

Parish of Walls, Orkney. Kirk Session Minutes, 1865-1984. CH2/1105/11

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Section 1 Main records relating to people Complete to 9 May 1875

Section 2 Other decisions and discussions by Session

This is a first version - I may reduce the 'Additional information'. Comments welcome to: jane@janealogy.co.uk

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My index is arranged by surname and first name and then by date. It includes:

- One entry or row for each time a person is named in the minutes. Ministers and elders have many entries, one for each session meeting at which they were present.

- Date – of the Kirk Session minute in which the person was named. Lists of new communicants sometimes have no date, only a year. To allow for sorting I have assigned a date in the form 00/00/YYYY, for example 00/00/1843 for new communicants in 1843

- Surname – exactly as recorded in the minutes. Spelling is not always consistent so this does affect alphabetic order. Check all variants of the surnames you are interested in.

- Firstname – exactly as recorded in the minutes. Margaret could be Margaret or Margt. This does affect alphabetic order so it's best to check all the entries for the surnames of interest to you.


- Other ID info – any additional identifying detail such as occupation, age, parent or spouse's name, Junr [junior] and Senr [Senior]. This is only given occasionally.

- Address – sometimes a farm or house name is given but by no means always. Lists of new communicants sometimes state whether they were north side (that is North Walls) or south side (South Walls and Brims)

- Reason why they were mentioned in the minutes: fornication (sex outwith marriage), ante-nuptial fornication (premarital sex), new communicant. Moderator, elder etc I've tried to standardise the reason where possible.

- Additional information – particularly the name of any associated person. Also any other details eg when the baby had been born or was due. I've tried to summarise as much as possible. In most cases, there is no more information. Where there is, I have made a note 'longer information'.

- ID – a running number I have assigned so that I can sort the index in the order in which people were named in the Minutes. No other significance.

Lists in the Minutes often include "Do" or ditto. Where this is the case, I have copied the information in full, from the preceding line and the cell is orange 

Anything in [square brackets] is an explanation that I have added; it is not in the original minutes.

Anything in "quotation marks" usually indicates some particular wording exactly as recorded in the minutes.

Date	Surname	Firstname	Other ID info	Address	Reason	Additional information	ID
23 Oct 1873	[blank but probably Gunn]	[blank but probably John]	formerly shepherd at Melsetter		Illegitimate child	Alleged father of Jessie Sutherland's child. Unmarried then but since married to [blank] McKenzie Little Cleats. Man probably John Gunn, shepherd, Melsetter, who married Isabella McKenzie, Rysa, at North Walls School, 20 June 1872. (Marriages (CR) Scotland. Walls, Orkney. 20 June 1872. GUNN, John & MCKENZIE, Isabella. RD 032/1 entry 5)	B433
24 Sept 1865	All the Elders						B008
23 April 1875	Anderson	Benjamin	shoemaker	Fea	Ante-nuptial fornication	with wife Elisabeth Nicolson. Admonished & had to attend at manse for instruction for admission to membership for as long as considered necessary by minister. Refused baptism for their child.	B499
23 October 1870	Anderson	John			Illegitimate child	Father of Elesabeth Miller's child born more than a year ago. Recently married to her.	B286
2 July 1874	Anderson	John		Burnhouse, Heckness	Admitted as member of the church		B464
16 July 1865	Anderson	Miss			Admin matters	Had handed over Kirk Session minute book, previous collections and register of births, baptisms and marriages.	B006
11 July 1872	Anderson	Samuel	married	Heckness	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B379
8 June 1868	Anderson	Sarah	unmarried	Heckness	Admitted as new communicant		B163
16 July 1865	Anderson	William	Minister		Death	Minute re grief at his death, his wife and two children within a few weeks. Sympathy to surviving family.	B005
8 June 1868	Baike	Catherine	his [Daniel Ross] wife	Crockness	Admitted as new communicant		B179
17 July 1868	Baike	James		Crockness	To be ordained elder		B190
11 Oct 1868	Baike	James			Ordained elder		B207
22 May 1870	Baike	James	Elder				B244

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29 May 1870	Baike	James	Elder				B254
16 June 1870	Baike	James	Elder				B268
5 March 1871	Baike	James	Elder				B289
27 March 1871	Baike	James	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B300
11 Jun 1871	Baike	James	Elder				B313
15 June 1871	Baike	James	Elder				B324
21 Jan 1872	Baike	James	Elder				B349
6 February 1872	Baike	James	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B357
18 Feb 1872	Baike	James	Elder				B364
11 July 1872	Baike	James	Elder				B374
2 Feb 1873	Baike	James	Elder				B393
14 Sep 1873	Baike	James	Elder				B419
23 Oct 1873	Baike	James	Elder				B428
2 July 1874	Baike	James	Elder				B455
19 Oct 1874	Baike	James	Elder				B485
11 Apr 1875	Baike	James	Elder				B490
23 April 1875	Baike	James	Elder				B498

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9 May 1875	Baike	James	Elder				B505
27 Dec 1866	Baiki	James		Crockness	Possible elder	If those in first choice group refused to become elders	B112
31 May 1868	Bain	Alex	Elder				B152
28 Feb 1866	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B012
4 Mar 1866	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B016
3 June 1866	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B034
10 June 1866	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B040
12 June 1866	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B046
12 Apr 1868	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B148
8 June 1869	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B215
16 June 1870	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B266
5 March 1871	Bain	Alexander	Elder				B294
27 March 1871	Bain	Alexander	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B305
16 July 1865	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B003
11 Mar 1866	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B021
8 Apr 1866	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B029
21 June 1866	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B083

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23 June 1866	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B090
27 Dec 1866	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B103
12 Jun 1867	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B116
10 Nov 1867	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B140
8 June 1868	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B159
17 July 1868	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B184
30 Sept 1868	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B198
26 May 1869	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B209
17 June 1869	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B227
22 May 1870	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B248
29 May 1870	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B252
23 October 1870	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B283
11 Jun 1871	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B308
15 June 1871	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B319
6 February 1872	Bain	Alexr	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B358
18 Feb 1872	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B365
11 July 1872	Bain	Alexr	Elder				B375

