

Parish of Walls, Orkney. Kirk Session Minutes, 1837-1865. CH2/1105/1

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Section 1 Main records relating to people

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 t 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.

ID	Date	Surname	Firstname	Other ID info	Address	Reason	Additional information
132	24 Jul 1840	Allan	Thomas			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had come to reside in parish and brought parochial certificate
944	24 May 1863	Allan	William		Orphir	Fornication	With Margaret Mowat. As he lived in Orphir + sin committed there, case transferred to Orphir KS.
167	1 July 1841	Anderson	Christy	Wife of Robt Sutherland		Admitted as member of the church	
831	30 May 1858	Anderson	Harriett			Admitted as new communicant	
044	14 May 1839	Anderson	James			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
315	25 Feb 1845	Anderson	Margaret			Fornication (3rd appearance) [but only the second in the Minutes]	Insisted James Dass was child's father still. Matter referred to Presbytery.
669	10 Dec 1854	Anderson	Margaret			Fornication - 2nd time.	James Fiddler the father of unborn child. Guilt committed in sleeping apartment used by men and women at Bow of Hoy after 13 May last (can't tell exact time due to being distressed by Harry Fiddler, brother of James)
691	25 March 1855	Anderson	Margaret			Fornication	James Fiddler admitted he was father of her unborn child
728	24 June 1855	Anderson	Margaret			Fornication	Had been under discipline for a considerable time so resolved to bring case to a termination. Admonished & restored to church privileges.
732	1 July 1855	Anderson	Margaret		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	
920	10 Nov 1861	Anderson	Margaret			Fornication - 3rd time	Alexander Groat alleged father of child, due in abt 4 weeks. 3rd time guilty of this sin so case ref to Presbytery.
265	26 Dec 1843	Anderson	Margt			Fornication	Interrogated abt child's father (child already born). James Dass jnr named. She said he had said he wd give her a sovereign, then half his summer's earnings to say it was someone else. He denied this but her mother supported her. Agreed to defer the case to another meeting. Longer case.
300	8 July 1844	Anderson	Samuel	Married	Hackness	Fornication	Accused of being father of Jannet Groat's child. Sin committed in his house where she was a servant. Denied accusation and any criminal connection with JG. Session to consider matter in future as both held to their story.
313	25 Feb 1845	Anderson	Samuel			Fornication (2nd appearance)	Denied he was father of Janet Groat's child. Matter referred to Presbytery as JG said he was father.
330	19 Nov 1848	Anderson	Samuel			Fornication	Had failed to appear before Presbytery & repeatedly declined to appear before Session so his case to rest. Accused of being father of Janet Groat's child.
564	5 Feb 1854	Anderson	Will	Moderator			
002	9 May 1844	Anderson	William			Ordained Minister of Walls and Flotta	
286	22 Jan 1844	Anderson	William	Moderator			
292	8 July 1844	Anderson	William	Moderator			
302	14 July 1844	Anderson	William	Moderator			
323	19 Nov 1848	Anderson	William	Minister			
340	1 May 1849	Anderson	William	Moderator			
346	23 Sept 1849	Anderson	William	Moderator			

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353	11 Nov 1849	Anderson	William	Moderator			
358	16 Dec 1849	Anderson	William	Moderator			
362	18 Dec 1849	Anderson	William	Moderator			
382	12 May 1850	Anderson	William	Moderator			
387	19 Jan 1851	Anderson	William	Moderator			
392	2 Feb 1851	Anderson	William	Moderator			
397	16 Mar 1851	Anderson	William	Moderator			
404	20 Apr 1851	Anderson	William	Moderator			
409	28 Sept 1851	Anderson	William	Moderator			
414	2 Nov 1851	Anderson	William	Moderator			
421	16 May 1852	Anderson	William	Moderator			
426	3 Oct 1852	Anderson	William	Moderator			
435	7 Nov 1852	Anderson	William	Moderator			
441	21 Nov 1852	Anderson	William	Moderator			
450	1 May 1853	Anderson	William	Moderator			
503	2 Oct 1853	Anderson	William	Minister			
531	26 Oct 1853	Anderson	William	Minister			
557	15 Nov 1853	Anderson	William	Moderator			
609	28 May 1854	Anderson	William	Moderator			
652	8 Oct 1854	Anderson	William	Moderator			
673	14 Jan 1855	Anderson	William	Minister			
685	25 March 1855	Anderson	William	Moderator			
834	11 July 1858	Anderson	William	Minister			
926	20 July 1862	Anderson	William	Minister			
932	28 Dec 1862	Anderson	William	Minister			
939	24 May 1863	Anderson	William	Minister			
945	7 June 1863	Anderson	William	Minister			
950	21 June 1863	Anderson	William	Minister			
958	28 June 1863	Anderson	William	Minister			
965	26 June 1864	Anderson	William	Minister			
971	3 July 1864	Anderson	William	Minister			
333	22 Apr 1849	Anderson	Willm	Moderator			
308	25 Feb 1845	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
317	20 June 1847	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
368	26 Dec 1849	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
372	30 Dec 1849	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
514	9 Oct 1853	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
523	16 Oct 1853	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
541	30 Oct 1853	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
548	2 Nov 1853	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
551	8 Nov 1853	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			

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570	26 Mar 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
579	16 Apr 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
586	23 Apr 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
593	7 May 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
600	21 May 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
619	11 Jun 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
646	2 Jul 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
659	5 Nov 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
665	10 Dec 1854	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
694	29 Apr 1855	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
703	13 May 1855	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
709	27 May 1855	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
716	10 June 1855	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
724	24 June 1855	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
741	9 Mar 1856	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
747	29 June 1856	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
765	29 Mar 1857	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
772	12 Apr 1857	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
778	7 Jun 1857	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
786	11 Jun 1857	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
812	19 July 1857	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
819	23 May 1858	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
845	10 Oct 1858	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
852	5 June 1859	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
861	12 June 1859	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
881	3 June 1860	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
893	24 Feb 1861	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
900	3 Mar 1861	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
907	8 Sept 1861	Anderson	Wm	Moderator			
913	10 Nov 1861	Anderson	Wm	Minister			
922	25 May 1862	Anderson	Wm	Minister			Date cd be 23
224	10 May 1842	Arthur	John	Schoolmaster North Walls		Appointed precentor	at same salary as the former one
762	13 July 1856	Backie	James		North side	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
395	2 Feb 1851	Baikie	Betsy			Fornication	Said William Ross, currently at Hudsons Bay, was father. "seven month child" Deed committed 1 Apr, child born 31 Dec 1850. Rebuked. Decided to examine the midwife.
417	2 Nov 1851	Baikie	Betsy			Fornication	Received letter from William Ross, Hudsons Bay, acknowledging he was father of her child. Rebuked & restored to church privileges
021	14 May 1839	Baikie	Christie			Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year
338	22 Apr 1849	Baikie	George			Fornication	Accused of being father of Margt Sutherland's child. Agreed fornication but not paternity. He said October, she said August.
351	23 Sept 1849	Baikie	George			Fornication	Denied he was father of Margt Sutherland's child, but guilty of fornication. Decided he must be the father as no other man mentioned. Asked to provide financial support.

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099	5 Jun 1840	Baikie	Hugh			Added to church roll as communicant for 1st time	
291	22 Jan 1844	Baikie	John	Unmarried		Fanny Sutherland admonished for impropriety of conduct with him.	[He did not seem to have been admonished]
045	14 May 1839	Baikie	Kath:			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
630	18 Jun 1854	Bain	[not stated]	Henry Bain's wife	Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
438	7 Nov 1852	Bain	Alexander			Ordained elder	
505	2 Oct 1853	Bain	Alexander	Elder			
553	8 Nov 1853	Bain	Alexander	Elder			
687	25 Mar 1855	Bain	Alexander	Elder			
743	9 Mar 1856	Bain	Alexander	Elder			
757	13 July 1856	Bain	Alexander			Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
836	11 July 1858	Bain	Alexander	Elder			
445	21 Nov 1852	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
452	1 May 1853	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
516	9 Oct 1853	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
526	16 Oct 1853	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
544	30 Oct 1853	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
559	15 Nov 1853	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
566	5 Feb 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
574	26 Mar 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
581	16 Apr 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
588	23 Apr 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
597	7 May 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
603	21 May 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
612	28 May 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
622	11 Jun 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
654	8 Oct 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
661	5 Nov 1854	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
676	14 Jan 1855	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
697	29 Apr 1855	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
705	13 May 1855	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
711	27 May 1855	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
720	10 June 1855	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
750	29 Jun 1856	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
768	29 Mar 1857	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
774	12 Apr 1857	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
781	7 Jun 1857	Bain	Alexr	Elder			

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789	11 Jun 1857	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
815	19 July 1857	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
821	23 May 1858	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
895	24 Feb 1861	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
902	3 Mar 1861	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
910	8 Sept 1861	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
916	10 Nov 1861	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
928	20 July 1862	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
934	28 Dec 1862	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
946	7 June 1863	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
952	21 June 1863	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
960	28 June 1863	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
967	26 June 1864	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
973	3 July 1864	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
847	10 Oct 1858	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
854	5 June 1859	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
863	12 June 1859	Bain	Alexr	Elder			
468	00/00/1853	Bain	Christina		Aith, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
511	2 Oct 1853	Banks	Mr		Melsetter	Fornication	Acknowledged being father of Margaret Maxwell's child in letter to minister. (Did not appear nor rebuked)
434	3 Oct 1852	Banks	William		Melsetter	Fornication	Alleged father of Margaret Maxwell's child
925	25 May 1862	Bartholomew	George		Edinburgh	Fornication	Letter rec'd from him acknowledging he is father of Mary Fiddler's child
385	12 May 1850	Bearston	Catherine			Fornication	Declared that John Weir, Melsetter, was the father. Sin committed in the dairyhouse there about middle of last harvest, child due latter end of June. JW had promised to marry her before. Had said he was willing to do all for the child.
403	16 Mar 1851	Berston	Catherine			Fornication	Letter received from John Weir acknowledging he was father of her child. Rebuked & restored to church privileges.
731	1 July 1855	Blair	Jean	Benjamin Smith Junr wife		Admitted as new communicant	
839	11 July 1858	Bremner	George			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Harriot Gunn
298	8 July 1844	Bremner	Jane			Ante-nuptial fornication	With John Stout
641	18 Jun 1854	Bremner	Mary		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
538	26 Oct 1853	Bremner	William		Brims	Informant in Anne Stout/James Taylor case	
560	15 Nov 1853	Bremner	William		Brims	Witness for James Taylor	Said John Smith had told him he saw Anne Stout and John Simpson near a dyke doing nothing improper. Session decided that if John Smith sent a letter to Moderator confirming this, John Simpson would be declared innocent of charge brought against him by James Taylor
039	14 May 1839	Brotchie	Betsey			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
115	24 Jul 1840	Bruce	Alexr	Elder		Dead	Removed from roll of male heads of families
327	19 Nov 1848	Bruce	John			Fornication	With Isabella Thomson

