

# The Graveyards of the Falkirk District: (Part 15) Denny Parish Churchyard

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The [parish church at Denny](#) occupies a typically late medieval position in the town. It stands on a prominent knoll at the end of Broad Street which, as the name suggests, broadens out in front of it to form a market square. At the foot of the church ground Broad Street forms a T-junction with the ancient thoroughfare from Stirling to Castlecary.

The hillock dominates the locality and it would have been occupied from an early date. However, the present church building dates only to 1813 when the rectangular hall-type structure was erected, followed six years later by the tower at the east gable. The original church at Denny is much older and it was disjoined from Falkirk in 1601. The only remnant of that early church is a sundial at [Hallhouse](#). It would have been smaller than its successor, occupying the site of the chancel and the east end of the nave.



**Illus 1: Extract from the 1862 Ordnance Survey Map (National Library of Scotland).**

It is reasonable to assume that a graveyard soon occupied the sunny southern slopes of the hill beside the Stirling road. The oldest surviving dated stone is from 1682 (No. 62). Improvements to the road in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early nineteenth centuries led to it being straightened and terraced into the lower slopes of the hill. A high retaining wall was built and the earth was piled up against the inside, creating a

new layer of lairs. In 1862 a 20ft length of this wall collapsed, jettisoning earth and burials over the public highway. The number of lairs had already been restricted by the building of a manse to the south-west of the church. In 1928 a further intrusion occurred with the addition of a hall on the north-west side. At the same time an apsidal extension was made to the tower to serve as a vestry. The manse was sold



in 1945 and was subsequently demolished, the area now functioning as a car park.

**Illus 2: Proclamation of George V at Denny Cross showing the high churchyard wall and the original entrance to the church by the east end of the tower. Note also the session house to the right.**

The Denny and Dunipace Funeral Society was established in the mid 19<sup>th</sup>

century to enable people to afford the cost of a decent burial. A local teacher, David Ritchie, was its first secretary and he was able to make use of its services when he died in July 1867 aged 64 (grave marker [No. 83](#)). He and M Turnbull had previously arranged for the erection of the memorial to his teacher, William Adams ([No. 18](#)), in the churchyard at Denny. Ritchie served for many years as Session-Clerk and as a member of the Parochial Board. On the passing of the Registration Act he was also appointed Registrar.

By the time of Ritchie's death the churchyard was overcrowded and was unable to keep up with the growth in the population of the town. Its condition deteriorated and in April 1872 Denny Parochial Board complained about the disgraceful state. It was reported that in the previous October no fewer than five coffins had been taken from a grave in addition to a quantity of bones to allow a new coffin to underlie the older ones. It was quite common for coffins to be covered in the churchyard with a spadeful or two of earth and the grave to remain in that position until there was another party to bury. According to one member "the people were buried like dogs." The Board did what you might expect – it appointed a committee to examine the graveyard and report (North British Daily Mail 29 April 1872, 4).

In 1925 Denny Kirk Session resolved to do something about the perilous state of the churchyard and in 1932 started to remove the monuments. It would seem that it had not properly advertised its intentions for on 23 June Duncan Graham asked a question about it in Parliament which was recorded in Hansard. However, the severe tidying continued. The majority of stones were removed, and those that were selected for retention were clumped together along the south-west boundary. As they are no longer in, or near, their original locations, and as there are so few left, it has not been thought necessary to produce a plan.



**Illus 3: Denny Cross, c1950. The churchyard now has a low wall with railings and the ground inside has been scarped.**

## THE STONES

A number of trades are mentioned on the remaining stones – all of which could be considered to be elite craftsmen. These are:

- [11](#) merchant, tinsmith, student of divinity
- [18](#) schoolmaster
- [24](#) drysalter
- [27](#) stationer
- [83](#) engineer

The trade emblems of the crown, hammer and horseshoe on [No. 57](#) could indicate a blacksmith or a farrier. It is only natural that clergy should feature largely amongst the remaining stones. Two were ministers in Denny and a third was born in Denny, but ministered at [Muiravonside](#):

- [62](#) John Callander, minister 1663-1680
- [78](#) James McFarlane, Muiravonside.
- [81](#) Alexander Falconer, minister 1856-1892.

