# Falkirk Parish Churchyard

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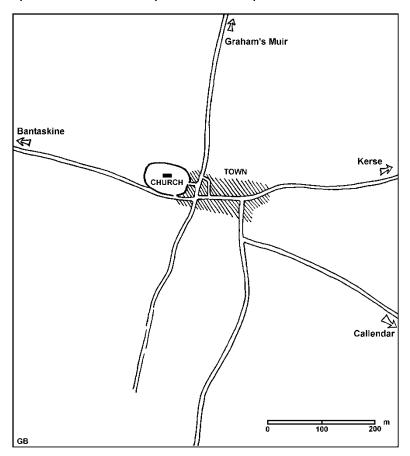
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# Introduction

In the twelfth century the church at Falkirk emerged as the head of the largest parish in the area, with <u>Slamannan</u> on the poor mossland of the plateau to the south and the small parishes of <u>Airth</u>, <u>Bothkennar</u> and <u>Carriden</u> along the rich coastal belt. By that date the church had been long established – long enough to give its name to the small market town that nestled below it. Indeed, so long that when the place name 'Egglesbreth' first appears in the written record in the eleventh and twelfth centuries its true meaning had already been lost and it was translated as the 'speckled church' or '*Eglais Bhreac*,' '*Varia Capella'* and hence '*Faw Kirk*.' Tradition associates the church with St Modan, a seventh century Celtic saint. Presumably a Celtic monastery grew up around his cell for, in 1319, we hear of a dispute over the church's holdings or 'ablands' – a term usually associated with these monasteries.

The church stood on a prominent knoll a little to the north of the Antonine Wall, overlooking the wide stretch of carse lands. The line of the Roman frontier had been used as the main route across central Scotland ever since its abandonment by the imperial army and the church would soon have become a familiar landmark to travellers. Early churches along the Antonine Wall also occur at Carriden, Kinneil, Polmont (though the site of the present parish church at Polmont only dates to 1720), Seabegs, Kirkintilloch and Cadder. already have been a small settlement next to the Antonine Wall at Falkirk before the church was established. A large hoard of silver coins dating to the mid-third century AD was found at Bellsmeadow, hinting at the presence of a native leader of considerable status in the vicinity. The money is best seen as a bribe by the Romans in the south in exchange for peace (Todd 1985). Roman pottery has also been found at Grahamston, north of the Antonine Wall (see Bailey 1991, 10). The Roman army undoubtedly dismantled their fort at Falkirk before it withdrew, but its site, strewn with building debris and gravel roads, would have been unsuitable for agriculture and may have been settled by the native population. Certainly we know that by the eighth century a small iron working workshop had been set up over the fort's demolished western defences, a date derived from radiocarbon samples. The most enigmatic of the post-Roman structures archaeologically excavated was found in the fort annexe, now Rosehall Terrace. A wide slot, possibly a grave, cut through a Roman timber building. Although no bones survived, its fill contained re-deposited Roman pottery, a small pile of white quartz pebbles and a very unusual wrought iron pot. As a grave good the pot would be similar to the Anglo-Saxon cauldrons with their fancy escutcheons, which were the focus of the chief's hall. The white stones, however, are reminiscent of the practice of including such items in or on graves at the early Christian centre at Whithorn. Could this have been the grave of a local chief who was one of the first to convert to the new religion?

By the tenth century the seat of power seems to have moved 1.5km to the east,



where a timber hall some 25m long produced a radiocarbon date of AD 778-957 (Bailey 2007). Here too there were burials, at least fourteen placed in neat rows just beyond the east apse of the hall.

We can assume that, with the general adoption of Christianity, burials were soon placed near the new church at Falkirk and that before long а formal graveyard was laid out. As with earlier religious structures, first the church would have lain beyond the main settlement, to its northwest, with sufficient land around it to be used for this purpose.

Illus 1: Conjectural Plan of Falkirk in 1320. The main roads lead to the local centres of power and influence.

Whatever the early origins of the church in Falkirk, it was bestowed upon Holyrood Abbey in 1166, together with its graveyard. A carved cross-head from a grave of a type used in the late 12<sup>th</sup> or early 13<sup>th</sup> century is on display inside the present church (illus 14). It had previously been on show in the porch for at least 40 years, but its exact find spot is not known. Confirmation of the burial ground is found in a 13<sup>th</sup> century record quoted by Scott: "at length we arrived at Faukirke, which had a nearby cemetery about which we inquired" (Scott 2006, 21). At the end of that century it was considered a fit enough place to receive the mortal remains of the prominent Scots who were killed at the Battle of Falkirk in 1298. The other victims would have been buried on the battlefield. Presumably it was the English victors who conducted this work. Before long the graves of Sir John de Graham and Stewart of Bunckle became symbols of Scottish resistance and fitting memorials were erected over them. Stewart received a plain flat sandstone slab, tapering from head to toe with chamfered sides (the inscription was only added c1815). The original form, if any, of de Graham's tomb is unknown. At the time the stone church would have been in the form of a small rectangular nave with a slightly narrower chancel at its east end, similar to the plans still visible at Kinneil and Carriden. Such noblemen would have been honoured with graves near the church on its sunny south side, which confirms other evidence that this early church occupied the area of the

later east aisle in the centre of the graveyard. The fact that the two graves are not adjacent shows that they were not unthinkingly thrown into a grave pit, but their resting places were chosen after due consultation with the church authorities. There would, however, be few other marker stones in the

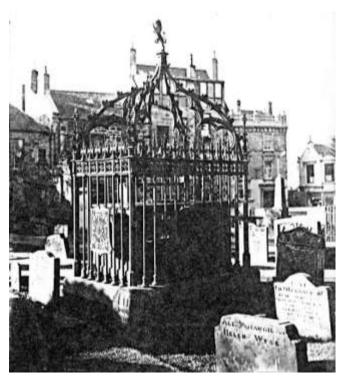


churchyard until long after the Reformation. Those local nobles with the wealth to purchase memorial stones would have possessed the right of burial within the church itself and high on this list would have been the Callendars.

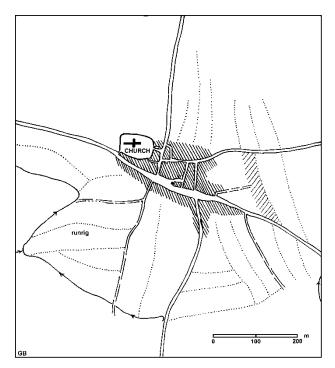
Illus 2: The recumbent grave slab traditionally associated with Stewart of Bunkle. The beadle is holding the hand bell used at funerals.

The Callendars were replaced at Callendar by the <u>Livingstons</u> and that family reached the zenith of its power in the mid-fifteenth century, playing a major role in the nation's During the minority of politics. James II in the late 1430s Sir Alexander Livingston effectively acted as Regent. His son, James, also became the king's guardian and the Great Chamberlain or Master of the Royal Household. After James II's death in 1460 he remained as 'magnus camerarius.'

Illus 3: The tomb of Sir John de Graham surrounded by later gravestones. The Wester Entry, opening upon the High Street, can be seen to the back right.



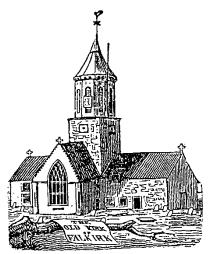
By then he was the first Lord Livingston of Callendar with a charter of 1458 confirming the Barony of Callendar. It was probably to reflect this status that a family burial aisle was constructed at the Falkirk church. This was the South Aisle and before long it housed the effigies of the first Lord and his wife. The aisle also served as a chapel for the Knights Hospitallers, which order owned property on the south side of the town. It may be no coincidence that Sir Henry de Livingston, son of the second Lord Livingston of Callendar, was Preceptor of the Order in 1463, more or less at the time that the aisle was built.



Illus 4: Conjectural plan of Falkirk in 1520. The town is surrounded by runrig with an open horse market to the east.

It was around this time that the town began a rapid expansion along its south side, creating the modern High Street. Perhaps in anticipation of this the church was greatly extended to the west, more than doubling its size and making it one of the largest parish churches in the area. It was now cruciform in plan, with the Livingston Aisle as the south transept. A tower had been placed at the west gable of the original church with a 'lofty arch' opening into this transept, and a similar arch into a smaller north transept. The tower thus had a broad base with large openings in each of its walls. The corner piers were not substantial enough to take a tall elaborate stone superstructure, instead it was topped with a slate clad timber structure.

To the west of the South Aisle, that is to say outside the church, was the burial plot of the Livingstons of Westquarter. Presumably other resident noble families had plots in the area, some of which would have lain west of the original church. These families would include the likes of the Livingstons of Bantaskine and the Callendars of Dorrator and Dalderse. A number of these would have been incorporated into the new church, increasing their status. Indeed, in 1624 we find William Callendar of Dorrator damaging the church floor whilst burying one of his children. Outside the church the favoured area for burials was, as usual, the south side and the main approach, which was from the east. There would have been very few grave markers and the kirkyard would have remained an open grassed area surrounded by trees.



Illus 5: Kier's drawing of the church published in 1828. The slate top of the tower had been replaced in 1738.

In 1576 an Act of the Assembly forbade the future use of the interior of churches for burials, though it was some time before this was fully enforced and as late as 1640 the Falkirk Kirk Session had to restate it. The act did not apply to those parts of the church not used for daily worship and so the south aisle of the Livingstons was exempt. Following the Reformation, in 1590, the interior of the church was re-arranged. The pulpit was placed on the south wall a little to the

west of the Livingston Aisle. The High Altar was dispensed with and an iron rail or screen divided the former chancel, now an eastern aisle, from the crossing under the tower. This new aisle was then used as the burial place of the important barons of West Kerse, the Hope family. Those no longer able to bury their relatives in the church started to demand monuments in the churchyard instead and this pressure increased with time. At first the kirk session was loath to grant permission, but the money paid for this right became a steady source of income.

In 1580 the churchyard was an unencumbered open area on the top of a hill and was used for meetings and markets. The slow accumulation of stone memorials altered its appearance and made it unsuitable for outdoor activities. The character of this public space was also being altered by its gradual enclosure. The initial drive for this may have come from the decision to increase the security of the town in the troubled



Illus 6: The arch of the Wester Entry from the High Street.

political climate then prevailing. Town gates were built at the principal roads into the settlement, at least one of which bore the date 1585. The West Port lay



with the Men of Bute Memorial at the back left.

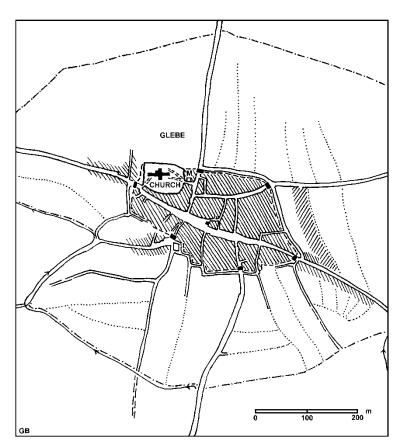
on the High Street a little to the west of the Wester Entry into the graveyard. The gates were linked by a tall wall or head-dyke – essentially the back boundary wall to those properties inside the It is unlikely that the burgh that adjoined it. church would have been excluded from this secure zone, but the only way to have included it would have been to erect a tall boundary wall along its west and north sides, taking full advantage of the lie of the land. In the 1620s the boundary wall enclosing the churchyard was completed, with the exception of a few entrances from neighbouring properties. Over the following decades these too were built up, restricting access to the Wester Entry off the High Street and the Easter Entry from Manse Place. The gateway arch from the High Street still bears the date 1659.

The adoption of the Presbyterian system meant further changes to the church. Between 1642 and 1645 two lofts were added. One of these was in the old north transept; the other appears to have been in a new structure immediately to its west. It had been the intention to install a gallery above the east aisle, but following objections from Thomas Hope this appears to have been scaled down. All three galleries were reached from external staircases tucked into the

angles between the north transept and the church. The north gable of this aisle was pierced by a doorway and access to it became part of a perimeter track leading to the lofts. The existence of this path presumably led to the uptake of lairs in this part of the kirkyard, and it is probable that this was aided by the use of the boundary wall as a retaining wall with earth being dumped inside it to level up the ground. Space was still limited by the slope to the north. The restricted space within the graveyard meant that lairs were at a premium and they soon started to exchange hands for money. In 1645 burial at the church was temporarily halted due to the appearance of the plague. A new burial ground was opened up on Graham's Muir for the duration of the disease.

