

Highland Archive Service

Highland Archive Service has four offices which cover the entire Highland Region. For enquiries relating to the areas of Skye and Lochalsh, Caithness or Lochaber, the local archives centres can be contacted.



Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre

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E-mail: skyeandlochalsh.archives@highlifehighland.com



Nucleus: The Nuclear and Caithness Archive

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Airport, Wick, KW1 4QS

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Lochaber Archive Centre

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Road, Fort William, PH33 6RQ

Telephone: 01397 707050

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Highland Archive Centre Contact

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We are a charity and rely on your donations. There is no charge to access the archive collections but it costs us a minimum of £10 per visitor to run the Archive Centre. Please give generously to help us preserve Highland history.

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Highland Archive Centre



Are you interested in Highland or Family History? Come and see how the Highland Archive Centre can help your research!

Opening Times

	Family History	Archives
Mon	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm
Tues	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm
Wed	10am - 7.30pm	10am - 7.30pm
Thurs	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm
Fri	10am - 5pm	Closed
Sat	Closed	Closed
Sun	Closed	Closed

Archives

About our holdings

At the Highland Archive Centre we have over six miles of shelving to store records of hundreds of years of Highland history. These include the records of the counties of Inverness-shire, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland and Nairnshire. Records relating to Caithness, Skye and Lochalsh and Lochaber are held at our local archive centres.



What records do we hold?

The main series of official records we hold are those of the Highland Council and its predecessors. These include record series' such as education records, property records, poor relief records, Council minutes and much more. We also hold many hundreds of collections from individuals, societies and businesses, including Highland Health Board archives, Police archives, estate and family papers and Church records.

Some records are subject to viewing and copying restrictions. For more information visit or contact us.

Remote Research

We can undertake archive or family history research on your behalf for an hourly charge if you are not able to visit one of our centres in person. For more information please contact us.

Family History

Family History Resources

At the Centre, we hold various records that will assist in your Family History research, including Highland Census records from 1841 - 1901 held on microfilm, Highland Old Parish Registers held on microfilm, the International Genealogical Index, some Memorial Inscriptions from Highland burial grounds and an extensive reference library. For more information on any categories of records such as areas or dates, please contact us.



What do I need to know?

Before your visit to the Family History Centre, it can be helpful to gather any information you already have such as names, places, dates, any certificates of births, marriages or deaths and any information which may have been passed through the generations.

Family History Consultations

We offer one-to-one consultations with our Family Historian for an hourly charge, which are booked for 1 or 2 hour slots at a time and can result in the creation of a bespoke family tree. As part of the consultation we will access the Scotland's People website and other genealogical sites as well as provide access to English and Welsh Registration records. Gift vouchers are also available to purchase for this service.

As well as...

Am Baile

The Highland History and Heritage website, Am Baile, is run from the Highland Archive Centre.

The bi-lingual Gaelic and English site hosts digitised copies of photographs, oral histories, archives and more from hundreds of sources. Visit www.ambaile.org.uk

Courtesy of Highland Photographic Archive



Education and Outreach

Group visits can be arranged for school, academic or community groups and staff are available for visits and talks daytime or evening as required.

We provide resource packs for schools on various subjects, please contact us for more details.

We run a variety of Archive and Family History classes throughout the year, both in our Archive Centres as well as with partner organisations throughout the Highlands. For information on any of the above or any questions relating to Education and Outreach, please contact us.



Scotland's People

The Highland Archive Centre provides direct access to the Scotland's People network with 4 bookable spaces available. These can be booked for a day's research via the Registration Service at a rate of £15 per day. For more information or to book a computer phone 01349 781131.