# FALKIRK WEST CHURCHYARD

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Illus 1: Ordnance Survey Map surveyed in 1860, published 1862 (National Library of Scotland).

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#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The first meeting place for the Relief Church in Falkirk was constructed in 1774 on ground feued from Robert Burns of Kirkhouse "near the West Port of Falkirk being a part of the lands called Kill Hill." A substantial manse was built to its south-west in 1789 – its garden extending

southward to the West Burn. The church building became too small for the growing congregation and was rebuilt in 1799 in the form of a large rectangular hall measuring 58ft by 78ft with an area of open ground on the west. This open space was bordered on the south by the manse. Along the east side of the new building was a narrow lane from West Bridge Street extending south-eastward towards the Howgate. Prior to the construction of Cockburn Street in the early 1930s this was the main access for anyone heading west avoiding the town centre. The church lay behind the houses of the main street frontage.



Illus 2: The Gravestone of Isabel Steel, 1819, in the west wall of the Churchyard. See No. 10 below.

There was an entrance door in the centre of each of the four sides, with those in the north and south gables being slightly wider than those in the long sides. In 1819 permission was given by Robert Burns to use the churchyard as a burial ground and the west and south dykes were rebuilt to a height of 10ft. Each lair in the graveyard was 2ft 3ins (later increased to 3ft) broad by 7ft long. Access was by a wide passage on the north side of the church off Chapel Lane and a path was left down the west side of the church to allow the door there to remain in use. Isabel Steel was the first to be buried in the yard on Christmas Day 1819 – a fact proudly proclaimed on her memorial stone.

A new session house was attached to the north side of the church in 1832 and included a hall on the upper floor, which was used for various activities as well as housing one of the largest public libraries in the town. The library was reached by an external stair and the churchyard passage was consequently narrower than before. The Relief Church was the first of the secession churches in Falkirk and the first to have its own graveyard. As a consequence members of subsequent secession churches sought burial in its grounds. William Monro, for example, was a member of the Independent Church in Bank Street but when he died at the age of

76 on 2 December 1866 he was interred at the West Church burial ground (Falkirk Herald 8 December 1866, 2). He had been the town's drummer.

The manse continued to be used. Indeed, it was enlarged by three rooms in 1860, and it was only in 1906 that a new manse was built in Camelon Road opposite to Arnotdale House. Up until then it turned its back on the churchyard and looked across formal gardens on the south-facing slope

down to the stream. In 1883 old the one storey tiled buildings in front of the church were removed and the session house taken down. They were replaced by the present church frontage, erected in the ornate Classical style. The small area in front of the façade was enclosed by a dwarf wall with cast iron railings and steps were inserted towards its west side provide access to graveyard. A narrow track separated the burial ground from the Church, but the old doorways on the west, south and east were replaced by windows.



Illus 3: The 1883 façade of the West Church looking south with the churchyard just visible on the right.

However, by then the yard had been officially closed to new burials following a petition in 1870 to the Sheriff of the County of Stirlingshire by the Falkirk Parochial Board under the Burial Grounds Act of 1855.

In the early 1970s there were major infrastructure works to the area at the west end of Falkirk. The old aerated factory belonging to Robert Barr was demolished and a road was laid along the line of the West Burn. This took away most of the old manse garden and shortly afterwards Falkirk Council demolished the manse building. At the same time the graveyard Fortunately John and Sheila Mitchell had started to was landscaped. undertake their mammoth project of recording graveyards in the area and although a number of the gravestones were already broken up they were able to make a record before they were all cleared away. The only stones left were some of those mounted in the west boundary wall and one at the west end of the southern wall. The opportunity was also taken to move the small white memorial plagues of the ministers from inside the church to that wall. The area was paved and planted with trees and shrubs providing a safe haven for those indulging in recreational drugs or tipping rubbish. Near to the entrance an obelisk grave marker, erected to

commemorate the sterling medical work of a Falkirk doctor over twenty years, was re-used by having a plague attached informing the visitor that



in 1972 the area was opened as the Falkirk West Churchyard Garden of Remembrance.

Illus 4: The landscaped West Churchyard looking SW with the memorial obelisk in the foreground and the west wall with its remaining markers behind.