For a second time the churchyard became the focus of national attention in 1746 following yet another battle. Once again the victors interred the high-ranking corpses of their opponents, though on this occasion they were fellow Scots. The

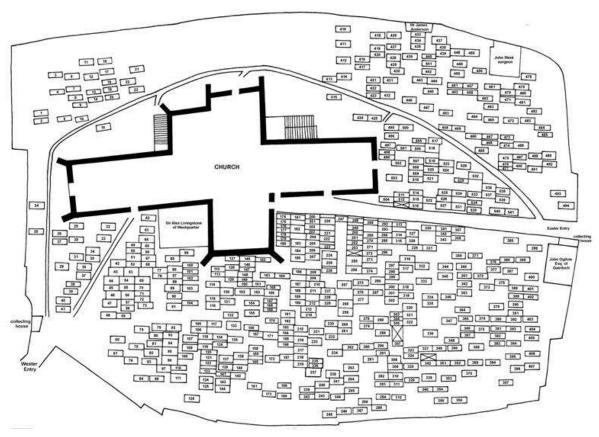
Earl of Cromarty and the Macdonalds saw that the bodies of Sir Robert Munro and his brother were taken down to the town. Colonel Captain-Whitney and Lieutenant William Edmonstone of Cambuswallace were well known to their enemies. On the Jacobite side two of the Stewarts were placed in the churchyard. The Derby Mercury of 31 January 1745 quoted a letter from Falkirk above saying "that Coffins, cover'd with Black Cloth, and attended many of the Rebel Officers, have been interr'd in Falkirk Church-Yard." They had some evidently found whisky and it said that it was its rosy influence upon the faces of a burying party in that inspired Hanoverian soldier to "a Scots that complain funeral was merrier than an broken line with dots. English wedding."



Illus 8: Conjectural Plan of Falkirk in 1720. The probable line of the town wall is shown as a broken line with solid rectangles at the principal entrances. The early 19th century burgh boundary is indicated as a broken line with dots.

Colonel Aenas MacDonald, known as "Young Glengarry" was accidentally shot on the High Street near the Wester Entry the day after the battle. He died three days later and, according to contemporary accounts, was buried in the greatest place of honour to be found – beside the grave of Sir John de Graham. The best

mortcloth was used. At the same time the church was in use as a prison, holding around 300 of the Hanoverian soldiers and militiamen. The graveyard would have made a convenient, and secure, exercise yard.



Illus 9: Plan of the Lairs in Falkirk Churchyard based on John Shaw's Plan of 1788. See the Appendix for the owners.

The 18<sup>th</sup> century saw a greater interest in partaking of the Sacrament throughout Scotland and these occasions, only held one or two times a year, became like festivals. Communicants from neighbouring parishes were invited and large throngs of people filled the church and churchyard. Often preaching tents were erected in the churchyard. Access to the services was strictly controlled and church officers manned the doors to the church. A collecting house had been placed at each of the two entrances to the churchyard to solicit donations from Sunday worshippers and these took large sums of money on the days that the Sacrament was dispensed.

Unlike many graveyards, the west and east boundary walls at Falkirk did not attract large or elaborate tombs (see the plan). This is difficult to explain, though part of the reason was the desire to be near the graves of de Graham and Stewart of Bunkle. By the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century the sale and distribution of lairs was highly regulated and it seems that plans were produced from time to time. The latest of these, drawn by John Shaw in 1788, survives and illustration 9 is based upon it. It will be seen that the lairs are aligned W/E,

though not quite parallel with the church. The paths, which are clearly early, are kept well clear, and there are gaps along the inside of the boundary walls.

In the 1820s there was much concern about the activities of the Resurrectionists or Body-Snatchers. Watches were placed in the churchyard and several graves were covered with heavy stones five or six feet in length and so heavy that they took at least four men to lift them. The memory of these clandestine activities lingered long and as late as 1851 the list of burial charges noted that "when a Safe is put in, the digging is charged a half more." It also noted that "spokes", for carrying the coffin, were loaned free to any part of the town of Falkirk, but cost 6d from Laurieston, Camelon, Grahamston and Bainsford, or 1s to Grangemouth. Mortcloths could still be rented from the church (Falkirk Herald 16 January 1851).

In 1810, after years of discussion, the church was demolished, except for the tower (with its relatively new top of 1738). A new church was built slightly to the north, with the tower protruding from the centre of its south facade as a porch. The Earl of Zetland built a family vault over the former east end of the church, perpetuating the burial use of this site by West Kerse. One objection to the new church had been that it meant disturbing graves and the map of 1788

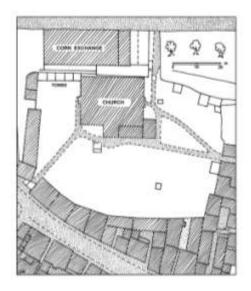


Illus 10: The Zetland Vault seen from across the Graveyard.

enabled them to be located. Such objections were trifling, church in general thought nothing of re-selling the lairs periodically and throughout time churches had been rebuilt within their graveyards. James Wilson, the minister, dismissed them out of hand, saying that the graves in question were those "belonging to persons of small consideration" and pointing out that at Stirling they had removed the ashes of kings in recent repairs (Murray 1888, 214).

Falkirk was not immune to the work of to the Resurrectionists. In the late 1820s Thomas Stevenson or Hodge was tried for raising the body of a young woman who had been interred in the parish of Larbert three weeks before. The friends of the deceased had no doubt as to the identity of the body, which was found in the prisoner's possession. As well as recognising her features they noted that she had a lameness of the left leg, which was shorter than the right. They were so positive of their evidence, that to the jury it outweighed the evidence of several medical men who deponed that, from the state in which the body was when discovered, it could not have been that of a person so long interred as the period libelled. The prisoner was convicted. That was not to be the end of the story, for he subsequently got off on a technicality. He was able to show that the body he was charged with raising had indeed been lifted by him, not, however, in Larbert, but from Falkirk churchyard, some time prior to the

libelled; while the body which he admitted he raised in Larbert had been sold by him to a medical gentleman in England. By coincidence both bodies appear to have shown a shortness of the left leg. On these facts being substantiated he was technically innocent of the crime as charged and so received a pardon and was set at liberty.



Illus 11: Plan of the Church and Churchyard area in 1860 (based on the Ordnance Survey).

The north wall of the new church doubled as a terrace wall, enabling the building to be constructed as a large auditorium. The ground level in the churchyard to the west was levelled up, so that today it is 3.0m above the natural gravel, as compared to 2.1m to the south of the church. Here the earth was retained by the very substantial foundation walls of a new set of walled tombs. This did not occur to the east of the church because a path was now led down the hill from this point to a new street connecting to the developing northern suburb of the town. Not long after this, in 1829, construction began on a corn exchange to the

north of the church and the street became known as Newmarket Street. The engineering works of the Exchange, and in 1879 its replacement, the Town Hall, required further terracing of the hill.

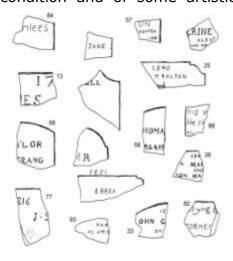
East of the path down to Newmarket Street the ground level remained unaltered, as is shown from the position of the tomb of Patrick Murehead of Rashiehill who died in 1723. The memorial was one of the most elaborate of its time and thankfully remains in good condition. A little west of this, in 1732, a monument was James Anderson, the parish erected to minister. He was joined in 1829 by Rev. Appropriately enough these James Wilson. tombs all backed onto the manse garden, the minister's barn and the glebe, but in 1894 the hill was further terraced for the construction of St Andrew's Free Church. Two years earlier a two-storey hall was attached to the south side of the tower of the parish church, on much the same footprint as the earlier Livingston Aisle. Once more the Livingston effigies were under cover. They were moved into the church corridors in 1972 when the lower floor of the hall was converted into a meeting room.



Illus 12: The Church and Churchyard before the addition of the Church Hall. The Livingston Effigies lay in a railed enclosure in front of the main door.

In 1850 it was noted that there had been 900 burials in the churchyard over the last three years and it was not uncommon to dig up only partially decayed bodies. Moves were made to open up a municipal cemetery elsewhere, but other needs such as sanitation were more pressing. By 1874 the cemetery at Camelon was operating and the old churchyard was officially closed. It was much neglected. "In summer it is overgrown with rank weeds and children may be seen playing havoc among the tombstones." Sewage drained in from the houses fronting the High Street to the south, and on the west from the buildings on Lint Riggs. In response to complaints the grass was cut and the ground level of the churchyard was brought up and the paths edged with turf. Ornamental plants were introduced.

The Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act 1925 transferred responsibility for the care and maintenance of the churchyard to Falkirk Town Council, but the land remained the property of the church. Minor alterations to the church in the twentieth century continued to affect the churchyard. In 1926, for example, a small boiler house was added on to its west side. 1993 saw a major change when a new church hall was built west of the church and the entrance drive was widened to allow for extra parking. However, the most radical change came about at the end of the 1950s. The drive entering the churchyard from Manse Place was resurfaced in 1954 and a small turning bat constructed beyond the pend. Shortly afterwards the Town Council set about widening the High Street and demolished a large building that backed onto the graveyard. The adjacent churchyard gateway was renovated in 1959. To one side of this a number of gravestones were removed to create a rose bed. In 1961/62 the Town Clerk decided that the time was ripe to remove all the remaining stones, with the exception of the monuments of John de Graeme, John Stewart of Bonkhill, the Men of Bute, Munro, Edmonstone, and the Rashiehill Tomb. The Parks Superintendent voiced his concern that such widescale clearance was unnecessary, as many of the memorials were in good condition and of some artistic merit in their own right. However, the Kirk



Illus 13: Sketch of some of the broken gravestones removed in 2000.

Session wanted to increase the size of their turning circle and, as there were no loud dissenting voices, it took place - centuries of urban history were brushed aside. Nor were the stones set around the fringes of the kirkyard, as often happened at this time. They were to be put into a rubbish coup, but this time the advice of the Parks Superintendent was heeded: "All stones removed should be destroyed as completely as possible. The most agreeable method of dealing with the resulting rubble should be to incorporate this in Town Council building bottomina projects as whenever this can be carried out discreetly." In fact they went to form the foundation for the road into the crematorium at Camelon.

There is no doubt that this work created a far pleasanter urban centre. The following year, in 1963, the Kirk Session complained that children were playing on the lawn of the churchyard, which they noted was no longer seen as sanctified. Windows were broken and the Session asked for the gates to be locked at night, but the genie was out of the bottle and this idea was rejected. Some of the broken gravestones were used to pave the steps leading from the church down to Newmarket Street, these were uneven and were in turn replaced in 2000. A suggestion that the stones be used for a retaining wall so that they could be seen was rejected by the minister and they were disposed of. A few of these were quickly recorded by the author and can be seen in the illustration.

# **Session & Presbytery Records**

Extracts from the Kirk Session and Linlithgow Presbytery records were published in 1887 by George Murray and those referring to the graveyard are given below.

