

# LIST

## OF ALL THE CRIMINALS

WHO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN GLASGOW

*For the last 62 Years,*

With their Names and Crimes, and the place and time of their  
Suffering.

to which are added, a List of the Names of a great number of Criminals, both  
Male and Female, who have been Executed, Burned,

&c., in different parts of Scotland, for upwards of  
the last 200 years,

FOR THE CRIMES OF

BLASPHEMY, WITCHCRAFT, MURDER, INCEST,  
ADULTERY, PARRICIDE, TREASON, &c. &c.

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# EXECUTIONS, &c.

THE following authentic List of Criminals who have been Executed at Glasgow, are taken from CLELAND'S ANNALS OF GLASGOW, and other official records. The particulars of the other Criminals are extracted from ARNOT'S CRIMINAL TRIALS, and must prove highly interesting to every intelligent Reader.

## *Executed at the Howgatehead, where the Monk-land Canal Basin is.*

	Date of Execution.
Hugh Bilsland, robbery	1765, July 10
Agnes Dougal, murder	1767, Nov. 4
Andrew Marshall, murder. (He was hung in chains)	1769, Oct. 25
Wm. Mitchell and Christopher Jordan, robbery	1773, Nov. 17
George M'Taggart, housebreaking and theft	1775, June 21
Robert Hislop, housebreaking and theft	1781, June 6

## *Executed in the Castle-yard, where the Infirmary now stands.*

James Jacks, robbery	1784, July 7
Jas. and Wm. Brodie, and Jean Lindsay, house-breaking	1784, Nov. 3

Neil M'Lean, forgery	1785, June 1
David Steven, murder	1785, June 18
Thomas Vernon, robbery	1785, Nov. 9
James Spence, housebreaking and theft	1786, June 7
Elizabeth Paul, housebreaking and theft	1786, Oct. 25
John M'Aulay, Thomas Veitch and Thos. Gentles, robbery	1787, May 23

### *Executed at the Cross.*

Walter M'Intosh, robbery	1788, Oct. 22
Wm. Scott, housebreaking and theft.—This Criminal was tried and condemned by the Sheriff	1788, Dec. 3
John Brown, forgery	1790, June 9
James Day, murder	1790, Oct. 20
James Plunkett, robbery	1792, Jan. 11
James Dick, murder	1792, May 16
Mortimer Collins, murder	1792, Nov. 7
Agnes White, murder, and James M'Kenzie, robbery	1793, May 22
James M'Kean, murder	1797, Jan. 25
John M'Millan, murder	1798, May 16
Peter Gray, hamesucken	1800, May 28
William Cunningham, theft	1803, June 8
David Scott and Hugh Adamson, forgery	1805, June 5
Adam Cox, murder	1807, June 10
James Gilchrist, murder	1808, July 20
John Gordon M'Intosh and Geo. Stewart, housebreaking	1809, Nov. 8
James Ferguson, robbery	1813, May 26
William Mnir and Wm. Mudie, robbery	1813, Nov. 17

### *Executed in Front of the New Prison.*

Wm. Higgins and Thomas Harold, robbery	1814, Oct. 19
John Sherry, robbery	1815, Nov. 1
William M'Koy, forgery	1817, May 28
Freebairn Whitehill, robbery, and Wm. M'Kech-nie and James M'Cornick, housebreaking and theft	1817, Oct. 29

Wm. Baird and Walter Blair, robbery	1818, June 3
Matthew Clydesdale, murder, and Simon Ross, housebreaking	1818, Nov. 4
Alex. Robertson, housebreaking and theft	1819, April 7
Rob. M'Kinlay, Hunter Guthrie, John Forbes, & Wm. Buchanan, housebreaking and theft	1819, Nov. 5
John Buchanan, murder	1819, Nov. 17
Richard Smith, housebreaking	1820, May 31
Jas. Wilson, treason (hanged and beheaded)	1820, Aug. 30
Daniel Grant, Peter Crosbie, John Connor, and Thos. M'Colgan, housebreaking and robbery	1820, Nov. 8
William Leonard Swan, forgery	1821, June 5
Malcolm M'Intyre, William Paterson, and James Dyer, housebreaking	1821, Oct. 21
William Campbell, housebreaking and theft	1822, May 29
Thomas Donnachie, do. do.	1822, June 5
John M'Donald & James Wilson, do. do.	1823, June 4
Francis Cain, robbery, & George Laidlaw, theft	1823, Oct. 29
David Wylie, housebreaking and theft	1823, Nov. 12
Wm. M'Teague, uttering forged notes	1824, May 19
John M'Creëvie, housebreaking and theft	1824, June 2
William Divan, murder	1824, July 21
James Stevenson, highway robbery	1825, June 1
James Dollan, street robbery	1826, June 7
Andw. Stewart & Edward Kelly, street robbery	1826, Nov. 1
James Glen, murder	1827, Dec. 12

## For Blasphemy.

Thomas Aikenhead, for denying the Trinity, &c., was executed at the Gallowlee, on the 8th January, 1697.

John Ogilvie, a Catholic, was tried in 1615, before the Protestant Magistrates of Glasgow, for saying of Mass, &c. He was found guilty, and hanged that same afternoon! Such was the liberality of our Protestant ancestors.

## For Witchcraft.

Alson Pearson, was strangled and burned in May, 1588.

Janet Grant and Janet Clark, were burned in August, 1590.



Agnes Simson of Keith, was burned in 1590.

Euphan M'Calzeane, was burned in 1591.

