

## **Tip of the Month ~ ScotlandsPeople**

New features now available online at: [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk).

### **OPR Images Now Online**

Images of Old Parish Register (OPR) records are now publicly available online for the very first time. These comprise the records of births & baptisms and banns & marriages kept by individual parishes of the Established Church of Scotland, before the introduction of civil registration in 1855. The earliest records available date from 1553.

In addition, a major OPR index update has been deployed with over nine million entries updated and linked to the associated images.

### **OPR County Search**

Now search the Old Parish Register records by county and parish, offering greater search flexibility.

### **Time Limit Extended**

The session time limit has now been extended from seven days to ninety days. Further details can be found at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/faqs/questions/index.aspx?150>.

### **Search Filters**

The addition of search filters offers customers the ability to search through and filter their Previous Searches, Viewed Images and Timeline.

### **Mother's Maiden Surname**

A Mother's Maiden Surname field has been added to the statutory deaths search form. This should, however, be used with caution. See <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?1301> for further info.

### **Reference data added to images**

A reference has now been added to each image for ease of recognition.

### **Vouchers**

ScotlandsPeople is pleased to announce a new method of paying for credits. You can now order vouchers by post, and pay by cheque or by credit card. Further details at:

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=551&1277>

### **New years (2007) data released**

Following the release of almost 100,000 new statutory index entries comprising the new year data for the statutory births, marriages and deaths, customers can now access records from the Statutory Register of Births for 1906, the Statutory Register of Marriages for 1931, and the Statutory Register of Deaths for 1956. Images for the new years are also available for download.

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