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9 Sept 1866	Bain	Alext	Elder				B098
12 June 1866	Bremner	Christina	wife of James Thomson	Saltness	Admitted as new communicant		B074
16 June 1870	Bruce	John		Wing	Admitted as new communicant		B273
2 July 1874	Chalmers	Henry		Melsetter	Admitted as member of the church		B477
11 Apr 1875	Chalmers	Henry			Fornication - living in	with Helen Cromarty at the time they applied for church membership. Session refused to admit them to the next Communion.	B491
12 June 1866	Corigall	Helen	unmarried	Stonequoy, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B064
8 June 1868	Corigall	Helen	unmarried	Hall of Seator, Nosome	Admitted as new communicant		B172
17 July 1868	Corigall	John		Hall of Seatter Nside	To be ordained elder		B191
12 June 1866	Corigall	William	unmarried	Stonequoy, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B066
2 July 1874	Corrigall	Isabella		North Ness, North Walls	Admitted as member of the church		B462
17 Aug 1873	Corrigall	James	deceased	Hall of Seatter, North Side	Illegitimate child	Jane Groat, Wing, said he as father of her child. Enquiries into truth of this to be made before any action taken.	B405
7 Sep 1873	Corrigall	James	deceased		Illegitimate child	"Both from the character of the correspondence submitted to his [John Keillor, minister] perusal, as well as from the fact of his regularly visiting her family, the fair conclusion was that he [James Corrigall] is the father." Jean Groat, the mother, admonished, restored to communion and baptism promised for the child.	B412
27 Dec 1866	Corrigall	John		Hall of Seatter	Possible elder	If those in first choice group refused to become elders	B110
2 July 1874	Corrigall	John		Hall of Seatter, North Walls	Admitted as member of the church		B470

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8 June 1868	Cromarty	Ann	unmarried	Wing	Admitted as new communicant		B164
25 Oct 1873	Cromarty	Helen		Borrowston	Admitted as member of the church		B443
25 Oct 1873	Cromarty	Helen		Point of Heckness	Admitted as member of the church		B445
11 Apr 1875	Cromarty	Helen			Fornication - living in	with Henry Chalmers at the time they applied for church membership. Session refused to admit them to the next Communion	B492
25 Oct 1873	Cromarty	Jemima		Borrowston	Admitted as member of the church		B442
8 June 1868	Cromarty	Margaret	unmarried	Myres	Admitted as new communicant		B171
12 June 1866	Cuthbert	Helen	unmarried	Wards	Admitted as new communicant		B068
12 June 1866	Daas	George	unmarried	Towriehouse	Admitted as new communicant		B069
27 Dec 1866	Daas	John	Fisherman	Hackness	Potential elder	Minister to converse with him.	B105
17 July 1868	Daas	John		Heckness	To be ordained elder		B188
11 Oct 1868	Daas	John			Ordained elder		B205
26 May 1869	Daas	John	Elder				B212
8 June 1869	Daas	John	Elder				B218
17 June 1869	Daas	John	Elder				B232
15 March 1870	Daas	John	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B241
22 May 1870	Daas	John	Elder				B247
29 May 1870	Daas	John	Elder				B255

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16 June 1870	Daas	John	Elder				B267
23 October 1870	Daas	John	Elder				B281
2 July 1874	Dangerfield	Rev John	Minister of Lady Sanday		Assistance with Communion season	To assist at the usual services [for celebration of Lord's Supper]	B457
11 Jun 1871	Dass	John	Elder				B311
15 June 1871	Dass	John	Elder				B322
21 Jan 1872	Dass	John	Elder			District included Heckness. William Taylor case (discussed the same day states he was their elder)	B347
6 February 1872	Dass	John	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B355
18 Feb 1872	Dass	John	Elder				B362
11 July 1872	Dass	John	Elder				B372
7 Sep 1873	Dass	John	Elder				B410
14 Sep 1873	Dass	John	Elder				B417
23 Oct 1873	Dass	John	Elder				B426
2 July 1874	Dass	John	Elder				B453
19 Oct 1874	Dass	John	Elder				B483
23 April 1875	Dass	John	Elder				B496
9 May 1875	Dass	John	Elder				B504

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5 March 1871	Dass (sic0	John	Elder				B291
27 March 1871	Dass (sic0	John	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B302
12 June 1866	Dunnet	Andrew	unmarried	Booth	Admitted as new communicant		B053
12 June 1866	Dunnet	George	married	Storehouse, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B060
11 Mar 1866	Dunnet	John		Booth, Osmondwall	Illegitimate child	Had not obeyed a former citation of Kirk Session during Wm Anderson's ministry. Accused by Betsy Malcomson of being father of her child. Now admits he is father. Admonished and rec. to speak in private w minister re church membership.	B024
12 June 1866	Dunnet	John		Booth, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B050
30 Sept 1868	elders to be ordained in Walls on 11 October and Flotta 18 October (weather permitting) as no objections raised.						B199
12 Jun 1867	Fiddler	Donald	unmarried	Butts, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B133
2 Feb 1873	Fiddler	Donald H	Seaman	Butts, Osmondwall	Illegitimate child	With Margaret Johnston, wife, before they married. Rebuked and restored. Discussing baptism of child.	B395
12 Jun 1867	Fiddler	Edward	unmarried	Butts, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B131
5 March 1871	Gray	James	Seaman	Crockness	Illegitimate child	Father of child of Margaret Oddie, Holm. Said he provides his share of the support of the child. Expressed sorrow and repentance and restored to communion. Also recently married to Elisabeth Robertson, of this parish	B295

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8 June 1869	Gray	John		Gray	Bad conduct	To be called before Session "on the day set apart for humiliation after divine service" on account of the "very aggravated character of their conduct, such as drunkenness, fighting and profane swearing" at Walls market 4 June.	B225
8 June 1868	Groat	Alexr	bachelor	Wing	Admitted as new communicant		B169
18 Feb 1872	Groat	Alexr F	Baker		Ante-nuptial fornication	With Jemima Sutherland, his wife. Confessed, rebuked & restored to communion. As he was about to leave to go south during the week, baptism should be administered to his child in private.	B367
8 Apr 1866	Groat	Harriet			Ante-nuptial fornication	with James Sinclair	B031
8 June 1868	Groat	James	married	Seaberry	Admitted as new communicant		B167
12 Apr 1868	Groat	James Malcom		Osmondwall	Ante-nuptial fornication	With Jessie Robertson. To be dealt with by minister as he saw fit "for their edification" before baptising thei child.	B149
17 Aug 1873	Groat	Jane	daughter of Malcom Groat, Wing		Illegitimate child	Said James Corrigan, Hall of Seatter, North Side, was the father. Enquiries into truth of this to be made before any action taken.	B404
8 June 1868	Groat	Jean	unmarried	Wing	Admitted as new communicant		B165
7 Sep 1873	Groat	Jean [sic]		Wing	Illegitimate child	"Both from the character of the correspondence submitted to his [John Keillor, minister] perusal, as well as from the fact of his regularly visiting her family, the fair conclusion was that he [James Corrigan] is the father." Jean Groat, the mother, admonished, restored to communion and baptism promised for the child.	B411
11 July 1872	Groat	Jemima	married	Post Office	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B382
11 July 1872	Groat	Jessie	married	Saltness	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B385