From a local history viewpoint, confusion has arisen over Thomas Johnstone of Hallhouse whose name appears on [No. 12](#). He was the father of Thomas Johnstone whose [diary](#) was partly published in the very first volume of [Calatria](#). Thomas Johnstone, the diarist who augmented his agricultural income with cobbling, died in 1885 and was buried in the orchard at Hallhouse as stated in his will. At a much grander scale Andrew Duncan of Glencarron (stone [No 82](#)) was the owner of Carronglen Paper mill. The Weir family of paper makers also had its family burial ground in the churchyard.

The kirk session records (CH2/1254/5 – kept at Falkirk Archives) say little about the running of the churchyard. A substantial income was earned from the lease of the church's mortcloth and the church officers expended a large amount of effort in ensuring that its users paid up. The money was used to provide assistance for the poor. When these people died their burial was at the church's expense and it is only here, most unusually, that we have records of the individuals buried at Denny. Even here some of the women and children remain unnamed. The following are extracted from the ten year period between 1821 and 1831:

|               |  |        |
|---------------|--|--------|
| 9 March 1821  | Digging a double grave to Russell Bank                           | - 5 –  |
| 22 March 1821 | digging Kirkwood's grave   | - 3 6  |
| 22 April 1821 | Kirkwood's coffin & expences                                     | 1 - -  |
| - May 1821    | McGregor's coffin & expences                                     | 1 - -  |
| 25 Dec 1821   | John McGibbons child's grave digging                             | - 3 6  |
| 23 Jan 1822   | a poor woman's grave digging                                     | - 3 6  |
| 7 May 1822    | Cat. Wilsons grave digging                                       | - 3 6  |
|               | Coffin for Cat. Wilson   | - 14 – |
| 17 March 1824 | Helen Cochrane grave digging                                     | - 4 –  |
| 5 May 1825    | digging grave for poor child born here                           | - 2 6  |
| 18 July 1826  | Mary Cuthills coffin   | - 10 6 |
| 29 March 1829 | lock per enter gate of church yard                               | - - 9  |
| 12 March 1830 | John McLaren for digging Russel's grave                          | - 6 –  |
| 1 May 1830    | Coffin to John Russel who died about the beginning of March last | - 14 – |
| 7 March 1831  | Digging a grave for a year for a poor Irish woman                | - 4 6  |

The poor were not given headstones and were probably buried on the north side of the church next to Duke Street. All of the early stones are of the local sandstone. In the 1830s there seems to have been a fashion for attaching copper alloy plaques with engraved inscriptions. One unusual feature of the Denny stones is the large-scale use of Roman numerals for dates. By the 1860s more exotic stones, such as pink granite, were brought in by rail. Several cities are mentioned in connection with the monumental masons:

|                     |           |   |
|---------------------|-----------|---|
| Anderson & Christie | Perth     | <a href="#">81</a>                      |
| Macdonald           | Aberdeen  | <a href="#">82</a>                      |
| McGlashen           | Coine?    | <a href="#">77</a> , <a href="#">78</a> |
| Ness, David         | Edinburgh | <a href="#">79</a> , <a href="#">80</a> |
| Reid & Forgie       | Glasgow   | <a href="#">83</a>                      |



## INVENTORY

The graveyard was surveyed by Mitchell and Mitchell as part of their Stirlingshire volume in the 1970s, when 64 stones were recorded. The current survey has recorded 86, including stones after 1850 that Mitchell and Mitchell omitted.

The format of the inventory follows that of previous volumes of [Calatria](#). 1. Each stone is given a unique number: 2. The type of stone, whether flat or head: 3. If a headstone, then the shape of the top of the stone (see volume 10, p.17 for the key): 4. The dimension of the stone starting with the width, then the height and thickness: 5. The inscription: 6. The reference number (in square brackets) used by Mitchell & Mitchell.

