

Chapter 1 : What's in a Scottish place name? - BBC News

The Dictionary of Scottish Place Names: And the Elements That Go to Make Them Up [Mike Darton] on racedaydvl.com
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A new Glasgow University project is exploring how some of these places got their famous names. It explains which languages various place names are from, what they might mean and the history that is attached to them. Chief researcher Dr Simon Taylor said: During their study into Glasgow and its surrounding districts, academics found that Glasgow residents kept the pronunciation of Polmadie alive through a tale of Mary Queen of Scots and the Battle of Langside. Some place names were found to have humorous origins. A good example is Puddledub, which took its name from both the English and the Scots word for a puddle. A Gaelic name meaning "stone of Manau" - Manau being an ancient province straddling the Forth, including much of modern Clackmannanshire as well as east Stirlingshire, as far south as Slamannan; also Gaelic, meaning "moor or upland of Manau". A Gaelic name meaning "burn stream of the sons of God". We only know this from a form of the name recorded about AD, Polmacde. The "sons of God" refers to members of a religious community. The Scots village is found in Dumfries and Galloway and is known locally as Fechan. Its name is derived from the Brythonic for "small church". There are several places with this name in Scotland. This is an example of a minor name found in an old charter of about describing a boundary between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell on the east side of Loch Leven Kinross-shire, now Perth and Kinross , and not far from the RSPB reserve of Vane Farm. It is a Scots name meaning "merlin path", the merlin being the smallest species of native falcon. This is a well-hidden place near Fife. Its name refers to a sacred bell which was kept there. Lug is the Gaelic for bell, which suggests this was a piece of land where a bell was kept. The town of Auchtermuchty is believed to mean "Field of Boars". This is believed to refer to when it was used as a hunting ground by royalty who frequented the nearby Royal Palace of Falkland.

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The place names include cities, towns and villages but also extend to coverage of mountains, lochs, rivers and other geographical features. There is a detailed introduction to the dictionary which will enable readers to understand the various linguistic derivations and which provides some guidance to pronunciations.

Scottish Place Names - Kingston, Jamaica For comparability with other cities around the world, Kingston has been defined as the entire Corporate Area including and surrounding the Parish of Kingston together with immediately adjacent urban and semi-urban areas but excluding Spanish Town. Of the names of the districts, neighbourhoods and suburbs that have been identified to date in Greater Kingston, 50 Of course, many of the names are used in other parts of the British Isles as well, but at least 21 of them It may surprise some readers that the names of so many neighbourhoods and subdivisions in the Jamaican capital have a Scottish connection. Jamaica was at one stage a popular destination for settlers from all parts of the British Isles, including a large number of people from Scotland. However, the success of the Kilmarnock edition of his poems and the acclaim of his admirers induced him to stay in Scotland. Picture of Kingston via Wikimedia. There is, however, an Allardyce Road and Drive in Glasgow. Allardyce is from the old barony of Allardice in Kincardineshire now part of Aberdeenshire evidenced today by a cluster of places called Allardice, Allardice Castle, Allardice Mains and Allardice Mill, a short distance inland from Inverbervie. The surname Allardyce is quite commonly encountered in the north east of Scotland. The family is a sept branch of Clan Graham of Menteith and so they are entitled to wear the tartan shown here. In former times, Balmaghie was the seat of the McGhee family. Dunn is the more usual form of this surname these days. Cockburn - pronounced Co-burn - is a Lowland family name, originating in the Scottish Borders. In the reign of William the Lion there was a "Cukoueburn" i. The Cockburn Society is the premier conservation organisation in Edinburgh, named after Lord Henry Cockburn who was a judge, advocate and journalist, and an outspoken conservationist. A Cockburn Clan blog spot draws attention to the possibility that the Kingston neighbourhood may have been named after James Cockburn, a medical doctor who settled in Jamaica, or one of his descendants. Dunrobin Castle illustrated here in the far north of Scotland is the home of the Duke of Sutherland. Gordon Town - there is a place called Gordon in the Scottish Borders as well as many other places throughout Scotland with Gordon as part of the name, e. Gordonstoun, Gordonstown and Gordonsburgh. There is also a place called Gordon on the Isle of Man, the name possibly having been taken there by Scottish settlers. Gordon is an important Scottish family, which took its name from the village in the Scottish Borders. Subsequent to the family acquiring territory in northern Scotland, Gordon became the name of a region to the north of Aberdeen. The Gordon tartan seen most frequently is the regimental tartan of the Gordon Highlanders. According to Cundall , Gordon Town, a settlement on the outskirts of Kingston "was formerly the property of a family of that name, but was not, as some suppose, connected with George William Gordon, of Morant Bay fame. Graham Heights - there are many places in central and southern Scotland beginning with Graham from the surname; also a few just over the border in Northumberland and Cumbria. The most famous bearer of this essentially Scottish name was the brilliant soldier James Graham, the 1st Marquess of Montrose There are also many other places in Scotland with this Scottish family name as part of the name, for example Grantlodge, Grantshouse and Grantown-on-Spey. It may interest readers to learn that place names based on this Scottish surname are frequently found in other parts of the Caribbean, for example Grant Town Freeport, Bahamas and Grants Town Nassau, Bahamas. The name Hamilton has been associated with Scotland since the 13th century, probably having been taken there by Walter Fitz Gilbert Sir Walter de Hameldone. Hamilton is one of the most frequently recurring Scottish place names around the English-speaking world. One wonders whether the Kingston neighbourhood was named for Lord Archibald Hamilton of Riccarton and Pardovan , Governor of Jamaica in The surname is recorded in Scotland as far back as the 13th century. Clan Henderson their tartan is shown here once held lands in Upper Liddesdale but were not included in the Act of the Scottish Parliament, which sought to impose law and order on the Border Reivers. According to the Portmore Web Site, the name is a tribute to John Henderson, who developed Port Henderson in the s, with government aid, in

