

Their story is your history

Experience your ancestors



Initial enquiry

Kay contacted the National Library of Scotland while planning a trip to Scotland to trace her family's history. She was trying to find ancestors with the surnames of Sandeman and Dick.

"Reference articles and information from the National Library of Scotland services was astonishing. Ancestry names I was looking for matched and further connections were made as I deciphered dates and places relevant to Scotland"

Kay M., Australia

How the National Library of Scotland helped

Initial research carried out by our Reference Services team established that two of Kay's ancestors hailed from Scotland and the search for more detailed information began.

Many letters were found within our extensive archives relating to the Dick side of the family, together with articles in various newspapers from the early 1800s. One of these was recorded in the Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness and related a story about one of her ancestor's horses being brutally attacked after he bought some land. Further research uncovered details about the Sandeman family including a furniture maker of repute from four generations back. Some of his work can still be found in stately homes and castles in Scotland.

The research helped Kay to connect with two cousins who live in Scotland. The support of our staff helped to uncover the amazing history of her Scottish family.

Talks and workshops

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

- Discovering family history
- Maps for family and local history
- Getting started at the Library

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External resources

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www.nrscotland.gov.uk

ScotlandsPeople:

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

Blair Castle:

www.blair-castle.co.uk

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