1. Wall, square, 52 x 60 x 10. --/ the Mem---/ --/ MARGARET ---/ who died on the XXX --- ---/ aged twenty ---/ AND OF/ EIZABETH ---/ who died the X April ---/ aged twenty sev-- ---/ AND OF/ ROBERT CARNIE/ who died the XVII JULY MDCC----/ aged thirty years/ AND OF/ THOMAS CARNIE/ who died the XXVI JULY MDCCCXI/ aged forty seven years/ AND OF/ NEIL CARNIE/ who died the XI March MDCCCXXXI. [41]
2. Wall, square, 81 x 75 x 9. Laminated. [40 – Charles Carnie]
3. Wall, square, 51 x 55 x 8. Sacred to/ the Memory of/ CHARLES CARNIE/ of GARVALD/ who died on the X—day of JUNE/ ----/ --- ---/ ---. [39 – 1859 aged 76]
4. Head, pointed arch, 70 x 125 x 15. IN/ AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE/ OF/ WILLIAM HAY/ OF MIDDLE THOMASTON, WHO DIED THERE/ 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1842/ AND/ ELIZABETH NICOL/ HIS SPOUSE/ WHO DIED AT STRATHCARRON/ 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1880. [38]
5. Head, arched with square shoulders, 66 x 90 x 16. Sacred/ TO/ THE MEMORY OF/ ROBERT RUSSELL,/ OF BROADYETT,/ WHO DIED 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1817 AGED 41 YEARS./ MARY MARSHALL,/ HIS WIFE,/ WHO DIED 11<sup>TH</sup> AUG. 1857, AGED 72 YEARS./ ROBERT RUSSELL,/ THEIR SON,/ WHO DIED 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1833, AGED 21 YEARS. [37]
6. Head, central low arch, 74 x 85 x 11. 1842/ Erected/ BY/ MARGARET HAY/ IN MEMORY OF/ ROBERT ALLAN/ HER SPOUSE/ WHO DIED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1842/ AGED 77 YEARS. [36]
7. Head, only the plinth remains.
8. Head, triangle with raised corners, 89 x 110 x 8. ERECTED/ TO THE MEMORY OF/ JOHN GRAY/ -----ALTER, MILTON COTTAGE/ DIED – AUGUST 1850/ --- -- YEARS./ ALSO/ JOHN GRAY/ HIS GRANDSON/ WHO DIED 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 1906/ AGED 77 YEARS. [35- drysalter aged 84]

