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1830 17th January at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Thomson rebuked for sin of fornication with Mary Milligan.

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1830 28th February at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Little rebuked for sin of fornication.

Robert McClachlan with Eleonor MacTier of Newton rebuked for sin of fornication.

1830 4th March at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Charles McGaw rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication with Janet Carson his wife.

1830 6th June at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Deniston elected to represent the Session of Girthon at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1830 27th June at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Little rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication with his wife Margaret Stewart.

1830 5th September at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Margaret McLeod confessed that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared Robert Haugh at Girthon Kirk to be the father of her child.

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1830 12th September at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John [Bowland] rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication with his wife Jean Ritchie.

1830 20th September at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Gerrand confesses she has had a child in uncleanness. Declared John Orr, weaver in Gatehouse to be the father of her child. John Orr admitted the charge.

1830 31st October at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Haugh rebuked for sin of fornication with Margaret McLeod.

John [Fenton] elected to represent the Session of Girthon at Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1830 14th November at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Margaret Alexander confesses she has had a child in uncleanness. Declared John Graham, weaver in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

1831 27th February at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary McMiken, Upper Drumwall confesses she has had a female child in uncleanness. Declared John McMiken, mason now residing in Glasgow to be the father of her child.

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1831 13th March at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Munro confesses she is with child in uncleanness. Declares James McConchie, weaver in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

1831 20th March at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James McConchie admits fornication with Jean Munro but does not acknowledge he is the father of the child, on his understanding as to when it will be born.

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1831 3rd April at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James McConchie admits guilt with Jean Munro between Whitsunday last and October last. Case delayed until birth of child.

1831 10th April at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mary McMiken rebuked for sin of fornication restored to privileges of church.

1831 22nd May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Janet Kelly confesses she is with child in uncleanness. Declares James Livingstone in Darngarroch, Balmaghie to be the father of her child.

Mary Shaw rebuked for sin of fornication with Archibald Fleming.

Janet Kelly rebuked for sin of fornication with James Livingstone.

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1831 29th May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Elionor McTier rebuked for sin of fornication with Robert McClachlan.

1831 31st May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mr James Watson elected to represent Session of Girthon at Kirkcudbright Presbytery and Synod of Galloway.

1831 5th June at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Livingstone rebuked for sin of fornication with Janet Kelly.

Margaret Alexander rebuked for sin of fornication with John Graham. Privileges restored.

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1831 12th June at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Helen Sword, in the Parish of Borgue and later in this parish declares herself with child in uncleanness. Declares Archibald Fleming in the Parish of Kirkcudbright to be the father of her child.

1831 16th June at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Jean Kennedy rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication with her husband Peter Bigham.

1831 3rd July at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James McConchie rebuked for sin of fornication with Jean Munro.

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1831 10th July at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Alexander Fleming in the parish of Kirkcudbright but lately in this parish says he is not the father of Helen Sword's child and has never had any carnal connection with her.

1831 17th July at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Archibald Fleming and Helen Sword appeared - *rest illegible*

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1831 27th November at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

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1831 29th November at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Watson, surgeon in Gatehouse chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

1831 11th December at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

John Rain in Townhead confesses he is the father of a child born in fornication by Ann McMonies in the Parish of Crossmichael.

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1832 11th March at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Janet McNeil in Gatehouse confessed that she had a child in uncleanness. Declared Robert Mc Caa in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

1832 25th March at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Letter from Robert McCaa acknowledging that he is the father of Janet Neil's child.

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1832 22nd April at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Jean McWhan in Gatehouse has had a male child in uncleanness. Accuses Dunbar Milligan, weaver in Gatehouse as the father. Dunbar Milligan accepts this.

1832 29th April at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Janet McMiken of Upper Drumwall acknowledges that she is with child in uncleanness. Accuses Robert Paulin, Cairniehill, Borgue as the father of her child.

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Elizabeth Heron in Meikle Barlay acknowledged she is with child in uncleanness. Accused James McWhan in Barlay to be father of her child.

1832 5th May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James McWhan in Barlay acknowledged he is father of Elizabeth Heron's child.

1832 13th May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Watson, surgeon in Gatehouse chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1832 20th May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Elizabeth Heron in Meikle Barlay and James McWhan in Barlay rebuked for fornication.

