

Scotland Vital Records: Home of the Brave at [http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Scotland Vital Records.pdf](http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Scotland%20Vital%20Records.pdf)

If you have ancestors in Scotland, or think you might, the **Scotland'sPeople website** is a great resource for finding birth, marriage, and death records. This 2021 RootsTech video, [Getting the Most out of Scottish Vital Records on Scotland'sPeople](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYwxFt-SeMI) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYwxFt-SeMI> helps you get started with navigating the website and finding the records you need. To learn more about Scottish research, including **Scotland'sPeople**, check out the [Scotland country page](https://www.thefhguide.com/project-9-scotland.html) at <https://www.thefhguide.com/project-9-scotland.html> in The Family History Guide. ([See all tips](https://www.thefhguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html) at <https://www.thefhguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html>)

Here's their national anthem: *Scotland the Brave* which can be used as funeral music by bagpipes. Why is Scotland the Brave played at funerals?



In short, it's because **Scottish Great Highland bagpipes are significantly louder than traditional Irish uilleann pipes**, which makes them ideal for large outdoor ceremonies. Though it's likely that both types of pipes were used at funerals in the 1800s, the Great Highland bagpipes are now used almost universally.

Lyrics

Hark when the night is falling
Hear! hear the pipes are calling,
Loudly and proudly calling,
Down through the glen.... [More](#)

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"Scotland the Brave" is a Scottish patriotic song, one of several often considered an unofficial Scottish national anthem.

Composer: [Harry Lauder](#)

Lyricist: [Cliff Hanley](#)

Published: 1890s

Are bagpipes Irish or Scottish?



Bagpipes - Irish and **Scottish**. There are many varieties of instruments known as bagpipes throughout Europe and in parts of Asia, but in the Celtic world of the British Isles, there are two main types, The Irish (Uilleann or Elbow) and the Scottish (Great Highland or Small Border).

Here's a neat recording of Scotland The Brave at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQgPReMF1f0> which has some really neat landscape photos.

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Note: a large number of Irish ancestors actually came from Scotland not just because of proximity but also partly because the Ulster Scots migrated to Ireland in large numbers both as a result of the government-sanctioned **Plantation of Ulster**, a **planned process of colonisation** which took place under the auspices of **James VI of Scotland and I of England** on land confiscated from members of the **Gaelic nobility of Ireland** who **fled Ulster**, and as part of a larger migration or unplanned wave of settlement.

A previous posting that you will find informative for researching your Scottish ancestors: **Key Websites for Scotland** at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Key%20Websites%20for%20Scotland.pdf>

If you have never visited Scotland, it is a beautiful, romantic country with many unusual landscapes and histories that are presented in a photo medley below.





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If you missed the previous posting for Scotland on this Facebook group, go to

- [Important Websites for Scotland:](#) or see July 24, 2019 posting
- Must See: [England Probate Records and Much More Key United Kingdom Family History Resources:](#) or see April 26, 2021 posting