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763	13 July 1856	Bruce	John		North side	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
494	00/00/1853	Bruce	Susanna		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
970	26 June 1864	Burges	David			Ante-nuptial fornication	with Catherine Sinclair
536	26 Oct 1853	Campbell	Betty	Wife of Andrew McLaren		Named as a witness in Anne Stout/James Taylor case	
235	26 Feb 1843	Cantley	Ann			Ante-nuptial fornication	With James Smith. Both publically rebuked before the congregation
798	14 June 1857	Cantly	Grace	Wife to John Wilson		Admitted as new communicant	
038	14 May 1839	Chalmers	James			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
361	16 Dec 1849	Chalmers	Mary		Myre	Fornication	Sin committed in Kirkwall where she used to live. Guilty of same sin several years previously. Not then retored to church privileges. Admonished and case to be taken up again in future.
448	21 Nov 1852	Chalmers	Mary		Myre	Fornication	Letter from Rev Wm Logie, Kirkwall, transferring her case to Walls Kirk Session. Twice guilty. J Smith, labourer, Kirkwall, denied being father of 1st child. 2nd child born in Walls parish, alleged father a sailor of whom she knew nothng. Declined to take her under discipline, at least first case shd be settled by kirk session of Kirkwall.
161	1 July 1841	Chalmers	Nelly	Wife of Wm Taylor, Osmanwall		Admitted as member of the church	
956	21 June 1863	Charleson	Elizabeth			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Alexr Thomson
017	14 May 1839	Constable	Widow		Hilltown	Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year
495	00/00/1853	Corrigal	Anne	Daughter of John Corrigal	North side	Admitted as new communicant	
496	00/00/1853	Corrigal	Anne	Daughter of Donald Corrigal	North side	Admitted as new communicant	
478	00/00/1853	Corrigal	Susan	Servant at Manse	South side	Admitted as new communicant	
116	24 Jul 1840	Corrigall	James			Dead	Removed from roll of male heads of families
117	24 Jul 1840	Corrigall	James			Removed from roll of male heads of families	"Inserted by mistake. No 67"
029	14 May 1839	Corrigill	John			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
103	5 Jun 1840	Cromarty	Benjamin	Boatbuilder		Kept back from Communion	Indulging in excess of intoxicating liquor, reputedly
035	14 May 1839	Cromarty	Benjm			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
043	14 May 1839	Cromarty	Betsey			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
196	6 Jan 1842	Cromarty	Betsy			Ante-nuptial fornication	With James Robertson
257	20 June 1843	Cromarty	John		Wing	Payment for oatmeal furnished August last	

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365	18 Dec 1849	Cromarty	John			Desecrating the Sabbath	Took whisky etc to ships in Longhope. Called to Session on 11th & 18th but did not appear. Resolved to write to warn him that if he did not appear when summoned for the third time he would be deprived of church privileges.
370	26 Dec 1849	Cromarty	John			Desecrating the Sabbath	Said he had to go to ships occasionally on the Sabbath as he had to give information to the editor of the Shipping Gazette. Accepted but told never to go unless absolutely necessary.
643	18 Jun 1854	Cromarty	John		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	
482	00/00/1853	Cromarty	James	Junr	Osmandwall, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
803	14 June 1857	Cuthbert	Bethia			Admitted as new communicant	
413	28 Sept 1851	Cuthbert	Margaret			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Thomas Kirkpatrick
472	00/00/1853	Cuthbert	Mary		Wards, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
473	00/00/1853	Cuthbert	Robina		Wards, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
134	24 Jul 1840	Cuthbert	Wm			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had come to reside in parish and brought parochial certificate
759	13 July 1856	Daas	[not stated]		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
440	7 Nov 1852	Daas	James			Ordained elder	
447	21 Nov 1852	Daas	James	Elder			
454	1 May 1853	Daas	James	Elder			
507	2 Oct 1853	Daas	James	Elder			
528	16 Oct 1853	Daas	James	Elder			
533	26 Oct 1853	Daas	James	Elder			
546	30 Oct 1853	Daas	James	Elder			
554	8 Nov 1853	Daas	James	Elder			
567	5 Feb 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
583	16 Apr 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
590	23 Apr 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
598	7 May 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
605	21 May 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
624	11 Jun 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
650	2 Jul 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
656	8 Oct 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
662	5 Nov 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
668	10 Dec 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
677	14 Jan 1855	Daas	James	Elder			

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689	25 Mar 1855	Daas	James	Elder			
699	29 Apr 1855	Daas	James	Elder			
707	13 May 1855	Daas	James	Elder			
713	27 May 1855	Daas	James	Elder			
721	10 June 1855	Daas	James	Elder			
726	24 June 1855	Daas	James	Elder			
744	9 Mar 1856	Daas	James	Elder			
751	29 June 1856	Daas	James	Elder			
782	7 Jun 1857	Daas	James	Elder			
790	11 Jun 1857	Daas	James	Elder			
816	19 July 1857	Daas	James	Elder			
822	23 May 1858	Daas	James	Elder			
837	11 July 1858	Daas	James	Elder			
848	10 Oct 1858	Daas	James	Elder			
855	5 June 1859	Daas	James	Elder			
864	12 June 1859	Daas	James	Elder			
884	3 June 1860	Daas	James	Elder			
897	24 Feb 1861	Daas	James	Elder			
904	3 Mar 1861	Daas	James	Elder			
917	10 Nov 1861	Daas	James	Elder			
936	28 Dec 1862	Daas	James	Elder			
942	24 May 1863	Daas	James	Elder			
947	7 June 1863	Daas	James	Elder			
954	21 June 1863	Daas	James	Elder			
962	28 June 1863	Daas	James	Elder			
518	9 Oct 1853	Daas	James	Elder			
576	26 Mar 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
614	28 May 1854	Daas	James	Elder			
133	24 Jul 1840	Dass	James			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had come to reside in parish and brought parochial certificate
314	25 Feb 1845	Dass	James			Fornication (3rd appearance) [but only the second in the Minutes]	Denied being father of Margt Anderson's child & criminal connection with her, again. Matter referred to Presbytery.

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266	26 Dec 1843	Dass	James	Jnr		Fornication	Denied being father of Margt Anderson's child. Agreed to defer the case to another meeting. Longer case.
046	14 May 1839	Donaldson	Janet			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
233	26 Jan 1843	Donaldson	Janet	Mrs Wright		Frequently intoxicated & used improper language in that state.	To be excluded from next Communion if things did not change.
931	20 July 1862	Dunnet	John			Fornication	Alleged father of Betsy Macolmson's child. To be summoned.
938	28 Dec 1862	Dunnet	John			Fornication	With Betsy Macolmson. Session decided as he was named as father in the birth registration, paternity not in dispute. He did not attend.
475	00/00/1853	Dunnet	James	Sent	Osmandwall, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
476	00/00/1853	Dunnet	James	Junr	Osmandwall, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
138	30 Jan 1841	Ellicott	Edwd			Fornication[rape?]	Accused by Isabella Thomson of acting criminally towards her Jan 1839 at North Ness. [Longer item]
145	24 March 1841	Ellicott	Edwd			Accusation of improper conduct	Session to consult with Presbytery abt Edwd Ellicott & Isabella Thomson
203	10 April 1842	Esson	John		Flotta	Ante-nuptial fornication	With Jessie Simpson. Confessed that he had had criminal connection with Isabella Thomson in Walls sometime before.
872	19 June 1859	Fiddler	Christina			Admitted as new communicant	
672	10 Dec 1854	Fiddler	Harry	Brother of James Fiddler		Distressed Margt Anderson	Mentioned in Margaret Anderson/James Fiddler case
670	10 Dec 1854	Fiddler	James			Fornication	Alleged father of Margaret Anderson's child
690	25 Mar 1855	Fiddler	James			Fornication	Admitted he was father of Margt Anderson's child; guilt committed at Bow of Hoy, in aptment appropriated both for men and women, abt 28 June. She imposed on him. Willing to give what he can afford. Admonished.
796	14 June 1857	Fiddler	James			Admitted as new communicant	
924	25 May 1862	Fiddler	Mary			Fornication	Presented letter from George Bartholamew, Edinburgh, stating he is father of her child
509	2 Oct 1853	Fiddler	William	Unmarried	Osmandwall	Fornication	Father of Binny Sutherland's child. Had not promised marriage, she came to his bed unasked. Willing to give what support he can afford.
617	28 May 1854	Fiddler	William			Fornication	With Binny Sutherland. Summoned but did not appear
671	10 Dec 1854	Fiddler	William	Brother of James Fiddler		Assault of Margt Anderson	Mentioned in Margaret Anderson/James Fiddler case
061	00/00/1839	Fidler	Benjamin		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
128	24 Jul 1840	Fidler	Benjamin			Added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
253	6 May 1843	Fidler	Christie	Wife of Adam Groat, Osmanwall		Admitted to Communion for 1st time	
166	1 July 1841	Fidler	James		Osmanwall	Admitted as member of the church	
159	1 July 1841	Fidler	Margaret	Wife of Danl Malcomson, Hackness		Admitted as member of the church	

