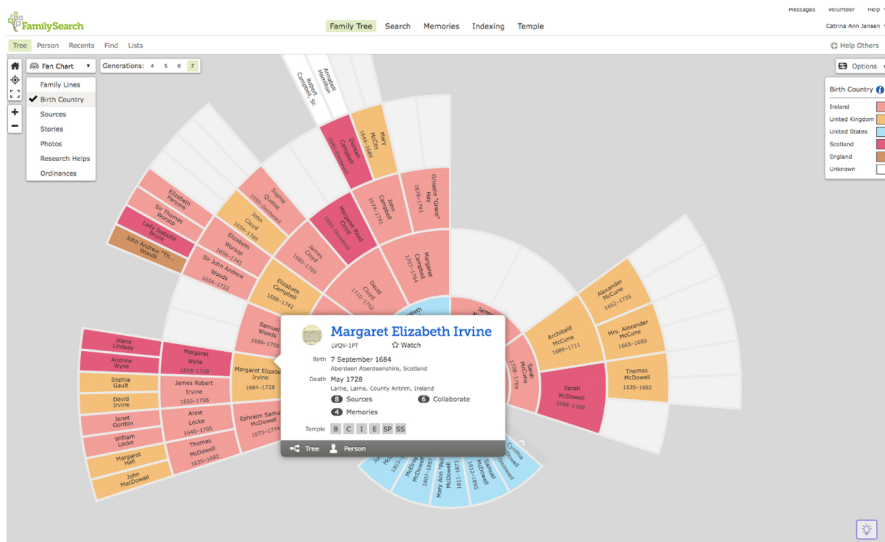
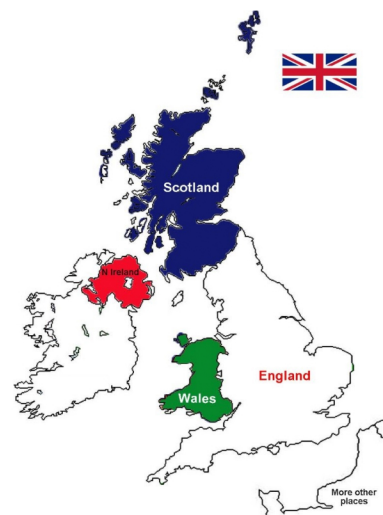


Scotland Research - a first look



Our trees often have Scottish ancestors that are categorized as United Kingdom. This is a title of a political unity of the area -- not a country!



Scotland is a country with records that are separate and distinct from England or Wales or Ireland.

You cannot do Scottish Genealogy properly from Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, FindMyPast, MyHeritage etc. because they just don't have the actual records.
Dr. Bruce Durie

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You can search for free at Scotlandspeople.gov.uk - images require buying credits. These are available within 5-10 minutes of purchasing. Vital records are around 6 credits or 2.00 US dollars per image that you can view and copy as you need. Wills and Testaments are 10 credits for all of the pages in the packet.

Search results

Advanced people search >

If you need official certificates (extracts) of birth, marriage, death or divorce records for official or legal purposes, for example when applying for a passport, please go to our [certificates and copies](#) page.

Ballantyne

William

From 1600

To 1800

Update Results >

Search Options ?

Search Options ?

Exact names only

Fuzzy matching

Wild cards allowed

Names that begin with

Name Variants

Phonetic matching

We found 0 categories

Statutory registers

Search the statutory (civil) registers of births, marriages and deaths in Scotland from 1855 to the present.

No results

Church registers

Search church registers of births (or baptisms), marriages and burials in Scotland from 1553 onwards.

Old parish registers - Births

view 199 records

Old parish registers - Deaths

view 27 records

Old parish registers - Marriages

view 98 records

Other church records - Baptisms

view 2 records

Census returns

Search the lists of people recorded in censuses taken every 10 years in Scotland from 1841 onwards.

No results

Valuation rolls

Search lists of owners and occupiers of buildings and other properties in Scotland from 1855 onwards.

No results

Legal records

Search wills and testaments, coats of arms, soldiers' and airmen's wills and the records of military service appeals tribunals.

