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ScotlandsPeople: the Centre and Online

3.1 ScotlandsPeople makes available digital images of some of the most important records for Scottish family history which are held by the NRS, the Lyon Court and the Scottish Catholic Archives. You can consult the digitised records either on the ScotlandsPeople pay-per-view website *www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk*, or by visiting the ScotlandsPeople Centre in Edinburgh. ScotlandsPeople resources are also available in local family history centres around Scotland. For more information please visit *https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/visit-us*.

3.2 The records which are available on either the internet or search room version of ScotlandsPeople are:

Census Returns	1841–1911
Old Parish Registers:	1553–1855
Births and Christenings	
Banns and Marriages	
Deaths and burials	
Other Churches	1716–1855
Statutory Registers:	
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
Dissolutions of Civil Partnerships	2007–current
Wills and Testaments	1513–1925
including Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Wills	1857–1965

Coats of Arms

The Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland (from the Office of the Lord Lyon) 1672–those over 100 years old

Military Service Appeals Tribunal Papers 1916–1918

Highland and Island Emigration Society records 1852–1857

Minor Records detail the register of births, deaths and 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. They comprise:

Air registers of births & deaths	1948–current
Consular returns	1914–current
High Commission 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

These records are described in Chapters 4–6. Information can also be found under the ‘Help and guidance’ tab on the ScotlandsPeople website www.scotlandspire.gov.uk and within the family history pages of the NRS website www.nrscotland.gov.uk.

Roman Catholic records 1703–20th cent
Information about these records can be found in Chapter 9.

Valuation rolls 1855–1940
Information about these records can be found in Chapter 13.

Visiting the ScotlandsPeople Centre

3.3 The Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.30pm except for some bank or public holidays. Closures are listed on the website and seats can also be booked online. For more information about the