9. Head, arched pediment & urn, 62 x 120 x 22. ----/ ----/ THOMAS GRAY/ WHO DIED 2- MAY 18-3/ AGED -1 ---/ ---TING IN JESUS/ DEARLY BELOVED PARENTS/ BOTH DIED AT ROTHESAY. [34 – of Stoneywood, wife Janet Cuthell died 26 June 1846]
10. Head, arched pediment, 45 x 120 x 17. ---/ ---/ ---/ ---/ AND --/ JAMES LAING --/ AND FOR MANY YEARS/ BARON BALIE OF DENNY/ BORN 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1792/ DIED 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1870.
11. Head, triangular pediment in centre with cavetto to either side, 200 x 70 x 10. (a) SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF/ WILLIAM CUTHELL of Banknock/ who died 6<sup>th</sup> JULY MDCCCXIX/ Aged seventy two years./ and of HELEN INGLIS his spouse/ who died 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER MDCCCXXV./ aged sixty seven years./ th--- --- --- [left hand panel]. (b) MDCCCXXXIII/ "Be ye also ready"/ Erected/ By/ WILLIAM CUTHELL./ MERCHANT DENNY/ WHO DIED 3<sup>RD</sup> OCT 1868/ AGED 76 YEARS. [central panel]. (c) To the memory of/ MARGRET INGLIS who died 29<sup>th</sup> JULY/ MDCCCXXX/ aged seventy seven years. also/ JEAN and JANET CUTHELL./ who died in infancy/ The small and great/ are there. JOB II.20. [right hand panel]. (d) In/ Memory/ of/ ELIZABETH CUTHELL/ who died/ the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 18--/ Aged 8 years & 9 days/ - -- --- GREAT-- --- [copper plaque 1]. (e) SACRED/ TO THE MEMORY OF/ ROBERT CUTHELL. Tinsmith/ WHO DIED/ 2<sup>nd</sup> AUG. 1853/ AGED/ 35 Years. [copper plaque 2]. (f) SACRED/ TO THE MEMORY OF/ WILLIAM CUTHELL M.A./ Student of Divinity/ WHO DIED/ 17<sup>th</sup> DEC<sup>R</sup> 1839/ AGED/ 23 Years. [copper plaque 3]. (g) ---- -- / --- --- [copper plaque 4]. (h) MDCCLXVIII/ 'What man is he that liveth and shall not see Death'/ PSALM XXXIX.48/ 'Good men forsake this earthly scene/ Ah! never to return/ shall any foll'wing spring revive/ the ashes of the urn?/ --- --- [reverse]. [32]
12. Head. square, 154 x 55 x 13. (a) THIS STONE HOUSES THREE LAIRS [along top]. (b) MDCCCXXX/ THE BURYING GROUND OF/ [THOMAS JOHNSTONE OF HALLHOUSE](#). [31]
13. Wall, pedimented. (a) Sacred/ TO THE MEMORY/ OF/ MARY GRAHAM/ WHO DIED 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER MDCCCXX/ IN THE NINTH YEAR/ OF HER AGE./ SARAH GRAHAM/ WHO DIED 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER MDCCCXXX/ IN THE ELEVENTH YEAR/ OF HER AGE/ AND/ GEORGE F. GRAHAM/ WHO DIED 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH MDCCCXXXIII/ IN THE TWENTIETH YEAR/ OF HIS AGE. [left hand stone]. (b) Sacred/ TO THE MEMORY OF/ JANET Mc.NAUGHT./ ONLY DAUGHTER OF DUNCAN Mc.NAUGHT ESQ./ AND WIFE OF/ JAMES R. GRAHAM MYOTHILL./ WHO DIED 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1868./ JEANIE GRAHAM./ WHO DIED 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1872 AGED 22 YEARS./ IN S----- / THE SAID/ JAMES RICHARDSON GRAHAM/ WHO DIED --- ---/ aged 7- years/ THE --- ---/ died --- ---/ JANET GRAHAM/ DIED 18<sup>TH</sup> --- --- YEARS. [centre stone]. (c) Sacred/ TO/ THE MEMORY/ OF/ ARCHIBALD NAPIER ESQ/ OF RANDOLPH HILL./ MRS SARAH CONSTABLE OF NAPIER/ HIS WIFE/ AND/ THOMAS NAPIER/ THEIR SON. [right hand stone]. (d) RESTING IN HOPE [plinth]. [30]
14. Head, square with rounded corners, 181 x 60 x 7. 1802/ ERECTED BY/ ---ERT GILCHRIST/ --- --- 11 1801 AGED ---/ --ABELLA GILCHRIST WHO DIED ON THE 15 JANUARY 180-/ --NH-- --URT- --- THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1863/ --- --- --- --

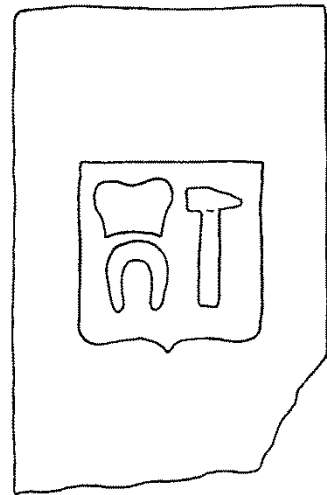
JANUARY 1867/ --- --- ---/ ROBERT GILCHRIST DIED – JANUARY 1878./ AGED 16 YEARS” [29]

