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BBC- Scottish Roots

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/history/scottishroots/>

Provides basic steps to get started
and

This page has links to various Scottish history sites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/history/sites/>

Centre for Business History in Scotland, Glasgow University Archives

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/businesshistory/archives/>

Cory, Kathleen B. revised and updated by Leslie Hodgson. *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry*, 3rd ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2004.

CyndisList.com

<http://www.cyndislist.com/scotland.htm>

This is a list of many Websites about Scotland of use to genealogical researchers. Other categories such as surnames, cemeteries, etc. should also be explored.

Familia – the UK and Ireland's guide to genealogical resources in public libraries

<http://www.familia.org.uk>

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FamilySearch.org

www.familysearch.org

This is the Web site for the Family History Library in Salt Lake city, UT and you can search various databases and the library catalog from here.

While at this site also check out <http://wiki.familysearch.org> then click on Scotland
This is a wiki - a place to share and use methodology and research advice.

General Register Office of Scotland (GROS)

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/index.html>

Responsible for collecting and keeping census records and for recording births, deaths, marriages, divorces, civil partnerships, adoptions, for Scotland.

Gouldesbrough, Peter, *Formulary of Old Scots Legal Documents*. Edinburgh: Stair Society, 1985.

This gives examples of the standard format used in many legal documents including testaments, retours and sasines.

Holton, Graham S. and Jack Winch. *Discover Your Scottish Ancestry: Internet and Traditional Sources*. Lanham, Maryland: Taylor Trade Publishing, A Robert Rinehart Book, ©2003.

National Archives of Scotland (NAS)

<http://www.nas.gov.uk>

Contains records created by “the Scottish government from the 12th century until the present day, along with private records created by businesses, landed estates, families, courts, churches and other corporate bodies.”

For **guides on how to use various records** – adoption, Privy Council records, railway records, etc go to <http://www.nas.gov.uk/guides/default.asp>

For projected schedule for the digitization of church court records go to

National Library of Scotland (NLS)

<http://www.nls.uk/index.html>

Information on how to get started with family history research and how to use their collection. Online catalogs to look for local history and other particular materials.

Old Occupations in Scotland

<http://www.scotsfamily.com/occupations.htm>

Large list of occupations from Scots Family Web site

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[Origins Network] Resources - Family History Articles

<http://www.originsnetwork.com/help/popup-resarticles-so.htm>

Articles on various aspects of Scottish life that can help us understand our ancestors.

The Parishes, Registers and Registrars of Scotland. Edinburgh, Scotland: Scottish Association of Family History Societies, 1993. Reprint 1995.

Parish Records Collection 1538-2005

<http://www.findmypast.com/parish-records-collection-search-start.action?redef=0>

Scottish Archive Network (SCAN)

<http://www.scan.org.uk/>

The Scottish Archive Network is a project with the goal of creating a single electronic catalog of more than 50 Scottish archives. They are digitizing huge quantities of documents to provide access and to preserve them. In addition to the 50+ Scottish archives the partners in this are National Archives of Scotland (NAS), the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), and the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU).

Scots Origins

www.scotsorigins.com

Scots Origins features a Free IGI search, access to Origins Experts research of authentic Scottish records from 1700 to 1990, a Free Scottish Place search, and expert articles and discussion on Scottish history. Much of this site charges and they will do searches for you for information you cannot find online.

Statistical Accounts of Scotland

These are snapshots of the culture and life of various places in Scotland at particular times. They include more than just statistics so are worth reading if one is available for the area your ancestor was in. Some are available on microfilm from the Family History Library

Steel, D. J. *Sources for Scottish Genealogy and Family History.* London and Chichester: Phillimore, 1970.

Szucs, Loretto Dennis and Sandra H. Luebking (eds.) "Immigration Records", *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, 3rd ed. (Provo, Utah: Ancestry Inc., 2006.

This chapter (Chapter 9) is written by Loretto Dennis Szucs, Kory L. Meyerink, and Marian L. Smith. In Chapter 9, the main subheadings are: Principles of Immigration

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Research, Research Approaches, American Sources for Documenting Immigrants, and Foreign Sources and Strategies, Notes, References.

Talking Scot

<http://www.talkingscot.com/>

A bulletin board for Scottish research

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: the Official Guide, 4th edition.

The essential reference tool for anyone searching for their ancestors in the records of the NAS. Now in its fourth edition with even more useful information.

Publisher: Mercat Press (Birlinn Limited) ISBN: 978 1 84183 117 6 Pages: 213

Cost: GBP 9.99

University of Strathclyde Library's Scottish Family History

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/jhlibrary/sr/scotfam>

This site has links to useful family history resources on the Web.

EMIGRATION/SHIP LISTS

Harold Ralston's *Ancestor Ship Passenger Lists*

<http://www.ralstongenealogy.com/shiplist.htm>

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

<http://www.immigrantships.net/>

Volunteers research and transcribe lists of passengers and arrivals. Check the various volumes and the Jacobite Rebellion Ships for Scots.

