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## Getting Started

Family and local history research may seem a big subject when you are just beginning. To help get you started we have produced this guide which is designed to give help and information on the resources available in the Angus & Dundee area.

If you are visiting the area to research your family history, we recommend that you do as much preparation work in advance as you can. This will allow you to get more out of your visit.

Take the time to gather any facts about your ancestors that you can - names, dates, places, relationships, occupations, for example. Search out any certificates held by family members, including copies of family records, diaries, school reports and photographs etc. These are the key facts that will help signpost you to further useful sources. Always note where you got the information as you may want to go back and ask again. Try to put all the information you have gathered in the form of a small family tree so that you can sort out various relationships in your own mind. The best way of doing this may be to use one of the family history software packages that are easily available from High Street retail outlets or the Internet.

Then decide what you still want to know! For example is it where your ancestor was buried, is it the contents of his will, is it the census return showing the whole family? Your question will determine where you will find the answer.

## Records After 1855

Begin with your own birth certificate if you have no other sources. It will give you the most valuable clue for further research in the date and place of your parents' marriage.

Armed with this information, try to source a copy of your parents' marriage certificate. Your parents' marriage certificate will give you their ages at the date they married. From this, work out their approximate birth year. You will also find the names of their parents on the marriage certificate.

Having obtained the names of your grandparents and the approximate year of birth of your parents, the next step is to search for the birth certificates for your parents. To help you with this you will have the names of their parents, so you can use the same methods as above to look for the correct ones. Remember you will be looking for your mother under her maiden name. Repeating this search will enable you to obtain facts on all parental lines as far back as you can.

Death certificates are also a very useful source of information, as if fully completed they will give you details such as date and time of death; address; age and occupation; marital status and names of spouse(s); name and occupation of father and mother and whether deceased, and cause of death.

All of the local Registration Offices in Angus & Dundee also have computer access to the Birth, Death and Marriage records for the whole of Scotland from 1855. All of the offices will be pleased to supply certified copies of relevant records for a small fee. Alternatively you can visit one of the Registrar's offices to utilise their facilities and access the records from there. Please note it's best to contact them in advance if possible to make an appointment.

- **Arbroath Registrar**  
69 High Street, DD11 1AN  
Telephone: 01241 873752  
Email: [Regarbroath@angus.gov.uk](mailto:Regarbroath@angus.gov.uk)
- **Forfar Registrar**  
9 West High Street, DD8 1BD  
Telephone: 01307 464973  
Email: [Regforfar@angus.gov.uk](mailto:Regforfar@angus.gov.uk)
- **Dundee Registrar**  
89 Commercial Street, DD1 2AF  
Tel: 01382 435222  
Email: [registrars@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:registrars@dundeecity.gov.uk)
- **Montrose Registrar**  
51 John Street, DD10 8LZ  
Telephone: 01674 672351  
Email: [Regmontrose@angus.gov.uk](mailto:Regmontrose@angus.gov.uk)

A useful website to consult is [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk). You can access digitised versions of all birth, marriage and death certificates after 1855, along with wills, on this fee-paying site. Access to the indexes is free, but the image of the actual certificates cost about £1 each. The charging system is explained when you register on the site. However, access is restricted to births that took place over 100 years ago, marriages over 75 years ago and deaths over 50 years ago, so this method is probably more use when you get further into your research.

## Records Before 1855

Prior to 1855 records of baptisms, marriages, proclamations and burials were made in registers of the local Church of Scotland parish church. The books containing these records (Old Parochial Records or OPRs) were transferred to Edinburgh in 1855.

Luckily, OPRs relating to Angus & Dundee have been microfilmed and the main libraries in Angus & Dundee have copies of these films relating to the whole area, as does Tay Valley Family History Society. All local Registration Offices also have access to digitised images of the OPRs as well as indexes for baptisms and marriages for Scotland. These are extremely simple and quick to access.

A project has been ongoing for some time to digitise the OPRs, and the records relating to Births and Baptisms and Banns and Marriages from 1553 – 1854 are now also available to view online at [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

For deaths before 1855, again use the OPR for the appropriate parish, however it is worth noting that death entries before 1855 give little or no genealogical information.

## Census Records

The other important source available to the researcher is the Census returns. Censuses took place every ten years from 1841, with the exception of 1941. Unfortunately, these records have a closure of 100 years, so we only have access to the records for 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901. Again these are on microfilm and available at all the main libraries in the area, as well as at the Tay Valley Family History Society. All local Registrars also hold digital images of census records. From your collection of information for births and marriages you may be able to get an idea of the address of your family near a census date. You will then have to look through the film for that parish and hopefully will find the family.

The great value of census records is that they record the whole family unit, living at the same address, so you may obtain age, occupation and parish of birth of the parents, brothers and sisters of your ancestor. You can also search for relatives living in the vicinity, which was common. However you should note that the ages given in census records can occasionally be wrong, sometimes by several years! If you are using a census record as a pointer to when someone was born, you should be prepared to look a couple of years either side of the expected year of birth.

There is a microfiche index for the 1891 census, available again at the libraries, which is useful if you do not know the parish. The 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 census indexes and images of the records are also available to view on [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

## Other Possibilities

### Gravestones

You may be lucky to find a record of your ancestors on a gravestone. Several indexes have been made of gravestone records in Angus & Dundee and these are held at the main libraries and Angus/Dundee Archives. These records are not complete and some gravestones are now illegible, and it is a fact that only a small part of the population could afford a gravestone in any case.

### Newspapers

We are blessed in Angus & Dundee with a large number of local papers for most of the major towns, the earliest of which dates back to 1811. You should be warned; old newspapers can become a serious addiction. As you browse through the front page, looking at the adverts of ships offering passage to America, you end up becoming fascinated by all of the varied activities taking place in the local inns, the property for sale, the balls, theatricals and bankrupts. Indeed, you are in danger of becoming a local trivia bore as you stun your friends with your newly acquired wealth of knowledge!

However newspapers are a mixed blessing of information and frustration. Few of the Angus newspapers are indexed. Only the Arbroath Herald and the Forfar Dispatch have been tackled. These are held in Arbroath and Forfar libraries, respectively, and are card indexes. Their coverage does not extend beyond 1985. The rich content of the newspapers, however, does repay the effort it takes to discover your nugget, or goldmine, of information.

## Angus Archives

A visit to Angus Archives is a unique experience. The archives are located in a lovely rural setting, adjacent to the 12th century ruined Restenneth Priory.

Angus Archives contains a vast storehouse of fascinating information, from burgh minute books, pirate attacks, death warrants, house plans, letters, Edwardian diaries, Georgian recipes, Victorian valentines, wills, property records, photographs from all over Angus, trade records of weavers, shoemakers and tailors, letters from soldiers and sailors and so much more.

In addition the archives hold an extensive local history book collection, a large Angus wide photographic collection and major genealogical sources such as the International Genealogical Index (IGI), the census and the Old Parish Registers (OPR's) of all Angus parishes, Valuation Roll collection and a variety of databases. For a full list of local collections see 'Additional Resources for Researchers'.

*At Angus Archives you will be able to:*

- use original documents
- use an extensive collection of local history books
- use an Angus wide collection of photographs
- use our extensive collection of research files
- get advice on sources and their locations
- obtain photocopies of books and documents
- use transcripts and indexes of original material
- use the internet to access family history websites
- use your laptop

Examination of all resources in the search room is free but charges do apply for photocopying, photographic reproductions and the commissioned research service.

**Contact Angus Archives at: Angus Archives, Hunter Library, Restenneth Priory, By Forfar DD8 2SZ Telephone: 01307 468644**

**Email: [angus.archives@angus.gov.uk](mailto:angus.archives@angus.gov.uk)**

## Dundee City Archives

With the origins of the medieval burgh traceable to the 12th century, Dundee City Archives hold civic records from 1327, and local private family records from the 15th century, as well as substantial collections of modern maritime and business records from the Victorian industrial boom years. You are welcome to book a visit in person to pore over this wide range of material, or staff can put you in touch with local professional genealogists whom you can commission to carry out a search for you.

