

Scottish ancestors

Local and Family History

Pathfinder no. 8



Bega Library:	Mon. – Fri., 9.30am – 5.30pm.	Sat 9.00am – 12 noon	Zingel Place, Bega.
Bermagui Library:	Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri., 9.30am – 5.00pm.	Sat 9.00am – 12 noon	Young Street, Bermagui.
Merimbula Library:	Mon. - Fri., 9.30am – 5.00pm.	Sat 9.00am – 12 noon	Market Street, Merimbula.
Eden Library:	Tues. – Fri., 9.30am – 5.00pm.	Sat 9.00am – 12 noon	Cnr Imlay & Mitchell, Eden.

Convict transportation in the late 1700s and early 1800s, followed by poverty, famine and epidemics in Scotland in the 1820s and 1830s, caused the first significant Scottish emigration to Australia. Scottish squatters and rural workers established farms, and urban settlers worked as skilled artisans and professionals. During the 1850s many Scots arrived hoping to make their fortunes on the goldfields. Immigration assistance schemes also swelled the number of Scottish arrivals.

As the gold rush declined, many Scottish immigrants moved on to farming, industry or commerce. Growing community organisations such as Presbyterian churches and highland societies provided a focus for social and cultural activities.

In the early 20th century, assistance schemes for British immigrants promoted Scottish immigration. By the 1940s, recession and war affected Scotland's economy, prompting increasing numbers to emigrate. This continued through the 1960s. British financial assistance for immigration remained in place until the 1970s.

One of the most important sites for Scottish family historians is 'Scotland's People' (see under the heading 'Websites' below). 'Scottish family history on the web' by Stuart Raymond includes much useful advice (025.06929 RAYM).

Various Australian record categories can help you pinpoint a place of origin in Scotland: see our range of pathfinders including "Census Information" (no. 1); "Births deaths and marriages" (no.2); "Shipping and immigration" (no. 4) and "Convicts" (no.6).

Books

Abandoned women: Scottish convicts exiled beyond the seas / Lucy Frost. **R994.0082 FROS LHC**

The clans and tartans of Scotland / Robert Bain. **929.2 BAIN**

Collins Scotland atlas and gazetteer. **912.411 COLL**

Discover Scottish church records / Chris Paton. **R929.3411 PATO LHC** (includes forms for recording family history information).

Discover your Scottish ancestry: internet and traditional resources / Graham S. Holton and Jack Winch. **929.1 HOLT**

The forgotten monarchy of Scotland: true story of the Royal House of Stewart and the hidden lineage of the kings and queens of Scots / His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Albany. **941.106 MIC**

A history of Scotland / Neil Oliver. **941.1 OLIV**

How to trace your Scottish ancestors: an A-Z approach / Janet Reakes. **929.3411 REA**

The Lighthouse Stevensons: the extraordinary story of the building of the Scottish lighthouses by the ancestors of Robert Louis Stevenson / Bella Bathurst. **627.922 BATH**

Researching Scottish family history / Chris Paton. **929.3411 PATO**

Robert Bruce: our most valiant prince, king and lord / Colin McNamee. **941.102 MCNA**

Scotland's clans and tartans / James Scarlett. **929.2 SCA**

Scotland: history of a nation / David Ross. **941.1 ROSS**

Scottish clan and family names: their arms, origins and tartans / Roddy Martine. **929.209411 MART**

Scottish family history on the web: a directory / Stuart A. Raymond. **025.06929 RAYM**

The Scottish radicals: tried and transported to Australia for treason in 1820 / Margaret Macfarlane. **941.1074 MAC**

Scottish battles / John Sadler. **941.1 SADL**

Ships from Scotland to Australasia, 1820-1860 / David Dobson. **R387.2 DOBS LHC**

Websites

www.ancestrylibrary.com Ancestry Library Edition is available for free on the Library computers.

www.findmypast.co.uk/ This website is available for free on the Library computers and offers access to a wide range of records for England, Wales and Scotland including birth, death and marriage information from 1837 – 2005, census records 1837-2006, parish, migration and military records.

