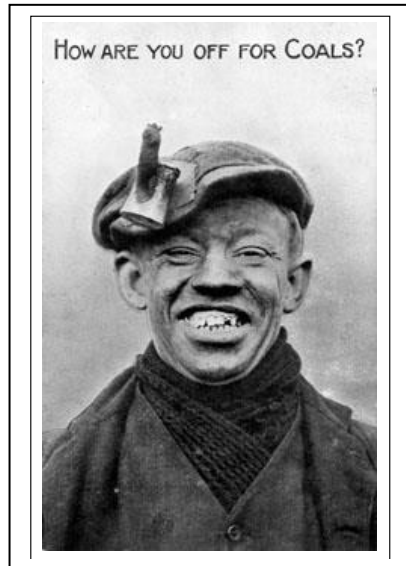




Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Your Scottish Coal Mining Ancestors



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Introduction

The aim of this booklet is to help you research your Scottish coal mining ancestors and the conditions in which they lived and worked. There has been coal mining in Scotland for over a thousand years, operating in tens of thousands of pits. Scottish mining saw its peak in the early years of the twentieth century, during which 10% of the Scottish population was involved in the industry. Few detailed employment records exist from the period before nationalisation in 1947. However, there are many sources available which can shed light on conditions in the workplace and at home, and help to give a more complete picture of your ancestor's life.

First Steps

Before launching into specific mining related research, it is advisable to build up a comprehensive picture of your ancestors by gathering information from relatives, and by searching standard family history records. Key record sets include:

- statutory registers (births, marriages and deaths from 1855 onwards);
- Old Parish Records (baptisms, marriages and banns, and burials, up to 1855);
- census returns (1841-1911);
- Kirk Session Minutes;
- Memorial Inscriptions - a large collection of these is held at the Scottish Genealogy Society Library;
- directories – many, covering the period 1773 to 1911, are available digitally via the National Library of Scotland;
- newspapers;
- wills and testaments;
- legal and property records.

You can find these records in libraries and record offices, family history centres, and online databases. A number of excellent guides have been published on starting family research; a selection of these are included at the back of this booklet, along with lists of national and regional record repositories, and useful websites.

Specific Mining Records Employment Records

Pre-nationalisation

Prior to the nationalisation of the coal mining industry in 1947, records were held by private companies that operated the mines. These records include wage books, pay books, and output books. Although many miners lived near the collieries in which they worked, some would travel a considerable distance to reach their workplaces. This can make it difficult to identify the colliery, and therefore the appropriate coal company. If you are lucky, and your ancestor's address was in specific colliery housing, your search will be easier. If your ancestor was involved in the management of a colliery you may be able to find him in published colliery directories, e.g. Lists of Mines (1883-) Colliery Year Book (1925-). Otherwise you may have to search the records for a number of collieries.

Coal company records are scattered across a number of archives and private collections. The National Records of Scotland (NRS) holds a large number, including:

- Alloa Coal Company 1835-46 (CB24)
- Archibald Russell Ltd 1901-46 (CB12)
- Bairds and Dalmellington Ltd 1898-1952 (CB4)
- Cairns and Simpson, Merrystow: wages books, 1819-20 and 1853-4 (CS96/44)
- Coltness Iron Company Ltd 1885 (CB11)
- Darnagavil Coal Company 1943-45 (CB22)
- Dryden Colliery: daybooks, 1756-70 (CS96/57)
- East Wemyss Coal Company 1891-1948 (CB1)
- Edinburgh and district coal companies, 1890-1947 (CB29)
- Fife Coal Company 1872-1961 (CB3)
- Fordell Collieries 1798-1940 (CB30)
- Lochgelly Iron and Coal Company 1847-1953 (CB2)
- Lothian Coal Company 1741-1919 (CB9)
- Niddrie and Benhar Coal Company Ltd 1880-1937 (CB18)
- Sanquhar and Kirkconnel Collieries, 1903-1923 (CB31)
- Shotts Iron Company Ltd 1871-1946 (CB21)

NRS also holds collections of papers from private owners (NRS, Ref GD) who had mines on their land. These may contain information of use to you, e.g. bonds tying coal mining families to their collieries. A source list of mining material found in these collections is available in the NRS Historical Research Room.

Other coal company collections, held in private libraries and archives can be found via the catalogues of the Scottish Archive Network (SCAN) and the National Register of Archives for Scotland (NRAS).

