	<i>Registrar</i>	<i>Wm. J. Cunningham</i>	<i>Registrar.</i>
	<i>Murray Street</i>			<i>Wm. J. Cunningham</i>			
	<i>Annau</i>			<i>Wm. J. Cunningham</i>			

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Register of Corrected Entries

of the District of Annan  
in the County of Dumfries

In the fourth column of Entry no. 38 in the Register Book of Births for the year 1877, before the name of the child's mother insert Thomas Graham, on the authority of a Certificate in the Form of Schedule (B.) to the following effect:—

In an action relating to the paternity of a child named Jessie Henderson, born 2<sup>d</sup> April, 1877, at the instance of Janet Henderson, residing in Murray Street, Annan, against Thomas Graham, farmer, Hilledale, near Annan, the Sheriff Court of the County of Dumfries, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1879, found that the said child was the illegitimate child of the parties aforesaid.

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1879. At Annan  
Wm. J. Cunningham  
Registrar

Register of Corrected Entries

# 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

# 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

1879. MARRIAGES in the Southern district of Kirkpatrick-Fleming in the County of Dumfries.

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, as Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
7	1879. on the nineteenth day of December at Fairy Row, Kirkpatrick- Fleming.	(Signed) James Johnston General Labourer (Bachelor.)	25 years	Wilmington Kirkpatrick- Fleming.	James Johnston Handloom Weaver (Deceased.) Jane Johnston M. S. Hope (Deceased.)	(Signed) David Graham Min. of Kirkpatrick- Fleming.	1879. December Twenty second At Kirkpatrick- Fleming
	After Banns ad- ording to the Forms of the Estab- lished Church of Scotland.	(Signed) Catherine Irving Domestic Servant (Spinster.)	23 years	Fairy Row, Kirkpatrick- Fleming.	Daniel Irving Handloom Weaver (Deceased.) Catherine Irving. M. S. Irving.	(Signed) George Little Witness. Isabella Irving Witness	Charles F. Brown Registrar.

Marriage Record

Tip

Banns are read three consecutive Sundays.

# What is an irregular marriage?

- Any marriage not performed by a minister
- Generally, the parties made a declaration before two witnesses
- Proof of this declaration would be shown to a sheriff who issued a warrant
- The warrant allowed for the civil registration of their marriage

218	1906	Robert Watson <i>not his</i>	21	5	John Morris Tisherman	Warrant of Sheriff Substitutes of Aberdeen, Kin- cardine and Banff dated 4 May 1906.	1906 May 16 <sup>th</sup> Aberdeen
	on the Fourth day of May at 18 King Street Aberdeen	Joiner (Lounney son, (Bachelor)		Canal Terrace Aberdeen	Margaret-Kentish Morris Th. S. Watson		
	By Declaration in pres- ence of James Morris 5 Canal Terrace Aber- deen and Isabella Morris 16 Cotton Street Aberdeen	Helen Davidson Smith at home (Spinster)	19	54 Rosemount Place Aberdeen	William Smith General Labourer, Anna Clarkson Smith Th. S. Buchanan		Charles Sturrock Registrar.

## Irregular Marriage

# Deaths

- 1855 to 1860 included:
  - When doctor last saw the deceased alive
  - Place of burial
  - Name of undertaker
- 1861 spouse's name reinstated (after it began to be eliminated in 1856)

1855. DEATHS in the District of Dunbarton Page 112 in the

No.	DESCRIPTION OF THE DECEASED.						IF DECEASED WAS MARRIED,	
	Name, Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	Sex.	Age.	Where born, and how long in this District.	Parents' Names, and Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	To whom.	Issue, in Order of Birth, their Names and Ages.	
112	<u>James John</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>St. Helens</u>	<u>James Desjardins</u>	<u>James M. Kirkman</u>	<u>James &amp; Mary</u>	
			<u>Scotl</u>	<u>of race</u>	<u>Dozer</u>			
				<u>24 Years in</u>	<u>Margaret Desjardins</u>			
				<u>Glasgow</u>	<u>Mrs. James Simpson</u>			
					<u>Deceased</u>			
	<u>James John</u>	<u>Male</u>		<u>Glasgow</u>	<u>Not known</u>			

