

Scottish Genealogy

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Where to find what for Scottish Genealogy

[ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk](https://scotlandspeople.gov.uk) (£)* The main (only) place to find Scottish birth, marriage and death records created by the government and churches. Also includes census records, Kirk Session records, tax records, wills, prison records, some employment records and Ordnance Survey name books.

Transcribed records

- Ancestry. www.ancestry.co.uk (£)
- FamilySearch. www.familysearch.com
- Findmypast. www.findmypast.co.uk (£)
- MyHeritage. www.myheritage.com (£)

[Trove.scot](https://trove.scot) - the web site of Historical Environment Scotland with information about places, buildings, archive photography and objects.

[Gazetteer for Scotland](https://www.gazetteerforScotland.com) - "a vast geographical encyclopaedia, featuring details of towns, villages, bens and glens from the Scottish Borders to the Northern Isles. The first comprehensive gazetteer produced for Scotland since 1885, it includes tourist attractions, industries and historical sites, together with histories of family names and clans, biographies of famous Scots and descriptions of historical events associated with Scotland"

[National Library of Scotland](https://www.nls.uk)

Digital images of maps from all over the UK - maps.nls.uk

Moving Image Archive - movingimage.nls.uk/

Digital Collection - digital.nls.uk/gallery/features/

eResources - auth.nls.uk/eresources/

Post Office Directories - digital.nls.uk/directories/ or on Internet Archives at archive.org/details/nationallibraryofscotland

[British Newspaper Archive](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk) (£)

[National Records of Scotland catalogue](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk)

[The National Archives catalogue](https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

* (£) - Subscription or paid for service

[Statistical Accounts of Scotland](#) - 'Old' Statistical Account (1791-99) and 'New' Statistical Account (1834-45). Descriptions of all Scotland's parishes on the dates written.

Information from Glasgow City Archives - [Virtual Mitchell](#) and [The Glasgow Story](#)

[The Scottish Association of Family History Societies](#) - some information and links to member society web site.

[Scottish Genealogy Society](#) - various information and deposited family histories

[Scottish Military Research Group](#) - information on researching Scottish Military ancestors

[Scottish Mining](#) - no longer updated but very helpful with lots of information about Scottish Mining

[Electric Scotland](#) - web site with whole range of information on Scottish history and culture

[Your Scottish Archives](#) - web site with information about archives throughout Scotland

[Scottish Indexes](#) - run by genealogists with index information taken from a range of sources in the National Records of Scotland. They also run free online conferences - next on 13 September 2025

[Old Scottish](#) - run by genealogist with index information from a range of sources in the National Records of Scotland (some the same as Scottish Indexes, some different)

Both of the above will, for a fee, provide/get copies of the documents associated with their indexes.

Help with [Scottish Handwriting](#) - examples, tutorials, exercises

Help with Scots Words - [Dictionaries of the Scots Language \(DSL\)](#)