

# Executions in Scotland from 1800

Scotland 1800 – 1868 and 1869 - 1899.

273 people were publicly hanged in Scotland between 1800 and 1868, comprising 259 men and 14 women.

A further 207 were sentenced to death but reprieved or respited.

At least 39 men and 3 women received the death sentence for murder between 1869 and 1899, of these 16 men and 1 woman were subsequently hanged.

Scotland had a system of Assize courts in 4 circuits, one each for West, East, South & North.

The High Court of Justiciary sat in Edinburgh and was an independent court for that city. It would also take difficult cases from other areas.

The King & Privy Council had to approve Scottish death sentences so there tended to be a greater time between sentence and execution or reprieve than in England due to the communications difficulty.

The crimes for which these people were hanged break down as follows.

Murder	125
Housebreaking	55
Robbery	30
Highway robbery	13
Stouthrief	9
Forgery	8
Theft	8
Horse theft	7
Uttering	5
Rape	4
Treason	3
Hamesucken	3
Sheep stealing	2
Arson	1
Total	273

**Stouthrief** is a form robbery taking place in a dwelling house.

**Hamesucken** is "the seeking and invasion of a person in his dwelling house".

Neither crime appears in English law.

## 1800

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, on the 27th of January 1800

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 12 March 1800	Griffith Williams	Murder of Anne Wilson	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 22nd of April 1800

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 11th June 1800	Peter Greig	Housebreaking	Glasgow

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, on the 20th of July 1800

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 3rd September 1800	Samuel Bell	Utter forged notes	Edinburgh

The High Court of Justiciary tried Richard Broxup on the 29th of December 1800 and he was hanged in February 1801.

Peter Anderson & Lauchlan Love were tried on the 30th of December 1800, and both were reprieved.

## 1801

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 11th February 1801	Richard Broxup	Theft	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh. John M'Neil & Michael M'Neil tried on the 19th of March 1801 for uttering forgery and both reprieved (07/08/01).

Jedburgh, tried 3rd of April 1801

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 12th May 1801	Robert Robison	Horse theft	Jedburgh

Perth, tried 16 April 1801

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 12th June 1801	John Watt (West)	Housebreaking & theft	Dundee

High Court of Justiciary, tried 20 July 1801

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 26th August 1801	George Walker	Horse theft	Edinburgh

Aberdeen, tried on 16 October 1801

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 11th December 1801	John Young	Murder of James Davidson	Aberdeen

Perth, tried 23rd October 1801

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 18th December 1801	John Malloch	Housebreaking & theft	Perth

## 1802

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 4th of January 1802

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 10th February 1802	Andrew Lawrie	Stole from letter	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 1st of March 1802

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 7th April 1802	George Lindsay	Murder of John Allan	Edinburgh

Perth, tried 21st of April 1802, James Fraser for shop breaking and theft. Reprieved 28. 5.02

High Court of Justiciary tried on the 8th of November 1802

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 15th December 1802	Robert Brown & James Clarke	Mail robbery	Edinburgh

### 1803

Glasgow, tried on the 2nd of May 1803

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 8th June 1803	William Cunningham	Theft	Glasgow

Perth, tried on the 20th of September 1803

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 4th November 1803	William Crichton	Sheep theft	Perth

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 28th November John Cowie. Hanged 1804.

### 1804

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 19th January 1804	John Cowie	Murder of wife	Edinburgh

Aberdeen, tried on the 24th of April 1804. Penelope M'Kenzie for theft. Reprieved 1. 5.04

Dumfries, tried on the 15th of September 1804. John Cook for rape. Reprieved 31. 5.05

Inverary, tried on the 17th of September 1804

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 31st October 1804	Duncan M'Arthur	Murder of wife	Crinan Canal

**1805** (Parliamentary Papers {PP} state that 3 out of 5 death sentences were carried out)

Glasgow, tried on the 1st of May 1805

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 5th June 1805	David Scott & Hugh Adamson	Forgery	Glasgow

Edinburgh, tried on the 24th of July 1805

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 28th August 1805	James Allen	Housebreaking & theft	Edinburgh

**1806** (Parliamentary Papers state that 4 out of 8 death sentences were carried out)

Perth, sentenced on the 6th of May 1806

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Saturday 21st June 1806	John Westwater	Murder of John Orr	Kinghorn
Friday 11th July 1806	Donald M'Graw	Murder of Euphemia Compar	Perth

Margaret Cunningham was convicted husband murder and her case referred to the High Court of Justiciary

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh.

Tried on the 17th of July 1806, Robert Johnston for shop breaking. Reprieved 7. 8.06

Tried on the 31st of July 1806, Janet Hamilton & James Campbell for arson. Reprived 9. 8.06

Tried on the 5th of November 1806. John Thomson & John Nilson for forgery and uttering. Reprived 29.11.06

Tried on the 20th of November 1806. Margaret Cunningham for the murder of her husband. Hanged 1807.

Tried on the 8th of December 1806 Thomas Smith & George Stevenson for horse theft. Hanged 1807

**1807** (PP - state that 5 out of 6 death sentences carried out)

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 7th January 1807	Margaret Cunningham	Murder of her husband	Edinburgh

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 21st January 1807	Thomas Smith & George Stevenson	Horse theft	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary Edinburgh, tried 2nd of February 1807

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 11th March 1807	Matthew Smith	Murder infant girl	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 5th of May 1807

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 10th June 1807	Adam Cox	Murder son	Glasgow

Tried at Dumfries on the 11th of Septembe 1807

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 21st October 1807	Maitland Smith	Murder of Alex Williamson	Dumfries

Inverary, tried on the 21st of September 1807

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Saturday 28th November 1807	Peter M'Dougal	Murder of wife	Inverary

Tried at Perth on the 5th of October 1807. David Peter for the murder of George Shepherd. Reprived 6.11.07

**1808** (PP - state that 3 out of 6 death sentences carried out)

High Court of Justiciary tried on the 4th of January 1808

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 10th February 1808	Barbara Malcolm	Murder daughter, Margaret	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 27th of April 1808: Thomas Howard for housebreaking and theft. Reprived 30. 5.08.

James Gilchrist for the murder of his wife, case referred to High Court of Justiciary and tried on the 13th of June.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 20th July 1808	James Gilchrist	Murder of wife	Glasgow

Dumfries, tried on the 29th of September 1808, Hugh Dallas for forging a receipt. Reprieved 15. 3.09

**1809** (PP - states that 5 out of 13 death sentences carried out)

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 16th of January 1809.

Robert Stewart, Andrew Stewart & John M'Intyre for housebreaking. Andrew Stewart & M'Intyre reprieved 29. 2.09.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 22nd February 1809	Robert Stewart	Housebreaking	Edinburgh

Tried on the 25th of January 1809 - Rachel Wright for stealing a child. Reprieved 27. 2.09

Ayr, tried on the 19th of April.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 26th May 1809	Robert Smith & William Dornan	Housebreaking	Ayr

Tried at Dumfries on the 24th of April 1809. James Duffy for forgery. Reprieved 27. 6.09

Tried at Jedburgh on the 4th of September 1809. Charles Mercer & Andrew Watherston for rape and murder.

