

SOURCES FOR BANFFSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH
Summary of talk given to Portsoy Salmon Bothy Family History Group
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No single archive for Banffshire – records are held in Elgin, Aberdeen, Oldmeldrum, or even further afield.

CIVIL REGISTRATION RECORDS (FROM 1855)

- By appointment with full-time registrars (hourly charge)
- Personal visit to Edinburgh (daily charge)
- www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk (pay per view)

CENSUS RECORDS 1841 - 1901

- Local studies (Elgin, Oldmeldrum)
- Main libraries (Keith, Buckie, Macduff, Huntly)
- By appointment with full-time registrar
- www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk
- <http://freecen.rootsweb.com> (1841, 1851, 1861)
- ANESFHS research centre, Aberdeen
- 1881 UK census at Portsoy Salmon Bothy

OLD PARISH REGISTERS (UNTIL 1855)

- Local studies (Elgin, Oldmeldrum)
- Main libraries (Keith, Buckie, Macduff, Huntly)
- By appointment with full-time registrar
- www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk
- ANESFHS research centre, Aberdeen
- www.familysearch.org (index only)

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS: ADVERTS, NOTICES, REPORTS

- Local studies (Elgin, Oldmeldrum)
- Main libraries (Keith, Buckie, Macduff, Huntly)
- ANESFHS
- Online index <http://libindx.moray.gov.uk>

LOCAL ESTATE RECORDS

- Seafield Estate: NAS, Edinburgh
- Fife Estate: Aberdeen University
- Some in private hands
- SCAN online catalogue (searchable)

FISHING & SHIPPING

Buckie Fishing Heritage Centre

- Photographic collection
- Genealogical information
- Fishing boats
- Boat building
- Sound recordings

Heritage Organisations

- Cullen, Deskford & Portknockie
- Portgordon
- Keith
- Portsoy Salmon Bothy

Banffshire Maritime & Heritage Association

- Boats & boat building
- Proposed new centre in Banff

DEATH RECORDS: LOCATING GRAVES

- Online index <http://libindx.moray.gov.uk>
- Online index & map <http://www.abdnet.co.uk/mi-index>
- Online index http://www.mbgrrg.org/mysql/surname_search.htm
- Monumental Inscription booklets (ANESFHS, MBGRRG)
- Draft MI transcriptions in ANESFHS library
- Burials/gravediggers' records: full-time registrar
- Lair records: full-time registrar
- OPR/Kirk Session Registers

WILLS & TESTAMENTS

National Archives of Scotland, Edinburgh

- From 1514 to approx 2000
- Computer index for 1514 – 1901 and 1985 – 1996
- Printed/microfiche annual index for 1902 – 1984
- Free of charge – fee per page for copies

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

- From 1514 to 1901
- £5 per document

MILITARY SERVICE

War casualties:

<http://www.cwgc.org>

<http://www.scottishwarmemorials.com>

<http://www.snwm.org/>

Gordon Highlanders Museum, Aberdeen

National Archives, Kew

Personal visit

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue>

EDUCATION RECORDS

Staff and pupils:

- Aberdeenshire Archives, Old Aberdeen
(Mon – Wed, appointment necessary)

Staff:

- Kirk Session Minutes (at NAS)
- Burgh Records (at Aberdeenshire Archives)
- "The Schools and Schoolmasters of Banffshire", W. Barclay

KIRK SESSION RECORDS

National Archives of Scotland, Edinburgh

- Check catalogue
- 'Virtual volumes'
- No charge to view – small charge for printed copies

Old Parish Registers

Published Transcriptions

POOR RELIEF

Moray Local Heritage Centre, Elgin

Aberdeenshire Archives, Old Aberdeen

Index in ANESFHS library

- General Register of the Poor
- Registers of Applications
- Parochial Board Minutes

LOCAL/FAMILY HISTORY STUDIES

The Glenlivet Project:

<http://www.clicktrees.com>

Cabrach:

<http://www.threestones.co.uk>

<http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/stuartpetrie>

"The Parish of Keith", (3 vols), Bruce Bishop, 2009

PUBLISHED WORKS

- Monumental Inscriptions (ANESFHS, MBGRG)
- Banffshire: The People & The Lands (Bruce Bishop)
- Banffshire Field Club Transactions: <http://www.banffshirefieldclub.org.uk>
- "The Annals of Banff", W. Cramond (plus similar titles relating to other Banffshire parishes)