

**Researching
Scottish Ancestors**
*Class 3: Using Scottish Census &
Census Substitutes*
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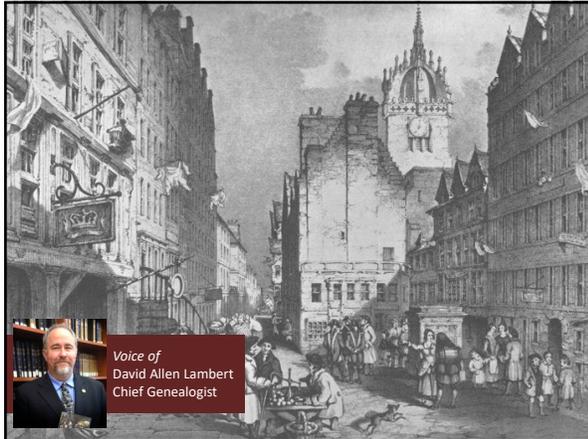
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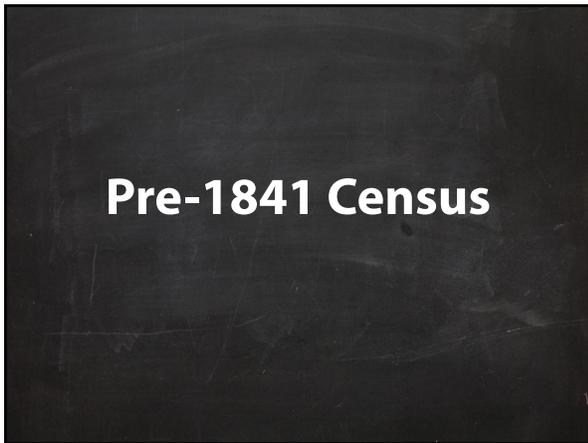


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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Pre-1841 Census
 - Post-1841 Census
 - Census Substitutes
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**





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

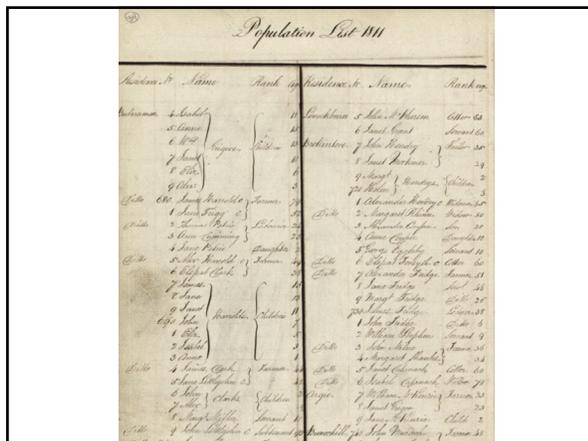
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1801-1831 Census Content

- 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)

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)



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

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/>

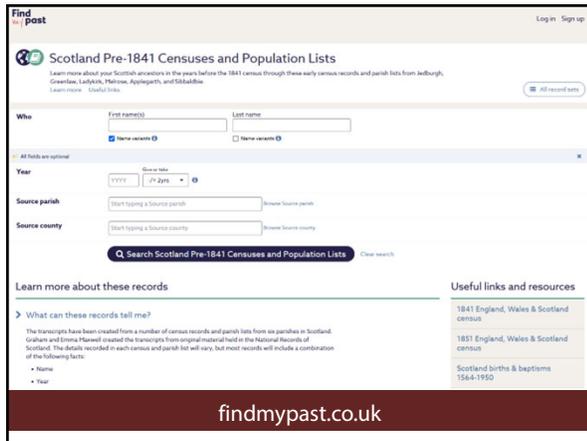
Database: Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists

- 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>

Parish locations of surviving Pre-1841 Census on FindMyPast

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





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

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Source county: Start typing a source county

Search Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists

Learn more about these records

What can these records tell me?

