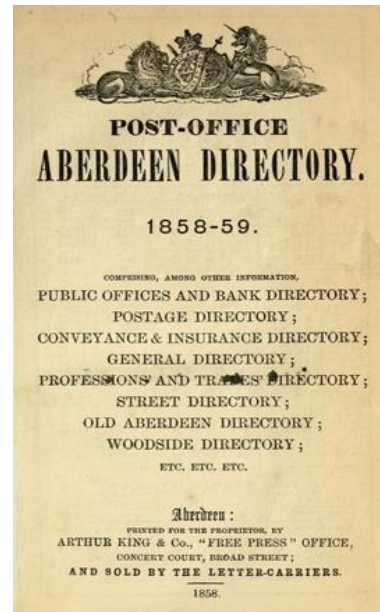


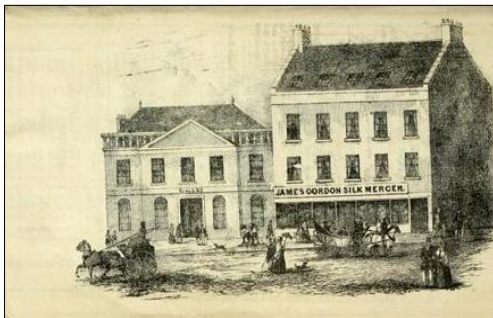
Aberdeen Post Office Directories – A brief guide

What are the Post Office directories?

- They contain alphabetical lists of Aberdeen's inhabitants
- People are listed under their name, their occupation and the street they lived in:
 1. General Directory
 2. Trades' and Professions' Directory
 3. Street Directory
- Not all residents were listed in the directories



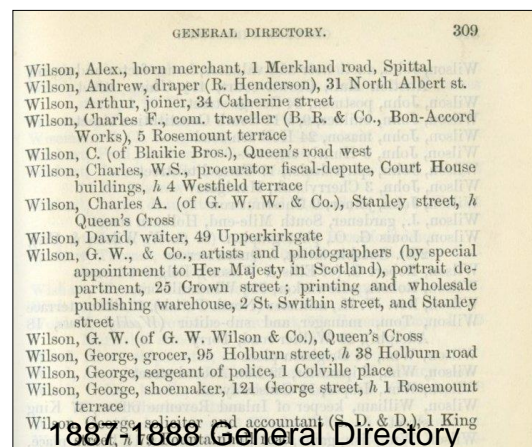
Here are some of the things you can learn from the Post Office directories:



- Learn about where family members lived
- When did certain streets come into existence
- What was their trade or profession
- Find out about businesses, society and lifestyle

The General Directory:

- This lists residents according to their surname
- Address and occupation is also given



