




The Blood Is Strong

Researching Your Scottish Ancestry



*When day is over and life is done
Mine eyes have closed and my strength has gone
Oh westwards take me and quietly lay me
In Aignish graveyard beside the sea*

*There please leave me by kith and kin
By parents kindly and all my friends
By white waves pounding on beaches sounding
By Aignish graveyard beside the sea*

*Aignish
Capercaillie*

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Genealogy Tool Box

- Persistence
 - Patience
 - Money
- Resources
- Perspective



Persistence

Keep Digging



Patience



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A cartoon illustration of a young boy with blonde hair, wearing a red shirt and brown shorts, sitting on a small wooden stool. He is looking to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a simple green wall and floor. The artist's signature 'WWS' is visible in the bottom right corner of the illustration.

But Mommy, all I said was 'You're my first generation ancestor.'...

Money



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A cartoon illustration of a man with a mustache driving a car that is shaped like a large, tied-off money bag. The bag has a large red dollar sign (\$) on its side. The car is moving quickly to the right, indicated by motion lines and a cloud of dust. Several gold coins and a single banknote are flying out of the top of the bag. The signature 'WOW' is written in the bottom right corner of the illustration.

Well-prepared genealogist.

Scots In Maine

- According to the 2000 United States Federal Census, Maine has, per capita, the highest percentage of Scots and Ulster-Scots ancestry.



Getting Started

- How do you determine success?
- What's your goal?
- Start with what you know *(and that means you first)*
- Harass your family for documents, photographs, and family stories
- Consider joining a Scottish Family History Society
 - Scottish Association of Family History Societies
 - www.safhs.org.uk



Resources (1)

- Statutory Records
 - Births, Marriages, Deaths (BMD)
 - **General Register Office for Scotland**
 - (GROS) (www.gro-scotland.gov.uk)
 - Census Returns
 - Old Parish Registers
 - Wills and Testaments
 - **Local Registrars**
 - Hold local area records and may have computerized access to indexes and images



Resources (2)

- LDS Family History Centers (www.familysearch.org)
- Local Libraries (www.nls.uk)
- National Archives of Scotland (www.nas.gov.uk)
- Local Archives
 - Cemeteries
 - Church Records
 - Deeds
 - Local family and estate records



Other Resources

- **The Scottish Association of Family History Societies - includes contact details for most Scottish Family History Societies**
 - <http://www.safhs.org.uk>
- **The Society of Genealogists**
 - <http://www.sog.org.uk>
- **The Federation of Family History Societies**
 - <http://www.ffhs.org.uk>
- **Scottish Genealogy Society**
 - <http://www.scotsgenealogy.com>
- **The Association of Scottish Genealogists and Researchers in Archives**
 - <http://www.asgra.co.uk>



- Dictionary of the Scots Language
 - www.dsl.ac.uk/dsl
- Scotsman Newspaper (Digital Archive)
 - www.archive.scotsman.com
- Scottish Mining Villages Archives
 - www.mining-villages.co.uk
- Workhouses
 - www.workhouses.org.uk
- Scottish Cultural Resources Network
 - www.scran.ac.uk



- Highland Clearances
 - Searchable databases
 - www.theclearances.org
- Castle Garden
 - www.castlegarden.org
- Ellis Island
 - www.ellisisland.org
- Highlands and Islands Emigration
 - Searchable Index of Passenger Lists
 - www.scan.org.uk/researchtools/emigration



Maps and Gazetteers

- Gazetteer for Scotland
 - www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz/
- Scottish District Map
 - www.trp.dundee.ac.uk/data/councils/newregions
- Gazetteer
 - www.scan.org.uk/knowledgebase/search/gazetteer



Forums

- **Maine Ulster-Scots**
 - www.maineulsterscots.com
- **RootsChat Bulletin Board and Forum**
 - www.rootschat.com
- **TalkingScot Bulletin Board and Forum**
 - www.talkingscot.com



Online Genealogy Resources

- **Burke's Peerage & Gentry**
 - www.burkes-peerage.net
- **Scottish page of Cyndi's List (free)**
 - www.cyndislist.com/scotland
- **Familia**
 - www.familia.org.uk/libraries.html#scotland
- **GENUKI**
 - www.genuki.org.uk



- Surname Profiler Project
 - www.nationaltrustnames.org.uk
- The Scottish Collections Network (SCONE)
 - www.scone.strath.ac.uk/Service/Index
- Origins
 - www.origins.net
- The Scotland GenWeb Project
 - www.scotlandgenweb.org



Ulster-Scots Resources

- **Maine Ulster Scots Project**
 - www.maineulsterscots.com
- **The Grand Design**
 - Chronicle of a Scots-Irish Journey to the New World
 - www.the-grand-design.org
- **Kalloch/Killough Family History**
 - www.kalloch.org
- **Belfast Historical Society and Museum**
 - www.belfastmuseum.org



- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)
 - www.proni.gov.uk
- Ulster Folk Park
 - www.folkpark.com
- 1718 Migration
 - www.1718migration.org.uk
- The Ulster Scots Agency
 - www.ulsterscotsagency.com
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