

BOOKS, HISTORIES, PAMPHLETS AND ARTICLES ABOUT THE BARONETAGE

“Sir Walter Elliott, of Kellynch Hall, in Somersetshire, was a man who, for his own amusement, never took up any book but the Baronetage... There he found occupation for an idle hour, and consolation in a distressed one.” Jane Austen, *Persuasion* (1817)

Introduction (This Bibliography is up to date to the date in the Header.)

This is a list of books, histories, pamphlets and articles of interest about the Baronetage in general. Many of the items listed below can be purchased as reprints from Amazon or found on Google Scholar, as a Google Book or otherwise on the web.

G E Cokayne's *Complete Baronetage*, *Burke's Peerage & Baronetage*, *Debrett's Peerage & Baronetage* and their many rivals over the years, *Who's Who*, *Who Was Who* and the *Dictionary of National Biography* all provide detailed information on individual baronetcies, baronets, their families and ancestries and the individual editions are not all included in this list, but the main ones are listed at least once. Unless of general interest, articles on individual Baronets or their families, are not included.

Search parameters

The following words were searched for in the various search engines, on line catalogues and repositories listed below:

Search words

Baronet. Baronetage. English Baronets. Ulster Baronets. Irish Baronets. Baronets of Nova Scotia. Baronet's Badge. Nova Scotia colony.

These searches would indicate other lines of search, such as Sir Richard Broun of Colstoun Bt, who was Secretary of the Council of Baronets c. 1840 and so there would then be a separate search of that line of inquiry.

Search locations:

Internet search engines: Google, Google Scholar, Bing, Safari and MSM.

Other search locations and online catalogues: British Library, National Library of Scotland, British Library (England), National Library of Ireland, University of Dundee Library, Lyon Court library.

NB: These search locations sometimes directed the search to other sources that had their own online catalogue etc.

The National Archives (TNA) & the National Records of Scotland (NRS)

There is a significant amount of manuscript material about the Baronetage and individual baronets held in the TNA and the NRS, which can be found by searching their online

catalogues. Material from those sources has, generally, not been included in this Bibliography unless of particular general interest about the baronetage.

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The decree and establishment of the Kings Maiestie, vpon a controuersie of precedence, betweene the yonger sonnes of viscounts and barons, and the baronets and touching some other points also, concerning as well bannerets, as the said baronets. (Robert Baker, London 1612)

Nova Scotia Baronets

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