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**1821 3rd June at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Dunmore Boddan, servant at Cullendoch voluntarily 'acknowledged herself with child in uncleanness'. Named Peter Lyons, servant Barwhinnock, Twynholm as father of her child.

**1821 10th June at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James [Hird] Newton Stewart, parish of Penningham charged with adultery with late Jean [Abell] of this parish.

**1821 17th June at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jannet Currance, in Disdow, voluntarily 'acknowledged herself with child in uncleanness'. Named Alexander Purdie, in Gatehouse, as father of her child.

Peter Lyons acknowledged himself as the father of Dunmore Boddan's child.

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**1821 24th June at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Alexander Purdie in Gatehouse declared that he is not the father of Janet Currance's child and has had no carnal knowledge with her within the last four years.

**1821 22nd July at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Janet Currance, in Disdow adhered to her accusation that Alexander Purdie is the father of her child. It was begot on the 4th night of last Gatehouse Market (8th December). Alexander Purdie admitted having conveyed Janet Currance on that night from Mr Joseph McNichol's to the Tollbar but no further. Repeated his declaration of 24th June.

Euphemia Donaldson, Drumruck voluntarily confessed she is with child in fornication. Declared Henry Campbell, dyker of Newton Stewart is the father of her child.

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**1821 16th September at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev James Gordon of Borgue & elders**

Peter McClellan, servant in Barlay and Grace McClachlan formerly in Barlay, now in Gatehouse confess they were guilty of fornication and were rebuked.

**1821 30th September at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Janet Neil in Gatehouse rebuked for fornication with Samuel Killen, Castle Douglas.

**1821 10th October at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Heron in Drumwall rebuked for fornication with Mary Heughan.

**1821 13th October at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth [Armour] in Gatehouse rebuked for fornication with Alexander Purdie in Gatehouse.

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**1822 27th January at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Richie in Gatehouse rebuked for fornication with William Smith.

**1822 24th February at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert McDill rebuked for fornication with Agness Nelson.

**1822 10th March at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Chesney, Inn Keeper and Jean McGown, wife of William Hanning, labourer in Gatehouse, declared that before William Milligan, miner, late of Gatehouse left this place, they heard him repeatedly acknowledge that he was the father of Mary Mure's child.

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**1822 14th April at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Alexander Wilson, weaver in Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Margaret Graham.

**1822 28th April at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Rain in Townhead elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

**1822 12th May at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Green, Margrie, Parish of Borgue, rebuked for fornication with Mary [Connan] in Gatehouse.

**1822 13th June at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Ferguson in Laghead rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Mary Kelly.

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**1822 14th July at Girthon Kirk****Moderator & elders**

Robert McRobert, late servant in Culreoch rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Grace Cunningham.

**1822 4th August at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Grace Stott in Gatehouse acknowledged herself with child in fornication. Declared Alexander McMillan, weaver, in Gatehouse father of her child.

Janet Kingan in Gatehouse had a child born in fornication. Declared Thomas Alexander, weaver, in Gatehouse as father of her child.

**1822 11th August at Girthon Kirk****Moderator & elders**

Alexander McMillan, weaver, in Gatehouse denies that he is father of Grace Stott's child.

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Thomas Alexander, weaver, in Gatehouse acknowledged that he has had carnal connection with Janet Kingan but denies that he is the father of her child as it did not come to his time.

**1822 18th August at Girthon Kirk****Moderator & elders**

Janet Kingan and Thomas Alexander both adhered to their respective declarations.

**1822 25th August at Girthon Kirk****Moderator & elders**

Alexander Purdie acknowledges that he is the father of Elizabeth Carnie's child.

**1822 1st September at Girthon Kirk****Moderator & elders**

Mary Lowden acknowledges that she is with child in fornication. Declared that William Ronnie, servant, in Roberton, Borgue is father of her child.