Post-nationalisation

If your ancestor was an agent, manager or undermanager, you may find him listed in the NCB Guides to Coalfields (1948 -1992); there is a personal name index for each volume. After 1947, employment records were kept by the National Coal Board. These are curated on behalf of the Coal Authority by Iron Mountain Records Management. Iron Mountain is not open to public, so you would need to make formal request for information, giving your ancestor's full name, date of birth, and, if known, the colliery in which he worked.

Accidents

Burial and Death Registers

Before 1852 no official lists of mining accidents or deaths were recorded. However, information can often be found in death and burial records, and in newspaper reports.

Burial records survive in the Old Parish Records (ORPs) Collection (Scotlands People Centre) for about two thirds of parishes. They are generally very basic, i.e. name of deceased, and date of burial. However, sometimes other information is included, e.g. cause of death and residence.

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 Dollar St. Sept: Monday 1816
 Robert Jack, Coalier at Blairnigone aged 30 years
 was killed on Saturday Morning the 7th Ins: by a large
 part of the Roof of the Coal falling on his head which fractured his
 skull in pieces, & beat out his Brains, he was buried here this day
 the 18th Sept: 1816

OPR Burial Record for Robert Jack, killed by a rock fall, 1816¹.

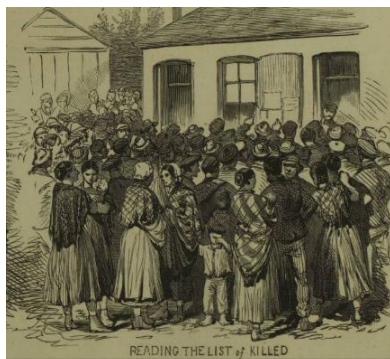
Statutory records (1855 onwards) are more comprehensive than OPRs. A record usually states cause of death, residence, and marital and birth information. Deaths had to be registered within eight days at which time the exact cause of death was not always known – particularly in the case of accidents or sudden deaths. Revised information was recorded in a Register of Corrected Entries (RCEs). Watch out for links to RCEs on the original statutory record (see example below).

See Reg. of the Burials No. 1, Page 114	110	Alexander Ross	1878	M. 41	James Ross	James Ross	1878
		Dost	March	Off.	Colton Wilson	his & wife	August 23 rd
		Coal Miner	English		(Dec?)	Widow	at Kirkcaldy
			Yr. 30th 1877				
			Married to James Ross by James Ross & John M. Reid witnesses John M. Reid		James Ross M. S. Ross (Dec?)	John M. Reid Witness	John M. Reid Registrar

Death record for Alexander Ross, killed in the Barrwood Colliery explosion, 1878²

¹ Burials (OPR) Scotland. Dollar, Clackmannanshire, 9th September 1816. JACK, Robert. 467/20 287. Crown copyright, National Records of Scotland.

² Deaths (CR) Scotland. Kilsyth, Stirling. 8 March 1878. ROSS, Alexander. 483/1 16. Crown Copyright, National Records of Scotland.



Reading out the list of fatalities at the Blantyre disaster⁵

Mines Inspector Reports

Published annually (1852-1914), these list, in the appendices, the names of victims, and give details of occupation, cause of death, and colliery in which they worked. Details of the accident itself may be in the main report. Victims may not be listed if death occurred at a later date. Also included is information on bravery medal awards and on prosecutions. Separate reports were written for major disasters (i.e. more than 10 deaths).

Accident Log Books

Log books were kept at collieries; the few that survive are generally to be found in the NRS (search their catalogue using the phrase “accident book”) and in local record offices.

Fatal Accident Inquiry Records (FAIs)

Accidental or sudden deaths in Scotland were privately investigated for the Procurator Fiscal. After 1895 Fatal Accident Inquiries took place in local sheriff courts. Some, but not all of the resulting reports have survived, and are kept at the NRS (Sheriff Court

⁴ Dundee Evening Telegraph. (23 October 1877) *The Blantyre Explosion*. p.2. The British Library Board. <http://www.findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 19 April 2017.

⁵ Illustrated London News (3 November 1877) *The Blantyre Colliery Explosion*. p.5. Illustrated London News Group. <http://www.findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 19 April 2017.

Records Collection, ref SC). All records listed individually in the NRS catalogue.

