



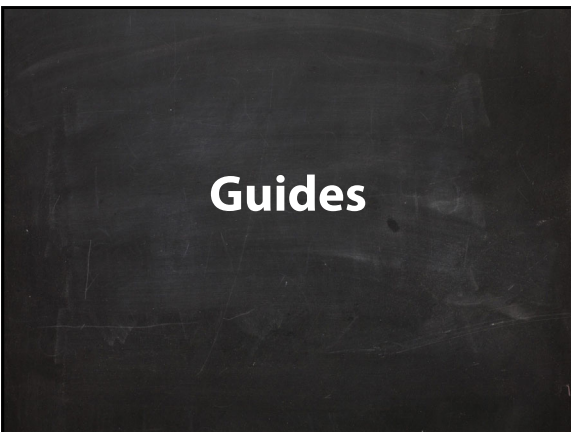






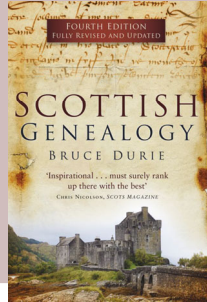
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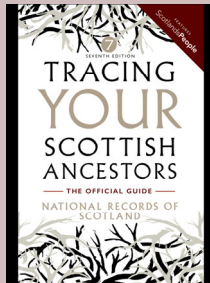
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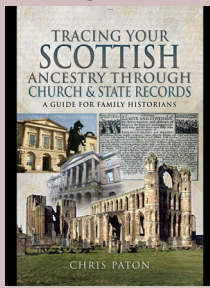


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- Written by Chris Paton
- Published in 2019
- Covers many of the major records



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	1750	1814	
Registration Districts after 1855				
		Date from	Date to	Notes
St Nicholas	168/01	1855	1920	
Old Machar	168/02	1855	1863	
Old Machar, Aberdeen Brough	168/02	1864	1871	
Old Machar, Landward	168/03	1864	1871	
Old Machar	168/02	1875	1885	
Old Machar Parish	168/02	1886	1892	
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	168/04	1914	1930	
Aberdeen, Northern District	168/01	1911	1957	
Aberdeen, Southern District	168/02	1911	1957	
Aberdeen, Eastern District	168/03	1911	1957	
Aberdeen	168	1958	1971	
Aberdeen	300	1972	current	

Part of the table from Bruce Dundee'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

1877 BIRTHS in the District of Assawa in the County of Dumfriesshire Page 13.

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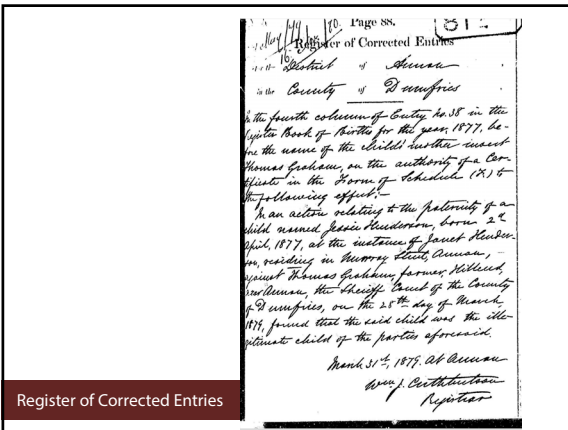
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Birth Register - 1877

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



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

1806	Robert Anderson	21	5	John Maria	James of	1806
in the fourth	son of James	son of	son of	son of	son of	son of
in 1806	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson
1819	John Davidson	19	18	William Smith	James of	1819
in the fourth	son of James	son of	son of	son of	son of	son of
in 1819	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson
1820	James Davidson	19	18	William Smith	James of	1820
in the fourth	son of James	son of	son of	son of	son of	son of
in 1820	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson

Irregular Marriage

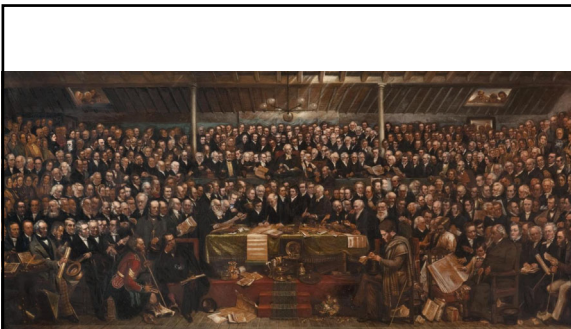
Deaths

- 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)

1856. DEATHS in the District of Bridgton							Page in the
No.	Name, Rank, Trade, or Profession	Sex	Age	When last seen alive	Place of Death	Where Buried	Remarks
118	James Smith	M	45	at home	at home	at home	
	John Brown	M	30	at home	at home	at home	
	William Green	M	25	at home	at home	at home	
	Elizabeth White	F	60	at home	at home	at home	
	Robert Black	M	50	at home	at home	at home	
	Ann Gray	F	40	at home	at home	at home	
	John King	M	35	at home	at home	at home	
	Margaret Lee	F	25	at home	at home	at home	
	Thomas Hall	M	40	at home	at home	at home	
	Elizabeth Young	F	30	at home	at home	at home	
	James Hill	M	55	at home	at home	at home	
	Ann Scott	F	45	at home	at home	at home	
	Robert Adams	M	35	at home	at home	at home	
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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

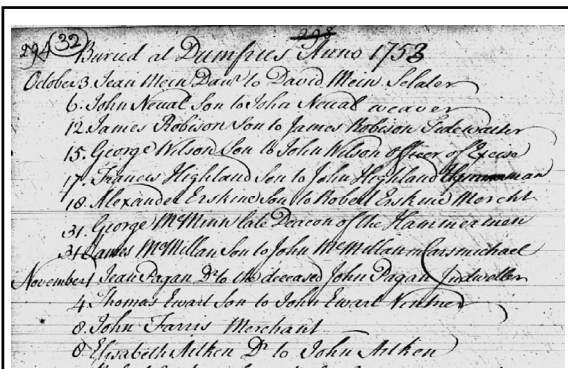
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Recusant refers to anyone
who did not belong to the
established Church

Identifying Your Parish

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

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



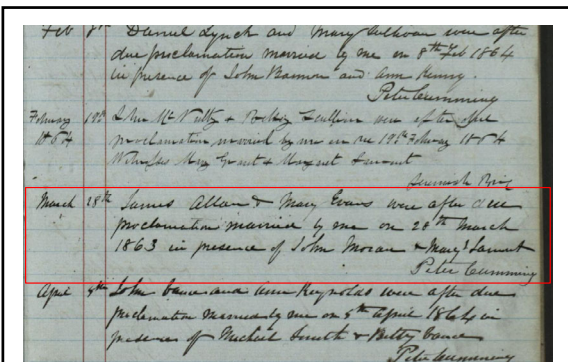
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Other Records

- 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



Roman Catholic Marriage - 1864

Episcopal 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



Scotland'sPeople

- 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


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

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

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

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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 Carlisle, 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 Beaulieu, St Mary's 1851-1885
- MP/14 Blair, St Mary's with Scalan 1789-1953
- MP/15 Braemar, St Andrew's 1608-1992
- MP/16 Buckie, St Peter's 1786-1994

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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







