



ScotlandsPeople is a partnership between the National Records of Scotland <http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/> and the Lyon Office <http://www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon>.



Unable to Visit Edinburgh?

If you cannot make it to Edinburgh then visit our pay-per-view website at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk> where it is possible to view our indexes, historical images and make electronic saves for prescribed fees.

Where Are We?

The ScotlandsPeople Centre is located at the east end of Princes Street directly opposite the Balmoral Hotel in the heart of Edinburgh.

The Centre can be accessed:

- **By Train:** Edinburgh's main railway station (Waverley) is within 5 minutes walk.
- **By Bus:** The airport bus stance at Waverley Bridge, and the Coach Station in St Andrew Square is within 5 minutes walk. Local buses pass even closer!
- **By Car:** We offer two car parking spaces for disabled people, which will need to be booked in advance by ringing 0131 314 4300. Commercial car parking is available nearby.
- **Access for Disabled:** There is a stairlift at the west entrance to General Register House and ramped access at the back of General Register House and New Register House.

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ScotlandsPeople

Connecting Generations

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE



HELPING YOU TRACE YOUR SCOTTISH ANCESTRY



Customers will be shown how to use the Centre software, be told about the digitised records we hold and the information they contain, and receive general advice on how to compile a family tree.

SCOTTISH FAMILY HISTORY STARTS HERE



Have you ever wondered where your Scottish ancestors came from? What they did and how they lived? The **ScotlandsPeople Centre** can help you find the answers to these questions.

The ScotlandsPeople Centre provides easy access to key Scottish family history resources such as birth, marriage and death records, wills, census records and coats of arms. Searching is quick and easy, using modern computer technology to bring the records to you in an instant at over 160 search places. Staff are on hand to provide help and guidance. No need to search through dusty books for hours on end – just type in a name and a date and all will be revealed! Find Royalty, famous people and ordinary folk. All in the splendour of General Register House, which was designed by the famous Scottish architect Robert Adam and opened in 1788 and New Register House which was opened in 1861.

We have limited **free** introductory taster sessions. It is also possible to visit our **shop** for gift ideas, books and other mementos or try our tasty treats in our **cafe**.

The search fee for the Centre is **£15** (VAT exempt) for a full or part day. Staff are on hand to provide advice on how to use the Centre software, what digitised records we hold and the information they contain, and on how to compile a family tree. Age restrictions apply. Please see our website for details.

CONTACT US

Enquiries can be made by telephoning **0131 314 4300**, emailing enquiries@scotlandspeoplehub.gov.uk or by visiting the Centre in person any weekday between **09:00 and 16:30**. Further details are available at <http://www.scotlandspeoplehub.gov.uk>.

SEMINAR FACILITY

Anyone wishing to hold an exhibition or conference is able to book the seminar facility, which has the wonderful backdrop of the statutory records going back to 1855. Prices start from £100 for half a day. Contact us for further details.

ASSISTED SEARCHES

Assisted searches are available for **£20 per hour** plus the **£15 day search fee**, whereby a member of staff will sit with up to two customers at one computer terminal to help them trace their family tree for a maximum period of 2 hours.

Further details and a booking form are available on our website.

THE DIGITISED RECORDS

Customers will be able to view all of the images of the records listed. If a record is deemed to be historical, and by that we mean birth records that are 100 years or older, marriage records that are 75 years or older and death records that are 50 years or older, customers will also be able to print or save a copy electronically for a fee with the exception of prints of the records held by the Lyon Office, which will need to be ordered.

The Miscellaneous manuscript record series of birth, death and marriage records is available on microfilm.



Census Returns 1841 - 1911

Old Parish Registers:
Births & Christenings 1553 - 1854
Banns & Marriages
Deaths & Burials

Statutory Register:
Register of Births 1855 - current
Register of Deaths 1855 - current
Register of Divorces 1984 - current
Register of Marriages 1855 - current
Register of Corrections, etc. 1855 - current
Register of Civil Partnerships 2005 - current

Wills & Testaments: 1513 - 1901

Coats of Arms:
Entries in the Public Register of
all Arms and Bearings in Scotland 1672 to
100 years ago

Minor Records detailing the register of births, deaths and foreign marriages that have taken place outside Scotland where it appears that one of the child's parents or the deceased person was usually resident in Scotland comprising:

Air registers of births & deaths 1948 - current
Consular returns 1914 - current
High Commissioner's returns 1964 - current
Marine registers of births & deaths 1855 - current
Registered events in foreign countries 1860 - 1965
Service Records 1881 - 1959
War Registers 1899 - current

Foreign marriages without the presence of a British consular officer 1947 - current
Marriages solemnised by army chaplains 1892 - current

Catholic Parish Registers, available at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>, will be available at the Centre during 2011.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Centre has a useful reference library. It includes: transcripts of pre-1855 birth, death, marriage and population records; monumental (or gravestone) inscriptions for burial grounds throughout Scotland and a few overseas; Post Office directories for the four main cities; the four statistical accounts of Scotland; gazetteers and maps; guides to occupations, personal names and medical terms; the *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanae*; and a small collection of family and clan histories. There is also access to electronic publications and genealogy-related websites.

For further details of our holdings see the Research section on our website.

The Centre is linked to the Historical Search Room of the National Records of Scotland, where it is possible to access original documents including church records, criminal and civil court records; taxation records; estate records; valuation rolls and much more. Admission is free for the purposes of historical research, but you will need to obtain a reader's ticket. To find more information about family history and how to apply for a reader's ticket, please visit <http://www.nas.gov.uk> or telephone 0131 535 1334. Search room open Monday to Friday **09:00 to 16:30**.