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493	00/00/1853	Flett	Barbara		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
070	00/00/1839	Flett	Elizabeth		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
075	00/00/1839	Flett	Helen		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
071	00/00/1839	Flett	Jean		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
357	11 Nov 1849	Gray	[not stated]	wife of Alexander Gunn		Ante-nuptial fornication	With Alexander Gunn
376	30 Dec 1849	Gray	[not stated]	wife of Alexander Gunn		Ante-nuptial fornication (2nd appearance)	With Alexander Gunn. Rebuked.
519	9 Oct 1853	Gray	Betty			Fornication	Daughter born 6 July last; John Laird, Reice, Wick, the father who had promised to marry her but he left for Australia on 10 May last. She had returned to parish on 6 Feb having lived in Caithness for 2 1/2 years. Minute to be sent to KS of Wick.
618	28 May 1854	Gray	Betty			Fornication	(9 Oct 1853 case) resolved she should be taken under discipline so as to be absolved from church scandal
625	11 Jun 1854	Gray	Betty			Fornication	Rebuked and absolved from church scandal
626	18 Jun 1854	Gray	Betty		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
030	14 May 1839	Gray	Catharine			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
737	1 July 1855	Gray	James		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
047	14 May 1839	Green	Charlotte			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
209	10 May 1842	Groat	Adam		Osmanwall	Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
921	10 Nov 1861	Groat	Alexander			Fornication	Alleged father of Margaret Anderson's child. Summoned but did not appear.
833	30 May 1858	Groat	Elizabeth			Admitted as new communicant	
858	5 June 1859	Groat	Elizabeth			Ante-nuptial fornication	With James Laughton
871	19 June 1859	Groat	Elizabeth	Wife of James Laughton		Admitted as new communicant	
800	14 June 1857	Groat	Helen			Admitted as new communicant	
312	25 Feb 1845	Groat	Janet			Fornication (2nd appearance)	Said Samuel Anderson was father of her child. Matter referred to Presbytery as SA denied this.
329	19 Nov 1848	Groat	Janet			Fornication	"whose case has long been before the session" Rebuked and required to appear before next Session. [Had said Samuel Anderson was father of her child which he denied]
299	8 July 1844	Groat	Jannet	Single		Fornication	Gave birth to child abt four months ago. Samuel Anderson, married man, Hackness, the father. Sin committed in his house where she was a servant. Pregnancy not made known until the week before delivery when she told the midwife father's name but SA denied it three days after child born. Session to consider again in future as both held to their story.

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756	13 July 1856	Groat	Jean		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
156	1 July 1841	Groat	Jessie		Osmanwall	Admitted as member of the church	
425	16 May 1852	Groat	Jessie			Ante-nuptial fornication	With William Groat
754	13 July 1856	Groat	John		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
975	3 July 1864	Groat	John			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Anne Robertson
424	16 May 1852	Groat	William			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Jessie Groat
874	19 June 1859	Groat	William			Admitted as new communicant	
311	25 Feb 1845	Groundwater	[not stated]	Elder			
320	20 June 1847	Groundwater	[not stated]	Elder			Elders listed as Messrs, no 1st name stated
288	22 Jan 1844	Groundwater	Alexander	Elder			
293	8 July 1844	Groundwater	Alexander	Elder			
324	19 Nov 1848	Groundwater	Alexander	Elder			
342	1 May 1849	Groundwater	Alexander	Elder			
348	23 Sept 1849	Groundwater	Alexander	Elder			
436	7 Nov 1852	Groundwater	Alexander	Elder			
137	30 Jan 1841	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
142	24 March 1841	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
150	1 July 1841	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
175	16 Sept 1841	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
182	22 Nov 1841	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			Clerk PT
188	15 Dec 1841	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			Clerk PT
194	6 Jan 1842	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
201	10 April 1842	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
208	10 May 1842	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
227	10 Oct 1842	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
231	26 Jan 1843	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			Clerk at the meeting
279	28 Dec 1843	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
304	14 July 1844	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
335	22 Apr 1849	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
393	2 Feb 1851	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
399	16 Mar 1851	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
422	16 May 1852	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
427	3 Oct 1852	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
443	21 Nov 1852	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
572	26 Mar 1854	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
595	7 May 1854	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
610	28 May 1854	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
620	11 Jun 1854	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			

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647	2 Jul 1854	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
674	14 Jan 1855	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
718	10 June 1855	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
237	26 Feb 1843	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
244	6 May 1843	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
263	26 Dec 1843	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
015	14 May 1839	Groundwater	Alexr	Senr - Elder			
080	17 Nov 1839	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
086	2 Mar 1840	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
095	5 Jun 1840	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder			
356	11 Nov 1849	Gunn	Alexander			Ante-nuptial fornication	With [blank] Gray
375	30 Dec 1849	Gunn	Alexander			Ante-nuptial fornication (2nd appearance)	With [blank] Gray. Rebuked.
513	2 Oct 1853	Gunn	Alexander		Osmandwall	Fornication	Alleged father of Barbara Walls' (South Ronaldsay) child. At present at Murkle farmhouse, Thurso so could not be summoned.
808	14 June 1857	Gunn	Alexander			Admitted as new communicant	
739	1 July 1855	Gunn	Harriot		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
840	11 July 1858	Gunn	Harriot			Ante-nuptial fornication	with George Bremner
738	1 July 1855	Gunn	Jacobina		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
065	00/00/1839	Gunn	James		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
810	14 June 1857	Gunn	James			Admitted as new communicant	
608	21 May 1854	Harold	Mary			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Benjamin Sutherland
042	14 May 1839	Harrold	Benjm			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
828	30 May 1858	Harrold	James			Admitted as new communicant	
867	19 June 1859	Heddle	Jessie			Admitted as new communicant	
905	3 Mar 1861	Heddle	Jessie			Fornication	With Robert Nicolson, baker, Kirkwall Session had recd evidence he was the father so Jessie restored to privileges
267	26 Dec 1843	Johnston	Betsey			Fornication	James Sutherland jnr at Brims the father. Appeared with her mother who said James S had acknowledged paternity in her presence. Child would be born about last week of the year old style.
285	28 Dec 1843	Johnston	Betsey			Fornication	James Sutherland Jnr, Brims, admitted being father of her child. "Action" took place 10 Feb last
734	1 July 1855	Johnston	Donald		Easdale	Admitted as new communicant	
191	15 Dec 1841	Johnston	Harriet			Ante-nuptial fornication	With George Sutherland
860	5 June 1859	Johnston	Isabella			Ante-nuptial fornication	With James Oman
870	19 June 1859	Johnston	Isabella	Wife of James Oman		Admitted as new communicant	

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825	23 May 1858	Johnston	Jessie			Ante-nuptial fornication	With John Johnston
829	30 May 1858	Johnston	Jessie	Wife to John Johnston		Admitted as new communicant	
866	12 June 1859	Johnston	Jessie	Wife of Alexander Laird		None stated	Admonished and allowed to obtain church privileges
760	13 July 1856	Johnston	John		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
824	23 May 1858	Johnston	John			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Jessie Johnston
469	00/00/1853	Johnston	Mary		Aith, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
485	00/00/1853	Johnston	William		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
430	3 Oct 1852	Kerr	Cathel		Highlands	Fornication	Father of Euphemia Sandison's child, she produced letter from him acknowledging paternity
569	5 Feb 1854	Kerr	Cathel		West Highlands	Fornication	Alleged father of Euphemia Sandison's child, born 15 April 1852
681	14 Jan 1855	Ker	Cathel			Fornication	Had acknowledged to Mr McGilvray schoolmaster Drumbaig [Drumbeg] that he was father of Euphemia Sandison's child
480	00/00/1853	Kilpatrick	Ebenezer		Osmandwall, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
481	00/00/1853	Kilpatrick	Helen	Wife to Eben. Kil.		Admitted as new communicant	
252	6 May 1843	Kirkness	Isabella		Misbister	Admitted to Communion for 1st time	
251	6 May 1843	Kirkness	Mary		Misbister	Admitted to Communion for 1st time	
412	28 Sept 1851	Kirkpatrick	Thomas			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Margaret Cuthbert
520	9 Oct 1853	Laird	John	Unmarried	Reice [Reiss], Wick	Fornication	Alleged father of Betty Gray's daughter, born 6 July last. John had left for Australia on 10 May last despite having promised to marry Betty. Minute to be sent to KS of Wick.
258	20 June 1843	Laughton	Barbara			Supplied with oatmeal August last	[Context is accounts including payments to paupers]
857	5 June 1859	Laughton	James			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Elizabeth Groat
024	14 May 1839	Lillie	Widow			Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year
106	5 Jun 1840	Lilly	Widow			Irregular attendance	To be rebuked for not attending preaching of Gospel so regularly as they ought.
027	14 May 1839	Linklater	Ann			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
477	00/00/1853	Linklater	Jessie		South side	Admitted as new communicant	
213	10 May 1842	Linklater	Betsey	Aged 17 daughter of John Linklater		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
212	10 May 1842	Linklater	Christy	Aged 19 daughter of John Linklater		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	