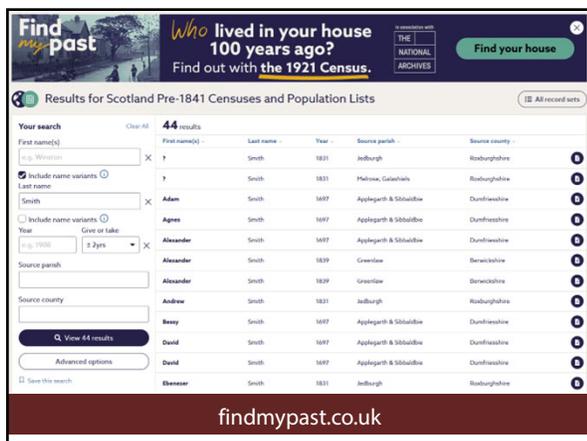
The transcripts have been created from a number of census records and parish lists from six parishes in Scotland. Graham and Emma Maxwell created the transcripts from original material held in the National Records of Scotland. The details recorded in each census and parish list will vary, but most records 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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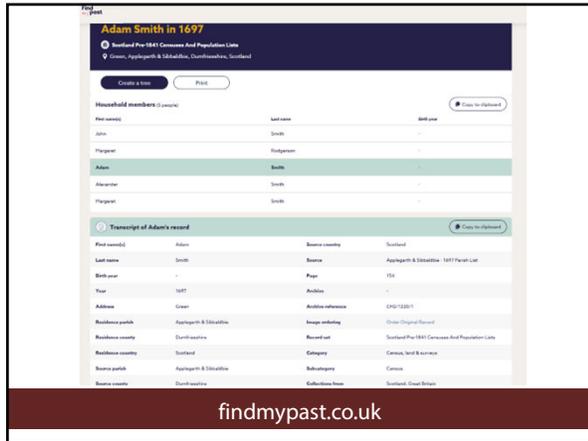
Who lived in your house 100 years ago? Find out with the 1921 Census.

Results for Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists

Your search: 44 results

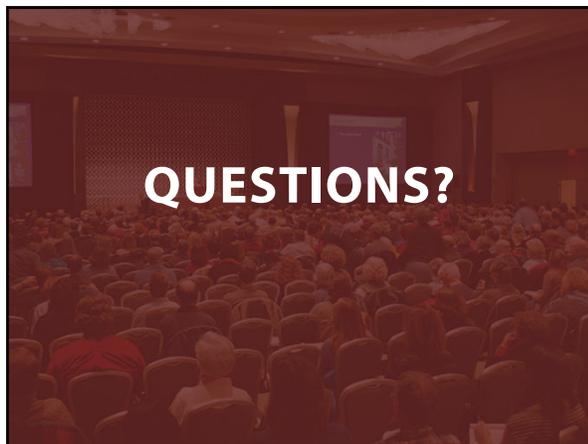
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| Adam | Smith | 1831 | Melrose, Galashiels | Roxburghshire |
| Agnes | Smith | 1837 | Applegarth & Sibbaldbie | Dumfriesshire |
| Alexander | Smith | 1837 | Applegarth & Sibbaldbie | Dumfriesshire |
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| Elzevier | Smith | 1831 | Jedburgh | Roxburghshire |

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Database: Scotland, Rolls of Male Heads of Families, 1834-1845

- Information taken from <https://www.oldscottish.com/>
- Ancestry — index (\$) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/70838/>



Post-1841 Census

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



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

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com Card Catalog search results for 'scotland census'. The search results table lists 7 items, all titled 'Scotland Census' for various years (1901, 1881, 1891, 1871, 1851, 1861, 1841). The table columns are Title, Category, Records, and Activity. 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'.

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>

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”



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

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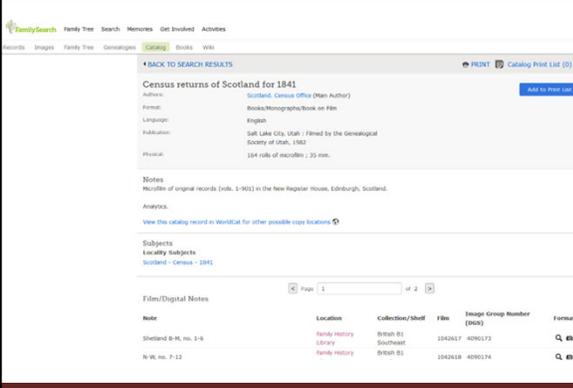
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- Where your ancestors were living
- Who they were living with
- What their occupations were
- If they had any servants
- Who their neighbours were
- If they had any boarders and visitors

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Census returns of Scotland for 1841 [Add to Family 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 ; 25 mm.

