

SCOTTISH RESEARCH

A good place to start is *FamilySearch Wiki* [tinyurl.com/rmzc9nbn](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scottish_Research). This gives an overview of research options available. There are also some links to some classes that may assist you in your research.

Research Tutorials [edit | edit source]

- Using Church of Scotland Parochial Registers to trace Scots Ancestry[Ⓔ]
- Scotland's Lost Other Half: Tracing Difficult Ancestral Lines in Scotland's Non-Parochial Register[Ⓔ]
- The Scots-Irish: Plantation and Settlement of Ulster in the 17th Century[Ⓔ]

Scotland Wiki Topics



Scotland Beginning Research

- Guided Research
- Research Strategies
- Record Finder
- Finding Town of Origin

Record Types

• Cemeteries	• Medical Records
• Census	• Military Records
• Church Directories	• Newspapers
• Church Records	• Nobility
• Civil Registration	• Occupations
• Court Records	• Online Genealogy Records
• Crime & Punishment	• Poor Law
• Directories	• Probate Records
• Emigration & Immigration	• Religious Records
• Genealogies	• School Records
• Heraldry	• Taxation
• Land & Property	• Websites

Scotland Background

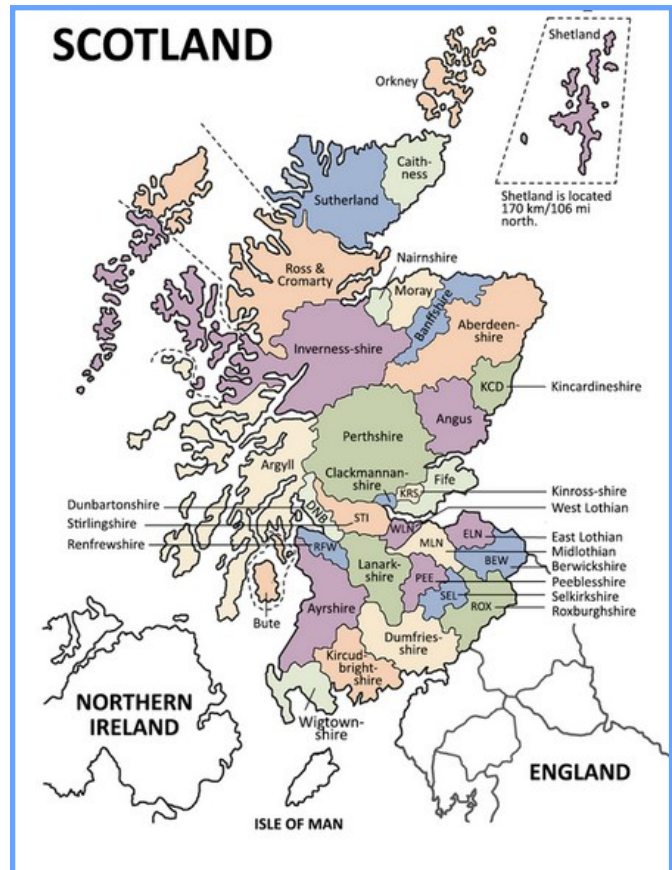
• Biography	• Jurisdictions
• Church History	• Languages
• Further Reading	• Maps
• Gazetteers	• Naming Customs
• Handwriting	• Periodicals
• Historical Geography	• Social Life & Customs
• History	

Cultural Groups

- Scots Irish

Local Research Resources

- Archives & Libraries
- Societies
- Local FamilySearch Center[Ⓔ]



Census Records

Taken every 10 years using forms as used in England and Wales. Census dates:

6 June 1841	2 April 1871	31 March 1901
30 March 1851	3 April 1881	2 April 1911
7 April 1861	5 April 1891	19 June 1921

Country Information

Scotland is one of the four constituent countries of the United Kingdom. In 1707, the Kingdom of Scotland joined the Kingdom of England in union to become the Kingdom of Great Britain. The official language is English.^[1], although Scottish Gaelic has some legal status within certain contexts.

Scotland has also been known unofficially as "Caledonia", hence the many 'Caledonian Societies' around the world. (See *FamilySearch Wiki* [tinyurl.com/rmzc9nbn](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scottish_Research))

Online Records

For records available online see the list from *FamilySearch Wiki*. [tinyurl.com/2967xvy7](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scottish_Research)

Free Church of Scotland (1843–1900)

Formed in 1843 by a large withdrawal from the established Church of Scotland in a schism known as the *Disruption of 1843*. In 1900, the vast majority of the Free Church of Scotland joined with the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland to form the United Free Church of Scotland (which itself mostly re-united with the Church of Scotland in 1929).