Andrew Watherston was reprieved 7. 6.10.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 10th October 1809	Charles Mercer	Rape	Jedburgh

Glasgow, tried on the 28th of September 1809

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 8th November 1809	John G M'Intosh & George Stewart	Housebreaking	Glasgow

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh tried on the 11 of December 1809 - John Armstrong for housebreaking and theft.

And on the 18th of December 1809, Alexander Campbell for robbery (sentenced 7/2/1810) Reprieved 7. 4.10

**1810** (PP - states that 3 out of 5 death sentences carried out)

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 8th of January 1810. James Kelly for theft. Reprieved 24. 2.10

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 17th January 1810	John Armstrong	Housebreaking and theft	Edinburgh

Ayr, tried on the 19th of April 1810

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 25th May 1810	John M'Millan	Murder Barbara Mackinnel	Ayr

Glasgow, tried on the 21st of April. George Miller for theft. Reprived 30. 5.10

Tried at Aberdeen on the 24th of April 1810

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 15th June 1810	Andrew Hossack	Robbery	Aberdeen

Glasgow tried on the 12th of September 1810. Peter Ogilvie for murder. Reprived 21. 3.11

Inverness, tried on the 27th of September 1810

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 14th November 1810	Alexander Gillan	Murder of Elspet Lamb (10)	Fochabers

Hanged in chains after execution.

**1811** (PP - states that 6 out of 8 death sentences carried out)

Tried at Edinburgh on the 3rd of January

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 27th March 1811	Adam Lyall	Highway robbery	Edinburgh

Tried at Inverary on the 18th of April 1811. Thomas Stewart for horse theft. Reprived 6. 6.11

Tried at Ayr on the 2nd of May 1811. George Watson for horse theft.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 7th June 1811	George Watson	Horse theft	Ayr

Perth, tried on the 6th of May 1811

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 28th June 1811	Hans Regelson (D anish seaman)	Rape	Perth

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 23rd of August 1811. William Mitchell for theft and forgery. Reprived 23. 9.11

Stirling, tried 9th of September 1811

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 11th October 1811	Robert B Anderson & James Menzies	Housebreaking and theft	Stirling

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 19th of November 1811

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 26th December 1811	Thomas M'Nair	Robbery	Falkirk

**1812** (PP - states that 7 out of 12 death sentences were carried out)

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 13th of January 1812

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 21st February 1812	Alexander Cain	Robbery	Stirling

Tried on the 2nd of March 1812, John Skelton for robbery. Reprieved 6. 4.12.

Tried on the 20th of March 1812

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 22nd April 1812	Hugh M'Intosh Hugh M'Donald & Neil Sutherland	Murder of Dugald Campbell Robbery Robbery	Edinburgh

Glasgow, tried on the 27th of April 1812. Moses M'Donald & Thomas Stewart for housebreaking. Stewart was reprieved 12. 6.12.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 5th June 1812	Moses M'Donald	Housebreaking	Greenock

Inverness, tried on the 15th of September 1812

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 13th November 1812	Robert Ferguson	Murder	Inverness

Tried at Glasgow on the 6th of October 1812: Peter Drummond for housebreaking and James Stewart & William M'Arthur for breaking into a church. All reprieved 18.11.12.

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh on the 14th of December 1812, Joseph Gibson, executed in 1813.

**1813** (PP - states that 9 out of 10 death sentences carried out)

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 13th January 1813	Joseph Gibson	Highway robbery	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow 21st April 1813

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 26th May 1813	James Ferguson	Robbery	Glasgow

Tried at Ayr on the 26th of April 1813

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 11th June 1813	James Sloan (Merry)	Forgery	Ayr

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 7th of June 1813

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 14th July 1813	John M'Donald & James Black	Highway robbery & murder of Mr. Muirhead	Edinburgh

Inverness, tried 16th of September 1813

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 29th October 1813	Andrew Cullen	Murder	Inverness

Tried at Perth on the 27th of September 1813. Robert M'Laren for housebreaking (recommended to mercy). Reprieved 21.10.13

Tried at Glasgow on the 12th of October 1813

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 17th November 1813	William Muir & William Moodie	Robbery	Glasgow

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 19th of November 1813

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 29th December 1813	Christina Sinclair	Child murder	Edinburgh

Christina Sinclair had been convicted of poisoning her 8 month old niece with arsenic in the parish of St Ola on Kirkwall. She had to be carried to the gallows on a chair and her body was afterwards sent for dissection. The hangman was John High of Edinburgh.

**1814** (PP - say that 10 out of 12 death sentences were carried out)

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 31st of January 1814: Nathaniel Blair for uttering. Committed suicide in prison.

Jedburgh, tried on the 8th of April 1814

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 12th May 1814	John Gibson	Murder of his wife	Hawick

Tried at Dumfries on the 13th of April 1814, William Wright for horse theft. Reprieved 17. 5.14

Ayr, tried on the 18th of April 1814

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 27th May 1814	John M'Manus & Robert Gibson	Murder	Ayr

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 4th of July 1814

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 10th August 1814	James M'Dougal	Forgery	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 13th of September 1814. John Thomson for assault/robbery. Reprieved 22.10.14

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 19th October 1814	William Higgins & Thomas Harrold	Robbery	Glasgow

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried 19th December 1814. Thomas Kelly and Henry O'Neill.

**1815**

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 25th January 1815	Thomas Kelly & Henry O'Neill	Highway robbery	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh - tried on the 9th of January 1815

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 15th February 1815	Thomas Pennycoc k & Alexander Knight	Highway robbery	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh - tried on the 16th of January 1815

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 17th February 1815	John Worthington	Robbery	Ayr

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh - tried on the 20th of February 1815

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 29th March 1815	John Murdoch	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 27th of September 1815. John Sherry and Robert White. White was convicted of shop breaking and reprieved 1.10.15.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 1st November 1815	John Sherry	Highway robbery	Glasgow

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary in Edinburgh on the 26th December 1815 - William Honeyman and John Smith for housebreaking. Both reprieved 31.1.16.