Wills and testaments

view 0 records

Poor relief and migration records

Search the records for the emigration society, set up to relieve Highland destitution 1852-57.

No results

Searching can be refined with the filters on the left hand side of the results listing.

Things to know about Scotland Records

Religion

The Kirk - The church
Informal name for
The Church of Scotland
OPR - Old Parochial Records
Pre-1855 church records
Wills & Testaments and Church records
Mid 1500's

Historically

Census records 1841-1911 every 10 years.
12-15 year old children were reported aged up or down
work instead of school, military service
Children were renamed the same as a sibling who died.
1855 was the beginning of government record keeping - Statutory Records
Solicitor means lawyer in Scotland
Valuation Rolls were taken on the 5th year of each decade for head of household.

Searching requires the last name in the first box - and when you click on search options you get very powerful tools to help with names. My favorite is the name variant tool that helps me with name spellings I have't thought of before. This can be done for both surname and last name.

baptisms - Search results

You searched for: Surname: Ballantyne; Surname Option: 'Yes'; Forename: William; Forename Option: 'Exact'; From year: '1600'; To year: '1800'; Church type: 'Old Parish Registers'; Event: 'B OR C OR S'; Sort: 'Asc, Order: 'Date'; Field: 'Year'

199 Results

Showing 1-25 of 199 (8 pages)

| Surname | Forename | Parents/ Other Details | Gender | Date | Parish Number | Ref | Parish | Image View |
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| BELLENDEN | WILLIAM | JAMES SINBELLENDEN SCOBELL KER F120 (F120) | M | 16/10/1603 | 759 | 10 60 | Kelso | View image (6 credits) |
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| BALLANTYNE | WILLIAM | WILLIAM BALLANTYNE | M | 05/02/1615 | 716 | 10 40 | Pennycuik | View image (6 credits) |
| BALLANTYNE | WILLIAM | ROBERT BALLANTYNE/MARCON BURNAT F1165 (F1165) | M | 26/02/1618 | 716 | 10 309 | Prestonpans | View image (6 credits) |
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| BALLENDEN | WILLIAM | JOHN BALLENDEN/NEANE HEADS F120 (F120) | M | 08/04/1637 | 6851 | 10 31 | Leith North | View image (6 credits) |
| BALLANTYNE | WILLIAM | WILLIAM BALLANTYNE/NEANE DUNFRIES F120 (F120) | M | 07/11/1638 | 6851 | 10 31 | Leith North | View image (6 credits) |

Oldest Child & Maiden Names

Sometimes born in a different location than the rest of the family or place of residence. This is a big clue.

Maiden names were widely used in record keeping in Scotland. The census is one of the few times just a married name was used.

If a maiden name was given it didn't necessarily mean the woman wasn't married.

Widows sometimes reverted to maiden name.

Children often took the name of the step-father.

Names

Nicknames were common

They would also change during a lifetime.

Lizzie, Liza, Eliza all used for the same person.

Common Abbreviated names

Thos for Thomas

Jas for James

Rbt for Robert

Alxr for Alexander

Surnames had many spellings - phonetic by the writer at the time

McCune

McEwan

McEwin

McQuien

McQuihen

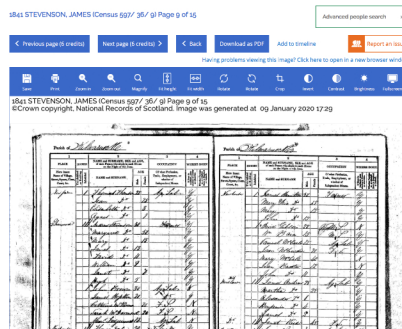
Naming Pattern

1. The eldest son was named for the father's father.
2. The second son was named for the mother's father.
3. The third son was named for the father—if the name was not already used.
4. The eldest daughter was named for the mother's mother.
5. The second daughter was named for the father's mother.
6. The third daughter was named for the mother—if the name was not already used.
7. Additional children could be named for other relatives. If a child died, the name could be reused for a subsequent child.



A picture is worth a thousand words

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Scotland Research Portfolio

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