

Subject: Access to prison records between 1930 and 1968.

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Information requested:

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NRS Response:

We have traced 17 imprisonment terms served by George Hughes between 1932 and 1960. He was charged under the surname of Brady which he was known by up until his mid-twenties. After this, he was charged under the name George Hughes. Most of these admissions were to Barlinnie Prison, but he was also sent to Peterhead and a term was served in Dumfries Prison. The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) have reviewed this information and decided that it can be released in full.

As George Hughes is now deceased we are able to provide the information contained in each prison register in full as a transcription. This is provided in the annex to this letter. An extract has been produced from the prison admission register and/or liberation book. The reason for providing this information in the form of transcriptions is that it appears in registers which contain, on the same page, sensitive data of other individuals who are presumed to still be living.

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to the information of these other individuals as disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

Please note that we did not find further prison admission records after 1962 when he was released from Barlinnie Prison. We searched the Edinburgh, Peterhead and Aberdeen Prison admission registers for 1962 – 1968 but there was no trace of George Hughes. Barlinnie Prison registers after 1960 are still held by SPS. To search Barlinnie prison after 1962, we advise contacting SPS by using the details below:

Scottish Prison Service Headquarters,
Communications Branch
Room G20
Calton House

5 Redheughs Rigg
Edinburgh
EH12 9HW

Email: gaolinfo@sps.pnn.gov.uk

ANNEX

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/65):

Registration No. and Sex: 4526 M

Date of Admission: Aug 19 1932

Committing Magistrate or Court: Southern P.

Previous Imprisonments in any prison: [column struck through]

Last Reg. No. in this prison: [left blank]

Name: George Brady

Age: 21

Height: 5 foot, 3 ½ inches

Education: R.

Where Born: Irvine

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 8 Norfolk Court, Glasgow

Occupation: Farm Lab.

Religion: CS

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: (Con. Immoral Traffic Act 1902) Living on immoral earnings of [the word 'wife' is crossed out] prostitute

Particulars of Trial: Date: Aug 22, Court: Police Where: Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: 3 mos. H. L.

Liberated or Removed – Date: Nov. 7, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: [tick in column]

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/69):

Registration No. and Sex: 6786 M

Date of Admission: Nov 13 1936

Committing Magistrate or Court: Glasgow Sh.

Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 1

Last Reg. No. in this prison: 4526/32

Name: George Hughes

Age: 25

Height: 5 foot, 4 inches

Education: R.

Where Born: Irvine

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 202 Holm St. Glasgow

Occupation: Farm Lab.

Religion: CS

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: Reset of a wireless set.

Particulars of Trial: Date: May 7, Court: Sh. S. Where: Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: £ 3 From 13.11.36 14 Days

Liberated or Removed – Date: Nov. 26, By whose authority: F.P.P. To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: 1 military

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/70):

Registration No. and Sex: 4075 [in margin the following] X 53/58 RO 15230/30 M

Date of Admission: July 9 1937

Committing Magistrate or Court: Central Police

Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 2

Last Reg. No. in this prison: 6786/36

Name: George Hughes

Age: 26

Height: 5 foot, 4 inches

Education: R.

Where Born: Irvine

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 202 Holm St.

Occupation: Steel worker

Religion: CS

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: Uttering base coin (1) making false coins (2) having models in possession (3) passing false coins & pc

Particulars of Trial: Date: Sept 21, Court: High Ct. Where: Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: 6 months

Liberated or Removed – Date: Feby 19, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: 1/36 Geo. Brady

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/76):

Registration No. and Sex: 5526 M

Date of Admission: Dec 30 1943

Committing Magistrate or Court: Cent. Pol.

Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 3

Last Reg. No. in this prison:

Name: George Hughes

Age: 32

Height: 5 foot, ½ inches

Education: R.

Where Born: Irvine

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 139 Aitkenhead Rd.

Occupation: Soldier

Religion: CS

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: Theft by H.B. + pc's

Particulars of Trial: Date: Jan 24, Court: Shf. Sec. 31. Where: Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: 12 months

Liberated or Removed – Date: Feby 18 Edinburgh Pn. [struck through] From E'burgh Pn 2.3.44, Mch 29 Peth Pn. By whose authority: [left blank] To what place: X [left blank]
Remarks: No. 5/38 SOLDIER

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/77):

Registration No. and Sex: 5250

Date of Admission: Dec 16 1944

Committing Magistrate or Court: So. Police

Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 4

Last Reg. No. in this prison: 5526/43

Name: George Hughes

Age: 33

Height: 5 foot, 4 ½ inches

Education: R.

