

TYPES OF RECORDS

Censuses: 1841-1911

Statutory Registers of Births, Marriages, Deaths: post -1855

Old Parish Registers: pre-1855

ADDITIONAL STRATEGY TOOLS

Record Selection Table

Drop-line pedigree charts

Timelines of life events

STRATEGY PROCESSES

“ Four Whats”

1. What you know
2. What you think you know
3. What you don't know
4. What you want to know

WHAT YOU KNOW

List all known facts of ancestor being researched

- Any birth, marriage, or death details
 - a. Any individuals who are connected to the ancestor; ie. spouse, children, etc.
- Any events in their lives
 - a. Were they in the military?
 - b. Where did they live?
 - c. What was their occupation?
 - d. Are there any photos or any other identifiable artifacts?

WHAT YOU THINK YOU KNOW

- Write down any stories of information that would aid research that has been passed down through the generations of time.
- Review any notes or previous research on this particular ancestor

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW

- List all the unknown facts where there is missing information in current possession

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW

- Create a list of what is needed to fill in the missing information listed in the previous item
- Identify the main questions
- Determine which records will provide the missing information

BEGIN RESEARCH

Thoroughly search each identified record to build your family.

Military	Census	Naturalization	Statutory Registers	Old Parochial/Parish Registers (OPRs)
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Write down findings from each record (even if nothing was located)

WHAT WAS LEARNED FROM THE RESEARCH?

Summarize:

- Was the information needed located?
 - Update your records with any new information
- Are there additional records that need to be reviewed?
- Write down next set of records to be looked at for a new plan of action
 - Passenger lists?
 - Naturalization records?
 - Additional censuses records?
 - More civil registration records?
 - Are there new locations to search?

IDENTIFY RECORDS SOURCES AND LOCATIONS

- National Archives & Libraries
 - National Records of Scotland (formerly National Archives of Scotland) (NAS): <http://www.nas.gov.uk/>
 - General Register Office of Scotland (GROS): <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/>
 - National Library of Scotland (NLS): <http://www.nls.uk/>
 - Scottish Archives Network (SCAN): <http://www.scan.org.uk/>
 - The National Archives (UK): <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
 - Directory of Scottish Archives & Associations: <http://www.scan.org.uk/directory/contactdetails.htm>

ONLINE RESOURCES

- \$ ScotlandsPeople: <http://scotlandspeople.gov.uk>
- \$ Ancestry: <http://ancestry.co.uk>
- Scottish Archive Network: <http://scan.org.uk>
- Scottish Collections Network: <http://www.scotlandinformation.com/scone>
- FamilySearch Research Wiki: <https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Scotland>

REVIEWING RECORD TYPES:

Vital Records

- Statutory Registers: 1855 to present:
 - **Indexes** of Births and deaths (1855-2009 and marriages (1855-2009)
 - **Images** of births (1855-1911), marriages (1855-1936) and deaths (1855-1961)

- Old Parish Registers: 1553 to 1854
 - Only include those of the Established Church of Scotland
 - No standard format, costly and unpopular
 - Only about 3500 registers have survived
 - Varies on information provided
 - Recorded Baptisms and Marriages available on film and online
 - Burial records are only available through ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk

Census Records

- Scotland Census Records
 - 1841 Census taken on 6 June 1841
 - 1851 Census taken on 30 Mar 1851
 - 1861 Census taken on 7 Apr 1861
 - 1871 Census taken on 2 Apr 1871
 - 1881 Census taken on 3 Apr 1881
 - 1891 Census taken on 5 Apr 1891
 - 1901 Census taken on 31 Mar 1901
 - 1911 Census taken on 2 Apr 1911

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1. If You Need	2. Look First In	3. Then Search
Age	Census, Civil Registration, Church Records	Cemeteries, Military Records, Biography
Birth date	Civil Registration, Church Records	Cemeteries, Genealogy, Military Records, Newspapers, Occupations, Biography
Birthplace	Census, Church Records, Civil Registration,	Cemeteries, Genealogy, Newspapers, Military Records, Occupations, Biography
Boundaries of parishes, districts, and counties	Gazetteers	History, Maps
Death	Cemeteries, Church Records, Civil Registration, Newspapers	Court Records, Probate Records, Land and Property, Biography
Historical background	Genealogy, History	Church History
Emigration date	Emigration and Immigration, Language and Languages	Church Records
Language helps	Civil Registration, Directories, Census	Newspapers, Periodicals, Societies, Biography
Living relatives	Civil Registration, Church Records	Cemeteries, Census, Land and Property, Probate Records, Biography
Maiden name	Church Records, Civil Registration,	Biography, Genealogy, Newspapers, Nobility
Marriage	Church Records, Census, Directories, Civil Registration, Occupations, Probate Records	Court Records; Poorhouses, Poor Law, Etc.; Land and Property, Biography
Occupation	Census, Church Records, Civil Registration, Probate Records	Cemeteries, Land and Property, Schools, Biography
Parents, children, and other family members	Military Records, Court Records	Biography, Newspapers, Occupations
Physical description	Gazetteers, Maps	Directories, History, Historical Geography, Land and Property, Periodicals
Place-finding aids	Census, Church Records, Civil Registration, Directories	Land and Property, Probate Records, Biography
Places of residence	Civil Registration, Church Records, Land and Property, Probate Records, Taxation, Census, Biography, Genealogy, Societies	Cemeteries
Place of residence when you know only the county	Archives and Libraries, Genealogy	Nobility, Periodicals
Previous research (compiled genealogy)	Biography, Church Records, Civil Registration	Periodicals, Societies
Record-finding aids	Names (Personal)	Census, Cemeteries, Genealogy, History
Religion		
Understanding names		