## 1816

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 5th of February 1816

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 13th March 1816	David Thomson	Housebreaking and theft	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 11th of March 1816. Susan Tinny for arson. Reprieved 30. 3.16

Tried at Aberdeen on the 16th of April 1816. Helen Reid for murder. Reprieved 20. 5.16

Ayr, tried 25th of April 1816

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 31st May 1816	William Evans	Forgery	Ayr

Tried at Glasgow on the 30th of April 1816. Charles Clephane and John Grindlay for housebreaking. Both reprieved 4. 6.16

Tried at Aberdeen on the 16th of September 1816. Andrew Donald for theft. Reprieved 23.10.16

Glasgow

Tried at Glasgow on the 25th of September 1816. Robert Dougherty for assault and robbery. Reprieved 23.10.16

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 4th of November 1816

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 11th December 1816	John Black	Assault and robbery	Edinburgh

## 1817

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, George Stanfield tried on the 6th of January 1817 for rape. Reprieved 20. 2.17

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 27th of January 1817

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 28th February 1817	John Larg & James Mitchell	Housebreaking	Perth

Tried at Aberdeen on the 22nd of April 1817 - John Robertson for housebreaking. Reprived 27. 5.17

Tried at Glasgow on the 23rd of April 1817. John Smith & William Pringle for theft. Reprived 27. 5.17

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 28th May 1817	William M'Kay	Utter forgery	Glasgow

Tried at Inverness on the 29th of April 1817 - Barbara Mackay for housebreaking. Reprived 30. 8.17

High Court of Justiciary tried on the 5th of September 1817

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 10th October 1817	Bernard M'llvogue, Hugh M'llvogue & Patrick M'Crystal	Housebreaking	Greenock

High Court of Justiciary tried on the 8th of September 1817. Janet Douglas for stealing a child. Reprived 4.10.17

Tried at Ayr on the 11th of September 1817 - William Hamilton for theft. Reprived 20.10.17.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 17th October 1817	William Robertson, Joseph Cairns & Margaret Crossan	Robbery and theft Robbery and theft Arson	Ayr

Perth, tried on the 17th of September 1817

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 31st October 1817	George Wylie & Malcolm Clark	Housebreaking	Perth

Glasgow, tried 23rd of September 1817

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 29th October 1817	FreebairnWhitehall William M'Kechnie James M'Cormick	Robbery and theft Housebreaking and theft Housebreaking and theft	Glasgow

At the High Court of Justiciary on the 27th of January 1817, Alexander Steel who been charged with Larg and Mitchell, (see above) did not appear and was outlawed.

## 1818

At the High Court of Justiciary on the 25th of March 1818. Patrick Main & George Aitcheson were convicted of housebreaking and both reprived 4. 3.18.

Aberdeen, tried on the 21st of April 1818

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 5th June 1818	James Ritchie	Sheep theft	Aberdeen

Tried at Dumfries on the 27th of April 1818, John Blackwood, for highway robbery. Reprived 10. 6.18.

Glasgow, tried on the 28th of April 1818

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 3rd June 1818	William Baird & Walter Blair	Assault & robbery	Glasgow

Aberdeen, tried on the 24th of September 1818

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 6th November 1818	John Barnett	Theft	Aberdeen

Tried at Glasgow on the 30th of September 1818, James Boyd for housebreaking, Mary Kennedy for forgery. Both reprieved 31.10.18, plus :

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 4th November 1818	Matthew Clydesdale Simon Ross	Murder Housebreaking	Glasgow

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 23rd of November 1818

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 30th December 1818	Robert Johnstone	Robbery	Edinburgh

## 1819

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 1st of March 1819

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 7th April 1819	Alexander Robertson	Housebreaking & theft	Glasgow

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 8th of March 1819

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 14th April 1819	George Warden	Stole from letter	Edinburgh

Tried at Dumfries on the 17th of April 1819. Robert M'Kinlay & William Donald convicted of housebreaking and John Killan for highway robbery. All reprieved 28. 5.19

Ayr, tried on the 23rd of April 1819 Joseph M'Neil (Boag) for housebreaking. Reprieved 28. 5.19, and :

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 28th May 1819	John M'Neil (Boag)	Housebreaking	Ayr

Tried at Perth on the 26th of April 1819, James Fraser for housebreaking and theft. Reprieved 28. 5.19

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 14th of June 1819. Peter Bowers for murder (recommended to mercy) Reprieved 10. 8.19.

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 14th of July 1819

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 18th August 1819	James Whiteford	Hamesucken	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 19th of July 1819

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 27th August 1819	Ralph Woodness	Housebreaking	Linlithgow

Tried at Glasgow on the 21st of September 1819. Robert Laird for uttering forgeries.  
(recommended to mercy) Reprieved 21.10.19.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 3rd November 1819	Robert M'Kinlay, William Buchanan, Hunter Guthrie & Alexander Forbes	Housebreaking & theft	Glasgow

Tried at Glasgow on the 21st of September 1819

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 17th November 1819	John Buchanan	Murder	Glasgow

Aberdeen, tried on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1819. Andrew Matthews for housebreaking. Reprieved 29.10.19

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 29th of November Bryce Judd & Thomas Clapperton.

## 1820

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 5th January 1820	Bryce Judd & Thomas Clapperton	Hamesucken	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 7th of February 1820

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 10th March 1820	William M'Gheer & Charles Britton	Stouthrief	Ayr

Glasgow, tried on the 26th of April 1820. Joseph Park & John M'Guize for housebreaking.  
Reprieved 12. 6.20

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 31st May 1820	Richard Smith	Housebreaking	Glasgow

Tried at Perth on the 6th of May 1820, Alexander Reid for sheep theft (recommended to mercy)  
Reprieved 12. 6.20

And Alexander Thompson for forgery (recommended to mercy) Reprieved 5. 6.20.

Tried at High Court of Justiciary on the 19th of June 1820, James Maccoul for robbery.  
Reprieved 21. 8.20.

Tried at High Court of Justiciary on the 12th of July 1820, John Sharp for wounding. Reprieved 8. 8.20.

22 men were tried at Stirling on the 13th & 14th of July 1820 for High Treason. All received the death sentence on the 4th of August 1820. Hardie and Baird pleaded guilty at trial.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 8th September 1820	Andrew Hardie & John Baird	High Treason	Stirling

After hanging half an hour their bodies were cut down and placed in their coffins. Their heads were then cut off and shown to the crowd. Andrew Hardie and John Baird (both weavers) were the leaders the "1820 Rising", a group of radicals campaigning for universal male suffrage, better working conditions and a Scottish parliament.

They had attempted to seize Carron Ironworks, near Falkirk but were captured by the British army at Bonnymuir. They were all tried and convicted of high treason and sedition. On the gallows, Hardie told the spectators, 'I die a martyr to the cause of truth and injustice'.

The other 20 were reprieved, being : Thomas M'Culloch, Benjamin Moir, Alex Latimer, Alex Johnstone, Andrew White, David Thomson, James Wright, William Clackson, Thomas Pink, Alex Hart, John Barr, William Smith, Thomas M'Farlane, John Anderson, John M'Millan, Andrew Dawson, Allen Murchie, Robert Gray, William Crawford & James Cleland.