1832 28th May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Richard Mundell at Enrick acknowledged he is father of the child born of Ann Thomson in Gatehouse. Rebuked and absolved from scandal.

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1832 15th November at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Watson, surgeon in Gatehouse chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

1832 16th December at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Alexander McMillan, weaver in Gatehouse acknowledged that he is the father of the child that Elizabeth Mure in Gatehouse is carrying in uncleanness.

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1833 13th January at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Thomas McMiken in Upper Drumwall acknowledges that he is the father of the male child lately brought forth in uncleanness by Grace Walker in Glengap, Parish of Twynholm.

1833 23rd January at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Johnston from Kelton and Jane [Selkirk] his wife rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1833 24th February at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Helen Sword, lately of this parish and presently in Parish of Rerrick rebuked for sin of fornication with Archibald Fleming.

1833 10th March at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Lawrie, labourer in Gatehouse and Janet Lockhart wife of Daniel Harkins, cotton spinner in Glasgow rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1833 21st April at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

A letter from Mary Reid, Girthon Kirk admitting that she had a child in uncleanness. Accused Robert Haugh, servant with Mr James McGeoch, Girthon Kirk as the father. He is unable to attend due to 'want of health'.

Grace Thompson in Gatehouse is believed to be with child but has not appeared before the Session.

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R. Brown had sent a letter from Edinburgh. Session suspicious that the letter is not genuine and appointed Mr Heron in Drumwall and Messrs. Watson and Denniston to meet with Grace Thomson and demand to see the letter in which R. Brown had said that he and she had been married for 4 years. Session want documents of proof.

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1833 28th April at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Maxwell, daughter of James Maxwell, labourer in Gatehouse confessed that she had had a female child in uncleanness 4 weeks ago. Declared father to be Thomas Corrie, wheelwright and cooper, living in Session of Tyrone, Ireland to be the father.

Session members saw the letter from R. Brown but Grace Thomson could produce no other documents to prove her marriage.

1833 5th May at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Haugh, servant with Mr James McGeoch, Girthon Kirk as the father acknowledged that the is the father of Mary Reid's child.

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1833 2nd June at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Reid, Clachan rebuked for fornication with Robert Haugh, servant, Kirk of Girthon. Privileges restored.

Mr John Denniston chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1833 30th June at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Thomson in Gatehouse had a male child in uncleanness. She sent a letter declaring that William Bryce, mariner, in Anwoth was the father.

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1833 28th [July] at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Janet [Neil] restored to privileges after sin of fornication with Robert McCaa.

1833 18th August at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Mure restored to privileges after sin of fornication with Alexander McMillan, weaver.

1833 25th August at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Coatts and Helen Sword rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication.

Jean Carson who was rebuked for fornication with Hugh McGaw restored privileges.

1833 26th August at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mr John Denniston chosen as ruling elder to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1834 9th March at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Thomson, weaver acknowledged he was the father of Mary Milligan's child.

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1834 11th May at Girthon Kir

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Margaret Brown in Drumwall who has resided for last 6 years in Borgue confessed she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Samuel Carter, lately in Whitehill, Borgue and now in England to be the child's father.

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1834 25th May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Margaret Brown produced a letter from Samuel Carter, late in Borgue, now in Leeds stating that he is the father of her child.

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1834 1st June at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Robert Lawrie who was rebuked for ante nuptial fornication, restored to privileges.

1834 3rd August at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Jean Munro in Gatehouse of Fleet who is with child in uncleanliness declared Bazil Cairns, mariner in Kirkcudbright to be the father of her child.

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1834 24th August at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mary Turner in Gatehouse of Fleet confessed that she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared William Cumming, late of this parish to be the father of her child.

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1834 7th September at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Thomas Dalrymple in Gatehouse of Fleet rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

1834 14th September at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mary Rain in Mickle Barlay is with child to James Cairns in Enrick.

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1834 28th September at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

William Cumming and Mary Turner both Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1834 5th October at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Cairns declares he is not the father of Mary Rain's child and had no carnal connection with her. Mary Rain persists with her claim. She said that Thomas Black, servant in Mill of Plunton, Helen Ireland, servant in Garlieston, John McGaw servant in Rattrra and Euphemia Caster servant at Rattrra had all known or seen or that she and James Cairns were privately together in the farmhouse at Rattrra. Mary Rain claimed the guilt had taken place twice - the Thursday and Friday nights about 7 or 8 weeks after Martinmas.

