

Dundonald Churchyard

A record of pre-1855 Tombstone inscriptions

Recorded August 1972 by Robert Kirk

On entering the Church gates the rows are numbered in a clockwise direction running south to north and commencing at the south end of each row south being the manse end of the churchyard. In recent years vandalism has been the cause of the loss of a number of gravestones and any further destruction may alter the numbers as they appear on the records. Unless otherwise stated, the gravestones all face east and the rows should be fairly easy to follow. Several references are made to two local histories R.A.L. and D.P.S. They are :-

R.A.L. = 'Retrospective of and Artists life' by J. Kelso Hunter. First published in 1867 and reprinted by the Kilmarnock Standard Press in 1912.

D.P.S. = 'Dundonald, The Parish and its Setting' by Rev. Jas. H. Gillespie. First published in 1939 by John Wylie & Co., Glasgow. In Vol. II page 527 a chapter is given to 'Churchyards burying places and their customs' and the author states there is an Adam and Eve stone near the south east corner of the church. The oldest date on any visible stone is 1677 and for whatever reason that particular stone is in no way defaced or decayed. Now in 1972 there is no trace whatsoever of any of the two gravestones.

The Dundonald Register begins in 1673 and now rests at New Register House Edinburgh.

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Row 1

No 3 David G. Hunter

Died June 25th 1811 aged 10 months

Jenat G. Hunter

Died March 1828 aged 7 months

Row 1 (a)

No 2 Erected by John Simpson

Daughter Janet, born 31st Dec. 1820, died 21st Feb 1822

Daughter Mary, born 14th Nov 1815, died 25th Apr 1846

Son Walter Born, 8th July 1854, died 15th Mar 1850

John Simpson, died at Kilmarnock 9th Feb 1859

Row 2

No 2 Erected by Mathew Smith and Margaret Gray in memory of their children;

Mary, died 29th May 1855 aged 3 years

Hugh, died 27th Oct 1857 aged 10 months

Mary, died 19th Sept 1847 aged 9 years 9 months

No. 4 Erected by Robert Faulds, Laurieston Farm

John Faulds, died 13th June 1824 aged 24 years

Agnes Montgomerie (Mother of Robert Faulds) died 3rd. March 1811
aged 80 years.

No 9 Erected by James Jack, farmer in Outfield and Susan Blair his Spouse

Son John, died October 1816 aged 8 years

Son Francis, died at Demerara, January 1823 aged 22 years

Daughter Mary, died 25th April 1837 aged 19 years

Daughter Margaret, died 8th November 1837 aged 26 years

Above mentioned James Jack, died 25 December 1843 aged 78 years

Spouse Susan Blair, died February 26th 1848 aged 67 years

Son John, died Lambroughton, Dreghorn 1881 aged 61 years

Son William, died Cardrum, Fenwick 1888 aged 86 years

No 10 David Blair, Farmer in Greatridge son of Bryce Blair

died 28th. November 1778 aged 42 years

Ann Muir, Spouse, died 1st October 1817 aged 76 years

William Blair died 9th February 1840 aged 61 years

Note: The family of Blair continued as tenants in Greatridge (Now known as Girtrig or Girtridge) until the early part of the 20th Century.

Row 2

No 11 Erected by James Dunlop, Merchant Kilmarnock in memory of his

Brother, John Dunlop born 14th. Sept. 1811, died 3rd Sept 1827

His mother Mary Blair, born 24 June 1790 died 31st. Dec 1833

His father John Dunlop, born 13th. Oct. 1785, died 8th. March 1846

Row 3

No.3 Hugh Smith, Barrassie Mill, died 12th March 1846 aged 81

Spouse, Helen McMurtrie, died 15th Dec 1839 aged 76

Son, William, died 19th Nov. 1606 aged 13 years

No. 7 Table Stone

William Gurthrie, Farmer, Crossburn (Loans)

Son, George, died 20th. Oct 1800 aged 12 years

Annie Hunter, Wife died Nov 7th. 1801 aged ?8 years

No. 10 Stone flaking, following inscription can be seen;

In memory of Bryce Blair died 6th. October ?? aged 84 years

His wife Ann Dunlop, Waukesha, Winsconsin, USA

Mumford USA.