- **1623**: Three inhabitants of the town presented a bill against the church officer, complaining that on a late occasion in connection with the funeral of "ane honest man and ane inhabitant of the toune, the said John Dun" had refused to make the grave until he had first been paid for doing it. They also complained that he was in the habit of exacting extravagant prices from poor folk. The Session ordered the said John Dun to go down on his knees and ask the forgiveness of the parties he had offended, which having been done they proceeded to fix the rates he was to charge thereafter, which were as follows: "For ilk burial with ane kist, vi/- 8d money; and for everie persone's burial without and kist, iiii/-, as ordinair prices in tyme cuming, and that he sall exact no farther heir-efter of anie personne of qtsumever rank or estait, except they give it of yr awn voluntary will and liberallitie, under paine of deprivation." John Dun was soon replaced by Robert Leischman. [p.40].
- **1624**, February: William Callendar of Dorrator buried one of his children in the church, supposedly damaging the church floor. [p.46].
- **1626**, 17 August: William Muirheid in Greinrig made application for "*liberie to place ane stane in the churchyaird upone his burial pt, qlk the Session altogedir refusit, all in ane voice.*" [p.46]
- **1629**, Dec: "Ordanes 5 libs 2s to be tane out of the box and gevin to George Richartsoune for biging of the church styll, qlk will mak him compleetlie payit qlk is due."
- "Ordanes twa dollars to be gevin to Rot Burns for biging the kirkyard dyke foranenet his awn boundis, p'vyding he big on the rest yr of qlk is unbgit." [p.73].
- **1640**, January: "compeired Richard Burns of Clerkstoune, who, being accused of breaking the Kirk flor for the buriel of his father against the ordinance of the General Assembly, confessed the same, referred himself unto the wil of the

Session." [In 1576 an Act of the Assembly had forbidden burial in the body of kirks.] This had not been an isolated case and evidently the Act had not been consistently enforced previously. At a subsequent meeting it was "ordained that whosoever has broken the Kirk floore for burying of their dead in tymes bypast shal pay 5 libs." At the same time it was resolved "that non brak the Kirk ground at all in tyme cuming." [p.116].

It was about this time also that the Session granted liberty to parishioners, on making payment for the privilege, to erect gravestones in the churchyard. Among the first to whom liberty was granted was Thomas Booge, who is stated to have "supplicat the Session for to get leave to lay on a through stone upon his grave, the qlk desire the Session granted upon payment of 3 libs to the box." [p.117].

- **1642**: Dispute over the right to burial in the East Aisle of the church. Sir Thomas Hope of Kerse claimed that it had "been the burial place of Kerse House above these three score years." The Earl of Callendar claimed that right. [p.122].
- **1646**, April: The kirk session refused Lady Kerse the right to bury her child in the East Aisle. However, after legal advice and consulting the Earl of Callendar they were forced to agree that the aisle was not part of the kirk because it was separated off by an iron railing and was not used for any other purpose. [p.133]
- **1647**: The victims of the 1646 plague were buried on Grahams Muir. In September 1647 the Session "ordained four elders to sicht the dyke built about the deid in Graham's Muir." At a subsequent meeting it was reported that the dyke "was sufficiently wrocht," and it was therefore "ordained to give Jon Tennent 12s." [p.153].
- **1653**: Complaints regarding the abuse of the churchyard, which some people were using as a public playground. The Session "discharged all playing in it", but this did not stop the abuse. Three years later a parishioner applied to the Session to be allowed to enclose his burial place with a railing in order that it might be the better protected. The Session acknowledged that abuse existed, but were loath to give permission. [p.197].
- **1655**: "Ordeans men of skill to sight the trees that war cut in the kirkyaird, and to value the same." [p.187]
- **1688**: The regulation concerning gravestones in the churchyard was amended and an additional charge was imposed for the privilege of erection, with the size of the stone limited. The new rule reads: "Libertie is granted for laying on of through-stones alredie lying within the kirk-yaird, and it is condescendit upon be the Session yt whosoever shall heirafter lay in any throughstones shall pay ten pound for each one of them, and if they be above two foots and ane half of breadth to pay fourtie shilling for ilk half foot they are mor of breadth."

Another regulation regarding funerals was to the effect that "all burials that is to be buried upon the Sabboth day, that they cume to be interred before the 3d bell, and that under the paine of ten pound Scots." [p.219].

1703: New forms required for the church school and orders were given either for the cutting down of a tree in the churchyard or the purchase of dales to provide wood for repairing them. [p.87].

1710: In section was ordered to be made of "James Buchanan's work about the reparations of kirk, kirkyeard, and manse dykes." The churchyard walls were evidently much in need of repair, and a few years previously, in 1705, it was reported that "Thomas Turnbull in Falkirk lets swine and ovr beasts into the churhyeard." He had a "private entry from his close" through which he allowed his livestock to pass. With the consent of the Earl of Linlithgow the entry was built up. [p.85].

**1710**: Around this time it became common practice to transfer the ownership of both lairs and/or tombstones by sale. Thus, for example, Alexander Livingstone, wright in Linlithgow, sold the "burial place and throughstone" in the churchyard containing his great grandfather Robert Renny, merchant in Falkirk, to Alexander Sword, merchant in Falkirk. Likewise John Watt, merchant in Redding, sold his lair and tombstone to William Hamilton. William Walker, skinner in Edinburgh, had fallen heir to the plot of his grandfather, George Miller. Walker sold the two tombstones and a lair to Alexander Johnstone, white-iron smith in Falkirk, and the latter in turn sold one of the tombstones to Alexander Lorne of Saltcoats. Margaret Callander was the wife of Robert Young, who conducted a school at Carmuirs. In due time her husband died and was placed in the family tomb. Margaret, after mourning his loss for a reasonable time, found another husband in John Whyte, cordiner in Quarrell. She then sold the lair in which her first husband's remains reposed, along with the tombstone that commemorated him, to John Hardie, merchant in Falkirk. [p.89].

# Some Interesting Stones

Despite the activities of Falkirk Council it is still possible to provide brief descriptions of some of the more significant funerary monuments. The monuments to Sir John de Graham and John Stewart of Bunkle are described in John McLuckie's article on "The Tombs of the Warriors" reprinted in volume 12 of Calatria, and so are omitted in what follows, as are the Livingston effigies (see Hunter 1936). These are arranged in order of age.

The oldest stone is a crosshead of sandstone with expanding arms and both faces carved with a conventional design in low relief. It has evidently broken off a shaft and the remaining fragment measures 0.36m by 0.25 by 0.13m. The style of the work suggests a late Illus 14: The cross-head of c1200.



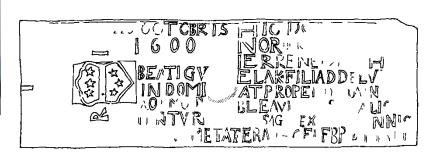
 $12^{\text{th}}$  or early  $13^{\text{th}}$  century date. It seems most likely that this was the headstone of an early ecclesiastical person, rather than a boundary or sanctuary stone as has been suggested.

Stone <u>number 376</u> in the inventory below has moved several times. It was recorded by the Royal Commission in the floor of the porch, but now stands in one of the corridors of the church. It is 1.83m long by 0.66m wide and bears in relief a shield parted per pale and charged: dexter, dimidiated,  $1^{st}$  and  $4^{th}$  for Livingstone,  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  for Callendar, the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  quarters being elided by the dimidiation; sinister, a fess or chief charged with three stars accompanied by a rose or gilly-flower in base, a three-pointed label in chief. The sinister charges are probably for Douglas; the label indicates that the spouse was the daughter of a then heir-apparent (RCAHMS 1963, 151). Above the shield is a representation of an earl's coronet, probably of a Scottish type. The inscription reads: ALEX----/ ADOLESCENTIAM IN BEL-/ PROVECTAM AE/ TATEM IN AVLA/ REGVM GALLIE/ INTER PRA- IC/ -OS -17 A SC/ ---- ANNI-/ ---T TPO---. This has kindly been translated by Alan Ronald as: "Alexander - - his youth in war and his maturity in the court of the kings of France, among - - 17 - - -years - - -." It refers to someone who was present at the French Court during their later life. Hunter suggests that it commemorates Alexander the 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Livingstone who accompanied Queen Mary to France in 1548 and died there a year or two The coat-of-arms would therefore represent those of Livingstone of Callendar impaled with those of one of his three wives. He married Janet Stewart, Agnes Douglas and Jeanne de Pedefer (a French maid-of-honour) in that order.

Illus 15: The tombstone of Alexander Livingston who died in France.

Number 377 lay next to 376 and likewise has been moved into the church. It measured 1.83m by 0.59m and had a crown in relief charged: a fess between six mullets. This lay between the initials RI. The arms are not known, but the Royal Commission suggested they may be those of Innes of Blairton. It is dated October 1600.





<u>Number 37</u>, the Murehead Monument of 1723, is a large wall-monument set with its back now towards St Andrew's Church. At its base an arched recess contains two effigies. These are dressed in cloaks or mantles with their hands joined as if in prayer. Their heads rest on pillows and the style of carving is a throw-back to

earlier periods. Above this is an oval panel with a crisply carved inscription, surrounded by foliage. It is set between spiral columns, beyond which, in low relief are arabesques similar to those found at Bo'ness. Above the inscribed panel is an architrave decorated in high relief with cherubs and emblems of mortality. The whole is topped by a moulded segmental pediment and an acorn finial.



Illus 17: The Murehead Monument.

Number 264 is the grand tomb (see illus 23) of Sir Robert Monro and his brother Duncan who were killed at the Battle of Falkirk in 1746. It was erected a few years after the battle, when things had quietened down. By 1848 it was in need of restoration, which was paid for by Robert's great-granddaughter. It was again cleaned in 1971/72 and the shrubbery was cut back and iron railings removed. This time the funds came from his clansmen, Falkirk Council and the Black Watch. The Latin inscription on the west face reads:

"Conditur heic quod poterat mori/ ROBERTI MUNRO de Foulis Eq. Bar./ Gentis Suae Principis, Militum Tribuni,/ Vita in Castris Curiaque Britannica/ Honeste producta,/ Pro Libertate Religioneque patria/ In Acie honestifsime defuncti,/ Prope FALKIRK Janr. XVII. MDCCXLVI, AEt. LXII/ Virtutis Consilijque fama,/ In montanorum cohortis profectura,/ Quamdiu praelium Fontenaeum memorabitur/ Perduraturi,/ Ob amicitiam et fidem amicis,/ Humanitatem clementiamq: adversariis,/ Benevolentiam, bonitatemq: omnibus/ Trucidantibus etiam,/ In perpetuum desiderandi -/

DUNCANUS MUNRO de Obsdale, M.D. AEt. 59/ Frater-fratrem linquere fugiens,/ Saucium curans ictus inermis,/ Commoriens cohnestat Urnam."

This is translated as on the east side as:

"HERE LYES INTERRED/ The body of Sir ROBERT MUNRO of Foulis, Knt & Bart,/ Head of his Clan, Colonel of a Regiment of foot,/ The life he had spent in the Parliament and Camp/ with Honour,/ He lost in the cause of Liberty and Religion,/ Near FALKIRK../ On the XVII of Janr MDCCXLVI aged LXII years./ As long as History Narrates the Battle of Fontenoy/ His Courage and Conduct that day/ In the Command of the HIGHLAND Regiment/ Will Be remembered./ Sincere and active in the service of his FRIENDS/ Humane and forgiving to his Enemies/ Generous and benevolent to all,/ His death was Universally regreted/ Even by those who slew him-/ With Sir ROBERT MUNRO was killed his brother/

Doctor Duncan Munro of Obsdale aged LIX years/ Who unarmed would not forsake/ His wounded Brother."

The south side bears an elaborate coat-of-arms and the words "DREAD GOD/ Job XIX and at End/ Though after my skin / worms destroy this/ body yet in my flesh/ Shall I see god"



Illus 18: The Adam and Eve Temptation stone, No. 54.

A Temptation stone shows Eve receiving an apple from the serpent in the tree, and apparently handing another across its stem to Adam. They both wear girdles of fig leaves. The roots of the tree spring from a thigh bone. The inscription on the reverse records the death in 1750 of Christian Lauder, who died in Callendar House, spouse to Thomas Leishman, gardener there. His tools are depicted beside the tree. A skull and a winged cherub head are perched on the top corners (Christison 1902, 342).

There are two further Adam and Eve stones at Polmont, one dating to 1754 and the other ostensibly to 1796, but presumably this date is a later addition. All three of this group bear the inscription "Solomon in all his Glory was not arrayed like one of these". Their similarities suggest that they were carved by the same mason.

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#### INVENTORY OF KNOWN GRAVE MARKERS

This list is taken from a survey carried out for Falkirk Town Council prior to the final phase of clearance in 1961, with additions from published observations, photographs and site recording by the author.