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1834 26th October at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Thomas Black servant in Mill of Plunton declared that he had seen them (James Cairns and Mary Rain) together privately. Once in the stable loft at Rattrra and once at the kitchen door. They went away about 11pm and returned at 3am. This happened before New Years Day. James Cairns said the statement was true.

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1834 9th November at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mary Rain had no more witnesses - her other witnesses could only confirm the statement of Thomas Black - which James Cairns did not deny.

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1834 7th December at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Elizabeth Heron in Gatehouse is with child in uncleanliness. Declared James Whan, labourer in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

1834 21st December at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Morris rebuked for the sin of ante nuptial fornication.

James McWhan acknowledged he is the father of Elizabeth Heron's child.

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1835 11th January at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Case of James Cairns and Mary Rain: decided to 'let it lye over until God in his providence shall throw some light on it.'

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1835 1st March at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Ireland acknowledged that he is the father of Elizabeth Hyslop's child.

1835 5th April at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Case of Robert Ireland and Elizabeth Hyslop. Robert Ireland professed his sorrow for his sins of fornication with Elizabeth Hyslop and was rebuked.

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1835 5th April at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Hellen McClellan confessed that she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared David McGowan as father of her child.

James Halliday in Murrayton rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife.

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1835 3rd May at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

David McGowan acknowledged he is the father of Helen McLellan's child.

1835 31st May at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Agnes Shaw, servant in Little Barlay acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Thomas Bland, late master of the sloop 'Cardoness Castle' of Gatehouse, as father of said child.

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Session will write to Session of Kirkcudbright where they believe Thomas Bland has his principal residence.

Mr John Denniston chosen as ruling elder to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

1835 7th June at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Marion [Dargavel] in New Galloway is with child in uncleanliness. Declared William Good, Largies, Girthon to be the father of her child

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1835 4th June at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Good confessed that he is the father of Marion Dargavel's child.

1835 19th July at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Hornsby in Gatehouse confessed that she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Gordon Henderson to be the father of her child.

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1835 2nd August at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

David McGowan rebuked for sin of fornication with Helen McClellan

Samuel [Blyth] Merchant in Gatehouse voluntarily acknowledged that he is the father of a female child born in uncleanliness by Elizabeth [Carmant] in Gatehouse.

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1835 30th August at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

George Armour and Elizabeth McRobert both in Gatehouse rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication.

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1835 6th September at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John McKean in Largies rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication.

1835 13th September at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Goodall, gardener, late of Cally rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Mary Ann Kirk.

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1835 20th September at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Gordon Henderson, weaver in Gatehouse rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication.

Note from Sessions of Penningham: Elizabeth McNellie guilty of a relapse in fornication. Declared that Andrew McClymont in Culroch, Girthon was the father of her child.

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..... Henry in Lagg acknowledged guilty of the sin of fornication.

1835 25th October at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Byres, late servant on Orchar and now residing in Mossdale, Kells rebuked for sin of uncleanness with William Halliday of Orchar.

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1835 ?? November at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Hughan, servant in Enrick rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Jean Burbey.

Mr John Denniston chosen as elder to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

1835 13th December at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Gibson, tailor and Catherine McGaw rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1836 31st January at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Muir, joiner in Gatehouse and Catherine Hanning rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication.

1836 17th April at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Ramsay has had a male child in uncleanness. Declared Matthew Purdie, plasterer, Cally as father of her child.

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1836 1st May at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Jean Ramsay rebuked been rebuked and restored privileges.

1836 29th May at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Sarah Duncan in Gatehouse confessed that she had a child in uncleanness. She produced a letter from Robert Mure, woodman, late in Gatehouse acknowledging himself father of the child and promising to contribute to the child's maintenance.

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Elizabeth Gordon and John Morris guilty of ante nuptial fornication.

Jean Ramsay and Matthew Purdie guilty of ante nuptial fornication.

1836 12th June at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Catherine Hanning and James Muir guilty of ante nuptial fornication.

Anthony Heron chosen as ruling elder to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1836 26th June at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Robert Mure, woodman acknowledged he is the father of Sarah Duncan's child.