No.11 Erected ? Blair (Flaking)

Laurieston

Margaret Blair departed this life April 22nd 1787 aged 31 years

Alexander, his son, died in Quebeck, 30th. May 1810 in the 27th year of his age.

Marion, his daughter, died 17th Jan 1816 in the 19th year of her age.

Thomas, his son, died while a student at Glasgow 1st Mar. 1822 aged 17

Reverse side

John Todd, surgeon, died in Persia, Oct 9th aged 32 years

John Todd, their father, died at Langholm, 7th. Feb 1823 aged 80

Mary, his daughter, died 6th. March 1821 aged 40 years

His wife, Jean Dickie, died 14th. Feb. 1844 aged 77 years

Note: .

Langholm would probably be Langholm Farm in the Parish of Dundonald

Stone No 10 in Row 2 also contains details of the Blair family.

Row 4

No. 3 Mary Wallace, died at Thirdpart , Limekilns 12th. June 1854 aged 20 years

No. 4 James Dickie, Highlees, died 21 ? 1727 aged 61 years.

No. 5 Full inscription:

Thus doth William Wilson dye, whose blood doth reach the high and lofty sky. Whose life was ended in Halie by the cruelty of the barbarous people.

He died the 10th day of Dec. 1773 aged 26 years

Reverse side

John Wilson, died Oct 22nd. 1821 aged 11 years

Note: Halie is a name used locally for Highlees Farm. At the time of recording there is no known reason of William Wilson's death.

No. 7 John Rowat and Mary Tait, died January 1833 aged 83 years

Son, John Rowat, died 1854 aged 67 years:

John, son of above John Rowat, died 1813 aged 2 years

John, son of the above John Rowat, died 1835 aged 21 years

Margaret, daughter, died 1841 aged 21 years

Note: In RAL Page 25-26 the author gives an account of the Rowat family.

Row 5

No. 1 Lillias Bulloch, died 12th Oct 1846 aged 68 years, wife of

Daniel Ballantyne, Taylor and Clothier in Troon

No. 2 Erected by Robert Hunter, Quarryman

Son, Robert, died 2nd Feb 1849 aged 21

Spouse , Jean Porter died 28th April 1850 aged 55 years

His Mother, Jean Porter died 13 Jan. 1848 aged 78 years

No. 3 Erected by William Porter, House carpenter, Loans

His family ,

Alexander, died 9th Dec. 1836 aged 2 years

John, died 6th April 1849 aged 4 years

Janet Young, died 15 Dec 1853 aged 3 years

No. 8 William Ness, died 15th Dec. 1851 aged 8 years 6 months

No. 12 James Hodge, late mason in Dundonald, died 24th Jan 1815

Note: The present church was built by James Hodge in 1804

No. 15 Old Stone no date, inscribed; john buic

Row 6

No. 1 Erected by Alexander Porter in memory of his father, John Porter,
died 27th Aug. 1817 aged 90 years

Mother, Agnes Gibson died 19th. July 1825 aged 85 years

Son, Thomas, died, aged 8 years

Son William, died in infancy

Alexander, died Porterstone, 30 Nov. 181? aged 68 years

Spouse, Agnes Muir, died Porterstone, 16 March 1818 aged 49 years

No. 2 Marion Allason, spouse to Robert Fulton, farmer in Harpercroft,

Died, 13th. Oct. 1781 aged 43

Row 6

No. 3 John Allison, died at Troon Oct. 1835 aged 60 years

Son, John, died Aug 1815 aged 7.

No. 4 James Allason, died May 10th. 1768 aged 61 years

Also near this spot the remains of Marion Porter, his first wife, died October 1742

No. 7 Badly eroded. Family name seemed to be Dickie, Highlees Farm

One date 1792, child aged 6 years. See Row 4 number 4.

