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1840 4th March at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Christina Martin from Twynholm and David Hawthorn late of this parish rebuked for fornication and privileges restored.

1840 19th April at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Elizabeth Hyslop, late in Grobdale who was rebuked for sin of uncleanness with James Livingston, farmer Darngarroch, Balmaghie has privileges restored.

1840 3rd May 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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1840 12th June at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Geo. Jas. Wilson, Teacher of Music, at present residing in this parish, confesses that he is the father of an illegitimate child, lately brought forth by Mary Blacklock in Castle Douglas.

1840 28th June at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Agnes Stewart in Gatehouse acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared James Lawrie, cotton spinner as the father of the child.

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1840 5th July at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Lawrie dresser/ cotton spinner acknowledged guilt with Agnes Stewart on 23rd Nov. last but as the child was born during the last week he denies he is the father of it.

1840 26th July at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

Janet McLean, late housekeeper to Rich. Mundall Esq. Gatehouse confessed that she had recently had a child in uncleanness. She declared William Rogers, Hedger, Gatehouse to be the father of the child.

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1840 2nd August at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Lawrie dresser at cotton mill and Agnes Stewart, Gatehouse restored to privileges.

Elizabeth Rooney confessed that she had had a child in uncleanness. Declared James Dowlan to be the father of her child.

William Rogers who was declared by Janet McLean to be father of her child acknowledged repeated guilt with Janet McLean but denied he was father of the child. He said he was 'very ill used as she had never blamed him until after the child was born and he declared he would never do anything for the child unless compelled' Session recommended that Janet McLean apply to the Civil Court and ask the Steward of Kirkcudbright for instruction to prosecute the said William Rogers.

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1840 9th August at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

James Rooney acknowledged that he was the father of Elizabeth Rooney's child.

1840 30 August at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

David Mackie, cotsman in Quarterland produced a letter from Rev Mr Stuart Johnston, Minnigaff: 'David Mackie left this parish sometime ago under scandal. Now he is resident in Girthon he wishes restoration to the Church'. Session restored his privileges.

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1840 4th October at Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

First part illegible.

James Watson, surgeon chosen to represent the Session of Girthon at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and Synod of Galloway because Rev John Brown had left Girthon Parish.

1840 4th October at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

James Carson and James Sawyers were both rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1840 8th November at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter from Kirkpatrick Durham Session: 'Marion McCaig had a child in uncleanness and she declared William Robb to be the father. He was also the father of her sister's child. The guilt had been contracted in Girthon' Session would make enquires as Robb had moved to Glasgow 7 months ago.

1840 22nd November at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Margaret Walker acknowledged that she was with child in uncleanness. Declared James Colquhoun, Gatehouse as father of her child which is expected to be born in 3 months.

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1841 17th February at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Letter from Session of Anwoth: 'Jane Maxwell in Boatgreen had a child in uncleanness. Declared David Kemp, excise officer in Gatehouse as father of her child.' Girthon session ordered David Kemp to appear before at Anwoth Kirk on 21st inst.

1841 17th February at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

William Bell, baker and his wife Mary Clacherty were rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication. Session refused the claim of Sarah Doyle for relief. She had told the Sherriff and the Provost of Gatehouse ...she was a native of Ireland, is 31 years of age and left Ireland about 19 years ago. Has been in service ever since except a half year ... *illegible*...years at a time in any one parish. Did not mention the places she had served except the first at Glenluce and the last in Kirkmabreck....1838 and she has resided in this parish since that date.. having born her foundl.. illegitimate in Nov 1838...acknowledged that she gets temporary relief....*rest missing*

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1841 2nd May at Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

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

1841 3rd May Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

Elizabeth Twyneham acknowledged that she had had a male child in uncleanness a fortnight ago. Declared John Henderson in Gatehouse as father of her child.

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1841 6th June Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & nine elders**

John Henderson, weaver in Gatehouse acknowledged he is the father of Elizabeth Twyneham's child.