FAIs are also to be found amongst the records of the Lord Advocate's Department (NRS ref AD, Registers of Sudden Deaths, Fatal Accident Enquiries and Accidents in Mines, 1848-1935).

A Fatal Accident Inquiry is often indicated by reference to a jury in the Statutory Records Register of Corrected Entries (see Burial and Death Registers above)

Health Board Archives

If your ancestor was hospitalised, it is possible that you may find information amongst the patient records. These vary considerably in scope and comprehensiveness depending on the relevant hospital. Generally, in order to search these records, you need patient name, date of birth, hospital name, and date of admission or discharge. Examples of records available may include: admission registers, ward journals, case books, and registers of death. You can find contact details for the relevant regional health boards via the SCAN Directory.

Websites

Extensive lists of accident victims can be found in the following websites:

- Scottish Mining Website
<http://www.scottishmining.co.uk/5.html> : lists of accidents in Scottish mines (1698-2008) compiled from newspapers, Inspector Reports, FAIs, and death certificates. The lists include some people involved in non-fatal accidents.
- Ancestry: UK Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1700-1950.
<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=9735> : deaths index, originally published by the now defunct Coalmining History Resource Centre.
- National Mining Museum Scotland :
<http://nationalminingmuseum.com/collection/mining-memorials/> : ongoing research relating to Scottish mining memorials. Jim Henry, the volunteer responsible for this

project, has also published data and photographs in the Philip Healey website:

<http://healeyhero.co.uk/rescue/Scotland/Memorials-Scotland.html>

- Kingdom of Fife Industry Memorial Book <http://www.fifepits.co.uk/> : alphabetical list of mine-related deaths in 19th and 20th century Fife. Includes information supplied by relatives of mining casualties.

Bravery Awards

Until the establishment of the Mines Rescue Service in the early years of the twentieth century, mines were reliant on volunteers to rescue their colleagues and bring out casualties during a disaster. In the second half of the nineteenth century the large number of major accidents led to the setting up of a Royal Commission to improve standards of safety. The first dedicated mines rescue services were set up in the early twentieth century, e.g. in Cowdenbeath, Fife (1909). The Coal Mines Act (1911) made such services compulsory within 15 miles of most mines.



Roslin Colliery Rescue Brigade c.1920s⁶



Fife and Clackmannan Rescue Station medal, 1912⁷

The majority of acts of courage performed by rescuers remain unsung. However, occasionally they were recognised by some kind

⁶ Image. Roslin Colliery Rescue Brigade. c.1920s. Unknown photographer. Collection: National Mining Museum Scotland. NGSMM1996.3265.

⁷ Fife and Clackmannan Rescue Station Medal, 1912. Collection: National Mining Museum Scotland. NGSMM1998.5547.

of award. Awards ranged from small commemorative items, to medals and certificates. Official notifications of bravery awards were placed in the London Gazette (<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>) and were often reported more fully in newspapers. Other sources of information on awards are:

- The Carnegie Hero Fund Medal Roll of Honour. This commemorates the heroism of over 6000 people since 1908. It is housed in the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust Museum, Dunfermline.
- Heroes of Mine website <https://sites.google.com/site/minesrescuehistory/gallantry-awards> : lists of awards of the Albert, Edward and Empire Gallantry medals. Also information on the George, George Cross and Order of Industrial Heroism medals.
- The George Cross database: <http://www.marionhebblethwaite.co.uk/gcindex.htm>
- Life Saving Awards Research Society <http://www.lsars.org.uk/rolls.htm> : lists of awards of the Royal Humane Society(RHS). The RHS archives are held at the London Metropolitan Archives.
- Scottish Mining website: Heroism Awards <http://www.scottishminning.co.uk/265.html> : lists of Scottish holders of Carnegie Hero Fund, Edward, George medals and Kings Commendation. Also contains information from the London Gazette for selected awards.

Mining Organisations and Trade Unions

Mining Organisations

Your ancestor may be listed as a member in the publications of a mining organisation. These include:

- Transactions of the Institution of Mining Engineers.
- Proceedings of the National Association of Colliery Managers
- Transactions of the Institute of Mine Surveyors
- Colliery Yearbook and Coal Trades Directory

The publications are held in many libraries, including that of the National Mining Museum Scotland.

