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H. Garfinkel, *Studies in Ethnomethodology* (New Jersey, 1967), 186.

T. R. Slater, ‘The Mansion and the Policy’, in (ed.) M. L. Parry and T. R. Slater, *The Making of the Scottish Countryside* (Montreal, 1980), 230-1.

D. A. Dow, *The Rottenrow: The History of the Glasgow Royal Maternity Hospital 1834–1984* (Carnforth, 1984), 144.

J. M. Simpson, ‘The Advocates as Scottish Trade Union Pioneers’, in (ed.) G. W. S. Barrow, *The Scottish Tradition* (Edinburgh, 1974), 174.

M. A. Crowther, ‘Criminal Precognitions and their value for the Historian’, *Scottish Archives*, 1 (1994), 75-92.

(ed.) J. Stuart, *The Miscellany of the Spalding Club*, IV (Aberdeen, 1849), 128-31.

J. A. Macky, *Journey through England and a Journey through Scotland*, III (London, 1723), 328.

I. G. Brown, 'Water, Windows and Women: the Significance of Venice for Scots in the Age of the Grand Tour', *Eighteenth Century Life*, 30:3 (2006), 1-50.

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J. Fagen, *The Bennachie Colony Project: Examining the Lives and Impact of the Bennachie Colonists* (Inverurie, 2011), 23-6.

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Fagen, *Bennachie Colony*, 20.

Use 'Ibid.' for consecutive citations e.g.

J. McGowan, *Policing the Metropolis of Scotland* (Musselburgh, 2010), 103-4.
Ibid., 106.

Reference a specific page number within an article or chapter of an edited volume as '293-316, 295' rather than '293-316, at 295' or '293-316 (295)' e.g.

D.K. Wakimoto, C. Bruce and H. Partridge, 'Archivist as Activist: Lessons from Three Queer Community Archives in California', *Archival Science*, 13 (2013), 293-316, 295.

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NLS, Adv. MS 28.4.7, ff. 51v, 58r and 59r; NRS, AC 7/2, pp. 111.

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NRS, CH 2/835/9, Abercorn, accounts 1700-57; NRS, CH 2/229/11, Kirkliston, accounts 1731-52; NRS, CH 2/229/13, Kirkliston, accounts 1781-1821.

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NRS, HH 41/1451, Memorandum of Evidence by the Faculty of Advocates, 3 October 1958.

SCRO, D593/R/4/1, Servants' wages book for West Hill and Stafford House, 1829-33.

NLS, Dep. 313/1198, Letter of James Loch to Mr Davidson, 5 June 1832.

NRS, GD237/12/50, Accounts of St Kitts plantation rented from Mrs Penelope Mead by Wm. McDowall, 1723-30.

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'Victorian Scotland's ordnance survey name books put online', *BBC News*, 5 December 2013, <https://bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-25238563>.

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Genealogical and census material sourced from <http://scotlandspeople.gov.uk>.

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