No. 8 Mary Pettigrew, died 6 Sept 1840 aged 17 years

No. 9 Table Stone

John McAdam, died Winehouseyett, 2nd. October 1791

Jean Nicol, spouse, died 'same place' 11th. March 1794 aged 71 years

James McAdam, (son) died 10th. April 1794 aged 51

Jean McAdam, daughter, spouse to John Andrew, Kilmarnock, died 28th Oct 1807 aged 24 years

John McAdam died Winehouseyett 10th. March 1850 aged 80 years

Margaret Alison, spouse to James McAdam, died same place 2nd. March 1838 aged 86.

Margaret McAdam, their daughter, died at Ladybank 17th. April 1840 aged 59

James McAdam, their son, Physcian General of the Army Medical Dept., Bombay, died 2nd Sept 1842 aged 55

Johanna McAdam, wife of Dr James Young, Army Medical Dept, died 24th Nov 1861.

Row 7

No 2 Family of William Bruce, Langholm

Daughter, Ann Douglas, died 1852 aged 5 years

Son, Robert, died in Toronto, Canada 1853 aged 24 years

Son, Alexander, died St. Vincents, West Indies, 1851 aged 33 years

Note: Descendents of the Bruce family are in Canada.

No. 5 Family of Hugh Jack (Died 1867 aged 73), overseer, Shewalton

Margaret, died 1825, 3rd year of her age

William, died Dec 1846, 32nd. year of his age

Hugh, master of the ship Carthaginian in the 29th year of his age

sailed from Quebec Nov 1847 and has not since been heard of

Ann, March 1849 25th year of her age,

James and James and Janet who died in infancy

No. 6 Erected by John Hightet, merchant in Troon and Janet Gray his spouse .

Son, James, died 10th Oct 1822 aged 2 years

Jane McGregor, mother of John Hightet, died 30th Jan. 1841 aged 84

John Hightet, died 7th Nov. 1842 aged 60

Son, Robert, died 14th Oct. 1852 aged 26

No. 7 Andrew Calderwood, husband of Margaret Stewart, died 10th July 1849 aged 67

Son David, died 28th April 1819 aged 19 months

Daughter, Janet, died 17th May 1827 aged 13 years

Daughter, Margaret, died 16th. May 1859 aged 15 years

Daughter, Ann, died 25th March 1840 aged 18 years

Row 8

N° 3 John Thomson, died 19th April 1840 aged 2 years

Janet Thomson, died 25th May 1840 aged 4 years

No. 4 John Thomson, died 4th May 1832 aged 20 years
Janet Thomson, died 6th Mar. 1821 aged 11 years
Erected by John Thomson, mason in Dundonald

No. 6 David Hannah, died 1836 aged 61 years
Wife, Jean Miller, died April 1834 aged 56 years
Daughter, Janet , died 14th. Mar. 1809 aged 5 years
Son, John, died 6th Mar. 1832 aged 30 years
Janet Hannah, died 1838 aged 33 years
Her son, John Fisher died 1853 aged 13 years
Her husband, John, died 1858 aged 60 years

No.7 John Miller, farmer in Colleland, died Oct 1743, also
Marion feven, his spouse Sept 1743

No. 8 James Hay, farmer, culennan, died 17 Dec 1785 aged 40 years
Wife Margaret Boyd died 1st. Jan 1815 aged 67 years
Son, George, died in infancy

No. 9 Adam Andrew, miller in Irvine Mills, son of Andrew Lavemill
erected in memory of his wife Anna Hay, died 15th Jan 1832 aged 41 years
Also her mother, Jean Fulton, spouse of the late John Hay, Paulstone died
Oct 1821 aged 43. (See footnote)

No. 10 John Ferguf(on), smith in Lauriston, died Ju? 1749

Row 9

No. 1 John Thom, died 18th. June 1840 aged 78

Wife, Mary Fairlie, died Aug 1837 aged 74

No. 3 Marrion White, (Wife of John Dunlop died 1863) died 11th. July 1849
aged 63 years