Friendly Societies and trade unions

From the beginning of the nineteenth century many miners joined regional unions which were formed to represent miners in a specific region, village, or colliery. NRS holds a large collection of records for Scotland in its FS series, e.g. Kilmarnock Coal Cutters Society (FS1/2/41) Tranent Benevolent Society of Colliers (FS1/9/9) and the Carfin Colliery Friendly Society (FS1/16/29). The collection is largely based on society rules and regulations, minutes, and correspondence. However, a few records also list members.

Many of the small unions and associations were subsequently amalgamated to form larger unions. The National Library of Scotland holds collections relating to many of these

(<http://www.nls.uk/catalogues/labour-history/1>), including:

The Scottish Colliery Enginemen, Boilermen and Tradesmen's Association, 1877-1965; and The National Union of Mineworkers, Scottish Area.

The Modern Records Centre, based at the University of Warwick <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/library/mrc> is the main UK repository for trade union and employer organisation archives.

Amongst its holdings are collections from: The National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers (NACODS); NUM; and The Miners' Federation of Great Britain.



Monktonhall Miners Deputies and Tradesmen banner, 1967⁸

⁸ Image. Nicholson, Robert L. (1967) Parade showing Monktonhall Banner. Collection: National Mining Museum Scotland. NGSMM1997.0337b.

Context

You may not be able to find many records relating specifically to your ancestor. However, a wealth of material is available in secondary sources which can give you a more complete picture of the kinds of jobs he/she might have done, what conditions would have been like in the mine and at home, and what their community was like.

Mining Occupations and Mining History

There were many different jobs in the mines, both above and below ground, and there are considerable regional differences in how these were named. Glossaries of mining terms can help in determining what your ancestor's role in a mine was. The Scottish Mining Website (<http://www.scottishmining.co.uk/13.html>) has a particularly helpful section on mining terms, including a transcription of James Barrowman's 1886 *Glossary of Scotch Mining Terms*, along with a fuller description of some occupations from the General and Special Rules included in William Alexander's 1856 report as Inspector of Mines. Many excellent histories have been published on the history of mining (see Suggested Reading at the back of this booklet). It is also worth seeking out miners' own accounts in autobiographies, poems, songs etc. The library of the National Mining Museum Scotland has a large collection of books, pamphlets and journals; the Library can be consulted by appointment.



Coal hewers, Brayton Domain Colliery, c.1895⁹

⁹ Images. Coal hewers, Brayton Domain Collieries, c.1895. Unknown photographer. Collection: National Mining Museum Scotland NGS1999.0378a.

Local history

The pit held communities together – particularly in the more isolated locations where mining formed the sole occupation. It is, therefore, particularly worthwhile researching the local history of your coalmining ancestors. Primary sources of information are maps and photographs. These can give many clues as to the terrain, layout of villages and towns, location of the collieries, housing, and amenities. The National Library of Scotland (<https://maps.nls.uk/>) is the largest repository in Scotland for maps, with material ranging from mediaeval manuscripts to up-to-date digital images.

Particularly useful, and available online, are the georeferenced maps, allowing you to compare modern and historical areas on one screen. The National Mining Museum Scotland holds a large collection of maps and plans, including maps of underground workings and topographical maps showing colliery locations, as well as engineering plans and architectural drawings. Our collection of over 18000 photographs include aerial shots of collieries, surface views, and underground scenes. Gazetteers can also help to give a picture of a local community. The Old (1791-99) and New (1834-45) Statistical Accounts of Scotland offer detailed parish accounts for the whole of Scotland. The original volumes are at the National Library of Scotland, but they are also available digitally at

<http://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home>. Maps, photographs, and written records are also available on the ScotlandsPlaces website. This is a free resource that enables you to search by place name, or by clicking on a map. Canmore (<https://canmore.org.uk/>) is the online catalogue of the National Record of Historic Environment Scotland. It holds information and images for more than 300,000 places in Scotland. Books and records, not to mention expertise on local history, are to be found in local libraries, archives, and societies. Details of many of these are listed in the directory following.