The Search Room at 1 Shore Terrace, Dundee is open to the public Monday to Friday 9.15 am-1.00 pm and 2.00 pm-4.45 pm by appointment (telephone 01382 434494). Members of the public may consult the records for the purposes of historical research on condition that they sign the Search Room regulations. The Search Room is on the first floor up two flights of stairs and at the end of a long corridor. Special arrangements can be made for members of the public with walking difficulties.

For a full list of Dundee City Archives' collections see 'Additional Resources for Researchers'.

## University of Dundee Archives

Archive Services at the University of Dundee holds extensive collections of interest to a wide range of researchers. These include:

**University Collections:** relating to the University of Dundee and its predecessors and to the development of further education in the region

**Ecclesiastical Collections:** including the Brechin Diocese of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Glasite and Sandemanian Churches and the Arbroath Methodist Church

**Business Records:** relating to businesses in the Tayside area in particular to the linen and jute industries and the latter's connections with India

**Medical Collections:** hospital, asylum and management archives from NHS Tayside, records of the Dundee medical school and related organisations and individuals, and papers of overseas medical missionaries.

**Local History:** records of individuals and organisations in the Tayside area showing changes in the economy, society, leisure pursuits, town planning and the built and natural environment

## Maps and Plans

**Photographic Collections:** over 130,000 images. Major collections include those relating to the University, Dundee and the local area, a missionary collection from Palestine and the Michael Peto collection (pre and post-war Britain, the arts, especially the London ballet scene, Cambridge Prospect Theatre Productions, Eastern Europe, Israel and India)

**Books:** collections of local books and newspapers including many rare items; books relating to Scottish history and to British labour, social and shipping history

**For information on opening times contact: Archives Services, University of Dundee, Nethergate, Dundee, DD1 4HN**

**Tel. 01382 384095. Email: [archives@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:archives@dundee.ac.uk) or visit [www.dundee.ac.uk/archives](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/archives)**

## Local History Records

In addition to the Archives offices, the main libraries also hold very good collections of local history material, books and maps.

The Local History department at Dundee Central Library houses extensive collections of primary sources of interest to the family historian: maps, directories, photographs, newspapers, Census returns and Old Parish Registers on microfilm for the Dundee area.

If your family was engaged in the traditional Angus & Dundee occupations of agriculture, fishing, whaling or weaving, there may be detailed records you can use in one of the libraries. The staff there will be pleased to help you.

## Tay Valley Family History Society

The Tay Valley Family History Society is a thriving society with a membership all over the world. Its volunteers have a wealth of experience in carrying out family history research and have gathered together a superb collection of records, archives and reference material relating to the area.

Their research centre in Dundee is open 6 days a week (Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm, Sat 10am – 1pm) and Monday and Thursday evenings 7 – 9pm. It is manned by volunteers who will assist novice researchers and advise them. The centre holds a full set of Angus & Dundee OPRs and census records. The Society holds a wide range of local history material and has a website and a members' interest forum. It also offers a transcription service for members.

A wide range of books and pamphlets are available to purchase online from the Society's website. Go to [www.tayvalleyfhs.org.uk](http://www.tayvalleyfhs.org.uk) for more details.

Contact Tay Valley family History Society at: **Tay Valley Family History Society, The Research Centre, 179-181 Princes Street, Dundee, DD4 6DQ Scotland**

**Tel 01382 461845 Email: [tvfhs@tayvalleyfhs.org.uk](mailto:tvfhs@tayvalleyfhs.org.uk)**

## Looking for additional help?

During the course of 2007, Dundee City Council is opening the area's first Genealogy Centre, which will offer assisted searches and free internet access in order that you can carry out some of your own research there. Qualified and experienced Registrars will be on hand to help you find the information you require and guide you through the research process. If you prefer not to do the research yourself, they can also be commissioned to produce your Family Tree for you. Located at the Central Library, the Wellgate, it will be open from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. each day. Alternatively you can commission your research online at [local.studies@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:local.studies@dundeecity.gov.uk)

Angus Archives also has a proven track record in providing an historical research service to clients who are unable to conduct research for themselves. They specialise in researching all aspects of Angus history and ancestors. Archive staff can be commissioned to trace an entire family tree, locate one individual ancestor or research the history of a house, school or business.

Research can be commissioned in blocks of 1 hour of Angus Archives staff research time.

**Email: [angus.archives@angus.gov.uk](mailto:angus.archives@angus.gov.uk) or telephone 01307 468644.**

## Additional Resources For Researchers

There is a wide range of further documents held in Angus & Dundee or originating from this area. These include wills and testaments, civil and criminal court records. A selection of records available for each area is outlined below.

### Arbroath

There are many resources available for the study of Arbroath's past. Some are held in Arbroath Library while many others are housed in the Angus Archives. There are also many sources available in the National Archives of Scotland, such as Kirk Session records.

#### Genealogy sources

Arbroath Library holds a good range of genealogical sources such as Old Parish Registers and the census (1841-1901) on microfilm plus the International Genealogical Index on microfiche. Angus Archives holds most of these also.

The town of Arbroath encompasses 2 parishes: Arbroath and St Vigeans (which is also the name of a neighbouring village and the source of much confusion). You may need to search in both if you do not have a specific location.

#### Newspapers

Arbroath Herald is available on microfilm in Arbroath Library from 1838 onwards. A card index is available too and relates to indexed material from 1889-1985. Some earlier Arbroath information is contained within the Montrose Review, available from 1811, and can be used in Montrose Library on microfilm.

#### Maps

Arbroath Library holds a collection of Arbroath area maps, mainly Ordnance Survey. Angus Archives holds some Ordnance Survey maps and some local estate plans.

#### Archival sources

##### Arbroath Town Council records

Arbroath has a large collection of Town Council records, dating from 1727 to 1975. These records include Town council minutes, police commissioner records, licensing, housing, charities, legal documents, honorary burgesses, Arbroath Harbour Board and early modern burgh court books.

## Angus County Council records

### Education

County Council records are largely organised by parish, so to get a complete picture of Arbroath, you need to consider searches in both Arbroath and St Vigeans parishes, or know in advance in which parish an ancestor lived.

School records, mainly log books, have survived for both parishes.

***Please check with Angus Archives staff in advance as school records have a 50 year closure period. Any items that are available to researchers MUST be ordered in advance to avoid disappointment.***

### Poor relief

Poor relief records are subject to closure periods of 75 years. Items outwith a closure period must be ordered in advance.

### Burial records

Original burial records for Angus are kept by the burial Section of Angus Council's Leisure Services. The Arbroath burial records for the Eastern and Western cemeteries are available on a database in the Angus Archives. Print outs are available for a small fee.

In addition the Arbroath Old Parish Register of burials has survived and its extensive and comprehensive records have been indexed.