88 Burgh of Glasgow Registered by Hugh Morrison Registrar.

PARTICULARS OF DEATH.					
When died, Year Day of Month, Hour.	Where died.	Cause of Death, and how long Disease continued. Medical Attendant by whom certified, and when he last saw deceased.	Burial Place. Undertaker by whom certified.	Signature of Informant.	When and where registered, and Signature of Registrar.
<u>1855</u>	<u>Canaberswald Road</u>	<u>Scrub, prostrate, Cold, during</u>	<u>Greenhill, Northside</u>	<u>James Desjardins</u>	<u>1855 February 6</u>
<u>Scrub</u>	<u>Glasgow</u>	<u>the Effects of Anterioration</u>	<u>Glasgow</u>	<u>Dozer</u>	<u>At Glasgow</u>
	<u>Resided at</u>	<u>As Certified by</u>	<u>As Certified by</u>		<u>Hugh Morrison</u>
	<u>Scrub Street</u>	<u>William Young M.D.</u>	<u>Thomas Mitchell</u>		<u>Registrar</u>
	<u>Bridgeton</u>	<u>who examined Deceased</u>	<u>Undertaker</u>		
		<u>February 6<sup>th</sup></u>			
<u>1855</u>	<u>57 Dalmarloch</u>	<u>Not known</u>	<u>Greenhill, Northside</u>	<u>James B. Brown</u>	<u>1855 February 6</u>
<u>Scrub</u>			<u>Glasgow</u>	<u>Inspector of Poor</u>	<u>At Glasgow</u>

Death Record – 1855

1872. DEATHS in the South district of Hitchcock Fleming in th

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.	Di
4	Janet	1872,	F	80	John Johnston	
	Bell	January			(Deceased),	
	(Widow)	Twentieth			Janet Johnston	
		9. 11. A. M.			M. S. Johnston	
		at Holler		(Deceased),		
		Hitchcock				
		Fleming				

in the County of Hitchcock

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Died.	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.
	John	1872,			
	Senectus		Severe Fever	John in Law	1872,
	as Certified by		James Carruthers		February 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	L. B. C. S. P.				At Hitchcock
					Fleming
					Richard Brown
					Interim Registrar.
	General Traill			Madison Spence	1872,

Death Record – 1872

# QUESTIONS?

# Parish Records

# 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



## Disruption of 1843

# 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

# 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

# Tip

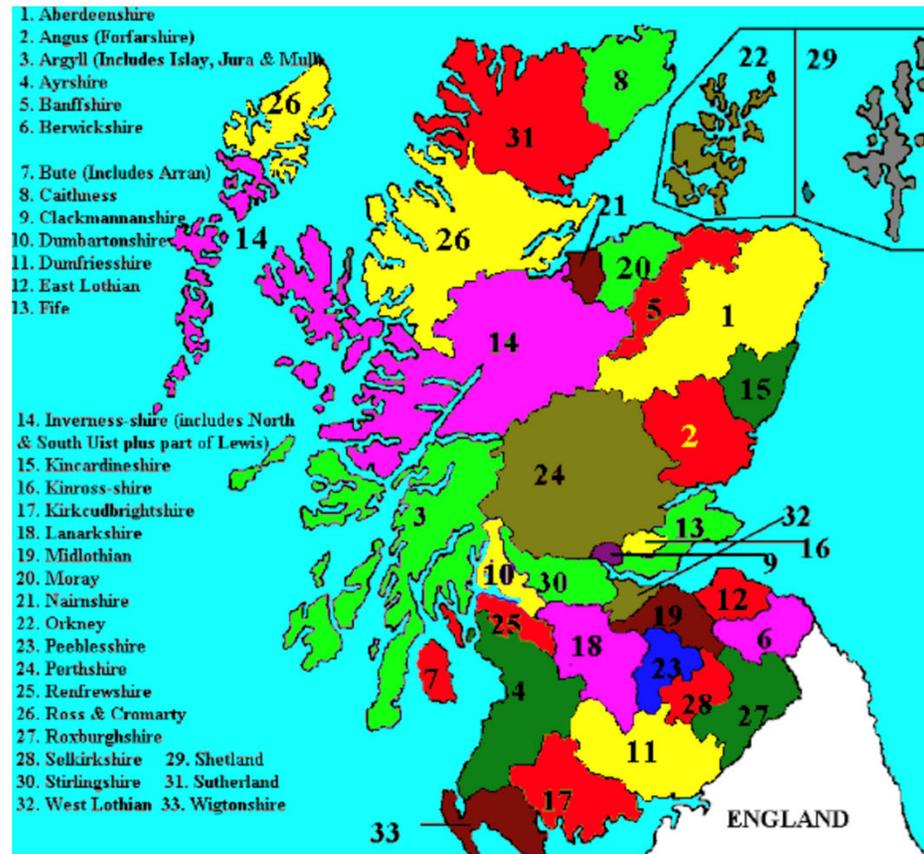
*Recusant* refers to anyone  
who did not belong to the  
established Church