response to the need for a better port for Spanish Town since Passage Port had become silted. He died at his estate in Scotland in 1711. It was founded in opposition to Passage Fort, as it afforded better accommodation for ships. Portmore was also one of the earlier names for St Fillans in Strathearn, Perthshire. However, Portmore is also the name of a place in Hampshire, southern England as well as the name of a farm in Devon. Portmore was once a Scottish peerage title. According to the Portmore Web Site, James Colyear Dawkins, the owner of Portmore Pen, was most likely the person who named the community after his uncle the Earl of Portmore, in which event a Scottish link can be claimed. Rae Town - according to Ancestry. The name of the Kingston neighbourhood might therefore have a Scottish origin, despite the slight difference in spelling, especially since it does not seem to occur elsewhere in the British Isles. Although this name is also found in southern England, the Kingston suburb, according to Tortello, apparently takes its name from a house in Scotland. The names of some of the following localities may also prove on further investigation to have a direct or indirect Scottish connection but these names many of which are purely descriptive in nature are used in other parts of the British Isles as well: As a family name, however, Braeton is more likely to be English. It is not certain whether the Kingston neighbourhood necessarily has a Scottish name since Calder also occurs in northern England, e. Calder in the early 1800s. As a family name, Calder could be either Scottish or English. There is a Fletcher tartan and there is also a Fletcherfield in Angus possibly associated with the Fletchers of Innerpeffer. Fletcher is also a relatively common English family name. Gregory Park - as a family name, Gregory is considered to be both Scottish and English. The Scottish family is a sept of Clan MacGregor. However, Hermitage occurs even more frequently throughout England and is also found in Wales. Records of Kirkland as a family name in Scotland go back to the 13th century. However, Kirkland also occurs fairly commonly as a place name in northern England, especially in Cumbria where it is encountered just as frequently as in the neighbouring Scottish county of Dumfriesshire. As a family name, Kirkland is equally likely to be either Lowland Scottish or northern English. Mary Browns Corner - there are numerous places in both Scotland and England that appear to be based on the family name of Brown. The surname Brown is very common in both countries, with surveys in the 1800s suggesting that it is the second most common family name in Scotland after Smith and the third most common in England after Smith and Jones. This is likely to be a purely descriptive name, however. However, this may simply be a descriptive name with no intended reference to either Scotland or England. Newlands Scottish Borders and City of Glasgow but is also frequently used as a place name in England. The illustration is of Newlands Park in Glasgow. Either of these places had a greater chance of influencing the choice of name of the Kingston neighbourhoods than did the small Scottish village. Russell Heights - there is a Russell Mains in Fife but Russell is far more commonly encountered in place names throughout England and there is also a Russell Hill in Monmouthshire, Wales. The earliest reference in Scotland to this name is in 1791. The Scottish Russells have their own family tartan. Seaview Gardens - there is a Seaview in Highland as well as in two English counties. This is no doubt a purely descriptive name. A descriptive name, Springfield proved to be particularly popular in the USA. Tower Hill Aberdeenshire and Inverclyde but far more commonly found throughout England. Since this neighbourhood is in Portmore, which is situated on the west side of Kingston Harbour, the name is probably descriptive of its location. Like Westbay see above, the name of this Portmore neighbour is probably purely descriptive. Since Whitfield is an English family name, the chances of a Scottish connection with the Kingston neighbourhood are greatly reduced. Considering the location of Belmont Park in a part of Portmore where most of the names of the adjacent subdivisions are taken from well known race courses Aintree, Calder, Daytona, Epsom, Monza, Queens Park, Sandown Park and Silverstone, it is very likely that Belmont Park was named for the famous New York race course, in which event a Scottish connection is unlikely. Hope is also a noble Scottish family name, the family being descended from John de Hope who probably came to Scotland from France in the 16th century with Magdalen de Valois, the wife of King James V. However, Hope is also considered to be an English family name from Derbyshire and many place names in England have Hope as part of their name. According to Cundall, Hope Estate takes its name from one of the early soldiers of fortune who accompanied Admiral William Penn and General Venables when Jamaica was seized from the Spaniards in 1655; it is therefore more likely to be an English name rather than a Scottish one. However, places called Kingston can also be found all over southern England and in Ireland and

