

Belgian Refugees, 1914-1920

Frequently Asked Questions

What is in the database.

The database is compiled from lists of over 8,000 Belgian refugees found across four different volumes of records created by the City Assessors and the Chief Constable of Police on behalf of Glasgow Corporation's Belgian Refugees Office.

In some cases, information about each refugee is duplicated across all four volumes, for example, surname, forename, gender and age. Some information, such as occupation, marital status and address on arrival, can only be found in one or some of the volumes but not all. This is why the information content varies for each entry across the database.

How the database is arranged.

The database is not arranged alphabetically by surname but reflects the original order of the lists found in the volumes.

The original arrangement clearly demonstrates the relationship of one refugee with another. Within each family grouping the head of household is listed first and then each family member is listed below with their relationship with the head of household noted in the relationship column.

Where additional relationships are noted in the remarks column, the number cross-referred to is the registration number.

How to search the database.

The database can be browsed manually or searched using the 'search' option on the toolbar. Using the 'search' options, it is possible to carry out a free text search using either the surname, forename or place-name (town of origin).

Search tips

The first 3,100 or so entries usually include the government number assigned to each refugee family, their address on arrival, and very often the address that they were removed to. This data is not available for the remaining entries.

Where duplicate register numbers are shown, be aware that the information in the relationship column relates to refugees in that grouping with the same surname.

There is only one entry which details the date and place of death, and place of burial.

Relationship column

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
A.	Aunt
A.D.	Adopted daughter
A.S.	Adopted son
B	Brother
B.L.	Brother-in-law
C.	Cousin
D.	Daughter
D.L.	Daughter-in-law
F.L.	Father-in-law
G.	Grandfather
G.D.	Granddaughter
G.M.	Grandmother
G.S.	Grandson
H.	Husband
M.	Mother
M.L.	Mother-in-law
N.	Nephew
Ne.	Niece
S.	Son
S.D.	Stepdaughter
S.F.	Stepfather
S.L.	Son-in-law
S.S.	Stepson
Sr	Sister
Sr.L	Sister-in-law
U	Uncle
W	Wife

Marital status columnn

<i>Contraction</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
M	Married
S	Single
W	Widowed