Patrick Lawrie, in 1605, was burned alive.

Margaret Wallace, in 1620, was strangled and burned.

Isobel Young, in East Barns, was tried, for having by enchantment stopped a mill 29 years before; she was strangled & burned.

Alex<sup>r</sup> Hamilton was burned alive in 1630; for having had many meetings with the devil, from whom he once received a severe drubbing for not keeping an appointment.

In 1697, in the shire of Renfrew, seven persons were convicted and committed to the gallies in one day.

John Neil was found guilty in 1631, and the usual sentence was pronounced.

Jahet Brown and two other women, in 1649, were convicted, condemned, and executed in one day.

Elspeth Rule, who was tried before David Ainslie at the Dumfries Circuit, on the 31 May, 1799, was burned on the cheek and banished Scotland for life.

The last person who was brought to the stake in Scotland, was condemned by Capt. David Ross, Sheriff-Depute of Surherland, in 1722.

The devil has never been seen in Scotland since.

## For Adultery.

John Guthrie, was executed at the Cross of Edinburgh, in 1617.

Patrick Robertson and Marion Kempt, were sentenced to be executed on a gibbet at the Castle hill, in 1627.

John Murdoch and Janet Douglas, both married persons, were tried in 1690. The libel was restricted, and they were banished for life.

The last person that was tried in Scotland for adultery, was the Rev. Mr. Nisbet of the Established Church of Scotland. He was a minister in Invernesshire, and was tried in 1762, and sentenced to be banished beyond seas.

This law with regard to adultery, still remains in force in Scotland.

## Treason.

Francis Tennent, Merchant Burgess of Edinburgh, for writing a Seditious Pasquinade against the King, was executed in 1600.

Archibald Cornwall, town-officer in Edinburgh, for attempting to hang up the King's picture on the Gallows, was executed in 1600, and all his goods forfeited.

Mr. Andrew Chrichton, for Declining the Authority of the King and Privy Council, was banished for life in 1610.

John Fleming, for slanderous speeches against the King, was hanged at the cross of Edinburgh in 1615.

Thomas Rois, for writing and publishing at Oxford, a Pasquinade against the Scots, had his head struck off at the cross of Edinburgh, 1618.

James Skene, for Treasonable Opinions and Declarations, was executed at the cross of Edinburgh, in 1680, and beheaded.

Archibald Macdonald, son to Coll Macdonald of Barisdale; attainted of High Treason, was sentenced to be executed at the Grass-market of Edinburgh, in 1754, but he was afterwards reprieved, and received promotion in the army.

## Leasing-Making.

Mr. John Stewart, commissary of Dunkeld, for Leasing-Making against the Earl of Argyle, and fabricating and uttering lies and calumnies contrary to law, was beheaded at the Cross of Edinburgh in 1641.

## Parricide.

John Dickson, for the murder of his father, was broke upon the wheel at the Cross of Edinburgh, in 1591.

## Murder.

Thomas Armstrong, for the murder of Sir John Carmichael,

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was executed at the cross of Edinburgh, in 1601. He was afterwards hung in chains.

Alister Macgregor of Glenstra, Laird of Macgregor, for slaughtering the Laird of Luss's friends, was hanged and quartered at the Cross of Edinburgh, in 1604.

Patrick Roy Macgregor, for murder, was hanged at Edinburgh in 1667, and his body hung in chains.

Agnes Johnston, for the murder of a child, was executed at the Grass-market of Edinburgh in 1676.

Andrew Rutherford of Townhead, for the murder of James Douglass, brother to Sir Wm. Douglass of Cavers, was beheaded at the cross of Edinburgh in 1674.

George Clerk and John Ramsay, for the murder of John Anderson, merchant in Edinburgh, were hanged there in 1676.

James Gray, Dyer in Dalkeith, for the murder of Archibald Murray, gentleman of the King's Troop of Guards, was beheaded at the Grass-market in 1678.

John Chislie of Dalry, for the murder of the Right Hon. Sir George Lockhart, Lord President of the Court of Session, had his right hand cut off, and then hanged on a gibbet, in 1689. The pistol was hung about his neck with which he committed the murder.

George Cumming, writer in Edinburgh, was found guilty of manslaughter, and executed in Edinburgh, in 1695.

James Stewart, in Aucharn, for the murder of Colin Campbell of Glenure, was executed at the ferry of Ballachelish, in 1752, and his body hung in chains.

## Tumult within Burgh.

David Mowbray, and one Keith, a fencing master, for raising a tumult in Edinburgh, and rescuing a baker whom the hangman was whipping through the Canongate, were executed in Edinburgh, in 1686.

## Piracy.

Captain Thos. Green, commander of the Worcester, a sh.



belonging to the East India Company, and thirteen of his crew, were found guilty of piracy and murder, and the whole of them were executed at Leith Sands, in April, 1705.

## Incest.

Alexander Blair, tailor in Currie, for incest, was executed at Edinburgh in 1680.

James Wilson, coal griever at Bonhard, for incest, was beheaded at Edinburgh in 1699.

William Drysdale and Barbara Tannahill, for having committed incest with one another. Tannahill was executed at Edinburgh, in 1705, and Drysdale was banished for life. He was a widower, and she was his wife's sister.

## Forgery.

Margaret Nisbet, for forging a bill upon the Duchess of Gordon, was executed at Edinburgh, in 1726.

## Breaking Gardens.

John Rait and Alexander Dean for breaking of Gardens, were executed at Edinburgh in 1693.

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