#### A. North side nearest Newmarket Street

# ROW 1 (being the east most row nearest to Manse Place - reading from S to N).

- 1. The place of interment of Alexander Walker, Farmer, and Mary Wilson his wife -----
- 2. The burying place of Robert Melville and Elizabeth Callander.
- 3. 1828. John Anderson and Janet Black.

# ROW 2 (Parallel to and immediately to the west of Row 1 - reading S to N).

- 4. Erected by Agnes Allan in memory of her husband William Young died 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1855 aged 59 years. Their children, Margaret died 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1860. [Rest illegible].
- 5. 1796. John Harvey and Jane Shaw his spouse who died 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1796. This stone holds two burying places. John Harvey died 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1838 aged 71 years. Helen Harvey their daughter died in October, 1817 aged 3 years. James Harvey his son died 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1862 aged 72 years. Margaret Arnot his spouse died 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1860 aged 51 years.
- 6. Erected to the memory of John Malcolm who died at Langton, on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1861 aged 52 years. His father and mother are also interred here, also some of his children who died in infancy. Jean Taylor wife of the above John Malcolm, died at Falkirk, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1914, aged 96 years. John Malcolm their son died at Demerara, West Indies, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1881 aged 28 years.
- 7. 1854. John Jamieson and Marion Malcolm, interred here five of their children who died in infancy.
- 8. 1850. Renewed by Peter Ranken and Agnes Strathern in memory of John Strathern and Janet Russell.
- 9. In memory of Alexander Morton born 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1787 died 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1856. Jean Nicol his wife born 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1789 died 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1873.
- 10. 1810. Erected to the memory of Alexander Easton who died 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1839. Matthew Middlehurst died 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1864.

# ROW 3 (Parallel to and immediately to the west of Row 2 - reading N to S).

- 11. Erected by Alexander Young in memory of his grandfather, his father and mother who are interred here. Anno Domino, 1850. Alexander Young died 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1851 aged 44 years.
- 12. 1825. Hugh Mitchell Margaret Baird. [two tombstones]
- 13. 1775. James Bread Kathleen Miller. Alexander Braid who died 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1859, also Mary Dobbie his wife who died 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1871.
- 14. In memory of Alexander Easton who died 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1839. Middlehurst who died 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1864. Eliza Johnston wife of Matthew Middlehurst who died 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1878. [granite]
- 15. 1786. William Mitchell and Elizabeth Clark. Here lyes the grief of a fond mother, the blafted expectation of an indulgent father the remains of Alexander Mitchell who died 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1897.
- 16. 1831. J.S. H.H.
- 17. 1777. John Stark and Helen Clark.
- 18. Thomas Malcolm and Alison Henderson, Lillias their daughter died 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1849 aged 2 years and 2 month.
- 19. 1827. John Brown and Jean Mirk. Holds 3 lairs.
- 20. 1826. William Johnston and Elizabeth Whyte.
- 21. Sacred to the memory of James Henderson of Rosebank who died 17<sup>th</sup> January, 1848 aged 67 years. / And/ Peter Henderson, Merchant, St. John's, Newfoundland./ His eldest son/ who died at Rosebank, April, 1829/ aged 31 years./ Also interred here/ Katherine Wyse/ spouse of James Henderson of Rosebank/ who died 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1831 aged 58 years./ William Henderson M.D. [rest of stone illegible - of Bury, Lancashire, died Madeira 23<sup>rd</sup> October Falkirk Steeple in the 1950s. 1834 aged 34] [white marble]. [27]



Illus 19: View of the church and churchyard from

# ROW 4 (Parallel to and immediately to the west of Row 3 – reading from N to S).

- 22. 1707. T.N. M.B.
- 23. 1867. A. Mitchell, C. Black, in memory of D.B. Mitchell.
- 24. Robert Hardie [rest of stone illegible].
- 25. 1840. William Ralton and Jean Leckie.

- 26. 1843. John Marshall and Marion Marshall. Also in memory of their brother/ Alexander Marshall,/ Surgeon, Campbeltown, Argyllshire/ who died 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1823/ in the prime of life.
- 27. 1858. Alexander Stewart and Grissel Broom.
- 28. 1851. Alexander Darsley and Janet Aitken.
- 29. 1852. George Walker and Jane Easton.
- 30. 1861. Francis Young and Jane Tait.

# ROW 5 (Parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 4 - reading from S to N).

31. M/ R C/ AH/ The property of Richard Callander, Esq., of Fankerton. The memorial had two slabs. The upper one bore a shield in relief, charged: A bend between three billets in sinister chief and a boar's head erased in dexter base. The shield divides the initials of Minister Robert Callander and those of his wife, Alison the daughter of William Hog of Bogend. The lower panel probably once bore the Latin verses recorded below, but replaced in the late nineteenth century by the descendant from Fankerton. On the wide margins were cherubs and emblems of mortality (RCAHMS, 1963, 153).

In 1707 Robert Sibbald only picked out two of the stones at Falkirk for mention. One is, of course, that of John de Graham, the other is that of Richard Callendar, minister of the parish, who died 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1686 (Sibbald 1707, 52). It is also recorded by Rogers (1872, 28). Both authors give the following inscription, which was already lost by the time that the 1962 clearance took place:

Tumulus Magistri Richardi Calender qui obit 29 January 1686.

Stirpe sacerdotum prognatus utrinque, sacerdos/ Hic jacet innocuus, vir sine fraude sagax:/ Quotque dies mensis bissextus continet, annos/ Tot fuit huic divi credita cura gregis:/ Sex alibi, hic annos bis denos tresque peregit,/ Dum casto usque suas corde fovebat oves./ Solis rite cyclo, quoad aevum, bis repetito,/ Nunquam, sat flendus, seu reverendus, obit."

This was translated by Monteith (1713, 235) as follows:

"Sprung from a line of priests on either side, here lyes a priest whom candour still did guide, full nine and twenty years he did endure the toils and pains of ministerial cure, six years elsewhere then three and twenty spent, upon duty he was ever bent... his age near sixty years his merits great seemed to deserve of time a longer date."

- 32. 1774. Thomas Crawford and Magdalene Lean.
- 33. 1811. John Crawford and Elizabeth Kincaid. John Stainton and Margaret Crawford.
- 34. 1847. Erected by John Gillies and Helen Nimmo [rest illegible].

- 35. 1805. Sacred to the memory of John Mudie and Sophia Murray who departed this life, he the 24<sup>th</sup> April and she the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 1805, the former aged 60 and the latter 62 years.
- 36. Erected by Charles Clechartey and Isabella Weir his spouse in memory of their children Isabella who died November, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1863 aged 10 months and Agnes who died December, 22<sup>nd</sup> aged 7 years.
- 37. HERE LYES/ PATRICK MURHEAD/ OF RASHY-HILL AND/ MARGARET BUCHANAN HIS/ SPOUSE HE DIED, THE 12 OF/ MARCH IN THE 71 YEAR OF HIS/ AGE, AND SHE THE 9 OF APRIL/ IN THE 59 YEAR OF HER AGE/ BOTH IN ANNO 1723/ THEY WERE REMARKABLE FOR PIETY/ AND LIBERAL IN CHARITY; BY THEIR/ INDUSTRY THEY AQUIRED A PLEN-/TIFUL ESTATE, WHICH THEY LEFT/ TO THEIR GRANDSON GEORGE/ PRESTON YOUNGER OF VALLEY/ FIELD ESQUIRE WHO IN RE-/TURN OF DUTY ORDERED/ THIS TOMB TO BE ERECTED/ TO THE HONOUR OF/ THEIR MEMORY. (RCAHMS 1963, 153.) [26]

# ROW 6 (Parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 5 - reading from N to S).

- 38. 1860. John Meikle and Jane Anderson in memory of their infant son who died 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1860.
- 39. Erected by Mary Main in memory of her husband William Orr who died  $8^{th}$  February, 1864. The above Mary Main died  $29^{th}$  April, 1879.
- 40. Thomas Mudie and Margaret Scott, 1864.
- 41. 1800. The burying place of M. Middlehurst and Helen Easton.
- 42. William Callander and Margaret Johnston. Alexander their son died 13<sup>th</sup> January 1860.
- 43. Erected by Agnes Montgomery in memory of her husband Thomas Brookman who died 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1834 aged 57 years.

# ROW 7 (Parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 6 - reading from S to N).

- 44. Erected by Andrew R. Weston, in memory of his daughter Margaret Robertson Weston who died 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1862 aged 14 years.
- 45. Erected by James Heugh in memory of Archibald Heugh (rest illegible).
- 46. 1856. Matthew Gentles (rest illegible)
- 47. 1819. Peter Campbell.
- 48. Erected by Antonia Craig in memory of her husband James Hunter who died 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 1865 aged 44 years also their son Alexander who died 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1858 aged 3 years. Antonia Craig, widow of James Hunter died 11<sup>th</sup> April 1905 aged 84 years.

# ROW 8 (Parallel to and immediately to the west of Row 7 – reading from N to S).

49. 1826. Robert Towers and Janet Newlands.

- 50. 1851. John Graham and Margaret Muirhead.
- 51. 1836. William Nicol and Agnes Hannah.
- 52. John Johnstone and Helen Watson.
- 53. Erected by Barbara Lyon in memory of her beloved husband Thomas McKinzie who died 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1865 also in memory of their daughter Mary who died 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1801 aged 2 years and 7 months.

# ROW 9 (parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 8 - reading from S to N).

- 54. 1750. Here lyes in hope of a joyful resurrection Christian Lauder, spouse of Thomas Leishman Gardner who died in Callendar House the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1749 aged 35 years.
- 55. John Muirhead.
- 56. Erected by James Powells in memory of Agnes G. Sutherland his wife who died 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1854.
- 57. Charles Jamieson and Jean Thomson in memory of their daughter Agnes who died 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1853 aged 1 year.
- 58. 1819. Thomas Taylor and Margaret Strang James Baxter and Mary Robert.

# ROW 10 (parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 9 - reading from N to S).

- 59. Sacred to the memory of John Rankine late merchant in Falkirk who died 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1807 aged 47 years and Janet Thomson his spouse who died 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1814 aged 51 years. Also in memory of John their son and his spouse and two of their children. John Rankine, Engineer, died 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1870 aged 52 years. James A, Rankine son of the above died July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1871 aged 30 years. Mary Andrews wife of the above John Rankine died 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1882 aged 72 years. Ruth I XVII.
- 60. In memory of William Black who died in the year 1848 aged 78 years also his wife Helen Leishman who died in the year 1854 aged 85 years. Renewed by his grandson William Balloch, 1898.

# ROW 11 (parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 10 - reading from S to N).

- 62. George Copland and Elizabeth Barber./ John Barber died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 1832 aged 35 years.
- 63. 1856. James Horn and Margaret McQueen and Jane Galloway.
- 64. 1822. Peter Nicol and Margaret Hodge.

- 65. W.M. M.B.
- 66. Interred here the remains of William Weston and Margaret Robertson his relict, also two of their grandchildren, William Weston and Andrew Robertson Weston who died in infancy.
- 67. Beneath this stone are interred the remains of the Rev. Henry Erskine who was Minister of the Gospel in the <u>Associated Congregation</u> of Falkirk for the space of 10 years. He died July, 29<sup>th</sup>, 1751, aged 33 years. A lover of hospitality of good men, sober, just, Holy Temperate./ In this place also the bodies of 2 of his children were buried, Margaret and Isobel Erskine. / This stone was erected by his relict and was renewed in the year 1801 by some members of the Congregation, in testimony of their veneration for Mr. Erskine's memory./ This stone was again renewed in 1864 by the members of the Congregation of which he was first minister, now called the <u>Erskine Church</u>.

#### ROW 12 (parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 11 - reading from N to S).

- 68. 1819. Robert Wardrop and Elizabeth McCulloch.
- 69. Sacred to the memory of Robert Adam of Springbank who died 28<sup>th</sup> June, 1867, also his son Henry Adam who died at Granada, West Indies, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1861.
- 70. Helen Black.
- 71. 1851. John Hill and Agnes Hay. Agnes their daughter died December, 6<sup>th</sup> 1847.
- 72. Erected to the memory of Jane Potter who died 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1839 aged 64 years and Janet Wilson his spouse who died 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1831 aged 50 years.

