

School Records

ADMISSION										REGISTER.																							
No.	NAME IN FULL.	Exact Day of Birth.			Date of Admission.			Date of Re-admission.			Name of Parent or Guardian.	Residence.	Whether Transferred from Religious Instruction.	Last School Attended.	Highest Standard Attended.	Successive Standards Presented in this School.				Date of Leaving.													
		Day.	Month.	Year.	Day.	Month.	Year.	Day.	Month.	Year.						II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	Day.	Month.	Year.										
156	Smalton Jane	9	4	69	31	4	76				William Smalton	Braes o' Buar		Gartshore											11	11	80						
157	McKay James	13	12	67	31	4	76				James McKay	Haleside		Frestonpans													20	10	80				
158	McKay Elizabeth	12	12	69	31	4	76				Do	Do		Do														19	9	81			
159	Smart Daniel	26	5	66	31	4	76				Henry Smart	Gartcraigh		Gartshore														7	3	79			
160	Smart Margaret	29	12	67	31	4	76				Do	Do		Do															4	5	77		
161	Smart Alet	18	11	69	31	4	76	2	5	80	Do	Do		Do															4	5	77		
162	Styding Andrew	25	9	70	31	4	76				Robert Styding	Haleside		-																21	11	83	
163	Nerr Catherine	25	4	69	7	8	76				Duncan Nerr	Haleside		-																29	9	76	
164	Norris Elizabeth	12	9	64	16	8	76				John Norris	Bridgema		Haleside																26	8	76	
165	Nelson William	22	11	70	15	8	76				William Nelson	Goatside		-																	15	2	74
166	Lang James	18	5	70	21	8	76				James Lang	Bedeour		-																	24	11	82
167	Graham David	7	9	67	24	8	76				James Graham	Bridgema		Haleside																	25	10	78

The key date for school records is 1872. The Education (Scotland) Act 1872 marked a significant change in the management of schools in Scotland. Here is a summary of the differences before and after 1872:

Before 1872

- Schools run by church, burgh or charitable organisations.
- Private fee paying schools or private tutors for the wealthy.
- Few records survive.

After 1872

- Schools run by School Boards and funded by local rates and by pupil fees.
- School Boards had a statutory obligation to provide education for all children aged 5 to 13 (leaving age raised to 14 in 1901).

Types of School Records

Admission registers

- Pupil name, date of birth, date of admission, date of leaving and reason, last school attended, parent/guardian name and address.
- Can list reason for leaving and so give clues where to look next if a family have moved out of an area.

Log books

- Kept by head teacher as a daily log of events recording epidemics, weather etc affecting attendances
- not much about individual pupils unless prize winners etc.
- staff sick absences and life events such as family bereavements, weddings etc (useful if ancestor was a teacher).

School Board/Management Committee minutes

- Responsible for the building and maintenance of schools, staffing and attendance of pupils.
- Useful for discovering names of schools in an area.
- Usually not indexed.

Photographs and publications

- Official class photographs
- Handbooks
- School magazines

Some schools still hold their own archives, but most have been deposited with the local archives service. You can find out where the archives are held by checking The National Archives Discovery website <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Access to School Records

School records can be an important part of the historical memory of a school and the local community. However they often contain the personal data of individuals who may still be alive. Archive Services must therefore consider the Data Protection Act when managing these records. This includes how they are stored and displayed, and how the information in them is made available to the public.

For this reason admission registers are usually closed to public access for 100 years, and log books for 30-75 years, depending on their contents.

However in some circumstances the archivist can look up information in a closed record for you, please contact us for more information.

Help and advice

Not sure where to start, or never used archives before? Contact us for free, friendly advice, email archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk or visit our website <https://www.edlc.co.uk/heritage-arts/archives>

Archives relating to Bearsden and Milngavie:
Bearsden Library, 69 Drymen Road, Bearsden G61 3QT
tel: 0141 777 3021

Archives relating to all other areas of East Dunbartonshire:
William Patrick Library, 2-4 West High Street, Kirkintilloch G66 1AD
tel: 0141 777 3142

School records available at East Dunbartonshire Archives

Bearsden and Milngavie area (held at Bearsden Library):

Bearsden Primary School SC12 1874-1995

Clober Primary School, Bearsden SC29 1965-1995

Craigton Primary School, Milngavie SC24 1873-1989

Craigdhu Primary School, Milngavie SC32 1976-1994

Killermont Primary School, Bearsden SC17 1946-2004

Milngavie Primary School SC26 1877-1989

St Andrew's Primary School, Bearsden (not yet catalogued)

St Joseph's Primary School, Milngavie SC16 1896-2002

Westerton Primary School SC32 1961-1993

Kirkintilloch, Lenzie and Twechar area (held at Kirkintilloch Library):

Baird's School, Auchinloch SC9 1743-1853

Cowgate Subscription School, Kirkintilloch SC8 1806-1853

Gartconner School, Kirkintilloch SC2 1875-1992

Kerr Street School, Kirkintilloch SC7 1857-1882

Kirkintilloch Industrial School SC6 1853-1974

Hillhead Primary School, Kirkintilloch SC25 1956-1994

Lairdsland Primary School SC23 1875-2006

Langbrae School, Kirkintilloch SC15 1990-1995

Lenzie Academy SC22 1886-2001

Lenzie Moss Primary School SC30 1961-1997

Oxgang Primary School, Kirkintilloch SC18 1968-1989

Twechar Primary School SC14 1888-1994

Townhead School and Oswald School, Kirkintilloch SC1 1889-1894

Waverley Park Special School, Kirkintilloch SC4 1907-1995

Campsie and Baldernock area (held at Kirkintilloch Library):

Baldernock Primary School SC3 c 1868-2002

Campsie Glen School SC21 1876-1978

Craighead Primary School, Milton of Campsie SC13 1913-1987

Lennoxton Primary School SC5 1873-1989

St Machan's Primary School, Lennoxton SC10 1907-1982

Bishopbriggs area (held at Kirkintilloch Library):

Auchinairn Primary School SC11 1896-1949

Bishopbriggs High School SC27 1896-2005

Cadder Primary School, Bishopbriggs SC19 1892-1980

Meadowburn Primary School, Bishopbriggs SC20 1969-1980

St Matthew's Primary School, Bishopbriggs SC28 1960-1997

Woodhill Primary School SC31 1973-2001

History of school management

1873 to 1919 - schools managed by Parish School Boards reporting to the Scottish Board of Education e.g. Campsie Parish School Board

1919 to 1930 - Boards were replaced by School Management Committees, overseen by the Education Authority for the area e.g. Kirkintilloch School Management Committee

1930 to 1975 - Education Committees set up by county councils to replace the Education Authorities e.g. Dunbarton County Education Committee

1975 to 1996 - responsibility for education transferred from county councils to regional councils e.g. Strathclyde Region

1996 to date - local authorities e.g. East Dunbartonshire Council responsible for education and management of schools