## Angus Archives Miscellaneous Collection (MS)

*There are many Arbroath items in the Miscellaneous collection. These include:*

- Arbroath Co-operative Society, 1693-1938, MS 60
- Arbroath Ladies Clothing Society, 1840-1927, MS 62
- Arbroath Literary Club, 1872-1923, MS 64
- Correspondence of David Clarke, Royal Navy, 1795-1799, MS 65
- Papers of William Dorward, mariner in Arbroath, 1803-1871, MS 72
- Arbroath District Nursing Association, 1891-1957, MS 83
- Independent Labour Party, Arbroath branch, 1908-1939, MS 88
- Arbroath Scientific and Natural History Association, 1891-1934, MS 91
- Arbroath Horticultural and Natural History Society, 1883-1935, MS 92
- Arbroath Glovers Friendly Society, 1802-1834, MS 94

- Correspondence of Patrick Chalmers, Dundee, to James Chalmers, Arbroath, 1844-1846, MS 95
- Arbroath Lawn Tennis Club, 1909, MS 165
- Arbroath Civic Society, 1971-1990, MS 301
- Arbroath Golf Club, 1877-1975, MS 332
- British Women's Temperance Association, 1914-1936, MS 401
- Arbroath Subscription Library, 1797-1896, MS 451
- Royal National Lifeboat Institute, Arbroath branch, 1854-1983, MS 519
- Arbroath Harbour Board, 1861-1975, MS 536 (See also Town council records)
- Arbroath Tailor's Incorporation, 1658- 1845, MS 606
- St Vigeans Parish examination roll, 1752, MS 608
- Arbroath Weaver's Incorporation, MS 648
- Professor David Dall, Royal Phrenologist, 1920, MS 689
- Charles Myles Young collection, MS 691
- Arbroath Comfort Committee, 1939-1945, MS 708
- Arbroath United Cricket Club, MS 756

## Other Arbroath resources available in the Angus Archives

### Indexes

- 18:352 Arbroath Court Book, 1565-1575 - surname index
- 18:352 Arbroath Court Book, 1618-1704 - surname index
- 18:352 Register of Qualified Voters, 1832-1857 -surname index
- 18:352.1 Index to Arbroath Town Council Town Clerk's files
- 18:641.873 Officers of the Arbroath Brewer's Fraternity, 1805 - 1861
- 18:929.2 John Colville's Protocol Book Index, 1775-1783 and the list of Persons in the Burgh of Arbroath, from Montrose Burgh Court Records, 1707 - 1826 bound as one volume
- 18:929.3 Index to Arbroath and St. Vigeans Burial Registers, 1825 - 1854
- 18:929.3 Examination roll of Arbroath, 1752 edited by Flora Davidson
- 18:929.5 Arbroath Abbey: Pre 1855 gravestones and allied descriptions as listed by Sydney Cramer
- 18:941 Arbroath: Royal Burgh of Romance - surname index
- 18:941 Arbroath Traders Index - surname index of merchants and shop keepers, often listing their business address, 1839-1843
- Card Index Arbroath Weavers Incorporation surname index - ongoing

## Arbroath Photograph Collection

The Angus Archives holds nearly 2,000 images of the town and its people from the late 19th century to more recently. The collection also includes antiquarian prints from the 18th century. Photographic images include street views, industry, Provosts, historic buildings, the seafront and local characters. An index to the Arbroath Photographic Collection is available. It can be used in conjunction with the Image Index which indexes photographs of people contained within local history books.

New additions to the photographic collection are always welcome. Reproductions of copyright free photographs are available. Please request a price list.

## Arbroath Research Files

The Angus Archives has a growing collection of files on many aspects of Arbroath including industry, commerce, personalities, historic buildings, recreation and many other topics.

## Other items of interest

- Various Arbroath estate plans in the Wilkie and Dundas Collection in MS 720
- Copy chartulary of the lands of Newgate 1826 -1866

The Angus Archives team is happy to answer any queries relating to Arbroath sources. **Email: [angus.archives@angus.gov.uk](mailto:angus.archives@angus.gov.uk)**

## Brechin

There are many resources available for the study of Brechin's past. Some are held in Brechin Library while many others are housed in Angus Archives. There are also many other sources available in the National Archives of Scotland, such as Kirk Session records.

## Genealogy sources

Brechin Library holds a good range of genealogical sources such as Old Parish Registers and the census (1841-1901) on microfilm plus the International Genealogical Index on microfiche. Angus Archives holds many of these also plus indexes to the 1841, 1851 and 1881 census.

## Newspapers

Brechin Advertiser and Angus and Mearns Intelligencer is available on microfilm in Brechin Library from 1848 to 1880. After 1880 it continues as the Brechin Advertiser to the present day. Some earlier Brechin information is contained within the Montrose Review, available from 1811, and which can be used in Montrose Library on microfilm.

## Maps

Brechin Library holds a collection of Brechin area maps, mainly Ordnance Survey. Angus Archives holds some Ordnance Survey maps and a bound copy of the 1865 Ordnance Survey one inch to one mile map. This shows the town and parish of Brechin in great detail.

## Archival sources held within Angus Archives

### Brechin Town Council records

Brechin has a large collection of Town Council records, dating from 1672 to 1975. These records include Town Council minutes, police commissioner records, licensing, housing, charities, legal documents, honorary burgesses, medieval charters etc. The first Brechin Town Council minute book has been transcribed and is available in the reference collection of Angus Archives.

### Angus County Council records

## Education

Brechin Burgh Board records are extant from 1897 - 1919, and Brechin Parish School Board from 1873 - 1919.

*Records have survived for:*

Brechin Damacre Road School (City Road): log book, 1873-1968; admission register 1874-1968.

Brechin Half Time School (Union Street): log book, 1883-1903

NB School records are kept in the store and MUST be ordered in advance. They are also subject to the Data Protection Act.

Poor relief records are available for Brechin and are subject to the Data Protection Act. They are kept in the store and MUST be ordered in advance.

## Burial records

Angus Archives holds some burial records for the Brechin area. The earliest records are photocopies of burials in Brechin Cathedral 1782-1832. These are indexed. *In addition the following records are available through Angus Archives within Brechin Town Council records:*

- Brechin Parish Council minute book - cemetery committee, 1895-1946
- Brechin Cemetery Joint Committee minute book, 1946-1974
- Brechin Cemetery cash book, 1856-1893
- Brechin burial board cash book, 1894-1962
- Burial Ground ledger, 1879-1943
- Brechin cemetery lair book H-M - indexed, 1871-1903
- Interment Fees book, 1943-1958
- Brechin Cathedral burial book, 1870-1953
- Cemetery Scroll cash book - wages etc, 1949-1974
- Letter book - indexed, 1933-1941
- Brechin Cemetery inventory book, 1951-1983
- Index to Brechin Burial Ground, 1857-1895

Burial records are more usually held by the Burial Section of Angus Council's Leisure Services. **Further information on Brechin burials should be sought from the Burial Section of Leisure Services, Angus Council, at 01307 473225.**

## Angus Archives Miscellaneous Collection (MS)

*There are many Brechin items in the Miscellaneous collection. The larger collections include:*

- City Road United Presbyterian Church, Brechin 1764-1868, MS 6
- Brechin Total Abstinence Society, 1853-1963, MS 34
- Brechin Dispensary 1823-1870, MS 36
- Brechin Old Wrights Society, 1625- 1885, MS 44
- David Dakers Black, Town Clerk of Brechin, 1866, MS 45
- David Spence, Town Clerk of Brechin, style book 1691, MS 49
- Frederick A. Ferguson, Town Clerk of Brechin, 1925-1959, MS 59
- Brechin Infant School 1835-1858, MS 112

- Brechin City Improvement Association, 1908-1985, MS 169
- Brechin Mechanics Institute, 1843-1895, MS 187
- David Waterson papers, MS 510
- Speid of Ardovie papers, 1689-1861, MS 413
- Molison family of Brechin, 1764-1812, MS 417
- Andrew Jervise papers, 1869-1878, MS 445
- Jamieson and Cunningham family of London and Brechin, 1912-1949, Ms 473
- Brechin Burns Club, 1901-1967, MS 477
- Christian Sherriff papers, 1865-1867, MS 526
- Brechin Conveners Court, 1652-1875, MS 498
- Brechin Guildry, 1629-1845, MS 500
- Brechin Shoemakers Incorporation, 1600-1885, MS491
- Brechin Tailors Incorporation, 1660-1885, MS 494
- Brechin Weavers Incorporation, 1769-1878, MS 503

## Other Brechin resources available in the Angus Archives

### Indexes

- Burgesses, 1710-1974
- Burgesses prior to 1680 compiled from Brechin Episcopal Documents
- Brechin Episcopal Documents, 1309-1698
- Brechin Cathedral Burial Ground index, 1782 - 1953
- Brechin Dean of Guild plans 1890-1975
- Brechin Hammermen's Book 1600-1762: index of names
- Brechin Dean of Guild 1600-1829: database of surnames

### Brechin Photograph Collection

The Angus Archives holds hundreds of images of the town of Brechin and its people, from the late 19th century to more recently. The collection also includes some antiquarian prints. Photographic images include street views, industry, Provosts, historic buildings, and local characters

This collection has not yet been indexed. Images of Brechin people included in local history publications are accessible through the Image Index.