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**1822 6th October at Girthon Kirk****Moderator & elders**

Thomas Webb, servant at Cally, rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Agnes Kerr.

**1822 17th November at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Alexander Craig, Esquire elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

**1823 5th January at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Gordon, servant in Enrick, rebuked for fornication with Mary Gordon in [Brioch] in Parish of Kells.

**1823 16th January at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Gracie, in Culreoch, rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Jean Spiers.

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**1823 23rd March at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Susan Currance, in Disdow, confessed that she had a child in fornication. Named father as Patrick Kerr (an Irishman, one of the Connolye labourers), who has now left the country.

**1823 13th April at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Barbour, in Grobdale, and his wife Elizabeth Commelin rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

Euphemia Donaldson, in Gatehouse confessed she was with child in adultery. Declared that David Hutchison, innkeeper, in Laurieston, Balmaghie was father of her child.

**1823 9th May at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Anthony Heron, Drumwall elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

**1823 18th May at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean McMin, servant in Darngarroch has brought forth a child in uncleanness. Declared that John [Neilson], an Irishman who has left the country is the father of her child.

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**1823 25th May at Girthon Kirk**

Mary Riddel in Gatehouse she had born a child in fornication. Declared John Thomson, an Irishman as the father of her child.

**1823 8th June at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Neil jnr. and Elizabeth Monkhouse rebuked for their irregular marriage.

**1823 22nd June at Girthon Kirk**

**Moderator & elders**

Helen Deal is with child in uncleanness. She declared that ----- was the father of her child.

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**1823 29th June at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Diana Stott confessed she is with child in fornication. Declared John Milligan, weaver, in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

**1823 6th July at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Carson, in Gatehouse is with child in uncleanness. She declared that James McKnight, formerly in Dalry was the father of her child. He has now gone to America.

**1823 3rd August at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

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**1823 10th August at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

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**1823 24th August at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Clarke in Enrick confessed that she had had a child in adultery. Declared Michael Lennon, [Newry] soldier in the East India Company's Services as the father of her child.

**1823 31st August at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Hall is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Samuel Carson, sawyer, Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

**1823 12th October at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter from David Hutchison, in Rhonehouse, Kelton acknowledging himself as the father of Euphemia Donaldson's child and engaging to contribute to the infant. The Session decided to report the case to the Session of Kelton and as it was a case of adultery to lay it before the Presbytery.

**1823 19th October at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Susan Currance, in Disdow who confessed that she had a child in fornication in March 23. She had named father as Patrick Kerr, which was false. She was severely rephended for the ? of her guilty conduct. She declared Alexander Wilson, weaver in Gatehouse as the father of her child.

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Alexander Wilson, aforesaid, a married man acknowledged that he is the father of Susan Currance's child.

**1823 2nd [November] at Girthon Kirk** *(date changed and unclear)***Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Rev Jeffrey reported that he had laid before the Presbytery the last cases of adultery.

**1823 21st October at Kirkcudbright**

The Presbytery of Kirkcudbright having taken the Girthon cases into consideration direct the Session of Girthon to proceed in said cases... *(unclear)*

Samuel Carson, sawyer in Gatehouse acknowledged himself to be the father of Elizabeth Hall's child.

Session had informed the Modr. of Parish of Kelton of the case of David Hutchison union with Euphemia Donaldson.

**1823 9th November at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Rain, Townhead elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

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**1823 30th November at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Janet Walker in Gatehouse confessed that she had had a child in uncleanliness. Declared James Woods (fishmonger) at present in Barwhinnock is the father. The Girthon Session will notify Twynholm Session to ask Woods to appear before them on the charge of being father of the child.

**1823 14th December at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Smith, formerly servant in Enrick rebuked for the sin of fornication with Murray ??? also formerly in Enrick. James Woods in Barwhinnock acknowledges he is the father of Janet Walker's child.

**1824 16th May at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John [Harken] rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Mary Hanning.