1836 14th August at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Mure confessed she had a child in uncleanness. Declared Alexander McClellan, labourer in Gatehouse as father of her child.

Alexander Manson, in Disdow rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1836 21st August at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Alexander McClellan acknowledged that he is the father of Mary Mure's child.

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1836 28th August at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John McQuarry, cotton spinner in Gatehouse and Mary Alexander in Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

1836 9th October at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Grace McMurrie in Gatehouse acknowledged she is with child in uncleanness. Declared Charles [Tregunain], miner, late in Gatehouse as the father of her child.

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1836 23rd October at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Hough rebuked for sin of antenuptial fornication.

1836 4th December at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Walker, shoemaker and Agnes Smith both residing in Gatehouse rebuked for the sin of ante nuptial fornication.

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Mary Ferguson, late servant in Cally Mains confessed she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John Rain, also of Cally Mains to be the father of her child.

Elizabeth Newby in Gatehouse confessed that she had had a child in uncleanness. Declared John Prelour, late miner at Cally Mains to be father of her child.

James Rain chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1836 11th December at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Diana Stott in Gatehouse confessed that she had had a child in uncleanness. Declared William McGown, weaver in Gatehouse as the father of her child. William McGown acknowledged the charge.

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1837 8th January at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Rain in Cally Mains acknowledged fornication with Mary Fergusson but denies that he is the father of her male child which was born prematurely on the 2nd instant.

1837 15th January at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Hull rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1837 29th January at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Halliday in Orchar and his wife Jean Graham rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

Margaret Costin, late servant in Little Barley, acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared David Hawthorn, servant in Culreoch as father of her child.

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1837 12th February at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

David Hawthorn, servant in Culreoch acknowledges he is the father of Mary Costin's child.

1837 5th March at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Graham in Gatehouse acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John Raeside, carrier of Wigtown to be the father of her child.

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Elizabeth Newby and John Prelour rebuked for fornication and restored privileges.

1837 12th March at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Mary Ferguson and John Rain restored to privileges.

Elizabeth Hyslop late servant in Murrayton now in Kirkpatrick Durham has had a male child.

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She declared Robert McNaught, shepherd in Murrayton to be the father of her child.

1837 12th March at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Robert McNaught, servant in Murrayton denies that he is the father of Elizabeth Hyslop's child but acknowledges that he had criminal connection with her. He later admitted that he was the father.

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1837 2nd April at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Grace Edgar from Glenlochar Bridge, Crossmichael confessed that she had had a male child in uncleanness. Declared John Broadfoot, High Creoch as father of her child.

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1837 9th April at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Letter from John Broadfoot denying that he has had anything to do with the girl and will have 'nothing to do with the child'

1837 16th April at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Elizabeth Smith in Gatehouse confessed she is with child in uncleanness. Declared Samuel Neil, weaver in Gatehouse as the father.

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John Broadfoot in Laigh Creoch admitted fornication with Grace Edgar but would not acknowledge himself as father of her child.

1837 23rd at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Agnes McKinnel in Gatehouse rebuked for fornication with Thomas Galloway in Gatehouse.

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1837 14th May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mr James Watson chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

1837 21st May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Agnes Shaw in Parish of Rerrick, formerly servant in Little Barley, who was rebuked for fornication with Thomas Blane, Mariner in Parish of Kirkcudbright is restored to privileges.

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1837 22nd May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Samuel Neal, weaver in Gatehouse acknowledged he is the father of Elizabeth's Smith's child.

1837 28th May at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

William McMurray, late servant at Girthon Kirk rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with Mary Porter his present wife.

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1837 4th June at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders (Anthony Heron, James Rain, James Watson, John Denniston, and James Kirkpatrick.)

Following were ordained as elders of Girthon -

Samuel Henry, Lag; William Fergusson, Grobdale; John Johnston and Thomas Fowler both Gatehouse. Nominated by male heads of families in communion with the church and also Rev. John Brown, Roseville and Mr William Parsons, Cally Gardens.

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1837 11th June at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Janet McKinnel wife of Thomas Dalrymple, blacksmith in Gatehouse rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication.

1837 9th July at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mary Graham late servant in Gatehouse restored to privileges.

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1837 20th August at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Letter from Kirk Session of Borgue: Margaret Thomson, in Conchieton has confessed she is with child in uncleanliness. Declares David McKay in Cally Mains as father of her child.