# ROW 13 (parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 12 - reading from S to N).

- 73. In memory of Catherine Easton the affectionate wife of John Gibb, Civil Engineer, Aberdeen who died at Grahamston, Falkirk on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1845 aged 63 years.
- 74. George Galbraith and Jean Smart. Holds 2 lairs.
- 75. 1854. John McGilchrist and Ann Robertson.
- 76. H.F. H.C. A.F. M.M. E.M. 1860 William Anderson.
- 77. 1816. R.F. J.S.

# ROW 14 (parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 13 - reading from N to S)

- 78. Erected by James Heaby [rest illegible].
- 79. 1838. Andrew Riddell and Grace Fyfe.
- 80. 1827. Robert Ferguson and Christian Donaldson.
- 81. John Andrew [rest illegible].

#### ROW 15 (parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 14 - reading from S to N).

82. The burying place of M. Stormenth and Mabel McLesh, he died  $11^{\text{th}}$  March, 1795 aged 31 years.

# ROW 16 (parallel to and immediately to the W of Row 15 - reading from S to N)

- 83. 1868. Erected by William Geddes and Jessie Boyd in memory of their children.
- 84. Robert Boyd and Agnes Greenlees.
- 85. 1856/ John Hamilton/ and/ Catherine Henderson.
- 86. The designed Burying place of Alexander Suanso and Elizabeth Brice.
- 87. A.J. A.G.
- 88. 1782/ Wm. NICOL HELEN RONALD/ James Boyd and Mary Nicol/ his wife departed this life/ he the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1821 and She the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1828. [rest illegible].

# ROW against church wall facing S Section.

89. ROBERT WALKER/ OF MUMRILLS,/ DIED 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTR 1825/ JAMES HIS SON/ DIED 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1823./ CHRISTINA TYTLER BORTHWICK/ RELICT OF/ ROBERT WALKER ESQUIRE/ DIED/ 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1848./ "Blessed are the dead/ who died in the Lord." [20]

#### Stone up against the wall in N Section.

- 90. ---- --- Also in tender remembrance of their children, William, Archibald, Thomas, and James all of whom died when just rising to manhood, excepting Archibald, who was carried off in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Here also are deposited the ashes of the Doctor's mother xxxxxxxxxxx
- B. Centre part of Graveyard (Section between two paths where paths divide from main path from Manse Place).

#### ROW 1 (being east-most row, nearest to Manse Place - reading from S to N).

- 91. 1860. Erected by David Watson and Mary Cherry, his spouse, Grahamston, in memory of their children. David died 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1848 aged 5 weeks. Margaret died 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1851 aged 6 years. David died 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1860, aged 9 years. Elizabeth died 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1863 aged 1 year.
- 92. Erected by Elizabeth Hudson in memory of her husband James Walker who died 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1860 aged 52 years.

# ROW 2 (being immediately to the W of Row 1 - reading from N to S).

- 93. To the memory of John Ronaldson who died 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1855 in his 91<sup>st</sup> year. /Marion Borthwick his wife died 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1832./ In memory of Robert Maxwell died 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1821./ Marion Ronaldson his wife died 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1823./ Marion their daughter died 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1818.
- 94. 1847. Erected by John Burns, Writer in Falkirk over the remains of Agnes Auld his spouse who died 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1847, here also are interred the remains of the said John Burns who died 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1862 aged 87 years.

# ROW 3 (being immediately to the W of Row 2 - reading from S to N).

- 95. In memory of Grace Mary Burns the beloved wife of Joseph Richard Kenny who died 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1860 aged 23 years also interred here William H. Kenny their son who died at Bundoran on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1863 aged 4 years./ The sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light and thy God thy glory. IS LX 19./ Erected by her husband Joseph Richard Kenny.
- 96. Grace Ferrier Burns died 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1855./ Georgina Burns died 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1862 aged 17 years.

# ROW 4 (being immediately to the W of Row 3 - reading from N to S).

- 97. James Watson and Catherine Wilkinson.
- 98. A.G. C.G.
- 99. 1857. John Simpson, to the memory of his wife Marion Johnston who died  $23^{rd}$  September, 1857 aged 63 years. Alexander Simpson who died  $18^{th}$  May, 1866 aged 29 years. Mary Newton beloved wife of the above Alexander Simpson who died  $1^{st}$  January, 1908 aged 76 years.
- 100. 1846. John Simpson and Marion Johnston.
- 101. Erected by Joseph Rennie in memory of Margaret Boyle his wife who died 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1858 also three of their children who died in infancy.
- 102. 1834. James Callander and Isabella Liddell./ Margaret Miller, 1867.

# ROW 6 (being immediately to the W of Row 5 – reading from N to S).

- 103. 1801. John Williamson, Janet Morrison, Camelon.
- 104. 1759. H.P. I.C. I.R. R.G.
- 105. 1825. James Leishman, Maxwell Leishman.
- 106. Erected by Peter Buchanan in memory of his beloved wife Jean Gray who departed this life 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1856 aged 51 years./ The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### ROW 7 (being immediately to the W of Row 6 - reading from S to N).

- 107. John Watson and Janet Russell.
- 108. Erected in memory of James Liddell who died 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1837 aged 34 years.
- 109. 1774. William Hodge and Mary Russell.
- 110. Here lyes the Body of James Kincaid who died 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1775 aged 72 years also Janet Simpson his spouse who died 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1774 aged 67 years./ 1858. Janet Kincaid.
- 111. William Johnston, Janet Lorn, Renewed 1801. Alexander Johnston, Menney Caddell, 1819.

# ROW 8 (being immediately to the west of Row 7 – reading from N to S).

- 112. Alexander Brown and Elizabeth Coutts, 1854.
- 113. 1833. James Mills and Agnes Shaw./ William Mills died  $1^{\rm st}$  June , 1867./ Margaret Hamilton his wife died  $30^{\rm th}$  October, 1902.
- 114. Alexander Kincaid Agnes Bell.
- 115. Thomas Kincaid and Sarah Staunton.
- 116. 1852. Robert Adam and Isabella Gillies.

# ROW 9 (being immediately to the west of Row 8 - reading from S to N).

- 117. Here lies Scotland's Hero, Sir John Stewart who was killed at the Battle of Falkirk, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1298.
- 118. Erected in memory of William Watt and Jane Taylor and their two children, by their daughter Margaret Watt.
- 119. Sacred to the memory of Peter Bell, Esquire, who died 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1828 aged 58 years, and of his daughter Barbara who died 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1829 aged 18 years also Agnes Kidston his spouse who died 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1839 aged 62 years.
- 120. 1831. William Balloch and Elizabeth Black.
- 121. John Nisbet and Marine Salmond.
- 122. John Masterton and Janet Marshall.
- 123. 1865. Erected by Thomas Duncan and Mary Hendry in memory of their son Thomas who died 12<sup>th</sup> December, aged 2 years and 6 months.
- 124. 1831. George Ritchie and Jane Nimmo.

#### C. South side, nearest High Street.

ROW 1 (being westmost row on the southern section of tombstones standing at 7/11/62 and commencing under middle window on the southmost gable of the extension containing stairs to upper hall. Reading from N to S.)

Illus 20: The Church and Churchyard with the main path from Manse Place on the right.

- 125. Erected by Jean Graham in memory of John Millar, her husband, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1865.
- 126. Thomas Jones and Elizabeth Stiven, 1825.
- 127. Erected by William
  Mitchell and Jean
  Prattis William
  Mitchell Laurieston



Mitchell, Laurieston, died 25<sup>th</sup> December, 1859 aged 61 years. [rest illegible].

- 128. David Adam Elizabeth Frew, 1805 in memory of Peter Bacon and Agnes Adam and their two sons both named Peter, also their grand-children Agnes Christina and Peter Bacon, William B. Stirling.
- 129. Sacred: To the memory of Mr. James Burns, Schoolmaster of Falkirk who departed this life on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1855: Christian Brackenridge his wife died 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1876.
- 130. Erected by Louisa M. Borland in memory of her mother Isabella Mill who died December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1816 aged 50 years.
- 131. Erected by Thomas Trueman to the memory of Janet Roxburgh my wife who died  $20^{\text{th}}$  May, 1861 aged 62 years, and Thomas Trueman who died on the  $17^{\text{th}}$  March, 1870 in his  $82^{\text{nd}}$  year.
- 132. Thomas Wilson and Margaret Archibald, 1824.
- 133. Erected by William Dawson in memory of Ann Dougall his wife who died 9<sup>th</sup> January 1862 aged 54 years.
- 134. D.M. M.L. 1790. Andrew Morrison, Agnes Millar, David Morrison.
- 135. D.M. M.L. Alex Morrison, Jean Sinclair, 1790.
- 136. James Nimmo, Mary Russell. Here are buried the above named James Nimmo and Mary Russell who died the former in



Illus 21: The Zetland Vault from the south-

- May, 1824 aged 78 years and the latter in August 1836 aged 89 also the following members of their family: Mary died April 1858 aged 82, Ann died June 1859 aged 69 years, James died January 1867 aged 83 years.
- 137. Joseph Graham and Elizabeth Muirhead.
- 138. James Graham and Margaret Leishman.

# ROW 2 (being immediately to the E of Row 1. Reading from S to N.)

- 139. Interred here, William Honeyman who died 26<sup>th</sup> January 1800 and his son William aged 8 months also John Andrew, Merchant, Grangemouth.
- 140. James Watson and Maryane Teesdale, 1856.
- 141. The defined burying place of John Heugh and Helen Stark of Gartcows who were interred here XXIV July MDCCCXXLI and XXII August MDCCCXXIV also their eldest son John Heugh of Gartcows XXV March MDCCCXXV.
- 142. George Smith and Mary Rankine Taylor, 1861.
- 143. James Allan and Margaret Young.
- 144. John Warden, Merchant in Falkirk died 15<sup>th</sup> July 1782 in the 61<sup>st</sup> year of his age.
- 145. Erected in memory of Peter Bell who died 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1838 aged 29 years and of his brother James who died 18<sup>th</sup> February 1831 aged 24 years. Also of their brothers Alexander Bell, Esq., of North Newton who died 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1842 aged 37 years.
- 146. 1786. Alexander Kidston and Barbara Ewing. Alexander Kidston, Son died 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1850 aged 87 Years.
- 147. I.R. M.N.

#### ROW 3 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 2 – reading from N to S.)

- 148. Sacred in memory of the Rev. James Brownlee who for 22 years was Pastor of the Second United Associate Congregation of Falkirk. Blessed with the Superior, Natural Talents which he assiduously cultivated. He excelled as a scholar, a man of Science and a Divine distinguished by a rare combination of excellencies and a faithful discharge of his various duties he was greatly beloved as a husband, a Pastor and a member of Civil Society. Obit May 1821./ Also in memory of Rev. William Steel who died 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1859.
- 149. David Marshall and Agnes Morrison.
- 150. David Gibson and Mary Nimmo. Their son James died July, 1866 aged 24 years. Also William who died in Childhood.
- 151. Here are interred the remains of John Cook, Merchant in Falkirk who died 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1835 and Mary Gaff his spouse who died 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1811 aged 87 years. Also John Cook their eldest son who died 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1818 and Elizabeth Cook their youngest Daughter who died 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1851.
- 152. James Aitken and Herriot Ritchie, 1843.
- 153. 1834. Michael Callander and Euphemia Halley. Interred here their son William who died August 1833 aged 4 years and 5 months.
- 154. John Murray and Janet McNair.
- 155 & 156. 1777. The burying place of Peter Burn. [Two tombstones]

- 157. E Millar and H Duncan.
- 158. T.H. 1736 M.R. August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1782 died in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of his age Thomas Gray, Husband of Marion Rew.
- 159. Alexander Gray, Saddler in Falkirk. Agnes Law, his spouse.
- 160. 1820 William Coubrauch, Surgeon and Margret Aitken.
- 161. 1783. The burying place of James Bryce and Mary Nimmo.
- 162. 1848. Robert Simpson and Helen Murdoch. Janet their daughter died 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1847. Andrew their son died 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1848.
- 163. Here are interred the remains of Adam Watt who died 12<sup>th</sup> January 1849, also Margaret Rennie his wife who died 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1845 and six of their family.
- 164. Archibald McLean and Janet Godfrey. William Ray and Elizabeth McLean.