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12 Jun 1867	Groat	Malcom	unmarried	Loft, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B130
12 Jun 1867	Groat	Margaret	unmarried	Wing	Admitted as new communicant		B120
27 Dec 1866	Groundwater	Alexr	Farmer		Potential elder	Minister to converse with him.	B108
12 June 1866	Groundwater	Jessie	his [John Dunnet] wife	Booth, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B051
2 July 1874	Gunn	Betsy		Brims	Admitted as member of the church		B475
12 June 1866	Gunn	Elisabeth	unmarried	Brims	Admitted as new communicant		B067
27 Dec 1866	Gunn	James	Fisherman	Brims	Potential elder	Minister to converse with him.	B107
17 July 1868	Gunn	James		Brims	To be ordained elder		B189
11 Oct 1868	Gunn	James			Ordained elder		B206
8 June 1869	Gunn	James	Elder				B217
17 June 1869	Gunn	James	Elder				B230
29 May 1870	Gunn	James	Elder				B258
16 June 1870	Gunn	James	Elder				B269
23 October 1870	Gunn	James	Elder				B284
5 March 1871	Gunn	James	Elder				B292
27 March 1871	Gunn	James	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B303
11 Jun 1871	Gunn	James	Elder				B312

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15 June 1871	Gunn	James	Elder				B323
21 Jan 1872	Gunn	James	Elder				B348
6 February 1872	Gunn	James	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B356
18 Feb 1872	Gunn	James	Elder				B363
11 July 1872	Gunn	James	Elder				B373
11 Feb 1873	Gunn	James	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B399
17 Aug 1873	Gunn	James	Elder				B402
14 Sep 1873	Gunn	James	Elder				B418
23 Oct 1873	Gunn	James	Elder				B427
2 July 1874	Gunn	James	Elder				B454
19 Oct 1874	Gunn	James	Elder				B484
11 Apr 1875	Gunn	James	Elder				B489
23 April 1875	Gunn	James	Elder				B497
11 Oct 1868	Heddle	James	Schoolmaster	South Walls	Ordination of elders	Attested ordination of William Sutherland, John Daas, James Gunn, James Baike	B203
12 Jun 1867	Heddle	Jemima	unmarried	Lower Wards	Admitted as new communicant		B122
12 June 1866	Heddle	Margaret	unmarried	North Row, Fea	Admitted as new communicant		B054

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8 June 1868	Johnston	Alexander	unmarried	Aithsdale	Admitted as new communicant		B182
11 July 1872	Johnston	Ann		Aithsdale	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B388
8 June 1868	Johnston	Margaret	unmarried	Aithsdale	Admitted as new communicant		B173
2 Feb 1873	Johnston	Margaret		[Butts, Osmondwall]	Illegitimate child	With Donald H Fiddler, husband, before they married. Rebuked and restored. Discussing baptism of child.	B396
23 Oct 1873	Johnston	Rev David	Minister of Harray & Birsay		Assistance with Communion season	Expected to have his assistance for [Communion] Sabbath & Monday	B434
12 Jun 1867	Johnston	William	married	Lythes	Admitted as new communicant		B136
12 June 1866	Johnston	Williamina	unmarried	Easdale	Admitted as new communicant		B056
8 June 1869	Johnstone	James		Rousdale	Bad conduct	To be called before Session "on the day set apart for humiliation after divine service" on account of the "very aggravated character of their conduct, such as drunkenness, fighting and profane swearing" at Walls market 4 June.	B220
17 June 1869	Johnstone	James			Bad conduct	Admitted disorderly conduct at Market, expressed sorrow and admonished to be more careful	B233
12 June 1866	Johnstone	William	married	Brims	Admitted as new communicant		B071
28 Feb 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk			See also Business section	B010
4 Mar 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B015
11 Mar 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B020
8 Apr 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B026
3 June 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B033

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10 June 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B039
12 June 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B045
21 June 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B082
23 June 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B089
9 Sept 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B095
27 Dec 1866	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B101
12 Jun 1867	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B115
10 Nov 1867	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B139
12 Apr 1868	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B145
31 May 1868	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B151
8 June 1868	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B158
17 July 1868	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B183
30 Sept 1868	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B195
11 Oct 1868	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B200
26 May 1869	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B208
8 June 1869	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B214
17 June 1869	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B226

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19 June 1869	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk		Unusually, no elders present		B236
15 March 1870	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk		Business items see next section of this index		B238
22 May 1870	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B243
29 May 1870	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B251
16 June 1870	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B263
23 October 1870	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B280
5 March 1871	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B287
27 March 1871	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk		Business items see next section of this index		B298
11 Jun 1871	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B306
15 June 1871	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B317
21 Jan 1872	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B344
6 February 1872	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk		Business items see next section of this index		B352
18 Feb 1872	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B359
11 July 1872	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B369
2 Feb 1873	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B391

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11 Feb 1873	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk		Business items see next section of this index		B397
17 Aug 1873	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B400
7 Sep 1873	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B406
14 Sep 1873	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B413
23 Oct 1873	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B422
25 Oct 1873	Keillor	John	Session Clerk		Note to explain why new members admitted by another mnister (Mr Pomphray)	"The above admissions to membership took place when Mr Keillor was confined by sickness to the Manse and was therefore unfree (?) for the duties of the ministry"	B448
2 July 1874	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B449
19 Oct 1874	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B480
11 Apr 1875	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B486
23 April 1875	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B493
9 May 1875	Keillor	John	Moderator & Session Clerk				B501
15 June 1871	Kilpatrick	Daniel	married	Cantic, South Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B340
25 Oct 1873	Kilpatrick	James		Cantic Head	Admitted as member of the church		B436
25 Oct 1873	Kilpatrick	John		Cantic Head	Admitted as member of the church		B437
25 Oct 1873	Kilpatrick	Margaret		Cantic Head	Admitted as member of the church		B438
8 June 1868	Kirkpatrick	Ebenezer	unmarried	Cantics farm	Admitted as new communicant		B175

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22 May 1870	Learmonth	Henry (Mr)	Merchant	Millbay	Ante-nuptial fornication	Aggravated sin by taking Lord's Supper while conscious of the scandal. Admonished & further consideration of case delayed until "the day set apart for humiliation & prayer previous to the ensuing Communion Sabbath"	B250
16 June 1870	Learmonth	Henry (Mr)		Millbay	Ante-nuptial fornication	Case considered again & resolved to absolve him & restore to communion in the church after admonition by minister	B279
2 July 1874	Leslie	Mrs Thos		Fae, South Walls	Admitted as member of the church		B479
8 June 1868	Leslie	Thomas	married, tailor	So[uth] side	Admitted as new communicant		B180
12 Jun 1867	Malcomson	Alexina	unmarried	Seaberry	Admitted as new communicant		B121
12 June 1866	Malcomson	Ann	unmarried	Crockness, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B078
11 Mar 1866	Malcomson	Betsy			Illegitimate child	John Dunnet now admits he is father of her child.	B025
12 Jun 1867	Malcomson	James	unmarried	Netherhouse, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B132
8 June 1868	Malcomson	James		Northside	Admitted as new communicant		B176
8 June 1869	Malcomson	James		Seaberry	Bad conduct	To be called before Session "on the day set apart for humiliation after divine service" on account of the "very aggravated character of their conduct, such as drunkenness, fighting and profane swearing" at Walls market 4 June.	B223
12 June 1866	Malcomson	Margaret	wife of William Sutherland	Saltness	Admitted as new communicant		B072
16 June 1870	Malcomson	Mary Ann		Netherhouse	Admitted as new communicant		B275
15 June 1871	Malcomson	Mrs John		Seaberry, Osmondwall	Child baptised by Rev Mr Whyte Minister at Orphir	She presented the child in the absence of her husband at sea.	B326
16 June 1870	Malcomson	Robert W		Barracks	Admitted as new communicant		B272

