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Societies

- English Place-Name Society
- Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland
- Welsh Place-Name Society

Dictionaries

- BLITON: The Brittonic Language in the Old North
- Bosworth-Toller Anglo-Saxon Dictionary
- Dictionaries of the Scots Language – Dictionars o the Scots Leid
- Dwelly, Edward, The Illustrated Gaelic-English Dictionary, 1918 edition
    - vol. 1
    - vol. 2
    - vol. 3
- 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).
- MacBain, Etymological Dictionary of the Gaelic Language (1911 edn)
- 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

Place-names – Scotland – General

- AÀA: Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba – Gaelic Place-Names of Scotland
- AÀA Gaelic Place-Names reading list
- 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)

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ARGYLL

ARDNAMURCHAN and SUNART

- see under Moidart, Inverness-shire.

TIREE

- Tiree Place Names Click Here
- *Longships on the Sand* by John Holliday (2nd edn.), an analysis of medieval place-names on the island of Tiree. Click Here

COLONSAY & ORONSAY

- King, Jacob, with Eilidh Sgaimeal, n.d. [2017], *Gaelic in the Landscape: Place-names of Colonsay and Oronsay / Gàidhlig air Aghaidh na Tìre: Ainmean-àite Cholbhasa agus Orasa* ((Scottish Natural Heritage/Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba and Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba/Gaelic Place-Names of Scotland) available free online on 188651876.23.pdf (nls.uk) [09 03]

ISLAY & JURA

- King, Jacob, and Cotter, Michelle, n.d., *Gaelic in the Landscape: Place-names in Islay and Jura/ Gàidhlig air Aghaidh na Tìre: Ainmean-àite ann an Ìle agus Diùra* (Scottish Natural Heritage/Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba and Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba/Gaelic Place-Names of Scotland) available free online on 216547541.23.pdf (nls.uk) [09 23]

AYRSHIRE

- An excellent place-name resource for the parish of NEW CUMNOCK compiled by Robert Guthrie is: Place-names – NEW CUMNOCK HISTORY.

BERWICKSHIRE

- The Berwickshire Place-Name Resource: by Carole Hough, Simon Taylor and Eila Williamson. Website and database constructed by Brian Aitken.
  Click Here

Partly Berwickshire, partly East Lothian

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

CAITHNESS

- The Flow Country – Land of the Gael
  Click Here for the English Version
  Click Here for the Gaelic Version

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)
  Click Here

EAST LOTHIAN

Partly Berwickshire, partly East Lothian

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

FIFE

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

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.
  Click Here

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

- INVERNESS
  Place-names of Inverness and Surrounding Area | NatureScot

- LOCHABER
  King, Jacob, and Clyne, Heather, nd [2013], *Gaelic in the Landscape: The Rough Bounds of Lochaber / A’ Ghàidhlig air Aghaidh na Tìre: Garbh-Crìochan Loch Abar* (Scottish Natural Heritage/Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba and Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba/Gaelic Place-Names of Scotland) [available free online on Gaelic in the Landscape – The Rough Bounds of Lochaber (nls.uk) [09 23]

- SCALPAY, Harris
  A unique collection of names chiefly from oral sources compiled by Ella Leith in 2007.
  Click Here

- SKYE
  Strath
  A’ Ghàidhlig air Aghaidh na Tìre – Ainmean-Àite an t-Sratha, An t-Eilean Sgitheanach Gaelic in the Landscape – Place-names of Strath, Isle of Skye (nls.uk)

- MOIDART
  Comann Eachdraidh Mùideart/Moidart Local History Group, ‘Places and Placenames’. Includes some material relating to Sunart and Ardnamurchan,

Argyll.
Click Here

- 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.
  Click Here

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.'
  Click Here

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).
  Click Here

PERTHSHIRE

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

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
  Click Here

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.
  Click Here

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).
Click Here

ROSS & CROMARTY

- The APPLECROSS Placenames Project
  Click Here

- 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.
Click Here

See also NORTH-WEST HIGHLANDS

SHETLAND

- Jakobsen, The Dialect and Place Names of Shetland
Click Here
- Shetland Place Names Project
Click Here

SUTHERLAND

ASSYNT

- Ainmean-Àite Assainte/Place Names of Assynt
Click Here
- THE PLACE-NAMES OF ASSYNT – a talk by Gemma Smith
Click Here
- The Flow Country – Land of the Gael
Click Here for the English Version
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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
- Johnston's Gazetteer of Scotland 1882
- Johnston's Gazetteer of Scotland digitised by Alan Dix
- Land Assessment Scotland – Denis Rixson's Blog
- National Records of Scotland online catalogue
- Old Bridges of Scotland

- Old Roads of Scotland (Please note that this website may be unavailable towards the end of the months due to bandwith restrictions)
- Ordnance Survey Name Books
- PASE: The Prosopography of Anglo-Saxon England
- POMS: People of Medieval Scotland 1093-1371
- Scottish Handwriting
- Scotways – Scottish Rights of Way & Access Society
- ScotlandsPlaces
- SCRAN
- Surnames of Scotland

Scotland – Maps

- Bartholomew Survey Atlas of Scotland, 1912
- National Library of Scotland Map Images
- Ordnance Survey Abbreviations
- Ordnance Survey indexes for 19th-century 6 inch maps, with parish boundaries
- Timothy Pont's maps of Scotland
- 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
- Northumberland Name Books
- Old Norse Online
- Onomastics.co.uk
- Placenamesni.org – The Northern Ireland Place-Name Project

- Prosopography of Anglo-Saxon England

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 vol. 1
- Arbroath vol. 2
- Balmerino and Lindores
- Coldstream
- Dryburgh
- Dunfermline
- Glasgow vol. 1
- Glasgow vol. 2
- Holyrood
- Inchaffray
- Inchcolm
- Isle of May
- Kelso
- Melrose vol. 1
- Melrose vol. 2
- Moray
- 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
- Charters and Writs concerning the Royal Burgh of Haddington 1318-1543
- Chronicon de Lanercost
- Early Scottish Charters
- Galloway Gossip Sixty Years Ago
- Instrumenta Publica (Ragman Rolls)
- 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
- Reports on the State of Certain Parishes in Scotland 1627
- Retours vol. 1
- Retours vol. 2
- Retours vol. 3
- 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
- Symeonis Dunelmensis Opera et Collectanea vol. 1
- Symeonis Monachi Opera Omnia vol. 2, Historia Regum
- 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 anthropo-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.*
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- 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.*
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- Leonie Mhari Dunlop (2016) *Breaking old and new ground: a comparative study of coastal and inland naming in Berwickshire.*
- Davyth A. Hicks (2005) *Language history and onomastics in medieval Cumbria: an analysis of the generative usage of the Cumbric habitative generics cair and tref.*
- Janet C. MacDonald (2010) *Iona's local associations in Argyll and the Isles, c1203-c1575.*

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