# ROW 4 (parallel to and immediately to the east of Row 3 - reading from S to N.)

- 165. 1861. Alexander Sharp and Agnes Ingles and Margaret Graham.
- 166. James and Mary Anderson.
- 167. James Young and Janet Liddell, 1826.
- 168. Alexander Morrison and Marion Johnston, 1843.
- 169. James Fork and Catherine Higgins.
- 170. Erected in Memory of William Kerr who died November, 1861 also of William Dunn who died November, 1864 aged 27 years.
- 171. Thomas Hardie died September, 1859. Mary Morrison died December 1855.
- 172. To the memory of Helen Foster beloved wife of William Hutton, Baker, Falkirk, who died 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1864 aged 54 years. Also to four of their children, Jeannie and Walter died in infancy. John died 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1855 aged 20 years. Helen died March, 1858 aged 19 years.
- 173 & 174. Robert Hardie and Elizabeth Samuel. [Two tombstones]
- 175. 1789. William Young and Janet Stirling.
- 176. William Nicol and Agnes Hannah, 1861.
- 177. Erected to David Buchanan and Catherine his wife, Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth their beloved daughter who died 7<sup>th</sup> July 1861 aged 18 years./ Also their two sons James, died 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1840 aged 4 years. William died 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1844, aged 6 years. [Granite]
- 178. 1866. Erected by Alexander Johnston in memory of Mary McMillan his wife who died 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1861 aged 56 years.
- 179. Janet Bell, daughter, William Bell, Glasgow, niece of M. Walker of Mumrills died 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1806./ James Walker and Helen May parents of James Walker of Mumrills, Margaret Smith his wife died 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1827 aged 82./ Also several of his family. [Granite]

# ROW 5 (parallel to and immediately to the east of Row 4 - reading from N to S).

- 180. Here lies Mr. Robert M----, Writer in Falkirk who died on October, 1745 aged 77 years. His life was remarkably distinguished by knowledge capacity in his profession by honesty and integrity to the world by benevolent charity to the distressed and by religion and piety to God. This stone was erected by his daughter Mrs. Agnes Stewart lately of Jamaica 1774 This lair was transferred to the Free Church Minister of Grangemouth in July, 1847.
- 181. I.M. M.P. 1726.
- 182. Sacred to the Memory of Jane Moir last surviving daughter of John Moir of Falkirk died 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1855.
- 183. James Young and Agnes Laurie, 1861.
- 184. Thomas Kincaid died 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1812 aged 81 years, Elizabeth Chislie, his wife died 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1788 aged 47 years. Family of Alexander Kincaid, second son of the above and Jean Clark his wife./ Thomas their first borne died 9<sup>th</sup> February, 1794, aged 3 years. John their 5<sup>th</sup> son died 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1808 aged 7 years. Jean Clark the mother, died 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1840 aged 76 years. Janet Hill wife of their second son James died 1<sup>st</sup> July 1842 aged 22 years. Mary infant daughter of James and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Agnes Wilson did 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1851 aged 6 ½ Months./ Alexander Kincaid, the father died 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1854 aged 91 years. James their said 2<sup>nd</sup> son died 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1855 aged 61 years. Agnes eldest daughter of the above James Kincaid died 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1867 aged 22 years./ Agnes Wilson, widow of James Kincaid, last mentioned died 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1888.
- 185. Family of James Kincaid eldest son of Thomas Kincaid and Elizabeth Chislie and Margaret Gaff his wife./ John Kincaid the father died at Carronflats 11<sup>th</sup> February, 1794 aged 33 years. Margaret Gaff the mother, died 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1844 aged 85 years. Thomas their eldest son died in Glasgow, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1848 aged 63 years. Alexander their youngest son was drowned by shipwreck on the Coast of Durham 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1806 aged 17 years./ John their 2<sup>nd</sup> son died at Hastings 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1862 age 76 years. He entered the army in 1809 and served throughout the Peninsular war, with the Rifle Brigade was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1852, Sir John died Senior Oxon of her Majesty's Royal Bodyguards and was for many years Government Inspector of Prisons and Factories for Scotland. Margaret their only daughter spouse of the late Peter Hardie, Merchant Leith, died 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1863 aged 71 years./ Charles their 3<sup>rd</sup> son died at Paarl Cape of Good Hope, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1866 aged 73 years.
- 186. 1803. John McCullum and Agnes Bogue.
- 187. Robert Shaw in memory of Margaret Bacon his wife who died 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1866.
- 188. 1840. Robert Ferguson and Christian Hamilton.

- 189. 1835. James Rankine and Thomas Auld.
- 190. The burying place of Alexander Anderson and Elizabeth Brownlee.

# ROW 6 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 5 - reading from S to N).

- 191. 1866. Erected by Joseph Muir in memory of his father David Muir, who died 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1866.
- 192. 1867. Henry Bell and Jean Taylor.
- 193. W. James, 1757.
- 194. The burying place of Patrick Waugh who died 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1814 aged 75 years and Elizabeth Waugh his spouse who died May, 1803.
- 195. William Waugh and Janet Eddy.
- 196 & 197. Robert Cook and Janet Wood, 1784. [Two tombstones]
- 198. Robert Grossart and Janet Kincaid.
- 199. The burying place of Joseph Boque, Merchant, Grangemouth and Family.
- 200. 1817. Robert Muirhead and Helen Munro.
- 201. John Brock and Mary Aitken in memory of Robert their son who died 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1855 aged 5 years.
- 202. To the memory of Margaret Crawford spouse of David Cullen who died 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1841./ This stone is erected as a tribute of Family Affection and Capital Esteem.
- 203. Erected in memory of David Arnot who died 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1857 aged 83 years and Elizabeth Crawford, his wife, who died 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1854 aged 79 years.
- 204. Erected by James Russell in memory of his only brother, <u>John Russell</u>, watchmaker to his Royal Majesty the Prince Regent of Scotland, 1818.
- 205. 1822. The burying place of John Taylor and Marion Sinclair his spouse and their children.
- 206, 1861. James Easton and Jean Wallace.
- 207. 1865. Erected in memory of David W. Easton who died on the  $1^{\rm st}$  December, 1864 and his wife Elizabeth Ballantyne died  $23^{\rm rd}$  January, 1909 in her  $90^{\rm th}$  year.

# ROW 7 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 6 – reading from N to S).

- 208. --- ---- Mary Balloch and five of their children.
- 209. In the memory of David Balloch who died 1802 aged 86 years and his spouse Mary Gillespie who died 1821 aged 90 years also their son Alexander who died 1833 aged 56 years.
- 210. In memory of Agnes Gourlay spouse of Robert Balloch who died 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1826 aged 42 years. Also their children Elizabeth aged 5 and

- Mary aged 3 years./ Robert died 1837 aged 18 years./ David died 1841 aged 27 years./ The first named Robert Balloch [rest illegible]
- 211. Erected by James Stanners and Margaret Cars in memory of their son Alexander who died 20<sup>th</sup> June 1866 aged 22 years.
- 212. John Callander and Janet Watt [rest illegible]
- 213. Joannis Burn de Kirkhouse scribe apud, Falkirk, reliquiae viri probi vereque Christiani qui obiit 18 Julii 1774 aetatis suae 86 Etiamque Joannae Watson, Uxoris, ejus faeminae pietatis inclytae qui obiit 25 Junii, 1763./ Roberti Burn, filii eorum secundi qui obiit 4 August 1809 viri pietatis simplicis ac benevolentiae etat 84/ Joannis Burn filii eorum tertii vectigalium Inspectoris apud portum de Borrowstounness, qui obiit 10 January, 1817 aetatis suae 86 sanctitatis benevolentiae et integritatis eximiae in vita erat familiae que omnium amicorum amore dignatus atque in morte memoria est cara./ Gullelme Burn, filii forum quatuor qui obit 25<sup>th</sup> Februarii, 1826 aetatis suae 87 vir bonus et rectus.

Alan Ronald translates this as "The remains of that honest and truly Christian man, John Burn of Kirkhouse, writer or clerk in Falkirk, who died 18 July 1774, aged 86. And also of Joanna [Jean?] Watson, his wife, a woman of renowned piety who died 25 June 1763; of Robert Burn, their second son who died 4 August 1809, a man of sincere piety and goodwill, aged 84/; of John Burn, their third son, inspector of customs at the port of Bo'ness, who died 10 January 1817, aged 86, a man of holiness, goodwill [or benevolence] and extraordinary honesty in his life, worthy of the love of his family and all his friends, and whose memory is dear in death;/ William Burn, their fourth son who died 25th February 1826 aged 87, a good and virtuous man."

- 214. William Pender and Mary Sawers.
- 215. Holds two burying places: William Ure and Janet Graham, renewed by Elizabeth Neilson in memory of Thomas Neilson who died 1899.
- 216. This is the intended burial place for William Hodge and Mary Russell his spouse and their family.
- 217. James Grindlay and Elizabeth Melville, 1852.
- 218. 1860. Alexander McFarlane and Catherine Fraser.
- 219. Erected by James Broom in memory of his spouse Mary Graham who died 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1833.
- 220. 1821. Janet Muir.

# ROW 8 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 7 - reading from S to N).

- 221. 1827. Sacred in memory of James Adam and Janet Arthur his spouse: Erected by James Adam Their son and Susan Deans his spouse.
- 222. Here lies the body of Andrew McIndoe who died on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1819 aged 16 months son of Peter McIndoe and Isabella Auld./ Isabella died on the 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1827 aged 13 years.

- 223. Mark Aitken and Agnes Paterson.
- 224. 1832. George Walker and Elizabeth Baird.
- 225. The intended burying place of John Gillespie and Mary Balloch and their children, 1802.
- 226. Sacred to the memory of John Gibson, Tanner, Falkirk, who died 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1838 aged 57 years. Isabella Clyde his wife who died 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1874 aged 77 years and of their children June, Elizabeth and Thomas who died in childhood.
- 227. John Marr and Mary Henderson.
- 228. Interred here the remains of James Nicol who died 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1852 aged 86 years.
- 229. Sacred to the memory of Margaret Brooks wife of John Drummond, Surgeon, R.N.: who died at Grangemouth 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1830 aged 55 years also of her mother Joan, relict of James Brooks, Merchant, Edinburgh who died at Grangemouth 20<sup>th</sup> May 1850 aged 72 years. Also of Joan eldest daughter of the said Adam Brooks who died at Grangemouth 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1839 aged 17 years also of James Brooks, Merchant, Grangemouth who died 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1817 aged 47 years.
- 230. In memory of George Trapp who died 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1839 aged 63 years also of Barbara Leech who died 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1840 aged 58 years. Peter Trapp who died 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1889 aged 81 years. Margaret Marshall his wife who died 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1870 aged 60 years.
- 231. HERE LIES/ THE REMAINS OF/ HENRY MASTERTON/ AND/ CATHERINE FISH./ ERECTED BY/ JOHN MASTERTON/AND/ MARY CAMERON./ Henry their son died 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1847./ Mary their daughter died 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1848.
- 232. J. Hart and J. Pender.
- 233. Renewed by William Graham of Airth, 1773 and again renewed and ornamented by public subscription, 1860./ Sir John the Grame baith wight and wise ain of the chief reskwit Scotland thrice ain better knight not to the world was lent not was gvid Grame of truvth and hardiment.
- 234. I.H. H.E. John Hart and Helen Fleming, 1786.
- 235. Alexander Hardie and Helen Wyse, 1793.



Illus 22: The rows of gravestones near the tomb of Sir John de Graham.