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12 Jun 1867	Malcomson	Williamina	unmarried	South Battery	Admitted as new communicant		B119
3 June 1866	Manson	Christina		with her father in Saltness	Illegitimate child	Born 13 April last, William Robertson shoemaker in Kurbister said to be father	B037
12 June 1866	Manson	Christina			Application for admission as new communicant	Cited to appear before Session. Had appeared previously.	B080
21 June 1866	Manson	Christina			Illegitimate child	Had attended at Manse on various occasion and minister satisfied with her expressions of repentance so admitted to membership.	B088
29 May 1870	Manson	Christina			Illegitimate child	William Robertson admitted he was the child's father (she did not appear)	B260
9 May 1875	Manson	Donaldina	Wife of Donald Ross, seaman, now at sea		Ante-nuptial fornication	Admonished & had to attend at manse for instruction for admission to membership for as long as considered necessary by minister. Refused baptism for their child.	B506
2 July 1874	Manson	Foster		Wing	Admitted as member of the church		B468
11 July 1872	Manson	Isabella		Wing	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B390
2 July 1874	Manson	Mrs		Oar, North Walls	Admitted as member of the church		B478
12 June 1866	McKay	Joan	unmarried	Muir	Admitted as new communicant		B075
23 Oct 1873	Mckenzie	[blank but probably Isabella]		Little Cleats, North Walls	mentioned in illegitimacy case	Now married to man who was formerly a shepherd at Melsetter and who while unmarried was alleged to have fathered Jessie Sutherland's child. Man probably John Gunn, shepherd, Melsetter, who married Isabella McKenzie, Rysa, at North Walls School, 20 June 1872. (Marriages (CR) Scotland. Walls, Orkney. 20 June 1872. GUNN, John & MCKENZIE, Isabella. RD 032/1 entry 5)	B432
8 June 1868	McKie	Thomas			Application for admission as new communicant	To appear before Session before admitted to membership	B162
8 June 1868	McKie	Thomas	married	Garson	Admitted as new communicant	Same person had to appear before session first?	B181

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23 October 1870	Miller	Elesabeth		Wards	Illegitimate child	Child born more than a year ago. Father was John Anderson to whom she was lately married. Admonished & restored; child to be baptised now.	B285
12 June 1866	Miller	Jane [or Janet?]	widow	South Wards	Admitted as new communicant	There is a small mark after her 1st name at capital height. Meaning?	B059
11 July 1872	Mowat	Jacobina		Wing	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B389
15 June 1871	Mowat	John	married	Scows, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B333
12 June 1866	Mowat	Margaret	unmarried	Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B049
12 Jun 1867	Mowat	William	married	Wing	Admitted as new communicant		B137
15 June 1871	Mowat (or Corrigal)	Janet	married	Hall, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B331
15 June 1871	Mowat (or Robertson)	Wilhelmina	married		Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B334
15 June 1871	Mowat or Thomson	Isabella	married	Nether Hoouse, South Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B339
12 June 1866	Nicolson	Christina	unmarried	Lyness, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B063
23 April 1875	Nicolson	Elisabeth		Fea	Ante-nuptial fornication	with husband Benjamin Anderson. Admonished & had to attend at manse for instruction for admission to membership for as long as considered necessary by minister. Refused baptism for their child.	B500
10 June 1866	Nicolson	Jessie		Brims	Illegitimate child	Born 12 Mar 1864, said father was Robert Simpson, son of John Simpson who resides in the parish of Canisbay. Minister to enquire of minster in Canisbay, so consideration delayed.	B043
12 June 1866	Nicolson	Jessie		Brims	Illegitimate child	Case deferred until more explicit information available	B081

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23 June 1866	Nicolson	Jessie		Brims	Illegitimate child	Produced letter from Robert Simpson, the alleged father, which was in possession of her agent in Wick re prosecuting the father for maintenance. RS admits he is father in letter. Member of session also knew RS had visited her at Brims and had given lying in expenses. Admitted as a member in view of circumstances and having attended instruction at manse, conducted herself becomingly and expressed repentance.	B093
25 Oct 1873	Nicolson	John		Kirbister	Admitted as member of the church		B439
12 Jun 1867	Nicolson	Margaret	unmarried	Brims	Admitted as new communicant		B125
25 Oct 1873	Nicolson	William		Wards	Admitted as member of the church		B444
5 March 1871	Oddie	Margaret		Holm	Illegitimate child	James Gray confessed he was father of her child	B296
16 June 1870	Oman	Catharine		Cruting	Admitted as new communicant		B277
8 June 1869	Oman	James		Manclett	Bad conduct	To be called before Session "on the day set apart for humiliation after divine service" on account of the "very aggravated character of their conduct, such as drunkenness, fighting and profane swearing" at Walls market 4 June.	B221
12 Jun 1867	Oman or Robertson	Jacobina		Kirbister	Admitted as new communicant		B138
17 June 1869	Omond	James			Bad conduct	Admitted disorderly conduct at Market, expressed sorrow and admonished to be more careful	B234
25 Oct 1873	Pomphray	Rev Mr	of Orphir		Admission of new communicants	Admitted listed names to membership of the church after divine service in presence of Kirk Session	B435
2 July 1874	Pomphray	Rev Mr	Asst Minister at Orphir		Assistance with Communion season	Preached in view of Lord's Supper being dispensed on Sabbath first, 5th July	B456

