

## Reference works

### Leabhraichean fiosrachaidh

The Family History Centre library contains an expanding collection of reference books and journals relating to Scottish families and Highland clans, as well as books giving guidance on researching family history.

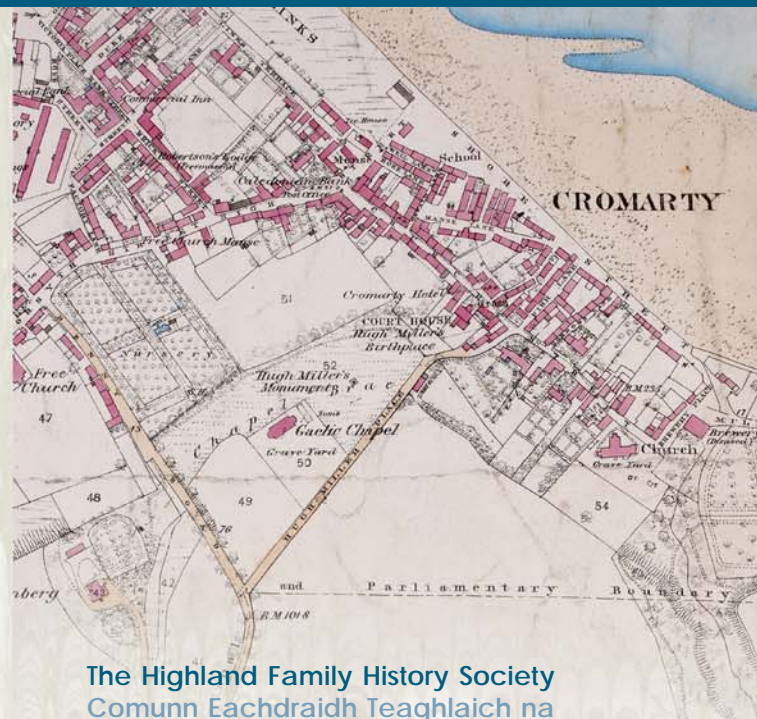
## Archival sources useful to family historians

### Stuthan Tasglann airson luchd-eachdraidh teaghlach

In the Archive Searchroom, which is immediately adjacent to the Family History Centre, various original sources which are helpful to the family historian may be consulted. These include:

- School records
- Records of poor relief
- Valuation rolls
- Church records
- Family and estate papers
- Records of Clan Societies
- The Tartan Archive (a collection of records relating to the history of tartan).
- Large scale Ordnance Survey maps, dating from the 1860s.

Please note that the opening hours of the Archive Searchroom are Monday to Thursday.



## The Highland Family History Society Comunn Eachdraidh Teaghlach na Gàidhealtachd

The Society, which has more than 750 members worldwide, promotes Highland genealogical research by publishing a journal, maintaining its own library, and acting as a clearing house for people with a common Highland ancestry. Membership forms are available on the Society's website: [www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org](http://www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org)

The Society's Library, which includes individual family histories donated by its members, and other reference works, is located within the Family History Centre. The Society also owns some of the microfilms of the Census returns held at the Highland Archive and Registration Centre.

The postal address for the Family History Society is:

Highland Family History Society,  
Highland Archive and Registration Centre,  
Bught Road,  
Inverness IV3 5SS

## Civil Registration records Clàradh Catharra

The Highland Council's Registration Service is located within the Highland Archive and Registration Centre and original registers recording Births, Deaths, and Marriages for Inverness-shire and the northern part of Argyllshire, dating from the inception of civil registration in Scotland in 1855, are held there.

There is also on-line access to all Scottish records through DIGROS (Digital Imaging of the Genealogical Records of Scotland's People) and searches of this can be conducted by Registration staff. If the search is an 'historic' search, a copy of the image may be purchased. For this purpose, historic entries are:

- Births over 100 years old
- Deaths over 50 years old
- Marriages over 75 years old



Access to more recent birth, death, and marriage entries is also available. Please ask for details of the charges which apply to these searches.

On-line access is available at the Centre to access the 'Scotland's People' website [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) and other sites of genealogical interest. Vouchers for [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) can be purchased.

## Services available from the Genealogy Service Seirbheisean a gheibhear o Sheirbheis na Sloinntearachd

Individual consultations on family history can be booked with a member of staff who has access to internet sites such as:

[www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

and other sites of genealogical interest. Access to Scottish, English and Welsh Civil Registration Records and many other types of records are available. Please ask for details of hourly fees for consultations.