PLACES TO VISIT

Museum of Lead Mining

Wanlockhead Village
Dumfries and Galloway
ML12 6UT
Tel: 01659 74387
Email: info@leadminingmuseum.co.uk
Web: <http://www.leadminingmuseum.co.uk>

National Mining Museum Scotland

Lady Victoria Colliery
Newtongrange
Midlothian
EH22 4QN
Tel: 0131 6637519
Email: enquiries@nationalminingmuseum.com
Web: <http://www.nationalminingmuseum.com>

Prestongrange Museum

Morrison's Haven
Prestonpans
East Lothian
EH32 9RX
Tel: 0131 6532904 (Apr –
Sept); 01620 820624 (Oct – Mar)
Web: <http://www.prestongrange.org>

Scottish Shale Oil Museum

Almond Valley Heritage Trust
Millfield
Livingston
West Lothian
EH54 7AR
Tel: 01506 414957
Web: <http://www.scottishshale.co.uk/>

Summerlee Museum of Industrial Life

Heritage Way
Coatbridge

North Lanarkshire
ML5 1QD
Tel: 0123 6638460
Email: info@culturenl.co.uk
Web: <https://culturenl.co.uk/summerlee/>

LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES: NATIONAL

Coal Authority Archives c/o Iron Mountain Records Management

Iron Mountain UK Ltd, Central
Enquiry Service,
P.O. Box3238,
Stafford ST16 9LS.
Tel: 0844 2641486
Email: cservices@ironmountain.co.uk

National Library of Scotland

George IV Bridge
Edinburgh
EH1 1EW
Tel: 0131 6233700
Email: enquiries@nls.uk
Web: <http://www.nls.uk/>

National Library of Scotland Map Collections

159 Causewayside
Edinburgh
EH9 1PH
Tel: 0131 6233971
Email: maps@nls.uk
Web: <http://maps.nls.uk/index.html>

National Records of Scotland

(for BMD copy certificates)
New Register House
3 West Register Street
Edinburgh
EH1 3YT

Tel: 0131 3340380
Web: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>

National Records of Scotland

(for family history research via Scotlands People and Historical Search Room))

General Register House

2 Princes Street

Edinburgh

EHI 3YY

Tel: 0131 5351314 switchboard
0131 3144300 (Scotlands
People Centre)

Web: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>

National Register of Archives for Scotland (NRAS)

Web: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/record-keeping/national-register-of-archives-for-scotland>

Scottish Archive Network (SCAN)

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

The National Archives (TNA)

Kew

Richmond

Surrey

TW9 4DU

Tel: 020 88763444

Web: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES: REGIONAL (main coalmining areas only)

AYRSHIRE

Ayrshire Archives HQ

Watson Peat Building

SAC Auchincruive

Ayr

KA6 5HW

Tel: 01292 521819

Web: <http://www.ayrshirearchives.org.uk/default.asp>

Ayrshire Roots

Web: <http://www.ayrshireroots.co.uk/>

The Baird Institute History Centre

Lugar Street

Cumnock

KA18 1AD

Tel: 01290 427084

Web: <http://eastayrshireleisure.com/index.php?a=venuedetail&id=5&venueid=37>

East Ayrshire Family History Society

c/o Dick Institute

Elmbank Avenue

Kilmarnock

KA1 3BU

Email: enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Web: <http://www.eastayrshirefhs.co.uk/>

Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society

Unit 13, 32 Mansfield Street

Glasgow

G11 5QP

Tel: 0141 3398303

Email: enquiries@eastayrshirefhs.co.uk

Web: <http://www.gwsfhs.org.uk/>

North Ayrshire Family History Society

c/o Largs Library

Allanpark Street

Largs

KA30 9AG

Web:<http://www.largsnafhs.org.uk/home.html>

North Ayrshire Heritage Centre

13 Kirkgate
Saltcoats
Ayrshire
KA21 5HB
Tel: 01294 464174
Email:naheritage@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
Web: <http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/resident/leisure-parks-and-events/heritage/family-history.aspx>

Scottish and Local History Library

Carnegie Library
12 Main Street
Ayr
KA8 8EB
Tel: 01292 272231
Email:localhistory@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Web: <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries/local-history.aspx>

Troon@Ayrshire Family History Society

c/o MERC
Troon Public Library
South Beach
Troon
KA10 6EF
Email:info@troonayrshirefhs.org.uk
Web:<http://www.troonayrshirefhs.org.uk/>