# ROW 9 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 8 - reading from N to S).

- 236. In memory of John Smart and Mary Galbraith 1834 renewed by the daughter of Helen Smart who died 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1854.
- 237. 1842. Erected by/ WILLIAM MORRISON/ IN MEMORY OF/ AGNES McVEY/ HIS WIFE WHO DIED 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1841/ ALSO/ ROBERT/ their son who died 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1841.
- 238. Erected by William Morrison and Helen Harley in memory of their children buried here:/ William died 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1842 aged 11 months./ Catherine died 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1849 aged 3 years./ James died in infancy./ Agnes died 30<sup>th</sup> August, 1858 aged 21 years./ Mina died 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1871 aged 22 years./ The above William Morrison died 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1873, is buried in Larbert.
- 239. 1836. James Potter and Janet Wilson.
- 240. James Durham, 1866.
- 241. Robert Clark Janet Eadie.
- 242. Erected in memory of David Watson who died 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1840.
- 243 & 244. The burying place of James Simpson, Elizabeth Dalrymple and their children, (1781). [2 Tombs.]
- 245. 1860. John Kerr and Janet Wilson and their children.
- 246. 1860. Thomas Taylor and Christian Rankine.
- 247. 1799. Jas. Anderson [rest illegible].
- 248 & 249. John Crawford and Margaret Oswald. [2 tombstones.]
- 250. 1838. Renewed by Helen Thomson in memory of her parents John Thomson and Janet Allan.

# ROW 10 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 9 - reading from S to N).

- 251. 1840. J.L. E.D. J.L. Their son died 29<sup>th</sup> May, aged 28 years.
- 252. Robert Kerr, Mary Lobban, Robert Kerr their son died on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1803 aged 20 years.
- 253. 1820. William Muat Agnes Marshall.
- 254. 1843. Alexander Henry and Agnes Robertson.
- 255. 1859. Peter Walker to the memory of his wife Sarah Robertson who died January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1845 aged 33 years also their son William who died 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1843 aged 13 months.
- 256. Thomas Ferguson Elizabeth Greenhorn./ Mary Grassom died 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1860./ Mary Law her granddaughter died 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1870 aged 26 years./ Also two brothers who died in infancy.

- 257. In memory of John Forman who died 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1856 aged 66 years, his wife Jean Fairfoul who died 9<sup>th</sup> February, 1864 aged 70 years and their children who died in youth "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." [Granite]
- 258. 1821. Erected by John Boyd and Margaret Smith in Memory [rest illegible].
- 259. Sacred to the memory of Alexander Nimmo of Westbank, Falkirk who died 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1859 aged 76 years. Here also be interred the bodies of his children:/ James aged 6 years who died January, 1826./ Jean aged 8 years who died May, 1826./ Jean aged 10 months who died October, 1830./ James aged 3 ½ years who died May, 1835./ Mary aged 19 years who died September , 1840./ Mary Crawford his spouse who died 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1866 aged 79 years. [Granite].
- 260. The burial ground of John Selby, Collector, F.C. Canal Co., Grangemouth, died 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1836 aged 78 years and Martha Wing his spouse died 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1826. [Granite].
- 261. 1810. James Brock and Isobel Risk.
- 262. This stone is erected by a few friends in memory of Thomas Downie, Schoolmaster of Falkirk who died 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1841 in the 39<sup>th</sup> year of his age.
- 263. Here also are interred the mortal remains of Anne Law, his wife and Thomas, his eldest son. Peter Taylor.
- 264. Here lyes interred/ the body of Sir Robert Munro of Foulis, Knt & Bart,/ Colonel of a Regiment of Foot./ His life he had spent the Parliament and Camp Honour,/ He lost in the Caufe of Liberty and Religion,/ near Falkirk./ On the XVII of Jan MDCCXLVI aged LXII years. long as history related the Battle of Fontenoy/ his Courage and Conduct on that day/ in the command of the HIGHLAND Regiment,/ remembered./ Sincere and active in the service of his friends/ Humane and forgiving to his enemies/ Generous and benevolent to all./ His death was universally regretted even by those who slew him./ With Sir Robert Munro was killed his brother Doctor Duncan Munro of Obsdale aged LVI years/ Who unarmed would not forsake his Brother./ Renewed by Mary Seymour of Fowlis in 1848 as a tribute of respect to the honoured



Illus 23: The Munro Tomb.

memory of her great grandfather and uncle. [22]

#### ROW 11 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 10 - reading from N to S).

- 265. 1866. Erected by Alison Fairlie in memory of her husband John Campbell.
- 266. 1876. Erected by Elizabeth Borland in memory of her husband William Russell who died January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1867 also their son James Russell who died March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1867 and their 4 infant children also to the above Elizabeth beloved wife of William Russell who died 8<sup>th</sup> November, 1893 aged 76 years.
- 267. The burying place of William Clerk who died in June, 1712 in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of his age and Elizabeth Baad his spouse also William Clerk their son who died 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1768 in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of his age and Janet Clerkson his spouse who died 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1733 in the 40<sup>th</sup> year of her age.
- 268. 1804. J.C. M.B.
- 269. In memory of James Millar, Jnr. Who died 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1853 aged 34 years./ His extensive and general knowledge and taste and skill in art rendered him an eminently useful member of Society while his modest and unassuming manners made him an especial favourite with his more intimate friends by whom this monument is erected. [Granite].
- 270. Erected to the memory of Robert Pendle who died 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1846 aged 74 years.
- 271. 1791. Boyd Morton Christian Callander.
- 271. Thomas Gibson and Ann Reid.
- 272. Erected by Scott Dobbie in memory of his beloved spouse Agnes Stewart who died at Glenfuir 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1848, in her 32<sup>nd</sup> year./ Scott Dobbie born 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1806, died 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 1903./ Renewed by their children, 1905.
- 273. 1842. William Dalgleish and Margaret Aston Their daughter Jean died 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1841.
- 274. Duncan Buchanan and Janet Aurther.
- 275. To the memory of John Mathews, Fisherman, Penzance, Cornwall, drowned in the Bowling, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1865 aged 22 years.
- 276. Edward Morton and Helen Storie.

#### ROW 12 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 11 – reading from S to N).

- 277. 1774. J.F. M.S. M.C. William Forsyth and Agnes Bain.
- 278. 1822. The property of David Sutherland and Sarah Masterton and their sons Robert and Hugh Sutherland.
- 279. Patrick and George Brown.
- 280. 1808. William Draper and Christian Kier David Draper and Isabella Masterton.

- 281. (a) In loving memory of/ Mary Melville, died February 1853, aged 38 years, who was buried here./ William Dollar, her husband, who died at Ottawa, Canada,/ buried in Beechwood Cemetery, December 1873./ And in memory of their sons/ John Melville Dollar, born at Grahamston, April 1846, died September 1892;/ James Dollar, born at Grahamston, June 1849, died March 1898;/ and are buried at San Rafael, California, U.S.A. [south side]
  - (b) In memory of/ William Edmonstone of Cambuswallace/ Captain Lieutenant in the 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot/ who bravely fighting in defence of his King and of the/ Liberties Sacred and Civil of his country, fell in/ battle, near Falkirk, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1746/ aged 32 years. [north side]
  - (c) ERECTED BY ROBERT DOLLAR AND HIS BROTHERS. SAN FRANCISCO U.S.A./ PRO ARIS ET FOCIS [along top]. [23]
- 282. 1815. Charles Dewar and Hannah Fisher.
- 283. William Dixson.
- 284. Sacred to the memory of Robert McLaren of Bainsford who died the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1826 aged 48 years, and his spouse, Margaret Shaw who died the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 1854 aged 73 years [rest illegible].
- 285. Elizabeth Hardie and ---- Allan.
- 286. In loving memory of William Gillespie who died 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1861 aged 47 years and Anne Greenhorne his wife who died 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1896 aged 74 years.
- 287. John Howie and Isabella Duncan who died 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1811 aged 72 years also John their son died 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1832 aged 22 years [rest illegible].
- 288. Sacred to the memory of Eliza Morrison wife of James Couslord who died 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1854.
- 289. Here lies the corps of Alexander Leishman, sn of James Leishman and Margaret Black who died 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1796 in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of his age.
- 290. Thomas Muirhead Mary Walker.
- 291. Robert Cowie Janet Davie.

#### ROW 13 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 12 - reading from N to S).

- 292. Here are interred Alexander Young who died  $27^{th}$  October, 1830. James Young his son died  $27^{th}$  October, 1835. This stone also records the memory of William Young who was drowned at sea  $26^{th}$ , November, 1856 also Anne Black who died  $8^{th}$  December, 1840.
- 293. 1807. The burying place of James Kerr and Helen Gillespie.
- 294. 1860. George Mitchell and Elizabeth Buchanan.
- 295. Erected by the Rev. Thomas Swords, M.A. Rector of Thetford, Norfolk 1660 A.S. J.B. J.S. E.R. 1757 A.S. M.M. Alexander Swords who died 6<sup>th</sup>

- April, 1786 in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of his age./ Here lies Catherine Young who died in 1776.
- 296. John Liddell Anne Ewing.
- 297. Erected by James Percival and Grace Ferguson in memory of their infant son James who died 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1865 also Archibald Ferguson died 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1867 aged 2 years.
- 298. Robert Callander and Agnes Scott.
- 299. Adam Leishman and Lillieas Russell.
- 300. 1636/ W.G. B.M./ J.G. I.C./ A.G. M.C./ RENEWED 1773 BY/ JOHN GIB & JANNET WATT HIS SPOUSE. (RCAHMS 1963, 153 flat stone).
- 301. 1834. Joseph Graham and Margaret Grindlay.
- 302. Robert Gibson and Marion Greenlees. Margaret Gibson born May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1800 and died July, 18<sup>th</sup> 1801. Robert Gibson died 24<sup>th</sup> February, 1837 aged 69 years.

#### ROW 14 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 13 - reading from S to N).

- 303. The burying place of Heugh Bigg and Mary Turnbull. They died 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1801 aged 36 years.
- 304. In memory of Mary Braidwood spouse of James Bacon who died 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1854.
- 305. 1847. Hugh Forres and Jean Laing.
- 306. James Robertson and Margaret Muirhead, 1850.
- 307. Robert Finlay, 1825.
- 308. Sacred to the memory of James Hardie, Eastend, who died 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1838 aged 78 years and Janet Kincaid his wife who died 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1838 aged 63 years also their children Jeanie died 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1849 aged 38 years and David, late of Victoria, Australia died at Eastend, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1852 aged 39 years./ This memorial is erected in affectionate remembrance by James Hardy of Goangra, New South Wales. [Granite].
- 309. Erected by Thomas Johnstone, Printer in Falkirk and Margaret Mair his spouse in memory of their three Daughters who died in infancy.
- 310. Erected by Margaret Connel.

#### ROW 15 (parallel to and immediately to the east of Row 14 – reading from N to S)

- 311. To the memory of his father John Henry who died 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1850 aged 75 years and his mother Euphemia Gaff who died 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1853 aged 71 years.
- 312. Andrew Rennie and Ann Adam.
- 313. Alexander Callander and Margaret Cowan.
- 314. 1775. J.J. J.M.

- 315. In memory of James Espie (Surgeon) L.P.P.S. Glasgow 1832 for 46 years medical practitioner in Falkirk who died 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1877 aged 65 years here also are interred Isabella Horsburgh his wife who died 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1848 aged 30 years and their children, George who died 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1847, James who died 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1854 also Catherine Espie his sister who died 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1865 aged 31 years. [Granite.]
- 316. 1797. The burying place of John Millar and Margaret Simpson.
- 317. 1839. William Ritchie and Mary McDonald.
- 318. Sacred to the memory of James Aitken, Esquire of Gartcows late Brewer, Falkirk who died on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1851, aged 51 years./ Erected by a few of his friends who esteemed and admired him for his generous dispositions, his manly and consistent character and who lament in him the early loss of a sincere and faithful friend also Mary Heugh his wife, born 7<sup>th</sup> January 1811 died 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1882. Mary, youngest daughter of the late James Aitken who died at Harrogate on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1860 aged 18 years./ 1760. John Aitken, Margaret Niven, 1780 John Aitken, Ann Grossart, 1788, John Aitken, Lillias Morrison, John Aitken 1821, Agnes Lang, 1843. [Granite.]
- 319. In memory of Lauglan Aitken Esquire, Brewer who died at Gartcows 26<sup>th</sup> April 1862 aged 76 years./ Erected by his nephews W. Hardie and J. Aitken. [Granite.]
- 320. John Main and Agnes Walker, 1865.
- 321. 1856. William Spence and Janet Walker Boyd.
- 322. 1797. The Burying Place of Patrick Mair and Jean Aitken.
- 323. 1858. Erected to the memory of the family of the Riddochs by Helen Riddoch and her son John McLuckie.

