

**Subject:** Request for access to prison records (HH21/47/21 and HH21/47/37).

**FOI reference:** 202000089543

**Date received:** 17 September 2021

**Date responded:** 30 September 2021

**Information requested:**

Request prison records of an individual.

**NRS Response:**

National Records of Scotland (NRS) does hold records likely to contain the information you are interested in:

- NRS Reference: HH21/47/24 – Perth Prison: Index to Register of Criminal Prisoners (Males). Surnames beginning with Mc., 1942-1959
- NRS Reference: HH21/47/37 – Perth Prison: Register of Criminal Prisoners, 16 Dec 1954-31 Dec 1960

We have now been able to search these records, find an entry for the individual you are interested in, and obtained permission from the data controller (the Scottish Prison Service (SPS)) to release it.

This entry appears in the register referred to as HH21/47/37. A transcription of this is as follows, with explanatory notes in italics and square brackets:

Sex and reg. no. – Barlinnie, 885 [*Barlinnie is the name of a Glasgow prison – column was likely being used to list where the prisoner arrived from rather than sex*]

Date of admission – Dec 29 1955

Previous imprisonments in any prison – // [*none*]

Name – William Alexander McLeod

Age – 38

Height – 5ft 8½

Education – RW [*results withheld?*]

Where born – Bettyhill

Nationality – S [*Scottish*]

Prisoner's home – 268, Bath St, Glasgow

Occupation – Contractor

Religion – P [*Protestant*]

Health – VC [*information confidential? Or an abbreviation for 'unknown'?*]

Offence – Culpable homicide

Particulars of trial – Nov 2, High+J, Glasgow

Sentence – 15 years

Liberated or removed – 14.6.63

By whose authority – SE [*Sentence ended?*]  
To what place – I/C [*see note under 'health'*]