

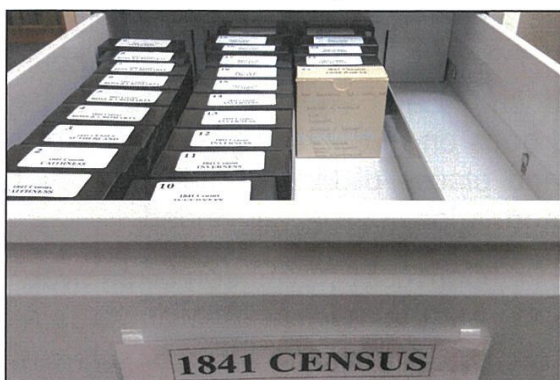
The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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<i>Seam</i>					<i>Hill of Seam</i>	<i>7</i>				
Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House.	Houses Inhabited (U), or Building (B)	Name and Surname of each Person.	Relation to Head of Family.	Condition.	Age of Males Females	Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	Where Born.	By what name known in Childhood.	Has he been married before?	Has he been married since the Census last taken?
	<i>1</i>	<i>Thomas McKimje</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>General Merchant</i>	<i>ROSS SHIRE, Nigg</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
		<i>Jessie Do.</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>Do, Ross-shire</i>			
		<i>Margaret Do.</i>	<i>Daugh.</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Do, Seam</i>			
		<i>Christina Do.</i>	<i>Daugh.</i>		<i>4</i>		<i>Do, Do</i>			
		<i>David Do.</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>Do, Do</i>			
		<i>James McGeachie</i>	<i>Serv.</i>	<i>Un.</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Domestic Serv.</i>	<i>Do, Hincardine</i>			

- ◆ **What are they?** A census is essentially a snapshot of the country's population taken on a particular night every ten years. The censuses are divided into counties, then parishes and finally enumeration districts. Each enumeration district begins with a description of the area covered and goes on to detail the occupants of each house - their names, ages, occupations and places of birth. The information on each census differs slightly but this basic information is always included.
- ◆ **What dates do they cover?** 1841-1911. Censuses have been taken every ten years since 1801 (with the exception of 1941) but those from 1841 onwards are of the most use to family historians. Some earlier censuses have survived for certain parishes but these are not complete and contain scant information.
- ◆ **What can I use them for?** Census records can be used to further your search for direct ancestors, to broaden your knowledge of an ancestor's family, to bridge the gap between statutory and OPR records, to find out a person's occupation, or to trace the history of a property.
- ◆ **What will they tell me?** In addition to basic information about the members of each household, census returns can also give an indication of how the family lived. As everyone present in the house is recorded, the census can reveal whether a family had servants or a lodger, and will give the names of any visitors present that night (often other family members). Geographic mobility can be tracked through birthplaces, and social status through addresses and occupations. From 1881 onwards, the census records whether each person spoke Gaelic and/or English.
- ◆ **Will there definitely be useful information in there?** If the person or family you are interested in lived in Scotland when a census was taken, there should be some useful information and pointers to other resources.



- ◆ **Do I need to know anything first?** The name of an individual, his/her approximate age and where he/she might have been living: address, town, parish, county.
- ◆ **Are there any viewing restrictions?** The census returns from 1841-1901 can be viewed on microfilm. The 1911 census is only available to view on the ScotlandsPeople website - there are no plans to put this on microfilm. There is a 100 year closure period on census returns and any censuses after 1911 are therefore not currently available.



- ◆ **Can I have photocopies?** Copies are currently only available through the ScotlandsPeople website.
- ◆ **Can I take photographs?** No. It is not permitted to take photographs from a screen: microfilm, microfiche or computer.

- ◆ **Where can I find out what you hold?** We hold the 1841-1901 census returns for Caithness and Sutherland for the following Parishes on microfilm: Bower, Canisbay, Dunnet, Halkirk, Latheron, Olig, Reay, Thurso, Watten and Wick. There is also an Orkney Census for 1901.
- ◆ The 1911 census is available to view on the ScotlandsPeople network. For further information please speak to a member of staff.
- ◆ **Where do I go next?** To fill in gaps between census years why not look at the Valuation Rolls - these were published regularly from 1855-1989 and list the owners and tenants of properties in Scotland.
- ◆ We have Valuation Rolls for Caithness from c.1879-1975. Valuation Rolls for other Scottish counties can be found on ScotlandsPeople.
- ◆ If you have found someone of interest in the 1841 and/or 1851 census, why not look at the Old Parish Registers (OPRs) for the relevant parish. We hold OPRs on microfilm in the Archive Searchroom.