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

Analysis
View the catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations

Subjects
Locality Subjects
Scotland - Census - 1941

Files/Digital Notes 1 of 2

| Note | Location | Collection/Shelf | File | Image Group Number (DOR) | Format |
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| B-W, no. 7-12 | Family History Library | British B1 Southeast | 1042618 | 4090174 | Q, # |

familysearch.org/search/catalog/442707?availability=Family%20History%20Library

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**
<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/1861-england-wales-and-scotland-census>

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

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org search results page for 'Census returns of Scotland for 1861'. The main entry is 'Scotland - Census Office (Main Author)'. Below this, there are details about the format (Manuscript/Manuscript on Film), language (English), and publication information (Salt Lake City, Utah; filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1952, 1965). There are also notes about original records at the New Register House, Edinburgh, and a link to view the catalog record in WorldCat. At the bottom, there is a table of digital notes with columns for Note, Location, Collection/Sheet, Film, Image Group Number (D165), 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>

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

The screenshot shows the Find My Past search interface. At the top, it says "1871 England, Wales & Scotland Census". Below this, there are several search filters: "Who" (with fields for first name, last name, and date), "Birth year" (with a date range selector), "Location in 1871" (with a search radius selector), "Town", "Parish", "Registration district", "Sex", and "Birth town". At the bottom, there is a "View 72 Results" button.

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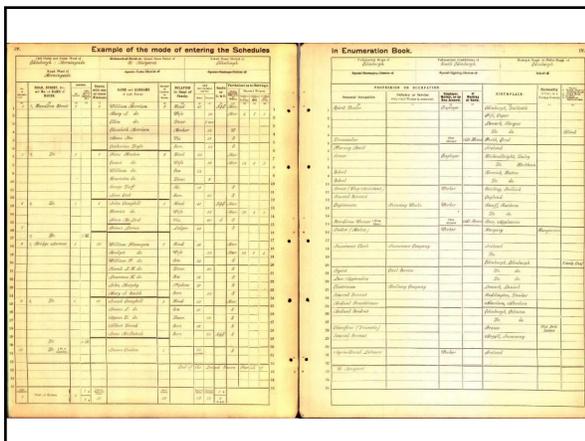
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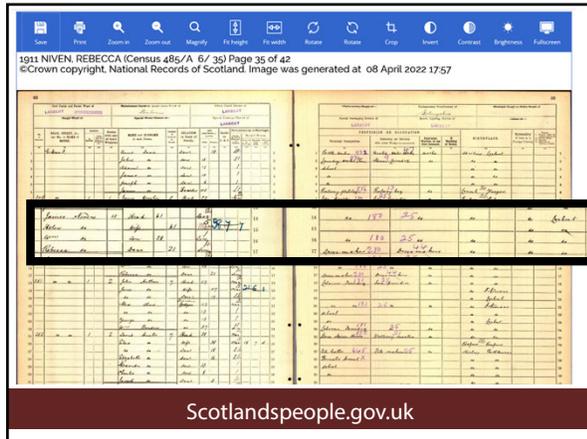
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- Rooms with one or more windows
- Name of Individual; Number of persons in house.
- Relationship to the head of the household
- Age (at last birthday)
- Speaks Gaelic or Gaelic & English
- Single, Married, Widower or Widow
- [Questions for *Married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

