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P R E F A C E.

THE Registers of Baptisms, Matrimonial Contracts, and Marriages which follow, cover the period during which the Rev. William Davidson served "the cure at Cannasbey," viz., from 1652-1666. Mr. Davidson, however, though serving the cure from 1652 was not admitted minister of Canisbay until 17th February, 1655, and eleven years later he was transferred to Birsay (Orkney). As noted in the footnotes there are a number of blanks in the Registers, and after 1661 the entries of baptisms, marriage contracts, and marriages were not kept in a separate register, but included in the record of the kirk-session proceedings. The entries in these Registers will be of service to the genealogist interested in such Caithness families as the Sinclairs of Canisbay, of Dunbeath, of Mey, and of Brabster, and also such families as the Groats, the Kennedys of Stroma, the Mowats of Freswick, etc. Most of the outstanding Caithness families have already been dealt with by Henderson in his *Notes on Caithness Family History*, but owing to the vast amount of new material it is to be hoped that someone competent for the task will undertake the work of revising Henderson's *Notes* and so bring the book up-to-date. Brief genealogical articles, dealing with the Groats and the Calders, have appeared in the *John O'Groat Journal*, 21st February, 1899, and in the *Northern Ensign*, 3rd July, 1900. The name Ogstone which appears in the Registers is evidently that borne by some of the descendants of the Rev. Andrew Ogstone, minister of Canisbay prior to Mr. Davidson. The name has been changed in modern times into Houston, but its old connection with Hogstown in Strathbogie, from which the name originates, has been persistently maintained through the centuries in the Caithness folk pronunciation of Houston as "Hougston." So also with Warrs, though now written "Wares," one continually hears it pronounced in Caithness as "Warrs": the *a* having the *ah* sound. A feature of the names in the list is the

number of surnames derived from local place-names, such as Bowar, Broch, Calder (Caldell), Coghill (Cogill, Cogle), Dunnet, Gills, Ham, Harrow, Skaill, Stroma, Swanny (Swanie)¹ and Wares (Warrs). The purely Celtic surname, which in its Anglicised form appears as "MacIllhuy," is presumably the Gaelic *Mac Ghille Dhuibh* (son of Duff's servant), which in its modern contracted English form would be MacDuff.

The parish of Canisbay is on the extreme north-east of Scotland, and has within its borders the far-famed John O'Groat's House.

D. BEATON.

WICK, 27th August, 1914.

¹ Island of *Swona* in Orkney.

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PARISH OF CANISBAY.

REGISTER OF BAPTISMS.

Register of the names of the bairnes baptized be Mr. Wm. David-sone since his entrie to serve the cure at Cannasbey, before and since his admission, containeing the names of ye parents, presenters, of ye childrene and ye witnesses, with the date of ye day, moneth and yeir wherin they were baptized.

APRIL 4, 1652.

Andro Mowat in Oughingill had a sonne baptized and named Alexander ; Alexander Jack and Andro Ogstone, witnesses.

APRIL 5, 1652.

Donald M'Beath in Braibster had a daughter baptized and named Elizabeth ; Andro Dunett and Donald Baine, witnesses.

BAPTISMES.

June, 1653 ; wher the day of the moneth is notted on ye margent.

12. A daughter begottin in fornica^on baptized to William Mendtheplay in Friswick and named Helene ; Donald Liell and John Warrs, witnesses.
19. A sonne baptized to Johne Rosie in Mey, called William ; Wm. Sinclair and Wm. Rosie, witnesses.¹
„ Patrick Mowat in Friswick ; Magnus ; the same day witnesses.²
„ Alexr. Miller in Mey ; Christane ; Jon M'Beath, Wm. Dunett.

JULY, 1653.

28. Donald Liell, younger, in Cannasbey ; Magnus ; Jon M'Beath, Wm. Dunnett.

AUGUST, 1653.