15. Head, square, 51 x 60 x 10. WL IG/ 1800. [28]
16. Head, cavetto & ogee, 60 x 70 x 9. 1815/ JOHN GILLIES/ and/ MARGT McFARLANE/ WILLIAM GILLIES/ DIED 10. MAY 1844/ ISABELLA LEARMONTH HIS WIFE/ DIED 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1900. [27]
17. Head, ogee, 81 x 40 x 7. *Erected/ to the Memory of/ Andrew Muirhead/ Castle Rankine.* [26]
18. Head. triangular pediment, 84 x 85 x 9. IN TESTIMONY OF/ RESPECT/ TO THE MEMORY OF/ WILLIAM ADAMS/ SCHOOLMASTER/ OF THIS HIS NATIVE PARISH/ FOR UPWARDS OF THIRTY YEARS./ HE DIED 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY MDCCCXXX/ IN THE FIFTY THIRD YEAR OF HIS AGE/ HIS AMIABLE DISPOSITION AND/ EMINENT PROFESIONAL ACQUIREMENTS/ GAINED HIM THE ESTEEM AND RESPECT/ OF ALL WHO ENJOYED HIS ACQUAINTANCE/ *ERECTED BY/ G. Turnbull & D Ritchie.* [25]
19. Head. square with rounded corners, 118 x 60 x 7. W.T. (1718) M.A./ 1845/ J-MES THOMSON AND MARION RENNIE. [24]
20. Head, S-arch, 71 x 65 x 5. ERECTED/ To the Memory of/ JOHN FERGUSON/ who Died September 19<sup>TH</sup>. 1821/ BY JANET CAMPBELL His/ Relict,/ Also *Inter'd* here three/ of their Children. [23]
21. Head. triangular pediment, 84 x 60 x 10. MDCCCXXXVII/ TO THE MEMORY OF/ *William Hay*/ OF GLENHEAD,/ WHO DIED THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 1826,/ AGED 72 YEARS./ AND/ Jane Taggart/ HIS SPOUSE/ WHO DIED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF MARCH 1833/ AGED 69 YEARS. [22]
22. Head, low arch and terminal arcs, 83 x 75 x 16. MDCCCXL/ IN MEMORY/ OF/ ANN LIDDLE/ *‘WIFE OF ROBERT BENNIE’*/ WHO DIED 7 JANUARY 1839. [21]
23. Head, triangular with terminal arcs, 96 x 80 x 9. MDCCCXLIV/ THE/ BURYING GROUND OF/ JAMES THOMSON/ OF CARRONFORD/ AND/ MARGARET ANDERSON/ HIS SPOUSE. [20]
24. Head, triangular pediment with scrolls, 80 x 185 x 18. ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF/ CHARLES GRAY DRYALTER,/ BORN 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1792:/ DIED 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1847./ AND/ JANE CUTHIL HIS WIFE./ BORN 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1799./ DIED 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1870./ “HEIRS TOGETHER OF THE GRACE OF LIFE”. [19]
25. Head, square, broken into many pieces. ---BELO--- --- / --- --MCC-----/ ---I-OBEL- --- / ----. [13 – moved from south wall of church, John Hay, David Hay died 17 July 1850, Isabella Laing 17 September 1842, their son David Hay died 20 October 1862].

26. Head, low arch with terminal lobes, 70 x 80 x 10. 1845/ WILLIAM RUSSELL/ AND/ MARGARET McFARLANE. [18]
27. Head, broken, 46 x 60+ x 6. ---- --Y/ ----- --B/ ---- ---- --/ AGED 34 YEARS/ JOHN, THEIR SECOND SON/ DIED AT RO---- DECEMBER -1/ ---- --FAT--. [17 – Robert Weir stationer Glasgow, wife Janet Barry died 29 Sep 182- aged 49? Son Robert CE died at Montreal 10 May 184-; second son John died at Rothesay 18-3]
28. Head, square with side lobes, 77 x 80 x 7. --- --/ --- --/ JOHN WILSON/ --- --/ --- --. [16 – 1834 aged 54]
29. Head, square with cut corners, 69 x 55 x 9. 1766/ R.G. [15]
30. Head, square, 54+ x 75 x 14. IG.MG.178. [14 – 1782; the last number has been cut off]
31. Head, square, 159 x 95 x 10. 18--/ CHARLES –AND HAN--- --.
32. Head, square, 57 x 78 x 10. Blank - face down?
33. Head, cavetto, 68 c 60 x 9. Blank – face down?
34. Head, square, 59 x 83. Blank – face down?
35. Head, square, 79 x 53 x 10. Blank – face down?
36. Head, square, 61 x 77 x 10. Blank – face down?
37. Head, square with rounded corners. 91+ x 70. Blank – face down?
38. Head, square, 101 x 82. Blank – face down?
39. Head, low arch, 95 x 83 x 12. Blank – face down?
40. Flat, 163 x 55 x 17. Blank – worn?
41. Flat, 176 x 84. 1780/ IG IS/ R<sup>D</sup>. CALLANDER. [56]
42. Flat, 179 x 74. 1719/ R.R # IH/ ALEX<sup>R</sup>: LOGAN/ H.DUN.JMORRISON/ 1824. [55]
43. Flat, 166 x 69. 1704/ -G IT/ IG AL. [54]
44. Flat, 192 x 58. RC AL.
45. Flat. 167 x 63. MA # IA/ 17 . 55. [53]
46. Flat, 179 x 61. I.A # IA/ 17 . -5. [52]
47. Flat, 150 x 56. W-. --/ HW. [51]