New additions to the photographic collection are always welcome.

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## Brechin Research Files

The Angus Archives has a growing collection of files on many aspects of Brechin including industry, commerce, personalities, historic buildings, recreation and many other topics. They are an excellent place to commence research.

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## Carnoustie

There are many resources available for the study of Carnoustie's past. Some are held in Carnoustie Library while others are housed in the Angus Archives. There are also many sources available in the National Archives of Scotland, such as Kirk Session records.

### Genealogy sources

Carnoustie Library holds a good range of genealogical sources such as Old Parish Registers and the census (1841-1901) on microfilm plus the IGI on microfiche. Carnoustie now encompasses 2 parishes: Barry and Panbride. You may need to search in both if you do not have a specific location. Barry is the most likely parish until the town began to expand into the neighbouring parish of Panbride in the late 19th century.

The Angus Archives holds the Valuation Roll collection for the whole of Angus. Carnoustie is covered from 1885 onwards.

Directory information such as voters, professions etc has been extracted from the Dundee Directory for many years in the 20th century. These are available in both the Library and the Angus Archives.

### Newspapers

#### Guide and Gazette

The main newspaper for Carnoustie is commonly referred to as the Guide and Gazette. It has a variety of longer and more formal titles such as the Broughty Ferry Guide and Carnoustie Gazette, dating mainly from 1906. Only more recent years are kept as unbound copies, the remainder being available on microfilm. These are available in Carnoustie Library only. Newspapers are an invaluable source of local history.

#### Newspaper cuttings

Carnoustie also has a series of newspaper cuttings albums, compiled by a private donor and reflecting their interests. They date from 1921 to the 1950's. Golf is a major topic but other topics are covered. Both Carnoustie Library and the Angus Archives have copies of these albums in their local reference libraries.

The newspapers and the newspaper cuttings albums are not indexed. You will require to set aside a reasonable amount of time to search out information.

## Maps

Carnoustie Library holds a small collection of maps, mainly Ordnance Survey. Also included are Roy's Military Survey 1747 - 1755 and late 18th century boundary maps of local farms. The Angus Archives has a plan of Carnoustie estate from the late 18th century.

## Archival sources

### Town Council records

Carnoustie has a large collection of town council records, dating from 1895 to 1975. These records include Town council minutes, police commissioner records, police court records (100 years closure period applies), a good sequence of Dean of Guild plans and petitions, and other smaller, patchy sequences plus ephemera.

These records, except for the plans, must be booked 2 weeks in advance

The Dean of Guild plans for Carnoustie are not complete but do cover a great many buildings constructed or altered between 1895 and 1975. In all there are sets of plans for 316 properties, private and commercial. A street index is available to researchers.

### Angus County Council records

#### Education

County council records are largely organised by parish, so to get a complete picture of Carnoustie, you need to consider searches in both Barry and Panbride parishes, or know in advance in which parish an ancestor lived.

School records, admissions registers and log books, have survived for both parishes.

Please check with Angus Archives staff as these items have a closure period. Items out with a closure period must be ordered in advance.

#### Poor relief

Barry parochial records date back to the mid 19th century and include items such as the Register of Poor Persons in Barry dating from 1845. Barry Parochial Board records can be found at ACC 9/6 and those of Panbride at ACC9/45

Poor relief records are subject to closure periods. Items out with a closure period must be ordered in advance.

## Miscellaneous Collection (MS)

*There are some Carnoustie items in the Miscellaneous collection. These include:*

- Carnoustie Shopkeepers Plate Glass Insurance Association, 1890-1979, MS 255
- Carnoustie Co-Operative Association, MS 511
- Charles Jarvis, V. C., papers, MS 566
- Carnoustie 200 Committee minutes, 1996-1998, MS 597
- Carnoustie Music Club minute book, 1968-1998, MS 626
- Carnoustie Townswomen's Guild 1964-1986, MS 636

## Other sources

The Angus Archives holds a number of other sources for Carnoustie history.

The Carnoustie Chartulary which details feuing from the Carnoustie estate between 1823 and 1904. Copyright restrictions apply.

## Carnoustie Photograph Collection

The Angus Archives holds a variety of images of the town and its people from the late 19th century to more recently. Images include street views, Provosts, the golf courses and seafront and various Pierrot entertainers. The print collection of images amounts to 255 items at present.

New additions to this collection are always welcome. Reproductions of copyright free photographs are available. Please request a price list.

## Carnoustie Research Files

The Angus Archives has a growing collection of files on Carnoustie industry, commerce, personalities, historic buildings, recreation and many other topics.

The Angus Archives team is happy to answer any queries relating to Carnoustie sources. **Email: [angus.archives@angus.gov.uk](mailto:angus.archives@angus.gov.uk)**

## Dundee

### *Records held at Dundee City Archives include:*

- City of Dundee Burgh Court Books 1520–1898
- Burgh Court registers of decrees 1676–1883
- Lawburrows books 1621–1821
- Register of Deeds 1626–1908
- Burgh protocol books 1518–1653
- Council minute books 1553–1996
- Council account books 1586–1986
- Shipping registers 1580–1713
- Cess books 1826–1896
- School Board/Education Authority/Education Committee minutes: log books and registers of closed schools c1864–1985
- Dundee Police Board/Police Commissioners Minutes 1824–1894
- Parochial Board and Parish Council minutes, registers and accounts 1848–1930
- Duplicate parliamentary plans of street tramway, water and gas improvements 1870–1966
- Broughty Ferry Police Commissioners/Town Council minutes 1877–1913
- Chief Sanitary Inspector, photographs of slum dwellings, '1920s' examples on Photopolis
- Valuation Rolls 1826–1990

### *Records retransmitted from the National Archives of Scotland*

- Dundee Presbytery 1633-1980
- Justices of the Peace for the County of the City of Dundee 1894-1975
- Justices of the Peace for the County of Angus 1791-1974
- Customs records: Dundee Outport 1708-1945
- Customs records: Montrose Outport 1707-1929
- Montrose and Arbroath Fishery Offices 1819-1966
- Dundee Burgh Registers of Sasines 1639-1812
- Dundee Burgh Protocol books 1571-1608
- Calendars of Confirmation and Inventories 1876-1936
- Dundee and Forfar Sheriff Courts - duplicate plans c 1837-c1951
- Friends of Dundee City Archives - Publications

## Family, Estate, Business, Trade Union and Other Private Records

Records relating to the area of the City of Dundee (Tayside Region prior to 1996) are accepted as gifts or deposits and are available for consultation subject to their physical state and to conditions of use determined by depositors.

- Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers (Dundee Branches 1 & 2) 1868-1981
- Balgay and Logie Estates, County of Angus 1495-1962
- Ballindean Estate, Perthshire 1652-1968
- Bell & Sime, timber-merchants, Dundee c 1900-c1980
- Broughty Ferry YMCA 1866-1985
- Earls of Camperdown - papers, incl. correspondence c 1830-c1890
- Dale Cottage Industrial School, Arbroath 1853-1961
- Dr Thomas Dick, Broughty Ferry - papers, incl. correspondence 1782-1857
- Dundee & Tayside Chamber of Commerce 1819-1960
- Dundee Educational Trust 1893-1961
- Dundee Free Breakfast Mission 1869-1977
- Dundee High School 1831-1966
- Dundee Industrial Schools Society/Approved Schools Society 1851-1971
- Dundee, Lochee & Broughty Ferry Licensed Grocers' Association 1877-1975
- Dundee Orchestral Society 1875-1951
- Dundee Orphan Institution 1815-1983
- Dundee, Perth & London Shipping Co 1826-1960
- Dundee Port Authority 1814-1986
- Dundee Sailors' Home & Hostel, Official Registers 1928-1966
- Dundee Women Citizens Association 1918-1966
- Dundee Working Boys' Home 1882-1970
- Dundee YMCA 1859-1961
- Geekie Family, Keillor 1646-1850
- Gourlay Bros. (shipbuilders), Dundee - Shipping Plans 1859-1908
  - Index to plans - sorted by Vessel Name
  - Index to plans - sorted by Yard Number
- Grange Estate, Monifieth 1625-1767

- J & J Gray, Dundee, Funeral Directors, joiners, cabinetmakers 1923-1971
- Grey Lodge, Settlement Association/Dundee Social Union 1906-1976
- Guildry Incorporation of Dundee 1570-1970
- Halket & Adam, Dundee Ropeworks 1926-1968
- J & J Hunter, Solicitors, Dundee 1602-1896
- Jute & Flax Union, Dundee District 1906-1966
- Jute, Sack and Bag Manufacturers' Association 1948-1980
- Lowden Bros., electrical & mechanical engineers, Dundee 1913-1973
- Lundie Estate, County of Angus 1465-1963
- McGregor & Balfour, shuttlemakers & mill furnishers, Dundee 1900-1932
- Maltmen Incorporation of Dundee 1653-1871
- Mason Trade of Dundee 1659-1960
- Methodist Church, Dundee 1771-1980
- Newtyle & Coupar Angus Railway Company, Manager's cash and copy letter book, 1836-9 [GD/Mus35]
- Nine Incorporated Trades of Dundee, 1697-1956
  - Miscellaneous Transcripts
- North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board 1897-1979
- Northesk Muniments 1247-1922
- Princes Street Congregational Church, Dundee 1839-1962
- Queen Street Congregational Church, Arbroath 1849-1968
- Railway Clerks' Association (Dundee & District Branch) 1901-1987
- Rattray Street Baptist Church, Dundee 1846-1985
- Robb Caledon Shipbuilders (Dundee Division) 1872-1980
  - Index to photographs - sorted by Vessel Name
  - Index to photographs - sorted by Yard Number
- St Salvador's Episcopal Church, Dundee 1859-1983
- Jas. Scott & Sons, merchants, spinners & jute manufacturers, Dundee 1861-1969
- Scottish Field Studies Assoc./Kindrogan Field Centre 1944-1975
- Scottish Gas (Dundee District) 1910-1966
- Scottish Union of Bakers and Confectioners (Dundee Branch) 1921-1952
- Seaman Fraternity of Dundee/Trinity House 1652-1978

- Slater Trade of Dundee 1684-1976
- Slessor, Mary, missionary, correspondence 1901- 1914
- Smith, James, Stonemason, Banffshire and Dundee, Memoirs of, 1805-c1869
- Snaigow Estate, Perthshire 1606-1962
- Strathmartine Estate 1537-1889
- Tailor Trade of Dundee 1556-1920
- Three United Trades of Dundee 1741-1934
- Unitarian (Williamson Memorial) Church, Dundee 1806-1979
- Vehicle Licensing Registers 1903-1974
- Victoria Spinning Co., Dundee (incl. wages books) 1893-1978
- Ward Chapel Congregational Church, Dundee 1822-1963
- Ward Road Baptist Church, Dundee 1841-1986
- Weaver Trade of Dundee 1557-1951
- Wedderburn of Pearsie - family papers 1483-1918
- Wharncliffe papers (titles, settlements etc.) c 1670-c1929
- David Winter & Son, booksellers, stationers & publishers, Dundee 1858-1951
- Wright Trade of Dundee

## Forfar

There are many resources available for the study of Forfar's past. Some are held in Forfar Library or The Meffan museum, while others are housed in Angus Archives. There are also many Forfar sources available in the National Archives of Scotland such as the Kirk session records.

### General sources:

### Genealogy sources

Forfar Library holds a good range of genealogical sources for the Forfar area such as Old Parish Registers and the census (1841-1901) on microfilm plus the International Genealogical Index on microfiche.

Angus Archives holds the full collection of Angus IGI and census microfilms.

## Newspapers

Forfar Library holds a variety of newspapers including the Forfar Dispatch, 1912 to date and the Forfar Herald, both on microfilm, 1884 - 1929. Forfar's newspapers have been indexed by surname and subject until the mid 1980's. Please ask at the issue desk to see the card index. Newspapers are an invaluable source of local history.

## Maps

Forfar Library holds a good collection of Angus maps, mainly Ordnance Survey. The collection includes the 1865 6 inch to 1 mile series for all of Angus, and nearly complete sets for 1902 and 1927. The 1976 series is also available for Forfar.

## Local History collection

Angus Archives and Forfar Library both house a collection of books and pamphlets concerning Forfar's history and Angus in general. The library catalogue is available online. Some titles are available for lending while others are strictly reference only. Items marked LH are usually only to be consulted within the library or archive.

## Archival sources held within Angus Archives

### Forfar Town Council records

There is a large collection of Forfar Town Council records, dating from 1660 to 1975. These records include Town Council minutes, police commissioner records, licensing, housing, charities, legal documents, a small number of Dean of Guild plans, miscellaneous papers including the confessions of the Forfar witches etc. The first Forfar Town Council minute book for 1660-1685 has been transcribed and indexed. The transcript is available in the reference collection of Angus Archives. A complete list of the records of Forfar Town Council is available.

Please order these items at least one day in advance of your visit.

### Forfar in Angus County Council records (ACC)

### Education

School records comprise school logs, admissions registers and school board records from 1872 at the earliest.

NB School records are kept in the store and MUST be ordered in advance. More recent volumes are subject to the Data Protection Act.

Please consult archive staff for details.

Not all school records have survived. Please phone Angus Archives in advance to check if the sources you seek are available.

## Poor relief

Each parish had a parochial board which was in charge of distributing aid to the poor. Poor registers were kept, often offering extensive information.

NB 20th Century poor relief records are subject to the Data Protection Act.

Please consult archive staff for details.

## Burial records

Burial records for the Forfar cemeteries are held by the Burial Section of Angus Council. **Further information on Forfar burials should be sought from the Burial Section of Leisure Services, Angus Council, at 01307 473225.**

Angus Archives holds an index to 18th century burial registers for Forfar Parish Church plus the Pre-1855 Gravestones of Angus publication.