Tried at Glasgow on the 20th of July 1820

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 30th August 1820	James Wilson	High Treason	Glasgow

Tried at Ayr on the 9th of August 1820. Thomas M'Kay for high Treason. Reprieved 23. 8.20

Tried at Dumfries on the 11th of September 1820

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 18th October 1820	Edward M'Rory	Assault and robbery	Dumfries

Tried at Perth on the 27th of September 1820. William Wighton for forgery. Respited for 3 weeks and reprieved 2.11.20.

Tried at Glasgow on the 6th of October 1820

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 1820	Daniel Grant, Peter Crosbie, John Connor & Thomas M'Colgan	Housebreaking & theft	Glasgow

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh. Tried on the 6th of November 1820, John Dempsey & Robert Surrage for murder. Surrage was reprieved 6.12.20.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 13th December 1820	John Dempsey	Murder	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh. Tried on the 11th of December 1820, Samuel Maxwell & Alex. Hamilton for robbery. Hamilton was reprieved 15. 1.21.

## 1821

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 17th January 1821	Samuel Maxwell	Robbery	Edinburgh

Tried at Stirling on the 7th of April.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 11th May 1821	John Fleming	Forgery	Stirling

Tried at Glasgow on the 11th of April 1821

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 16th May 1821	William Swan	Forgery	Glasgow

And William Muir for shop breaking. (Recommended to mercy). Reprieved 12. 6.21

Aberdeen, tried on the 19th of April 1821 - William Grant for housebreaking (recommended to mercy). Reprieved 12. 6.21

Tried at Dumfries on the 30th of April 1821

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 6th June 1821	James Gordon	Murder	Dumfries

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried 11th of June 1821

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 18th July 1821	David Haggart	Murder	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried 16th of July 1821

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 22nd August 1821	John Rennie & William Sutherland	Housebreaking	Edinburgh

Glasgow, tried on the 19th of September 1821

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 24th October 1821	Malcolm M'Intyre, William Paterson & William Dyer	Housebreaking	Glasgow

And Ann Wilson for uttering forgery. Reprieved 8.10.21

Tried at Perth on the 19th of September 1821

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 7th December 1821	Margaret Tindell	Murder husband	Montrose

Ayr, tried on the 25th of September 1821 - Allan Carsewell for uttering forgery, (recommended to mercy). Reprieved 8.10.21

Aberdeen, tried on the 3rd of October 1821

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 16th November 1821	George Thom	Murder	Aberdeen

Tried by the High Court of Admiralty on the 26th of November 1821. Peter Heaman and Francis Gautiez. Executed 1822.

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 19th of November 1821 - Donald Rankin for robbery. Reprieved 7. 1.22

**1822**

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 9th January 1822	Peter Heaman & Francis Gautiez	Murder & piracy	Leith

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 21st of January 1822 - Alexander Cunningham for housebreaking. Reprived 4. 2.22

Aberdeen, tried 15th of April 1822

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 31st May 1822	William Gordon & Robert Mackintosh	Murder	Aberdeen

Tried at Glasgow on the 18th of April 1822

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 29th May 1822	William Campbell	Housebreaking	Glasgow
Wednesday 5th June 1822	Thomas Donachy	Housebreaking	Glasgow

And Donald Davidson for forgery and David Rankine for housebreaking. Both reprived 15. 2.22

Jedburgh, tried on the 22nd of April 1822

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 28th May	William Robertson	Housebreaking	Jedburgh

Tried at Perth on the 13th of September 1822 - William Robertson for rape. Reprived 25.11.22

Tried at Glasgow on the 16th of September 1822 James Campbell for housebreaking and Daniel Tucker for theft. Both reprived 31.10.22

Tried at Ayr on the 20th of September 1822 - James Burtney for rape - case referred to the High Court of Justiciary and heard on the 18th of November.

High Court of Justiciary

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 20th December 1822	James Burtney	Rape	Ayr

**1823**

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 10th of January 1823. James Robertson and Robert Simpson for assault and robbery.

Charles M'Laren, James M'Ewan and Thomas Grierson for housebreaking. All reprived 28. 1.23

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 20th of January.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 26th February 1823	William M'Intyre	Housebreaking	Edinburgh

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 15th of March.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 16th April 1823	Mary M'Kinnon	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 18th of March 1823. John Wright for housebreaking. Reprived 17. 5.23

Tried at Dumfries on the 9th of April 1823. John M'Kana, Joseph Richardson & William Richardson for uttering forgeries. Richardson was reprieved 17. 5.23

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 14th May 1823	John M'Kana & Joseph Richardson	Uttering forgeries	Dumfries

Aberdeen, tried on the 10th of April 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 23rd May 1823	Thomas Donaldson, William Buchanan & William M'Leod	Stouthrief	Aberdeen

Also Peter Scott for murder who was recommended to mercy and reprieved 17. 5.23 (stouthrief is a form robbery taking place in a dwelling house)

Tried at Ayr on the 18th of April 1823 - David Earl for uttering forgery (recommended to mercy). Reprieved 17. 5.23

Glasgow, tried on the 25th of April 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 4th June 1823	John M'Donald & James Wilson	Housebreaking	Glasgow

Tried at Perth on the 6th of September 1823, Walter Graham for uttering forgery. Reprieved 24.10.23

Tried at Jedburgh on the 16th of September.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 29th October 1823	Robert Scott	Murder	Fan's Farm

Glasgow, tried on the 23rd of September 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 29th October 1823	Francis Cain & George Laidlaw	Housebreaking	Glasgow

Also Edward M'Caffir for highway robbery and William Johnston for housebreaking. Both reprieved.

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Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 12th November 1823	David Wylie	Housebreaking	Glasgow

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 3rd of November 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 10th December 1823	Thomas Black	Housebreaking	Edinburgh
Friday 12th December 1823	James Anderson & David Glen	Murder Murder	Ayr

John Reid was convicted of housebreaking and was reprieved 9.12.23.

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 22nd of December 1823 - John Wilson & Duncan Fraser for housebreaking.

Tried by the same court on the 24th of December 1823, John Douglas for highway robbery. Reprieved 5. 2.24

**1824**

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 28th January 1823	John Wilson & Duncan Fraser	Housebreaking	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary, tried on the 1st of March 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 7th April 1823	Robert M'Leod	Murder	Edinburgh

Stirling, tried on the 9th of April 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 14th May 1823	John Campbell	Housebreaking	Stirling

Glasgow, tried 14th of April 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 19th May 1823	William M'Teague	Utter forgery	Glasgow

Glasgow, tried 15th of April 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 2nd June 1823	John M'Creevie	Housebreaking	Glasgow

Tried at Perth on the 20th of April 1823, James Fairley & William Wood for housebreaking. Reprived 29. 6.24

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 14th of June 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 21st July 1823	William Devan	Murder	Glasgow

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 21st of June 1823 - Daniel Elphinstone for murder. Reprived 24. 7.24

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 12th of July 1823

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 27th August 1823	Alexander Martin	Stouthrief	Aberdeen

Tried at Perth on the 17th of September 1823 - James Milne for stouthrief. Reprived 22.12.24

Tried at Glasgow on the 30th of September 1823 - Thomas Davies for robbery. Reprived 25.11.24

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 8th of November 1823 - William Tutton & John M'Kinley for housebreaking. Reprived 16.12.24

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 13th of December 1823 - James Campbell for housebreaking and theft. Reprived 4. 2.25

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 23rd of December 1823 - Alex Mackay (age 15) for housebreaking and theft. Reprived 21. 2.25

**1825**

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary at Dunfermline on the 24th of January 1825 - William Balleny and James Macneil. Both reprived 7.3.25.

