



scottish place-name society comann ainmean-àite na h-alba

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- [English Place-Name Society](#)
- [Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland](#)
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- [Welsh Place-Name Society](#)

Dictionaries

- [BLITON: The Brittonic Language in the Old North](#)
- [Bosworth-Toller Anglo-Saxon Dictionary](#)
- [Dictionary of the Scots Language – Dictionar o the Scots Leid](#)
- Dwelly, Edward, The Illustrated Gaelic-English Dictionary, 1918 edition
 - [vol. 1](#)
 - [vol. 2](#)
 - [vol. 3](#)
- [Dwelly-d, searchable online version of Dwelly's dictionary](#)
- [eDIL – Irish Language Dictionary](#)
- [Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru](#)
- [Icelandic-English Dictionary \(Cleasby-Vigfússon\)](#)
- [Logeion – Greek and Latin dictionaries combined, including the Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources \(2018\).](#)
- [Medieval Latin Lexicon](#)
- [Middle English Dictionary](#)
- [Norwegian place-name lexicon](#)
- [ONP: Dictionary of Old Norse Prose](#)
- [Oxford English Dictionary](#)
- [Scots Words and Place-names: Place-name Glossary](#)
- [Scottish Language Dictionaries](#)

Place-names - Scotland - general

- [AÀA: Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba – Gaelic Place-Names of Scotland](#)
- [BLITON: Brittonic Language in the Old North](#)
- [Mackinlay, *Influence of the Pre-Reformation Church on Scottish Place-Names*](#)
- [Saints in Scottish Place-Names](#)
- [Scots Language Centre](#)

Place-names - Scotland - by area

REGIONAL DIGITAL TOPONYMIC RESOURCES ORGANISED BY PRE-1975 COUNTIES + GLASGOW

Compiled by Simon Taylor, with help from Liz Curtis, Jake King, Peadar Morgan and Eila Williamson (31 12 20)

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ARGYLL

- ARDNAMURCHAN and Sunart see under Moidart, Inverness-shire.
- TIREE Place Names: by John Holliday
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AYRSHIRE

- Place-Names of the Parish of NEW CUMNOCK compiled by Bob Guthrie.
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Note: Bob Guthrie writes Nov. 2020:

I have a new website ... and have started to rebuild some of my place-name studies at <https://newcumnockhistory.com/place-names/> where I have tabulated the OS Name Books (1855-57) for New Cumnock . I have also recorded the Blaeu (1654) names at <https://newcumnockhistory.com/place-names/blaeu-map-1654/>

BERWICKSHIRE

- The Berwickshire Place-Name Resource: by Carole Hough, Simon Taylor and Eila Williamson. Website and database constructed by Brian Aitken.
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Partly **Berwickshire**, partly East Lothian

- Place-names near the Whiteadder Water: messages from the past by Liz Curtis
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DUNBARTONSHIRE

- WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE. From the Introduction: 'The source of some of the information is John Irving's "Place Names of Dumbartonshire" (1928). He was not a linguist, and some of his derivations, particularly the Gaelic ones, may not be accurate.'

Found at Place Names of West Dunbartonshire | West Dunbartonshire Council (west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

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EAST LOTHIAN

Partly Berwickshire, partly **East Lothian**

- Place-names near the Whiteadder Water: messages from the past by Liz Curtis
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FIFE

- Fife Place-Name Data by Simon Taylor with Gilbert Márkus. Website and database constructed by Brian Aitken
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GLASGOW

- **Glaschu** website: 'A GROWING RECORD OF GAELIC IN GLASGOW TO GIVE A VISUAL SNAPSHOT OF WHAT GAELIC, PAST AND PRESENT, LOOKS LIKE IN THE CITY'. Includes sections on place-names of Gaelic origin or mediated by Gaelic-speakers, by Alasdair Whyte
[Click Here](#)
- Glasgow Place-Names by Simon Taylor (titled unhelpfully 'Neighbourhoods'). Early 2000s.
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INVERNESS-SHIRE

- BEAULY, The Aird and Strathglass Place-Name Survey (North-East Inverness-shire) by Simon Taylor. Website and database constructed by Swithun Crowe
[Click Here](#)
- SCALPAY, Harris
A unique collection of names chiefly from oral sources compiled by Ella Leith in 2007.
[Click Here](#)

MOIDART

- Comann Eachdraidh Mùideart/Moidart Local History Group, 'Places and Placenames'. Includes some material relating to Sunart and Ardnamurchan, Argyll.
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UIST

- Eòlas nan Naomh: Early Christianity in Uist.
[Click Here](#)

One of its aims is: 'To identify sites and place-names of interest for the early and medieval Christianity of Uist.' By Thomas Clancy and Sofia Evemalm. Website and database constructed by Sofia Evemalm.

KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE

- BORGUE PLACE-NAMES VIDEOS by Calum Ansell and Alan McClure.
[Click Here](#)
- GALLOWAY GLENS Place-Name Database (parishes of Balmaclellan, Balmaghie Carsphairn, Crossmichael, Dalry, Kells and Parton) by Gilbert Márkus with Thomas Clancy and Simon Taylor. Part of the Heritage Lottery Funded 'Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership', in collaboration with the University of Glasgow. Note that this website also includes a series of blog-posts by Gilbert Márkus and Thomas Clancy on individual names and elements in Galloway place-names.
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GATEHOUSE OF FLEET

- Gatehouse and District Place Names/Old Maps & Place Names
[Click Here](#)

Under this heading there are sections on:

Street Names

Place names: old & new

Place Names: linguistic origins, by Alan James

Farms & Field Names.

LANARKSHIRE

- LESMAHAGOW Place Names Database: a 'gazetteer developed by Dennis White, Michael Gaffney and Chris Fleet as a means of exploring and presenting historical place names of the Old Parish of Lesmahagow over time.'
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NORTH-WEST HIGHLANDS

- Scottish Northwest Highland Place Names – Part of a website created by Gordon C. Harrison, the place-name pages focus on Wester Ross but cover place-names of Gaelic origin more generally in the north-west, with links to

digital versions of important texts such as W. J. Watson's *Place-Names of Ross and Cromarty* (1904).

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PERTHSHIRE

- SOUTH-EAST PERTHSHIRE including Alyth, Blairgowrie, Glenshee, Kirkmichael and Kirkton of Glen Isla.

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5 substantial Place-Name Booklets for the CATERAN TRAIL by Peter McNIVEN

They are not easy to find. Go to '2017 Programme' then scroll down.

CALLANDER (Menteith)

- Detailed survey of the place-names of Callander by Peter McNIVEN

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STRATHEARN

- Detailed survey of the place-names of the parishes of Auchterarder, Dunning and Glendevon by Peter McNIVEN 2016. Part of the SERF ['Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot'] Project.

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The interdisciplinary report for which this survey was compiled is 'Interdisciplinary approaches to a connected landscape: upland survey in the Northern Ochils', *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland* 148, pp. 83-111 (Given et al. 2019).

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ROSS & CROMARTY

- The APPLECROSS Placenames Project
- LOCH TORRIDON Placenames: a collection of Gaelic placenames, including their locations, translations, photographs and stories by Murdoch MacDonald, Donald MacDonald and Alice MacLennan.

[Click Here](#)

- COIGEACH Gazetteer. Donald MacDonald-Ross.

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See also **NORTH-WEST HIGHLANDS**

SHETLAND

- Shetland Place Names Project
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SUTHERLAND

ASSYNT

- Ainmean-Àite Assainte/Place Names of Assynt
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- THE PLACE-NAMES OF ASSYNT – a talk by Gemma Smith
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Scotland - general resources

- [Canmore: National Record of the Historic Environment](#)
- [Fullarton's Gazetteer of Scotland, vol. 1, A-H](#)
- [Fullarton's Gazetteer of Scotland, vol. 2, I-Z](#)
- [Gazetteer for Scotland](#)
- [Old Bridges of Scotland](#)
- [Old Roads of Scotland](#) (Please note that this website may be unavailable towards the end of the months due to bandwidth restrictions)
- [Ordnance Survey Name Books](#)
- [POMS: People of Medieval Scotland 1093-1371](#)
- [Scottish Handwriting](#)
- [Scotways – Scottish Rights of Way & Access Society](#)
- [ScotlandsPlaces](#)
- [SCRAN](#)
- [Surnames of Scotland](#)

Scotland - maps

- [National Library of Scotland Map Images](#)
- [Timothy Pont's maps of Scotland](#)
- [Bartholomew Survey Atlas of Scotland, 1912](#)
- [Ordnance Survey indexes for 19th-century 6 inch maps, with parish boundaries](#)
- [Up-to-date Ordnance Survey maps, some free](#)