No. 5 John Wyllie, farmer Cleavance, died 23rd. June 1837

No. 7 William Deans, died 24th Feb 1853 aged 84

Wife, Janet Dalrymple, died 28th July 1831 aged 84 years

No. 8 Badly eroded, the following inscription remains:

Erected by Agnes Boyd 1801

No. 10 Right Side

Also Magdalene Francis, Eleanora and also of Mary Hay, Bank Street,
Kilmarnock who died at ? August 1846 aged 78

The front of the stone shows the family name as Hay

No. 11 James Jack, died 18th Sept 1857 aged 44 Years

Footnote: Row No 8 no 9 reverse side:

Francis Hey, died at Jamaica 1811 aged 38 years

Thomas Hay, died at Greenock, Jan 29th aged 46 years

Row 10

No. 4 Erected by James Murray (died 1874) in memory of his 1st Wife

Elizabeth Boyd died 1st Oct 1838 aged 28 years

No. 5 Janet Murray, died 26th July 1829

- No. 7 William Wallace, husband of Jean Boyd, died Oct 1851 aged 78 years
Son, James, died ? (badly eroded)
- No. 8 Erected by James Boyd (died 1881) in memory of his mother
Elizabeth Lees, died 29 July 1825 aged 54
Father, William Boyd, died 23 Aug. 1829 aged 60
- No. 9 William Boyd, farmer, Hillhouse, Spouse of Agnes Meikle, he died
Sept 1749 aged 60 years
- No. 10 Erected by Elizabeth Wallace in memory of her Uncle, ? Boyd
died 1851 aged 59 years
- No. 11 Thomas Andrew, carpenter, Troon, died 12th Dec 1842 aged 36 years
- No. 13 David Urie, died 6th Jan 1845 aged 54 years:
John Urie, (son of David Urie) late Portioner, Loans, died
25th May 1844 aged 65
- No. 15 William Dickie, died Mar. 6th 1789 aged 69 years
Spouse, Grizzel Doak, died Doak died Jan 1774 aged 49 years
William Dickie, Portioner, Loans died 26th April 1826 aged 77 years
Spouse, Janet Dickie, died 25th May 1823 aged 65 years
Also Grandson, John Deans, died 18th Dec 18?? aged 22 years
Grizzel Dickie, sister of Janet Dickie, died 5th Jan 1829 aged ?
William, second son of William Dickie, died 2nd Dec 1837 aged 29 years

John Dickie, oldest son of the above mentioned, died 25th May 1844 aged 65

Helen Dickie, daughter of above, Spouse to Michael Brown, died 11th. Jan 1839 aged 48 years

No. 16 James Dickie, late Portioner in Loans, died July 6th 1845 aged 53 year

No. 17 J. Dickie, died May 4th 1775 aged 57 years, (Father of Wm. Dickie, died 1826)

Spouse, Janet Doak, died Dec 12th 1783 aged 60 years

William Dickie, (Uncle of Wm. Dickie, died 1826) died 6th Mar 1789 aged 69

Spouse, Grizzel Doak, died Jan. 1774 aged 49

Row 11

No. 4 William Vallance, farmer in Collenan, died June 20th 1743 aged 70 years

Margaret Michel, his Spouse, died Dec 24th 1739 aged 68 years

Also, Hugh, Margaret, Elizabeth Vallances, their Grandchildren

Note: An S has been added to the name in their Grandchildren as a plural

Row 12

No. 2 James Muir in Caprington and his Spouse Elenor Rudd who dyed

Dec. 17(5)7 aged 66 and their children H ? and John Muir

No. 5 Table Stone

John Muir, died 15th Feb. 1818 in his 62nd year

Spouse, Elizabeth Calderwood, died 5th Oct 1805 in her 52nd year

Daughter, Elizabeth, died 18 Mar 1811 in her 25th year

No. 1 Son, James Muir, late merchant, Glasgow, died 4th may 1820 aged 37
(con) Son, John Muir, died 29th July 1832 aged 40 years
Daughter, Martha Muir, died 12th. May 1840 aged 55 years

No. 7 Alice Goodwin, a native of Stamford, Lincolnshire, died at Newfield
16 Mar 1840

No.12 Mary Tannock, died 29 Nov 1847 aged 21
Father, Andrew Tannock died 15 Aug ?