Researching Your Scottish Ancestry Before 1855

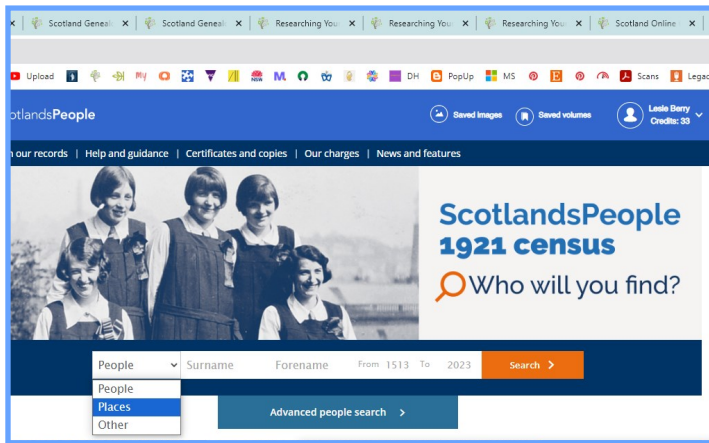
Compulsory Civil Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths came into force in Scotland on 1st January 1855. Prior to that, baptisms and marriage proclamations were recorded in the Church of Scotland Old Parish Registers. (OPRs)

(For some search tips see [tinyurl.com/2d33ppzk](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scottish_Research))

After 1855

Records will be found on ScotlandsPeople.

SCOTLANDSPEOPLE



The ScotlandsPeople website is the official Scottish Government site for searching government records and archives.

You can open an account on the site for free and search for free. To view images you will need to purchase credits. Credits cost £0.25 each and are available in batches of 30 (£7.50) or 40 (£10).

All credits are valid for two years and will expire at the end of two years unless further credits are purchased in that time.

SEARCHING RECORDS

The free surname search allows you to test how many results you might find with the surname of your choice, across the different record types. Simply type in the surname and choose the time period; the default dates will return results from the entire database.

On the free search results page, you will be told how many instances of the chosen surname are found within each different set of records. When logged in you can view the results and will be shown how many credits are required to view the record.

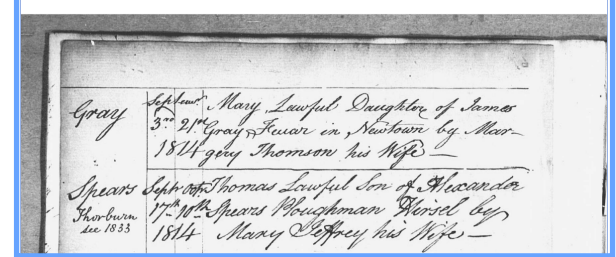
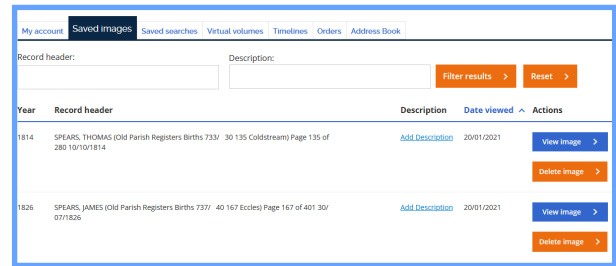
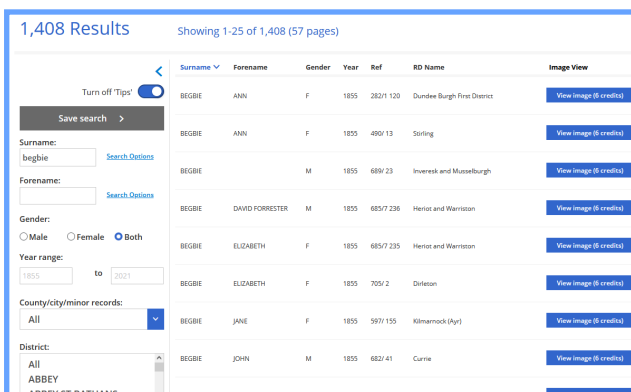
From here you can refine your search and/or view the record.

Any images you have paid for can be seen under 'Saved Images'. They can also be accessed by clicking on your name on the account. You can view/delete the image; add a description to the image; search by Record Header or Description.

You can also save search criteria, this option is available on the results page.

Your account name will show how many credits you have available.

From the image view you can, save as PDF; save as image, print. Zoom in/out; magnify; fit height/width; rotate; crop; invert; adjust contrast; adjust brightness; make full screen.



Websites

- tinyurl.com/f26myznw FS Scotland Marriages 1561-1910
- tinyurl.com/7uttjkw FS Scotland Births & Baptisms 1564-1950
- tinyurl.com/72vddjm4 FS Scotland Church Records and Kirk Session Records 1658-1919
- tinyurl.com/u3pkxxkm Catholic Registers
- tinyurl.com/ymksw56n Other Church Records
- dustydocs.com.au/
- cynadislist.com/uk/sct/
- genuki.org.uk/big/sct/
- www.visionofbritain.org.uk
- digital.nls.uk/scotlandspages/timeline.html
- abdn.ac.uk/emigration/search.html
- tinyurl.com/cfme82bd Parish outline maps
- tinyurl.com/yhcmb514 Old occupations
- tinyurl.com/sym26pc4 Complete parish list & #
- tinyurl.com/4npx63ye Gazetteer of Scotland
- tinyurl.com/36vtwy35 Scottish Naming Traditions
- tinyurl.com/2xnmu9rw Scottish Archive Network
- tinyurl.com/b9z54r39 Lewis Topographical Dictionary of Scotland
- nls.uk/family-history National Library of Scotland
- digital.nls.uk/directories Post Office Directories
- ambaile.org.uk Highland History and Culture
- freecen.org.uk
- scottishindexes.com
- ancestry.co.uk/
- findmypast.co.uk/
- tinyurl.com/8mb5v9 FMP Church Of Scotland Ministers 1560-1949
- myheritage.com

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