IMPORTANT RECORD TYPES FOR SCOTLAND REGION RESEARCH

Apprenticeship Records
Land and Property Records
Census Records
Church Records
Civil Registration
Gazetteers
Military Records
Nobility Records
Periodicals
Probate Records

STRATEGIES & RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO SCOTLAND REGION RESEARCH

- Know where to find and how to use the records needed to solve the client's research problem. To learn about resources for the SCOTLAND REGION see the following:

  - *Cyndi's List* see categories SCOTLAND.

  - *Facebook* genealogy pages for the SCOTLAND region, use search field to locate specific titles.

  - *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article "SCOTLAND GENEALOGY"

  - Your favorite search engine

- Use original records, whenever possible, created at the time of the event. These might be found at various jurisdictional levels (such as town, county, state/province, federal/national). Many of which are available online. See FamilySearch Research Wiki page, "SCOTLAND ONLINE GENEALOGY RECORDS" for suggestions.

- Applicants for accreditation in the SCOTLAND region, must demonstrate their language ability as part of the exam by accurately transcribing and translating documents of genealogical significance into English. Refer to the Paleography Language Ability Table to determine your language ability. To learn about SCOTLAND languages, see *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article, "Scotland Language and Languages."

- Be familiar with the dates of commencement of civil registration in Scotland. See *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article, "Scotland Statutory Registers-Vital Records" for details.

- Understand your family in historical context, including wars and jurisdictional boundary changes. Important events in SCOTLAND history are noted HERE.

- If indirect evidence is used, assemble it correctly to support your conclusions. If needed use the Scotland Records Selection Table for further research suggestions to locate other records and evidence that might aid your research and help form conclusions.

- Consider downloading the printed FamilySearch Library Research Outline for SCOTLAND. Even though this Research Guide was taken out of print in 2009, some researchers still use the outlines as they contain valuable information about genealogy and records that are applicable to today's research. See FamilySearch Wiki article Research Outlines to download it.

- Be familiar with key repositories used for SCOTLAND genealogical research. See *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article, "Scotland Archives and Libraries."

- Prominent reference works for SCOTLAND are discussed *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article "Scotland for Further Reading."

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

- Search all applicable census records to find complete families.

- Evaluate each record. Resolve any conflicting information. Correlate findings.

- Source each event in each person's life. Capture the information about each source to facilitate proper citation when writing the report.

- Keep a research log of all records searched, including any searches for which nothing was found.

- Don't assume relationships. Exhaust research efforts to make connections and contact other family historians via indexed family trees, mailing lists and bulletin boards.

- Verify generational links.

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- Understand applicable economics, religion, ethnicity, prejudices, and laws.

- Substitute records might be used when there is a lack of records or record loss. An event might be recorded in multiple ways. For example, a marriage might be recorded civilly, by the church, or in a newspaper. Each should be check.

- Watch for persons with the same name (e.g. parents with the same name on a census or other register). Consider all variants of spelling for the name.

This is an overview of some resources, record types, and strategies that may be covered on the ICAPGen regional exams. Although not a complete list, it is offered as a guide to build upon in your preparation for testing and to maintain your professional-level skills.