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032	14 May 1839	Low	Jane			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
102	5 Jun 1840	Lyll	John	School Master		Kept back from Communion	Due to ongoing process at Presbytery
122	24 Jul 1840	Lyll	John	Mr		Not attending public worship	Not to be entitled to privileges of other heads of families until he gave reasons for not attending public worship
183	22 Nov 1841	Lyll	John	(Mr) School Master, South Side		Report on him to sent to Presbytery	Regularly at church and conduct good. Concerns over interrupted schooling noted in report, also concerns about Northside. Longer item.
229	10 Oct 1842	Lyll	John	Parochial teacher South Walls		Appointed interim keeper of the Session records	
301	8 July 1844	Lyll	John			Clerk	
307	14 July 1844	Lyll	John			Clerk	
316	25 Feb 1845	Lyll	John			Session Clerk	
345	1 May 1849	Lyll	John			Clerk	
144	24 March 1841	Lyll	John	Mr		Report from Session to Presbytery of Cairston	On his conduct since suspended on 22 Sept 1840. Not known to be intoxicated in parish but rarely in church for upwards of a year
216	10 May 1842	Lyll	Margt	Aged 22		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
172	1 July 1841	Lyll	Mr			Still suspended from Communion	as suspended by Presbytery
176	16 Sept 1841	Lyll	Mr			New report due in November	Not drunk since April report, attending church but allegedly tipsy in Kirkwall so new report due November.
218	10 May 1842	Lyll Senr	John	Aged upwards of Ninety		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
077	28 Nov 1839	Macintosh	Gordon W			Ordained resident missionary in Flotta, for Flotta & Phairay	
005	8 Oct 1837	Mackenzie	James	Elder			
096	5 Jun 1840	MacKenzie	James	Elder			
148	1 July 1841	MacKenzie	James	Elder		Elder	Appointed Clerk PT
708	13 May 1855	MacKenzie	Jane			Fornication	Declared Wm Robertson was father. Guilt committed May last in house of James Charleson. Twice guilty. He had said only once. Both to be summoned again.
715	27 May 1855	MacKenzie	Jane			Fornication	With William Robertson. She adhered to previous statement. At variance in dates of act so Session resolved to do nothing at present
729	24 June 1855	MacKenzie	Jane			Fornication	Decided Wm Robertson must be father of her child. Decided to delay absolving them from church scandal due to discrepancy in what they said about time of their guilt.
354	11 Nov 1849	Macolmson	B	Elder			
363	18 Dec 1849	Macolmson	B	Elder			
325	19 Nov 1848	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
336	22 Apr 1849	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			

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349	23 Sept 1849	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
359	16 Dec 1849	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
369	26 Dec 1849	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
373	30 Dec 1849	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
383	12 May 1850	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
388	19 Jan 1851	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
394	2 Feb 1851	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
400	16 Mar 1851	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
405	20 Apr 1851	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
410	28 Sept 1851	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
415	2 Nov 1851	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder			
930	20 July 1862	Macolmson	Betsy			Fornication	Stated John Dunnet is father of child
937	28 Dec 1862	Macolmson	Betsy			Fornication (2nd appearance)	With John Dunnet. Session decided as he was named as father in the birth registration, paternity not in dispute.
755	13 July 1856	Macolmson	Marion		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
321	20 June 1847	Malcolmson	Benjamin			Ordained elder	
799	14 June 1857	Malcolmson	Betsy			Admitted as new communicant	
343	1 May 1849	Malcolmson	Benjamin			Elder	Appointed as elder to represent them in Presbytery of Cairston
059	00/00/1839	Malcolmson	Daniel		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
126	24 Jul 1840	Malcolmson	Danl			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
010	0 Jan 1838	Malcolmson	Hugh			Excluded from Communion for 1 year	For not explaining why they had not attended public worship
056	00/00/1839	Malcolmson	Hugh		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
123	24 Jul 1840	Malcolmson	Hugh			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
011	0 Jan 1838	Malcolmson	John			Excluded from Communion for 1 year	For not explaining why they had not attended public worship
157	1 July 1841	Malcolmson	Margaret		Osmanwall	Admitted as member of the church	
198	6 Jan 1842	Manson	[not stated]		Canisbay [Caithness]	Fornication	With Euphemia Sandison. [presume he did not appear]
771	29 Mar 1857	Manson	George		Brims	Fornication	Alleged father of Isabella Swanson's child born 19 Dec 1856. To be summoned to next meeting
776	12 Apr 1857	Manson	George			Fornication	Admitted he was father of Isabella Swanson's child. Never promised marriage but did give her £1.5.0
826	23 May 1858	Manson	George			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Ann Stout
578	26 Mar 1854	Manson	James	Gardener	Melsetter	Fornication	Alleged father of Elizabeth Park's child. Letter shown where he said if child born around 15 May he would own it. To be summoned to session next Sunday.

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584	16 Apr 1854	Manson	James	Gardener	Melsetter	Fornication	Admitted he was father of Elizabeth Park's child so long as birth is around 15 May. Admonished
692	25 March 1855	Manson	James	Gardener	Melsetter	Fornication	Admitted being father of Betsy Park's child, born about 9 months ago. Absolved & admonished. Allowed baptism for his child after becoming a member of the church.
735	1 July 1855	Manson	James		Melsetter	Admitted as new communicant	
483	00/00/1853	Manson	Jessie		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
657	8 Oct 1854	Manson	Jessie			Fornication	With William Robertson, ropemaker, Pulteneytown, Wick. Child born April last. Minister had written to Rev Wm Lillie, minister of Wick in whose parish the guilt had been committed. Reply stated that a decret had been given in court of law, in Robertson's absence, in favour of 'girl Manson' so R could be considered the father. Rebuked and restored.
331	19 Nov 1848	Manson	John			Summoned to Session but did not appear	
076	00/00/1839	Manson	Margt		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
634	18 Jun 1854	Matheson	Anne		N[orth]side	Admitted as new communicant	
635	18 Jun 1854	Matheson	Robt		N[orth]side	Admitted as new communicant	
306	14 July 1844	Maxwell	Margaret			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Donald Sutherland
433	3 Oct 1852	Maxwell	Margaret	Widow		Fornication	Said Mr William Banks, Melsetter, was the father of the child born 4 May 1852 (sin July 1851). To appear again.
510	2 Oct 1853	Maxwell	Margaret	Widow Sutherland		Fornication (2nd appearance)	Mr Banks, Melsetter, had acknowledged paternity. MM rebuked.
275	26 Dec 1843	McDonald	William			Child of, baptised in School house after service	
898	24 Feb 1861	McDonald	William			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Felice McKay
026	14 May 1839	McKay	Christy			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
899	24 Feb 1861	McKay	Felice			Ante-nuptial fornication	With William McDonald
160	1 July 1841	McKay	Jean	Wife of Benjm Fidler, Hackness		Admitted as member of the church	
431	3 Oct 1852	McKay	Joanna			Fornication	Said Jack McKenzie, a sailor from Greenock, from a ship anchored in Longhope was the father. Child born 23 Jan 1852. Did not know where JM was, had not seen him since the sin in April 1851. To appear again. [some more detail]
918	10 Nov 1861	McKay	John	Teacher		Ante-nuptial fornication	With Penelope Sutherland
034	14 May 1839	McKay	Lexy			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
051	00/00/1839	McKay	Mary		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
066	00/00/1839	McKay	Murdock		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
310	25 Feb 1845	McKenzie	[not stated]	Elder			

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319	20 June 1847	McKenzie	[not stated]	Elder			Elders listed as Messrs, no 1st name stated
063	00/00/1839	McKenzie	Angusina		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
501	00/00/1853	McKenzie	Betsy		Rysay, North side	Admitted as new communicant	
432	3 Oct 1852	McKenzie	Jack	sailor	Greenock	Fornication	Alleged father of Joanna McKay's child
016	14 May 1839	McKenzie	James	Elder			
081	17 Nov 1839	McKenzie	James	Elder			
087	2 Mar 1840	McKenzie	James	Elder			
202	10 April 1842	McKenzie	James	Elder			
226	10 Oct 1842	McKenzie	James	Elder			
303	14 July 1844	McKenzie	James	Elder			
398	16 Mar 1851	McKenzie	James	Elder			
442	21 Nov 1852	McKenzie	James	Elder			
451	1 May 1853	McKenzie	James	Elder			
524	16 Oct 1853	McKenzie	James	Elder			
542	30 Oct 1853	McKenzie	James	Elder			
571	26 Mar 1854	McKenzie	James	Elder			
594	7 May 1854	McKenzie	James	Elder			
601	21 May 1854	McKenzie	James	Elder			
695	29 Apr 1855	McKenzie	James	Elder			
748	29 June 1856	McKenzie	James	Elder			
766	29 Mar 1857	McKenzie	James	Elder			
779	7 Jun 1857	McKenzie	James	Elder			
787	11 Jun 1857	McKenzie	James	Elder			
813	19 July 1857	McKenzie	James	Elder			
236	26 Feb 1843	Mckenzie	James	Elder			
243	6 May 1843	Mckenzie	James	Elder			
255	20 June 1843	Mckenzie	James	Elder			
262	26 Dec 1843	Mckenzie	James	Elder			
287	22 Jan 1844	McKenzie	James	Elder			
717	10 June 1855	McKenzie	James	Elder			
701	29 Apr 1855	McKenzie	Jane			Fornication	Accused William Robertson of being the father, before Flotta Session. He admitted fornication but denied it was his child as child born about two months ago. To be called to next Session.

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745	9 Mar 1856	McKenzie	Jane			Fornication	"the young woman who has been on several occasions rebuked for the sin of fornication with William Robertson" Appeared & absolved from church scandal. No doubt that Wm Robertson was father of her child.
764	13 July 1856	McKenzie	Jean		North side	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
250	6 May 1843	McKenzie	Malcom	Jnr	Misbister	Admitted to Communion for 1st time	
805	14 June 1857	Mellis	Margaret			Admitted as new communicant	
053	00/00/1839	Mill	Isabella		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
784	7 Jun 1857	Millar	Samuel			Peat stealing	Strong fama [rumour] that he had stolen peats from Capt Robb. Denied this and spoke in "violent and unbecoming manner so as to render it necessary for the Moderator to close the Court" 2nd appearance but no note of 1st in minutes
818	19 July 1857	Millar	Samuel			Behaviour & language	In view of conduct at 7 June mtg, his intrusion into Session meeting last Sunday, use of unjustifiable language by him and his wife in presence of Session, Session resolved that in the event of any further annoyance he wd be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for breach of peace. Minute to this effect to be sent to SM.
260	20 June 1843	Moat	Bessie			Supplied with oatmeal August last	[Context is accounts including payments to paupers]
222	10 May 1842	Moat	Helen		[Flotta probably]	Case remitted to Mr Macintosh and Flotta Session	
033	14 May 1839	Moat	Widow			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
090	2 Mar 1840	Mowat	Helen			Fornication	Did not appear. James Sutherland accused of being father of her child which had since died. Minister to meet with her & report to Presybtery. Longer item.
092	24 May 1840	Mowat	Helen			Fornication	James Sutherland admitted being father of her child.
240	9 Apr 1843	Mowat	Helen		Flotta	Immorality	Left to Mr McIntyre and the Flotta session to deal with
488	00/00/1853	Mowat	James		South side	Admitted as new communicant	
484	00/00/1853	Mowat	Jean		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
943	24 May 1863	Mowat	Margaret			Fornication	With William Allan, Orphir. Child already born. As Wm Allan lived in Orphir + sin committed there, case transferred to Orphir KS.
733	1 July 1855	Nicholson	Betsy			Admitted as new communicant	
875	19 June 1859	Nicholson	Charles			Admitted as new communicant	
636	18 Jun 1854	Nicholson	Isabella		N[orth]side	Admitted as new communicant	
486	00/00/1853	Nicolson	Jessie		Bow, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
168	1 July 1841	Nicolson	Ralf		Brims	Admitted as member of the church	
906	3 Mar 1861	Nicolson	Robert	Baker	Kirkwall	Fornication	With Jessie Heddle
248	6 May 1843	Nicolson	Samuel		Little Wards	Admitted to Communion for 1st time	