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Mary Boddan residing in Ringford, Parish of Tongland, lately servant with Mr McNish, writer in Gatehouse has acknowledged that she is with s child in uncleanliness. Declared James Cairns at Gaitgill Burn as father of her child.

1837 1st October at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Elizabeth McClellan has recently had a child in uncleanliness declared David McGown, warper at Cotton Mill as father of her child.

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1837 15th October at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

David McGown, warper in Gatehouse declared himself father of Elizabeth McClellan's child.

1837 1st October at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Cairns who was accused by Mary Boddan of Ringford of being the father of his child, said he was guilty of fornication but the child did not come to his time.

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He also said that 'he would not take it (*the child*) except she cleared herself of all other men'. The Session said that if Mary Boddan could get her mother or father or a near relation in full communication with the church to sponsor the child, the child could be baptized.

1837 29th October at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Rev. John Brown chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1837 5th November at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

David McGown and Elizabeth McClellan had privileges restored.

1837 20th October at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Grace Edgar, formerly servant at Laigh Creoch, now residing at Crossmichael rebuked for fornication with John Broadfoot had privileges restored.

1837 20th November at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Elizabeth [Carson] who was rebuked for fornication with Samuel Blyth, tanner in Gatehouse had privileges restored.

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1838 21st January at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Christine Martin, lately residing in Doune, Twynholm, confessed to being with child in uncleanliness. Declared David Hawthorn, Upper Flerock to her the father of her child.

Mary Templeton in Gatehouse confessed that she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Thomas Carson lately servant with Mrs Irving, Boreland of Anwoth to be the father of her child.

1838 28th January at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Catherine McQuary, worker at the Cotton Mill acknowledged she is with child in uncleanliness.

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Declared John Stott, draper at Cotton Mill as the father of her child.

1838 4th February at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

David Hawthorn, in Flerack acknowledged he is the father of Christine Martin's child.

John Stott, draper at Cotton Mill acknowledged he is the father of Catherine McQuarry's child.

1838 11th February at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Agnes Frazer, servant, Murrays Arms Inn, Gatehouse ...

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....acknowledges that she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Thomas Nish son of the landlord as father of her child.

1838 25th February at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Thomas Nish of Murray Arms Inn sent a letter acknowledging himself as father of Agnes Frazer's child.

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1838 18th March at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Letter from Session of Borgue: They found that James Sword jnr. was the father of Jean Shaw's child after looking at the evidence. (*from September last year*)

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1838 25th March at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Thomas McMiken in Upper Drumwall rebuked for fornication with Grace Walker in Twynholm and of ante nuptial fornication with his wife Agnes Taggart had privileges restored.

1838 29th April at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

William Pearson chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1838 3rd June at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

John Stott Junr. Dresser and Catherine McQuarry residing in Gatehouse rebuked for the sin of fornication and privileges restored.

1838 14th June at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

John Broadfoot in Laigh Creoch rebuked of fornication with Grace Edgar, Crossmichael had privileges restored.

1838 1st July at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Robert Lambert, cotton spinner and Ann McQuarry in Gatehouse rebuked for the sin of ante nuptial fornication and restored privileges.

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David Hawthorn of Upper Flerock was restored privileges.

Sarah Duncan in Gatehouse confessed she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared Robert Mure, labourer, late in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

1838 29th July at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Nicholas McGhie, lately in Parish of Anwoth, now residing in Girthon acknowledges she is with child in uncleanliness. Declares James Hume, mason in Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

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1838 5th August at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Isabella Ross, formerly servant in Laigh Creoch, now in Kirkcudbright acknowledges she has had a child in uncleanliness. Declared that William McMillan, joiner in Gatehouse was the father of her child.

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1838 12th August at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Hume acknowledged that he is the father of Nicholas McGhie's child.

William Milligan acknowledged fornication with Isabella Ross but denies that he is the father of her child which was born 2 months before his time.

1838 92th August at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

William Milligan now acknowledges he is the father of Isabella Ross' child.

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1838 26th August at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Agnes Fraser, formerly servant at Murray Arms Inn, now residing in Troqueer was rebuked for fornication and had privileges restored.

