

## Mary Swanston Crombie

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs. The active tab is 'Scottish Indexes - Helping you...'. The address bar shows 'scottishindexes.com/courttranscript.aspx?courtid=40034040'. The website has a purple header with the 'Scottish Indexes' logo and a navigation menu. The main content area is titled 'Sheriff Court Paternity Case Index - Search Result' and 'Register of Extracted Decrees'. It lists details for a case involving Mary Crombie. Below the details is a 'Share this Entry' section with social media icons. The footer contains links for 'Contact Us', 'Privacy', 'Terms of Use', 'About Us', and 'Shopping Cart'. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom.

Pursuer	Mary Crombie, daughter of and residing with Robert Crombie (Labourer or Servant to Robert Hislop Esquire), Prestonpans
Defender	John Burns, Gardener, Prestonpans
Child's Date of Birth	2 January 1844
Year Extract Issued	1845
Sheriff Court	Haddington
County	East Lothian
NRS Reference	SC40/7/34 p. 538

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### Sheriff Court paternity decrees

Single mothers often took the fathers of their children to court for child support. Such cases were known as filiation and aliment cases. The court could order the father to provide maintenance payments to the mother. If the mother won her case, the court would issue a decree, which would allow the mother to enforce payment of aliment.

[http://www.prestoungrange.org/core-files/archive/university\\_press/20\\_poverty/20\\_p01\\_p26.pdf](http://www.prestoungrange.org/core-files/archive/university_press/20_poverty/20_p01_p26.pdf)

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The other matters for consideration were the cases of two men whose illegitimate children had received some support from the session, and the session were seeking repayment through petitions to the sheriff. The men concerned were James Marr junior (fisherman) 'father of Elizabeth Simpson's child' and James Burns (labourer) 'father of Mary Crombie's illegitimate child'. 12 Feb 1845

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Burns-12377>

## Brewery

The business was established in about 1720 in a former whisky distillery in [Prestonpans, Scotland](#). By 1744 the brewery was in the hands of [Robert Fowler](#) who was succeeded by his son, [John Fowler](#). The site was extensively reconstructed in 1828. [John Fowler](#) died in 1839 and the management passed to his nephew, [Robert Hislop](#), who remained the sole proprietor until the White family acquired the business in 1865.

Google search for

Hislop and Crombie family of Prestonpans