No. 13 Badly eroded
Erected by Eliz Strang in memory of her husband ? died 1817 aged 59
years
Daughter, Margaret died 1818 aged 23 years

No. 14 Janet Legit, relict to James Reid who died January 31 day 1727 aged 24
years

No. 15 Erected by Marion Black in memory of John Mitchell late weaver in
Loans, died 1st Dec 1838 aged 78 years
Son James died 1805 aged 1 year 2 months

No. 16 Ephriam Black, died at Limieside 13th Sept 1839 aged 71

No. 19 Small stone, J. Lewis 1841

No. 21 George Littlejohn, farmer in Curreath died 6th Mar 1847 aged 84years

Row 13

No. 1 John Cullen, miller in Shewalton Mill died Oct 1797 aged 59 years

No. 2 John Orr, died 16th Mar 1841 aged 69 years

Row 14

No. 4 Erected by David Dunlop, farmer in Loans and Margaret his Spouse
in memory of Hebert Dunlop Milner in H ? departed this life
28th Feb 17?5, also Agues Dunlop daughter to David Dunlop

No. 5 Table Stone

David Dunlop, farmer in Loans (Townend) died 9th Sept 1804 aged 65
Spouse, Agnes Dickie, died 50 Aug 1798 aged 56

Also in memory of David Dunlop 3rd son of above, Commander of the
Morninton East India Man died Calcutta 22nd Sept 1806 aged 53

Their 4th son William Dunlop died in Grenada, West Indies 1790 aged 15

Also Agnes Dunlop their 3rd and youngest daughter. died at Scullochmill
5 Nov 1787 aged 6

No. 9 James Craig, Tea Dealer in Loans, born 5 July 1750, died 25 Mar 1858

No. 11 Erected by James Reid, Taylor in Dundonald in memory of his spouse,
Mary King, died 9th Oct. 1802 aged 52 years

Also above J. Reid .. badly eroded

No.13 Badly eroded, reverse side name appears to be Galt , John Galt
died 1793 aged 44 years

Cresland is a name that also appears and could be Craikslan Farm
near Loans

Note: See D.P.S. Vol II page 378

No. 17 H. Findlay 1840 - small stone

Row 15

No. 5 J. Arnot 1852 - small stone

No. 4 J. Tainsh 1844 - small stone

No. 5 Adam Mitchell, Farmer in Shewalton, died 2nd Nov 1804 aged 86

Spouse, Mary Giffen, died 1st hey 1783 aged 63

Daughter, Jean Mitchell, died 15 April 1782 aged 28

Son, Adam Mitchell, died 28 Dec 1829 aged 78

No. 6 Andrew Tannock, died Dec 25th 1831 aged 82 years

Note: See D.P.S. Vol. III page 483

No. 7 Badly eroded but if is known to be the burial place of the Rev. John
Macleod see D.P.S. Vol. II page 384 All that can now be seen "And of his
wife Janet Campbell died 15 Jan 1821 " confirms the entry in D.P.S.

John McLeod , D.D. minister of Dundonald who died 6th Feb 1841 in his
83rd. year and the 63rd. year of his ministry.

Wife, Janet Campbell died 13 Jan 1821

No. 8 The Rev Robert Duncan DD died 14 April-1815 in the 62nd year of his age
and the 32nd of his ministry

In memory of his 2nd wife, Mary ?harrie died at Lesmahago 19 Oct 1845

·See D.P.S. Vol. II page 380

Note: This is Duncan Deep in the Twa Herds by Robert Burns

No. 15 William Allan, farmer in Highlees, died 9th Mar. 1827 aged 80 years
Son, William, died 20 June 1808 aged 12 years
Wife, Mary Barr, died Oct 1842 aged 82 years