1911 Scottish Census

- Personal Occupation
- Industry or Service in which worker is connected
- Employer, Worker, or on Own Account
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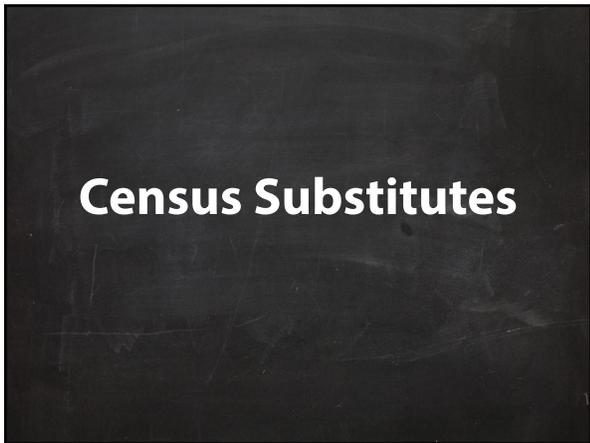
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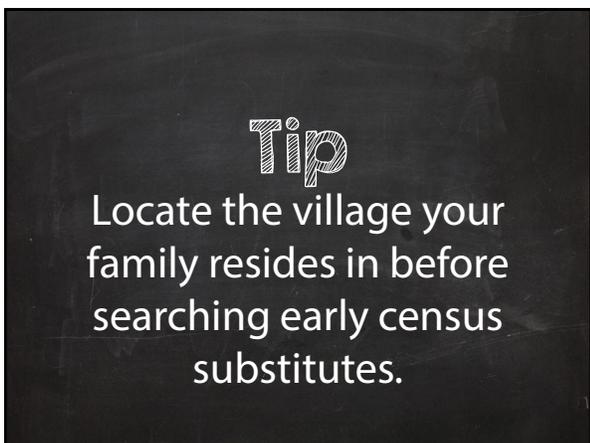
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- Name of Individual; Number of persons in house.
- Relationship to the head of the household
- Age – Years and Months
- Sex
- Marital Status
- Birthplace

1921 Scottish Census

- Nationality – and whether speaks Gaelic
- Personal Occupation and work status
- Employment
- Dependent Children and ages







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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Hearth tax records 1691-1695

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Hearth tax rolls list the people who were liable for tax on hearths (including kilns) in Scotland in the 1690s. They provide clues about the size of each building, place, estate or parish in the late 17th century. Heats of households of each building were liable for a tax of 14 shillings, payable at Candlemas 1691, and only hospitals and the poor were exempt. There were huge difficulties in collecting the tax, particularly in the Highlands, and attempts to collect the tax went on in some parts of Scotland went on until 1695.

This surviving hearth tax rolls (Historical Records of Scotland reference: E10) are generally arranged by county and then parish or by landed estate. The rolls for the following counties contain lists of householders (some arranged by estate or island): Angus, Arg. Argyll (but with some areas missing), Bute, Berwick, Clackmannan, Dumfriesshire, East Lothian, Fife, Kincardine, Lanark, Midlothian, Perth, Renfrew, Roxburgh, Stirling, Sutherland, West Lothian and Wigtown.

The rolls for the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, Dumfries, Kirkcubright, Moray, Nairn, Peebles and Selkirk give only the total number of hearths surveyed and money collected in each parish or estate. The roll for Inverness-shire contains mainly of a summary of a small number of parishes without listing individual names but includes a list of burgesses or inhabitants of the town of Inverness and a list of poor in the parishes surveyed.

In this series of hearth tax rolls there are none for Orkney, Shetland, Caithness, Ross and Cromarty. For information on hearth tax rolls for Dumfriesshire, Fife, Edinburgh, Shetland and Ross-shire in private records in the 1600s see the guide on tax records at www.nas.gov.uk/guides/taxation.asp.

Please note that hearth tax records are difficult to read, if you are not familiar with 17th century handwriting. For guidance on 17th century handwriting visit www.scottishhandwriting.com.