1841 1st August Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders**

John Neil acknowledged he was the father of a child born in uncleanness by the late Catherine Turpie.

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1841 19th September Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders**

Mary Broadfoot in Borgue acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John McGaw of Girthon to be the father of her child.

1841 8th October Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders**

David Kemp, exciseman in Gatehouse acknowledged he is the father of Janet Maxwell's illegitimate child.

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1841 7th November Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders**

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

1841 26th December Girthon Kirk**Rev Robert Jeffrey elders**

Rebecca McQuarrie acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared William Neil, weaver Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

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1842 2nd January Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & six elders

Ann Milligan in Gatehouse acknowledges she is with child in uncleanness. Declared John Gahagan to be the father of her child.

1842 13th February Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & six elders

William Neal acknowledged that he is the father of Rebecca McQuarrie's child.

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1842 20th February Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders

John Gahagan acknowledged that he was the father of Ann Milligan's child.

1842 27th February Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & six elders

Helen Kirk, Gatehouse acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared William Halliday, nailer as father of her child.

1842 27th February (?) Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & seven elders

John Riddick, taylor, Gaethouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Elizabeth Templeton.

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1842 1st May Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & six elders

(James Rain, James Kirkpatrick, William Pearson, John Denniston, John Johnstone, Thos. Fowler, Samuel Henry, William Ferguson and James Watson)

Margaret Gallochar confessed that she had had a child in uncleanness last May which has since died. Declared that George Milligan, joiner, Gatehouse was father of the child.

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

1842 15th May Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & six elders

William Dalziel, taylor Gatehouse guilty of ante nuptial fornication with his wife Agnes Telfer.

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1842 29th May Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders

George Milligan who admitted guilt with Margaret Gallagher was restore to privileges.

1842 5th June Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders

William Halliday, nailer, Gatehouse acknowledged that he is the father of Helen Kirk's child.

1842 31st July Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & seven elders

Margaret Alexander, Gatehouse acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Declared William Dunn, sawyer late in this parish to be the father of her child.

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1842 7th August Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & six elders

John Hyslop, grocer, Gatehouse was rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Isabella McCaig

1842 28th August Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & seven elders

Samuel McNeil, weaver Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Maria Shaw.

1842 4th September Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders

Georgina Bain acknowledged she was with child in uncleanness. Declared William Halliday, nailer Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

1842 11th September Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & nine elders

William Halliday, nailer Gatehouse denied all carnal knowledge with Georgina Bain.

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Robert Coltart, tailor, Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Grace Purdie.

1842 18th September Girthon Kirk

Rev Samuel Smith of Borgue & 7elders

Georgina Bain and William Halliday appeared and both adhered to their statements and accused each other of untruths. Georgina Bain could not produce any evidence against William Halliday but he said that Jane Walker could prove his innocence.

Mary McGeorge, Little Barlay, acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanliness. Accused William Inglis in parish of Twynholm to be the father.

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1842 9th October Girthon Kirk

Rev Robert Jeffrey & elders

William Halliday, staver and Georgina Bain appeared.

Jane Walker told the session that at Pulburnie, about the time that the Mill here stopped work, she went to Georgina Bain in the Mill. She was crying because her mother was in ill health and that she was [fallen ??] to the manager again and that he would be wanting her to give the child to another man again as he did before.

Agnes Allardice (?) declared that William Halliday met her at the Brewery Brae on the night that the Rutherford Monument was finished and he said ...he wanted to speak to Georgina.....she was in the house, but Agnes found Georgina had gone to bed. . The next day he asked to see Georgina again and they met at the corner of William Murray's house. William wanted to speak to Georgina and they went up the road together. Agnes did not see them again. On a former occasion she had seen Georgina and William at the head of the avenue of Cally after night but saw nothing improper.

Session decided to 'leave the case until God ...shall throw light on the subject'

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1842 ?? October Girthon Session House

Rev Robert Jeffrey & seven elders

William Inglis from Twynholm acknowledges himself father of Mary McGeorge's child.