Perth, tried on the 21st of April 1825 - Alexander Adams for assault and robbery. Reprieved 30. 5.25.

Tried at Dumfries on the 25th of April 1825 - Richard Lester and William Davis for housebreaking. Reprieved 30. 5.25.

Tried at Glasgow on the 28th of April 1825

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 1st June 1825	James Stevenson	Highway robbery	Glasgow

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 11th of July 1825 - James Mitchell and John Sharp for robbery (recommended to mercy). Reprieved 29. 7.25

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 27th of December 1825 - William Allen for murder. Executed 1826.

## 1826

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 10th February 1826	William Allen	Murder	Aberdeen

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 13th of February 1826 - William Pollock for the murder of his wife. Committed suicide Monday 20th of March.

Tried at Stirling on the 20th of April 1826

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 26th May 1826	John M'Graddy	Robbery	Stirling

Tried at Perth on the 20th of April 1826

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 2nd June 1826	David Balfour	Murder	Dundee

Tried at Glasgow on the 26th of April - Thomas M'Kenna & Dennis Murphy for housebreaking. Reprieved 14. 6.26

And John Dollan for robbery.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 7th June 1826	John Dollan	Robbery	Glasgow

Tried at Aberdeen on the 27th of April 1826 - Charles Bowman for housebreaking. Reprieved 14. 6.26

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 26th of June 1826

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 28th July 1826	Peter Moffit	Murder	Stirling

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 13th of July 1826

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 16th August 1826	Andrew Fullerton	Assault/robbery	Edinburgh

Tried at Dumfries on the 14th of September 1826

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 18th October 1826	James M'Manus	Assault/robbery	Dumfries

Tried at Perth on the 20 September 1826 -Duncan Clark for the murder of his infant daughter. Reprived 31.10.26

& Robert Lockey for housebreaking and theft. Reprived 31.10.26

Tried at Glasgow on the 29th of September 1826.

Edward Kelly, John White & Andrew Stewart for assault and robbery. Edward Kelly was reprived 26.10.26.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 1st November 1826	Edward Kelly Andrew Stewart	Assault/robbery Robbery	Glasgow

## 1827

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 22nd of January 1827

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 1st March 1827	William Thomson	Highway robbery	Dalkeith

James Thomson & John Fram were tried for the same offence but recommended to mercy and reprived 21. 2.27

Tried at Ayr on the 19th of April 1827 -James Austin (Hopson) for uttering forgery. Reprived 28. 5.27

Tried at Perth on the 14th of April 1827

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Saturday 16th June 1827	Margaret Wishart	Murder	Forfar

Glasgow, tried 4th of May 1827

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 6th June 1827	John Kerr	Murder	Glasgow

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 9th & 12th of July 1827, Peter Oliver for sheep theft. Reprived 17. 7.27 and James Sim for theft/housebreaking. Reprived 30. 7.27

Tried at Glasgow on the 11th of September 1827 - William Stewart for housebreaking. Reprived 31.10.27

Tried at Dumfries on the 15th of September 1827 - Edward Caine & John Collester for horse theft. Reprived 31.10.27

Tried at Aberdeen on the 28th of September

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 16th November 1827	Malcolm Gillespie	Forgery	Aberdeen

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 10th of November 1827

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 12th December 1827	James Glenn	Murder	Glasgow

**1828**

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 11th of February 1828 - Andrew Ewart for murder, (recommended to mercy) Reprieved 29. 2.28

Tried at Stirling on the 5th of April 1828

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 8th May 1828	Francis Cockburn	Murder	Falkirk

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 9th of June 1828 - Peter Henderson for stealing from letter. Reprieved 7. 7.28.

Tried at Glasgow on the 15th of September 1828

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 22nd October 1828	Thomas Connor & Bell M'Menemy	Assault/robbery	Glasgow

Jedburgh, tried on the 19th of September 1828 - David Brown for assault. (recommended to mercy) Reprieved 5.11.28.

Glasgow, tried on the 23rd of December 1828 - John Tweddal for horse theft. Reprieved 19. 1.29.

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 24th of December 1828 - William Burke for multiple murder and body snatching. Burke's hanging was attended by a crowd estimated at between 32 and 40,000 people.

**1829**

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 28th January 1829	William Burke	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 10th of April 1829

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 20th May 1829	Edward Moore	Murder	Glasgow

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 13th of July 1829

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 19th August 1829	John Stewart & Catherine Wright	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 17th of July 1829 - Jacob Laird for housebreaking and theft. Reprieved 31. 8.29

Tried at Glasgow on the 21st of September 1829

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 29th October 1829	John Craig & James Brown	Stouthrief	Paisley

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 23rd of November 1829 - William M'Kinlay & Alex. Spence Gordon for stouthrief. Both recommended to mercy and reprieved 21.12.29.

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 30th of December 1829, William Adams for murder.

**1830**

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 6th January 1830	William Adams	Robbery	Edinburgh

High Court of Justiciary tried on the 8th of January 1830

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 17th March 1830	Robert Edmond	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 7th of April 1830

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 12th May 1830	William Porter & John Hill	Assault/robbery	Glasgow

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 12th of July 1830

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 18th August 1830	John Thomson & David Dobbie	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 7th of September 1830

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 29th September 1830	William M'Fest	Murder	Glasgow

Perth, tried on the 8th of September 1830

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 30th September 1830	John Henderson	Murder	Cupar

Tried at Aberdeen on the 17th of September 1830

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 8th October 1830	Catherine Davidson	Murder	Aberdeen

**1831**

Tried at Glasgow on the 6th of January 1831

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 27th January 1831	David Little	Stouthrief	Glasgow

Tried at Glasgow on the 25th of April 1831

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 16th May 1831	James Campbell	Housebreaking	Glasgow

Co-accused Thomas Fisher was reprieved 16. 5.31

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh on the 11th of July 1831

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 3rd August 1831	George Gilchrist	Coach robbery	Edinburgh

This execution is also reported to have taken place on Thursday the 11th of August 1831 in Glasgow.