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| Hearth tax records for Angus | This volume contains a list of householders liable for hearth tax in Angus (Forfarshire) in 1693. |
| Hearth tax records for Argyll and Bute | This volume contains lists of householders liable for the hearth tax in 1694 in the counties of Bute and part of Argyll. There are no rolls for parts of Argyll which were in rebellion at that time (including Mull, Trossachs and Ardmurchan). |
| Hearth tax records for Banffshire | This volume contains a summary of hearth tax collected in Banffshire in 1694. It does not contain a list of householders. |
| Hearth tax records for Berwickshire | This volume contains a list of householders liable for hearth tax in Berwickshire in 1694. |
| Hearth tax records for Clackmannanshire | This volume contains a list of householders liable for hearth tax in Clackmannanshire in 1694. |
| Hearth tax records for Dumfriesshire | This volume contains a summary of hearth tax collected in parts of Dumfriesshire in 1695. It does not contain a list of householders. |
| Hearth tax records for Dumbartonsire | This volume contains a list of householders liable for hearth tax in Dumbartonsire in 1694. |
| Hearth tax records for Inverness-shire | This volume contains a summary of hearth tax collected in parts of Inverness-shire in 1694. It does not contain lists of householders, except for Inverness burgh and a list of poor in the parishes surveyed. |
| Hearth tax records for Kincardineshire | This volume contains a list of householders liable for hearth tax in Kincardineshire in 1694. |
| Hearth tax records for Kirkcubrightshire | This volume contains a summary of hearth tax collected in Kirkcubrightshire in 1694. It does not contain a list of householders. |
| Hearth tax records for Morayshire and Nairnshire | This volume contains a list of householders liable for hearth tax in Morayshire and Nairnshire in 1695. |
| Hearth tax records for Peeblesshire and Selkirkshire | This volume contains a summary of hearth tax collected in Peeblesshire and Selkirkshire in 1694. It does not contain lists of householders. |

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Poll Tax (1694–1698)

- Imposed in 1694, 1695, and twice in 1698 to pay off the debts and arrears of the army and navy
- Tax was 6 shillings and up according to rank and means; only the poor and children under 16 were exempt
- Collectors of the poll tax faced similar difficulties to those of the hearth tax and the records are incomplete
- Arranged by county and parish, the amount of information provided varies from list to list

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Poll tax rolls, 1694-1698

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| General poll tax papers and accounts: item 1 | This item is a receipt for poll money paid in Liberton Parish, 9-12 November 1694. |
| General poll tax papers and accounts: item 10 | This item is an account of expenditure in collecting the poll, 1701. |
| General poll tax papers and accounts: item 11 | This item is a note of poll books for Edinburgh, Leith, Inchture and Midlothian received by Archibald Houston, August 1703. The item has been damaged, so only fragments survive. |
| General poll tax papers and accounts: item 12 | This item is a note on how much was paid out of the poll money, 1694-1702. |
| General poll tax papers and accounts: item 13 | This item is an account of the money paid to the country out of the poll money, 1695. |
| General poll tax papers and accounts: item 2 | This item is a receipt for poll money paid in Liberton Parish, 9-12 November 1694. |
| General poll tax papers and accounts: item 3 | This item is a receipt for poll money paid in Liberton Parish, 9-12 November 1694. |

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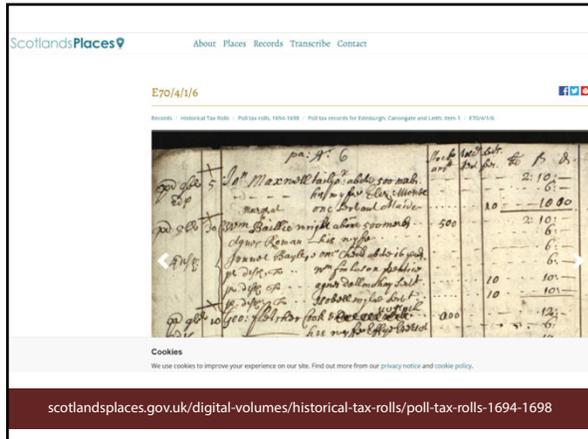
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This item lists the names of the poll tax payers for the parish of Collieston, 1694. It also gives the occupations of most of the persons named.

