

KING'S COLLEGE

ABOUT

The names of students who graduated from King's College from 1495-1860, taken from the original manuscript registers, were published in **Officers and Graduates of University & King's College Aberdeen, 1495-1860**, P.J. Anderson (ed.) (Aberdeen, 1893).

This volume also lists the names of Officers (staff) of the College during this period, including the names of successive Chancellors, Principals and Rectors as well as professors and lecturers from different faculties.

The names of individuals who attended King's College, but did not necessarily graduate, and studied the Master of Arts degree, were published in the volume **Roll of Alumni in Arts of the University and King's College of Aberdeen 1596-1860**, P.J. Anderson (ed.) (Aberdeen, 1900).

Please note there may be some duplication between the two volumes as the names of those who graduated in Arts will be recorded in 'Officers and Graduates' as well as the volume 'Alumni in Arts' (but not vice versa).

WHAT INFORMATION IS RECORDED

Officers and Graduates of University & King's College Aberdeen, 1495-1860

The first section of the volume lists the names of staff of King's College from its foundation in 1495 and includes the names of all the Chancellors, Rectors and Principals of King's as well as Professors and other senior posts within the institution. Beginning on page 97 (from 1600 onwards), the names of graduates in Divinity, Law, Medicine and Arts are then listed by year of graduation.

Each entry typically records the name of the student for each graduating year and sometimes their place of birth, although additional information is occasionally provided as a footnote mainly in relation to an individual's subsequent career. There are no sources provided for these additional footnotes. Up to the year 1800 (p.266) names are listed by first name (sometimes in alphabetical order) and then surname, but students are listed alphabetically by surname for Arts students from 1800 onwards (p.267).

Roll of Alumni in Arts of the University and King's College of Aberdeen, 1596-1860

The index lists students alphabetically by surname, followed by a date and first name. This date, the first year of study, should be used to locate the student in the main listing.

Students in this volume are arranged alphabetically by first name and the roll typically lists the name of the student (sometimes in its Latin form), place of birth and the degree obtained (for example: A.M. – Master of Arts; LL.D. – Doctor of Laws; M.D. – Doctor of Medicine). If the student did not complete their degree this will be indicated by the letters b, s, t or m indicating that a student may have studied:

- **b** first year (bajan)
- **s** second year (semi)
- **t** third year (tertian)
- **m** fourth year (magistrand)

WHAT INFORMATION IS NOT RECORDED

The information recorded about students in the rolls for King's College is not extensive. For example, they do not record information such as mother's name, address, details of individual subjects studied or marks received, or general information about the student after they left the College, although reference is sometimes made to their subsequent occupation. This additional information will usually have been obtained from non-University sources.

SEARCH HINTS AND TIPS

- To search within the volumes, click on the link to the relevant record and display the 'Find' box by using the **Ctrl+F** or **right click Find** functions.
- Please note that the digitised copies have been created using computer software and there are certain errors present.
- When searching for a particular student it may be useful to consult the records of both King's and Marischal College. It was not uncommon for students to attend both institutions and the very fact that Aberdeen had two Universities for over 250 years can sometimes lead to confusion about which College a person may have attended. Please see the separate guide for searching the roll of graduates for Marischal College.
- As accurate records were not always kept of students who attended King's College in the early years of its existence it may be that names of certain individuals are missing from the Rolls. The information is taken from the original manuscript registers kept at the time and there is no additional information in the original rolls that is not recorded in the published rolls for King's College detailed here.
- Prior to 1860 it should be noted that not all the individuals listed in the rolls for King's College actually graduated. This was not uncommon and students often enrolled as private students in order to study specific courses with no intention of actually completing the full degree.
- For certain common names there may be multiple entries to search in order to identify the correct individual. For example, in the index to **Officers and Graduates of University & King's College Aberdeen, 1495-1860** there are 37 entries for the name Roderick MacLeod and various spellings of certain names such as Lumsden, Lumisdene, Lumisden, Lumisdeille, Lumisdanus. Please also note therefore that surnames and first names throughout the volume may be 'Latinised', as in *Gulielmus* for William.
- Please click on the *Abbreviations* link for lists of the most common abbreviations found in the Rolls of Graduates.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Please see our [factsheets](#) for further information about our collections relating to staff and students, including societies, lecture notes and other resources.

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