



Numbers tell their stories

Death

- Scottish way of birth and death – a history of civil registration in Scotland 1855-1939 (covers marriage and divorce too).
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/socialpolitical/research/economicsocialhistory/project/s/scottishwayofbirthanddeath/>
- Death and burial – a more general introduction looking at the pre-1855 period.
https://www.scan.org.uk/knowledgebase/topics/deathandburial_topic.htm

Diseases and old medical terms

- ScotlandsPeople – Guides – Unfamiliar words and phrases – includes medical terms. <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/guides/unfamiliar-words-and-phrases>
- Cyndi's List – Diseases and medical terms – links to several pages with glossaries and further information <https://www.cyndislist.com/medical/diseases/>

Doctors, medical provision and health in general

- Health in Scotland 1840-1940 (from WW Knox (2004) *A history of the Scottish people*). https://www.scran.ac.uk/scotland/pdf/SP2_3Health.pdf
- Highlands and Islands Medical Service –
<https://60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/birth-of-nhs-scotland/highlands-and-islands-medical-service/>
- Medical Officer of Health reports – from the 1890s so later than my study
https://www.scan.org.uk/knowledgebase/topics/medicalofficer_topic.htm
- *The Medical Directory* and the *Medical Register* list doctors licensed to practice in the UK and abroad. On Ancestry (££) for 1845-1959 (not all years covered by both), searches can be done by place. Also the *UK Midwives Roll*, 1904-1959.

Population statistics - births, marriages, deaths, censuses and life expectancy

- Populations Past – Atlas of Victorian and Edwardian population – includes infant mortality and much more, by registration district/sub-district for England, Scotland and Wales. <https://www.populationspast.org/about/>
- Histpop - The Online Historical Population Reports Website <http://www.histpop.org>

- Registrar General for Scotland Annual Reports 1856 (for 1855 year) - 1920 – births, marriages and deaths across Scotland, by county, cause of death, age etc. (Also reports for England (and Wales). Northern Ireland from 1921.)
- Census Reports – 1801-1831 for Great Britain, 1841-1921 for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, 1931 for England, Scotland and Wales, and some later for Ireland.
- More general information including legislation (Registration (Scotland) Act 1855 for example).

The site is often “busy” and slow but it is well worth persevering.(if it is busy try <http://www2.histpop.org/ohpr/servlet/>)

- National Records of Scotland life expectancy statistics for 1861-2013
<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files/statistics/life-expectancy-at-scotland-level/table1-le-1861-2013.pdf> (wider range of years including 1861-2011
summary: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/life-expectancy/life-expectancy-in-scotland/archive-life-expectancy-at-scotland-level>)
- Catalina Torres, Vladimir Canudas-Romo & Jim Oeppen (2019) The contribution of urbanization to changes in life expectancy in Scotland, 1861–1910, *Population Studies*, 73:3, 387-404. A detailed study with a lot of statistics; the abstract may give all you need. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00324728.2018.1549746>

The Society for One-Place Studies

If you are interested in “putting your ancestors in their place” this is good group to join. Studies currently include: individual houses, streets, institutions, cemeteries, villages, parishes. There is no set format. <https://www.one-place-studies.org/>

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