Tried at Glasgow on the 12th of September 1831

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 6th October 1831	James Bryce & Mary Steel	Murder	Glasgow

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 20th October 1831	William Heath	Bank robbery	Glasgow

Tried at Inverness on the 26th of September 1831

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 24th October 1831	Hector M'Leod	Murder	Inverness

Tried at Jedburgh on the 28th of September 1831

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 19th October 1831	James (Thomas) Rogers	Murder	Jedburgh

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh. James Gow tried 11th of November 1831

Thomas Beveridge tried 14th of November 1831

& John M'Court tried on the 28th November 1831.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 2nd December 1831	James Gow & Thomas Beveridge	Murder	Edinburgh

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 19th December 1831	John M'Court	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 27th of December 1831 - William Lindsay for murder. Executed 1832.

Robert Stirrat also for murder. Reprieved 23. 1.32

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 28th of December 1831, Samuel Waugh for murder. Executed 1832.

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 31st of December 1831, John Howison for murder. Executed 1832.

**1832** (PP - 2 out of 6 death sentences carried out)

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 18th January 1832	William Lindsay	Murder	Glasgow

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 19th January 1832	Samuel Waugh	Murder	Ayr

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Saturday 21st January 1832	John Howison	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Aberdeen on the 27th of September 1832 - George Matheson for murder (recommended to mercy). Reprieved 11.10.32

Tried at Perth on the 3rd of October 1832, John Chisholm & Janet Stewart both for murder. Janet Stewart reprieved 30.11.32

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 31st October 1832	John Chisholm	Murder	Perth

Tried at Glasgow on the 16th of October 1832

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 7th November 1832	George Doffey	Murder of wife	Glasgow

Tried at Glasgow on the 26th of December. Henry Burnett for murder. Executed 1833. Robert Ward for robbery. Reprived 16. 1.33

**1833** (PP - 3 out of 10 death sentences carried out)

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 1st February 1833	Henry Burnett	Murder	Glasgow

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 21st of January 1833 - Michael M'Cabe for robbery. Reprived 8. 2.33.

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 14th of March 1833 - William Grieve for rape. Reprived 9. 4.33.

Tried at Perth on the 17th of April 1833 - John Stewart for murder. Reprived 12. 8.33.

Tried at Aberdeen on the 20th of April 1833 - William Denn for housebreaking. Reprived 8. 5.33.

Tried at Inverness on the 27th of April 1833 - James Newlands for rape. Reprived 18. 5.33.

Tried at Glasgow on the 20th of April 1833

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 14th May 1833	John Barclay Philip Cornie	Murder Rape	Glasgow

Tried at Stirling on the 10th of September 1833

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 2nd October 1833	Robert Tennant	Murder	Stirling

Tried at Aberdeen on the 11th of September 1833 -Christian King for the murder of a child, (recommended to mercy) Reprived 5.10.33

Tried at Glasgow on the 26th of December 1833. Hugh Kennedy for throwing vitriol (acid). Executed 1834

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 27th of December 1833 - John Robertson for "shooting at". Reprived 31.12.33

**1834** (PP - 3 out of 6 death sentences carried out)

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 20th January 1834	Hugh Kennedy	Throwing vitriol	Glasgow

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 27th of January 1834 - Mary Braid for the murder of her incestuous bastard child. Reprived 13. 2.34.

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 12th of March 1834

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 2nd April 1834	Mannus Swinney	Assault/robbery	Greenlaw

Tried at Inverness on the 5th of May 1834

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Saturday 31st May 1834	William Noble	Murder	Elgin

Tried at Glasgow on the 16th of September 1834. John Boyd for murder and Richard Hill for hamesucken and rape. Hill reprieved 22.10.34

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 23rd October 1834	John Boyd	Murder	Greenock

**1835** (No PP report)

Tried at Perth on the 1st of May 1835

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Saturday 30th May 1835	Mark Devlin	Rape	Dundee

Tried at Edinburgh on the 22nd of June 1835

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 13th July 1835	James Bell	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Edinburgh on the 13th of July 1835

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 3rd August 1835	Elizabeth M'Neil (Banks)	Murder of husband by poisoning	Edinburgh

Tried at Glasgow on the 8th of September 1835

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 29th September 1835	George Campbell	Murder	Glasgow

Tried at Inverness on the 18th of September 1835

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 16th October 1835	John Adams	Murder	Inverness

Tried at Perth on the 28th of September 1835 - Alexander Marshall for the murder of his wife. Reprieved 7.11.35

**1836**

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh on the 14th of March 1836

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 4th April 1836	Charles Donaldson	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Inverness on the 16th of September 1836 - John Mackintosh for murder (recommended to mercy) Reprieved 5.10.36.

**1837**

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 18th of March 1837

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Saturday 8th April 1837	Alexander Miller	Murder	Stirling

Tried at Glasgow on the 25th of September 1837 - William Pirrie and Ann Semple for murder. Semple reprieved 19.10.37

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 18th October 1837	William Pirrie	Murder	Paisley

**1838** (PP - 1 out of 3 death sentences carried out)

Tried at Glasgow on the 30th of April 1838

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 21st May 1838	Elizabeth Nicholson (Jeffrey)	Murder	Glasgow

Tried at Inverness on the 14th of April 1838, Malcolm Macleod for murder. Respited and then committed to an asylum.

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 16th of July 1838 - Joseph Allison for murder. Reprieved 11. 8.38

**1839** (No PP report)

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 25th of February 1839

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 25th March 1839	Arthur Wood	Murder	Dundee

Tried at Glasgow on the 2nd of May 1839 - Alexander Johnston for murder. (recommended to mercy) Reprieved 23. 5.39

**1840**

High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, tried on the 16th March 1840

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 16th April 1840	James Wemyss	Murder	Edinburgh

Glasgow, tried on the 6th of May 1840

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 27th May 1840	Thomas Templeton	Murder wife	Glasgow

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 13th of May 1840 - James Dalrymple for murder. Reprieved 21. 5.40

**1841** (PP - 2 out of 5 death sentences carried out)

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary at Inverness on the 7th of January 1841 - Alexander Macrae for rape. Reprieved 1. 2.41

Glasgow, tried on the 22nd of April 1841

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 14th May 1841	Denis Doolan & Patrick Reeding	Murder	Glasgow (Bishopbriggs)

Doolan, Reeding & James Hickie were convicted of the murder of John Green. James Hickie was reprieved 14. 5.41

Tried at Perth in April 1841 - Catherine Symons for murder. Reprieved 14. 5.41

**1842**

No death sentences.

**1843**

Glasgow, tried on the 28th of April 1843

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 18th May 1843	Charles M'Kay	Murder wife	Glasgow

Tried at Stirling on the 13th of September 1843

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 4th October 1843	Allen Mair	Murder	Stirling

**1844**

High Court of Justiciary, tried 12th of March 1844

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 3rd April 1844	James Bryce	Murder	Edinburgh

**1845 and 1846**

No death sentences.

**1847** (PP - 1 out of 2 death sentences carried out)

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 20th of March 1847 - Elizabeth Yates for murder. Reprieved 11. 6.47

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 1st of September.