## Angus Archives Miscellaneous Collection (MS) of major Forfar collections.

*There are many Forfar items in the Miscellaneous archive collection. The larger collections include:*

- Forfar Baptist Church 1872-1926, MS 116
- Forfar Young Women's Christian Association, 1883-1901, MS117
- David Hillocks, Forfar, music, 1798, MS124
- Forfar Burns Club, 1928-1946, MS127
- Forfar Business and Professional Women's club
- Forfar District Nursing Association, 1934-1989, MS139
- Forfar Tract Society, 1858-1940, MS140
- Forfarshire Militia Oath Book, 1822, MS142
- Forfar Prison orders, 1872, MS147
- Forfar Railway Miscellany, 1894-1959, MS175
- Binny family, 1917, MS198
- John Nevay letters, 1834-1841, MS250
- Robert Scott music collection Forfar, 18th - 19th century, MS256
- Peter Reid statute, 1895-1898, MS280
- Forfar Factory Worker's Union, 1937-1974, MS293
- Forfar Free Library, 1866-1975, MS453

- Jean Roger, author in Forfar, c. 1970's, MS 471
- Forfar Tailors' Incorporation, 1619-1898, MS488
- Forfar Shoemakers' Incorporation, 1626-1845, MS489
- Forfar Congregational Church records, 1885-1975, MS 603
- St Margaret's Church, 1560-1973, MS693
- Ernest Mann collection, 1606-1972, MS699
- Lawson, Anderson, Craig, solicitors, collection, MS 736 (mainly material on the Craik family)

There are many references to Forfar and Forfar people in other collections. Staff can search the CALM database for you. New donations of archival material and photographs are always welcome.

### Other Forfar resources available in Angus Archives

Indexes available in the Angus Archives search room

- 33:324.241 Forfar Poll Book 1869
- 33:352.1 Treasurer's Accounts of John Brandon, 1662-1663 - surname and subject index
- 33:352.1 Treasurer's Accounts of David Wood, 1684
- 33:352.1 Treasurer's Accounts of Henry Forrest, 1706-1707
- 33:352.1 Inventory of the Cornes, 1689
- 33:352.1 Forfar Burgh Miscellaneous Papers - name index, 1546-1845
- 33:352.1 Forfar Burgh Miscellaneous Papers - subject index, 1546-1845
- 33:352.1 Forfar Town Council Clerks files index
- 33:352.1 Town Council minute book, 1660-1685 - name and subject index
- 33:366 Forfar Weavers' Incorporation, 1627-1836
- 33:366 Forfar Shoemakers' Incorporation, 1626-1813
- 33:366 Forfar Shoemakers' Incorporation, 1813-1847
- 33:720.9 Forfar Dean of Guild plans - street index, 1897-1953
- 33:929.3 Surnames extracted from Bailie David T. Adam's summary of Forfar Town Council minutes
- 33:929.5 Forfar Burial Book, 1733-1760 - burials in Forfar Parish Churchyard
- 33:929.5 Forfar Burial Books, 1772-1784 - burials in Forfar Parish churchyard
- 33:941 Protocol Book of Thomas Robertson, 1657 - surname index
- 33:941 Forfar Hearth Tax, 1693 - surname index
- 33:941 St. James Fair Riot in Forfar, 1672 - surname index

## Angus Image Index

The Image Index features many Forfar area people, especially ministers, town council officials, landed gentry, philanthropists, and office bearers.

## Forfar Photograph Collection

Angus Archives currently holds a small collection of photographs of Forfar and its people, from the late 19th century to date. The collection includes some antiquarian prints. Photographic images comprise street views, events, industry, Provosts, historic buildings, and local characters.

This collection has not yet been indexed. Images of Forfar people included in local history publications are accessible through the Angus Image Index.

New additions to the photographic collection are always welcome.

Reproductions of copyright free photographs are available. Please request a price list.

## Forfar Research Files

Angus Archives has a large and growing collection of files on many aspects of Forfar including industry, commerce, personalities, historic buildings, recreation and many other topics. They are an excellent place to begin your research.

The Angus Archives team is happy to answer any queries relating to Forfar sources. **Email: [angus.archives@angus.gov.uk](mailto:angus.archives@angus.gov.uk)**

## Montrose

There are many resources available for the study of Montrose's past. Printed books and maps are held in Montrose Library, artefacts and photographs in Montrose Museum, while Angus Archives holds original sources, photographs and printed books

There are also many Montrose sources available in the National Archives of Scotland and the National Library of Scotland.

### General sources:

#### Genealogy sources

Montrose Library holds a good range of genealogical sources for the Montrose area such as Old Parish Registers of pre-1855 births, marriages and deaths and the census (1841-1901) on microfilm plus the International Genealogical Index on microfiche.

Angus Archives holds the full collection of Angus IGI, OPR's and census on microfilm.

## Newspapers

Montrose Library holds a variety of newspapers including the Montrose Review from 1811 on microfilm and the Montrose Standard. Montrose's newspapers have been not yet been indexed so you need to assign a sufficient amount of time to complete your search or have a rough date in mind. Newspapers are a real treasure trove of information on businesses, social history and individuals.

## Maps

Montrose Library holds a good selection of Montrose area maps, mainly Ordnance Survey.

## Local History collection

Angus Archives and Montrose Library both house a large collection of books and pamphlets concerning the history of Montrose in particular. Angus Archives supplements this with an extensive collection of Angus wide material. The library catalogue is available online. Some titles are available for lending while others are strictly reference only. Items marked LH are only for consultation within the library or archive.

## Archival sources held within Angus Archives

### Montrose Town Council records

Montrose holds the most extensive collection of original sources in Angus, dating from the 14th century charters. The main body of records commences with the first surviving Town Council minute book of 1617, a sequence maintained unbroken until local government re-organisation in 1975. Other records encompass the work of the police commissioner minutes, licensing, housing, charities, legal documents, and a large collection of post 1875 Dean of Guild plans. In addition Montrose boasts a vast collection of burgh papers which include a wealth of information on many subjects such as the building of the Town House, the execution of Margaret Shuttleworth, 15th century trade disputes with Dundee and Forfar, job applications from 18th century Town officers etc The first Montrose Town Council minute book for 1617-1635 has been transcribed and indexed. The transcript is available in the reference collection of Angus Archives. A complete list of the records of Montrose Town Council is available.

***These items are kept in an out store and must be ordered in advance of your visit to avoid disappointment.***

### Montrose in Angus County Council records (ACC)

## Education

School records comprise school logs, admissions registers and school board records from 1872 at the earliest.

Please note that the school records for Montrose Academy are not held by Angus Archives.

NB School records are kept in the out store and MUST be ordered in advance. More recent volumes are subject to the Data Protection Act. Please consult archive staff for details.

## Poor relief

Each parish had a parochial board that was in charge of distributing aid to the poor. Where Poor registers have survived they often offer the researcher extensive information about an individual.

NB 20th Century poor relief records are subject to the Data Protection Act. Please consult archive staff for details.

## Burial records

The Burial Section of Angus Council specifically holds other burials records for Sleepyhillock and Rosehill cemeteries. Further information on Montrose burials should be sought from the Burial Section of Leisure Services, Angus Council, at 01307 473225.

In addition, Angus Archives holds the survey of gravestones in Montrose Parish church carried out by the Montrose Society, and also has the Pre-1855 Gravestones of Angus publication.

## Angus Archives Miscellaneous Collection (MS) of major Montrose collections.

There are many Montrose items in the Miscellaneous archive collection. Further donations are also welcome.

*The larger Montrose collections include:*

- MS 290 Montrose Post Office Bridge Street, Montrose, 1895-1968
- MS 291 Montrose Women's Business & Professional Club, 1948-1992
- MS 292 Montrose Natural History and Antiquarian Society, 1836-1973
- MS 403 Montrose Harbour Board, 1839-1956
- MS 447 Montrose Trades Library, 1855-1904
- MS 448 Montrose Reading Society, 1837-1860
- MS 449 Montrose Subscription Library, 1810-1905
- MS 450 Montrose Public Library, 1905-1975
- MS 463 Scott family of Commieston papers, 1690-1790
- MS 464 Montrose Star Golf Club, 1868-1890
- MS 465 Montrose Ladies Clothing Society, 1838-1928
- MS 466 Privilege of private pipe (water), Montrose, 1828-1833
- MS 467 Montrose Subscription Assemblies, 1814
- MS 513 George Fairweather, Funeral Director, Baltic Street, Montrose, 1911-1971

- MS 514 St. John Street United Presbyterian Church, Montrose, Manse Building Committee, 1880-1883
- MS 606 Montrose Society collection, 1956-1998
- MS 607 Montrose Rotary Club, 1958-1965
- MS 620 William Baillie, Writer to the Signet, Montrose
- MS 621 Montrose Plate Glass Association
- MS 667 Montrose Theatre Posters, 1817-1835
- MS 681 Joseph Johnston and Sons Ltd, 1844-1988
- MS 704 John Lindsay & Son, Montrose, 1850-1995
- MS 713 Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Montrose Branch
- MS 727 Montrose Festival Committee, 1961-1968; 1971-1972
- MS 767 Hoyer Millar family of Montrose, 1840's-1860's

There are many references to Montrose and Montrose people in other collections. Staff can search the CALM archive database on your behalf. New donations of archival material and photographs are always welcome.