Wales as well. In the case of Kingston, Jamaica, the name honours King William III, a Dutch prince of the house of Orange who, together with his wife Mary, of the house of Stuart, was joint sovereign of the kingdoms of England and Scotland in the 17th century. Kingston Bridge in Glasgow illustrated here is named after a docklands area of the city which in turn may have taken its name from Kingston, Jamaica in the days when ships sailed regularly from there to the West Indies. New Kingston - this neighbourhood takes its name from the city of Kingston see above and therefore has no Scottish connection. The origin of the name is indeed the Roman name for the Isle of Anglesey, according to an article retrieved from Wikipedia in June, which makes this a Welsh rather than a Scottish place name. Queens Park City of Glasgow also in England. However, as in the case of Belmont Park and Calder see above, the Portmore subdivision is very likely to have been named for a well known race course, possibly the one in Grenada. At least four National Heritage Trust sites in Kingston have Scottish connections, or names suggesting a Scottish connection: George William Gordon, businessman, politician and national hero, was the son of Joseph Gordon, a Scottish planter and Ann Rattray, a mulatto slave. A leading critic of the policies of Governor Edward Eyre, Gordon was executed after the Morant Bay rebellion, an act of the governor which caused controversy in Britain. His surname suggests the probability of a link with Scotland, either by descent or by adoption of the name of a plantation owner. Scottish place names are found all over the island nation of Jamaica. Of course, names of English origin are dominant throughout the island. However, there is also a good sprinkling of Irish, Welsh and Cornish place names, but not nearly as many as those of Scottish origin. The Surnames of Scotland. The Institute of Jamaica, Kingston. Jamaica National Heritage Trust website. The Portmore Web Site for a list of subdivisions in Portmore and its Portmore 40th Anniversary page for information on the likely origin of the name Portmore. The Tartans of the Scottish Clans. Collins, Glasgow and London. Dictionary of Place-Names in Jamaica.

Chapter 3 : Scottish Place-Names – The Scottish Banner

Scottish Place-Names Scotland's place-names provide a window on the past that allows us to examine issues of language contact dating back many hundreds of years. The earliest names belong to major natural features, especially major rivers (e.g. Ayr, Avon, Clyde).

