Bibliography of Scottish Name Studies for 2013

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This is the fifth such bibliography in The Journal of Scottish Name Studies (JSNS), the first appearing in JSNS 4 (2010) covering the years 2006–2009, the second in JSNS 5 (2011) covering the year 2010, and so on. It aims to present, in a continuous list arranged alphabetically by author, all relevant articles, chapters in edited books, monographs, CDs, e-books and PhDs (some of which are now available on-line) which appeared in 2013. It draws heavily on the bibliographies which I compile for Scottish Place-Name News, the twice-yearly Newsletter of the Scottish Place-Name Society, which should also be consulted for shorter, often illustrated, articles on a wide range of Scottish toponymic themes.

For more extensive bibliographies of name studies in Britain and Ireland and, less comprehensively, other parts of northern Europe, see the bibliographic sections in the relevant issues of Nomina, the journal of the Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland, compiled by Carole Hough. Two have become recently available (as of December 2013): the first is her ‘Bibliography for 2010’ (Nomina 34 (2011), 163–75), published 2013; the second is her ‘Bibliography for 2011’ (Nomina 35 (2012), 161–72), also published 2013. The material in these Nomina bibliographies is set out thematically and includes relevant reviews which have appeared in the given year.

An extensive, though by no means exhaustive, bibliography of Scottish toponymics, set out thematically and regionally, can be found on-line at <http://www.spns.org.uk/bibliography09.html#advanced>.

I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who spots any omissions or errors in the following bibliography. I can be contacted via the JSNS website or by post c/o Clann Tuirc. Also, I would be glad to receive notice of anything published in 2014 for inclusion in JSNS 9.

In order to make it easier for the reader to find their way around, I have put in bold not only authors’ surnames but also some of the key places, persons or elements discussed in the individual entries.


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