







Civil and Parish Records

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 - Baptisms
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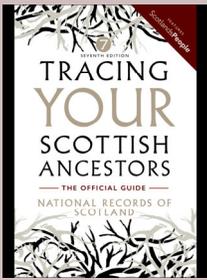


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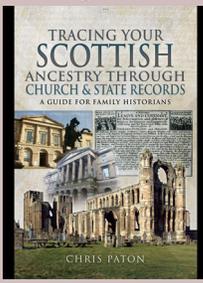
Guides

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors

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



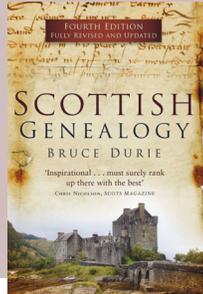
Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry...



- 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?

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

Marriage Records

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

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1879. MARRIAGES in the *Parishes of Kirkcaldy & Haddington* in the County of *Dumfries*

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Department of Notice. Back to Parents, either Single or Widowed, or Previously Married.	Age.	Kind of Notice.	Place, Position, and Rank or Profession of Officiant. Name, as in "Public" Returns of Marriages.	If Minister, Station, Department of Ministry, and Date of Ordination. If Registrar, Name, Office, and Date of Appointment.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1	18th Sep	Legal	27	Regular	James Schuster	Legal	1879
2	In the presence of the Registrar	James Schuster	27	Regular	James Schuster	Legal	1879
3	23rd Sep	Legal	27	Regular	James Schuster	Legal	1879
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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

1854	Robert Davidson	21	5	Robert Davidson	James of	1854
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at	at	at	at	at	at	at
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Irregular Marriage

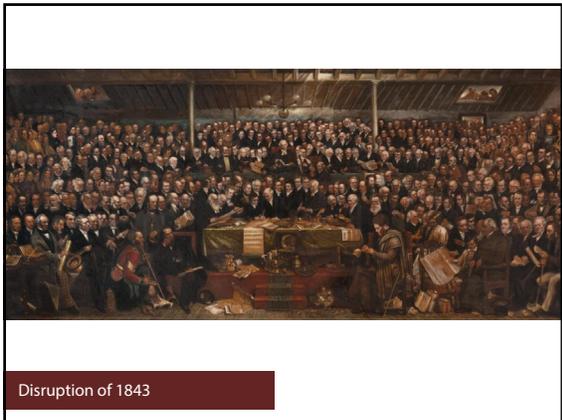
Deaths

- 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)



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



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 Clack" see Historical Geography on the Scotland page.

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33 Counties

Tip

The records may
not be online.

Where is Kirkpatrick-Fleming?

<p>Annan (1) Applegarth (2) Castleton (3) Cassidale (4) Closeburn (5) Cumberneth (9) Dalton (7) Dumock (8) Dryfesdale (9) Dumfries (10) Dunscore (11) Dunrobin (12) Eldersmuir (13) Ewes (14)</p>	<p>Glenasm (15) Gretna (16) Hafthornton (17) Hollis (18) Holywood (19) Hutton (20) Johnstone (21) Kear (22) Kirkcubbin (23) Kirkmahel (24) Kirkmichael (25) Kirkpatrick-Fleming (26) Kirkpatrick-Jude (27) Langholm (28) Lochmaben (29)</p>	<p>Middlebie (30) Moffat (31) Morton (32) Musselwell (33) Perth (34) Ruthwell (35) St Mungo (36) Sanderfoot (37) Torthorwald (38) Tundergirth (39) Tyron (40) Tintwell (41) Wamphray (42) Westerkirk (43)</p>
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Marriages

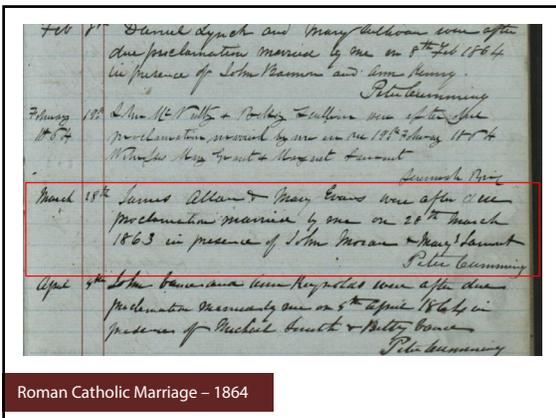
- A record of the proclamation of banns
- May be recorded in two parishes (one each for groom and bride)
- One of the entries may offer more information
- Some ministers may have added additional information

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



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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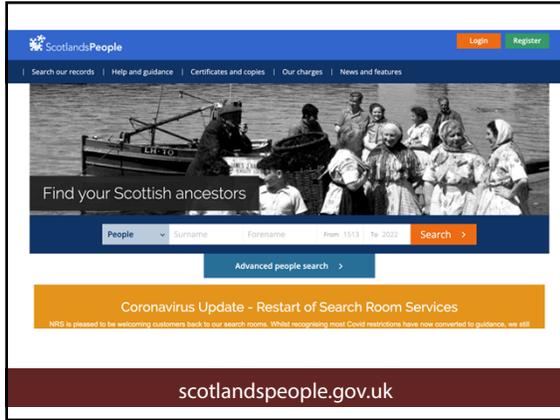
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ScotlandsPeople

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



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

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?

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