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk Scotland's People is a gateway site with an extensive array of free online resources. Categories include births and baptisms; marriages; deaths and burials; censuses; directories; poorhouses; ships and passenger lists; occupations; maps; books; photographs and more. Order official extracts of certificates using this website. There is a free name search and fees apply for access to the indexes and digital images. There is also a free Coats of Arms Search 1672-1909 and wills and testaments index (1513-1901) search.

www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/ On 1 April 2011, the General Register Office for Scotland merged with the National Archives of Scotland to become the National Records of Scotland (NRS). This website will remain active until it is replaced in due course by a new website for NRS. See the Scotlands People website listed above for all family research and online ordering of certificates.

www.coraweb.com.au/scotland.htm This is an Australian gateway site for tracing your family history by Cora Num, including a very extensive list of Scottish genealogy links.

www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/ This gateway site offers access to a vast Scottish genealogical collection. This is a great site for research help and detailed information, with information arranged geographically.

www.cyndislist.com/Scotland/htm Cyndi's List has thousands of links for Scottish genealogy research available.

www.nas.gov.uk The National Archives of Scotland holds the public and legal records of Scotland plus many local and private archives. There is detailed information on the collection plus online fact sheets and links to online records.

www.familysearch.org FamilySearch by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This site features free, searchable collections for United Kingdom and Ireland including: Scotland births and baptisms 1564-1950, Scotland marriages 1561-1910; and census records. The records include indexes and extracts of the Scottish civil registration birth and marriage records 1855-1875.

www.nls.uk The National Library of Scotland *Digital Gallery* allows you to view digitised material from the collections including thousands of maps 1560-1928. There is also online access to over 600 directories 1773 to 1911, covering 28 of Scotland's towns and counties. Detailed information on researching your family history is available.

www.sctbdm.com Scotland BDM Exchange provides a free resource for sharing details on civil and parish registrations in Scotland. A surname search is available.

www.scan.org.uk The Scottish Archive Network (SCAN) includes a directory of repositories and much general information. The *Research Tools* include an online *Family History Guide*. The *Digital Archive* offers free access to Scottish historical documents online. Categories include military records, passports, court records, property records and emigration records.

www.rampantscotland.com The Rampant Scotland Directory is an excellent gateway site for Scottish genealogy research.

www.freereg.org.uk The *FreeReg* project aims to provide free indexes to the old Parish registers. Click 'Counties and Parishes' and scroll down to see county pages, which gives details of Scottish registers indexed. This ongoing project is regularly updated with new material.

www.scotsorigins.com Scots Origins features a free International Genealogical Index (IGI) search for Scottish marriages 1553-1875 and births and christenings 1553-1875. There is also a free Scottish place search, and expert articles and discussion on Scottish history.

www.deceasedonline.com Deceased Online is a central database for UK burials and cremations. The free name search returns full names, date and place of burial or cremation. These are mostly English, but there are Scottish monumental inscriptions available, for example Aberdeen, Angus, Edinburgh, Fife, Inverness, Lancashire, Perthshire, West Lothian and Highland cemeteries.

www.ancestry.co.uk/ Ancestry.co.uk census collection includes the 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 census for Scotland. The records are fully indexed with a free surname search. A variety of subscription options offer access to transcriptions of the records. Digitised copies are not available from this site.

<http://archiveshub.ac.uk> The Archives Hub enables you to search across archives held at nearly 200 UK institutions.

www.electricscotland.com Electric Scotland has thousands of pages of information covering Scottish history, online books and details on the Scottish, Scots-Irish clans and families.

www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz/ The Gazetteer for Scotland is a geographical database featuring details of towns, villages, bens and glens. It also includes text from Francis Groome's 19th century *Ordnance Gazetteer for Scotland*.

addressinghistory.edina.ac.uk/ Addressing History is a searchable, historical database of the people of Edinburgh, Scotland. This project has combined data from digitised historical Scottish Post Office Directories with historical maps. The project has focused on Edinburgh mapping and Post Office Directories (1784-1785; 1865; 1905-1906). You can search by people, places and professions.

www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/ Scotlands Places is a website that allows users to search across different national databases using geographic locations. This site has links to digital copies of maps and plans of counties, cities, towns, villages, farms, roads, canals, harbours, churches, schools, public buildings, private houses, mines and quarries. There are also links to photographs, manuscript records and printed books from millions of pages in government and private records. These include tax rolls, owners of land and heritages, and the annual reports of county Medical Officers of Health.