Andrew McCulloch in Cairn acknowledged himself the father of a child born in uncleanliness by Mary Robertson in Blackcraig ? of Minnigaff.

1842 29th October Girthon Session House

Rev Robert Jeffrey & seven elders

Elizabeth Sproat in Lag who acknowledges herself with child in uncleanliness. Declared Thomas Henry in Lag to be the father of her child.

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

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1842 6th November Girthon Session House

Rev Robert Jeffrey & five elders

Thomas Henry acknowledged that he is the father of Elizabeth Sproat's child.

1843 15th January Girthon Session House

Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders

Archibald Fleming, late servant of this parish acknowledges that he is the father of Helen Sword's natural child born at Kirkandrews, Borgue.

1843 22nd January Girthon Session House

Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders

Samuel Kelly, farmer Laghead acknowledges that he is the father of a child born in uncleanliness by Christina Hornsby or Duncan, Gatehouse.

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1843 29th January Girthon Session House

Rev Robert Jeffrey & six elders

Robert McGaw, mason and Eliza McDonald his wife rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

1843 29th January Girthon Session House

Rev Robert Jeffrey & seven elders

Elizabeth Heron acknowledged that she was with child in uncleanliness. Declared John Irving to be the father of her child.

1843 26th February Girthon Session House

Rev Robert Jeffrey & seven elders

John Irving of the factory Gatehouse acknowledged guilt with Elizabeth Heron one time and if the child is born 'to answer his time' he will promise to support it.

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1843 6th March Girthon Session House Rev Robert Jeffrey & four elders

Samuel Heron, Laghead who was rebuked for fornication with Janet Gibson in Balmaghie restored to privileges.

1843 12th March Girthon Session House Rev Robert Jeffrey & eight elders

Elizabeth Twynholm who was rebuked for fornication with John Henderson, weaver in Gatehouse, restored to privileges.

1843 7th May Girthon Session House Rev Robert Jeffrey & nine elders

Mary Lawrie, Gatehouse acknowledged she had had a child in uncleanness, Accused John Newbigging late manager of the Mill to be the father of her child.

Mary McGeorge in Little Barley, who was rebuked for fornication with William Inglis in Twynholm was restored privileges.

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1843 20th May Girthon Session House Rev Samuel Smith of Borgue & elders James Rain, James

Kirkpatrick, Samuel Henry, William Pearson, John Denniston, John Johnston, Thomas Fowler and James Watson. The following resolution of Resignation were read by the Session Clerk: Knowing that a Disruption of the Church has taken place last week and ..announced from the pulpit this day .. our worthy and highly esteemed Pastor will not preach again in this church. Although sympathising with him ...and giving him all credit for his sincerity...but without intention of following his example. We the undersigned members of this session, deeply lamenting the late unhappy dissensions in the Established Church....come to the determination this day of resigning the offices?? to our names: James Watson, elder & Kirk treasurer; Thomas Fowler, elder; John Johnston, elder; William Ferguson, elder; James Kirkpatrick, elder.

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1843 25th June Girthon Session House Rev. David Welsh. minister of Carsphairn (pro tempore) & elders
- Anthony Heron, James Rain, Thomas Fowler and William Ferguson

James Kirkpatrick elected to represent the Session at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and the Synod of Galloway. He is a bona fide acting elder in this parish: James Welsh interim Session Clerk.

1843 2nd September Girthon Session House Rev J. Maitland (?). minister of Kelton & six elders

William Ritchie in Gatehouse and Helen Blane in Twynholm who were rebuked for fornication - privileges restored.

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1843 25th June Girthon Session

Copy of Act of Demission by Elders of the Free Church of Scotland.

Signed by John Denniston, Sam Henry and William Pearson: 10th June 1843.

