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# EXECUTIONS

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**SCOTLAND**

**FROM THE YEAR 1600 UP TO  
THE PRESENT TIME.**

ALSO,

**A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF THE**

**Newgate Executioner,**

**WM. CALCRAFT.**

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**GLASGOW:**

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# EXECUTIONS.

## GLASGOW.

At the Howgatehead, where the Monkland Canal Basin now stands.

Hugh Billand, robbery, July 10, ...	1763
Agnes Dougal, murder, November 4, ...	67
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John Sherry, robbery, Nov. 8, ... ..	15
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William Baird and Walter Blair, robbery, June 3,	18
Mathew Clydesdale, murder, and Simon Ross, house- breaking, Nov. 4, ... ..	18
A. Robertson, housebreaking and theft, April 7,	19
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John Buchanan, murder, Nov. 17, ... ..	19
Richard Smith, housebreaking, May 31, ... ..	20
James Wilson, treason, hanged and beheaded, Aug. 30,	20
William Leonard Swan, forgery, June 5, ... ..	21
Malcolm M'Intyre, William Paterson, and Jas. Dyer, housebreaking, Oct. 24, ... ..	21
T. Donachy, housebreaking and theft, June 5, ... ..	22
John M'Dougal and James Wilson, housebreaking and theft, June 24, ... ..	23
Francis Kean, robbery, and George Laidlaw, theft, June 2, ... ..	24
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J. M'Crevie, housebreaking and theft, June 2, ... ..	24
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James Stevenson, highway robbery, June 1, ... ..	25
James Dollan, street robbery. [This was the first cri- minal who suffered between the hours of eight and ten o'clock morning.] June 7, ... ..	26
Andrew Stewart and Edward Kelly, street robbery, Nov. 1, ... ..	26
James Glen, murder. [This criminal was dressed in white.] Dec. 12, ... ..	27
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Edward Moore, murder, May 30, ... ..	28
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David Little, stouthriet, Jan 7, ... ..	31

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James Byers and Mary Steel, murder, Oct. 6, ...	31
William Heath, bank robbery, Oct. 20, ...	31
William Lindsay, murder, Jan. 18, ...	31
Philip Carney, rape, and John Barclay, murder, May 14, ...	33
Henry Burnet, street robbery, Jan. 18, ...	33
George Duffy, murder, Jan. 20, ...	33
Hugh Kennedy, throwing vitrol, Sept. 29, ...	34
George Campbell, murder, Sept. 20, ...	35
Mrs. Jeffrey, murder, May 21, ...	38
Thomas Templeton, murder, May 27, ...	40
Dennis Doolan and Patrick Redding, murder. [These criminals were executed at Crosshill.] May 14, ...	41
Charles M Kay, murder, May 18, ...	43
Margaret Lennox or Hamilton, forgery and murder, Jan. 31, ...	50
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Margaret Dickson, murder. [The above criminal re- covered, and lived 30 years at Musselburgh, where she was known by the name of "Ill-hanged Mag- gie."] August 2, ...	23
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Ann Morrison, child murder, March 7, ...	58
Janet Heatly, child murder, April 1, ...	61
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Robert Hay, street robbery, March 25, ...	67
John Raybould, forgery, Feb. 24, ...	68
Wm. Harris, forgery, May 20, ...	70
Alex M'Donald and Chas. Jamieson, shopbreaking, at Lithgow Bridge, Sept. 2, ...	70
Daniel Deveron, robbery, Jan. 7, ...	87
Charles and James Jamieson, robbing the mail, Jan. 29, ...	87
John Reid, murder of his son, March 24, ...	87
Wm. Biodie and George Smith, Oct. 1, ...	88
James Falconer and Peter Bruce, bank robbery, Dec. 24, ...	88
Bartholomew Collins, murder, Feb. 8, ...	90
Wm. Gadenby, robbery, Feb. 2, ...	92
Wm. Smith, housebreaking, Oct. 12, ...	92