**1824 6th June at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John McWilliam, in Gatehouse, elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

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**1824 4th July at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean McWhan in Gatehouse confessed that she had had a child in fornication. Declared that John Roberts, a miner, late in Gatehouse, now gone to Carnwath is the father of her child.

**1824 11th July at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Euphemia Donaldson, was rebuked for the sin of adultery with adultery David Hutchison in Rhonehouse.

Mary Dixon in Skyreburn, formerly servant in Rainton confessed herself with child in fornication. Declared Robert McKie, late servant at [Kirk] of Girthon, now gone to Canada, as father of her child.

John Ramsay, labourer, in Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Isabel [Serrat].

Samuel Carnachan in Little Barlay and Agnes Hathorn in High Creoch rebuked for the sin of fornication.

**1824 19th September at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
Mary [Dyson] servant in Rainton and Jas.[ McCoskrie] rebuked for sin of fornication.

**1824 31st October at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
John [Marsden] engineer was rebuked for the sin of fornication with Mary Thomson in Gatehouse.

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**1824 7th November at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
Alexander Craig, Esquire elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

**1824 12th December at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
Sarah Doyle, servant in Plunton, confessed that she is with child in fornication. Declared Andrew McClellan, late servant with Mr Brown at Kilfillan, Parish of Glenluce, as father of her child.

**1825 16th January at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
Alex. Purdie, flesher, in Gatehouse who was rebuked for fornication is restored to the privileges of the church.

**1825 3rd April at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
Thomas Cairns, weaver in Gatehouse and Margaret Munro his wife rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

Robert McGaa in Gatehouse and Nicholas McLurg rebuked for the sin of fornication.

**1825 15th May at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
James Rain elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

Ann Milligan in Gatehouse confessed she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John McConchie, weaver is the father of her child.

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**1825 22nd May at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
Samuel Riddick, Girthon Kirk and Margaret McGown, Gatehouse rebuked for the sin of fornication.

John McConchie, weaver, in Gatehouse acknowledged that he is the father of Ann Milligan's child.

**1825 22nd May at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
James Kirkpatrick, merchant and Mr James Watson, surgeon, both in Gatehouse, and John Denniston in Quarterland nominated for the office of elders in the Parish of Girthon.

**1825 5th June at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
No objections raised to the above elders' nominations.

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**1825 12th June at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**  
Janet Currance in Disdow, declared that James Rain, in Townhead, a married man and an elder of this church is the father of her child when some years ago she declared Alexander Purdie in Gatehouse, the father. She now rebuked her former statement.

Mr Rain, being present and having heard the above declaration of Janet Currance denied the same as utterly false. Both parties ordered to appear before them again next Thursday.

**1825 16th June at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Janet Currance of Disdow and James Rain again appeared before the Session. Mr Rain again denied the charge. Scandals such as this case have to be referred to Presbytery of Kirkcudbright.

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**1825 July? (date missing)**

William Smith and his wife Elizabeth Heron rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

**1825 17 August Presbytery of Kirkcudbright**

Ordered that the parties in the referred case (*Janet Currance & James Rain*) to appear at a meeting in Kirkcudbright.

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**1825 11th September at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John McConchie, weaver, in Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Ann Milligan.

**1825 30th October at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Denniston in Quarterland elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

**1825 11th December at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Janet Carson in Gatehouse confessed she is with child in uncleanness and declared Charles McGaw, mason, formerly of Gatehouse and at present in Edinburgh as the father of her child.

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**1826 8th January at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Charles McGaw has sent a letter to his friends in Gatehouse acknowledging that he is the father of Janet Carson's child and it was therefore agreed that the child should be baptized.

Alexander Fergusson formerly servant in Grobdale, now in Laghead rebuked for the sin of fornication with Margaret Hyslop, formerly servant in Grobdale.

Elizabeth Brown in Gatehouse confessed that she is with child in fornication. She declared that Hugh Walker, weaver in Gatehouse is the father of her child.