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21 June 1866	Robertson	Alexander	Native of Stroma		Illegitimate child	Father of Wilimina Wright's child born 16 years earlier. Had acknowledged paternity and child baptised in North Church Aberdeen.	B087
12 June 1866	Robertson	Charlotte	wife of William Wilson	Quoys, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B076
10 Nov 1867	Robertson	Christian			Ante-nuptial fornication	with Henry Rorie. Aggravated as they had not told minister when they sought church membership. Baptism of their child to be refused for a period.	B144
11 Jun 1871	Robertson	Donald	husband of Catharine Stout	Quoys, North Walls	Illegitimate child	with Catharine Stout, now his wife. Did not satisfy the Session of their care of the sin of which they were guilty. Recommended to appear before the Session on another occasion.	B314
15 June 1871	Robertson	Donald	husband of Catharine Stout			"Having more fully satisfied the Session" they were admonished and admitted to church privileges.	B329
15 June 1871	Robertson	Donald	married	Quoys, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B335
2 July 1874	Robertson	Edwardina		Scarton, Osmondwall	Admitted as member of the church		B458
5 March 1871	Robertson	Elisabeth			Other	Lately married to James Gray, Crockness.	B297
12 Jun 1867	Robertson	James	unmarried	Scarton, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B127
12 Jun 1867	Robertson	James	married	Myres	Admitted as new communicant		B134
8 June 1868	Robertson	James	married	Myres	Admitted as new communicant		B168
31 May 1868	Robertson	Jean			Ante-nuptial fornication	with James Stout. Child born 7 October last. Also had illegitimate child born 19 Aug 1864, father Alexander Simpson, "an unmarried man". Wanted children baptised but not a member of this or any other religious body. To attend the moderator for instruction.	B155
8 June 1868	Robertson	Jean	wife of James Stout	Back of Crockness	Admitted as new communicant		B177

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14 Sep 1873	Robertson	Jean		Quoys, North Walls	Ante-nuptial fornication	With John Stout. Child born 16 Oct 1872. Admonished. Not members but attending preparatory class. Recommended to apply for baptism of child after that.	B421
25 Oct 1873	Robertson	Jean	wife of J Stout	Quoys	Admitted as member of the church		B441
12 Apr 1868	Robertson	Jessie			Ante-nuptial fornication	with James Malcom Groat. To be dealt with by minister as he saw fit "for their edification" before baptising thei child.	B150
16 June 1870	Robertson	John		Quoys	Admitted as new communicant		B274
2 July 1874	Robertson	Margaret		Quoys, Osmondwall	Admitted as member of the church		B467
2 July 1874	Robertson	Mary Ann		North Ness	Admitted as member of the church		B474
2 July 1874	Robertson	Peter	mar[rie]d	Quoys, Osmondwall	Admitted as member of the church		B465
12 Jun 1867	Robertson	Thomas	unmarried	Scarton, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B128
3 June 1866	Robertson	William	shoemaker	Kirbister	Illegitimate child	said to be father of Christina Manson's daughter b 13 April. To be called to session	B038
12 Jun 1867	Robertson	William	unmarried	Scarton, Osmondwall	Admitted as new communicant		B129
17 June 1869	Robertson	William			Bad conduct	Admitted disorderly conduct at Market, expressed sorrow and admonished to be more careful	B235
29 May 1870	Robertson	William			Illegitimate child	Father of Christina Manson's child. Confessed sorrow for conduct towards the child's mother. Admonished then permitted to attend the preparatory class for admission to Lord's Supper/	B259
16 June 1870	Robertson	William		Quoys	Admitted as new communicant		B271
23 Oct 1873	Robertson	William	shoemaker	Brims	Ante-nuptial fornication	With wife [blank] Taylor. Only he appeared and was rebuked and restored to communion.	B429

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8 June 1869	Robertson	Willm		Muir	Bad conduct	To be called before Session "on the day set apart for humiliation after divine service" on account of the "very aggravated character of their conduct, such as drunkenness, fighting and profane swearing" at Walls market 4 June.	B222
15 June 1871	Robertson (or Stout)	Catharine	married	Quoys, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B336
12 Jun 1867	Robertson or Rorie	Christian	wife of Henry Rorie	Quoys, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B123
12 Jun 1867	Rorie	Henry		Quoys, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant (name is in list twice)	Cited to appear before Session to be admonished. Only admitted if he confessed his fault and expressed sorrow.	B124
10 Nov 1867	Rorie	Henry			Ante-nuptial fornication	with Christian Robertson. Aggravated as they had not told minister when they sought church membership. Baptism of their child to be refused for a period.	B143
15 June 1871	Ross	Charlotte		Ayre, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B332
8 June 1868	Ross	Daniel	married	Crockness	Admitted as new communicant		B178
9 May 1875	Ross	Donald	Seaman, now at sea		Ante-nuptial fornication	with Donaldina Manson. He did not appear. Wife refused baptism for their child for now.	B507
17 July 1868	Ross	John		Bow of Flotta	To be ordained elder		B192
8 June 1869	Rossie	James		North Side	Bad conduct	To be called before Session "on the day set apart for humiliation after divine service" on account of the "very aggravated character of their conduct, such as drunkenness, fighting and profane swearing" at Walls market 4 June.	B224
19 June 1869	Rossie	James	Merchant	North Ness	Bad conduct	Admonished for conduct at Market on promising to be more watchful in future; readmitted to communion	B237
2 July 1874	Sandison	Betsy		Heckness	Admitted as member of the church		B472
12 June 1866	Shearer	George	married	Wing	Admitted as new communicant		B061

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12 June 1866	Sherar	Donald	unmarried	Pitnarrow, North walls	Admitted as new communicant	[House name unclear - Shearers at Peatnear in censuses]	B065
31 May 1868	Simpson	Alexander	unmarried		Illegitimate child	with Jean Robertson. Child born 19 Aug 1864	B157
2 July 1874	Simpson	Barbara		Heckness	Admitted as member of the church		B473
21 Jan 1872	Simpson	Catherine			Ante-nuptial fornication	With James Taylor. Described as a "peculiar case" Not members but wished to become members, and had wished to do so "long previously" and also have child baptised due to its "extremely weak state". Satisfably repented so admnished and allowed membership and baptism of child.	B351
11 July 1872	Simpson	Catherine	wife of William Taylot	Heckness	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B381
2 July 1874	Simpson	Margaret	his [Peter Robertson] wife	Quoys, Osmondwall	Admitted as member of the church		B466
10 June 1866	Simpson	Robert	son of John Simpson, Canisbay, Caithness		Illegitimate child	Alleged father of Jessie Nicolson's child b 12 Mar 1864	B044
23 June 1866	Simpson	Robert			Illegitimate child	Admitted by letter to agent in Wick (dated 30 May 1864) that he was father of Jessie Nicolson's child	B094
17 July 1868	Simpson	Sutherland		Searraquoy, Flotta	To be ordained elder		B194
2 July 1874	Sinclair	Elisabeth		Manse	Admitted as member of the church		B476
12 June 1866	Sinclair	Isabella	unmarried	Aithe	Admitted as new communicant		B057
8 Apr 1866	Sinclair	James	Carpenter	Wing	Ante-nuptial fornication	with Harriet Groat	B030
11 July 1872	Sinclair	Rev James	Missionary at Flotta		Assistance with Communion season	Took the preparatory service for Communion (to be on 14 July)	B377
16 July 1865	Smith	Benj	Senior Elder		Admin matters	Session minutes 1837-death of Wm Anderson, late minister, given into his care	B002
11 Mar 1866	Smith	Benj	Elder				B022