# Identifying Your Parish

- There are 33 counties
- There are more than 900 parishes

# County Map of Scotland

Please click in the appropriate map area to link to the relevant county page.



Select a county from either of the lists below, or see the 1890-1975 county map of Scotland. If you don't know which county a parish or town lies in, try an online [gazetteer](#) covering the whole of the UK. To find which GENUKI pages cover more modern administrative areas and the "Counties of Cities" see [Historical Geography](#) on the Scotland page.

33 Counties

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Tip

The records may  
not be online.

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## Church registers

*Charlotte Street Unit. Assoc. Cong. Aberdeen*

SEX.		NAMES OF PARENTS.		Employment or Profession.	Date and Place of Birth—Parish, Town, or Street.		Date of Bapt and by whom Dis.
Male.	Female.	Father.	Mother.				
Male	"	James Cocker-	Elizabeth Saday	Gardener	26 July 1845	Pinny Park, Old Machar	7 Dec 1845 W.S.P.
Male	"	Robert Downie	Christina Ross	Shoemaker	17 July 1845	42 Craudway, Old Machar	7 Dec 1845 W.S.P.
Male	"	Robert Brown	Elizabeth Mackie	Miller	6 Nov 1845	10 John Street, Aberdeen	7 Dec 1845 John
Male	"	Alexander Hodge		Walter	4 Oct 1845	Green Hill, Mitchell Court	7 Dec 1845 John
Search church registers							

Churches have kept registers of baptisms (or births), marriages, burials (or deaths) and other events (such as people moving from one parish to another) for centuries. On this site you can search registers kept by the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic church and other churches.

- [Background to church registers](#)
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## Background to church registers

Most churches keep registers of baptisms, marriages and burials and some keep registers of other events relating to people. On the ScotlandsPeople site you can search the registers of the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic

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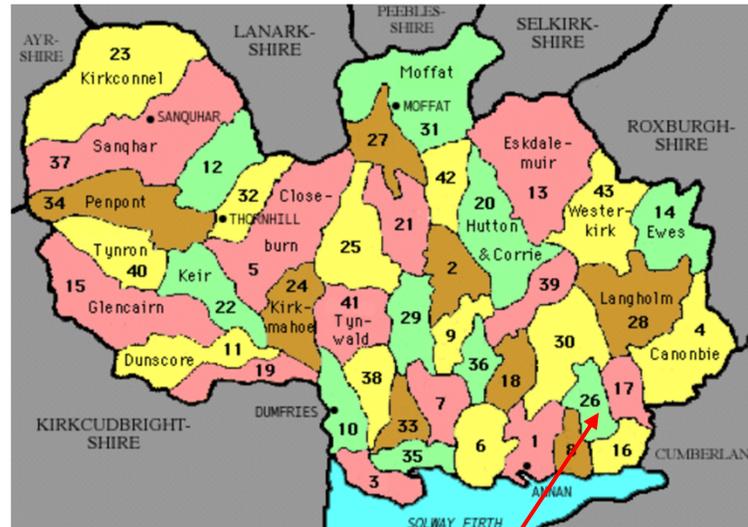
# Baptisms

- A child may be baptized in two parishes:
  - Parish of the father
  - Parish of the mother
- Date of baptism is NOT date of birth
- Baptisms could be weeks or months after birth
- Old Parish Registers generally Presbyterian

