

MARISCHAL COLLEGE

ABOUT

The names of students who graduated or attended Marischal College from 1593-1860, taken from the original manuscript registers, were published in **Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae Aberdonensis – Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University MDXCIII-MDCCCLX. Volume II. Officers, Graduates, and Alumni**. Edited by P.J. Anderson (Aberdeen, 1889).

Please note however that the index to Volume 2 above is actually contained in Volume 3: **Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae Aberdonensis – Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University MDXCIII-MDCCCLX. Volume III. Index to Volume II**. Compiled by James Fowler Kellas Johnstone (Aberdeen, 1898). It will therefore be necessary to identify the name of the individual you are searching for in volume 3 before finding the relevant entry in volume 2.

WHAT INFORMATION IS RECORDED

The names of successive Chancellors, Rectors, Principals, Professors and other senior officials are recorded followed by the names of alumni and graduates of Marischal College in the subjects of Divinity, Law, Medicine and Arts. Unlike the separate rolls for King's College, both alumni and graduates of Marischal College are listed in the same volume.

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)

AM next to an individual's name indicates that a student graduated and received a degree in Master of Arts. A large number of private students also enrolled at Marischal College to study specific courses rather than undertake a full degree. This is indicated in the rolls by a letter 'p' next to an individual's name.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NOT RECORDED

Pre-1860 the information recorded about students was not extensive. The rolls for Marischal College for example do not record information such as mother's name, address, details of individual subjects studied or marks received, or generally information about the student after they left the College, although reference is sometimes made to their subsequent occupation. This information is added 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

unique 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 King's College.

- As accurate records were not always kept of students who attended Marischal 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 Marischal College detailed here.
- For certain common names there may be multiple entries to search in order to identify the correct individual. For example, in the index to the Marischal College roll, there are 21 entries for the name John Taylor (p.176) and various spellings of certain names, for example: Stephen, Stephan, Stephens, Steven, Stevin, Stewin, Stiven (p.170). Please also note that 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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