

Subject: Access to closed 1922 Peterhead prison record (HH21/26/1 pages 13a and 13b)

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Information requested:

Access to any records that may be held in relation to a detention at HMP Peterhead Prison in 1922.

NRS Response:

NRS holds the requested information in the Register of Convicts for Peterhead Prison (HH21/26/1) for the period 1919-1935 (inclusive).

The Scottish Prison Service have reviewed this information and allowed it to be produced in full. Please see the entry relating to Daniel McMonagle (over two pages) attached to this response. This is a digital copy of HH21/26/1, pages 13a and 13b. We can confirm that no other record of Daniel McGonagle's detainment for this crime in this prison is held.

We can confirm that this entry is quite usual for a prisoner detained in a Scottish prison. A one line entry (across 2 pages) is commonly the only record of a custodial term served of this time period. This will usually detail name, age, height, religion, crime and committing court and dates of sentencing/liberation. Record keeping varied across Scottish prisons, and some prison clerks were more detailed, recording other personal details, such as occupation, physical health and usual address. Unfortunately, this is not the case for Peterhead Prison.

More about criminals in Scotland and their records can be found by visiting our resource pages on the NRS website:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/crime-and-criminals#Criminals>

There may be other records pertaining to Daniel McGonagle's judicial hearing held in Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) which give more detail about the circumstances of the crime he committed in Northern Ireland.