### Other Montrose resources available in Angus Archives

Indexes available in the Angus Archives search room:

- 58:366 Montrose Smith's and Hammermen - surname index
- 58:374.01 Montrose Burgh Court Claims - surname, subject and place name index
- 58:387.1 Whittaker - Shipping Registered in Montrose in 1821
- 58:914 Plan of the Town of Montrose index - surname index
- 58:929.3 Burgesses c. 1690-1900 - surname index
- 58:929.5 Montrose Old Kirkyard Gravestones
- 58:941 Montrose Burgh Correspondence, Petitions etc., 1719-1838 - surname and subject index
- 58:941 Montrose Poor Assessment 1838 - surname index
- 58:941 Montrose Craftsmen listed in Montrose Yearbooks - surname index
- 58:941 Montrose Stent Rolls 1797, 1807, 1817 - surname indexes
- 58:941 Montrose Tollbooth, 1754-1789 - surname index of inmates
- 58:941 Montrose Tolbooth, 1789-1798 - surname index of inmates
- 58:941 List of Special Constables, 1839 - surname index

- 58:941 Index to James G. Low's Highways and Byeways
- 58:941 Index to Mitchell's History of Montrose, 1866
- Card Index Montrose Dean of Guild plans c.1890-1974 - street index
- 58:941 Montrose newspaper cuttings 1896 - 1917

### Montrose Photograph Collection

Angus Archives currently holds an excellent of photographs of Montrose and its people, from the late 19th century to the present day. The collection also includes some antiquarian prints and modern postcards. Photographic images comprise street views, industry, Provosts, the harbour, street scenes, historic buildings, aerial views, entertainment and local characters. The photographic collection of the Montrose Society within MS606 provides a complement to the Angus Archives collection and is also available to consult in the search room.

The photographic collections have not yet been indexed. Images of Montrose people included in local history publications are accessible through the Image Index available in the search room.

New additions to the photographic collection are always welcome. **If you wish to assist us in identifying, indexing or scanning photographs please email: [angus.archives@angus.gov.uk](mailto:angus.archives@angus.gov.uk)**

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## Useful Web Addresses

- [www.tayroots.com](http://www.tayroots.com) - portal website on tracing your family roots in Angus & Dundee
- [www.dundeeroots.com](http://www.dundeeroots.com) - guidance on tracing your family history in the Angus & Dundee area
- [www.dundeecity.gov.uk/archives/main.htm](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/archives/main.htm) - website for Dundee Archives
- [www.dundeecity.gov.uk/centlib/loc\\_stud.htm](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/centlib/loc_stud.htm) - website for Dundee Local History centre
- [www.angus.gov.uk/history/archives](http://www.angus.gov.uk/history/archives) - website for Angus Archives
- [www.dundeecity.gov.uk/broughtycastle/main.htm](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/broughtycastle/main.htm) - website for Broughty Castle Museum
- [www.scotlandspople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspople.gov.uk) - official government source for Scottish genealogy, census and family history
- [www.tayvalleyfhs.org.uk](http://www.tayvalleyfhs.org.uk) - website of the Tay Valley Family History Society
- [www.angusanddundee.co.uk](http://www.angusanddundee.co.uk) - tourism website for Angus & Dundee area
- [www.ancestralscotland.com](http://www.ancestralscotland.com) - information on planning your ancestral trip to Scotland
- [www.photopolis.org](http://www.photopolis.org) - over 2,000 images of old Dundee available to purchase online
- [www.angus.gov.uk/history/archives/resources/peopleimageindex/default.htm](http://www.angus.gov.uk/history/archives/resources/peopleimageindex/default.htm) - Angus People Image Index
- [www.dundee.ac.uk/archives/](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/archives/) - University of Dundee Archives
- <http://vlib.abertay.ac.uk/> - University of Abertay Dundee Library
- [www.dundee.ac.uk/library/welcome.html](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/library/welcome.html) - University of Dundee Library
- [www.fdca.org.uk/](http://www.fdca.org.uk/) – website of Friends of Dundee Archives, containing research guides and databases
- [www.dundeecity.gov.uk/mills/main.htm](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/mills/main.htm) - website for Mills Observatory
- [www.old-maps.co.uk](http://www.old-maps.co.uk) - Online access to the largest digital historic map archive in the UK
- [www.dundeecity.gov.uk/roh](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/roh) - Records of men & women of Dundee who died in the service of their country during WWII
- [www.dundeecity.gov.uk/lamb/](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/lamb/) - The Lamb Collection comprises over 450 boxes of ephemera providing a unique insight into life in 19th century Dundee
- [www.dmsoft.com/tamh/](http://www.dmsoft.com/tamh/) - Virtual museum presenting the maritime history of Tayside
- <http://members.aol.com/ewalker01/brechin/home.htm> - Brechin: The Ancient City
- [www.brechintownhouse.org.uk/](http://www.brechintownhouse.org.uk/) - Friends of Brechin Townhouse Museum
- [www.kinnettles.org.uk](http://www.kinnettles.org.uk) - Kinnettles Heritage Group
- [www.bellrock.org.uk](http://www.bellrock.org.uk) - Website for the Bellrock Lighthouse
- [www.monifiethhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.monifiethhistorysociety.co.uk) - website of Monifieth local history society
- [www.abertay.org.uk/abertay\\_home.htm](http://www.abertay.org.uk/abertay_home.htm) - website of Abertay Historical Society
- [www.angusglens.co.uk](http://www.angusglens.co.uk) - website on the Angus Glens and local communities
- [www.angus.gov.uk/history/museums/](http://www.angus.gov.uk/history/museums/) - website listing Angus museums and their collections
- [www.mcmanus.co.uk](http://www.mcmanus.co.uk) - website for Mcmanus Galleries and Museum

- [www.nls.uk/maps/early/towns.html](http://www.nls.uk/maps/early/towns.html) 19th century plans of Dundee, Forfar, Montrose and Arbroath available on-line from National Library of Scotland
- [www.cwgc.org/default.asp](http://www.cwgc.org/default.asp) - The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists war dead from both world wars in local cemeteries in Dundee and Angus
- [special.st-andrews.ac.uk/saspecial/](http://special.st-andrews.ac.uk/saspecial/) - St Andrew's University has examples of Dundee and of Angus town postcards online

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So whether your ancestor was a landowner, a doctor, a jute worker, a seaman, a carter or a lowly kitchen maid, come home to Angus & Dundee and let us make your visit a memorable one!

**For tips and information on planning your visit, go to [www.angusanddundee.co.uk](http://www.angusanddundee.co.uk)**

## Angus & Dundee Roots Festival

**Angus & Dundee will be hosting a 'Roots Festival' from 6th – 13th September 2008.** The event will provide a focus for people whose ancestors came from Angus & Dundee to visit the area and get a feel for the place where their ancestor lived, find out more about their way of life, and soak up the Scottish atmosphere. Find out more about your ancestral homeland, whilst at the same time forging new friendships with like-minded people from across the globe!

