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1860 19th February Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Elizabeth Kinnon acknowledged she is with child in uncleanliness. Declared James Tyson , a Latter Day Saint was the father of her child.

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1860 18th March Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Mary Ann Sayers confessed that she had had a male child in uncleanliness. Declared the father of her child was John Pringle, lately coach builder, Dumfries. This was her first child and she believed at the time of conception that John Pringle would marry her.

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1860 20th May Parish of Girthon

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Isabella Bird acknowledged that she was with child in uncleanliness. Stated that William McRoberts living in Dromore (Kirkmabreck) was the father of her child.

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Sarah Shaw confessed she had had a child in uncleanliness. Declared that Gordon Johnston, a labourer at the Brewery of Gatehouse to be the father of her child.

Mary Burns acknowledged she had had a child in uncleanliness. She charged William Carson, servant at Boreland of Girthon as father of her child. As she did not know where he was living since Whitsunday, she was told to confer with the Minister of Kirkmabreck Parish as she is at present living there.

Ann Goudie had brought forth a child in uncleanliness. She again stated that ?? Stott, joiner in Gatehouse was the father of her child.[*Possibly John Stott ex 1861 census*] Stott was a member of the Episcopalian Church. Paternity was established by the fact that on the death of the child, Stott attended and paid for the funeral.

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1860 3rd June Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

John Campbell acknowledged his sin of ante nuptial fornication.

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1860 24th June Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Sarah Shaw who has had a child in uncleanliness, produced a letter which names Gordon Johnstone, resident in Gatehouse of Fleet as father of her child.

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1860 22nd July Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

William McRobert, blacksmith at Dromore and Isabella Bird residing at 'Bobbin Mill' attended. William McRobert acknowledged carnal connection with Isabella Bird in Castramont Wood in the beginning of November last year but refuses to admit paternity of the child because it was born within seven months of that time. Isabella bird acknowledged that she had a child in uncleanliness on 26th May 1860 and accused William McRobert as the father. She said that the guilt took place in Castramont Wood in the week after 11th October 1859.

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Jessie Shaw acknowledged guilt of fornication and produced a letter from John McMicken (of Whitehill dated 12th July 1860) who acknowledged he was father of her child.

1860 23rd September Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Agnes McGowan acknowledged that she had a child in uncleanliness. Charged John Craik, labourer Dalbeattie as father of her child. She produced a letter from John Craik which the Session took to be an acknowledgement of paternity.

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1860 7th October Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Mr David Porter and his wife acknowledged that they were guilty of ante nuptial fornication.

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1860 21st October Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Mary McRoberts acknowledged that she had had a child in uncleanness in the Parish of Kirkmabreck. She charged Robert Boreland, accountant, Bank of Scotland, Gatehouse as the father of her child. She produced a letter in which he acknowledged paternity of the child.

Marion Sayers acknowledged that she had given birth to an illegitimate child ten months ago. Charged John Pringle as the father of her child. She did not know the whereabouts of Mr Pringle nor had a letter proving paternity.

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1860 11th November Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Mary Tait acknowledged that she had brought forth a child in uncleanness. Charged George Balmer formerly gardener at Cally, now in Edinburgh, as father of her child and produced corroboration.

Widow Kelly acknowledged that Thomas Boyle, at present in Gatehouse was the father of the child that she had borne.

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1860 18th November Parish of Girthon

Rev Thomas Johnstone of Anwoth

Mary McVinnie acknowledged that she had had a child in uncleanness 6 weeks ago. She charged James Aiken, farm servant, formerly in Laghead, now Belig of Rerrick as father of her child.

1860 27th December

Extract dated 21st November 1860 from Kirk Session of Rerrick re Mary Vinnie of Laurieston - James Aiken has left Belig and his former employer knows nothing of him.

1861 18th February

Mary McVinnie to see that Mr Jack baptizes her child on the 24th.

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1861 3rd March Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Robert Hannah guilty of ante nuptial fornication with his wife.

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1861 7th April Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Robert Crawford and Margaret Lockhart guilty of fornication.

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1861 3rd March Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Mary Shaw stated that she had had a child in uncleanness on 17th August 1860. Charged Peter O'Brian, a Roman Catholic, at present living at Haugh of Urr as the father of her child.

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1861 19th May Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Annie McClellan, a servant at Pulcree, acknowledged that she was with child in uncleanness and that the baby was due in about a month. Declared that Thomas Goodfellow, a worker in Cardoness Wood, Anwoth and residing with Andrew Murphy as the father of her child.