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1843 17th September Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray and elders: Anthony Heron, James Rain,
James Kirkpatrick, John Johnston, Thomas Fowler and William Ferguson

Rev. George Murray was inducted into this parish on Thursday last by Mr Gibson of Balmaghie. Elders as above. John Irving of the Factory, Gatehouse acknowledged himself as father of Elizabeth Heron's child and ante nuptial fornication with his wife Jean Donnaly.

John Irving, Jean Donnaly and Elizabeth Heron rebuked for fornication and restored privileges.

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1843 24th September Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray and six elders

Robert Gordon and Jess. Paterson rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

Jane Sayers, in Gatehouse acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Accused John Stott, Factory, Gatehouse as father of her child.

1843 3rd October Girthon Vestr

Rev George Murray and elders

John Stott denied that he was the father of Jean Sayers child but acknowledged fornication with her.

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1843 ?? ?? Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray and elders

Robert Haugh, farm servant, Clauchan and Mary Bicks, late servant there guilty of fornication.

1843 12th November Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray and five elders

James Rain, farmer, Townhead, an acting elder of this parish, elected to represent the Session at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and the Synod of Galloway.

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1843 12th November Girthon Vestry

Grace McGuffie in Gatehouse acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Accused John Armour, painter as father of her child.

1844 14th January Girthon Vestry

Agnes McClure, late servant in High Creoch acknowledged that she had had a child in uncleanness. Accused Samuel McMiken, son of Mr James McMiken, farmer ...Creoch as father of her child.

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1844 14th January Girthon Vestry

William Mcc Ca...., weaver in Gatehouse and Elizabeth Payne, Boreland (?), rebuked for fornication and restored to privileges.

1844 24th March Girthon Vestry

John Beattie, carder and Janet Walker in Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication and restored to privileges.

1844 7th April Girthon Vestry

Agnes McClure in Laurieston (Balmaghie) produced a letter from Samuel D. McMiken in Creoch acknowledging that he is the father of her child.

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1844 14th April Girthon Vestry

John Stott acknowledged he was the father of Jean Sayers child. Privileges restored.

Alexander Hannay in Goatend of Anwoth acknowledged he is the father of Mary Turner's child lately born in uncleanness. Both Alexander Hannay and Mary Turner are married (to other people). Case referred to Presbytery.

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1844 28th April Girthon Vestry

Jessie McCandlish from Parish of Borgue has a letter from Samuel Milroy in Roberton, Borgue acknowledging that he is the father of her illegitimate child.

James Watson, elected to represent the Session at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and the Synod of Galloway.

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1844 19th May Girthon Vestry

William Nish, servant of Lauchentyre, Anwoth and Euphemia Kelly, Waulk Mill, Girthon acknowledge they are guilty of sin of uncleanness.

1844 28th April Girthon Vestry

John Henderson Minister of Kirkcudbright

Janet McCaa, factory, Gatehouse acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Accused Daniel Callachan in Killeran of Anwoth as father of her child.

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1844 ?? ?? Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Daniel Callachan acknowledges that he is the father of Janet McCaa's child.

1844 24th November Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

William Ferguson, elected to represent the Session at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and the Synod of Galloway. William Neal, Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

John Thomson, labourer in Gatehouse accused of uncleanness with Mary Millar in Gatehouse. He denies he is the father of her child though acknowledges guilt with her.

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1844 24th November Girthon Vestry

Christian Hornsby widow of the late William Duncan, mariner, Gatehouse is rebuked for sin of uncleanness with Samuel Kelly, farmer Laghead. (recorded 22 January 1843) Privileges restored.

1845 23rd February Girthon Vestry

Mary Millar restored to privileges after in of uncleanness with John Thomson.

1845 26th February Girthon Vestry

Samuel Kelly, farmer Laghead who was rebuked for ante nuptial fornication with his wife Elizabeth Spence is restored to privileges.

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1845 21st June Girthon Kirk

Mr William Ferguson resigned as an elder representative at Synod. Mr James Watson elected in his place for Tuesday next.

