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About this Workbook

This workbook is aimed at beginners using Scotland's People for family history research. The activities are designed to help individuals become familiar and confident with searching for and interpreting records before focusing on how to use Scotland's People for their own family history research.

As such, it is recommended that this workbook is used in a chronological order as the activities have been designed to increase in complexity over the course of study.

Introduction

This section covers:

- National Records of Scotland governance and values.
- A brief history of records and archives in Scotland.

About Scotland's People

This section covers:

- How to access Scotland's People.
- The key terminology used.
- How to use Scotland's People.

Scotland's People Activities

This section covers:

- Background information on each record type.
- Tailored research activities to develop your searching skills.

Family History Research on Scotland's People

This section consists of:

- Tailored family history research activities designed to develop your skills before beginning your own family history research.

Research Beyond Scotland

- A non-exhaustive list of other institutions which maintain similar records to Scotland's People for their respective countries.