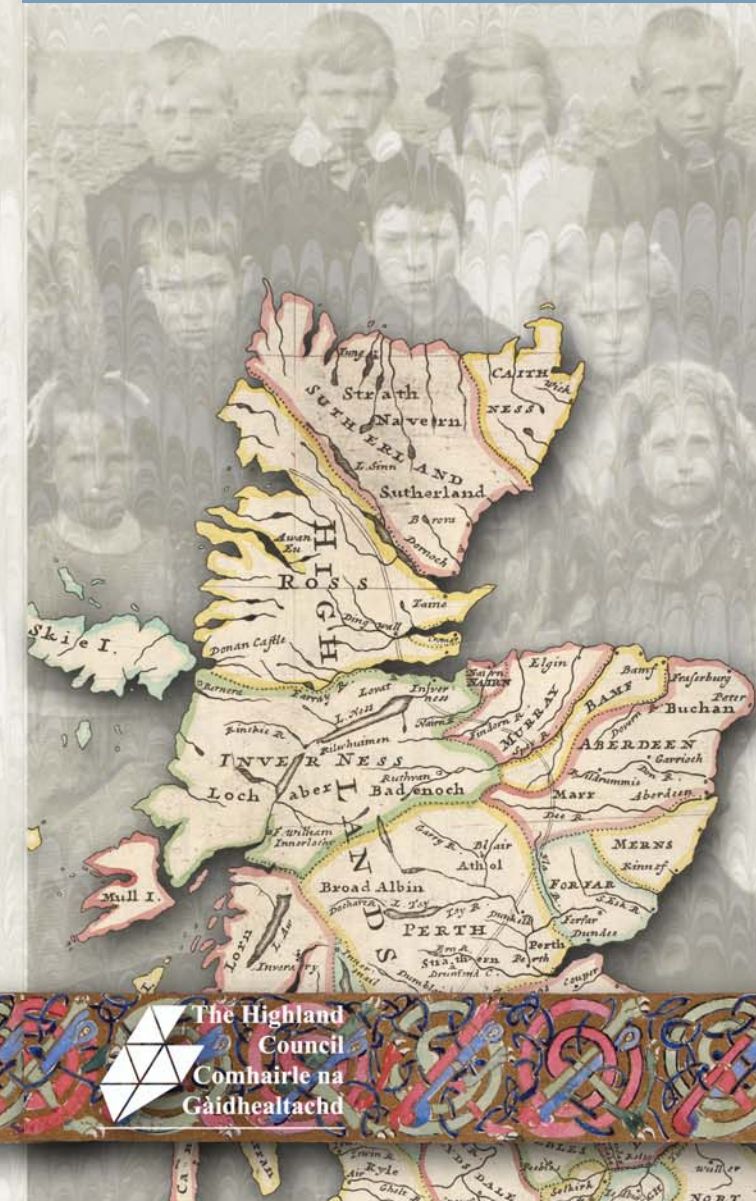
The genealogy staff are able to answer brief enquiries about sources available by post, by email or on the telephone. More extensive genealogical research can be undertaken on payment of the appropriate fee (please ask for details of charges).

An Education and Outreach service is available from the Highland Archive and Registration Centre. Visits to the Family History Centre can be arranged for school groups, and family and local history groups. Exhibitions can be staged at external venues, and the genealogy staff are available to give daytime or evening talks as required.

*Prior to visiting the Family History Centre we recommend, where possible, that you collect any information available from within your family and bring it with you, for example birth, marriage and death certificates, the family Bible if available, and also any information which may have come down in your family through the oral tradition.*

Highland Archive & Registration Centre  
Tasglann agus Ionad-Clàraidh na Gàidhealtachd

## The Family History Centre Ionad Eachdraidh Teaghlach



REGISTER OF ADMISSION,									
Year, 1885.									
No. on Register.	Date of Admission or its extension.		Name of Child in Full.		Name of Parent or Guardian.		Address of Parent or Guardian.		
No.	Day.	Mo.	Year.	Day.	Mo.	Year.	Surname.	Christian Name.	Address.
1	13	7	78				Robtusk Gordon	John Gordon	Ardenoch, Kishorn
2	15	2	78				John Macleod	Kenneth Macleod	Auchinclosh "
3	4	3	78				Rebecca Kennedy	Christina Kennedy	Auchinclosh "
4	21	3	78				Dugald Macintosh	William Macintosh	Auchinclosh "
5	3	6	78				Alexander Kennedy	Donald Kennedy	Seafield "
6	16	7	78				Flora Livingstone	Rodrick Livingstone	Auchinclosh "
7	6	7	78				Eliza Bairn	Donald Bairn	Seafield "
8	17	11	78				Annabella Macrae	Alexander Macrae	Konaboul "
9	2	1	79				John Kennedy	Donald Kennedy	Seafield "
10	2	1	79				James Kennedy	"	"
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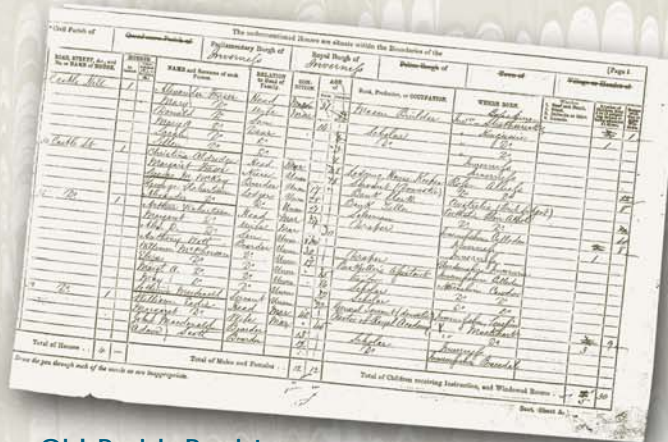
An integral part of the Highland Archive and Registration Centre, is the Family History Centre, a facility dedicated to all aspects of genealogy, clan history, and family history throughout the Highlands and the wider world.