No. 14 Jean Wilson, died at Troon 10th April 1834
Erected by her son, John Hay

Row 16

No. 1 Hugh Allan, Loans, died 20th Oct 1822 aged 77 years
Wife, Isabel Walker, died November ? aged (4)6
Daughter, Agnes, died 1820 aged 16 years

Row 16

No. 2 Janet Walker, Daughter of William Walker and Isabella Giffen
died at Dalry 31st Jan 1849 aged 20 years

No. 5 Badly eroded
Erected by John Hector Alexander (Gu)tt
in memory of Father Allan G(u)tt , died July 1782 aged 38 years

No. 4 Badly eroded
(Rob)ert Glover died 18th Aug 1833

No. 15 Abigail Hair, Relict of David McWhirter, died 20th Jan. 1800 aged 51

No. 14 William Gray, died 9th Dec 1800 aged 5 years
James Gray, died 6th July 1825 aged 22 years

Row 17

No. 2 This is a large stone inscribed "Re-erected by Elenora Armstrong
(Nee Weir) late of Akitio, New Zealand 1925. It bears, in full,
the inscriptions of number one and number two stones in that row

Right side (stone No. 1)

Erected by Robert Weir {died 12th April 1857} aged 63 in memory of
his Mother, Elisabeth Cook, died 4th Oct 1791 aged 52 years
Father, Lawrence Weir, died 25th Oct 1817 aged 82
Son, William, died 13 Oct 1852 aged 31

Left side (stone No. 3)

Lawrence Weir died at Carradale, Argyllshire, 5th Nov. 1852 aged
68 years and is interred here. His wife died 1864 aged 78
Their Children,
Robert in infancy 1813
Euphemia died 1818 aged 2
James died 5th Dec. 1851 aged 8
Lawrence died 2nd Dec. 1836 aged 25
John died 25th April 1849 aged 17
Janet died 10th May 1857 aged 36

No. 4 A.W. Paislie 1844 · small stone

No. 5 C Lockhart 1837 - small stone

No. 6 Erected by William Foulds, gamekeeper at Auchans to the memory of his wife, Christina Lockhart, died Jan. 21st 1848 aged 25 years

No. 7 John Gilchrist, died at Auchans 7th Jan. 1850 aged 67
Wife, Janet Jamieson, died 1868 aged 81

No. 8 Boyle Kirk, lately gamekeeper at Auchans, died 9th March 1845 aged 82
Wife, Margaret Gray, died 1 Jan 1819 aged 42
Daughter, Elizabeth, died 11 Feb. 1834 aged 28
Son, Boyle died 20th Oct. 1834 aged 21
Note: See R.A.L. page 114 reference is made to Will Kirk who also appears to have been a gamekeeper about 1820

No. 12 Marion (B)oyd, Spouse to John Couser, fermer in brasie, died Dec 1738 aged 35 years

No. 5 Erected by Hugh Glover in memory of his father Robert Glover,
Died 2nd. Feb. 1831 aged 66
Wife, Jean Jack ,died 10 Nov 1842 aged 72
Son, John died 20th Aug. 1854 aged 21
Daughter, Jean, died 23rd Aug. 1854 aged 19
Above mentioned Hugh Glover, Craig, died 1863
Note: Hugh Glover is described as an overseer, this would probably be at Craig Pit near Drybridge.

North wall. On this wall the stones of the former: mansion houses of Shewalton,
Auchans, Newfield and Fairlie are mounted. For full details see
D.P.S. Vol. II page 530

Fairlie

Sir John Cuninghame Fairlie, Bart. of Robertland (Loans) and Fairlie,
died 28 Feb 1852

Sacred to the memory of James Alexander Tait, late Capt. 4th Dragoon
Guards, born 27 April 1841 died 9th Sept 1879

Shewalton

Eliz. Dunlop, Widow of the Hon. Patrick Boyle, died 21 Mar 1832
in her 91st year

John Boyle Esq., died Shewalton 30 Jan. 1837

Rt. Hon. David Boyle, died 4th Feb 1853

Henry Dundas Boyle, died 19th April 1853