#### **INVENTORY OF GRAVESTONES**

In the inventory the type of grave marker is listed first – obelisk, wall, plaque, etc, along with the shape. Then comes the size of the monument, which in the case those on walls is the size of the main panel. Height is given first. These are followed by the text as it appears on the stone with each new line marked by /. Where text is uncertain it is places in brackets. The number in square brackets at the end is that used in the Mitchell & Mitchell survey.

By 1819 when the graveyard was first used for burial there was already a trade in imported stones. The first stone, number 10, was a local sandstone. It is medium-grained and durable. Later sandstones tend to have been brought in from further afield for the ease with which they would take mouldings and inscriptions. Unfortunately they are softer and consequently weather more. Amongst the surviving stones is one of granite (No. 11) presumably transported from the Aberdeen area. The carving on it is less detailed but it is still crisp. The rectangular plaques commemorating the ministers are of white limestone/marble. They are now fixed to the wall using steel brackets and were placed there in 1972 having previously been inside the church.

#### **Remaining stones**

1. Obelisk. 2.58 x 0.45 x 0.45m. June 1860 [on plinth]. <u>See number 136 below.</u>

#### West Wall.

- 2. Wall. 0.90 x 0.69m (3.45m length of wall). Lost.
- 3. Wall, rectangular. 0.43 x 0.73m. REPAIRED BY/ JAMES THOMSON./ IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER & MOTHER. [1]
- 4. Wall. 1.39 x 0.89m. ----- ---/ who died De --- ---/ Aged --- Years/ / & their Infant Daughter/ MARY, who died --/ August following/ / AND ALSO/ HENRY RISK/ WHO DIED 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 184(2)/ AGED(56) YEARS.
- 5. Wall, recessed rectangular panel. 0.62 x 0.51m. (a) No. 32 [along top]. (b) 1832/ --TER SIMPSON. [4]
- 6. Wall, rectangular marble plaque. 0.69 x 0.85m. Sacred to the Memory of/ THE REV<sup>D</sup> MICHAEL BOSTON/ FIRST MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL IN THIS PLACE/ WHO DIED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1785,/ IN THE 40<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HIS AGE./ THE DISTINGUISHED PECULIARITIES OF THE SCHOLAR/ OF THE GENTLEMAN, AND THE CHRISTIAN/ MET IN HIM, AND FORMED HIS CHARACTER./ HAVING DISCHARGED WITH FIDELITY,/ AND GENERAL APPROBATION./ THE PASTORAL DUTIES OF THIS CONGREGATION FOR 17 YEARS./ HE FELL ASLEEP./ IN THE HOPE OF A GLORIOUS IMMORTALITY.
- 7. Wall, rectangular marble plaque. 0.69 x 0.85m. Sacred to the Memory of/ THE REV<sup>D</sup> JOHN BROWN;/ SECOND MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL TO THIS CONGREGATION,/ WHO DIED SUDDENLY ON THE 14TH OF JAN<sup>Y</sup> 1821./ IN THE 67TH YEAR OF HIS AGE./ AND 36TH IN HIS MINISTRY OF THIS PLACE./ HE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLAR./ AN ABLE EXPOUNDER OF THE WORD OF GOD./ A CORRECT SCRIPTURAL PREACHER./ AND AN HONOUR TO HIS PROFESSION./ / HIS FAITH WAS FIRM, HIS LIFE GOOD,/ AND HIS END PEACE.
- 8. Wall, rectangular marble plaque. 0.69 x 0.86m. Sacred to the memory of/ THE REV. WILLIAM WELSH,/ THE THIRD MINISTER OF THIS CHURCH./ FOR THIRTY FOUR YEARS, HE PREACHED THE GOSPEL/ WITH GREAT FIDELITY AND MUCH ACCEPTANCE, AND/ DISCHARGED THE MANIFOLD DUTIES OF THE PASTORATE/ UNTIL "HIS STRENGTH WAS WEAKENED IN THE WAY."/ HE WAS ORDAINED, ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEB<sup>Y</sup> 1822/ HE RESIGNED HIS CHARGE, ON 5<sup>TH</sup> FEB<sup>Y</sup> 1856/ HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE, ON 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT<sup>R</sup> 1862./ IN 1835 HE WAS MODERATOR OF THE SYNOD OF/ THE RELIEF CHURCH.
- 9. Wall, rectangular marble plaque. 0.45 x 0.76m. IN FOND MEMORY OF/ THE REV. DR. WILLIAM M. GRANT/ BD. STM., PhD./ 1895-1987/ WEST CHURCH MINISTER 1927-67/ DEVOTED SERVANT AND FRIEND.
- 10. Wall, rectangular panel. 0.73 x 1.96m. This Stone is Erected by JOHN ROBERTSON of/ BAINSFORD Granary, In memory of his late Spouse,/ ISABEL STEEL, who died the  $18^{\rm th}$  of December 1819,/ aged