The Highland Council's Genealogy Service holds and makes available extensive holdings of material which may be of assistance to the family historian, and in addition, the genealogy staff are able to offer general advice, answer enquiries, and to undertake more detailed research and consultations when these are required.

**Census Returns**  
**Fiosrachadh air Cunntasan-sluaigh**

The Census returns for the Counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Nairn, Ross & Cromarty, and Sutherland (including the Western Isles), and Orkney and Shetland are available on microfilm from 1841 to 1901. Access to the 1911 Census is available via [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) which may be viewed at the Family History Centre.

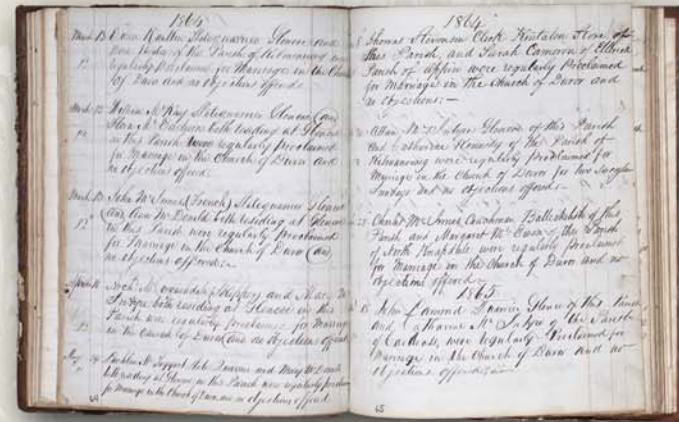
These record the names, ages and occupations of all those resident at each address when the census was taken, and, from 1851, their place of birth.



**Old Parish Registers**  
**Seann Chlàraidhean Paraiste**

The Church of Scotland registers recording births/baptisms, marriages and some burials, are available on microfilm for all parishes within the counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Nairn, Ross & Cromarty, and Sutherland, (including the Western Isles).

The period covered varies from parish to parish, but most end in 1854, prior to the introduction of Civil Registration in Scotland in 1855. In total, the registers of 129 parishes are available on microfilm, the originals being in the custody of the Registrar General for Scotland.

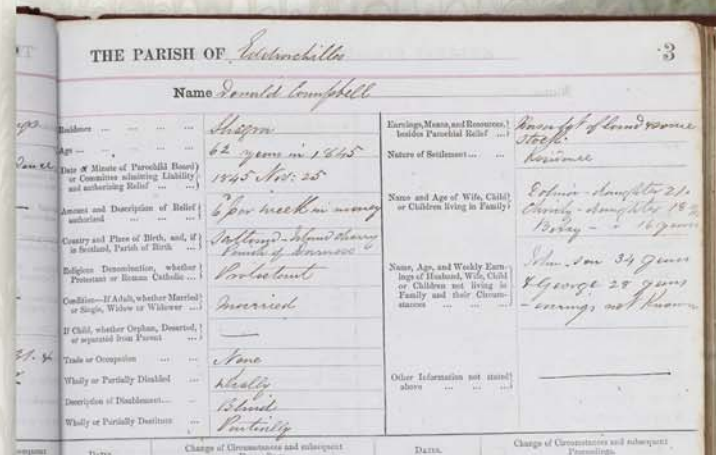


**International Genealogical Index**  
**Clàr-amais Sloinnidh Eadar-nàiseanta**

This is an alphabetical name index on microfiche, relating to records of births, baptisms and marriages appearing in Old Parish Registers and other sources.

This index covers not only the Highland counties, but also the rest of the UK and a number of other countries.

This resource can also be accessed via [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

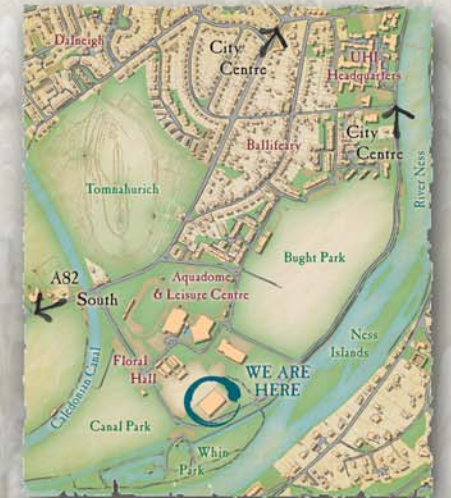


**Gravestone Inscriptions**  
**Fiosrachadh air Clachan-uaghach**

The Family History Centre holds a collection of surveys of memorial inscriptions from many Highland burial grounds.



**The Family History Centre**  
**Ionad Eachdraidh Teaghlach**



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**UAIREAN FOSGLAIDH**

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 Tuesday: 10am - 5pm  
 Wednesday: 10am - 7.30pm  
 Thursday: 10am - 5pm  
 Friday: 10am - 5pm