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21 June 1866	Smith	Benj	Elder				B084
12 June 1866	Smith	Benjamin	Elder				B048
2 July 1874	Smith	Benjamin	Elder				B452
28 Feb 1866	Smith	Benjamin (Senr)	Elder			See also Business section	B011
8 Apr 1866	Smith	Benjamin Snr	Elder				B027
3 June 1866	Smith	Benjamin Snr	Elder				B036
10 June 1866	Smith	Benjamin Snr	Elder				B042
26 May 1869	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B210
8 June 1869	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B216
17 June 1869	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B229
22 May 1870	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B245
29 May 1870	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B253
16 June 1870	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B265
5 March 1871	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B290
27 March 1871	Smith	Benjm	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B301
11 Jun 1871	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B309
15 June 1871	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B320

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18 Feb 1872	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B366
11 July 1872	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B376
2 Feb 1873	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B394
17 Aug 1873	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B403
7 Sep 1873	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B409
14 Sep 1873	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B416
23 Oct 1873	Smith	Benjm	Elder				B425
15 March 1870	Smith	Benjm Senr	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B239
12 Jun 1867	Smith	Emily	unmarried	Ayre, Brims	Admitted as new communicant		B126
24 Sept 1865	Smith	William	Moderator PT				B007
12 June 1866	Smith	Wilimina	wife of John Manson	Saltness	Admitted as new communicant		B073
23 June 1866	Smith Senr	Benj	Elder				B092
9 Sept 1866	Smith Senr	Benj	Elder				B096
27 Dec 1866	Smith Senr	Benj	Elder				B102
12 Jun 1867	Smith Senr	Benj	Elder				B117
31 May 1868	Smith Senr	Benjm	Elder				B153
17 July 1868	Smith Senr	Benjm	Elder				B186

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30 Sept 1868	Smith Senr	Benjm	Elder				B196
11 Oct 1868	Smith Senr	Benjm	Elder				B201
10 Nov 1867	Smith Snr	Benjm	Elder				B141
12 Apr 1868	Smith Snr	Benjm	Elder				B146
8 June 1868	Smith Snr	Benjm	Elder				B161
11 Jun 1871	Stout	Catharine	wife of Donald Robertson, Quoys, North Walls.		Illegitimate child	With Donald Robertson before they were married. Did not satisfy the Session of their care of the sin of which they were guilty. Recommended to appear before the Session on another occasion.	B315
15 June 1871	Stout	Catharine	wife of Donald Robertson			"Having more fully satisfied the Session" they were admonished and admitted to church privileges. Confessed. Child born 5 November last, Donald Waters, groom at Melsetter the father as confirmed by letter from him dated 25 May. Admonished & permitted to attend preparatory class for admission to Lord's Supper.	B330
29 May 1870	Stout	Christina		Hurliness	Illegitimate child		B261
16 June 1870	Stout	Christina		Hurliness	Admitted as new communicant		B278
31 May 1868	Stout	James	now absent from the parish at the Straits whale fishing		Ante-nuptial fornication	with Jean Robertson. Child born 7 October last	B156
11 Jun 1871	Stout	James		Little Haybreck, North Walls	Ante-nuptial fornication	Didn't fully satisfy the Moderator with the answers to his questions. Admonished and required to appear before Session again. [No wife's name given]	B316
15 June 1871	Stout	James	married	Little Haybreck, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B337
14 Sep 1873	Stout	John		Quoys, North Walls	Ante-nuptial fornication	With Jean Robertson. Child born 16 Oct 1872. Admonished. Not members but attending preparatory class. Recommended to apply for baptism of child after that.	B420
25 Oct 1873	Stout	John		Quoys	Admitted as member of the church		B440

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9 Sept 1866	Stout	Sutherland			Illegitimate child	Born 11 June 1864. 2nd child with Helen Swanston. He did not appear.	B100
16 July 1865	Sutherland	[blank]	Elder				B004
12 June 1866	Sutherland	Anderson	unmarried	Bow of Aith	Admitted as new communicant		B070
11 July 1872	Sutherland	Barbara		Aithe	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B386
11 July 1872	Sutherland	Elisabeth		Manse	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B387
2 July 1874	Sutherland	Elisabeth		Butts, Osmondwall	Admitted as member of the church		B459
2 July 1874	Sutherland	Elisabeth	mar[rie]d	Bow of Aithe	Admitted as member of the church		B463
12 June 1866	Sutherland	Harriet	wife of George Sutherland	Post Office South Ness	Admitted as new communicant		B058
2 July 1874	Sutherland	Isabella		Haybreck. North Walls	Admitted as member of the church		B461
29 May 1870	Sutherland	James	Elder				B257
18 Feb 1872	Sutherland	Jemima			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Alexr F Groat, husband. Confessed, rebuked & restored to communion. As husband was about to leave to go south during the week, baptism should be administered to the child in private.	B368
23 Oct 1873	Sutherland	Jessie		Saltness	Illegitimate child	[blank] formerly a shepherd at Melsetter said to be the father. An unmarried man but since married to [blank] McKenzie, Little Cleats, North Walls. "Having declared her repentance she was suitably admonished" Man probably John Gunn, shepherd, Melsetter, who married Isabella McKenzie, Rysa, at North Walls School, 20 June 1872. (Marriages (CR) Scotland. Walls, Orkney. 20 June 1872. GUNN, John & MCKENZIE, Isabella. RD 032/1 entry 5)	B431
25 Oct 1873	Sutherland	Jessie		Saltness	Admitted as member of the church		B446
17 July 1868	Sutherland	John		Wanglet Flotta	To be ordained elder		B193

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15 June 1871	Sutherland	John		Green, South Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B338
28 Feb 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B013
4 Mar 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B017
11 Mar 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B023
8 Apr 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B028
3 June 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B035
10 June 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B041
12 June 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B047
21 June 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B085
23 June 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B091
9 Sept 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B097
27 Dec 1866	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B104
12 Jun 1867	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B118
10 Nov 1867	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B142
12 Apr 1868	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B147
31 May 1868	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B154
8 June 1868	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B160

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17 July 1868	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B185
30 Sept 1868	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B197
11 Oct 1868	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B202
26 May 1869	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B213
17 June 1869	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B228
15 March 1870	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B242
22 May 1870	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B246
29 May 1870	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B256
16 June 1870	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B264
23 October 1870	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B282
11 Jun 1871	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B307
15 June 1871	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B318
21 Jan 1872	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B345
6 February 1872	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B353
18 Feb 1872	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B360
11 July 1872	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B370
17 Aug 1873	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B401