1804	Janry 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Carruthers	William lawful son of William Carruthers & Janet Mawhinny in Flesh.
	Janry 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Irving	Ann lawful Daughter of Tho. Irving & Agnes Jackson in Cove Greenhead.
	Janry 29 <sup>th</sup> .
Douglas	Eli lawful son of Will <sup>m</sup> Douglas and Sibella Stur Dalwanswells.
	Mar <sup>ch</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Little	Isabella lawful Daughter of Tho. Little & Jean Hearty in Fishams Hill.
	Mar <sup>ch</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Johnston	James lawful son of Jas. Johnston & Janet Irving in Williamsfield.
	April 2 <sup>d</sup> .
Mitchel	Jean lawful Daughter of Jas. Mitchel &

## Baptism - 1804

# Where is Kirkpatrick-Fleming?



- Annan (1)
- Applegarth (2)
- Caerlaverock (3)
- Canonbie (4)
- Closeburn (5)
- Cummertrees (6)
- Dalton (7)
- Dornock (8)
- Dryfesdale (9)
- Dumfries (10)
- Dunscore (11)
- Durisdeer (12)
- Eskdalemuir (13)
- Ewes (14)

- Glencairn (15)
- Gretna (16)
- Halfmorton (17)
- Hoddam (18)
- Holywood (19)
- Hutton (20)
- Johnstone (21)
- Keir (22)
- Kirkconnel (23)
- Kirkmahoe (24)
- Kirkmichael (25)
- Kirkpatrick Fleming (26)
- Kirkpatrick Juxta (27)
- Langholm (28)
- Lochmaben (29)

- Middlebie (30)
- Moffat (31)
- Morton (32)
- Mouswald (33)
- Penpont (34)
- Ruthwell (35)
- St Mungo (36)
- Sanquhar (37)
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# Marriages

- A record of the proclamation of banns
- May be recorded in two parishes  
(one each for groom and bride)
- One of the entries may offer more information
- Some ministers may have added additional information

1803

192.  
Armstrong James private in the Dumfriesshire  
Militia, & Margaret Elliot, were married at  
Musselburgh before witnesses on the 24 Octo  
by the Revd. R. Grierson

McGill Andrew, & Reid Cunningham were irregularly  
married on the 29 Octo 1803. The parties compared  
the Session on the 30<sup>th</sup> were bled and had their  
marriage confirmed by the Revd. R. Grierson

Mill Simon private in the Forfarshire Militia  
& Helen Carnegie were married at Mussel  
burgh on the 6<sup>th</sup> Deco. before witnesses by  
the Revd. R. Grierson

## Marriage – 1803

# Burial Records

- Often the most *uninformative*
- With a child's death, you may get age at time of death
- Generally, include only name of deceased and date of interment

294 (32) Buried at Dumfries <sup>298</sup> June 1753

October 3. Jean Meen Daw to David Meen Selater  
6. John Neual Son to John Neual weaver  
12. James Robison Son to James Robison Sidewater  
15. George Wilson Son to John Wilson Officer of Excise  
17. Francis Highland Son to John Highland Hammerman  
18. Alexander Erskine Son to Robell Erskine Merchant  
31. George McMillan late Parson of the Hammer man  
31. James McMillan Son to John McMillan merchant  
November Jean Pagan Dr to the deceased John Pagan Jeweller  
4. Thomas Ewart Son to John Ewart Kiltner  
8. John Farris Merchant  
8. Elizabeth Milken Dr to John Milken

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# Other Records

- Kirk Session Records offer information on the business of the church
- May address communicants who were having problems
- Should be consulted if the family was of the established church
- Will be examined in a later class

# Roman Catholic

- Photocopied pre-1855 records were under the National Records of Scotland
- Originals may be with
  - Parish Priest
  - Diocese
  - Archdiocese

Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Lynch and Mary Culhoman were after due proclamation married by me on 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1864 in presence of John Harmon and Ann Kenny. Peter Cumming
February 19 <sup>th</sup> 1864	John McNulty + Paddy Scullion were after due proclamation married by me on 19 <sup>th</sup> February 1864 Witnesses Mary Grant + Margaret Lamont Seamus Poir
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	James Allen & Mary Evans were after due proclamation married by me on 28 <sup>th</sup> March 1863 in presence of John Moran & Mary Lamont Peter Cumming
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	John Bannan and Ann Reynolds were after due proclamation married by me on 5 <sup>th</sup> April 1864 in presence of Michael Smith & Paddy Bannan Peter Cumming