John Paul and James Stewart, street robbery, July 27,	1794
Robert Watt, high treason, Oct. 13,	94
Thomas Urquhart, postmaster of Kirkwall, Orkney, opening letters, and abstracting money, Oct. 16,	1800
Richard Brodie, theft, Feb. 11,	01
George Lindsay, murder, April 7,	02
Margaret Cunninghame, murder, Jan. 7,	07
Barbara Malcolm, murder, Feb. 10,	08
Robert Stewart, housebreaking and theft, Feb. 22,	09
John Armstrong, do. Jan. 17,	10
Adam Lyal, highway robbery, March 27,	11
Hugh M'Donald, Neil Sutherland, and Hugh M'- Intosh, street robbery, April 22,	12
John M'Donald and James Jack, murder, April 14,	13
James M'Dougal, forgery, Aug. 10,	14
John Murdoch, murder, March 29,	15
David Thompson, housebg. and theft, March 15,	16
Robert Johnstone, robbery, Dec. 30,	18
George Warden, taking money out of letters in Post-office, Aberdeen, April 14,	19
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Samuel Maxwell, housebg. and robbery, Jan. 17,	21
David Haggart, murder, July 18,	21
John Rennie and William Sutherland, housebreak- ing and theft, Aug. 22,	21
Peter Haeman and Francis Gantred, piracy and murder at Leith, Jan. 9,	22
Wm. M'Intyre, housebreaking, Feb. 26,	23
Mary M'Kinnon, murder, April 16,	23
Daniel M'Donald Elphinstone, murder, July 3,	24
William Burke, murdering 16 individuals, by suffo- cating them, and selling their bodies for desec- tion, Jan. 28,	29
John Stewart and Catherine Wright, for murdering three persons, by giving them poison, Aug. 19,	29
Wm. Adams or Reid, robbery, Jan. 6,	29
Robert Edmond, Haddington murders, March 17,	30
John Thompson and David Dobbie, murder, Aug. 13,	30
George Gilchrist, robbery, Aug. 3,	30
John M'Court, murder, Dec. 19,	31
John Howieson, murder, Jan. 21,	32
Thos. Sweeney, assault and robbery, executed at Green- law, April 4,	34
James Bell, murder, July 6,	35
Elizabeth M'Neil, murder, Aug. 3,	35
James Wemyss, murder, April 16,	40
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James Bennison, bigamy and murder, 22d Aug. ... 1850  
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P. A I S L E Y.

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 for Witchcraft, June 16, ... 1697  
 Alexander Provan, murdering his wife, had his right  
 hand cut off, and afterwards hanged, ... 1765  
 Thomas Potts, housebreaking, Aug. 17, ... 97  
 John Craig and James Brown, stouthrief, Oct. 16, ... 1329  
 William Perry, murder, Oct. 18, ... 37

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Moses M'Donald, housebreaking, June 5, ... 1812  
 Hugh M'Ilvogue, Bernard M'Ilvogue, and Patrick  
 M'Crystal, rape and robbery, Oct. 13, ... 23  
 John Kerr, murder, June 6, ... 27  
 John Boyd, murder, ... 34

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John Hadden, housebreaking, Dec. 3, ... 1768  
 Matthew Hay, murder, Oct. 18, ... 64  
 Wm. Dornon and Rt. Smith, housebreaking, May 16, ... 1809  
 John M'Millan, murder, May 25, ... 10  
 John M'Manus, murder, and Robert Gibson, robbery,  
 May 27, ... 11  
 George Watson, housebreaking, June 7, ... 11  
 John Wetherington Symington, robbery, Feb. 17, ... 14  
 Wm. Evans, forgery, May 31, ... 15  
 Mary Crossan, fire-raising, Wm. Robertson and Joseph  
 Cairns, robbery, Oct. 17, ... 17  
 James Anderson and David Glen, murder, Dec. 12, ... 86  
 Samuel Waugh, murder, Jan. 18, ... 31  
 James M'Wheelau, murder and robbery, Oct. 26, ... 48

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Thomas M'Lachie, housebreaking, Nov. 19, ... 1773  
 G. M'Kerracher, forgery, April 28, ... 83  
 John Smart, forgery, May 16, ... 85  
 T. M'Nair, robbery at Falkirk, Oct. 26, ... 1811  
 Alex. O'Kane, robbery, Feb. 21, ... 13  
 John Baird and Andrew Hardie, treason, Sept. 8, ... 20  
 John Fleming, forgery, May 11, ... 25  
 John M'Grady, housebreaking, May 25, ... 25  
 Peter Moffat, murder, July 28, ... 28  
 Robert Tennant, murder, Oct. 2, ... 28  
 Alex. Miller, or "Scatters," murder, April 8, ... 37  
 Allan Mair, murder, upwards of 80 years of age, Oct. 1, 13