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7 Sep 1873	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B407
14 Sep 1873	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B414
23 Oct 1873	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B423
2 July 1874	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B450
19 Oct 1874	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B481
11 Apr 1875	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B487
23 April 1875	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B494
9 May 1875	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder				B502
5 March 1871	Sutherland	Sinr	Elder				B288
27 March 1871	Sutherland	Sinr	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B299
8 June 1868	Sutherland	Whilemina	unmarried	Manse of Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B170
22 May 1870	Sutherland	Willam	Elder				B249
27 Dec 1866	Sutherland	William	Farmer	Osmondwall	Potential elder	Minister to converse with him.	B106
11 Oct 1868	Sutherland	William			Ordained elder		B204
26 May 1869	Sutherland	William	Elder				B211
8 June 1869	Sutherland	William	Elder				B219
17 June 1869	Sutherland	William	Elder				B231

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15 March 1870	Sutherland	William	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B240
16 June 1870	Sutherland	William	Elder		Admitted as new communicant		B270
5 March 1871	Sutherland	William	Elder				B293
27 March 1871	Sutherland	William	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B304
21 Jan 1872	Sutherland	William	Elder				B346
6 February 1872	Sutherland	William	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B354
7 Sep 1873	Sutherland	William	Elder				B408
14 Sep 1873	Sutherland	William	Elder				B415
23 Oct 1873	Sutherland	William	Elder				B424
17 July 1868	Sutherland	Willm		North Seatter	To be ordained elder		B187
11 Jun 1871	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B310
15 June 1871	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B321
18 Feb 1872	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B361
11 July 1872	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B371
2 Feb 1873	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B392
11 Feb 1873	Sutherland	Wm	Elder		Business items see next section of this index		B398
2 July 1874	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B451

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19 Oct 1874	Sutherland	Wm	Elder	Seattter		Chosen as elder to represent them in Presbytery of Cairston in current year	B482
11 Apr 1875	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B488
23 April 1875	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B495
9 May 1875	Sutherland	Wm	Elder				B503
27 Dec 1866	Swanston	Alexander	Precentor	Brims	Precentor	Annual salary of £2.10 shillings confirmed	B113
15 June 1871	Swanston	Alexr		Brims, South Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B342
12 Jun 1867	Swanston	Barbara	unmarried	Wards	Admitted as new communicant		B135
2 July 1874	Swanston	Christina		Millbay, North Walls	Admitted as member of the church		B471
15 June 1871	Swanston	Elisabeth		Brims	Ante-nuptial fornication	With husband John Swanston, Confessed their sin.	B328
9 Sept 1866	Swanston	Helen		Brims	Illegitimate child	Born 11 June 1864. Sutherland Stout father. 2nd child to same man. She had been called to Manse and minister felt she "seriously felt the degraded state into which she had fallen, had professed deep sorrow for her conduct". Felt she would be more watchful of herself in future if restored to church privileges. Admonished and this was done.	B099
25 Oct 1873	Swanston	Henry	Burnhouse		Admitted as member of the church		B447
15 June 1871	Swanston	John	Fisherman	Brims	Ante-nuptial fornication	With wife Elisabeth Swanston. Confessed their sin.	B327
15 June 1871	Swanston	John	married	Brims, South Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B341
27 Dec 1866	Swanston	William		Millbay	Possible elder	If those in first choice group refused to become elders	B111
15 June 1871	Swanston	William	married	Towrie House, South Walls	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory classes and following approval by Session	B343

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23 Oct 1873	Taylor	[blank]		Brims	Ante-nuptial fornication	With William Robertson, husband. Only he appeared and was rebuked and restored to communion.	B430
24 Sept 1865	Taylor	Benjamin	Teacher at Osmondwall		Resignation	Had resigned post so craving a certificate of character and proper discharge of duties. This was granted + cert of church membership	B009
2 July 1874	Taylor	Isabella		Scarton, Osmondwall	Admitted as member of the church		B460
8 June 1868	Taylor	James	unmarried	Heckness	Admitted as new communicant		B174
21 Jan 1872	Taylor	William	Fisherman	Heckness	Ante-nuptial fornication	With Catherine Simpson. Described as a "peculiar case" Not members but wished to become members, and had wished to do so "long previously" and also have child baptised due to its "extremely weak state". Suttitably repented so admnished and allowed membership and baptism of child.	B350
11 July 1872	Taylor	William	married	Heckness	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B380
4 Mar 1866	Telfer	Alexandrina			Ante-nuptial fornication	with Walter Wilson (she did not appear)	B019
8 Apr 1866	Telfer	Alexandrina			Ante-nuptial fornication	with Walter Wilson (he did not appear)	B032
12 June 1866	Telfer or Robertson	Alexandrina		Rysa, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B052
28 Feb 1866	Thomson	David	Church Officer		Church officer	Note that he had been paid his annual salary of £1 5shillings	B014
27 Dec 1866	Thomson	David	Church Officer	Little Wards	Church officer	Annual salary of £2 confirmed. For this salary he is to ring the church bell three times each day when divine service is celebrated and to keep the church clean and discharge all other duties of his office.	B114
12 June 1866	Thomson	Donald	unmarried	North Row, Fea	Admitted as new communicant		B055
16 June 1870	Thomson	Jean		Wards	Admitted as new communicant		B276
8 June 1868	Thomson	Margaret	wife of Walter Campbell	North Ness	Admitted as new communicant		B166
12 June 1866	Thomson	Marion	unmarried	Crockness, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B077

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11 July 1872	Wards	John	married	Millbay	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B383
2 July 1874	Waters	Benjamin	mar[rie]d	Hilltown, North Walls	Admitted as member of the church		B469
29 May 1870	Waters	Donald	Groom at Melsetter		Illegitimate child	Confessed by letter that he was father of Christina Stout's child born 5 Nov last	B262
11 July 1872	Weir	Catherine J	wife of John Wards	Millbay	Admitted as new communicant	After attending preparatory instruction from "8 May last"	B384
15 June 1871	Whyte	Rev Mr	A [ssistant] Min[ister] Orphir		Baptised child of Mrs John Malcomson, Seaberry		B325
12 June 1866	Wilson	Isabella	unmarried	Millbay, North Walls	Admitted as new communicant		B062
27 Dec 1866	Wilson	James	Farmer	Lyness	Potential elder	Minister to converse with him.	B109
4 Mar 1866	Wilson	Walter		Rysa	Ante-nuptial fornication	with Alexandrina Telfer	B018
11 July 1872	Wingate	Rev Thomas D			Assistance with Communion season	Had promised his assistance for the other communion days	B378
16 July 1865	Wingate	Thomas D	Minister of Stromness		Moderator by appt of Presbytery	To bank the collections in the National Bank Stromness (12s 1d)	B001
21 June 1866	Wright	Willimina		North Ness	Illegitimate child	Confessed she had had illegitimate child 16 years earlier. Alexander Robertson, native of Stroma the father (acknowledged by him). Child baptised in North Church, Aberdeen. In view of good conduct in parish over many years, to be admonished by minister and if suitably repentant be admitted to membership. This was done.	B086
12 June 1866	Wright	Willimina			Application for admission as new communicant	Cited to appear before Session as had never satisfied them as to paternity of illegitimate child	B079