Of the names of the communities and neighbourhoods in the Wilmington-Newark-Glasgow-Elkton metropolitan area that have been identified to date, Of course, many of the names are associated with other parts of the British Isles as well but at least 50 7. Barkley - Black , the authority on Scottish family names, lists Barkley as an alternative spelling of the Scottish surname Barclay. Belltown Woods - there are many places in Scotland with Bell as part of the name. Bell is a fairly common Scottish surname ranked 37th in a survey of family names in Scotland and is a sept of Clan Macmillan. Considering that Belltown Woods is very close to Glasgow, Delaware see below , a Scottish connection seems quite likely. Cleland Heights - there is a Cleland in North Lanarkshire and there is also a surname Cleland, derived from the place name. Drymen is a small town in the far west of Stirling, near Loch Lomond. The illustration here is of Drummond Castle in Perthshire. Dunleith - although there are no known towns or other settlements in Scotland with this particular name, this neighbourhood is highly likely to have a name that was intended to sound Scottish. The Elliots later settled in Forfar whence the modern place name in Angus before heading south again, this time to Liddesdale where, by the late 16th century, "they had the doubtful honour of heading, with the Armstrongs, the list of the most unruly of the Border clans. The crest shown in the illustration is from the wall of Castle Fraser in Aberdeenshire. Shipbuilding, steam locomotive construction and other heavy engineering works soon followed, earning Glasgow the title "Second City of the Empire. Glaswegians often pronounce the name as "Glezga". It also occurs in two northern English place names, including the river Kyle in North Yorkshire. Kyle is also an ancient Scottish family name first recorded in Ayrshire. Gordon Heights - Gordon is a place in the Scottish Borders, from which the Gordon family name is derived; it is also a traditional region to the north of Aberdeen. The name occurs as well in many other places throughout Scotland, examples being Gordonstoun, Gordonstown and Gordonsburgh. It is also found on the Isle of Man, probably having been taken there by Scottish settlers. The Gordon tartan most frequently seen is the regimental tartan of the Gordon Highlanders. Colloquially, "Gordy" is a diminutive of Gordon when used as a first name. Hamilton Park Hamilton in South Lanarkshire. The name Hamilton has been associated with Scotland since the thirteenth century, having been taken there from Leicestershire in central England by Walter Fitz Gilbert Sir Walter de Hameldone. Hamilton is one of the most frequently recurring Scottish place names around the English-speaking world. The illustration shows the mausoleum of the Dukes of Hamilton in Hamilton, Lanarkshire. Black lists a number of examples, the earliest being William Hare, burgess of Edinburgh in The name has also travelled to England, e. According to Scarlett , the Henderson clan can trace its ancestry to two sources: Lynnfield a small settlement south of Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands. Maclellans were numerous in Galloway in the latter half of the 14th century. Monroe Park - the name of this neighbourhood most probably commemorates James Monroe, the 5th President of the United States Pentland occurs in several Scottish place names, the best known being the Pentland Hills near Edinburgh pictured here and the Pentland Firth the channel separating the Orkney Islands from the mainland. Although the name has been thoroughly anglicised, Pentland is one of the oldest place names in Scotland. Perth - presumably named for the historic city of Perth in central Scotland, the Scottish capital until The graphic shows the church of St Leonards in the Fields in Perth. Richardson Park - There are no places anywhere in Britain with the name Richardson, apart from an archaeological site in Wiltshire, southern England which was presumably named for someone with the surname Richardson. The name can be found in England as well, possibly taken there by Scottish settlers. West Haven Aberdeenshire and Angus. As with Skyline see above , this name may be purely descriptive and not necessarily Scottish the neighbourhood is situated to the west of Wilmington. Windy Hills a small hill in Aberdeenshire, near Woodhead. The Wilmington neighbourhood could, of course, have assumed its name for purely descriptive reasons. Wood Mill North Lanarkshire. As with Skyline, West Haven and Windy Hills, this

may be a descriptive name that also happens, coincidentally, to be Scottish. Some of the following localities may also prove on further investigation to have a link with Scotland. However, most of these names are also associated with other parts of the British Isles while one or two are associated with places on the European continent: On the other hand, the connection may be with the region south-east of Rome known as the Alban Hills, where the pope has his summer residence. The village of Arden was founded in by sculptor Frank Stephens and architect Will Price and was inspired by the Garden-City Movement, which resulted in half of its area consisting of woodlands and open spaces arden. The surname Brown is also very common in both countries, with surveys in the s suggesting that it is the second most common family name in Scotland after Smith and the third most common in England after Smith and Jones. This may also be its meaning in southern Scotland, where names such as Carr Brigs Fife occur. Cooper Farm - places based on the family name Cooper are found throughout both Scotland and England. The graphic shows the Cooper family tartan. Garfield Park Garfield in East Ayrshire. The name of this neighbourhood most probably commemorates President James Abram Garfield, the 20th US President, in which event there would not be a Scottish connection. Landers, however, is also a German family name. Marshallton was known as Hersey Bridge prior to when John Marshall purchased and expanded the local mill www. Mayfield is also found throughout England but less commonly than in Scotland. Whilst place names based on the surname Mitchell are even more numerous throughout England, including Mitchell itself in Cornwall, there is a Mitchell clan tartan in Scotland see graphic. It is probable, however, that the name of the Wilmington suburb, like so many other places in the USA, honours Irish-born General Richard Montgomery, a hero of the Revolution who was killed at the siege of Quebec, December 13, Alternatively, the name may have a Welsh origin, considering that Montgomery Township, in neighbouring Pennsylvania, was named by early Welsh settlers, many of whose descendants later migrated to Delaware. An article in Wikipedia notes that Newark, Delaware was "founded by Scots-Irish and Welsh settlers in " but does not give an explanation of the origin of the name itself. The official Newark, Delaware website is also silent on the matter but states that King George II granted a charter in as a farming community. Rose Hill and Rose Hill Gardens - there is a place called Rose Hill in Highland, though this descriptive name is used far more commonly throughout England and is also found in Wales. Rosegate - this name is not found anywhere in the British Isles and might simply be a made-up name, though Rose is a Scottish, as well as a French and German family name. Rutherford Scottish Borders also in Durham, northern England. The 19th President of the United States was Rutherford Birchard Hayes after whom this neighbourhood may possibly have been named. Scottfield - Scott is a common Scottish surname, originating in the Scottish Borders. As Black points out, however, there are more people with this Border Scottish surname in Northumberland than in the whole of Scotland. There are also many places in England with Scott as part of the name. Shawtown - Shaw is a Scottish clan name but is claimed as an English family name as well. Smith Mill Farms - Smith is the most common surname in both Scotland where there is a family tartan and England; it is also the 5th most common surname in Ireland and 13th in Wales. Taylortown - Taylor is a very common surname in both Scotland and England. A survey of surnames undertaken in the s suggests, however, that it is the 5th most common surname in England compared with the 14th in Scotland. However, Todd occurs far more frequently in place names in England, particularly in the north. Whites Village - White is both a Scottish and an English family name. Wilson - there are several places in Scotland based on the surname of Wilson. Wilson is even more commonly found in England, including the towns of Wilson in Herefordshire and Leicestershire. The Scots Wilsons are a sept of Clan Gunn and now have their own family tartan seen here. A third category of local names comprises places that definitely exist in Scotland, but there is nothing obviously "Scottish" about them. In these instances, the likelihood that the Greater Wilmington counterpart was named for Scotland is greatly reduced because these names are far more commonly associated with other parts of the British Isles. Many of the names of these localities are probably purely descriptive - coined to appeal to home buyers - and several may simply have been borrowed from other places in America. Arbour also features in several other place names throughout England. Beech Hill - there is a place is East Lothian with this descriptive name but it occurs very commonly in England as well. Belford Manor - a village in the Scottish Borders is called Belford but the name is also found in at least two counties in northern