Elected Thomas Fowler to represent the Session at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and the Synod of Galloway for currant half year.

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1845 29th June Girthon Vestry

Rev William Reid Minister of Borgue and 5 elders

James Bryan and Margaret Dunbar rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

1845 20th July Girthon Vestry

Rev William Reid Minister of Borgue

Gordon McRobert, mason in Gatehouse and Margaret Graham rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

1845 9th November Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

James McCutcheon, shoemaker in Gatehouse and Hannah Cannon his wife rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1845 16th November Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

First part illegible.

Catherine Gordon declared that she had had a child in uncleanness and that Alexander [Orr] was the father of her child.

1845 28th December Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Janet Walker of Gatehouse acknowledged that she was with child in uncleanness. Accused James Laurie in Fleet Street to be the father of her child.

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1846 8th January Girthon

Rev George Murray

Mary Campbell, Waulkmill who confessed that lately she had had a child in uncleanness, produced a letter from Charles Stewart late servant there, confessing that he is the father of her child.

1846 18th January Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Janet Walker and James Laurie appeared. Janet Walker adhered to her declaration of 28th ult. James Laurie denied that he is the father of her child. Janet said the child was begot on Gatehouse Fair Night. James admitted being in her company that night and a second night but denied any carnal connection with her.

Helen Sawyers said that she saw them together both on Fair night and a second night in the house of Mr John McHaffie, innkeeper.....

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...where they were by themselves for three quarters of an hour on the Wednesday night with the door barred and she could not open it from the outside. Decision postponed until child born.

1846 15th February Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Janet McMinn, Gatehouse acknowledged that she was with child in uncleanliness. Accused John Wilson, flesher, Gatehouse to be the father of her child. He confessed his guilt.

Margaret Galloway, widow of Ambrose Birkett, hooper, Gatehouse acknowledged that she had had a child in uncleanliness. Accused Donald Kirk, a married man as father of her child.. She had a letter from him confessing his guilt.

1846 ?? June Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray (*very unclear writing*)

Catherine [Carruthers] late servant Laigh Creoch acknowledged she was with child.... Accused James [B..y..] servant Head Inn

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1846 28th June Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

James McCulloch, cotton spinner, Gatehouse and wife Margaret Campbell, rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

1846 5th July Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

David Lawrie who was rebuked for ante nuptial fornication restored privileges.

1846 9th August Girthon Vestry Rev John Gordon Twynholm.

George Heron and his wife Jane McMiken who were rebuked for ante nuptial fornication, restored privileges.

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1846 23rd August Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Henry Spence, tailor and his wife Elizabeth Turner rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

James [Raynor] for fornication with Catherine Carruthers.

1846 27th September Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Elizabeth Williamson declared Edwin Marsden, mason to be the father of her child.

Name		s	d
Jean	Whan		6
Widow W.	Harper	1	
Jean	Carson	1	
Mait d.	Robison		6
Agnes	McLauchlan	1	6
Wm.	Garroway	2	
Margt.	Haining	1	6
Mrs	Brown	1	
Mary	Mure	1	
Mary	Dick	1	6
Mrs Dd.	Milligan	1	6
Mrs Dunbar	Milligan	2	
	Harpers	3	
Widow	Gaa	2	6
Betsy	Roney		6
Widow	Walker	2	
Widow Thos.	Campbell	2	
Mary	Laurie	1	
John	Sproat	3	6
Mrs	Paterson	1	
Mar t	Alexander	1	6
Janet	Neil	1	
Mrs	Cphoon	1	6
Mary	Campbell		9
Mrs	McQuarrie	1	6
Widow	O'Brian	3	6
May	Johnstone	1	
Widow Robt.	Harper	1	6
Geo.	Walker	2	6
Mar t.	Haining	2	6

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1846 (date illegible)**Rev George Murray**

Peter Dunbar and Agnes Nish, late servants in High Creoch admitted sin of uncleanness. Agnes Nish restored to privileges.