#### ROW 16 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 15 - reading from S to N).

- 324. 1788. John Osborn and Christian Johnston.
- 325, 1859. Christian Cadell.
- 326. The Burying Place of Alexander Neilson who died May 6<sup>th</sup> 1795. Aged 56.
- 327. John Robertson and Margaret Young.
- 328. Erected by Richard McCornell in memory of his beloved wife Margaret Davie Taylor who died 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1864, aged 26 years.
- 329. Erected by James Simpson in memory of his father Alexander Simpson who died 10<sup>th</sup> March 1843, aged 67 years and his mother Mary Neilson who died 1819 [rest illegible].
- 330. Erected to the memory of Charlotte Bignall who departed this life November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1852.
- 331. John Smith Jannet Lindsay.

- 332. 1817. Sacred to the memory of William Macrobie who died at Bainsford, 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1815, aged 60 years.
- 333. William Dick and Margaret C. Morrison.
- 334. 1792. James Finlayson, Helen Gardner, Margaret Rice.

#### ROW 17 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 16 – reading from N to S).

- 335, 1792. John Jamieson.
- 336. John Lithgow and Mary Robertson.
- 337. 1836. James Benny and Margaret Nicoll.
- 338. 1820. John Thomson Margaret Gardner.
- 339. To the memory of John Anderson, Merchant in Falkirk who died March 1787 [rest illegible].
- 340. 1839. James Haste.
- 341. 1843. John Wilson and Mary McPhail.

#### ROW 18 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 17 - reading from S to N).

- 342. 1811. George Wilkie Mary Fleming.
- 343. 1810. The burying place of James Johnston and Helen Taylor and their children.
- 344. Alexander Monteith and Christian Walker his spouse have put in this stone to mark their burial place.
- 345. Alexander Burns died 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1837 aged 63 years.
- 346. 1783. William Brown Margaret McKinie.
- 347. 1864. James Roger and Janet Kirk.
- 348. The designed burying place of Alexander Kirk and Janet Gilchrist his wife and their children.
- 349. John Galbraith and Margaret Kirk.
- 350. John Gentles and Janet Turnbull./ Thomas Gentles and Helen Brown.
- 351. The property of John Duncan and Isabella Hardie.
- 352. William Wyse and Margaret Eadie.

#### ROW 19 (parallel to and immediately to the E of Row 18 – reading from N to S).

- 353. William Dawson of Gairdoch and Powfoulis.
- 354. This is the designed burying place of James Russell and his heirs.
- 355. William Crawford Agnes Scrimgeour.

356.	Erected by Francis who	Robert Dry died 30 <sup>th</sup> A	vsdale ar lugust, 1	nd Eupher 843 aged	mia Clark 5 years.	in	memory	of	their	son

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ROW 1 (being 3<sup>rd</sup> row from the boundary wall – reading from N to S – derived from a photograph).

Illus 24: The west side of the Graveyard looking to a still unfinished Lint Riggs.

357. THOMAS HAMILTON/ JANE WATSON.

358. 1824/ A MARSHALL/ -- WADDEL.

359. 1823/ THE RESTING PLACE/ of/ --

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#### Row 2 (being 2<sup>nd</sup> row from the boundary wall – reading from N to S).

360. IN MEMORY OF/ CHRISTINA JOHNSTON/ WHO DIED 12TH AUGUST 1860.

361. 1888/ ERECTED BY/ JAMES WHITE & AGNES SNEDDON/ IN MEMORY OF/ ROBERT WHITE THEIR BROTHER/ WHO DIED FROM THE EFFECTS OF/ --- -- BY A COLLISION/ ON THE E & G RAILWAY/ WINCHBURGH 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1842/ ---- -- YEARS.

362. THIS.IS.THE.BWRIAL.PL/ OF.DONALD.McKIE.AND/ ELISABETH. NEIL---.

#### **Stones recorded by Mitchell and Mitchell in 1972:**

#### West Boundary Wall.

363. ERECTED/ --- Mrs F... [rest illegible] [1]

364. ERECTED/ IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF/ JOHN RENNIE/ FOR 40 YEARS A DRAPER/ IN HIGH STREET FALKIRK/ WHO DIED 26<sup>TH</sup> DECR 1877/ AGED 69 YEARS./ JESSIE COCHRAN/ HIS BELOVED WIFE/ WHO DIED 1845, AGED 32 YEARS./ AND JESSIE COCHRAN/ THEIR INFANT DAUGHTER/ WHO DIED 1845./ "BLESSED ARE THE DEAD/ WHO DIE IN THE LORD." [2]

365. 1804./ Michl McGilchrist/ Christian Schaw. [3]

#### North Boundary Wall.

366. 1829. George Waddell & Elizabeth Gardner. [4]

367. James Rattray Esq of Ranachullion 1774. His daughter Christina died 17<sup>th</sup> August 1817 aged 67 years (wife of Alex Ramsay of Kersehill who died 17<sup>th</sup> September 1837 aged 86 years). Their children Margaret died 24<sup>th</sup> April 180 aged 20; Rachel died 26<sup>th</sup> April 1824 aged 32 years; Alex jun died 10<sup>th</sup> May 1844 aged 61 years; Col Michael in HEICS died 15<sup>th</sup> September 1851 aged 63 – his wife died 15<sup>th</sup> June 1888 and was the daughter of William

Richardson of Keithock. Their son William Ephinstone Ramsay died 24<sup>th</sup> January 1831?). [5]

368. Thomas Aitken died 6<sup>th</sup> November 1834 aged 75. [6]

#### On the Church.

369. IN MEMORY OF/ THOMAS GUNN/ WHO DIED 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC 1865/ AGED 79 YEARS./ AND/ JEAN STARK/ HIS WIFE/ WHO DIED 31<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 1867,/ AGED 63 YEARS/ ALSO OF THEIR CHILDREN/ CHRISTINA/ WHO DIED 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1833,/ AGED 4 YEARS/ WILLIAM/ WHO DIED 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 1835,/ AGED 2 YEARS./ THOMAS/ WHO DIED ABROAD 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC 1872,/ JANE MASON/ WHO DIED IN EDINBURGH 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1879./ ERECTED BY THEIR DAUGHTERS.

ROBERTS/ FALKIRK [on side]. [7]

- 370. In Memory of/ JOHAN FREDERIK ECKHOLM SALVESEN/ BORN 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 1827,/ DIED 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1851/ 'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.' [8]
- 371. To/ The Memory/ of/ William Schaw/ Aged/ Eight Months. [white marble] [9]
- 372. IN LOVING MEMORY OF/ EMMA HOSIE/ DIED  $20^{TH}$  MAY 1876. [white marble cross] [10].
- 373. IN/ MEMORY OF/ JAMES SCHAW/ SURGEON R.N./ WHO DIED  $26^{TH}$  FEB 1842/ ALSO OF JAMES HOSIE/ WHO DIED  $13^{TH}$  OCT 1862/ EMMA HOSIE/ WHO DIED  $20^{TH}$  MAY 1876. [granite]. [11]
- 374. ERECTED BY/ A FEW OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LATE/ JAMES AITKEN/ WRITER IN FALKIRK/ AS A SMALL TOKEN OF THE ESTIMATION IN WHICH THEY HOLD HIM/ HE DIED 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1818,/ AGED 50 YEARS./ ALSO INTERRED HERE/ JAMES WALKER AITKEN,/ HIS SON, DIED AGED 24 YEARS./ JANET WALKER,/ SPOUSE OF JAMES AITKEN,/ DIED 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1841./ HENRY AITKEN, OF DARROCH,/ WRITER,/ DIED 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1860, AGED 60 YEARS./ MARGARET RUSSEL,/ HIS WIFE, DIED 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1860./ CATHERINE,/ THEIR ELDEST DAUGHTER, DIED 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1838/ AGED 18 MONTHS. [white marble] [12].

#### **Near St Andrews Church.**

- 375. SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF/ JOHN CALLANDER ESQ./ of WOODBURN/ WHO DIED 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY [1843] AGED 73 YEARS./ AND OF/ AGNES [B]URN --- B---E/ WHO DIED 6 [APRIL] 1814 AGED 42 YEARS/ AND/ MARY [THEIR ONLY] DAUGHTER/ WHO DIED 17 [JAN 1829] AGED 18 YEARS/ ---- ---/ --- AGED 44/ JOHN ---- [THEIR FIRS]T SO[N]/ WHO DIED --- ---- 8 --. [19].
- 376. SACRED/ --- --/ of/ JAMES WI[LSON]/ [MINIS]TER OF F[ALKIRK/ --- --/ ---/ --- YEAR --- --/ --- N PRI-- --/--- W--- ---/ --- ---/ OF/

--- ---/ --- AND --- ---ION/ --- ---/ THE MINISTER OF THE FA----/ THE REV. JOHN WILSON A.M./ MINISTER OF -----.

[Dr James Wilson minister here 8.6.1829. wife Jean Weir 4.9.1819 aged 56 years; children William Thomas and James died in youth, Archibald 6, daughter Elizabeth 9.1828, mother E Shaw and father William Wilson d and bd Hamilton, by only surviving member of family Rev John AM minister Irvine; Rev Alex Melville minister here 2.12.1839 aged 32 years] [25].

#### In the Porch (since moved).

- 377. 1860/ ROBERT MUIRHEAD/ and/ HELEN BELL. [13]
- 378. Flat stone. ALEX----/ ADOLESCENTIAM IN BEL/ PROVECTAM AE/ IATEM IN AVLA/ REGVM GALLIE/ INTER PRA- IC/ -OS -17 A SC/ ---- ANNI-/ ---T TPO---. [14]
- 379. Flat stone. R I/ -OCTOBRIS 1600/ BEATIQV/ IN DOMI/ -O MOR/ --NTVR/ HIC D---- ---/ NOR--- ---/ IERRENE-----H/ ELAK.FILIADDELV-/ AT PROPE-----N/ BLEAV-- --- ----ALI-/ ---- SAG -EX-- ----ANIC-/ -----METATERN— CFIFBP----. [15]
  - This translates as: "RI - of October 1600/ Blessed are those who die in the Lord. / Here D------ / - daughter - near --."
- 380. 1799. John Johnston sometime writer in Bathgate, then Falkirk, died 10<sup>th</sup> July 1793 aged 45. Erected by his son John Johnston, writer in Bathgate. [17]
- 381. David Masterton died 28<sup>th</sup> January 1864. His wife Agnes Macdonald died 24<sup>th</sup> February 1891. Their daughter Agnes died 18<sup>th</sup> January 1857. [18]
- 382. 1694/ IK EC./ IK IM (RCAHMS 1963, 53 table tomb).
- 383. 1851/ In Memory of/ JAMES JOHNSTON/ Who died April ---- / Aged -2 Years/ and of his --- wife/ MARGARET HIGGEN/ who died MAY ----/ Aged 79 years/ Erected by/ JAMES JOHNSTON ---- ---.
- 384. Rev. James Jeffrey for 7 years minister of the Relief Church in Musselburgh, then 9 years junior minister of the Relief Church in Greenock. Born 29 August 1805, died 15 December 1845 (McLuckie).

#### **Monteith records:**

- 385. David Campbell merchant [verse]
- 386. John Knox younger both godly and wise.

Rogers also records the following lines, which may have been on any of the stones already listed:

"Death certain is; but neither when nor where: Which teacheth us each day we should prepare."

"Time was like thee

I life possessed,
And time will be
When thou shalt rest."
"All you that come my grave to see,
As I am now so must you be;
Repent in time, make no delay –
I in my prime was called away."

The Stirling Observer of 13 April 1865 notes the gollowing curious epitaph on a tombstone in the north-west corner of the old churchyard:

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