The Festival will include a packed programme of events with visits to ancestral sites, living history re-enactments, talks, demonstrations, film shows and much more! For more information go to [www.tayroots.com](http://www.tayroots.com)

## Visiting Angus & Dundee

If you are coming to Angus & Dundee to research your family history or walk in the footsteps of your ancestors, VisitScotland will be happy to help you find accommodation and provide you with information about places of ancestral interest and other things to see and do in the area.

To find out more about what Angus & Dundee has to offer, visit [www.angusanddundee.co.uk](http://www.angusanddundee.co.uk) or [www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com)

### Quality places to stay, whatever your budget

No matter what type of accommodation you are seeking, Angus & Dundee can offer something to suit every budget. The options are many - elegant hotels, rustic country inns, luxurious self-catering, and cosy B&Bs set amidst some of Scotland's finest scenery. Whatever your choice, you can expect the highest standards in a range that suits all budgets.

### Book online

Use <http://www.visitscotland.com/> to select your preferred type of accommodation, check availability and book on-line with many establishments in Angus & Dundee. Alternatively, see below for details of VisitScotland's Accommodation Booking Service.

### Book your accommodation in advance

We can help your holiday get off to a good start - before you even get here. If you contact the Scottish Booking and Information Centre - telephone 0845 2255 121 (UK only), +44 1506 832 222 (from overseas); email: [info@visitscotland.com](mailto:info@visitscotland.com). Just tell us the type of accommodation you need, and your preferred price band, and we'll do the rest.

## **National Booking Service for Scotland**

As part of the larger network of Scottish Tourist Information Centres, all of Angus & Dundee's Tourist Information Centres can also make bookings for people throughout Scotland (and the rest of Britain, subject to local restrictions). Bookings can also be made on the spot for all types of accommodation in Angus & Dundee.

## **Quality Assurance**

All accommodation establishments booked through VisitScotland or its network of Tourist Information Centres participate in the VisitScotland Quality Assurance Scheme, so you can rest assured that they meet the organisation's high standards.

## **Accommodation**

VisitScotland's objective assessment of accommodation gives you a clear indication of cleanliness, ambience, hospitality, service, accommodation standard and food. Using a scale of 1-5 Stars, it provides the reassurance you need about what to expect before you arrive.

With these reliable Quality Assurance schemes, you can trust VisitScotland, knowing that their quality advisors have done all the research, so that you can relax and enjoy your holiday.

And look out for businesses participating in the new Ancestral Tourists Welcome Scheme, which assures you that staff there are knowledgeable and committed to exceeding your needs as an ancestral tourist.

## **Visitor Attractions**

Using 1 to 5 Stars, Visitor Attractions are graded for the standard of customer care they provide for the visitor. The star awards focus on the standard of the welcome, hospitality and service, the attractions presentation as well as the standard of the toilets, shop and cafe, where provided.

## **Tourist Information**

When you arrive in Angus & Dundee, visit our Tourist Information Centres where our friendly staff will offer you a warm welcome, and provide you with information on sites which may be of interest to your family history search:

## **Arbroath**

Market Place, Arbroath, DD11 1HR Tel. 01241 872609 Fax 01241 878550

(From summer 2007, Arbroath TIC will be located at the Harbour Visitor Centre, Arbroath) Open all year

**Dundee**

21 Castle Street, Dundee, DD1 3AA Tel. 01382 527527 Fax 01382 527550 Open all year

**Brechin**

Brechin Castle Centre, Haughmuir, Brechin, DD9 6RL  
Tel. 01356 623050 Open all year (Oct – Mar Sat/Sun only)

Tourist information is also provided in Carnoustie and Monifieth libraries and in the museums indicated by below. 

**Places of ancestral interest in Angus & Dundee****Angus Folk Museum, Kirk Wynd, Glamis, By Forfar**

A fascinating glimpse into traditional Scottish life, including farming tools, domestic objects and the restored 19th century Glenisla Hearse.

**Meffan Museum, 20 West High St, Forfar** 

View a stunning display of Pictish stones, walk down the vennel of shoppies, enjoy changing art exhibitions in this museum at the heart of Forfar.

**Signal Tower Museum, Ladyloan, Arbroath**

Housed in the elegant Signal Tower for the offshore Bell Rock Lighthouse, this award winning museum brings Arbroath's maritime and social history alive with models, sounds and smells.

**Montrose Museum, Panmure Place, Montrose** 

Montrose's rich heritage covering pre-history, Jacobites and maritime trade.

**Barry Watermill, North of Barry Village, by Carnoustie**

Barry Watermill was the last water-powered meal mill to work in Angus and works today on a demonstration basis.

**House of Dun, Brechin Road, Montrose**

18th century house, designed by Scottish architect William Adam. Built for David Erskine, Lord Dun, and contains mementoes of the family, including sumptuous furnishings.

### **Pictavia, Brechin**

Visitor Centre telling the story of the Picts, a Celtic people who inhabited Scotland during the 1st Millennium AD.

### **Arbroath Abbey, Abbey Street, Arbroath**

Founded in 1178 by King William the Lion. Arbroath Abbey is famous in Scottish history for its association with the declaration of Arbroath.

### **Edzell Castle, Edzell, by Brechin**

Elegant 16th century residence with tower house which was home to the Lindsays. Beautiful walled garden, framed by unique heraldic sculpture and curved panels.

### **Glamis Castle, Glamis, Angus**

Family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, childhood home of the Queen Mother, setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth.

### **Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre, Waldron Road, Montrose**

Heritage Centre celebrating the first operational air station in the UK using worlds, contemporary pictures and artefacts. Many nationalities were based here. Reputedly haunted.

### **Brechin Townhouse Museum, 28 High Street, Brechin**

The ancient trades, industries and cathedral, paintings and archaeology highlight the rich local history of this ancient city in this lovely small museum.

### **Gateway to the Glens Museum, 32 High Street, Kirriemuir**

Find out about Kirriemuir and the Western Glens; wildlife, townlife and history in the 1604 Town House in the heart of the wee Red Toon.

### **Kirriemuir Aviation Museum, Bellies Brae, Kirriemuir**

Renowned private collection of World war Two Royal Air Force memorabilia.

### **RRS Discovery, Discovery Point. Discovery Quay, Dundee**

Step aboard Captain Scott's famous ship Discovery, that took Scott and Shackleton to Antarctica in 1901.

### **Verdant Works, West Henderson's Wynd, Dundee**

Award winning Verdant Works takes you on a tour of the jute trade from India to the working machine hall in Dundee.

### **Barrie's Birthplace, 9 Brechin Road, Kirriemuir**

Exhibition of Peter Pan author J M Barrie. See the original Wendy House.

### **Broughty Castle Museum**

Fascinating displays on the life and times of Broughty Ferry, its people, the environment and the wildlife that live close by.

### **Caledonian Railway, 2 Park Road, Brechin**

Heritage steam railway running 4 miles from Brechin to Bridge of Dun.

### **Glenesk Folk Museum, The Retreat, Glenesk, Brechin**

A richly diverse collection forms an encyclopaedic view of past Glen life: a smiddy with implements and horse brasses; a kitchen with its old box bed; dairy and farming equipment; a parlour; costume display; music room; and superb archives covering every aspect of the Glen's social history.

### **H M Frigate Unicorn, Victoria Dock, Dundee**

Step aboard the Frigate Unicorn and travel back to the days of the sailing warship. See the great guns and carronades, experience the atmosphere of the crew's living quarters and the luxury of the Captain's cabin.

### **McManus Galleries and Museum**

Displays offering a fascinating insight into Dundee's colourful past, through exhibitions of Art, History and the Environment. The building is currently closed for the largest renovation project in its 138 year history, and is due to re-open in late 2008.

### **Mills Observatory**

Opened in 1935, the UK's only full time public observatory.