

SEARCHING THE DATABASE

Advanced Search;

Searching the database for a particular individual can be a daunting task given that there are so many repeated names ... try just putting Alexander Chisholm in the search box and see what is returned!

If you know any details, approximate or otherwise, for people you are searching the Advanced Search utility can be particularly useful and can be accessed at the bottom of the SEARCH box on the home page (Fig.1)

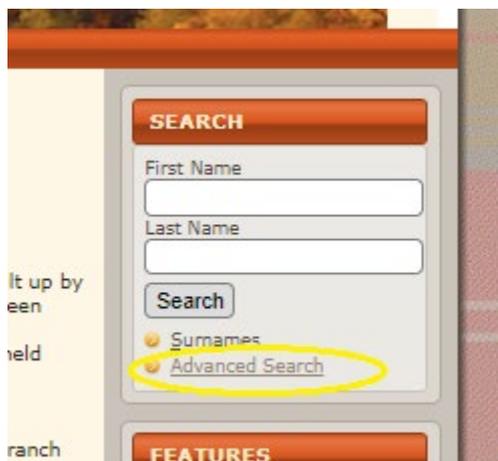


Fig.1

If used imaginatively this facility can be helpful in finding the individual you are looking for.

In the following example (Fig.2) I have filled all the available fields in order to illustrate the possibilities. In practice, you will probably only need data to cover one or two of these parameters in order to narrow the results down.

Try to conduct your search **as widely as you can** and use the search parameters sparingly, i.e. only apply them if you have an overwhelming number of returns which you need to filter further. If you enter all the parameters as I have done in the example you are likely to overload the search engine and crash it!

So taking the search fields in Fig.2 one by one...;

1. **Tree/Branch:** "Knockfin" will return only results from within the Knockfin tree
2. **First Name:** "starts with" "Mar" will return results Mary, Margaret, Marjorie, Marian, Mark etc
3. **Last Name:** "soundex of" "macdonald" will also return Mcdonald, Mcdonell etc.
4. **Person ID:** "equals" "1755" will return only the individual with that ID number in the Knockfin tree
5. **Gender:** "equals" male will return only males in the search results
6. **Birth Place:** "ends with" "Muir" will return results such as Camault Muir, Comar Muir etc.
7. **Birth year:** "+/- 10 years from" "1805" will return results from 1795 to 1815

And so on ... I'm sure you get the idea!

Any fields left blank will be ignored by the search algorithm

There is also a list of "Other Events" you can search by but these are unlikely to be of practical use on this database

Finally a feature which you probably won't need but is there nonetheless – at the top right there is an option "Join with" which can be set to AND or OR. If, for example, you have just entered the name fields as Mary and Macdonald and selected the "OR" option it will return not only all "Mary Macdonald"s but all Marys and all Macdonalds! Probably best to stick with "AND"!

Fig.2

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Search People Print

Tree Branch:	Knockfin	All Branches
First Name:	starts with	Mar
Last Name:	soundex of	macdonald
Person ID:	equals	1755
Gender:	equals	Male

Join with: AND
Results per page: 50

Show death/burial information
 Show spouse (will show duplicates if individual has more than one spouse)

Search Reset

» Search Families » Search Site

Birth Place:	ends with	Muir
Birth Year:	+/- 10 years from	1805
Christening Place:	ends with	dale
Christening Year:	greater than	1795
Death Place:	starts with	Bal
Death Year:	less than	1880
Burial Place:	equals	Clachan Comar
Burial Year:	equals	

Spouse's Last Name*: contains

**If you enter a value for Spouse's Last Name, you must select a Gender.*

Other Events

Click to hide

Nickname:	contains	
Title:	contains	
Prefix:	contains	
Suffix:	contains	

Adopted

Fact:	contains	
Place:	contains	
Year:	equals	

Age

Fact:	contains	
Place:	contains	
Year:	equals	

Anecdote

Fact:	contains	
Place:	contains	
Year:	equals	

Apprenticeship

Fact:	contains	
Place:	contains	