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 5th October 1847	Thomas Leith	Murder wife	Dundee

**1848** (PP - 2 out of 4 death sentences carried out)

Tried at Perth on the 22nd of April 1848

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 19th May 1848	James Robertson	Murder	Forfar

Tried at Ayr on the 4th of October 1848

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 26th October 1848	James M'Wheelan	Murder and robbery	Ayr

Tried at Glasgow on the 26th of September 1848 - John M'Lusky for murder. (recommended to mercy) Reprieved 12.10.48

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 4th of December 1848 - John Thompson for shooting at. Reprieved 2. 2.49

**1849**

Tried at Aberdeen on the 24th of April 1849

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 22nd May 1849	James Burnett	Murder	Aberdeen

Tried at Perth on the 30th of April 1849

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 29th May 1849	John Kellocher	Murder	Perth

Tried at Aberdeen on the 18th of September 1849

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 16th October 1849	James Robb	Murder	Aberdeen

Tried at Jedburgh on the 4th October 1849, John Wilson & John Brady for murder. John Brady was reprieved 14.10.49

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 25th October 1849	John Wilson	Murder	Jedburgh

### 1850

Tried at Glasgow on the 9th of January 1850

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 31st January 1850	Margaret Hamilton	Murder	Glasgow

Tried at Jedburgh on the 18th of April 1850 - William Deary for murder. Reprieved

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 26th of July 1850

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 16th August 1850	William Bennison	Murder	Edinburgh

### 1851

Tried at Glasgow on the 2nd of October 1851

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 24th October 1851	Archibald Hare	Murder	Glasgow

### 1852

Tried at Perth on the 28th of April 1852 - Charles Fancut for murder. Reprieved

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 14th of June

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 5th July 1852	Michael Scanlan & Peter Scanlan	Murder	Cupar

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 23rd of December 1852 - George Christie for murder. Hanged 1853.

### 1853

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 13th January	George Christie	Murder	Aberdeen

Tried at Glasgow on the 5th of January 1853 - Margaret Bell for the murder of a child & James Scott for murder. Both reprieved.

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 21st of February 1853

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 14th March 1853	John Williams	Murder	Greenlaw

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 18th of May 1853 - James Magorran for murder. Reprieved

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 21st of July 1853

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 11th August 1853	Hans M'Farlane & Helen Blackwood	Murder	Glasgow

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 19th of December 1853 - William Cumming for murder. Hanged in 1854.

#### 1854

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 25th January 1854	William Cumming	Murder	Edinburgh

Tried at Ayr on the 19th of April 1854

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 11th May 1854	Alex Cunningham	Murder	Ayr

#### 1855

Tried at Glasgow on the 2nd of May 1855 - William Kelso (a.k.a. Alex. Stewart) for murder. (Recommended to mercy)

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 23rd May 1855	William Kelso	Murder	Glasgow

Tried at Perth on the 2nd of October 1855 - Elizabeth M'Intosh for the murder of her child. Respited

#### 1856

Tried at Glasgow on the 1st of May 1856 - Robert Gordon for the murder of William Guthrie. Reprieved

Tried at Glasgow on the 2nd of October 1856 - James M'Manus for the murder of Henry Lavey. Reprieved

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 8th of November 1856 - Mary Wood for murder. Reprieved

#### 1857

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary on the 12th of January 1857

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 2nd February 1857	Peter M'Lean	Murder	Linlithgow

Tried at Aberdeen on the 24th of September 1857

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 21st October 1857	John Booth	Murder	Aberdeen

Tried at Glasgow on the 23rd of December 1857 - John Thomas for murder. Hanged 1858.

#### 1858 and 1859

No death sentences

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Thursday 14th January 1858	John Thomas	Murder	Paisley

#### 1860

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 13th of February 1860 - Edwin Salt for the murder of his wife. Reprieved

Tried at Perth on the 11th of April 1860 - Bridget Kiernan for murder. Reprieved.

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary, Stranraer on the 24th of December 1860 - Margaret Hannah for the murder of her bastard. Reprieved.

Tried at Glasgow on the 28th of December 1860, Patrick Lunnay & John M'Fadyen for murder. John M'Fadyen was reprieved.

### 1861

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Saturday 18th January 1861	Patrick Lunnay	Murder	Dumbarton

Tried at Glasgow on the 24th of April 1861, Ellen Walsh for the murder of her bastard son. Reprieved

Tried at Perth on the 25th of April 1861 - Alexander Hutchison for murder. Reprieved

Tried at Glasgow on the 20th of September 1861 - David Fraser for the murder of Patrick M'Kenney. Reprieved

### 1862

Tried at Dumfries on the 8th April 1862

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 29th April 1862	Mary Timney	Murder	Dumfries

Tried at Glasgow on the 17th of September 1862 - Jessie M'Intosh for the murder of Jessie M'Pherson. Reprieved

### 1863

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh on the 9th of February 1863 - Alexander Milne for murder. Reprieved

### 1864

Tried at Glasgow on the 23rd of April 1864

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Monday 16th May 1864	John Reilly	Murder	Glasgow

Tried at the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh on the 30th of May 1864

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 21st June 1864	George Bryce	Murder	Edinburgh

### 1865

Tried at Aberdeen on the 18th of April 1865 - George Stephen for murder - reprieved

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 3rd of July 1865

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Friday 28th July 1865	Edward Pritchard	Murder	Glasgow

Tried at Glasgow on the 27th of December 1865 - John Jamieson for murder - reprieved

### 1866

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 8th of January 1866

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Wednesday 31st January 1866	Andrew Brown	Murder	Montrose

Tried at Perth on the 24th of April 1866

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 22nd May 1866	Joseph Bell	Murder	Perth

### 1867

Tried by the High Court of Justiciary on the 17th of December 1867 - Charles M'Donald for murder - reprieved

### 1868

Tried at Dumfries on the 21st of April 1868

Date of execution	Name	Crime	Place
Tuesday 12th May 1868	Robert Smith	Murder	Dumfries

### 1868 – 1899. (private executions)

At least 39 men and 3 women received the death sentence for murder during this period.

Of these 16 men and 1 woman were subsequently hanged.

