



## MAPS

Maps are a useful resource for family history research. The National Library of Scotland has one of the largest map collections in the world with over 2 million maps, covering most parts of the globe.

Many of our Scottish maps are online and these, together with information about maps of Scotland, are available at [maps.nls.uk](http://maps.nls.uk). Our digital maps are available to order as images, photocopies and prints for research use or as beautiful gifts.

## FREE WORKSHOPS AND TALKS

The National Library of Scotland holds regular workshops and tours that can aid your genealogy research.

### Discovering family history

Find out about the range of resources that the Library holds to help you with your family history research.

### Maps for family and local history

Find out how maps can help with your family history or local history research. Learn about the range of historical maps held at the Library and the information they provide (includes an introduction to the Maps Reading Room).

### Getting started at the Library

The workshop includes some practical information on how to become a reader. There is also a short tour of the Reading Room which lasts approximately 90 minutes.

### HOW TO BOOK:

To find out dates and further information, contact us at:

0131 623 3734

[www.nls.uk/events](http://www.nls.uk/events)

Patrons & Benefactors booking line:  
0131 623 3748

### Opening hours:

The reading rooms at George IV Bridge are open Monday to Saturday. The visitor centre and exhibitions are open seven days a week, with late night opening from Monday to Friday. Reading rooms are generally closed on public holidays. For up to date opening hours for all our buildings, please visit our website: [www.nls.uk](http://www.nls.uk)

### How to find us:

For information about transport, parking and walking, please visit our website: [www.nls.uk/info](http://www.nls.uk/info)

### Accessibility:

For information about access and facilities for visitors with disabilities, visit: [www.nls.uk/using-thelibrary/people-with-disabilities](http://www.nls.uk/using-thelibrary/people-with-disabilities) or call: 0131 623 3700 or Typetalk: 18001 0131 623 3700

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# WELCOME

If you are researching your Scottish family history, the National Library of Scotland has a wide range of resources in our collections to help you.

As the world's leading centre for the study of Scotland and the Scots at home and abroad, we have more than 24 million items in our collection.

Our knowledgeable staff will help you with your enquiries and guide you in the right direction.

Come in and visit our collections or contact us online.

**Dr John Scally**  
National Librarian

## CASE STUDY:

### Joan G., Australia

Joan contacted the Library hoping that we could help with the research into her ancestor, Charles Campbell.

With the aid of the Library's Enquiries Assistants, she discovered that Charles was the brother of the 1st Duke of Argyll. Searching through the Library's extensive resources and archives, it was found that he had led a somewhat colourful life, having been taken prisoner for his role in opposing James VII.



Joan was delighted with the findings:

“Thank you ever so much for all the information you sent me, I am very, very grateful for all you have done for me. I am grateful that I can actually read something about my 6 x great grandfather, some I am a bit shocked about, then one has to think of what those years were actually like”.



## What you can find at National Library of Scotland to help your search:

- Index to pre-1855 Old Parish Registers
- Access to FamilySearch database
- Monumental inscriptions
- Newspapers
- Trade and street directories
- Professional directories
- Army, Navy and Airforce lists
- Matriculation and graduation rolls
- Emigrant lists
- Surnames, family histories and biographies
- Access to film archives
- Access to maps collection

[www.nls.uk/family-history](http://www.nls.uk/family-history)

The National Library of Scotland is not able to undertake extensive family history research on your behalf. We are happy to assist with your enquiries and guide you to the most relevant resources. For further research visit: [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

## Online

Online resources from the National Library of Scotland range from digitised books, manuscripts and maps to searchable electronic journals, film and reference works.

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