England. Belvedere was a popular choice of name for localities during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Castle Hills a hill in Aberdeenshire. The name is far more commonly found in several English counties, however. Church Hill Estate - there is a hill in Easter Ross, Highland called Church Hill but the name occurs far more commonly throughout England and there are also at least three places in Ireland and one in Wales with this name. Fairfield is even more commonly found throughout England and is also found in Ireland. Hilltop is very common in England often spelled Hill Top and the name also occurs in Ireland. Little Baltimore - there is a small settlement in Aberdeenshire called Baltimore. However, the proximity of Delaware to Baltimore in neighbouring Maryland suggests a reference to this city. Manor Stirling but, as one would expect, this typically English-sounding name is found far more commonly encountered throughout England. Places with Porter as part of their name are found even more commonly throughout England. As a family name Porter is both Scottish and English. These are probably purely descriptive names with no intended reference to any particular place in the British Isles. However, being an ecclesiastical term, the name can also be found in Devon and the Channel Islands, not to mention Trinity College at the universities of Cambridge and Dublin. Wellington is a surprisingly popular place name in several American cities. However, Westwood is also commonly found throughout England and is a favourite name for suburban neighbourhoods in other North American cities. Woodland and Woodland Homes - there is a Woodland in South Ayrshire, but this descriptive name is also found in five English counties.

Chapter 4 : Behind the Name: Browse Names

The A to Z entries are complemented by a detailed introductory essay discussing the chronology and development of English, Irish, Welsh, and Scottish place-names, as well as an extensive bibliography, maps of Britain showing old and new boundaries, and a glossary of common elements in place-names.

Chapter 5 : Pronouncing Dictionary of Scottish Place-names - Tain Royal Academy, Donald Bethune - Google

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Chapter 6 : Appendix:Glossary of Scottish slang and jargon - Wiktionary

David Dorward s book on Scottish place-names is a fascinating volume that offers insight and intrigue into the myriad of wonderful place-names found across Scotland. Much more than simply a dictionary of place-names, Dorward makes the subject accessible to the general reader, with explanations of hundreds of names that are clear and concise.

Chapter 7 : Scots Words and Place-Names :: Place-Name Glossary

According to the Penguin Dictionary of British Place Names (Room,), Hamilton means 'farmstead in broken country' in Old English. Hamilton is one of the most frequently recurring Scottish place names around the English-speaking world. The illustration shows the mausoleum of the Dukes of Hamilton in Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

Chapter 8 : Behind the Name: Scottish Names (page 2)

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Chapter 9 : Scottish Gaelic-Dictionary Online Translation LEXILOGOS >>

Place-Name Glossary. This is a glossary of Scots words which are used in place-names. Each entry gives the meaning of the word, alongside linguistic notes (discussed below) and modern and historical examples of the word in actual place-names in Scotland.