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1861 28th July Parish of Girthon, Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

James McTaggart and Margaret ? guilty of fornication.

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1861 13th October Parish of Girthon, Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

William Morrison, gardener at Cally acknowledged that he was the father of Helen Parker's [of Kirkmabreck] child.

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1861 24th November Vestry Parish of Girthon

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

John Biggam and Janet Harper of Hill Cottage guilty of fornication.

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1861 22nd December

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Anne McAulay acknowledged that she was with child in uncleanliness. Declared that John Leitch, Cross Street, Gatehouse of Fleet was the father of her child. The baby was due in a month.

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1861 29th December Girthon Vestry, Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

John Leitch denied the paternity of Ann McInaulay's child but admitted to have had carnal connection with her many times.

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1862 26th January Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Jane Kirk confessed that she was with child in uncleanliness. Declared John McKean as father of her child that is due in April next.

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1862 23rd March Girthon Vestry, Gatehouse of Fleet

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Jemima Tait, servant at the Murray Arms, Gatehouse acknowledged she was with child in uncleanliness, that would be born in June next. Thomas Carson, groom at Cally acknowledged paternity of the child.

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1862 27th April Parish of Girthon, Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Jane Johnstone, at present servant in Queen's Arms Inn, Wigtown acknowledged that she had had a child in uncleanliness. Charged James Halliday as father of the child. As this was a case of trilapse [third time?] by Jane Johnstone it was referred to the Presbytery.

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1862 1st June Parish of Girthon, Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Jane Johnstone was most severely rebuked and taken on discipline by the Kirk Session.

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1862 27th July Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Isabella Bien, 19 years of age, acknowledged that she had had a child 2 months ago. Charged Robert Hornsby residing in Gatehouse as father of her child.

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1862 24th August Kirk Session of Girthon

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Jane Neilson, 22 years of age, living at Boreland of Girthon confessed that she had had a child in uncleanliness in May last. Charged Alexander Gibson Wilson, living at Blackcraig, Borgue as the only man with whom she had had carnal connection.

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Alexander Gibson Wilson denied that he had had carnal connection with Jane Neilson. As the Kirk Session knew that Jane Neilson had a decree against Alexander Wilson for aliment of her child, they took her statement as truthful.

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1862 23rd November Kirk Session of Girthon

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Wilhelmina Dickson in Gatehouse confessed that she had had a child in uncleanliness. Declared that William Dinnell, a married man living in the Cothouse on Standingstone Farm, Borgue was the father of her child. The male child was born on 23rd October, last.

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1862 28th December Kirk Session, Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Margaret McGowan acknowledged that about a month ago she had had a child in uncleanliness. She produced a letter from John Munro who acknowledged that he was the father and was 'willing to do for it as far as it is in power to do so'.

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1863 13th February Kirk Session, Gatehouse

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Gordon Johnstone, residing in Gatehouse acknowledged that he was the father of Ellen [Simmie's] child.

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1863 8th March Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Margaret Johnstone, residing at her father's house in Gatehouse confessed that she had a male child in uncleanness on 9th February last, and that Robert Henderson, dyker, Gatehouse was the father of her child. Robert Henderson acknowledged paternity of the child. This was a case of quadrelapse on the part of Margaret Johnstone so her case was referred to the Prysbytery.

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1863 5th April Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Margaret Johnstone was gravely rebuked by the Presbytery and then most solemnly rebuked by the Kirk Session.

1863 5th April Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Mary Bailieff, at present residing with her sister in Gatehouse, confessed she had had a male child in uncleanness on 1st March last. She produced a letter from Andrew Ronnie, 61 Edge Lane, Liverpool, dated 2nd April 1863 in which he acknowledged paternity of her child. Margaret Bailieff stated that Andrew Ronnie was a married man with a family of children.

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1863 12th April Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

Isabella McLachlan, residing with her parents in Fleet Street, Gatehouse stated that she had had a female child in uncleanness on 19th January last. The guilt was contracted in Kirkcudbright and Henry Dorrance, mason is the father of her child. His whereabouts are unknown.

Elizabeth Beach, residing with her father in Gatehouse confessed that she had had a female child on 31st March, last. The father of her child was William Fallas, shepherd from about Newton Stewart.

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1863 14th June Girthon Vestry

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

William McLellan, farm servant in Culreoch and his wife Jane Tongue rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.

1863 28th June Girthon Kirk

Rev Hugh M orton Jack

John Ferguson, ploughman, Cairnsmoor, Parish of Minnigaff and his wife Frances McKay of Gatehouse rebuked for ante nuptial fornication.