Place-names - general

- [EH Lind on names from medieval Scandinavia](#)
- [Institute for Name Studies, Nottingham](#)
- [International Council of Onomastic Sciences](#)
- [List of Historic Place Names of Wales](#)
- [Logainm.ie – Place-Names Database of Ireland](#)
- [Old Norse Online](#)
- [Onomastics.co.uk](#)

- [Placenamesni.org – The Northern Ireland Place-Name Project](http://Placenamesni.org)
- Prosopography of Anglo-Saxon England

Online-only articles

- [Fox, Bethany, 2007, 'The P-Celtic Place-Names of North-East England and South-East Scotland', The Heroic Age \(An on-line Journal of Early Medieval Northwestern Europe\) 10](#)

Journals

- [Journal of Scottish Name Studies](#)
- [PSAS: Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland](#)
- [Scottish Place-Name News](#)
- [Transactions of the East Lothian Antiquarian and Field Naturalists' Society](#)

Cartularies

- [Aberdeen](#)
- [Arbroath](#)
- [Balmerino and Lindores](#)
- [Dryburgh](#)
- [Dunfermline](#)
- [Glasgow vol. 1](#)
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- [Inchcolm](#)
- [Isle of May](#)
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- [Newbattle](#)
- [North Berwick](#)
- [Paisley](#)
- [St Andrews](#)
- [St Andrews Rentale](#)
- [Soutra and Collegiate Churches in Midlothian](#)

RMS: Registrum Magni Sigilli Regum Scotorum

- [RMS vol. 1](#)
- [RMS vol. 2](#)
- [RMS vol. 3](#)
- [RMS vol. 4](#)
- [RMS vol. 5](#)
- [RMS vol. 6](#)
- [RMS vol. 7](#)
- [RMS vol. 8](#)

Other historical documents

- [Bagimond's Roll](#)
- [Bain, Calendar of Documents Relating to Scotland, vol. 1](#)
- [Bain, Calendar of Documents Relating to Scotland, vol. 2](#)
- [Bain, Calendar of Documents Relating to Scotland, vol. 3](#)
- [Bain, Calendar of Documents Relating to Scotland, vol. 4](#)
- [Bain, Calendar of Documents Relating to Scotland, vol. 5](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, 1st edn., vol. 1, 1807](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, 1st edn., vol. 2, 1810](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, 1st edn., vol. 3, 1824](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, new edn., vol. 1, 1887](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, new edn., vol. 2, 1887](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, new edn., vol. 3, 1888](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, new edn., vol. 4, 1889](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, new edn., vol. 5, 1890](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, new edn., vol. 6, 1890](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, new edn., vol. 7, 1894](#)
- [Chalmers, Caledonia, new edn., Index, 1902](#)
- [Chronicon de Lanercost](#)
- [Early Scottish Charters](#)
- [Instrumenta Publica](#)
- [Laing Charters](#)
- [Laing, *Descriptive Catalogue of Impressions from Ancient Scottish Seals*, vol. 1](#)
- [Laing, *Supplemental Descriptive Catalogue of Impressions from Ancient Scottish Seals*](#)
- [Mackinlay, Ancient Church Dedications in Scotland, vol. 1, Scriptural](#)
- [Mackinlay, Ancient Church Dedications in Scotland, vol. 2, Non-scriptural](#)
- [Morton](#)
- [National Manuscripts of Scotland](#)
- [Origines Parochiales Scotiae, vol. 1](#)
- [Origines Parochiales Scotiae, vol. 2](#)
- [Records of the Parliaments of Scotland to 1707](#)
- [Retours vol. 1](#)
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- [Scottish Manuscripts Index](#)
- [Sir William Fraser Facsimiles](#)
- [Statistical Accounts of Scotland 1791-1845, The](#)
- [Stevenson, Documents Illustrative of the History of Scotland, vol. 1](#)
- [Stevenson, Documents Illustrative of the History of Scotland, vol. 2](#)
- [Theiner, Vetera Monumenta Hibernorum et Scottorum Historiam Illustrantia](#)
- [Yester Writs](#)

Theses

- [Kristján Ahronson \(2006\) *Claiming a wilderness: Atlantic Gaels and the island Norse*](#).

