
Scotland Research Series Part One:
Where did your Scottish Ancestors Live?
Understanding UK Geography & Census Records

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- University of Strathclyde MSc Course website:
<https://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduatetaught/genealogicalpalaeographicheraldicstudies/#coursecontent>
- Center for Lifelong Learning 8 week classes:
<https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/centreforlifelonglearning/genealogy/>
- ‘Discover Your Scottish Ancestry: Internet and Traditional Resources’, G Holton and J Winch, 2nd revised ed. 2009, (Edinburgh University Press). <https://www.amazon.com/Discover-Your-Scottish-Ancestry-Traditional/dp/0748639195>
- United Kingdom Geography & Terms:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terminology_of_the_British_Isles
- Shires of Scotland (i.e. Historic Counties): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shires_of_Scotland
- Administrative subdivisions of Scotland:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subdivisions_of_Scotland#Council_areas
- History of Scotland’s Census: <https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/about/history-of-scotland-s-census/>
- Webster’s “Census” of 1755: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/census-records/webster%E2%80%99s-census-of-1755>
- BYU Early British Census Project: <http://ebc.byu.edu/Home>
- 1840 Population Act: <https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/transformingsociety/private-lives/relationships/collections1/parliament-and-the-census/1841-census-act/>
- National Records of Scotland, Research Guide, Census Records:
<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/census-records>
- 1911 Census & Other Census Info: <https://www.1911census.org.uk/>
- ScotlandsPeople Census Info: <https://www.scotlandspople.gov.uk/record-guides/census-returns>
- Statistical Accounts of Scotland: https://electricscotland.com/webclans/statistical_accounts.htm
- List of census abbreviations: <https://www.familyhistory.co.uk/census-abbreviations/>
- 1939 Register: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/nhs-central-register/about-the-register/1939-national-identity-register-and-how-to-order-an-official-extract>

- Scotland's census. <http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/>
- Jolly, Emma. (2020) A Guide to Tracing Your Family History using the Census. <https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/A-Guide-to-Tracing-Your-Family-History-using-the-Census-Paperback/p/17837>
- Where to find Scottish Census Records:
 - Microfilm (1841-1901): LDS-FHC, FHS and local libraries.
 - Index and images (1841-1911): ScotlandsPeople
 - Index and transcriptions (1841-1901): Ancestry and FindMyPast
 - Index and partial transcriptions (1841-1891) FamilySearch
 - Index and transcriptions (1841-1871 but not all counties): FreeCen
 - Index and images on-screen (1841-1911): ScotlandsPeople Centre in Edinburgh and other Registrar centers around Scotland.