**1826 22nd January at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Margaret Henderson, daughter of Musgrave Henderson, weaver in Gatehouse confessed that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared Matthew Callahan, weaver in Millburn, Kirkcudbright is the father of her child.

**1826 5th March at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Hathorn rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Helen McGill.

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Matthew Callaghan, weaver in Millburn acknowledged that he is the father of Margaret Henderson's child. The session agreed that his child could be baptized.

**1826 16th April at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Hornal and [?? ??] for the sin of fornication with Charles McGary, labourer in Gatehouse.

**1826 30th April at Girthon Kirk**

**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Agnes Sally, late servant in Barlay Mill confessed herself with child in uncleanness. Named William Smith, millwright at Barlay Mill as the father of her child.

**1826 14th May at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Kirkpatrick, merchant, in Gatehouse elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

**1826 21st May at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Margaret McGown in Gatehouse rebuked for the sin of fornication with Samuel Riddick.

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**1826 11th [June] at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Helen MacGill spouse of Robert Hathorn in Stepend was rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

**1826 15th Jun at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Hyslop rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Mary McTaggart.

**1826 30th June at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Murray, sawyer, in Gatehouse rebuked for fornication with Agnes McConchie.

**1826 13th August at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Rachel Orr in Gatehouse confessed she had had a child in uncleanness and declared Robert Credie, lately at Lagg in this parish to be the father of her child. He has now left the country and she does not know where he is now residing.

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William Smith, millwright at Barlay Mill is rebuked for fornication with Agnes Sollie.

**1826 17th August at Tongland****Presbytery of Kirkcudbright**

Instructed Session of Girthon 'to take the said Rachel Orr upon discipline'

**1826 20th August at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Rachel Orr was rebuked of the sin of fornication with Robert Credie.

**1826 3rd September at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter sent by Mary Carnie, mother of James Carnie who was proclaimed in church this day for marriage with Jean Nixon. Mary Carnie states that Jean Nixon is a married woman and lived for a considerable time in Gatehouse with her husband James Divine who is still alive. Session decided to defer marriage and ordered the mother to bring forth proof before Thursday next.

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**1826 10th September at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Credie from Creetown acknowledged she is with child in uncleanness. Declared William McNish, writer in Gatehouse as father of her child.

**1826 17th August at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Carnie and Jean Nixon could not disprove that a previous marriage between Jean Nixon and James Devine had taken place so the marriage between James Carnie and Jean Nixon could not take place.

William McNish, writer in Gatehouse denies ever having had any carnal connections with the said Elizabeth Credie.

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**1826 16th November at Girthon Kirk****Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Credie was asked for proof of her accusation that William McNish was the father of her child. Said that Rosanna McWilliam witnessed her and William McNish coming out of his house and walking towards the bridge. Asked if they went further, she said 'a little on the Corse Road where she was guilty with McNish for the first time'. She also admitted to having been in his room on the Saturday before New Years Day.

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She admitted sending a letter to McNish about the time of the last Keltonhill Fair. She also admitted another involvement at the Woods.....but did not know his name. She was asked if it was her husband and she said it might be. Rosanna McWilliam denied seeing McNish and Elizabeth Credie together either in public or private. Session decided that there was no evidence of guilt by Mr McNish.

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**1826 26 November at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Watson, surgeon, in Gatehouse elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

**1826 17 December at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Beck in Gatehouse confessed she is with child in uncleanness. Declared James Heron in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

**1826 31st December at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Heron confessed that he is the father of Mary Beck's child.

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**1827 18th February at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Douglas, servant in Culreoch rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife.

**1827 1st April at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Herron and Mary Beck rebuked for fornication.

**1827 8th April at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Paterson, servant in Ardwall rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Anne Stoll.

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**1827 16th June at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Hall and Saml. Carson rebuked for fornication.  
Janet Walker and James Wood rebuked for fornication.