- [Katarzyna Aleksiejuk \(on personal names\) \(2017\) *Names on the internet: towards electronic socio-onom@stics.*](#)
- [Christopher John Aliaga-Kelly \(1986\) *The Anglo-Saxon Occupation of South-East Scotland.*](#)
- [Ellen Bramwell \(2012\) *Naming in society: a cross-cultural study of five communities in Scotland.*](#)
- [Alison Burns \(2015\) *Field-names of North-East Scotland: a socio-onomastic study.*](#)
- [Rachel Butter \(2007\) *Cill- names and saints in Argyll: a way towards understanding the early church in Dál Riata?*](#)
- [Norman Dixon \(1947\) *The Placenames of Midlothian.*](#)
- [Peter Drummond \(2014\) *An analysis of toponyms and toponymic patterns in eight parishes of the upper Kelvin basin.*](#)
- [Sofia Evemalm \(2017\) *Theory and practice in the coining and transmission of place-names: a study of the Norse and Gaelic anthro-po-toponyms of Lewis.*](#)
- [Ryan Foster \(2018\) *Norse shielings in Scotland: an interdisciplinary study of setr/sætr and ærgi-names.*](#)
- [Bethany Fox \(2007\) *The P-Celtic Place-Names of North-East England and South-East Scotland.*](#)
- [Sarah Jane Gibbon \(2006\) *The Origins and Early Development of the Parochial System in the Orkney Earldom.*](#)
- [Jonathan David Gledhill \(2009\) *Political Society in South-East Scotland, 1094-1434.*](#)
- [Alison Elizabeth Grant \(2003\) *Scandinavian place-names in Northern Britain as evidence for language contact and interaction.*](#)
- [Catriona Gray \(2013\) *The bishopric of Brechin and church organisation in Angus and the Mearns in the central Middle Ages.*](#)
- [Elsa Catherine Hamilton \(2003\) *The acts of the Earls of Dunbar relating to Scotland c.1124-c.1289: a study of Lordship in Scotland in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.*](#)
- [Andrew Jennings \(1994\) *Historical study of the Gael and Norse in Western Scotland from c.795 to c.1000.*](#)
- [Linsey Forsyth Hunter \(2012\) *Charter Diplomats and Norms of Landholding and Lordship between the Humber and Forth, c.1066-c.1250, 2 vols. \(Please note: the title page for Volume 1 shows as that of Volume 2\)*](#)
- [Jacob King \(2008\) *Analytical Tools for Toponymy: Their Application to Scottish Hydronymy.*](#)
- [Arne Kruse \(2008\) *User-group identity in Scandinavian place-names.*](#)
- [Angus Macdonald \(1937\) *The place names of the county of West Lothian.*](#)
- [Alan Denis Macquarrie \(1982\) *The Impact of the Crusading Movement in Scotland, 1095 – c. 1560.*](#)
- [Peter McNiven \(2011\) *Gaelic place-names and the social history of Gaelic speakers in medieval Menteith.*](#)
- [Ailig Peadar Morgan \(2013\) *Ethnonyms in the Place-names of Scotland and the Border Counties of England.*](#)
- [John A. Raven \(2005\) *Medieval landscapes and lordship in South Uist.*](#)
- [Guto Rhys \(2015\) *Approaching the Pictish language: historiography, early evidence and the question of Pritenic.*](#)

- [Margaret Rachael Scott \(2003\)](#) *The Germanic Toponymicon of Southern Scotland: Place-Name Elements and their contribution to the Lexicon and Onomasticon.*
- [Grant G. Simpson \(1966\)](#) *An Anglo-Scottish baron of the thirteenth century: the acts of Roger de Quincy, Earl of Winchester and Constable of Scotland.*
- [Andrew Smith \(2011\)](#) *The Kelso Abbey cartulary: context, production and forgery.*
- [Anke-Beate Stahl \(2000\)](#) *Place-names of Barra in the Outer Hebrides.*
- [Thomas Turpie \(2011\)](#) *Scottish saints' cults and pilgrimage from the Black Death to the Reformation, c.1349-1560.*
- [Doreen Waugh \(1985\)](#) *The place-names of six parishes in Caithness Scotland.*
- [Alasdair Whyte \(2017\)](#) *Settlement-names and society: analysis of the medieval districts of Forsa and Moloros in the parish of Torosay, Mull.*
- [May G. Williamson \(1942\)](#) *The Non-Celtic Place-Names of the Scottish Border Counties.*

Theses with abstracts only available

- [Alice Louise Crook \(2016\)](#) *Personal naming practices in early modern Scotland: a comparative study of eleven parishes, 1680-1839.*
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