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I N V E R A R Y

Ann Campbell and Sarah Graham, murder, Nov. 3, 1733

I N V E R N E S S

Christian M'Kechmie, murder, Nov. 2, 1701

Alex. Gillan, rape and murder, hung in chains, May 14, 1800

H. M'Leod, murder and robbery, Oct. 24, 34

John Adams, alias John Anderson, murder, Oct. 16, 35

P E R T H

Alex. M'Cowan, June 5, 1700

R. Davidson and G. Bruce, robbery, June 22, 33

John Dow Cameron, murder and robbery, Nov. 3, 38

Wm. Doag, murder, June 13, 55

H. M'Lean, murder, hung in chains, July 15, 57

James Russell, robbery, June 27, 59

Robert Keith, murder, July 2, 60

John Henderson, murder, hung in Cupar, Sept. 26, 63

Jean Cameron, child murder, Oct. 19, 64

Duncan Campbell and John Chapel, murder, June 19, 67

Alex. M'Donald, cattle stealing, Nov. 27, 72

Francis Thornlie, housebreaking, June 7, 74

John Fisher, housebreaking, July 17, 75

James Dormand, highway robbery, May 31, 93

Robert Rodger, highway robbery, June 24, 93

Donald M'Craw, murder, Nov. 13, 95

J. West, housebreaking, executed at Dundee, June 12, 1801

Hans Regelson, rape, June 28, 12

John Larg and John Mitchell, robbery, Feb. 28, 17

Margaret Tindel, murder, executed at Montrose, Nov. 2, 23

David Balon, murder, executed at Dundee, June 3, 25

Margaret Wishart, murder, executed at Forfar, June 15, 27

Arthur Woods, murder, executed at Dundee, March 24, 29

Thomas Leith, murder, executed at Dundee, Oct. 10, 47

John Kellochiar, murder and robbery, May 29, 48

J. Robertson, murder, executed at Forfar, May 9, 52

Michael and Patrick Scanlan, brothers, robbery and murder, executed at Cupar, 5th July, 152

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John Carmichael, housebreaking, May 27, 86

Maitland Smith, murder and robbery, Oct. 21, 1800

James Gordon, murder, June 6, 10

John M'Cauna and Joseph Richardson, forgery, May 14, 28

James M'Manus, highway robbery, Oct. 18, 29

A B E R D E E N

John Hutchison, housebreaking and theft, June 28, 1760

Helen Watt, murder, Oct. 11, 63

Wm. Keith, (her son,) murder, Nov. 15, 66

Jean Craig, theft, July 28, 84

Elspeth Reid, theft, Jan. 14, ... ..	1785
Thomas Donaldson, Wm. Buchanan, and Wm. M <sup>r</sup> . Lead, housebreaking, May 23, ... ..	1823
Malcolm Gillespie, forgery, Nov. 17, ... ..	26
Catherine Davidson, murder, Oct. 30, ... ..	36
James Burnet, murder, May 28, ... ..	49
James Robb, murder, Oct. 10, ... ..	19
George Christie, robbery and double murder, Jan. 13, ... ..	53

J E D B U R G H

David Douglas, robbery, Nov. 18, ... ..	1768
Wm. Murray, theft, May 26, ... ..	80
Charles Mercer, rape, Oct. 10, ... ..	1809
John Gibson, murder, May 12, ... ..	14
Robert Scott, murder, Oct. 23, ... ..	23
James Rogers, murder, Oct. 20, ... ..	31
J. Wilson, murder, Sept. 25, ... ..	40

F O R W I T C H C R A F T

Allison Pearson, Fifeshire, practising sorcery, and in- voking the devil, strangled and burned, ... ..	1568
Euphane M'Calzeane, Edinburgh, burned alive, ... ..	1591
Patrick Lawrie, consulting with the devil, burned, ... ..	1605
Isobel Elliot, for having carnal copulation with the devil, strangled and burned, ... ..	1678

WILLIAM CALCRAFT, the general executioner for Great Britain, and who officiated here on the 11th August, 1853, was born in the year 1801, of humble, but industrious parents, in a little village about ten miles from London, situate in the county of Essex. When 19 years of age he was appointed to the office of Newgate Hangman, and on being installed swore to the following oath:—

“I do swear to hang or behead, and to draw and quarter, or otherwise destroy all felons and enemies of the peace of our Lord the King, and of his subjects duly sentenced according to Law, and I will do the like like unto father, mother, sister or brother, and all other kindred whatsoever, without favour or hindrance. So help me God.”

Thereupon a black veil is thrown over him at his rising, when he is conducted out of the court, amid the groanings of the assemblage, the tolling of the death-bell, and the horrifying words of the city judge grating in his ears—“Get thee hence, wretch!”

The hall in which the oath is administered contains a table with the following articles placed thereon:—An axo, well sharpened—the same that is used for the beheading of traitors—a pair of leg-irons—handcuffs—and other fetters—a small coil of rope—and a pair of white caps.