CLACKMANNANSHIRE
Central Scotland Family History Society
Secretary

4 Fir Lane
Larbert
FK5 3LW
Web:<http://www.csfhs.org.uk/index.html>

Clackmannanshire Local Family History Centre

Speirs Centre
Primrose Place
Alloa
FK10 1AD
Tel: 0159 723850
Email:registration@clacks.gov.uk
Web:<http://www.clacksweb.org.uk/culture/genealogy/>

DUNBARTONSHIRE

Clydebank Heritage Centre

Clydebank Library
Dumbarton Road
Clydebank
G81 1XH
Web:<http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/libraries/archives-family-history/clydebank-heritage-centre/>

Dumbarton Heritage Centre

Dumbarton Library
Strathleven Place
Dumbarton
G82 1BD
Web:<http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/libraries/archives-family-history/dumbarton-heritage-centre/>

East Dunbartonshire Archives & Local Studies

William Patrick Library
2/4 West High Street
Kirkintilloch
G66 1AD
Tel: 0141 7773142

Web:<http://www.edlc.co.uk/heritage/archives.aspx>

**Glasgow & West of Scotland
Family History Society**

See Ayrshire

EAST LOTHIAN

**East Lothian Archives and Local
History Centre**

John Gray Centre
Haddington Library
15 Lodge Street
Haddington
EH41 3DX

Tel: 01620 820680

Email: jgc@eastlothian.gov.uk

Web:<http://www.johngraycentre.org/about/archives/>

Lothians Family History Society

LFHS Library at:

Lasswade Library
19 Eskdale Drive

Bonnyrigg

Midlothian

Email:webmaster@lothiansfhs.org.uk

Web:<http://www.lothiansfhs.org/>

FIFE

Cupar Library

Family History and Local History
Collection

Duncan Institute
33-35 Crossgate

Cupar

KY15 5AS

Tel: 01334 659367

Web:<https://www.onfife.com/venues/cupar-library>

**Dunfermline Carnegie Library
Local History Department**

Abbot Street
Dunfermline

KY12 7NL

Tel: 01383 602365

Email:dunfermline.library@onfife.com

Web:https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/at/oz/index.cfm?fuseaction=facility_display&facid=0C95F6FA-11D6-467F-BDE5ED42118689F4

Fife Archives Centre

Iona House
John Smith Business Park
Kirkcaldy
KY2 6NA

Tel: 01592 583352

Web:<https://www.onfife.com/libraries-archives/archives>

Fife Family History Society

FFHS Library
c/o Cupar Library

See above

Email:research@fifefhs.org

Web:<http://www.fifefhs.org/>

Fife Mining Heritage Society

Web:<http://www.fifeminingheritage.org.uk/Index.asp?MainID=611>

Kirkcaldy Galleries

Local and Family History Room

Abbotshall Road

Kirkcaldy

Fife

KY1 1YG

Tel: 01592 583206

Email:Kirkcaldy.galleries@fife.gov.uk

Web:<https://www.onfife.com/kirkcaldy-galleries-local-family-history-room>

St Andrews University Library

Special Collections
Library Annexe
North Haugh
St Andrews

Fife
KY16 9WH
Tel: 01334 462339/467380
Email:speccoll@st-andrews.ac.uk
Web:<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library/specialcollections/collections/archives/themanuscriptcollections/>

Tay Valley Family History Society

179-181 Princes Street
Dundee
DD4 6DQ
Tel: 01382 461845
Web:<http://www.tayvalleyfhs.org.uk/>

LANARKSHIRE

East Kilbride Central Library

Reference Department
The Olympia Shopping Centre
East Kilbride
G74 1PG
Tel: 01355 220046
Email:eastkilbride.reference@library.s-lanark.org.uk
Web:http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk/info/82/east_kilbride_library/443/local_history_heritage_and_family_history

Family History at The Mitchell

Mitchell Library
North Street
Glasgow
G3 7DN
Tel: 0141 2872988
Email:familyhistory@glasgowlife.org.uk
Web:<http://www.glasgowfamilyhistory.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx?gclid=CKCDor-KtbwCF5n4wgodH3YAbA>

Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society

see Ayrshire
c/o North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre

Hamilton Town House Library

102 Cadzow Street
Hamilton
ML3 6HH
Tel: 01698 452121
Email:Hamilton.reference@library.s-lanark.org.uk
Web:http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk/info/87/hamilton_town_house_library/443/local_history_heritage_and_family_history