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114	24 Jul 1840	Nicolson	Thomas			Dead	Removed from roll of male heads of families
171	1 July 1841	Nicolson	Wm	Junr	Fea	Suspended from Communion for one year	Letter opened at Post Office, had cursed and taken name of God in vain
100	5 Jun 1840	Nicolson	Wm	Junr		Added to church roll as communicant for 1st time	
887	14 Oct 1860	No names given	The Kirk Session				
890	16 Dec 1860	No names given	The Kirk Session				
664	5 Nov 1854	Norquay	James		South Ronaldsay	Fornication	Alleged father of Margaret Sutherland's child
723	10 June 1855	Norquay	James			Ante-nuptial fornication	Married to Margaret Sutherland between this date and 5 Nov last [1854] He did not appear
269	26 Dec 1843	Norquoy	Ann			To be reprov'd in church next Thursday	No more detail
281	28 Dec 1843	Norquoy	Ann			Reprov'd for sins	Being very aggravated; considering age & family, being a widow & communicant, she ought to have set an example.
297	8 July 1844	Northquoy	Ann	Widow		John Stout admonished for fornication with her	She did not appear
165	1 July 1841	Oman	Benjm		Cruting	Admitted as member of the church	
124	24 Jul 1840	Oman	Hugh			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
804	14 June 1857	Oman	Hugh			Admitted as new communicant	
627	18 Jun 1854	Oman	James		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	
850	10 Oct 1858	Oman	James			Ante-nuptial fornication	With [blank] Robertson
873	19 June 1859	Oman	James			Admitted as new communicant	
859	5 June 1859	Oman	James			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Isabella Johnston
793	14 June 1857	Oman	William			Admitted as new communicant	
889	14 Oct 1860	Oman or Robertson	Robina	Widow of Thomas Robertson		Fornication	With Edward Robertson
057	00/00/1839	Omand	Hugh		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
651	2 Jul 1854	Park	Betsy	[Probably Elizabeth]		Fornication	"Appeared again" - rebuked and absolved from church scandal
693	25 March 1855	Park	Betsy			Fornication	James Manson (father of child born abt 9 mths ago) allowed baptism for child after becoming a member of the church
577	26 Mar 1854	Park	Elizabeth	Unmarried	South Ronaldsay	Fornication	James Manson, gardener @ Melsetter the father. She left parish Martinmas last. Guilt committed abt Lammas last child expected about Beltan or 12th of May next. Had promised marriage. Admonished and dismissed for now.
585	16 Apr 1854	Park	Elizabeth			Fornication	James Manson, gardener, Melsetter, admitted he was father of her child so long as birth was around 15 May
107	5 Jun 1840	Rich	Helen			Reprov'd & admonished on other account	No more detail
785	7 Jun 1857	Robb	Capt			Peats stolen by Samuel Millar	
851	10 Oct 1858	Robertson	[blank]			Ante-nuptial fornication	With James Oman
886	3 June 1860	Robertson	[blank]				With Benjamin Stout

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645	18 Jun 1854	Robertson	[not stated]	Macolm Robertson's wife		Admitted as new communicant	
976	3 July 1864	Robertson	Anne			Ante-nuptial fornication	With John Groat
474	00/00/1853	Robertson	Cecilia		Osmandwall, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
007	8 Oct 1837	Robertson	Edward			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Catherine Taylor. Applying for baptism of their child.
366	18 Dec 1849	Robertson	Edward			Desecrating the Sabbath	Took whisky etc to ships in Longhope. Called to Session on 11th & 18th but did not appear. Resolved to write to warn him that if he did not appear when summoned for the third time he would be deprived of church privileges.
371	26 Dec 1849	Robertson	Edward			Desecrating the Sabbath	Rebuked for having taken whisky to a ship on the Sabbath.
888	14 Oct 1860	Robertson	Edward			Fornication	With Robina Oman or Robertson
120	24 Jul 1840	Robertson	Edwd			Removed from role of male heads of families	Had not communicated for 2 years with no known reason
419	2 Nov 1851	Robertson	George			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Jane Wilson
439	7 Nov 1852	Robertson	George			Ordained elder	
446	21 Nov 1852	Robertson	George	Elder			
453	1 May 1853	Robertson	George	Elder			
506	2 Oct 1853	Robertson	George	Elder			
517	9 Oct 1853	Robertson	George	Elder			
527	16 Oct 1853	Robertson	George	Elder			
575	26 Mar 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
582	16 Apr 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
589	23 Apr 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
604	21 May 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
613	28 May 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
623	11 Jun 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
649	2 Jul 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
655	8 Oct 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
667	10 Dec 1854	Robertson	George	Elder			
678	14 Jan 1855	Robertson	George	Elder			
688	25 March 1855	Robertson	George	Elder			
698	29 Apr 1855	Robertson	George	Elder			
706	13 May 1855	Robertson	George	Elder			

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712	27 May 1855	Robertson	George	Elder			
727	24 June 1855	Robertson	George	Elder			
391	19 Jan 1851	Robertson	Harriot			Ante-nuptial fornication	With David Thomson
806	14 June 1857	Robertson	Harriot			Admitted as new communicant	
179	16 Sept 1841	Robertson	James		Hackness	Ante-nuptial fornication	Wife not named
195	6 Jan 1842	Robertson	James			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Betsy Cromarty
491	00/00/1853	Robertson	Jean	or Wilson wife to [blank]	North side	Admitted as new communicant	
802	14 June 1857	Robertson	Jessie			Admitted as new communicant	
830	30 May 1858	Robertson	Jessie			Admitted as new communicant	
455	1 May 1853	Robertson	John		North Ness	Ante-nuptial fornication	[No wife named]
807	14 June 1857	Robertson	John			Admitted as new communicant	
500	00/00/1853	Robertson	John		Ness, North side	Admitted as new communicant	
631	18 Jun 1854	Robertson	Macolm		Osmandwall	Admitted as new communicant	
658	8 Oct 1854	Robertson	William	Ropemaker	Pulteneytown, Wick	Fornication	Court decret had been obtained in his absence in favour of Jessie Manson, mother of his child. So he could be legally considered the father
700	29 Apr 1855	Robertson	William			Fornication	Accused of being father of Jane McKenzie's child before Flotta Session. Admitted fornication but said date of birth (abt 2 months ago) meant it was not his child. Admonished.
714	27 May 1855	Robertson	William			Fornication	Said he was guilty with Jane MacKenzie on 14 & 18 July. At variance in dates of act so resolved to do nothing at present
730	24 June 1855	Robertson	William			Fornication	Decided he must be father of Jane MacKenzie's child. Decided to delay absolving them from church scandal due to discrepancy in what they said about time of their guilt.
746	9 Mar 1856	Robertson	William			Fornication	No doubt he was father of Jane McKenzie's child. Summoned but did not appear.
009	0 Jan 1838	Robertson	Edward	Senr		Excluded from Communion for 1 year	For not explaining why they had not attended public worship
109	5 Jun 1840	Robertson	Edwd	Junr		Added to church roll as communicant for 1st time	
131	24 Jul 1840	Robertson	Edwd	Junr		Name added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
273	26 Dec 1843	Robson	Donald			Child of, baptised in School house after service	
151	1 July 1841	Robson	George		Muirs, North Side	Admitted as member of the church	
545	30 Oct 1853	Robson	George	Elder			
020	14 May 1839	Robson	James		Quoys	Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year

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050	14 May 1839	Robson	James		Hilltown	Removed from Church roll	Took Communion with Methodist preacher in School House of Osmonwall
104	5 Jun 1840	Robson	James		Quoy	Irregular attendance	To be rebuked for not attending preaching of Gospel so regularly as they ought.
121	24 Jul 1840	Robson	James		Quoy	Removed from role of male heads of families	Had not communicated for 2 years without known reason
185	22 Nov 1841	Robson	James			Ante-nuptial fornication	Summoned to Session on 10 Dec with wife
119	24 Jul 1840	Robson	Jas			Removed from roll of male heads of families	Had joined the Methodists
272	26 Dec 1843	Robson	John			Child of, baptised in School house after service	
036	14 May 1839	Ronaldson	Margaret			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
502	00/00/1853	Rosie	James		Ness, North side	Admitted as new communicant	
879	19 June 1859	Rosie	John		North Side	Admitted as new communicant	
492	00/00/1853	Ross	Catherine		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
638	18 Jun 1854	Ross	Charlotte		N[orth]side	Admitted as new communicant	
592	23 Apr 1854	Ross	Helen			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Samuel Wilson (not a member but child could be baptised if one or both joined at next communion)
471	00/00/1853	Ross	Isabella	wife of [blank]	South side	Admitted as new communicant	
221	10 May 1842	Ross	Jean	Daughter of Hugh Ross		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
064	00/00/1839	Ross	John		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
832	30 May 1858	Ross	Margaret			Admitted as new communicant	
396	2 Feb 1851	Ross	William	At Hudsons Bay		Fornication	Accused of being father of Betsy Baikie's child
418	2 Nov 1851	Ross	William	Hudsons Bay		Fornication	Had sent letter acknowledging he was father of Betsy Baikie's child
629	18 Jun 1854	Ross	William			Admitted as new communicant	
072	00/00/1839	Sabeston	Christy		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
108	5 Jun 1840	Sabeston	Jean			Added to church roll as communicant for 1st time	
073	00/00/1839	Sabeston	Margt		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
069	00/00/1839	Sabiston	Benjamin		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
177	16 Sept 1841	Sandison	Euphemia			Minister had written a letter to Rev Jolly, Canisbay, abt her.	
197	6 Jan 1842	Sandison	Euphemia			Fornication	With man named Manson, Parish of Canisbay [Caithness]
332	19 Nov 1848	Sandison	Euphemia			Summoned to Session but did not appear	