77 Years, and was burried the 25<sup>th</sup> of the same/ Month; being the first laid in this burial Ground./ You who read this – Remember – that as her Glafs is run,/ Yours is running, prepare for Death, as Judgement's Coming. [13]



11. Head. Triangular pediment. 2.59 x 0.77m. Erected/ BY/ ROBERT BORTHWICK./ MAURITIUS./ TO THE MEMORY OF/ HIS FATHER./ ROBERT 22<sup>ND</sup> DIED **NOVEMBER** BORTHWICK./ WHO 1871./ AGED 66 YEARS./ HIS MOTHER./ MARGARET M<sup>C</sup>LEOD./ DIED 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1864./ AGED 58 YEARS./ HIS GRANDFATHER,/ ROBERT BORTHWICK,/ DIED 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1855./ AGED 71 YEARS./ HIS GRANDMOTHER./ JANE TAYLOR./ DIED 21ST DECEMBER 1856./ AGED 74 YEARS. [15]

- 12. Wall, oval bust on marble plaque with rectangular plaque below. 1.23 x 0.76m (oval plaque 0.67 x 0.54m). THE REV. GEORGE WADE/ FOR THIRTY SIX YEARS/ THE MINISTER OF THIS CHURCH/ BORN  $27^{TH}$  MARCH 1832/ DIED  $24^{TH}$  JULY 1892/ ERECTED BY HIS FAMILY/ IN LOVING MEMORY.
- 13. Wall, rectangular pediment. 1.38 x 0.93m (overall height 2.42m). (a) THIS STONE HOLDS 3 LAIRS [along top]. (b) IN MEMORY OF/ CATHERINE LEARMONTH/ WIFE OF/ JAMES RANKINE/ DISTILLER ROSEBANK/ WHO DIED  $29^{TH}$  APRIL 1855/ JAMES RANKINE/ DIED  $2^{D}$  SEPTEMBER, 1859. [18]
- 14. Wall, rectangular pediment. 1.30 x 0.93m. SACRED/ **MEMORY** TO THE OF/ PETER GARDNER/ **WHO** 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY DIED 1857/ **ALSO** AGED 49 YEARS/ HIS **ELDEST** SON/ 30<sup>TH</sup> ANDREW/ DIED SEPTEMBER 1870./ AGED 28 YEARS/ AND/ CATHERINE MITCHELL/ WIFE OF PETER GARDNER/ WHO DIED AT GLASGOW



1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 1886/ AGED 70 YEARS. [19]

#### **South Wall**

15.Wall, triangular pediment. 1.24 x 0.92m. SACRED/ TO THE MEMORY OF/ THOMAS WILSON, MARY BAIRD, HIS SPOUSE/ AND THEIR CHILDREN/ AGNES, DIED 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1826, AGED 16 YEARS./ ALEXANDER, DIED 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBY 1840, AGED 26 YEARS./ MARY BAIRD, DIED 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1866, AGED 78 YEARS./ ROBERT, DIED 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1867, AGED 59 YEARS./ THOMAS WILSON, DIED 1<sup>ST</sup> NOV<sup>R</sup> 1873, AGED 92 YEARS. [20] This inscribed stone has been reused and traces of the original inscription can be seen at the margins.

## Stones recorded by Mitchell & Mitchell and since removed.

The following stones have been removed but were noted during the survey by Mitchell & Mitchell:

- 16. Against west wall. (a) 33, 34, 35 [along top]. (b) 1822; Peter Leslie died aged 39; his widow Margaret Dow.
- 17. Against west wall. No. 30, 31. Alexander Rae and Ann McKendrick.
- 18. Against wall. 18-9/ A. Beet & J. Foot.
- 19. Against wall. 1821/ William Walker/ Pheeme Lee.
- 20. Against wall. (a) No. 27 [along top]. 1842/ James Bryce & Ellen Russell.
- 21. Against wall. 1821/ David Malcolm & Jean Ferguson.
- 22. Against wall. 1819/ Alex Hunter & Agnes Lawson.
- 23. Against wall. 1819/ Alex Hunter & Agnes Lawson.
- 24. Against wall, small. J R.
- 25. Against wall. John McLachlan/ Isabel Struthers.
- 26. Stone fallen on face.
- 27. Against wall. (a) No. 8 & 9 [along top]. (b) James (Cu)rrie & Isabella Waugh/ 18-1.
- 28. Against wall. 1820/ John Grashom/ Isabella Whitehead/ H.2.L.
- 29. Broken. George Anderson & Mary Bell. [21]
- 30. (a) No. 46 & 47 [along top]. (b) Andrew Walker & Mary Anderson. [22]
- 31. Broken. Watson ---/ Watson ---/ Thom-- --- aged 23 years./ UTT--
- 32. Grey granite. Erected by William Watson of San Francisco, California, to his wife, father, mother, four brothers and two sisters and their grandchildren Elizabeth S. Watson; Margaret Harley born 21 August 1791 died 22 June 1851; Thomas Watson born 31 May 1793 died 26 June 1865. [24]

- 33. 1843/ Robert Spence & Helen Graham. [25]
- 34. 1820/ Michael F(rew) & Rachael Ronald. [26]
- 35. Broken. 1821/ --- Murray/ --- [27]
- 36. Broken. --- Robertson ----ile --- [28]
- 37. Broken. Archibald McLay ---/ Margaret -Allen 182- [29]
- 38. Andrew Hunter died 24 May 1872; wife Helen White died 5 November 1851. [30]
- 39. Broken. 18--/ --- Hill ---on. [31]
- 40. 1825/ John Inglis & Elizabeth Hendry. [32]
- 41. (a) No. 72 & 73 [along top]. (b) 1828/ Robert Aitken & Janet Liddel 1<sup>st</sup> May 1821. [33]
- 42. 1827/ Robert Philip/ Dorothy Stuart. 34]
- 43. No. 76/ 1851/ James Pratice & Janet Dick. [35]
- 44. (a) D.D.N. 11. J.S. [along top]. (b) Daniel Dunbar died 6 December 1835 aged 71, for 26 years pastor of the Baptist Church here. [36]
- 45. --- (Murphy)/ (Young). [37]
- 46. 1834/ James Gray & Helen Crawford. [38]
- 47. 1833/ John Allan & Mary Hardie. [39]
- 48. No. 119 & 120/ Charles Monteath & Mary Robertson/ 1830. [40]
- 49. No. 114 & 115/ Henry Walker & Agnes Bell. [41]
- 50. Archibald Glen died 21 June 1862 aged 52; wife Mary Dunn died 18 March 1862 aged 48; erected by their son-in-law Robert Rennie. [42]
- 51. Broken. 18-3. [43]
- 52. (a) No. 110 & 111 [along top]. (b) 1826/ Peter Bennie & Jane Ure.
- 53. 1825/ William Walker & Margaret Learmonth. [45]
- 54. (a) No. 105 & 106 [along top]. (b) 1825/ Alexander Boyd died 29 August 1849 aged (88); Helen Kerr. [46]
- 55. 1842/ William Ure died 11 October 1842; wife Helen Thomson.
- 56. Broken. David Draper; (Iso---) [48]
- 57. (a) No. 95 & 96 [along top]. (b) David Graham & Agnes Cowie. [49]
- 58. Broken. ---ith & Mary Ure & their ---. [50]
- 59. 1826/ John Miller & Agnes Johnston. [51]
- 60. William Walker & Isabel Allan. [52]
- 61. 1833/ Alexander Walker & Helen Laurance. [53]
- 62. 1833/ Alexander Walker & Janet MacNair. [54]

