

People on the North Walls School Management Committee or attending subscribers' meetings, 1866-1869

Main source: Walls & Flotta Kirk Session, Orkney. School Management Committee Minutes 1866-1876. OCR28/5. Orkney Archive, Kirkwall. The one book contains minutes for both North and South Walls, starting from each end, mainly for the 1866-1869 period. (Also available at the National Records of Scotland, Edinburgh. Ref CH2/1105/5)

Details of age, occupation and number of children are from the 1861 and/or 1871 census (my own transcription for 1861 and tracking through to 1871).

The rental value of the property is from the valuation roll (Valuation Roll. Parish of Walls & Flotta. 1866-1867. VR111/7. pp.4-5, 7. Also 1867-1868. VR111/8. Both Orkney Archives, Kirkwall.)

List excludes the Rev John Keillor who attended all meetings and William McIntosh, the teacher, who attended one. Where croft name or area was stated in the minute book identification was usually straightforward.

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Name	Address in minutes (Address in 1861 or 1871 census if different)	Occupation in 1861 census (or in 1871 census if not in 1861 or changed by 1871)	Age in 1861 census (1871 if not in 1861)	Children at or approaching school age (5-13) by 1866	Role (other than attending meetings)	Rental value of property	Notes
Catherine Baikie	Crockness	Wife of shoemaker employing 1 man	30	4		Cot in Crockness £3 10s	Represented her husband James at 1st meeting.
James Baikie	Crockness	Shoemaker employing 1 man	31	4		As above	
George Bremner	North Ness	Not listed (ship carpenter)	41 (1871)	2		Not in valuation roll 1866-67 or 1867-68	
Benjamin Bruce	Little Ayre	Retired fisherman & farming 4 acres (farmer of 8 acres)	66	0	Subscription collector Crockness district	Farm in Crockness £4 12s	Father of Captain Bruce, uncle of James Gray, brother-in-law of Donald Corrigan
Captain Benjamin Bruce	North Ness	Not listed (retired shipmaster)	47 (1871)	3		Not in valuation roll 1866-67 or 1867-68	Son of Benjamin Bruce
James Charleson	North Ness (Hill of Banks, South Walls 1871)	Not given (mason)	42	0	Mason who worked on the school	House at North Ness £5 10s	Father-in-law of Alexander Thomson, the main contractor
Donald Corrigan	Seatter (Stonequoy, Seatter)	Farmer of 25 acres (dead)	65	0	Subscription collector Seatter district	Farm of Stonequoy £22	Brother-in-law of Benjamin Bruce
James Fiddler	Oyer [ie Ore] (Gear, 1861; Lyness, 1871)	Ploughman (agricultural labourer)	29	2		Not in valuation roll 1866-67 or 1867-68	
James Gray	(Crockness)	Fisherman and farmer of 4 acres (farmer of 8 acres)	26	0		Cot in Crockness £3	Nephew and cousin of the two Bruces. One child by 1871.
John Gray	Mill of Rysay	Miller (dead)	57	0	Subscription collector Rysa district	Mill of Rysa and Millcroft £52	
Alexander Groundwater	Oyer [ie Ore] (Mucklehouse, 1861; Oar, 1871)	Farmer of 16 acres (farmer of 70 acres, 37 arable)	55	1	Committee member, chairman at various times, subscription collector Ore district	Farm of Mucklehouse £15	
Ann Manson	Crockness	Not found in 1861 or 1871. Husband possibly at sea – not listed.	?	?		No Robert Manson found in valuation roll 1866-67 or 1867-68	Representing her husband Robert at 1st meeting. A mystery couple so far.

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Alexander Robertson	(Lyness)	Fisherman	36 (1871)	0		Farm of Hughies Noust, £3 in name of Samuel Robson.	No Alexander Robertson or Robson in 1861 census. Only one in 1871, listed with father Samuel Robertson.
Jane Robertson	Crockness	Husband possibly at sea – not listed in 1861 or 1871	34	4			Representing her husband George 1st meeting. Surname is Robson in 1871 census when she is listed in her brother, Benjamin Wilson's house in Crockness.
John Robertson	Hilltown	Not listed (Crofter)	76 (1871)	0		Farm of Hilltown £1 5s	Robertson actually owned his land. Also tenant of farm of Thurvoe with others, rental value £2 12s
William Robson	Little Muirs	Shoemaker (farmer of 4 acres)	23	3		Farm of Little Muirs £5 – in his father, James' name	
James Ross	North Ness	Grocer (merchant)	42	4	Chair at different times, subscription collector Seatter district	House at North Ness £6 18s	Brother of John and Walter
John Ross	(Downtown)	Ploughman (farmer of 40 acres)	23	Unmarried		Farm Doonaton £22	Brother of James and Walter
Walter Ross	Crockness (Downtown 1861)	Fisherman (farmer of 7 acres)	37	2	Chairman at one subscribers' meeting	Cot in Crockness £3	Brother of James and John. Married to daughter/sister of the two Bruces.
Donald Shearer	(Crockness 1861 and 1871)	Fisherman	28	Unmarried		Cot in Crockness £3	
James Sutherland	(Halyiel, 1861)	Joiner	51	1		Cot at Halyiel 2s	The most likely James Sutherland based on 1861 and 1871 censuses. Moved from the island by 1871
James Sutherland	Haybreck	Farm manager of 120 acres employing 4 men (farm manager)	50	0	Committee member; Subscription collector Ore district	Farm of Haybreck £100	
Thomas Sutherland	North Seatter	Farmer of 40 acres (farmer of 130 acres)	47	2	Treasurer, chair at various times; subscription collector Crockness district	Farm North Seatter £32	Father-in-law of 1861 teacher, John Mackay

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William Sutherland	Millbay (Lyness 1861)	Farmer of 4 acres (crofter)	54	5		Cot at Lyness £3	
William Swanston	Millbay (Croft Lyness, 1861; Thurvoe 1871)	Fisherman	38	4		Cot at Lyness £1 7s	Surname is Swanson in both censuses and in valuation roll
James Thompson	Saltness	Fisherman (farmer of 4 acres)	37	5		Cot at Saltness £1 10s	Thomson in both censuses. The only person from outside North Walls. The post-1872 Brims school catered for Saltness
Alexander Thomson	North Ness (Hill of Banks, South Walls, 1871)	Not listed 1861 (Mason)	30 (1871)	2	Contractor for North and South Walls schools.	Not found in valuation roll 1866-67 or 1867-68	Son-in-law of James Charleson
James Thomson	(Crockness 1861 and 1871)	Mariner (fisherman)	21	Unmarried		Cot in Crockness in his mother Isabella's name - £1 6s	He may be James Thompson, Saltness (see above) but spelt differently
Edward Waters	Hilltown	Retired seaman (crofter)	64	0		Cot in Hilltown £2 10s	
Alexander Wilson	(Lyness 1861 and 1871)	Fisherman	21	Unmarried		Not found in valuation roll 1866-67 or 1867-68	Probable identification; more difficult with no address
James Wilson	Lyness (Millburn House 1871)	Farmer of 30 acres (fisherman)	58	0		Farm of Lyness £38	
Margaret Wilson	Crockness (Greenlums, 1861; North Crockness, 1871)	Wife of farmer of 8 acres and fisherman (crofter)	46	1		Probably farm of Orraquoy £5	Representing her husband Robert at 1st meeting
"Various others of the district"							5 Nov 1866 meeting