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429	3 Oct 1852	Sandison	Euphemia			Fornication - third time	Said Cathel Ker, living in Highlands, was the father. Sin cmtd July 1851 child born 15 April. Produced letter from CK acknowledging he was father & promising to give what he could afford. To appear again.
568	5 Feb 1854	Sandison	Euphemia	Unmarried		Fornication (2nd appearance)	Cathel Kerr, West Highlands, father of her child born 15 April 1852. Guilty of fornication for 3rd time so case referred to Presbytery for advice
599	7 May 1854	Sandison	Euphemia			Fornication (3rd appearance)	On advice of Prebytery, instructed to appear before Presbytery at Stromness on 10 May. Admonished again
680	14 Jan 1855	Sandison	Euphemia			Fornication trilapse case	Minister produced letter from the Rev David Williamson, minister of Assynt, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr McGlivray Schoolmaster Drumbaig stating that the latter had seen Cathel Ker who acknowledged that he was the father of Euphemia Sandison's child. As she had told the truth, been to Presbytery and submitted to discipline, she was restored to church privileges.
490	00/00/1853	Sandison	John		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
083	17 Nov 1839	Sandison	Mina			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Ralf Sutherland. Appying for baptism of their child.
164	1 July 1841	Sandison	Williamina	Wife of Ralf Sutherland		Admitted as member of the church	
408	20 Apr 1851	Shearer	Barbara			Ante-nuptial fornication	With William Sutherland
215	10 May 1842	Shearer	Christy	Aged 16 daughter of Geo: Shearer		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
214	10 May 1842	Shearer	Isabella	Aged 22 daughter of Geo: Shearer		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
470	00/00/1853	Shearer	Jean	Wife of John Ross	South side	Admitted as new communicant	
640	18 Jun 1854	Simpson	Christina		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
204	10 April 1842	Simpson	Jessie		Flotta	Ante-nuptial fornication	With John Esson
539	26 Oct 1853	Simpson	John	Married		Anne Stout/James Taylor case	Allegedly seen having sex with Anne Stout
547	30 Oct 1853	Simpson	John	Married	Brims	Alleged fornication	With Anne Stout. Resolved to summon him to meeting on 2 Nov in light of James Taylor's charge. Longer case.
550	2 Nov 1853	Simpson	John	Married	Brims	Alleged fornication	Denied charge of carnal intercourse with Anne Stout. Further meeting set for 8th to give James Taylor opportunity to prove truth of his charge. Longer case.
563	15 Nov 1853	Simpson	John			Declared entitled to church privileges	[ie innocent of charge brought against him by James Taylor on 26 Oct]following John Smith's letter] Note at end of 15 Nov 1853 minute
639	18 Jun 1854	Simpson	John		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
556	8 Nov 1853	Simpson	John			Anne Stout/James Taylor case	No witnesses so adjourned until 15th
037	14 May 1839	Sinclair	Andrew			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
025	14 May 1839	Sinclair	Betsy			Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year

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969	26 June 1864	Sinclair	Catherine			Ante-nuptial fornication	With David Burgess. He did not appear
877	19 June 1859	Sinclair	Christina		North Side	Admitted as new communicant	
606	21 May 1854	Sinclair	John			Ante-nuptial fornication	wife unable to attend and not named
628	18 Jun 1854	Sinclair	John		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
355	11 Nov 1849	Smith	B	Elder			
364	18 Dec 1849	Smith	B	Elder			
322	20 June 1847	Smith	Benjamin			Ordained elder	
326	19 Nov 1848	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
337	22 Apr 1849	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
344	1 May 1849	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
350	23 Sept 1849	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
360	16 Dec 1849	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
374	30 Dec 1849	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
384	12 May 1850	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
389	19 Jan 1851	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
401	16 Mar 1851	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
406	20 Apr 1851	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
411	28 Sept 1851	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
416	2 Nov 1851	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
423	16 May 1852	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
428	3 Oct 1852	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
437	7 Nov 1852	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
444	21 Nov 1852	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
504	2 Oct 1853	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
515	9 Oct 1853	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
525	16 Oct 1853	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
532	26 Oct 1853	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
543	30 Oct 1853	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
552	8 Nov 1853	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
558	15 Nov 1853	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
565	5 Feb 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
573	26 Mar 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
580	16 Apr 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
587	23 Apr 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
596	7 May 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
602	21 May 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
611	28 May 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
621	11 Jun 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			

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644	18 Jun 1854	Smith	Benjamin		Smithy	Admitted as new communicant	
648	2 Jul 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
653	8 Oct 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
660	5 Nov 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
666	10 Dec 1854	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
675	14 Jan 1855	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
686	25 March 1855	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
696	29 Apr 1855	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
704	13 May 1855	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
710	27 May 1855	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
719	10 June 1855	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
725	24 June 1855	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
742	9 Mar 1856	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
749	29 June 1856	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
767	29 Mar 1857	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
773	12 Apr 1857	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
780	7 Jun 1857	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
788	11 Jun 1857	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
814	19 July 1857	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
820	23 May 1858	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
835	11 July 1858	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
846	10 Oct 1858	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
853	5 June 1859	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
862	12 June 1859	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
882	3 June 1860	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
894	24 Feb 1861	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
901	3 Mar 1861	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
908	8 Sept 1861	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
914	10 Nov 1861	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
927	20 July 1862	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
933	28 Dec 1862	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
940	24 May 1863	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
951	21 June 1863	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
959	28 June 1863	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
966	26 June 1864	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
972	3 July 1864	Smith	Benjamin	Elder			
170	1 July 1841	Smith	Betsey			Readmitted to communicant list	Had been away but returned
449	21 Nov 1852	Smith	J	Labourer	Kirkwall	Fornication	Alleged father of Mary Chalmers child; denied it.

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234	26 Feb 1843	Smith	James			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Ann Cantley. Both publically rebuked before the congagation
561	15 Nov 1853	Smith	John			Quoted by William Bremner in witness statement	Case of Anne Stout and James Taylor. Session decided that if John Smith sent a letter to Moderator confirming Anne S and John Simpson were doing nothing improper, John Simpson would be declared innocent of charge brought against him by James Taylor
562	15 Nov 1853	Smith	John			Anne Stout/James Taylor case	Sent letter confirming statement that Anne Stout and John Simpson were doing nothing improper. Note at end of 15 Nov 1853 minute.
876	19 June 1859	Smith	John			Admitted as new communicant	
465	00/00/1853	Smith	Margaret		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
466	00/00/1853	Smith	May		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
827	23 May 1858	Stout	Ann			Ante-nuptial fornication	With George Manson
521	9 Oct 1853	Stout	Anne	Unmarried	Brims	Fornication	Pregnant, child due mid-Nov. James Taylor, widower, Brims, alleged father [longer entry - she had been keeping his daughter while he was at a ball in Brims, asked her several times if she would marry him before the act committed in February]
530	16 Oct 1853	Stout	Anne	Unmarried		Fornication	James Taylor denied he was father of child. Session decided that since the two accounts were contradictory nothing could be done at present
534	26 Oct 1853	Stout	Anne	Unmarried	Brims	Fornication (2nd appearance)	Betty Campbell wife of Andrew McLaren named as a witness (in the house the same night) Lengthy case details. Dismissed to be called back later.
615	28 May 1854	Stout	Anne			Fornication	(case had been 'on several occasions before the session') Rebuked and absolved
632	18 Jun 1854	Stout	Anne		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
885	3 June 1860	Stout	Benjamin			Ante-nuptial fornication	With [blank] Robertson
143	24 March 1841	Stout	John	(Mr) Parochial Schoolmaster, North Walls		Sent letter of resignation from post on 18 Feb 1841	Sent 3 books of parochial records + £2.16.7½ of Poors Money
295	8 July 1844	Stout	John			Fornication	With Ann Northquoy, widow
296	8 July 1844	Stout	John			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Jane Bremner
949	7 June 1863	Stout	Sutherland			Fornication	With Helen Swanston. To be summoned.
957	21 June 1863	Stout	Sutherland			Fornication	Failed to appear. To be summoned again.
964	28 June 1863	Stout	Sutherland			Fornication	Acknowledged he was father of Helen Swanston's child.
753	13 July 1856	Stout	William		Melsetter	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"