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1838 12th August at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Sarah Duncan produced a letter from Robert Mure dated Gateshead 22nd Sept. saying 'he could not clear himself of her and that he wished to keep one child and that she should keep the other'. The Session took this as a confession of guilt.

1838 30th September at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Hume and his wife Nicholas McGhie rebuked for ante nuptial fornication. Privileges restored.

1838 21st October at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mary Ramsay belonging to Parish of Balmaghie

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... has had a child in uncleanness. She thought it was consummated at Laigh Creoch while serving there, previous to Martinmas last. She declared George Dunn a servant residing in the Parish of Kells to be the father of her child. George Dunn accepted this charge. Absolved from said scandal and restored to privileges.

1838 28th October at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Mr Samuel Henry chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1838 9th December at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Sarah Duncan has been rebuked and restored to privileges.
Gordon McClure, late servant in Disdow and now residing in Borgue has confessed that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared James McWhan Upper Drumwall to be the father of her child.

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1838 16th December at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Letter from Thomas Carson, dated Dumfries 26th Nov 1838 stating that he acknowledges that he is the father of Euphemia Templeton's child and that he would contribute towards the main finance of it.

1838 23rd December at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Jean Hornal in Gatehouse confessed she is with child in uncleanness. Declared William Montgomery, manager in the cotton factory, Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

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1838 30th December at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

A letter from William Montgomery, Manager, acknowledging he is the father of Jean Hornal's child. He will support it and prevent it being a burden on the Parish of Girthon and has arranged with Jean Hornal to pay her a sum for its maintenance.

1839 10th February at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Considering the case of Jean Hornal and William Montgomery: it is 'a very aggravated case' so Jean Hornal had to appear before them and under go disciplines.

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1839 17th February at Girthon Kir Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Jean Hornal was rebuked for sin of adultery with William Montgomery and has to appear again.

1839 24th February at Girthon Kirk Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Jean Hornal was rebuked for sin of adultery with William Montgomery a second time and was restored to privileges.

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1839 17th March at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter from new Church Dumfries: Agnes Kirk accuses William Blount of being the father of her natural child. He acknowledges this.

Agnes Kirk rebuked, absolved from scandal and restored privileges.

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1839 31st March at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter from Kirk Session of Kirkpatrick Durham: They were requested to attend Isabella McCaig at the house of her father Robert McCaig. She is dangerously ill as a consequence of childbirth, She accused William Robb, residing in Gatehouse of Fleet with Provost Bain (merchant) as father of her child. The guilt was contracted in Gatehouse.

Session of Girthon demand that William Robb appears before them.

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1839 14th April at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James McMiken, Upper Drumwall who was rebuked for fornication with Gordon McCaa is restored to privileges.

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1839 April or May Date unclear at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Hyslop, in Grobdale acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared James Livingston, Darngarroch, Balmaghie as father of her child.

Mr John Johnston chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway.

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1839 12th May at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John [Reside], carrier, Wigtown who was rebuked for fornication with Mary Graham is absolved from scandal and restored privileges

William Carson, surgeon, Gatehouse rebuked for sin of fornication with Janet Hare, Castle Douglas, restored to privileges.

1839 9th June at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Nicholas McGhie who was rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with her husband James Hume, restored to privileges.

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Letter from Session of Kirkpatrick Durham: Isabella McCaig adheres to her accusation that William Robb is the father of her child. William Robb said that if on her oath 'she is clear of sin with other men' he will take the child as his.

Session of Girthon rebuked William Robb for sin of fornication and restored his privileges.

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1839 7th July at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Hellen McClellan who acknowledged herself with child in uncleanness. Declared David McGown, dresser at Cotton Mill as father of her child.

1839 2nd September at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Edward Brown, cotton spinner and Margaret Stewart rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication.

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1839 ???? at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Margaret Fisher of St John's parish of Dalry acknowledged that she had had a child in uncleanness. Declared the late John Nish of the Murray Arms Inn to be the father of her child.

Mr Fowler chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway

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1839 8th December at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

John Garroway, tailor, Gatehouse rebuked for the sin of ante nuptial fornication.

1839 15th December at Girthon Kirk **Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter from James Livingston, dated Darngarroch 9th December: This is to certify that I have made an agreement with Elizabeth Hyslop and acknowledge her child, so you can take her under discipline where you find it convenient.'