Lanark Library

Reference Library
Hope Street
Lanark
ML11 7LZ
Tel: 01555 661144
Email:lanark.ref@library.s-lanark.org.uk
Web:http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk/info/89/lanark_library/443/local_history_heritage_and_family_history
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Lanarkshire Family History Society

c/o North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre
See address below
Resource Centre:
122-124 Merry Street
Motherwell
ML1 1NA
Email:research-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk
Web:<http://www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk/index.html>

North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre

Archives
High Road
Motherwell
ML1 3HU
Tel: 01698 274597
Web:<https://culturenl.co.uk/museums/archives-and-local-history-museums/north-lanarkshire-archives/>

North Lanarkshire Libraries

Local Studies Discovery Room
Airdrie Library
Wellwynd
Airdrie
ML6 0AG
Tel: 01236 758073
Web:<https://culturenl.co.uk/museum/s/archives-and-local-history-museums/airdrie-local-studies/planning-your-visit/>

Rutherglen Library

Heritage Centre
163 Main Street
Rutherglen
G73 2HB
Tel: 0141 6135380
Email:rutherglen@library.slanark.org.uk
Web:http://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk/info/82/east_kilbride_library/443/local_history_heritage_and_family_history

South Lanarkshire Council Archives and Records Centre

30 Hawbank Road
East Kilbride
G74 5EX
Tel: 01355 239193
Web:http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200165/local_and_family_history/588/archives_and_records/8

MIDLOTHIAN

Local Studies and Archives

Dalkeith Library
White Hart Street
Dalkeith
EH22 1AE
Tel: 0131 6632083
Email:<mailto:local.studies@midlothian.gov.uk>
Web:https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/458/local_and_family_history/391/local_studies

Lothians Family History Society

See East Lothian

STIRLINGSHIRE

Central Scotland Family History Society

See Clackmannanshire

Falkirk Archives

Callendar House
Callendar Park
Falkirk
FK1 1YR
Tel: 01324 503779
Web:<http://www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/heritage/family-history/family-archives.aspx>

Falkirk Library

Hope Street
Falkirk
FK1 5AU
Tel: 01324 503605
Web:<http://www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/venues/falkirk-library/>

Stirling Council Archive Services

5 Borrowmeadow Road
Stirling
FK7 7UW
Tel: 01786 450745

Web:<http://my.stirling.gov.uk/service/education-and-learning/libraries-and-archives/archives>

Stirlingshire Local History Collection

Central Reference Library
Corn Exchange Road
Stirling
FK8 2HX

Tel: 01786 237761

Web:<http://my.stirling.gov.uk/service/education-and-learning/local-history-and-heritage/family-history-and-genealogy/researching-your-family-history>

WEST LOTHIAN

West Lothian Archives and Records Centre

Kirkton Service Centre
1 Lister Road
Kirkton Campus
Livingston
EH54 7BL

Tel: 01506 283670

Web:<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/2052/Archives#cn4160>

West Lothian Family History Society

Secretary
21 Willowpark
Fauldhouse
West Lothian
EH47 9HN

Web:<http://www.wlffhs.org.uk/>

West Lothian Local History Library

County Buildings Annexe
89-91 High Street
Linlithgow
Tel: 01506 282491

Web:<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/2050/Family-History>

USEFUL WEBSITES

Family History and Historical Records

Ancestry:

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/>
(subscription site)

Family Search:

<https://familysearch.org/>

Findmypast:

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/>
(subscription site)

The Genealogist:

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>
(subscription site)

Genuki. UK and Ireland Genealogy:

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

National Register of Archives for Scotland:

<http://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrasregister/welcome.aspx>

ScotlandsPeople:

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>
(subscription site)

Scottish Archive Network:

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

Maps, gazetteers, and photographs

Canmore. (Historic Environment Scotland): <https://canmore.org.uk/>

ScotlandsPlaces. Historic Environment Scotland, National Records of Scotland, and National Library of Scotland.):

<http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/about>

The Statistical Accounts of Scotland. 1791-1845:

<http://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home>

Directories

National Library of Scotland.

Scottish Post Office Directories:

<http://www.nls.uk/family-history/directories/post-office>

Newspapers

National Library of Scotland.

Newspaper Collections:

<http://www.nls.uk/collections/newspapers>

Findmypast:

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/>

(subscription site)

British Newspaper Archive:

<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/> (subscription site)

SUGGESTED READING

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