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112	24 Jul 1840	Sutherland	Alexr			Dead	Removed from roll of male heads of families
277	26 Dec 1843	Sutherland	Ann			Child of, baptised in School house after service	
607	21 May 1854	Sutherland	Benjamin			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Mary Harold
041	14 May 1839	Sutherland	Betsey			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
463	00/00/1853	Sutherland	Betsy		Osmandwall, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
508	2 Oct 1853	Sutherland	Binny			Fornication	Gave birth to daughter on 2 June, William Fiddler, Osmandwall, the father. Had not given any support to child
616	28 May 1854	Sutherland	Binny			Fornication	(statement given previously). William Fiddler, the father, summoned but did not appear. Rebuked and absolved.
642	18 Jun 1854	Sutherland	Binny			Admitted as new communicant	
305	14 July 1844	Sutherland	Donald			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Margaret Maxwell
271	26 Dec 1843	Sutherland	Eliza			To be reprov'd in church next Thursday	No more detail
283	28 Dec 1843	Sutherland	Eliza	Wife of Geo Swanson		Reprov'd for sins	No more detail
158	1 July 1841	Sutherland	Fanny		Fea	Admitted as member of the church	
247	6 May 1843	Sutherland	Fanny			Suspended from Communion for one year	
290	22 Jan 1844	Sutherland	Fanny			Impropriety of conduct	In reference to John Baikie, unmarried
178	16 Sept 1841	Sutherland	George		Brims [v faint]	Ante-nuptial fornication	Woman not named
184	22 Nov 1841	Sutherland	George			Ante-nuptial fornication	Summoned to Session on 10 Dec with wife
190	15 Dec 1841	Sutherland	George			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Harriet Johnston
211	10 May 1842	Sutherland	George		Brims	Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
464	00/00/1853	Sutherland	Isabella		Osmandwall, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
868	19 June 1859	Sutherland	Isabella			Admitted as new communicant	
891	16 Dec 1860	Sutherland	Isabella			Fornication	William Sutherland (Storehouse) said to be the father of unborn child. Had promised marriage in front of her sister.
911	8 Sept 1861	Sutherland	Isabella			Fornication	With William Sutherland. Kirk Session satisfied with evidence. Child born in April 1861
060	00/00/1839	Sutherland	James		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
089	2 Mar 1840	Sutherland	James		Quoy, Flotta	Fornication	Accused of being father of Helen Mowat's child, which he denied. Child had since died. Minster to meet with Helen Mowat, who failed to appear, & report to Presbytery. [Longer item]

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091	24 May 1840	Sutherland	James			Fornication	Admitted he was father of Helen Mowat's child. Referred him to Rev Macintosh [Flotta] to be dealt with "relative to the baptism of his child" [previous entry said child had died]
127	24 Jul 1840	Sutherland	James			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
074	00/00/1839	Sutherland	Jessie		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
801	14 June 1857	Sutherland	Jessie			Admitted as new communicant	
462	00/00/1853	Sutherland	John		Bow, South side	Admitted as new communicant	Comes after 22 May entry
679	14 Jan 1855	Sutherland	John	Parochial schoolmaster South side		Appointed session clerk	
702	29 Apr 1855	Sutherland	John	Session clerk			
352	23 Sept 1849	Sutherland	Margaret			Fornication	Adhered to time given previously. Child born "lately". Session decided George Baikie must be the father as no other man mentioned; he denied it but admitted fornication. GB required to provide financial support.
487	00/00/1853	Sutherland	Margaret		Garson, South side	Admitted as new communicant	
663	5 Nov 1854	Sutherland	Margaret			Fornication - 2nd time.	James Norquay, South Ronaldsay the father of unborn child. Appeared only at third citation. Refused to answer question about when guilt was committed. Ordered leave session house.
722	10 June 1855	Sutherland	Margaret			Ante-nuptial fornication	Married to James Norquay since last appearance on 5 Nov last. Rebuked for not answering questions on 5 Nov (1854) and ante-nuptial fornication.
339	22 Apr 1849	Sutherland	Margt			Fornication	Claimed George Baikie was father of child with which she was pregnant. She said August, he said October. Case adjourned until child born.
101	5 Jun 1840	Sutherland	Mary			Added to church roll as communicant for 1st time	
919	10 Nov 1861	Sutherland	Penelope			Ante-nuptial fornication	With John McKay
082	17 Nov 1839	Sutherland	Ralf			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Mina Sandison. Applying for baptism of their child.
163	1 July 1841	Sutherland	Ralf		Fea	Admitted as member of the church	
098	5 Jun 1840	Sutherland	Robert			Added to church roll as communicant for 1st time	
130	24 Jul 1840	Sutherland	Robert			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
189	15 Dec 1841	Sutherland	Robert			Baptism of child; account for service on the glebe	Had used more glebe land than he should, so deduction from wages. Suspended from church privileges. Longer item.
223	10 May 1842	Sutherland	Robert			Relieved from his suspension [from Communion]	Letter of contrition received.[No date - probably 10 May 1842 meeting]
012	0 Jan 1838	Sutherland	Samuel			Excluded from Communion for 1 year	For not explaining why they had not attended public worship
479	00/00/1853	Sutherland	Sarah	Servant at Manse	South side	Admitted as new communicant	
752	29 June 1856	Sutherland	Sinclair	Farmer	Garson	Joined Kirk Session	Had been ordained elder in another parish

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769	29 Mar 1857	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
775	12 Apr 1857	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
783	7 Jun 1857	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
791	11 Jun 1857	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
817	19 July 1857	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
823	23 May 1858	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
838	11 July 1858	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
849	10 Oct 1858	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
856	5 June 1859	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
865	12 June 1859	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
883	3 June 1860	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
896	24 Feb 1861	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
903	3 Mar 1861	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
909	8 Sept 1861	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
915	10 Nov 1861	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
929	20 July 1862	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
935	28 Dec 1862	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
941	24 May 1863	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
953	21 June 1863	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
961	28 June 1863	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
968	26 June 1864	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
974	3 July 1864	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder			
088	2 Mar 1840	Sutherland	Thomas	Elder of Flotta			
217	10 May 1842	Sutherland	Thomas		Eathe [unclear - possibly Aith]	Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
869	19 June 1859	Sutherland	Wilhelmina			Admitted as new communicant	
407	20 Apr 1851	Sutherland	William			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Barbara Shearer
633	18 Jun 1854	Sutherland	William		N[orth]side	Admitted as new communicant	
758	13 July 1856	Sutherland	William		Garson	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
892	16 Dec 1860	Sutherland	William		Storehouse	Fornication	Alleged father of Isabella Sutherland's child. He did not appear.
912	8 Sept 1861	Sutherland	William		Storehouse	Fornication	With Isabella Sutherland. Child born in April 1861. He did not appear.
367	18 Dec 1849	Sutherland	William			Desecrating the Sabbath	Took whisky etc to ships in Longhope. Called to Session on 11th but did not appear. Said he took bread, a necessity, but did wrong by going with another who took whisky "a manifest violation of the Sabbath"
068	00/00/1839	Sutherland	Wm		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	

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268	26 Dec 1843	Sutherland	James	Jnr	Brims	Fornication	Alleged father of Betsey Johnston's child. To appear bef Session next Thurs
284	28 Dec 1843	Sutherland	James	Jnr	Brims	Fornication	Admitted he was father of Betsey Johnston's child; "action" took place on 10 Feb last.
219	10 May 1842	Swanson	Alexr		Brims	Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
809	14 June 1857	Swanson	Bell			Admitted as new communicant	
220	10 May 1842	Swanson	Betsey	Wife of Saml Nicolson		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
811	14 June 1857	Swanson	Betsy	Wife to J Gunn		Admitted as new communicant	
023	14 May 1839	Swanson	Charlotte			Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year
153	1 July 1841	Swanson	Charlotte		North Side	Admitted as member of the church	
270	26 Dec 1843	Swanson	Geo			To be reprov'd in church next Thursday	No more detail
282	28 Dec 1843	Swanson	Geo	Husband of Eliza Sutherland		Reprov'd for sins	No more detail
019	14 May 1839	Swanson	Helen		Crockness	Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year
770	29 Mar 1857	Swanson	Isabella			Fornication	George Manson, Brims, father of child born 19 Dec 1856. Promised marriage and gave her £1.5.0 for child
777	12 Apr 1857	Swanson	Isabella			Fornication	George Manson admitted he was father of her child
792	11 Jun 1857	Swanson	Isabella			Absolved from church scandal	George Manson father of her illegitimate child
040	14 May 1839	Swanson	Jane			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
259	20 June 1843	Swanson	William			Supplied with oatmeal August last	[Context is accounts including payments to paupers]
948	7 June 1863	Swanston	Helen			Fornication	With Sutherland Stout. Child born.SS to be summoned.
963	28 June 1863	Swanston	Helen			Fornication	Sutherland Stout appeared and acknowledge he was father of her child
498	00/00/1853	Swanston	Mary	Wife of William Swanston	North side	Admitted as new communicant	
006	8 Oct 1837	Swanston	William	Elder			
497	00/00/1853	Swanston	William		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
008	8 Oct 1837	Taylor	Catherine			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Edward Robertson. Applying for baptism of their child.
210	10 May 1842	Taylor	Catherine	Wife of Edwd Robertson Junr		Admitted to Communion for the 1st time	
522	9 Oct 1853	Taylor	James	Widower	Brims	Fornication	Said to be father of Anne Stout's child. (did not appear, only Anne rebuked)
529	16 Oct 1853	Taylor	James	Shoemaker, widower	Brims	Fornication	Denied he was father of Anne Stout's child. Session decided that since the two accounts were contradictory nothing could be done at present