1846 13th November Girthon Vestry**Rev George Murray**

John Wilson, seaman rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication. Restored privileges.

1846 29th November Girthon Vestry**Rev George Murray and 4 elders**

James Rain elected to represent the Session at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and the Synod of Galloway for currant half year.

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1846 13th November Girthon Vestry**Rev George Murray**

John McGeary and Anna Turner his wife rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

1846 27th December Girthon Vestry**Rev George Murray**

Agnes Kelly confessed that she had had a child in uncleanness. Produced a letter from Richard Pascoe, late miner here acknowledging that he is the father of the child and 'agreeing to pay the expenses of her maintaining him until he is 14 years of age.'

Janet McCaa acknowledged that she is with child in uncleanness. Produced a letter from Thomas Stephens in Dalry, Ayrshire, late miner here, stating that he is the father of her child and wishing to marry her.

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1847 4th March Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Janet Walker produced a letter from James Laurie, cotton spinner who now acknowledged that he was the father of her child. Janet Walker was solemnly rebuked and told to 'behave with more propriety in the times to come' Privileges restored.

1847 14th November Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

James Watson elected to represent the Session at the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright and the Synod of Galloway for currant half year.

David Gardener, servant in Murrayton and his wife Nicholas McLachlan rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

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1848 20th February Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Alexander Brian rebuked for ante nuptial fornication. Privileges restored.

1848 27th February Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Alexander Carter, Greenslack of Borgue for sin of ante nuptial fornication with Barbara McMiken in Upper Drumwall - now deceased.

1848 9th April Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

John Henderson was called but did not appear to answer the charge that he is the father of a child born 15th January last to Margaret Scot.

William McNish rebuked for sin of ante nuptial fornication with aggravation.

David McGown and Margaret Girgan his wife rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

Privileges restored.

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1848 16th April Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

John Henderson admitted that he was the father of Margaret Scott's child.

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1848 23rd June Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Mary Murray, servant in Laghead rebuked for the sin of uncleanness. Guilt contracted at Laghead on or about 22nd January 1848 and that the father of the child was John McCaa, then labourer in Laghead, now servant with Mr Hyslop, Glenlee, parish of Kells. Mary Murray admitted that this was the 4th case of uncleanness.

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1848 9th July Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Catherine Carruthers had privileges restored.

1848 16th July Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Margaret Bell acknowledged that she was with child in uncleanness and accused Thomas Hamilton as father of her child.. Thomas Hamilton's present residence is unknown.

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1848 16th July Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Minute from Session of Kells: John McKay acknowledges that he is the father of Mary Murray's child.

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1848 16th July Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

James Kelvie and Mary Kennedy rebuked for the sin of uncleanness. Mary Kennedy did not belong to the established church so was not disciplined.

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1848 20th August Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

James McMurray acknowledged he was guilty of ante nuptial fornication.

1848 17th September Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Peter McLellan, shepherd in Glengape, Twynholm confessed he was the father of Jean Carter's child born 7th July 1848. Both parties unmarried. Peter McLellan ordered to make confession to Session of Borgue were Jean Carter now resides.

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1848 24th September Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Peter McLellan rebuked and restored to church privileges.

1848 30th October Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Letter from Messr McLellan & Mackenzie, writers Kirkcudbright stating that Mr William Neilson was now prepared...

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...to pay the legacy of £20 left by the late Mrs Nicholas Denniston of Gatehouse in her Trust disposition and settlement, dated 24 May 1842 to Poor of the Parish of Girthon.

1848 6th November Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

John Sharp and Jean Sayers rebuked for the sin of ante nuptial fornication.

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1849 7th January Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Mary Murray gravely rebuked for her offences and restored privileges.

1849 28th January Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Jane Munroe acknowledged that she had had a child in uncleanness on 1st January. Declared James McQuhae as father of her child. James McQuhae denies this charge.

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Isabella Collins confessed she is with child in uncleanness. Baby due March next. Declared David McTurk sometime residing in Kirkcudbright and now in Manchester as the father of her child.