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28 Feb 1866	Benjamin Smith Snr, elder, Had been treasurer during vacancy. Handed over collections: £2.9.10.5 Had paid £1.5.0 to David Thomson church officer his yearly salary, balance £1.4.10.5. Also KS minutes 8 Octr 1837-16 July 1865, register of births, baptisms and marriages and a note of church door collections.	BusB001
28 Feb 1866	Rev John Keillor apptd Clerk and treasurer until suitable person obtained for those duties. [He seems to have carried on being Session Clerk for most of his ministry]	BusB002
28 Feb 1866	Session informed Clerk [ie John Keillor] of Fees for proclamation of banns: Four shillings for three days; seven shillings for two days; One Pound for one day and that these fees belonged according to use and wont to the Session Clerk. Also resolved to allow one Guinea from funds of the Session as annual salary to him .	BusB003
27 Dec 1866	Destitute state of eldership. No elders North walls (400 + people); 3 South side (800+ people), 3 Flotta. Elders said that deaths had thinned the Session and efforts had been made but "as yet this was unsuccessful from the disinclination of those believed qualified for the office to undertake the duties"	BusB004
27 Dec 1866	Members not attending without due cause to be disrobed of access to church privileges ie the sacraments. This was to be announced at the next services.	BusB005
12 Jun 1867	Minister reported back on the possible elders as he had spoken to all mentioned; some had little hope of undertaking the duties and others wanted time to consider. Owing to the state of his health he had not been able to obtain decisions so there would be no ordination before the next Communion "Besides that little could be done in the months until the season of fishing concluded & even perhaps the harvest ended."	BusB006
12 Jun 1867	Also reported that while at the General Assembly he had obtained a grant of £60 per annum for a missionary to be located in North Walls to officiate in the General Assembly Schoolroom lately erected there. Had engaged the Rev Mr Ogilvie.	BusB007

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30 Sept 1868	Treasurer's statement Sum collected in year to 31 dDec 1867 was £10.4.5 inc balance from previous yr of £2.10.3.5 Payments £9.14.0 leaving a new balance of 0.10.5 (halfpenny disappeared?). Sum collected so far this year was £6.14.6.5 inc the 0.10.5, payments £2.15.0 so balance of £3.19.6.5. Agree to make a collection for the Stromness Auxiliary Bible society at the request of the Revd Alexander Davidson minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Stromness.	BusB008
26 May 1869	Communion rolls 1866-67-68 examined and found correct. Moderator requested to warn from the Pulpit those who were careless in their attendance at Divine Ordinances on Sabbath first.	BusB009
15 March 1870	Treasurers report Ordinary Church Collections to 1 Jan 1870 amounted to £8.3.0 Expended on salaries and wine flagons £2) £8 [bracket missing in the original, this sect?] leaving a balance of 3 pennies. Extraordinary collections for Church Schemes and Bible Society £7.6.1.5	BusB010
15 March 1870	It was agreed to send for specimen Bibles from the Society's secretary before ordering the acct of that being £1.12.0	BusB011
15 March 1870	Survey about deaf mutes from Edinburgh- found that there were none in the parish	BusB012
15 March 1870	Moderator laid before them a request for collections or subscriptions on behalf of the movement to augment the stipends of smaller livings of the Church. Agreed with the objects but felt that in present circumstances they could not see anything that would succeed in their parish	BusB013
27 March 1871	Session examined Communion roll of the District of Walls and found correct 315 names. (Elders all present as per the previous minute)	BusB014
11 June 1871	"Session resolved that printed slips should be got for the communicants and that each elder and others ?? In the various districts should give one slip to each communicant on application & that tokens to the ensuing dispensation of the Lords Supper fixed DV for the 18th Inst. to those persons producing a slip having their names and residence legibly written thereon. It appearing to the Session that this was the only method by which an accurate roll could be obtained in such a scattered parish"	BusB015

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6 February 1872	Church door collection for year ending 31 Dec 1870 £7.18.7; expenditure £6.10.0. The statement would have been made at the usual period but "the health of the Moderator prevented that". Also the statement for the year ended 31 Dec 1871: church door collections £9.0.1. Expenditure £6.19.0. With the balance of £1.8.7 from 1870, this left a total balance of £3.9.8. Collections for the "various church schemes" were £8.16.11/2 in 1870 and £11.6.8. But the printed report given by the treasurer and collector in Edinburgh is only £4.5.0 while the Moderator showed receipts properly signed for £8.12.8. Examined the communion roll and found there were 336 persons.	BusB016
11 Feb 1873	Church door collections for year ending 31 December 1872 including balance of follair Year £11.12.5, expenditure £6.10.0, balance £5.2.5. Collections for the various schemes of the Church are £10.12.7. 367 on communion roll, 320 took communion on 14 July last.	BusB017
14 Sep 1873	Communion had been delayed due to the afflition[affliction/] bereavement at the Manse. Decided to go ahead as soon as "harvest operation was advanced" Expected that subscription for communion cups would be completed before that period when they would be ready for the occasion.	BusB018
23 Oct 1873	Rev Keillor announced that 4 communion cups with 2 salvers had arrived from Edinburgh. The 3 cups subscribed for by the congregation have the following engraved on them "Kirk of Walls 1873 By congregation"; the cup given by himself had the following inscription " Kirk of Walls By Revd John Keillor Minr of the Parish". Also announced that subscription from the congregation was £8.12.9, 4th cup cost £2.10.0 (from Keilor) so £11.2.9 in total. Mr Rickardson's account for the whole inclusive of engraving £11.12.0. Leaves a balance of 0.9.3 to be paid for along with carriage from the ordinary collections. "There being no other table cloth for the table used for the elements in front of the pulpit nor napkins for the four salvers Messrs Peace & Sons furnished a small damask table cover and four napkins of the same material which are all marked thus in the centre "Kirk of Walls 1873""	BusB019
19 Oct 1874	Collections for ordinary expenditure of the church to 31 Dec 1873 £7.9.7, balance of £5.2.5 from preceeding year making £12.12.0. Collections for four of the Schemes of the church £5.17.8. "The collections for that year were less than formerly owing to the bad health of Mr Keillor when there were eight Sabbaths without services before an assistant could be obtained" A statement for the year to 18 Oct [1874] also submitted: including balance of £4.16.4 from former year, collections amounted to £11.19.8.5 and the expenditure £3.5.6, balance £8.14.2.5	BusB020

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19 Oct 1874	Decided not to review the Communion Roll until they knew "on what principles persons were to be admitted to the privilege of voting under the new system of election of a minister since the Law of Patronage had been abolished by the Legislation"	BusB021