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535	26 Oct 1853	Taylor	James	Widower	Brims	Fornication (2nd appearance)	Said Anne Stout's statement partly true, partly false. Denied carnal intercourse with her. Lengthy case details. Said William Bremner, Brims, told him a Smith boy had seen Anne Stout and John Simpson, married, having carnal intercourse on the grass in the Witter park nr Melsetter & his daughter Mary had also seem then lying/kissing. Admonished by Moderator. Dismissed to be called back later.
555	8 Nov 1853	Taylor	James			Anne Stout/James Taylor case	No witnesses so adjourned until 15th
794	14 June 1857	Taylor	James			Admitted as new communicant	
540	26 Oct 1853	Taylor	Mary	Daughter of James Taylor		Anne Stout/James Taylor case	Said to have seen Anne Stout and John Simpson lying together/kissing
878	19 June 1859	Taylor	Mary		North Side	Admitted as new communicant	
162	1 July 1841	Taylor	Nancy	Daughter of Wm Taylor Osmanwall		Admitted as member of the church	
537	26 Oct 1853	Taylor	Ralf	son of James Taylor		Witness Anne Stout/James Taylor case	On Sabbath previous to death of John Spence at Stromness, he saw Anne Stout at her brother's kiln head committing fornication with an unknown man, another time with an unnamed man under a screw in her brother's yard. One night she asked him and Alexr Johnston to go to Arthur Swanston's house to ask John Simpson, married, to come out and speak to her. They refused.
795	14 June 1857	Taylor	Scolly			Admitted as new communicant	
067	00/00/1839	Taylor	Wm		Flotta	Admitted as new communicant	
097	5 Jun 1840	Taylor	Wm			Added to church roll as communicant for 1st time	
129	24 Jul 1840	Taylor	Wm			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
955	21 June 1863	Thomson	Alexr			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Elizabeth Charleson
499	00/00/1853	Thomson	Anne	Wife to Henry Thomson	North side	Admitted as new communicant	
276	26 Dec 1843	Thomson	Bell			Child of, baptised in School house after service	[First name unclear but Bell is most likely]
390	19 Jan 1851	Thomson	David	Church Officer		Ante-nuptial fornication	With Hariot Robertson
489	00/00/1853	Thomson	David	Church Officer	South side	Admitted as new communicant	
467	00/00/1853	Thomson	Harriet		Brims	Admitted as new communicant	
139	30 Jan 1841	Thomson	Isabella			Accusation against Edward Ellicott	Accused Edwd Ellicott of acting criminally towards her Jan 1839 at North Ness
146	24 March 1841	Thomson	Isabella			Advice of Presbytery sought	Session to consult with Presbytery abt Edwd Ellicott & Isabella Thomson
205	10 April 1842	Thomson	Isabella			Criminal connection	With John Esson who was at Session for antenuptial connection with another when this was confessed [must have been some time before this date]
328	19 Nov 1848	Thomson	Isabella			Fornication	With John Bruce [not the same Isabella T as Ellicott case, (nor probably Esson case). This Isabella from Crockness, based on other information]

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105	5 Jun 1840	Thomson	John		Stoup	Irregular attendance	To be rebuked for not attending preaching of Gospel so regularly as they ought.
113	24 Jul 1840	Thomson	John	Elder		Dead	Removed from roll of male heads of families
249	6 May 1843	Thomson	John		Hackness	Admitted to Communion for 1st time	
054	00/00/1839	Thomson	Margt		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
028	14 May 1839	Thomson	Mrs			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
055	00/00/1839	Thomson	Thomasina			Admitted as new communicant	
048	14 May 1839	Thomson	Wm		Stoup	Engaged a Methodist preacher to baptise his child	
049	14 May 1839	Thomson	Wm		Stoup	Removed from Church roll	Took Communion with Methodist preacher in School House of Osmonwall
118	24 Jul 1840	Thomson	Wm			Removed from roll of male heads of families	Had joined the Methodists
169	1 July 1841	Unthank	Mary Ann	Wife of Wm Wilson		Admitted as member of the Church of Scotland	"Lately come to the island" Had been member of Methodist church in Hull for two years.
512	2 Oct 1853	Walls	Barbara		South Ronaldsay	Fornication	Minute from S Ronaldsay Kirk Session said Alexander Gun, Osmandwall, was father of her child born 26 Jan last.
022	14 May 1839	Watters	Margaret			Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year
386	12 May 1850	Weir	John		Melsetter	Fornication	Alleged father of Catherine Bearston's child. To be summoned before Session next Lord's day [See CB entry for details]
402	16 Mar 1851	Weir	John		formerly Melsetter, now Kirkwall	Fornication	Sent letter acknowledging he was father of Catherine Berston's child.
001	19 Jul 1837	Weir	Walter			Ordained Minister of Walls and Flotta	
003	8 Oct 1837	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
013	14 May 1839	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
078	17 Nov 1839	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
084	2 Mar 1840	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
093	5 Jun 1840	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
110	24 Jul 1840	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
135	30 Jan 1841	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
140	24 March 1841	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
147	1 July 1841	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
173	16 Sept 1841	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
180	22 Nov 1841	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
186	15 Dec 1841	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
192	6 Jan 1842	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
199	10 April 1842	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
206	10 May 1842	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
225	10 Oct 1842	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
230	26 Jan 1843	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
239	26 Feb 1843	Weir	Walter	Moderator			

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241	9 Apr 1843	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
242	6 May 1843	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
254	20 June 1843	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
261	26 Dec 1843	Weir	Walter	Moderator			
278	28 Dec 1843	Weir	Walter	Elder			
309	25 Feb 1845	Wilson	[not stated]	Elder			
318	20 June 1847	Wilson	[not stated]				Elders listed as Messrs, no 1st name stated
152	1 July 1841	Wilson	Ann		Lyness, North Side	Admitted as member of the church	
154	1 July 1841	Wilson	Ann		Wing, South Side	Admitted as member of the church	
736	1 July 1855	Wilson	Benjamin		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
052	00/00/1839	Wilson	Helen		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
637	18 Jun 1854	Wilson	Helen	or Ross	N[orth]side	Admitted as new communicant	
004	8 Oct 1837	Wilson	James	Elder			
014	14 May 1839	Wilson	James	Elder			
079	17 Nov 1839	Wilson	James	Elder			
085	2 Mar 1840	Wilson	James	Elder			
094	5 Jun 1840	Wilson	James	Elder			
136	30 Jan 1841	Wilson	James	Elder			
141	24 March 1841	Wilson	James	Elder			
149	1 July 1841	Wilson	James	Elder			
174	16 Sept 1841	Wilson	James	Elder			
181	22 Nov 1841	Wilson	James	Elder			
187	15 Dec 1841	Wilson	James	Elder			
193	6 Jan 1842	Wilson	James	Elder			
200	10 April 1842	Wilson	James	Elder			
207	10 May 1842	Wilson	James	Elder			
228	10 Oct 1842	Wilson	James	Elder			
232	26 Jan 1843	Wilson	James	Elder			
238	26 Feb 1843	Wilson	James	Elder			
245	6 May 1843	Wilson	James	Elder			
256	20 June 1843	Wilson	James	Elder			
264	26 Dec 1843	Wilson	James	Elder			
280	28 Dec 1843	Wilson	James	Elder			
289	22 Jan 1844	Wilson	James	Elder			
294	8 July 1844	Wilson	James	Elder			
334	22 Apr 1849	Wilson	James	Elder			
341	1 May 1849	Wilson	James	Elder			
347	23 Sept 1849	Wilson	James	Elder			
420	2 Nov 1851	Wilson	Jane			Ante-nuptial fornication	With George Robertson

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111	24 Jul 1840	Wilson	Jas			Elder	
797	14 June 1857	Wilson	John		North side	Admitted as new communicant	
031	14 May 1839	Wilson	John			Irregular attendance	Admonished to be more regular in attendance or wd be suspended [from Communion]
155	1 July 1841	Wilson	Mary		Wing, South Side	Admitted as member of the church	
761	13 July 1856	Wilson	Robert		North side	Admitted as new communicant	"young communicants"
018	14 May 1839	Wilson	Robt	Junr	Crockness	Suspended from Communion	Due to being seldom in church during the last year
591	23 Apr 1854	Wilson	Samuel			Ante-nuptial fornication	With Helen Ross (not a member, but child could be baptised if one or both joined at next communion)
062	00/00/1839	Wilson	William		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
274	26 Dec 1843	Wilson	William			Child of, baptised in School house after service	
740	1 July 1855	Wright	I? J?	John Nicholson's wife		Admitted as new communicant	I or J v faint and possibly scored out
246	6 May 1843	Wright	Mrs			Suspended from Communion for one year	
058	00/00/1839	Yule	James		Walls	Admitted as new communicant	
125	24 Jul 1840	Yule	James			Name added to list of male heads of families	Had joined church in 1839
549	2 Nov 1853		[not stated]	Elders			
923	25 May 1862			Elders [no names given]			

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377	17 Mar 1850	Anderson	Wm	Moderator		Agreed to petition Parliament to stop all business in the Post Office on the Sabbath
378	17 Mar 1850	Wilson	James	Elder		
379	17 Mar 1850	Groundwater	Alexr	Elder		
380	17 Mar 1850	Macolmson	Benjamin	Elder		
381	17 Mar 1850	Smith	Benjamin	Elder		
456	22 May 1853	Anderson	William	Moderator		Agreed only the children of members should be baptised from now on, that is those in communion with church
457	22 May 1853	McKenzie	James	Elder		
458	22 May 1853	Groundwater	Alexander	Elder		
459	22 May 1853	Bain	Alexander	Elder		
460	22 May 1853	Robertson	George	Elder		
461	22 May 1853	Daas	James	Elder		
682	28 Jan 1855	Anderson	William	Moderator		Discussion about handing over registers to the Registrar and list of pre-1820 documents and post 1820 registers.
683	28 Jan 1855	Smith	Benjamin	Elder		Discussion about handing over registers to the Registrar and list of pre-1820 documents and post 1820 registers.
684	28 Jan 1855	Daas	James	Elder		Discussion about handing over registers to the Registrar and list of pre-1820 documents and post 1820 registers.

841	1 Aug 1858	Anderson	William	Moderator		Decided to hand over to Parochial Board all collections for last year (ending at dispensation of the Sacrament) after deduction of Precentor and Church Officer salaries amount £10.17.4½ . Precentor salary : £2.12.0; Church officer: £1.5.0; Parochial Board: £7.0.4½
842	1 Aug 1858	Smith	Benjamin	Elder		
843	1 Aug 1858	Bain	Alexr	Elder		
844	1 Aug 1858	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder		
977	16 July 1865	Wingate	Thomas D	Minister of Stromness		Moderator appointed by Presbytery
978	16 July 1865	Smith	Benjamin	Elder		Wm Anderson minister, his wife and two children had died . Wanted their grief and sympathy to family inscribed in minutes. Sessions records having been received from Miss Anderson were handed over sealed to Benj Smith on the instruction of Presbytery. Also the amount of £0. 9.7 ½ amount of session funds , received from Miss Anderson with 3s.1d the day's collection, total 12 shillings 8 pence halfpenny taken to be lodged n the National Bank Stromness by the moderator.
979	16 July 1865	Bain	Alexr	Elder		
980	16 July 1865	Sutherland	Sinclair	Elder		