48. Flat, 144 x 54. Laminated.
49. Flat, 151 x 53. Blank.
50. Flat, 136+ x 90. Blank.
51. Flat, 168 x 52. Blank.
52. Flat, 182 x 69. 1779/ IL IM. [49]
53. Flat, 174 x 73. Blank.
54. Head, square, 68 x 77. Blank – face down?
55. Head, square with clipped corners, 110 x 80. Blank – face down?
56. Head, square with rounded corners, 92 x 37 x 7. Blank – face down?
57. Head, square, 58 x 90. [Shield with a crown, horseshoe and hammer]. [47]
58. Head, square, 71 x 90. 174-. [48 John Gentle 1748]
59. Flat, 178 x 66. 17-0.
60. Table with no legs, 169 x 57. Blank.
61. Head, square, 83 x 95. --- --- ---/ --- --A RENNY/  
THEIR SON/ DAVID/ DIED OCTOBER 1831. [64 –  
Wm Liddle & Eliz Renny]
62. Flat, 182 x 81. 1683/ M/ IC.EB/ M<sup>r</sup>/ -OHN.  
CALLANDER/ Interred here/ A. Minister of the Gospel/ In this PARISH. [57]
63. Head, square, 90 x 116. DC IO/ 1760/ DC EC/ DW 1781/ TK MB. [58]
64. Head, cavetto, 95 x 118. J<sup>N</sup> KIRKWOOD J.ADAM. [59]
65. Head, square with clipped corners, 63 x 96. Blank – face down?
66. Head, square with clipped corners, 59 x 90. Blank – face down?
67. Head, low S-arch, 58 x 99. Blank – face down?
68. Head, square, 76 x 98 x 14. 1769/ IF.IL/ WF. [60]
69. Head, low cavetto, 67 x 103. DI IL/ 1805. [61]
70. Head, square, 59 x 96. Blank – face down?



71. Head, low cavetto. Blank – face down?
72. Head, cavetto & ogee, 82 x 110. Blank – face down?
73. Head, square, 57 x 90. 1771/ TL.MM. [62]
74. Head, low cavetto, 66 x 94. 1758/ WC IG/ 1773/ RC.AM. [63]
75. Head, square with cusped corners, 66 x 110. Blank – face down?
76. Wall, triangular pediment, 66 x 102. IN/ MEMORY/ OF/ -THOMAS BURNS/ OF  
GARVALD AND PEATHILL/ --- --- DESCENDENTS./ --- ---/ --- ---/ --- ---/ --- ---/ --- ---/  
--- ---/ --- ---/ -- and B---/ --- ---/ JEH IX.23.24. [12]
77. Wall, triangular pediment, 91 x 74. SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF/ WILLIAM  
MOREHEAD ESQUIRE/ FORMERLY OF HERBERTSHIRE,/ HE WAS BORN AT  
GLASGOW ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1797/ AND DIED AT LESLIE PARK, IN THE  
PARISH,/ ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 1872, IN THE 75<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HIS AGE. (B)  
McGLASHEN [on plinth]. [5]
78. Wall, pointed arch, 65 x 103. (a) ihs/ SACRED/ TO THE MEMORY OF/ THE  
REVEREND JAMES McFARLAN,/ MINISTER OF MUIRAVONSIDE,/ YOUNGEST  
SON OF/ JOHN McFARLAN, OF BALLANCLEROCH,, BORN 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
1800,/ DIED 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1871./ ALSO HIS WIFE/ MATILDA MARIANNE,/   
DAUGHTER OF/ CAP. JOHN STEDMAN CHRISTIE,/ AND/ MATILDA  
MOREHEAD,/ BORN AT HERBERTSHIRE 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1819,/ DIED AT LESLIE  
PARK, 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1890./ "NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD" (b)  
M<sup>C</sup>GLASHEN/ COINE [6]
79. Wall, triangular pediment, 185 x 170. (a) --- ---/ --- ---/ -- JOHN MOREHEAD ESQ---/  
--- ---/ --- ---/ --- ---/ --CREW IN ACK-S-K CR-N IN GRACE AND IN MEET-- --/ THE  
INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS/ IN LIGHT. (b) DAVID NESS SCULPT. EDIN<sup>R</sup>. [on  
plinth]. [7 – widow Anne Christie]
80. Wall, triangular pediment, 192 x 195. (a) TO THE MEMORY OF/ WILLIAM  
MOREHEAD ESQUIRE/ THIS TABLET --- ---/ JOHN AND ROBERT ---/ WHO AC---  
---/ FROM --- ---/ NAME UNDER --- ---/ --- ---/ AND THEIR C--- --/ OF WH- ---/ --- ---/  
AND THE AF--- ---/ THE ME--- --- ---/ AND ON-- ---/ --- [etc – left side] (b) --- ---/ --- --  
-/ WILLIAM MOREHEAD ESQUIRE/ --- ---/ --- ---/ --- MARIANNE --- ---/ --- [etc - right  
side]. (c) DAVID NESS SCULPT. EDIN<sup>R</sup>. [on plinth]. [8 – Isabella Lockhart, Charles  
Martha, Tomas Morehead, Matilda Marianne, Capt. John Christie, John S--, John  
Stedman Christie, John Morehead].
81. Wall, square pediment with wreath, 83 x 210. (a) VIV UT VIVA [on wreath]. (b)  
OUAE AMISIA SALVA [on shield]. (c) IN THE HOPE/ OF A BLESSED  
RESURRECTION/ HERE REPOSES THE BODY/ OF/ CHARLOTTE REID,/ WIFE  
OF THE REVEREND/ ALEXANDER FALCONER,/ MINISTER OF DENNY/ WHO  
FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS/ AT THE AGE OF 25 YEARS,/ ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY/  
MDCCCLIX./ ARTHUR KINNAIRD FALCONER M.A./ DIED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 1892./