Where Born: Irvine

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 143 Aitkenhead Rd.

Occupation: Ship's Fireman

Religion: CS

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: Theft by H.B. (3 chgs) + pc's

Particulars of Trial: Date: Jan 22 1945, Court: Sh. S. 31. Where: Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: 12 months

Liberated or Removed – Date: Feby 12 1945, By whose authority: Dumfries Pr. To what place: X [in red crayon entered in column]

Remarks: No 3/44

The following is an accurate transcription from Dumfries Prison Liberation Book (NRS ref. HH21/52/4):

Liberation Date: Saturday 22 - Sunday 23rd September 1945

C/No.: 44/45

Names: George Hughes

Sentence: 12 mos.

Destination: DPAS G'gow Cash Ass

Checked by: F

Private cash: Nil

Gratuity: [left blank]

Total: [a tick has been entered in this column]

Remarks: Cigs. ID card. Etc

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/78):

Registration No. and Sex: .5647 M x53/38

Date of Admission: Nov. 3 1945

Committing Magistrate or Court: Marine Pol.

Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 5

Last Reg. No. in this prison: 5250/44
Name: George Hughes
Age: 18 [prison clerical error?]
Height: 5 foot, 3 inches
Education: R
Where Born: Glasgow
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 46 Warrack Street
Occupation: Furnace man
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft [in pencil]
Particulars of Trial: Date: [left blank] Court: [left blank] Where: [left blank]
Sentence if Convicted: Not yet disposed of [in pencil]
Liberated or Removed – Date: Nov. 9, By whose authority: To Bail To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: No. 4/44

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/81):

Registration No. and Sex: .823 M x53/38
Date of Admission: Feb. 11 1948
Committing Magistrate or Court: Southern Pol.
Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 6
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 5647/45
Name: George Hughes
Age: 36
Height: 5 foot, 4 ¼ inches
Education: R
Where Born: Irvine
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 46 Warwick Street
Occupation: Loco Driver
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft & p.c.s
Particulars of Trial: Date: Feb 14, Court: Sh. Sy. Where: Glasgow
Sentence if Convicted: 3 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: Apr. 13, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 4/44

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/84):

Registration No. and Sex: .2372 M x53/38
Date of Admission: May 3 1951
Committing Magistrate or Court: South Pol.
Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 7

Last Reg. No. in this prison: 823/48
Name: George Hughes
Age: 39
Height: 5 foot, 4 ½ inches
Education: R.W.
Where Born: Irvine
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 50 Cavendish St. Glasgow
Occupation: R/Porter
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft & p.c.s
Particulars of Trial: Date: May 5, Court: Sh. S. 31. Where: Glasgow
Sentence if Convicted: 4 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: July 25, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 10/48 1387

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/85):

Registration No. and Sex: .7721 M x53/38
Date of Admission: Nov 29 1952
Committing Magistrate or Court: Sh. Kilmarnock
Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 8
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 2372/51
Name: George Hughes
Age: 41
Height: 5 foot, 4 ½ inches
Education: [tick]
Where Born: Irvine
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 10 Bridgend, Kilbirnie
Occupation: M/driver
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft by H.B. 2 chgs. Th by O.L.P ['o' written in blue crayon]
Particulars of Trial: Date: Dec 11, Court: Sh. S. 31. Where: Glasgow
Sentence if Convicted: 18 mos S 22
Liberated or Removed – Date: 1953 Jan 8 To P/hed Pn. 5/3/53 [crossed out], FR. 12/11/53 [crossed out], By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 5/51 12/53 SE 5042

The following is an accurate transcription from the Peterhead Prison Admission book (NRS ref. HH21/26/5):

R/No.: 6/53
Date of Admission: 8.1.53
Name: George Hughes ['L' written in red crayon next to name]
Age: 41

P.Cs.:6
Rel.: CS
PTY.: [left blank]
Home Address: 10 Bridgend, Kilbirnie
Offence: Theft – by H.B.
Date of Sentence: 11.12.52
Sentence: 18 mos.
Date of Liberation: 10.12.53
Trade: Motor Driver
Where Born: Irvine

