



### Week 3: BMDs and OPRs:

#### Handout on Parish and County Map Resources

We will be covering land and geography in more detail in Week 5 of the course. However, as parish and county boundaries are often important in finding the correct area to search for Statutory Birth, Marriage and Death records and the earlier Old Parish Records, here are a few links to geographical resources to help you get started.

National Library of Scotland. **Map images.** <http://maps.nls.uk/> . This website has a huge range of map resources, including many county and Ordnance Survey maps showing boundaries from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century onwards. Some earlier maps are also available, including for example:

Arrowsmith, Aaron (1825) **Ecclesiastical map of Scotland**. Edinburgh: P. Brown. <http://maps.nls.uk/scotland/detail.cfm?id=753> accessed 2 Feb 2016.

Gazetteer for Scotland <http://www.scottish-places.info/> accessed 2 Feb 2016.

This website has very detailed information on historic Scottish parishes and places, with links to layered maps, including historic ones.

Genuki: UK and Ireland genealogy (2004-2015). **Scotland.**

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/> accessed 2 Feb 2016. Lots of useful genealogy resources on this website: this specific link shows a basic map of Scottish counties with links to a wide range of further information, including detailed county maps.

Scottish Church Heritage Research. **Places of Worship in Scotland.**

<http://www.scottishchurches.org.uk/> accessed 2 Feb 2016. This is the website of a voluntary project aimed at providing an illustrated Gazetteer of places of worship throughout Scotland, mainly recording details of buildings. The north-eastern counties and Fife are complete so far, and it should develop into a useful geographical resource.