1849 4th February Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

James McQuhae failed to appear to answer charge against him.

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1849 11th February Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Isabella McMinn confessed she had had a child in uncleanness on 7th January last. She produced a letter from Andrew Campbell, policeman Glasgow (dated 31st January 1849) bearing that he is the father of said child.

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1849 18th February Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Jane Murray confirmed her original declaration. James McQuhae admitted that he frequented the Bluebell Inn, the residence of Jane Munroe, at unreasonable hours and did not deny that he had guilty connection with her. He believed that she had taken up with another man. Both parties rebuked for fornication.

Thomas Halliday was not guilty of charge read to him. Both he and Janet Byres summoned to appear next day.

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1849 4th March Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

James McQuhae did not appear again. Jane Munroe produced two letters which when read, incriminated James McQuhae. he was ordered to appear at the next Session meeting.

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Janet Byres of Parish of Kells but lately servant at High Creoch confessed she was with child in uncleanness. Declared the father of her child as Thomas Halliday also a servant at High Creoch. She claimed that she had told T. Halliday of her condition and that he confessed that he was the father of the child. Guilt took place at High Creoch about 22nd June .

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Catherine Carruthers who knew the parties said that in the spring of 1848 she found the couple in the Byre 'in a secret way', lying together and that Janet Byres came in and went to bed. Session informed that Thomas Halliday has absconded and left the county.

Mr John Thomson, parochial Schoolmaster was elected Session Clerk.

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1849 29th April Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Agnes Alexander a young unmarried woman confessed the sin of uncleanness with William Hoatson. Baby due [May]. She had not had an opportunity to tell William Hoatson of her condition.

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..... but she had heard that he intends to deny any connection with her.

1849 6th May Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

James Lawrie acknowledged he was guilty of fornication and restored to privileges.

1849 14th [Aug] Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Anna Stewart and William Allan at present resident in the [Long] - *rest illegible*

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.....rebuked for the sin of fornication.

[1849 20th Sept] Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Agnes Dickson, now living in Parish of Urr, declared that she had brought forth a child in uncleanness on 10th day of May 1847. The father is William Hurtson and she had a letter where he confessed paternity of child. She was reprovved for the offence, declared free of scandal and recommended that the Parish of Urr baptised her child.

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1849 4th October Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Gordon McRobert, mason, native of Girthon, living in Gatehouse of Fleet claiming to be put on Poor Call for the purpose of enabling him to prosecute his just claims in the Courts of Law. His wife Margaret Graham or McRobert has been guilty of adultery during his absence of 3 years in Argyllshire and it was his intention to sue for divorce. Gordon McRobert to appear before the Session again to answer more questions and to produce evidence.

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1849 28th October Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Following elders have died: Mr Anthony Heron, Mr James Kirkpatrick, Mr James Watson and Mr James Rain. Proposed new elders: Mr John Gardiner, Mr Thomas Kirkpatrick, Mr John McMillan, Mr John Rain and Mr John Thomson.

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Copy of the Formula appointed by 16(?) Act of Assembly 1705 to be subscribed by Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland.

Signed **18 November 1849**

Robert Jeffrey, minister

George Murray, minister

Rev Morton Jack, minister

Elders: John Johnston, James Rain, Thomas Fowler, James Wilson, John Deniston, William Fergusson, James Kirkpatrick, Thomas Gardiner, William Pearson,

Ro. Kirkpatrick, John Brown, John McMillan, Sam Henry

John Rain, William Keognford (?), John Thomson, John Johnston, Thomas Fowler

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1849 18th November Girthon Vestry

Rev George Murray

Discussion and approval of new elders as above.

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1849 25th November Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

William Hewitson did not appear as requested. Agnes Alexander adhered to her former declaration that he was the father of her child. She was told to appear before the Session in a fortnight with evidence of her accusation.

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1849 9th December Girthon Vestry Rev George Murray

Margaret Alexander is to appear as a witness in above case.