**1827 1st July at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Fell in Gatehouse confessed she is with child in uncleanness. Declared James Bailiff, hedger in Gatehouse as the father of her child.  
James Bailiff acknowledged himself as father of Elizabeth Fell's child.

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**1827 [re - 2nd November 1825 at Kirkcudbright]**

Presbytery of Kirkcudbright: Case of James Rain & Janet Currence.

Janet Currence - for falsely accusing James Rain to be the father of the child given to her by Alexander Purdie .  
Alexander Purdie also falsely accused. - 'she must for said conduct be taken on discipline and dealt with as per the laws of God and of the church.'  
James Rain - case dismissed as facts unsubstantiated.

**1827 9th September at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Peter Kelly in Laghead rebuked for the sin of ante nuptial fornication with his wife Mary Donaldson restored to privileges of Church.

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**1827 25th November at Girthon Kirk                      Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Logan confesses she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John Reid [hewing] merchant in Wick, who sometime resided in this parish is father of the child. Session directed the Clerk to write to the Minister of Wick.



Alex Craig elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

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**1827 2nd December at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James McFadzean for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Jannet Hannay.

**1828 10th February at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean McWhan confessed she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Michael Oswald to be the father of her child. Report sent to Kirk Session of Kirkmabreck.

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**[Date unclear] at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Michael Oswald from Kirkmabreck was interrogated as to whether he was the father of Jean McWhan's child. Said it was not to his time and he had nothing to do with her since July last. (*Poor writing*)

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**1828 [2?] April at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Allan Gordon for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Mary MaCartney.

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**1828 11th May at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Reid was accused by Jean Logan to be the father of his child. Jean Logan to be disciplined.

**1828 25th May at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Agnes Sproat in Gatehouse acknowledged herself with child in uncleanliness. Declared James Bennet sawyer in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

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**1828 1st June at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean McWhan in Gatehouse rebuked for the sin of fornication with Michael Oswald Kirkmabreck.

**1828 14 June at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mr James Bennett acknowledged that he is the father of Agnes Sproat's child.

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**1828 3rd August at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Carson confessed that she has had a child born in uncleanliness. Declared James Airley, mariner in Workington is the father of her child.

**1828 12th October at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Hope and Margaret Henderson rebuked for sin of fornication.

Mary McGawn and Matthew Kelloghan had privileges restored.

**1828 16th November at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Denniston elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

Elizabeth Hyslop formerly servant at Drumwall now residing in Boreland of Glencairn confesses she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Robert Little in Gatehouse as father of her child.

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**1828 23rd November at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Little admitted guilt with Elizabeth Hyslop but says if her child is born within 3 weeks he will do for it as its father' but if it is born later it is 'none of his'.

Mary Murray, servant in Castramont confesses she is with child in uncleanness. Declared William Brown in Enrick is the father of her child.

**1828 24th November at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

A letter from William Brown acknowledging that he is the father of Mary Murray's child.

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**1828 30 November at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Cairney and Jean Nixon in Gatehouse produced a letter from Rev James Carruthers Catholic Pastor, Dumfries certifying that he married James Devine and Catherine Berry on 8th July 1924. The Session then withdrew any objections from James Cairney's mother to his marriage to Jane Nixon.

James Cairney and Jane Nixon rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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**1828 8th December at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mr James McNish, writer acknowledged himself guilty of the sin of uncleanness with Mary Cairns.

**1828 14th November at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Cairns restored to privileges of church.

**1829 4th January at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Archibald Fleming acknowledged that he was guilty of sin of uncleanness with Mary Shaw in Parish of Tongland.

Elizabeth Hyslop had a child born within the said time declared by Robert Little. (*So he is acknowledged as the father.*)

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**1829 18th January at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Shaw acknowledged that she had a child in uncleanness with Archibald Fleming.

**1829 25th January at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Alexander Hanning and Elizabeth Hutton for ante nuptial fornication.