## Roman Catholic Marriage – 1864

# Episcopalian Records

- Episcopal Church of Scotland was the established church from 1603-38 and in the 1660s
- Original records are with the local priest or dioceses
- A survey exists of known Episcopal Churches
- Results available on the National Register of Archives for Scotland

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<a href="#">NRAS2698/4/5/1</a>	Folder (1) of miscellaneous papers relating to St. John's, 1778-1896, and letters, bonds and accounts mainly relating to debt owed by Rev. Roger Aitken to the Scotch <b>Episcopal</b> Friendly Society, 1796-1815	1778-1896	●
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<a href="#">NRAS2698/28/5/3</a>	Envelope of miscellaneous papers, 1851-1860	1851-1864	●
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<b>Access Status</b>	Restricted
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<b>Description</b>	(The following records of the <b>Episcopal</b> congregations at Old Meldrum and Tillydesk are held with the above papers:  II.1 Baptisms 1804-1807 Burials 1804-1807 (Single volume, kept by Rev. N. Grieve)  II.2 Communicants roll book for Old Meldrum, 1806-7, and Tillydesk, 1808-1812.  II.3 Communicants roll book for Old Meldrum, 1805-6, and Tillydesk, 1805-7.  A register of baptisms, with some cash accounts, of the <b>Episcopal</b> chapels at Bairnie and Tillydesk (which were the antecedents of the chapel re-established in Ellon in 1817), was published as 'Register of Baptisms, Chapels at Bairnie and Tillydesk, 1763-1801', ed. John MacGregor (Scottish Record Society, <b>Edinburgh</b> , 1908).)
<b>Level</b>	Sub-fonds

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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

# QUESTIONS?

# ScotlandsPeople

# 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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Forename

From 1513

To 2022

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Advanced people search >

## Coronavirus Update - Restart of Search Room Services

NRS is pleased to be welcoming customers back to our search rooms. Whilst recognising most Covid restrictions have now converted to guidance, we still

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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)

# 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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Please select a category:

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### Statutory registers

Search the statutory (civil) registers of births, marriages and deaths in Scotland from 1855 to the present.

### Church registers

Search church registers of births (or baptisms), marriages and burials in Scotland from 1553 onwards.

### Census returns

Search the lists of people recorded in censuses taken every 10 years in Scotland from 1841 onwards.

### Valuation rolls

Search lists of owners and occupiers of buildings and other properties in Scotland from 1855 onwards.

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Search wills and testaments, coats of arms, soldiers' and airmen's wills and the records of military service appeals tribunals.

### Poor relief and migration records

Search the records for the emigration society, set up to relieve Highland destitution 1852-57

### Prison registers

Search registers of people admitted to Scottish prisons to 1921. Currently, registers for Perth Prison are available.

### Kirk sessions

Kirk session and other church court records can be found in Virtual Volumes.

## Statutory registers

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Please select church

- Church of Scotland (old parish registers)
- Roman Catholic Church
- Other churches

Surname:

johnston

Forename:

james

Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Both

Year range:

1553 to 1855

County/City:

DUMFRIES

Parish/congregation:

All  
ABBAY  
ABBAY ST BATHANS  
ABBOTRULE

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- Exact names only
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- Names that begin with
- Phonetic matching

# Baptism Search

# Church registers - Old Parish Registers Births and baptisms - Search results

Advanced people search >

You searched for: Event: '(B OR C OR S)', Church\_type: 'Old Parish Registers', Surname: 'Johnston', Surname Option: 'Starts', Forename: 'James', Forename Option: 'Starts', County: 'DUMFRIES', RD: 'KIRKPATRICK FLEMING (DUMFRIES)'

## 21 Results

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		<a href="#">Surname</a>	Forename	Parents/ Other Details	Gender	Date	Parish Number	Ref	Parish	Image View
Turn off 'Tips' <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		JOHNSTON	JAMES	JAMES JOHNSTON/JANNET IRVING FR201 (FR201)	M	11/03/1804	837/	10 195	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (paid)</a>
Save search >		JOHNSTON	JAMES	ROBERT JOHNSTON/MARJORY CRONE FR206 (FR206)	M	02/04/1805	837/	10 200	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> Church of Scotland (old parish registers)		JOHNSTON	JAMES	ANDREW JOHNSTON/	M	29/04/1753	837/	10 15	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
<input type="radio"/> Roman Catholic Church		JOHNSTON	JAMES	WALTER JOHNSTON/	M	14/02/1753	837/	10 13	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
<input type="radio"/> Other churches		JOHNSTON	JAMES	DAVID JOHNSTON/JEAN HUNTER FR280 (FR280)	M	28/09/1820	837/	20 7	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>