GEOGRAPHICAL RESOURCES

Gazetteer of Scottish Places

<http://www.scan.org.uk/knowledgebase/gazetteer/counties.htm>

Groome, Francis H., ed. *Ordnance gazetteer of Scotland : a survey of Scottish topography, statistical, biographical, and historical.* Edinburgh : Thomas C. Jack,

Grange Publishing Works, 1883-1886

(microfiche available from Family History Library through Family History Center FHL fiche numbers 6020391-6020411) Also a hard copy in the Ellen Payne Odum Library in Moultrie, GA

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Humphrey-Smith, Cecil R. *Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers*. 2nd ed.
Chichester, England: Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1996

Maps from the National Library of Scotland

<http://www.nls.uk/maps/>

Here is a list of categories of digitized maps you can find online starting at this Web page

- Maps of the *whole of Scotland*, 1560-1928
 - Thematic maps of Scotland, 1718-1932
- *County maps* of Scotland, 1580-1928
 - Pont's Maps of Scotland, 1580s–1590s
 - Blaeu Atlas of Scotland, 1654
 - Herman Moll's County Maps of Scotland, 1745
 - John Thomson's Atlas of Scotland, 1832
 - J G Bartholomew's Survey Atlas of Scotland, 1912
- *Town plans/views*, 1580-1919
 - Great Reform Act Plans and Reports, 1832
 - Ordnance Survey large scale town plans, 1847-1895
- *Coasts of Scotland* on marine charts, 1580-1850
 - Admiralty Charts of Scotland, 1795-1904
- *Military maps* of Scotland (18th century)
 - Roy Military Survey of Scotland, 1747-1755
 - Military Antiquities of the Romans in North Britain, 1793
- *Bathymetrical Survey of the Fresh-Water Lochs* of Scotland, 1897-1909
- *Series maps* of Scotland, 1847-1930
 - Ordnance Survey maps, 1847-1930
- *Estate maps* of Scotland, 1772-1878

Parish list from ScotsFamily.com

<http://www.scotsfamily.com/parish.htm>

This Web page lists all the parishes from the 16th to the 20th century and shows which counties they are in. Some counties had name changes and this list is at the top of the page. The parish list also shows which year the Old Parish Registers began recording births and marriages in each parish.

Smith, Frank, comp. *A Genealogical Gazetteer of Scotland*. Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1971 Call no. GR 929.1 SMITH at Oconee Co. Library in Watkinsville

Wilson, John M. (John Marius). *The gazetteer of Scotland*, facsimile reprint of 1882 edition. Westminster, Maryland: Willow Bend Books, (1996, 1998), 2002 printing

HANDWRITING

McLaughlin, Eve. *Reading Old Handwriting*, 2nd ed. Birmingham, England: Federation of Family History Societies, 1987.

ScottishHandwriting.com

<http://www.scottishhandwriting.com/>

Free online tutorials and examples to assist users with 16th, 17th and 18th century handwriting on Scottish records. It can provide some help with 19th century handwriting as well. Basically this deals with the Secretarial hand before the Italic hand became prevalent.

Simpson, Grant G. *Scottish Handwriting, 1150-1650: An Introduction to the Reading of Documents*. Aberdeen, Scotland: Aberdeen University Press, 1973. Reprinted with corrections 1986.

LANGUAGE

Stuart, Denis. *Latin for Local and Family Historians*. Chichester, England: Phillimore & Co., Ltd., 1995

The Wedderburn Pages

<http://pagespro-orange.fr/euroleader/wedderburn/glossary.htm>

“A glossary of archaic terms, as well as a number of Modern Scots words and phrases, useful for genealogical research. Legal terms, words linked to property and possessions, found in wills and testaments.”

MARRIAGES

‘Claverhouse’ Smith, M.C., *Irregular Border Marriages*. Edinburgh & London: Moray Press, 1934.

Irregular Border and Scottish Runaway Marriages

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/famrec/hlpsrch/sumrmar/index.html>

MILITARY

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

<http://www.cwgc.org/>

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Public Record Office (London)

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/default.htm>

Military records for Scotland are here.

NAMES AND NAMING

Bardsley, Alan. *First Name Variants*. 2nd ed. Birmingham, England: Federation of Family History Societies, 1996

Black, George F. *The Surnames of Scotland: Their Origins, Meaning and History*. Edinburgh: Birlinn, 1996.

Dunkling, Leslie Alan. *Scottish Christian Names: an A-Z of First Names*. London: Cassell Ltd., 1978.

Hamilton-Edwards, Gerald. *In Search of Scottish Ancestry*, Chichester: Phillimore, 1983.

Scottish Names 101

<http://www.medievalscotland.org/scotnames/scotnames101.shtml>

Draft 3rd edition. Useful for figuring out medieval names.

ONLINE RECORDS

GENUKI – Scotland page

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/index.html>

GENUKI stands for **G**enealogy in **U**nited **K**ingdom and **I**reland. This is a pay site.

Scotland's People – the Official government source of genealogical data for Scotland.

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

This is a pay site but you can search the Wills & testaments for free and pay a small amount for a complete copy. There are other free searches as well. Fees are reasonable. A partnership between General Register Office for Scotland, the National Archives of Scotland and the Court of the Lord Lyon enabled by brightsolid (formerly Scotland Online).

For a chart of what records are currently available on Scotland'sPeople go to

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=554&413>

For more information on Wills & Testaments go to

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=554&407>

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Athens-Clarke County Library

Heritage Room Librarian

www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/hqdepts/heritage/index.html

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ScotlandGenWeb

<http://www.scotlandgenweb.org/news.php>

WorldGenWeb site for Scotland

<http://www.worldgenweb.org/archives/scotland.html>