

**Subject:** Request for information relating to a court case.

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**Date responded:** 28 January 2022

**Information requested:**

Request for information relating to a court case that would have taken place in 1953/54 in the area of Dumfries.

Looking for clarification that this court case in fact actually took place and what the findings were.

**NRS Response:**

National Records of Scotland (NRS) holds a range of court records, including sheriff court records of civil cases. From the description provided it sounds as if the case would be an aliment case, usually known in court as 'filiation and aliment' or 'affiliation and aliment'. While we mostly do not hold the full paperwork for this type of case, we do have registers which record each case and its outcome, as well as registers containing official copies of the decrees enforcing any outcome.

The following sheriff court records were searched from 1952 onwards, checking the names of each person involved in a filiation, aliment or custody-related case:

- NRS Reference: SC15/5/5 Dumfries Sheriff Court: Register of ordinary actions ('A' register), 29 May 1948-5 Oct 1955
- NRS Reference: SC15/6/5 Dumfries Sheriff Court: Register of Summary Applications ('B' register), 3 Jan 1948-1 Jun 1955

The indexes of the following sheriff court records were also searched:

- NRS Reference: SC15/7/48-52 Dumfries Sheriff Court: Registers of extract decrees, 6 Apr 1951- 26 Dec 1958 (five volumes)

There was no mention found of Janet Taylor Gibson Halliday or Nickola Vidovic. This suggests that either the case did not take place, or that it did not take place within this time frame, or that it did not take place at Dumfries Sheriff Court.