

1841 census (6 June 1841)

- Scottish census images only available on ScotlandsPeople website, transcriptions available on other websites
- findmypast can search by address for all censuses (omit building numbers)
- **Name** of each household member, **gender**, age (see below), **address**, **occupation**
- **Age** – “at last birthday” for up to age 15, above 15 rounded down to nearest 5 years
- Whether or not individual was **born in county** in which they were living on 6 June 1841 (Yes or No)
- If **born out of the country** (E = England, F = Foreign, I = Ireland, S = Scotland)

1851 census (30 March 1851)

- Scottish census images only available on ScotlandsPeople website, transcriptions available elsewhere
- **Name** of each household member, as well as their **gender**, **age** (at last birthday), **relationship** to head of household
- **Condition** (marital status), **occupation**
- **Place of birth** (parish and county), “**Blind, deaf or idiot**”

1861 census (7 April 1861)

- As for 1851

1871 census (2 April 1871)

- As for 1851 except also whether a person was considered “**imbecile, idiot or lunatic**”

1881 census (3 April 1881)

- As for 1871
- ScotlandsPeople website also offers an LDS transcription of 1881 census

1891 census (5 April 1891)

- As for 1871
- **Number of rooms** (if less than 5) that family occupied
- Was the person an **employer or employee**

1901 census (31 March 1901)

- As for 1891

1911 census (2 April 1911)

- **Name** of each household member and their **relationship** to head of household
- **Age** at last birthday, **gender**
- **Marital condition** and for women – the completed **years of the present marriage**, **number of children born alive**, **number of children still living**, **number of children who have died**
- **Occupation** – including the **industry** or service of work, whether an **employer, worker or working on own account** and also **whether or not working at home**
- **Place of birth** (parish and county) of everyone in household
- **Nationality** of every person born in a foreign country
- Whether a person was “**totally deaf, deaf and dumb, totally blind, lunatic, imbecile, or feeble-minded**”
- English forms are copies of the original, with the handwriting of head of household
- Scottish 1911 census (transcriptions & images) only available on ScotlandsPeople website

1939 Register (29 September 1939, maintained to 1952 & largely to 1991)

- A register taken to coordinate war efforts at home, to be used for: issuing identity cards, rationing, conscription, monitoring movement of people
- Includes civilian population of England & Wales, not Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Scotland, Northern Ireland plus members of armed forces on leave
- Updated with women’s married names
- Shows complete date of birth. Records closed until 100 years from date of birth (or until production of death certificate to findmypast)

Scottish Valuation Rolls

- List owners & occupiers of properties, 1855 – 1930 (some to 1955)
- Include **address, type of property** (eg house, shop, mill), **name of proprietor, name of occupier, occupation, yearly rent** or rateable value of property)
- **Feu duty** (Scots for fee) was a remnant of feudalism in Scotland until 2000, paid to overlord or superior of land



Book

Chapman, Colin *Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Listings in the British Isles*, Lochin Publishing, England, 1998.

Websites

- Ancestry – www.ancestry.co.uk (*also some Land Tax Records – for London, Surrey, Birmingham, Dorset, Warwickshire, West Yorkshire, Perthshire Valuation Rolls, 1650-1899*)
- FamilySearch – www.familysearch.org (*free, transcriptions only*)
- findmypast – www.findmypast.com.au
- FreeCEN – www.freecen.org.uk (*free, transcriptions only, not complete for all counties*)
- My Heritage – www.myheritage.com
- ScotlandsPeople – www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk (*also Valuation Rolls 1850-1930, some to 1955*)
- The Genealogist – www.thegenealogist.com