1887-1888 General Directory

18 Mrs Anderson, lodgings Mrs Stewart, midwife	24 Wm. Battray & Son, tobacco and snuff manufacturers	28 Charles Craig, tea merchant	32 J. Pennan & Co., publishers	36 Virtue & Co., publishers	40 Edward Leslie, bookseller	44 John Mason & Son, painters	48 Alex. Forbes & Co., warehousemen	52 John N. Burnett, tea merchant	56 John Leach, plumber	60 N. B. Arristed, Water Co., Lm.	64 Mill of Culls Warehouse; J. Thomson	68 J. & J. P. Edmond and Spark, bookbinders	72 Mrs Glennie, inksetter	76 James Geddis, sheriff-officer	80 D. H. Hendry, sheriff-officer	84 Wm. Gault, aeronaut water manufacturer	88 Wm. McKay, plasterer	92 John Cummins, Artillery tavern	96 Wm. McKenzie, baker	100 Francis Andrew, auctioneer	104 Alfred Murray	108 George Hardie, clothier	112 G. Hardie, clothier	116 William Gilchrist & Co., funeral undertakers	120 Charles Hogg	124 George Taylor, beadseller	128 Miss McIntosh, draper	132 Miss Bennett, milliner
Queen's Cross. At junction of Albany place with Queen's road. Geo. W. Wilson (of G. W. W. & Co.) George Milne, Westwood Baldie's Parish Church James Thomson (of G. & T.)		Queen's Gardens. Queen's cross. 4 Mrs Williams 2 Rev. J. A. McClymont, B.D. 6 Wm. Littlejohn, late bank manager		Queen's Road. From Queen's cross westward. LEFT HAND SIDE. 1 Edward Fiddes (N. of S. Bank, Limited) 3 Henry Gray, draper 5 Rev. George H. Knight, F. S. C. Manse 7 J. P. Kay, druggist, Edgill Villa 9 A. H. Gray, commission agent 11 James Saint (of J. Saint & Co.) 13 John Struth (A. Ogston & Sons) 15 Rev. Andrew Deak 17 Miss Winkla 19 George Jamieson (of J. & M.) 21 D. Davidson, paper manufacture Queen's gate. RIGHT HAND SIDE. 2 Joseph R. Cornwall (of G. G. & Sons) 4 Mrs James Eaton 6 Rev. S. D. F. Salmon, D.D. 8 Mrs James Leing 8 Alexander Keith, grain merchant, Marcanople 8½ Professor H. A. Nicholson, Newthorpe 10 James Florence (of J. Laing & Co.) 12 Alex. Gibb (of J. & A. Gibb) 14 A. M. Leslie 14 Mrs Hector 16 Isaac F. Smith (of L. S. & Son) 18 James Crombie, merchant 20 The Right Rev. Bishop Macdonald 22 R. Hilly (of J. L. & Co.), Earnbank Queen's gate. Queen's Road (West). Alex. Johnston, M.D. Gavin Coates, merchant 2 G. C. Fraser, advocate 4 Rev. Robert Thomson, M.A. John Morgan (of A. M. & Co.) 18 Wm. Alet, Brown, advocate Thomas Kyn, Rosebank Charles Wilson (Blackie Bros.)																								

The Street Directory:

- This lists residents according to the street they lived in
- The location of the street is described
- Occupation is also given

The Trades' Directory:

- What did your ancestors work as?
- Occupations and trades have changed greatly over the past couple of hundred years
- This lists residents according to their trades and professions.
- You can easily compare how many people were employed in the various professions

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Pawnbrokers.	Chunes, T. & Co., 8 Schoolhill Collie, Robert, 35 Loch street Davidson, J., 78 St Andrew street Farquhar & Gill, 24 Upperkirkgate Lamb, Alex., 48 John street Marshall, Alex., 5 Charlotte st. Mathers, James, 13½ Dee street Robertson, Alex., 10 Skene ter. Thomson, William, 71 Netherkirkgate
Photographers.	Printers.
Adams, Andrew, Rettie's court 26 Broad street Dalgarno, James, Market street Frederick, Herr, 173 Union street Gordon, Henry, Exchange street Lamb, John, 191 George street Nisbet, John, Market street Wilson, G. W. (to the Queen) 22 Crown street	Avery, John, 7 St. Catherine's wynd Baker, Thos., Crown court, 41½ Union street Bennet, William, 42 Castle street Brown, James, (Herald office) 7 Queen street Chalmers, D. & Co., (Journal office) 28 & 29 Adelphi court Cornwall, George & Sons, Victoria court, 54 Castle street Daniel, J. & Co., 46 and 48 Castle street Durno, Alex., 40 Gallowgate King, Arthur & Co. (Free Press office) Concert court, Broad street
Piano-Forte Makers and Tuners.	
Begg, Charles, 150 Union street Irvine, & Co., 81 King street Logan & Co., 130 Union street Marr, John, 213 Union street Wood & Co., 213 Union street	

Also look out for miscellaneous city information at the start of the directories and fascinating historic advertisements at the rear.

Aberdeen City Libraries holdings of directories:

- We have physical copies of the Post Office Aberdeen Directories from 1824 – 1982
- Our directories from 1824 – 1911 have been digitised by the National Library of Scotland and are available online - <http://www.nls.uk/family-history/directories/post-office/index.cfm?place=Aberdeen>