

Aberdeen Local Studies

FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES



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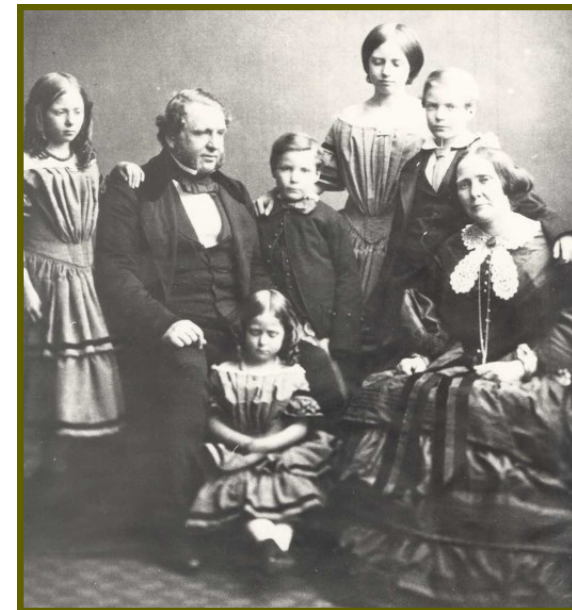
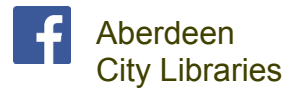
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Guide to resources available

The library provides **free and full access** to the following family history websites in all **Aberdeen City libraries**.



Ancestry Library Edition

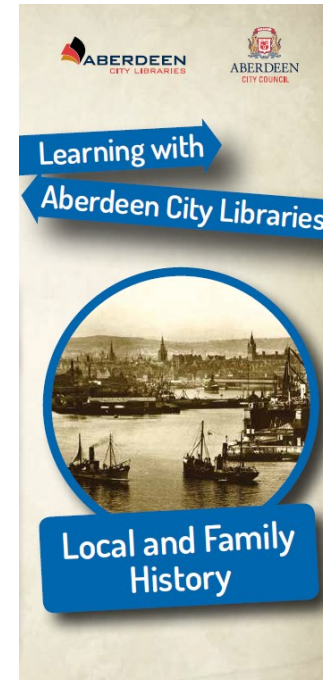
One of the world's biggest and best commercial family history services. Includes searchable transcripts of Scottish OPRS and census records (1841-1901).



Find my Past

Another major online commercial family history resource. In addition to Scottish OPR and census transcripts the website includes many immigrant and military records. Personalised features such as creating a family tree and saving searches also available.

Family history workshops



We regularly deliver **free courses** in libraries across the city. Our workshops aim to offer an informal and relaxed learning experience.

All sessions are **free to attend**.

Have a look at our leaflet available in libraries to learn more about the sessions available.

These are also promoted online at

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk



Other digital resources

Many other digital resources are available from the library to support research into family history. They include:

Historic newspapers

The library has a subscription for **unlimited on site access** to The British Newspaper Archive and offers a **remote and free access** to The 19th Century British Library Newspapers and The Scotsman Digital Archive.

Historic images



SCRAN, an award-winning learning website with over 490,000 images, videos and sounds from museums, galleries and archives across Scotland can be accessed **in any library or remotely using your library card number.**

<https://www.scran.ac.uk/>



The Silver City Vault is Aberdeen Local Studies' online home. It offers digital access to a large number of photographs and historic documents. The website is **entirely free and accessible for remote users.** High quality copies of images are available to purchase.

www.silvercityvault.org.uk

The Local Studies department holds a wide range of material to help you research your family history in the North East of Scotland. Our resources cover Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Banffshire and Kincardineshire, unless otherwise stated.

Birth, marriages and death

Old Parish Registers

Church of Scotland registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths up to 1854 on microfilm, with indexes to the baptisms and marriages on microfiche.

Episcopal Church Records

Transcripts of some local Episcopal Church records.

Monumental Inscriptions

Records for various Aberdeen and North East churchyards.

Burial Registers

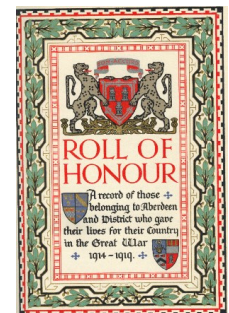
Records for some Aberdeen churchyards.

Death Notices and Obituaries

- ◇ Published booklets of Aberdeen obituaries (1748-1854)
- ◇ *In Memoriam* – obituaries and death notices from local Newspapers (1890-1912)
- ◇ In-house indexes to death notices from *The Aberdeen Journal* (1855-1889 and 1899-1931)

Rolls of honour

Aberdeen City for both World Wars, with other volumes for some North East parishes, Aberdeen Grammar School and Aberdeen University.



Census records

We hold census records from 1841 to 1901 on microfilm, with name indexes to the 1881 and 1891 censuses on microfiche.

Registers

(with gaps and name changes due to local authority boundary changes)

Electoral Registers

Registers of those eligible to vote.

Aberdeen: from 1909
Aberdeenshire: from 1918
Kincardineshire: from 1953

Valuation Rolls

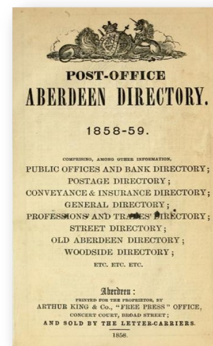
Registers of the proprietors, tenants and occupiers of properties.

Aberdeen City: from 1965
Aberdeenshire: from 1859
Banffshire: from 1877
Kincardineshire: from 1872

Directories

Trade Directories

Aberdeen Post Office Directories (1824-1982) listing people and businesses by name, trade and address.



Telephone Directories

Aberdeen and North East Scotland telephone directories, 1935 to date (classified section appears from 1969) and Yellow Pages (1981 to date).

Books

Books on a variety of subjects, including parish histories, local histories, family histories and biographies.

Education records

University Records

Records for the main educational institutions across the city.

University Rolls of Alumni and Graduates: 1596-1970
King's College: 1596-1860
Marischal College: 1593-1860
Aberdeen University, 1860-1970

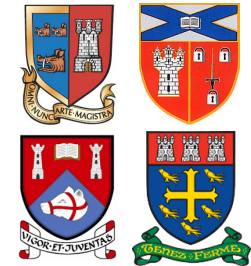
School Records

Rolls of pupils for the Aberdeen Grammar School and the Gym (Chanonry House School).

Grammar School: 1795-1919
The Gym: 1849-1879

School Magazines

Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen Grammar School, Aberdeen High School for Girls, Central School/Aberdeen Academy, Albyn School for Girls and St Margaret's School for Girls.



Photographs

An extensive collection of historical photographs including portraits, buildings, streets, harbour scenes, fishing boats and World War Two air raid damage in Aberdeen.

We also hold a large selection of local newspapers from 1747 to date and many maps and plans of the local area.

Please consult our **Maps and Plans** and **Newspapers and Periodicals** leaflets for full details on our holdings.