- 63. 1829/ James Mason & Charles Allan. [55]
- 64. Flat stone. John Fisher died 11 December 182(1) aged 30; wife Janet Kerr died 18.7.1833 aged (3)8; erected by their daughter Janet; 1833/ William Marshall/ Janet Fisher. [56]
- 65. 1825/ William Forrester & Mary Copland. [57]
- 66. Michae- He--- & Agnes Ro----. [57A]
- 67. (a) No. 140 [along top]. (b) 1825/ Michael Harley & Agnes Roughead. [58]
- 68. (a) No. 141 & 142 [along top]. (b) 1825/ Thomas Harley/ Frances Toppen. [59]
- 69. 1865/ William Adam & Janet Draper. [60]
- 70. 1829/ Cathrine Williamson. [61]
- 71. (a) No. 147 & 148 [along top]. (b) 1825/ Andrew Graham & Agnes Boyd; son Alexander died 29 September 1847. [62]
- 72. No. 149 & 150 [along top]. (b) 1843/ Alexander Wright & Elisabeth Leslie. [63]
- 73. (a) No. 154 & 155 [along top]. (b) Jean Crawford died 19 September 1825/ Mary Bow died 4 June 1829. [64]
- 74. (a) No. 156 & 157 [along top]. (b) 1829/ John Forrester & Jannet Spence. [65]
- 75. (b) No. 159 & 160 [along top]. (b) 1825/ Archibald Russell & Euphemia Walker. [66]
- 76. 1842/ John Kincaid & Margaret Gardner/ and children. [67]
- 77. North boundary. Nos. 24 & 25/ 1836/ Andrew Mitchell & Catherine Muirhead. [68]
- 78. North boundary. George Hardie died 28 May 1857; wife Agnes Brown died 20 March 1882 aged 68 years; daughter Margaret Jane died 13 November 1847 aged 12 years and 4 months. [69]
- 79. 194 & 195/ 1864/ John Nicol & Jean Gibb/ William Mitchell & Agnes Nicol.
- 80. (a) 188 & 189 [along top]. (b) 1833/ William Dobbie & Isabella Mungall. [71]
- 81. (a) 186 & 187 [along top]. (b) 1826/ John Ronaldson & Isabella Dobbie. [72]
- 82. (a) 185 [along top]. (b) William Dobbie; mother Mary Simpson died 8 March 1826 aged 65 years. [73]
- 83. (a) 182 & 183 [along top]. (b) 1826/ William Dalgleish & Jean Young. [74]
- 84. 1826/ Matthew Copland & Ann Gaff. [75]

- 85. (a) 177 & 178 [along top]. (b) 1826/ Robert Sharp & Agnes Ure.
- 86. Broken. (a) 175 & 176 [along top]. (b) 1870/ Thoma- ----nks/ Jane McLuckie in memory of --- Shanks. [77]
- 87. Broken. 1848/ James Drummond & Margaret Wardrope. [78]
- 88. (a) 171 & 172 [along top]. (b) 1826/ William Stark & Mary Sim. [79]
- 89. Small. (a) 176 [along top]. (b) M I. [80]
- 90. 1829/ John Mason & Jan-- Morrison. [81]
- 91. 1835/ James Wilson; brother Alexander died 23 December 1825 aged 21 years; Jane Smith. [82]
- 92. Broken. George (Mac)Ewan & Ann ---ford. [83]
- 93. (a) 198 199 [along top]. (b) 1850/ Robert Rennie & Margaret Harley. [84]
- 94. 1826/ Henry & Charles Johnstone. [85]
- 95. Broken. 1827/ Robert Braid ---- ani----. [86]
- 96. (a) No. 213 [along top]. (b) 1827/ William Walker & Mary Inglis. [87]
- 97. (a) No. 214 & 215 [along top]. (b) 1827/ Thomas Russell & Janet Armstrong. [88]
- 98. (a) No. 216 & 217 [along top]. (b) 1828/ William Connochie & Janet Fraser. [89]
- 99. (a) No. 218 & 219 [along top]. (b) 1833/ Archibald Callander & Mary Mushet. [90]
- 100. (a) No. 220 & 221 [along top]. (b) 1828/ William Wilson & Janet Brownlee. [91]. According to the Falkirk Parish register Janet Brownlee died on 11 May 1827.
- 101. (a) No. 222 [along top]. (b) 1843/ John Liddell & Agnes Monteith. 92]
- 102. Headstone. George Lightbody died 9 June 1872 aged 77 years, buried in Falkirk Cemetery; wife Janet Lyle died 31 January 1849 aged 49; son Alexander Lyle died 13 February 1850; daughter Jane died 18 April 1851; daughter Elizabeth died 19 June 1827; son George Lyon died 3 October 1836; son George died 3 December 1840; daughter Elizabeth died 21 October 1885 buried at Glasgow Necropolis (wife of Henry Todd); son James died 17 April 1887 buried at Beechworth Victoria Australia; daughter Janet died 31 December 1898 buried Glasgow (wife of James Liddel); sister-in-laws Frances and Margaret Lyle buried here, with son William JP honorary sheriff substitute Inverness Elgin and Nairn, died at Kingillie, Nairn 21 January 1928 aged 92 years. [93]
- 103. 1827/ William Rankin & Margaret Blair. [94]