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/88):

Registration No. and Sex: .3770 M x 53/38
Date of Admission: June 18 1955
Committing Magistrate or Court: Kilmarnock Sh.
Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 9
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 7721/52
Name: George Hughes
Age: 43
Height: 5 foot, 4 inches
Education: [tick]
Where Born: Irvine
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 10 Bridgend, Kilbirnie
Occupation: Lab.
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft by H.B.
Particulars of Trial: Date: June 18 1955, Court: Sh. S. Where: K'marnock
Sentence if Convicted: 2 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: July 28, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 14/53 2163

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/90):

Registration No. and Sex: .5206 M
Date of Admission: 26:6::57
Committing Magistrate or Court: Kilmarnock Sh.
Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 10
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 3770/55
Name: George Hughes
Age: 45
Height: 5 foot, 4 inches
Education: R.W.
Where Born: Irvine
Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 3 Stockbridge Road, Kilbirnie Ayrshire
Occupation: Lab.
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: C1
Offence: (1) Theft (2) Theft P.C.s
Particulars of Trial: Date: 26.6.57, Court: Sh. Sy. Where: K'marnock
Sentence if Convicted: 2 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: Aug 2, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 13/53 1 fine

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/92):

Registration No. and Sex: .11225 M
Date of Admission: Nov 26 1958
Committing Magistrate or Court: Kilmarnock Sh
Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 11
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 5206/57
Name: George Hughes
Age: 47
Height: 5 foot, 4 inches
Education: [a tick has been entered in this column]
Where Born: Kilbirnie
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 3 Stockbridge Cresc, Kilbirnie
Occupation: Lab.
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft
Particulars of Trial: Date: 26.11.58, Court: Sh. Sy. Where: Kilmarnock
Sentence if Convicted: 3 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: Dec 19, By whose authority: To Edin To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 12/57/6957

The following is an accurate transcription from the Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/71/9):

Registration No. and Sex: .2642 T M
Date of Admission: Dec 19 1958
Committing Magistrate or Court: Sh. S.
Previous Imprisonments in any prison, No.: 12
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 5/1957
Name: George Hughes
Age: 47
Height: 5 foot, 4 inches
Education: 2
Where Born: Kilbirnie
Nationality: 1

Prisoner's Home: 3 Stockbridge Crescent, Kilbirnie
Occupation: Lab.
Religion: P
Health as reported by Medical Officer: [left blank]
Offence: Theft
Particulars of Trial: Date: 26.11.58, Court: Sh. Sy. Where: Kilmarnock
Sentence if Convicted: 3 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: 26.1.59, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: [left blank]

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/93):

Registration No. and Sex: .3905 M
Date of Admission: Apr 13 1959
Committing Magistrate or Court: Sh. Sy. Ayr & Bute
Previous Imprisonments in any prison: No.:8
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 11255/58
Name: George Hughes
Age: 47
Height: 5 foot, 4 inches
Education: [a tick has been entered in this column]
Where Born: Irvine
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 3 Stockbridge Road, Kilbirnie
Occupation: Ship's Fireman
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: C 7/ [or possibly CI]
Offence: (1) Theft (2) Theft P.C.s
Particulars of Trial: Date: 13.4.59, Court: Sh. Sy. Where: Kilmarnock
Sentence if Convicted: 6 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: Aug 12, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 6/58 2370

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/96):

Registration No. and Sex: 8973 M
Date of Admission: 23-9-60
Committing Magistrate or Court: Kilmarnock
Previous Imprisonments in any prison: [left blank]
Last Reg. No. in this prison: [left blank]
Name: George Brady Hughes
Age: 49
Height: 5 foot, 4 inches
Education: R. & W
Where Born: Irvine
Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 3 Stockbridge Road, Kilbirnie

Occupation: Lab.

Religion: CS

Health as reported by Medical Officer: C 1/ [or possibly CI]

Offence: Carnal knowledge of girl aged 12 yrs

Particulars of Trial: Date: 7-10-60, Court: High. S. 31. Where: Edinburgh

Sentence if Convicted: 2 years

Liberated or Removed – Date: Feb 5/62, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: 10/59 5391