## Baptism Search Results

Please select church

Church of Scotland (old parish registers)

Roman Catholic Church

Other churches

Surname:

[Search Options](#)

Forename:

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Gender:

Male  Female  Both

Year range:

to

1st Parent Name:

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2nd Parent Name:

[Search Options](#)

County/City:



<a href="#">Surname</a>	<a href="#">Forename</a>	<a href="#">Parents/ Other Details</a>	<a href="#">Gender</a>	<a href="#">Date</a>	<a href="#">Parish Number</a>	<a href="#">Ref</a>	<a href="#">Parish</a>	<a href="#">Image View</a>
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JOHNSTON	MARY	JAMES JOHNSTON/JANNET IRVING FR177 (FR177)	F	03/04/1796	837/	10 171	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
JOHNSTONE	WILLIAM	JAMES JOHNSTONE/JANNET JOHNSTONE FR218 (FR218)	M	09/07/1809	837/	10 212	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
JOHNSTONE	WILLIAM	JAMES JOHNSTONE/JANNET IRVING FR170 (FR170)	M	11/03/1792	837/	10 164	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
JOHNSTONE	HELEN	JAMES JOHNSTONE/JANNET JOHNSTONE FR225 (FR225)	F	04/11/1811	837/	10 219	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
JOHNSTONE	JANNET	JAMES JOHNSTONE/JANNET IRVING FR179 (FR179)	F	04/06/1797	837/	10 173	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
JOHNSTONE	JEAN	JAMES JOHNSTONE/JANNET IRVING FR172 (FR172)	F	12/12/1793	837/	10 166	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>
JOHNSTONE	MARY	JAMES JOHNSTONE/JANNET JOHNSTONE FR233 (FR233)	F	06/11/1814	837/	10 227	Kirkpatrick Fleming	<a href="#">View image (6 credits)</a>

## Sibling Search - Baptisms

Tip

Check record  
availability

## Church register images

Old Parish Register images are black and white images derived from microfilm and stored in a JPEG format. Roman Catholic register images and other church registers images are stored in a colour jpeg format and are mostly derived from the original records.

## Which parishes and congregations have registers in the index

### Church of Scotland parishes

You can see a [list of old parish registers](#) on the National Records of Scotland site. Bear in mind that the Church of Scotland parishes did not cover the same areas as Roman Catholic parishes and the parishes of other churches.

### Roman Catholic parishes and congregations

Registers for the following Roman Catholic parishes and congregations are indexed on the ScotlandsPeople site:

- MP/1 Airdrie, St Margaret's 1842-1977
- MP/2 Carluke, St Athanasius' 1849-1936
- MP/3 Coatbridge, St Patrick's 1847-1952
- MP/4 Hamilton, St Mary's 1841-1906
- MP/5 Rutherglen, St Columbkille's 1848-1945
- MP/6 Greenock, St Mary's 1808-1946
- MP/7 Houston, St Fillan's 1868-1944
- MP/8 Paisley, St Mirin's 1808-1934
- MP/9 Port Glasgow, St John's 1846-1939
- MP/10 Aberdeen, St Mary's with St Peter's 1782-1957
- MP/11 Ballater, St Nathalan 1769-2002
- MP/12 Ballogie, St Michael's 1833-1876
- MP/13 Beaulie, St Mary's 1851-1885
- MP/14 Blairs, St Mary's with Scalan 1789-1953
- MP/15 Braemar, St Andrew's 1608-1992
- MP/16 Buckie, St Peter's 1786-1994

[scotlandspeople.gov.uk/guides/church-registers#Parishes](https://scotlandspeople.gov.uk/guides/church-registers#Parishes)

# Civil and Parish Records

- Parish records may go back to the 17th century
- Civil records began in 1855
- Idiosyncrasies in clerks' record keeping may offer additional information
- Civil records are on ScotlandsPeople
- Church of Scotland and Catholic records are on ScotlandsPeople

# QUESTIONS?

**Hire Research Services**

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**Chat with a Genealogist**

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