AGED 67./ FOR 36 YEARS MINISTER OF/ THE PARISH OF DENNY. (c) ANDERSON & CHRISTIE/ PERTH [on plinth]. [4]

82. Wall, triangular, 78 x 215. (a) SACRED/ To the memory/of/ ANDREW DUNCAN ESQ<sup>R</sup>./ OF GLENCARRON,/ WHO DIED 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1863/ AGED 53 YEARS./ The memory of the Just is Blessed./ Prov.X.7. (b) A. MACDONALD/ ABERDEEN [on plinth]. [3]
83. Head, arched pediment, 67 x 150 x 18. (a) ERECTED/ IN/ MEMORY OF/ DAVID RICHIE/ -----ER DENNY/ WHO DIED 21---- 1867/ AGED 64 YEARS/ MARY SHANKS/ HIS WIFE/ WHO DIED – OCTOBER 18--/ AGED ---/ THOMAS –TCHIE/ -- - ---/ WHO DIED -- --49/ AGED --- / DAVID RITCHIE/ ENGINEER ----N/ WHO DIED AT SEA/ APRIL 12 ----/ ON HIS PASSAGE ---/ FROM SOUTH AMERICA/ AGED 2-YEARS. (b) REID & FORGIE/ GLASGOW [on plinth]. [2 - teacher]
84. Head, arched pediment, 53 x 90 x 14. ---/ --TER OF/ WILLIAM TAYLOR,/ WHO DIED AT HALL,/ --- --- ---. [1]
85. Head, square 43 x 55 x 14. [This stone was found resting on the boundary wall.] 17 13/ WH.
86. Head, broken [also on the boundary wall]. -815/ J<sup>A</sup>: BENNY/ IT: MAI---.

Mitchell & Mitchell list four stones in the vicinity of No.57, two of which are stated to be next to the path and one as being upside down. These are likely to be Nos. 53-56. Their readings are:

[43](#). 1834 RG MG JG.

[44](#). AS AM 17(80)

[45](#). 177 (IF) MM

[46](#). 1726; This Kirkwood; Mary (B or R)ennie.

Along the path to the church door they also have:

[9](#). John Davie of Loanhead died August 18-5.

[10](#). Blank.

[11](#). Robert ---

One of these remains as a paving stone, but the others have been removed or turned upside down.

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