Trial date	Name	Age	Hanged at/ reprieved	Crime/Victim
March 1870	William Cunningham		Reprieved	Murder
April 1870	John Kelly		Reprieved	Murder
04/09/1870	George Chalmers	45	Perth 04/10/1870	Murder
Sept 1872	John McGinlay		Reprieved	Murder
April 1873	Henry Reid		Reprieved	Murder
8/04/1873	Thomas Scobbie	36	Reprieved 08/04/1873	George Spalding
June 1874	Martin Gilboy		Reprieved	Murder
Sept 1874	George McCallum		Reprieved 09/1874	Murder
Oct 1874	George Neillan		Reprieved	Murder
9/10/1874	Archibald Miller		Reprieved 09/10/1874	Wife murder
14/09/1875	Patrick Docherty	19	Glasgow 5/10/1875	John Miller
16/09/1875	John Middleby		Reprieved	Murder
28/09/1875	David Wardlaw		Dumbarton 19/10/1875	Wife, Mary
10/05/1876	Thomas Barr	34	Glasgow 31/05/1876	Wife & mother in law
March 1878	John Bell		Reprieved	Murder
31/05/1878	Eugene Marie Chantrelle	44	Edinburgh 31/05/1878	Wife, Elizabeth
04/09/1878	Isabella Thomson		Reprieved 20/09/1878	Husband
07/09/1878	William M'Donald		Cupar 03/10/1878	Wife, Helen
28/12/1881	Thomas Ferguson		Reprieved 28/12/1881	Wife
26/04/1883	Henry Mullen & Martin Scott	50 34	Glasgow 23/05/1883 (Duke Street prison)	Gamekeepers Robert Fyfe & David McCaughtrie
19/02/1883	James Smith		Reprieved	Murder
10/03/1884	Robert Vickers & William Innes		Edinburgh 31/03/1884	John Fortune & John McDairmid (gamekeepers)
Oct 1888	Mary Boyd		Reprieved ??/10/1888	Murder
05/02/1889	Hector M'Donald		Reprieved 05/02/1889	Murder
18/02/1889	Jessie King (f)	27	Edinburgh 11/03/1889	Baby farmer
Feb 1889	John Curran		Reprieved ??/02/1889	Murder

25/03/1889	William Bury	29	Dundee 24/04/1889	Wife, Ellen
09/11/1889	John Laurie	28	Reprieved 04/11/1889	Robert Rose
May 1890	John Findley		Reprieved ??/05/1890	Murder
11/08/1890	John McDonald		Reprieved 11/08/1890	Wife & lodger
02/09/1890	Henry Devlin	45	Glasgow 23/09/1890	Wife
03/09/1890	Thomas Gribbins		Reprieved 19/09/1890	Landlord
29/12/1890	Lorretto Polambo		Reprieved & deported	Murder
21/12/1891	Frederick Storey	54	Greenock 11/01/1892	Elizabeth Harmstone
09/05/1892	Alexander Robertson		Reprieved	Murder
28/12/1892	David Forrester		Reprieved	Wife
28/12/1892	William M'Keown		Glasgow 18/01/1893	Elizabeth Connagher
17/05/1897	George Paterson	31	Glasgow 07/06/1897	Mary Ann McGuire
21/02/1898	John Heardman	52	Edinburgh 14/03/1898	Jane Calder

## Executions in Scotland in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Total executions in Scotland during the 20th century: 34 (33 men and one woman).

Date	Name	Age	Prison	Victim(s)	Hangman
12/11/1902	Patrick Leggett	30	Duke St. Glasgow	Sarah Jane Leggett	William Billington
26/07/1904	Thomas Gunning	48	Duke St. Glasgow	Agnes Allen	William Billington
14/11/1905	Pasha Liffey	20	Duke St. Glasgow	Mary Jane Welsh	Henry Pierrepont
05/03/1908	Joseph Hume	24	Inverness	John Barclay Smith	Henry Pierrepont
19/08/1908	Edward Johnstone	32	Perth	Jane Wallace (Withers)	John Ellis
16/07/1909	Alexander Edmundstone	23	Perth	Michael Swinton Brown	John Ellis
02/10/1913	Patrick Higgins	38	Calton Edinburgh	William Higgins, John Higgins	John Ellis
16/05/1917	Thomas McGuinness	34	Duke St. Glasgow	Alexander Imlach	John Ellis
11/11/1919	James Adams	31	Duke St. Glasgow	Mary Doyle (Kane)	John Ellis
26/05/1920	Albert James Fraser	24	Duke St. Glasgow	Henry Senior	John Ellis
26/05/1920	James Rollins	23	Duke St. Glasgow	Henry Senior	John Ellis
21/02/1922	William Harkness	31	Duke St. Glasgow	Elizabeth Benjamin	John Ellis
11/06/1923	John Henry Savage	50	Calton Edinburgh	Jemma Grierson	John Ellis
10/10/1923	Susan Newell	30	Duke St. Glasgow	John Johnston	John Ellis
30/10/1923	Philip Murray	31	Calton Edinburgh	William Ronald Cree	John Ellis
24/09/1925	John Keen	22	Duke St. Glasgow	Noorh Mohammed	Thomas Pierrepont
24/01/1928	James McKay	40	Duke St. Glasgow	Agnes Arbuckle	Robert Baxter
03/08/1928	George Reynolds	40	Duke St. Glasgow	Thomas Lee	Robert Baxter
13/08/1928	Allen Wales	22	Saughton Edinburgh	Isabella Wales	Thomas Pierrepont
08/02/1946	John Lyon	21	Barlinnie Glasgow	John Brady	Thomas Pierrepont

06/04/1946	Patrick Carraher	40	Barlinnie Glasgow	John Gordon	Thomas Pierrepoint
10/08/1946	John Caldwell	20	Barlinnie Glasgow	James Straiton	Thomas Pierrepoint
06/02/1948	Stanislaw Miszka	23	Perth	Catherine McIntyre	Albert Pierrepoint
30/10/1950	Christopher Harris	28	Barlinnie Glasgow	Martin Dunleavy	Albert Pierrepoint
16/12/1950	James Robertson	31	Barlinnie Glasgow	Catherine McCluskey	Albert Pierrepoint
15/09/1951	Robert Dobie Smith	30	Saughton Edinburgh	William Gibson	Albert Pierrepoint
12/04/1952	James Smith	21	Barlinnie Glasgow	Martin Joseph Malone	Albert Pierrepoint
29/05/1952	Patrick Gallagher Deveney	42	Barlinnie Glasgow	Jeannie Deveney	Albert Pierrepoint
26/01/1953	George Francis Shaw	25	Barlinnie Glasgow	Michael Connolly (Conly)	Albert Pierrepoint
23/04/1954	John Lynch	45	Saughton Edinburgh	Lesley Jean Nisbet (Sinclair), Margaret Curran (Johnson)	Albert Pierrepoint
23/06/1954	George Alexander Robertson	40	Saughton Edinburgh	Elizabeth Robertson, George Robertson (child)	Albert Pierrepoint
11/07/1958	Peter Manuel	31	Barlinnie Glasgow	Marion Hunter McDonald Watt, Vivienne Isabella Reid Watt, Margaret Hunter Brown, Isabelle Wallace Cooke, Peter James Smart, Doris Smart, Michael Smart	Harry Allan
22/12/1960	Anthony Miller	19	Barlinnie Glasgow	John Cremin	Harry Allan
15/08/1963	Henry John Burnett	21	Aberdeen	Thomas Guyan	Harry Allan

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