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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

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

Cart tax, volume 01

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| E326/7/1/1 | 25 Jul 1785 | Old Aberdeen Parish | | | | | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | James Boyle Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | John Boyle Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | Thomas Philip Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | Gibson Thome Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | William Thome Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | James Crombie Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | William Leth Fringall Carter | 2 | 2 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | William Willgoose Carter | 2 | 2 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | Alexander Allan Carter | 2 | 2 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | Robert Kay Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | William Gray Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |
| E326/7/1/1 | | Robert Mickle Carter | 1 | 1 | | 60.0 | | |

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| Date | Masters/addresses names | Actual # | 2 wheel carts (2H) | 3-4 wheel wainscoggers (4H) | Duty |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1785 | Parish of Kilmichael Glenroy | | | | |
| Oct 1785 | Mr Joseph Latham Agent for Argyll Fr. Coy (For Company) | 3 | 3 | | 60.0 |
| | Bowmer & Co | | | | |
| Nov 1875 | Walter Campbell of Strathfield | 7 | 7 | | 60.0 |
| | Dunoon & Kinlun | | | | |

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Carriage Tax (1785-1798)

- Owners of two or four-wheeled carriages in Scotland paid tax on their carriages

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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

Female servant tax rolls, volume 01 (1785-6, counties A-L)

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Contents **Transcription**

| Page | Date | Masters/mistresses names and designations | Servants names | Number of servants | Bachelor servants | One servant | Two servants | Three or more servants | Duty | Transcribe other information |
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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 Baverly May Gordon | 2 | | | 2 | | £0.7.6 | |
| E326/6/1/1 | | Mr Roderick McLeod | Ann Keynooh Betty Higg | 2 | | | 2 | | £0.7.6 | |
| E326/6/1/1 | | William Fiddes Lister | Jean Black | 1 | | 1 | | | £0.1.100 | |
| E326/6/1/1 | | Mr John Leslie | Susan Wilson Ann Skirner | 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 | Nelly Paterson | 1 | | 1 | | | £0.1.100 | |
| E326/6/1/1 | | Dr (Doctor) William Chalmer | Margaret Chalmer | 1 | B1 | 1 | | | £0.3.9 | |
| E326/6/1/1 | | James Low Mert (Merchant) | Margaret Smith | 1 | | 1 | | | £0.1.100 | |
| E326/6/1/1 | | Mrs Duff | Nelly Rhind | 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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Male servant tax rolls 1777-1798

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The male servant tax was levied on the households employing "non-essential" male servants from 1777 onwards. This excluded farm labourers, industrial workers and servants in businesses like shops and inns. The tax was aimed primarily at the wealthy in town and country who could afford domestic or personal servants (such as cooks, butlers, valets, grooms, gardeners and coachmen). The tax schedules (National Records of Scotland, E326/5) cover the years 1777-1779, 1785-1795 and 1797-1798 and are divided country by country and then by parish and household, with separate volumes for the royal burghs. The parish and burgh schedules are arranged by household, listing the name of each household liable for the tax and usually the name and designation of each servant.

| Name | Description |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Male servant tax rolls, volume 01 (1777-8, counties) | Volume 1 contains male servant tax rolls, 1777-8, for each county except Orkney, Shetland, and Buteshire. Royal burghs are covered in volume 2. |
| Male servant tax rolls, volume 02 (1777-8, burghs) | Volume 2 contains male servant tax rolls, 1777-1778, for each of the following burghs: Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ayr, Burntisland, Campbeltown, Cupar, Dumfries, Dundee, Dundee, Edinburgh, Elgin, Forfar, Forres, Glasgow, Haddington, Inveraray, Inverkeithing, Kirkcaldy, Montrose, Perth, Rutherglen, St. Andrews, Strathgalloway, and Wigton. |
| Male servant tax rolls, volume 03 (1778-9, counties) | Volume 3 contains male servant tax rolls, 1778-1779, for each county except Shetland and Buteshire. Royal burghs are covered in volume 4. |
| Male servant tax rolls, volume 04 (1778-9, burghs) | Volume 4 contains male servant tax rolls, 1778-1779, for each of the following burghs: Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ayr, Campbeltown, Cupar, Dumfries, Dundee, Dundee, Edinburgh, Forfar, Glasgow, Haddington, Inveraray, Inverkeithing, Kirkcaldy, Montrose, Perth, Rutherglen, St. Andrews, Strathgalloway, and Wigton. |

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Horse Tax (1785-1798)

- Tax levied on those who had horses that pulled carriages and those who rode saddle horses in the late 18th century