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**1829 1st February at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Grace Sproat acknowledged she is with child in uncleanness. Declared Samuel Walker in Cairn is father of her child. Samuel Walker admitted he was the father.

**1829 2nd February at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Howitson rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Mary Douglas.

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**1829 17th May at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John [Couldie] rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Mary McGown.

**1829 24th May at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Agnes Easton in Townhead acknowledged she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John Rain in Townhead is father of her child.

John Stewart rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Grace [Give].

John Denniston elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

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**1829 31st May at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

David McCulloch in Culreoch rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife.

James Halliday with Marion Walker his wife rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

John Rain rebuked for sin of fornication with Agnes Easton.

**1829 7th May (should be June) at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Alex Cowan rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Jean McHarg.

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**1829 14th June at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Catherine McKean acknowledged that she had a child in uncleanness with James Thomson in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

James [Saynes] weaver in Gatehouse elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

**1829 18th June at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Balief was rebuked for fornication with Elizabeth Fell.

The same James Balief and his wife Mary Moone were rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

**1829 12th July at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mr James Thomson acknowledged that he is the father of Catherine McKean's child.

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Margaret Mure, lately in Disdow, now residing in Rerrick confessed she was with child in uncleanness. Charged William McCulloch, servant in Rainton as the father. William McCulloch admitted charge.

**1829 2nd August at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Peter McClellan acknowledged himself to be the father of Grace [McClanhan's] child.

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Adam Black and his wife Jane Carnachan rebuked for the sin of ante nuptial fornication.

Jean Carson confessed she was with child in uncleanness and declared Hugh McGaw, mason in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

**1829 9th August at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Hugh McGaw, mason in Gatehouse denies being the father of Jean Carson's child as he never had any carnal connection with her.

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**1829 16th August at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Milligan in Gatehouse acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John Thomson, weaver in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

**1829 23rd August at Girthon Kirk** **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter from John Thomson, weaver acknowledging that he is father of Mary Milligan's child.

Jean Law, late servant in Culreoch confessed she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John Bell, servant in Culreoch is the father of her child. Referred to the Presbytery for advice as the father of the child is now dead. The Clerk will write to the Session of Dalry where the said Jean Law is a native.

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**1829 30th August at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Hugh McGaw and Jean Carson reappeared.

Jean Carson asked when the guilt had taken place. She replied that it took place in her father's house last Halloween Night when her father and brother were asleep.

Hugh McGaw could not be sure he was in that house that night but as he lived next door he was sometimes in the house.....Jean Carson to find more evidence.

**1829 6th September at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter from Jean Carson's father saying that he was willing to give his oath that he, Hugh McGaw, was in his house upon the 12th November (being old Hallowday) and several nights before and after.

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Jean Carson's brother John Carson remembers seeing Hugh McGaw in his father's house last Halloween. He does not know the time of night but it was towards the morning. Said that Hugh had offered to give him eighteen pence if he would cause no disturbance. He put his hand in his pocket and gave him these halfpence. Hugh turned round and laid his head on his sister Jean's feet.

Hugh said that the witness's statement was false.

**1829 13th September at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Janet McRobert in Gatehouse confessed she was with child in uncleanness and declared Robert Hume, mason in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

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**1829 20th September at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Hume, mason in Gatehouse confessed to be the father of Janet McRobert's child.

**1829 18th October at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Hume and Janet McRoberts both in Gatehouse rebuked for the sin of fornication.

**1829 15th November at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Denniston elected to represent the Girthon Kirk Session at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway for current half year.

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**1829 22nd November at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Eleonor Mactier, servant in [Drumwall] acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared Robert McClachlan in Upper Newton, Anwoth as father of her child.

**1829 6th December at Girthon Kirk**                      **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Carson and Hugh McGaw to be dealt with according to the laws of the church.

Jean Law absolved from scandal.