

## INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX





- What is it? The International Genealogical Index, (IGI) is a large index of births/ baptisms and marriages which has been compiled over many years by the Mormon Church of Latter-day Saints. It is organised by countries, then by counties, alphabetically by surname and finally in chronological order within the surname.
- What dates does it cover? The IGI covers a wide range of dates it is very good for early records, and contains entries back into the 16th century for areas of the UK. Entries after the 1890s are much fewer in number.
- What can I use it for? The IGI is an index of names divided into geographical areas, so it is useful when trying to pinpoint an individual's place of birth/baptism or marriage.
- What will it tell me? If you are looking for an individual's birth or baptism, the IGI will give the individual's first name, his/her parents' names (first names and surnames), the parish and the date of birth/baptism.

If you are looking for a person's marriage, the IGI will give you the individual's first and surname, the first and surname of his/her husband/wife, the parish, and the date of the marriage.

## Will there definitely be useful information in there?

No, the IGI is not a complete index of all births, baptisms and marriages. The information contained in it has been submit ted by individuals, via indexing schemes of organisations, or by the Church of Latter-day Saints itself. The information is accepted as accurate and is not checked. This means that information about an individual's birth, baptism or marriage might appear more than once if submitted by different individuals or it might not appear at all.

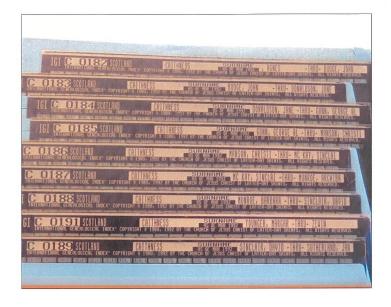








• **Do I need to know anything first?** No, although it would be useful to know the county in which the birth/baptism or marriage took place.



- Are there any viewing restrictions?
   No, all the IGI microfiches held in Nucleus: The Nuclear and Caithness Archive can be viewed.
- Can I have photocopies? No. The images within the IGI are very small and will not successfully photocopy.
- 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? Nucleus: The Nuclear and Caithness Archive holds the IGI for all of Caithness, Orkney, Shetland, Sutherland, Ross & Cromarty, Highlands and Inverness. The IGI is stored on microfiches which are kept in the folder titled Microfiche in the searchroom.
- Where do I go next? If you cannot find the information you are looking for and you know your ancestor lived in a particular parish in the Highlands, try looking in the Old Parish Registers (OPRs) in case the birth/baptism or marriage you require hasn't been recorded in the IGI. The OPRs are organised by parish and can be viewed on microfilm.

It's also available online at <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/igi">https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/igi</a>

If you have discovered some information but would like more details about the life of the person you are researching you could try exploring other records such as Census Returns, Old Parish Registers and the International Genealogical Index. Original archive material, such as maps, will help you to learn more about the place the person in question lived. Ask for advice from a member of staff who will be able to advise what records exist for the area/date you require.