- 104. Blank. [95]
- 105. Nos. 227 & 228/ 1855/ John Watt & Janet Potter/ erected by James Watt & Christian Shaw. [96]
- 106.(a) 31 32 [along top]. (b) 1835/ John Crighton & Elizabeth Kidston. [97]
- 107.(a) No. 37 [along top]. (b) 1836/ William McLean & Janet Marshal. [98]
- 108. Alexander Laing & Helen Gentles; son Archibald died 27 February 1835. [99]
- 109.(a) No. 35 [along top]. (b) 1845/ John Nicol & Jannet Marshall; daughter Agnes died 8 May 1836 aged 15 months. [100]
- 110.(a) 258 & 259 [along top]. (b) 1834/ Robert Boyd & Agnes Forrester. [101]
- 111.(a) 256 [along top]. (b) 1830/ Ann Burden. [102]
- 112.(a) 254 & 256 [along top]. (b) 1829/ James Menzies & Agnes Ronald. [103]
- 113.(a) No. 253 [west side]. (b) 1852/ Elizabeth Malcolm or Cockburn. [104]
- 114.(a) No. 250 & 251 [west side]. (b) Alexander Brown & Jean Ewing. [105]
- 115.(a) 247 & 248 [west side]. (b) 1829/ John Fife & Janet Harley; daughter Margaret Welsh died 27 November 1849 aged 32 years (wife of James Robert Pope). [106]
- 116.1829/ William Campbell/ Helen Spowart. [107]
- 117. Broken. Dalgli---/ 18--. [108]
- 118. (a) 239 [along top]. (b) Andrew Henry & Janet McLaren; daughter Grace died 31 May 1828 aged 7 years. [109]
- 119. 1832/ David Gilchrist & Margaret Ramsay. [110]
- 120. (a) 236 & 237 [along top]. (b) 1829/ Robert Taylor; wife Jean Brown. [111]
- 121.Broken. No. 234. [112]
- 122.Broken, sandstone with marble panel. 1828/ Janet, youngest daughter of Rev John Smith & Janet Anderson; -- daughter --- born January 1813 and died November 1831. [112A]
- 123.1829/ Robert Henderson & Marion Spindy. [113]
- 124. Broken & flaked. 1853/ William Anderson & children. [114]
- 125.(a) 269 & 270 [west side]. (b) 1831/ Alexander Wright & Janet Waugh. [115]

- 126. (a) 271-2 [west side]. (b) 1831/ Thomas Morrison & Margaret McNab. [116]
- 127. (a) 274 & 275 [along top]. (b) 1831/ William Roy & Janet Callendar. [117]
- 128. (a) 278 [west side]. (b) 1831/ Peter Allan & Janet Hotckes. [118]
- 129. 1832/ John Copland/ Jane Morrison died 18 August 1846/ daughter Janet died 19 January 1831 aged (3)7 years; daughter Agnes died 16 June 1833 aged 25 years. [119]
- 130. (a) 283 & 284 [west side]. (b) 1832/ John Bannerman. [120]
- 131. 1811 [along top]. (b) David Walker & Marrion Menteath. [121]
- 132. Grey granite. William Monteath died 22 May 1848; wife Jane Begg died 9 May 1870; daughter Jane died 26 February 1832. [122]
- 133. (a) No. 288 & 289 [west side]/ (b) James Begg, wife Mary Ann Buchanan died 21 December 1861; two sons and five daughters buried here. [123]
- 134. (a) Nos. 292 & 293 [along top]. (b) 1832/ Henry Rule & Helen Clark. [124]
- 135. 294 [along top]. (b) 1832/ John Millar; wife Janet Russell died 28 September 1832 aged (5)4. [125]
- 136. Obelisk. James Tennent MD died 25 April 1854 aged 47 years, for 20 years in and around Falkirk; erected by friends; June 1860. [126]. This is evidently the marker now used for the entrance plaque for the garden of commemoration. [back to no. 1]
- 137. 1832/ John Foster; wife Margaret Stewart, and children. [127]. According to the Falkirk Parish Register Margaret Stewart died on 18 May 1827.
- 138. 1834/ Catherine Mackie died 25 February 1833 aged 61 years; erected by son George Murray and his wife Margaret Rankine. [128]
- 139. (a) 332 & 333 [along top]. (b) 1837/ Erected by Dudley Archibald; wife Helen Tait died 27 August 1837 aged 52 years; wife Elizabeth Smith died 8 June 1844 aged 41 years. [129]
- 140. (a) 331 [along top]. (b) Alexander Marshall & Margaret Young; three children died in infancy. [130]
- 141. 1839/ John Ellis died aged 79. [131]
- 142. 326-7 [along top]. (a) 1867/ Erected by Michael McGregor to the memory of Elizabeth Neill. [132]
- 143. (a) 324 & 325 [along top]. (b) Alexander Monteith & Elizabeth Kincaid. [133]
- 144. 1842/ Alexander Mitchel & Jean Ingels. [134]

- 145. 1838/ James Brownlee & Cecilia Dick. [135]
- 146. James McA. Moore died 3 February 1849 aged 13 years. [136]
- 147. Headstone, pointed arch. Henry Cowie; wife Jane Frazer. [137]
- 148. (a) 314 [along top]. (b) 1835/ David (St)ewart & Margaret ----. [138]
- 149. (a) 313 [along top]. (b) 1835/ James Schaw. [139]
- 150. (a) 312 [along top]. (b) 1840/ HT EB. [140]
- 151. Henry & Margaret Love; children Helen died 1 November 1842, Helen died 1 March 1845. [141]
- 152. (a) 308 [along top]. (b) 1841/ James Bennet & Margaret Watson, [142]
- 153. William Gillespie died 3 July 1880; wife Jean Nicol died 1 July 1864 aged 56. [143]
- 154. (a) 303 304 [along top]. (b) 1839/ Alexander Fraser & Christian Adam; William Rankine & Mary Fraser. [144]
- 155. 1847/ James Weir died 3 January 1847 aged 86; erected by his son Henry died 11 October 1867 aged 48 (his wife Jane Nicol died 13 April 1857); daughter Helen born 28 January 1803 died 5 December 1881. [145]
- 156. 1840/ James Binnie & his wife Isabella Donaldson died 28 August 1838 aged 35; 1861/ John Fernie & Margaret Mitchell. [146]
- 157. John Forgie, wife Susan Burn; daughter Isabella died 21 December 1842; son John Died 9 February 1860. [147]
- 158. Richard Kidston died 4 March 1863 aged 57 years; wife Janet Reid died 15 May 1879 aged 73 years. [148]
- 159. (a) 349 350 [along top]. (b) Boston Harley & Phebe Rennie. [149]
- 160. (a) 353 354 [along top]. (b) John Sharp; Elizabeth Wilson. [150]
- 161. 1850/ Robert Watters & Janet Dickson died 21 December 1848 aged 36. [151]
- 162. 1846/ Gerzel Row. [152]
- 163. Robert Watson died November 1854 aged 65 years; Margaret Brown. [153]
- 164. 1844/ William Robertson & Mary Miller. [154]
- 165. (a) 369 [along top]. (b) Alexander Ronald & Mary Tennant. [155]
- 166. (a) 370 & 371 [along top]. (b) 1844/ William Mclaren & Jean Watt. [156]

#### Other Known Burials.

To these we can add the names and dates of death retrieved by Barbara Lewis from the Falkirk Parish Register as having been buried in the Relief Churchyard.

William Allan 26 January 1828 20 December 1826 William Black John Bryce 1 August 1826 John Davie 3 April 1827 7 August 1826 Rachel Dickson 31 January 1826 **Agnes Drummond** 31 January 1826 Alexander Drummond Christian Drummond 17 December 1826 Marion Drummond 18 September 1826 David Henderson 7 January 1826 Elisabeth Laing 8 May 1827 George Leslie 22 March 1827 Margaret Leslie 16 March 1826 Isabella Marshall 4 March 1827 John Marshall 17 January 1827 James McEwing 4 January 1826 6 January 1827 Agnes McLay Elizabeth McWatt 3 December 1828 Peter Melvine 7 January 1827 2 December 1826 Isabella Murdock Robert Shanks 15 March 1826 John Smith 17 September 1826 Agnes Stark 13 January 1826 William Stevenson 23 January 1827 Margaret Stewart 18 May 1827 Margaret Strathern 24 March 1827 James Thomson 1 February 1826 (see stone number 3). Mary Turnbull 12 January 1827

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