8. Sir Wm. Sinclair of Cannasbey, knight baronet ; George ; Sir James Sinclair of Murkle, Francise Sinclair in Scrabster, Walter Bruice of Ham.
12. Tuo childrene baptized to Jon Nicolsone in Slicklie ; Thomas and Janet ; Thomas Taillor, Donald Baine in Braibster. They wer begottin in fornica^on.
„ Andro Watsone in Stroma ; William ; Wm. Geddes, Donald Liell, younger.
21. Andro Stevin in Oukingill ; Janet.³
26. Donald Barnatsone in Friswick ; Margaret ; James Dunett, Johne M'Beath.
„ Tuo childrene baptized to John Banks in Holamey ; Donald and Issobell ; James Warrs in Cannasbey, Johne Groat.

¹ For the sake of brevity the succeeding entries will simply give the father's name, name of child and names of witnesses, thus :—John Rosie (father) ; William (child) ; William Sinclair, William Rosie (witnesses).

² That is the same witnesses as in preceding entry.

³ Where witnesses' names are not given it is to be understood that they are not in the Register.

28. James Warrs in Dungasbey ; James ; James Warrs in Cannasbey, John Groat.

SEPTEMBER, 1653.

4. A daughter begottin in fornica^on be Thomas Groat ; Barbara ; Joⁿ Sim-
sone, Joⁿ Stevin.
„ Andro Laird in Dungasbey ; Issobell ; David M'Beath, William Harpar.
„ Michall Gray in Friswick ; baptized John, begottin in fornica^on : John
Cormack, George Mowat.

OCTOBER, 1653.

2. Ane sonne begottin in fornica^on be William Bruce, younger in Lythe ;
Donald ; Donald Groat of Warrs, Hendrie Hendersone in Dungasbey,
Thomas Bruce in Cannasbey.
4. William Barnie, smith in Friswick ; Janet.
16. Hew Groat ; Issobell ; Mr. William Davidsonsone, Thomas Groate.
„ John Watsonsone in Stroma ; Walter ; John Mansone, Joⁿ Stevin.
22. Alexander Rosie in Holamey ; Hendrie ; Hendrie Miller, James Banks.

NOVEMBER, 1653.

2. Donald Laird in Nybster in ye parishe of Wick ; Johne ; John Sinclar,
Joⁿ Leyth.
27. Alexander Cogill ; Barbara, begottin in fornica^on ; Alexander Barnatsone,
Thomas Robsone.
28. Barnie Barnatsone ; Johne ; Johne Simsone, James Warrs.
„ Johne Baine in Slickelie ; George ; George Baine, William Johnstone.

DECEMBER, 1653.

10. Donald Swanny ; Peter.
17. Hendrie Liell in Mey ; Alexander ; Alexander Sinclar, Johne M'Kenzie.
21. A child begottin in fornica^on by Andro Smith in Broubster ; name not
given ; William M'Beath.
28. Johne Mowat in South Ronaldshae in Orknay ; Peter ; William Rosie,
Andro Watsonsone ; also William Rosie became suretie yt the said chyld is
laully begottin under ye paine of 40 punds.

JANUARY, 1654.

8. William Rosie in Stroma ; Marie ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
15. Ane daughter begottin in fornica^on baptized to William Mowat in Fris-
wick ; Issobell ; George Stroma, Johne Mowat.
„ James Harrow in Mey ; Elizabeth ; Johne Sinclar, Alexander Sinclar.
„ Donald Rugg in Okingill ; Janet ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
29. Donald Mowat in Mey ; James ; James Dunnett, Donald Liell in Mey.

FEBRUARY, 1654.

11. Alexander Baine in Braibster ; Christane ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
17. Alexander Smith in Dungasbey ; Margt. ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.

MARCH, 1654.

2. James Dunett ; Malcome ; Andro Dunnett, Thomas Taillor.
8. Donald Groat of Warrs ; Issobell ; Johne Groate, Malcome Groate,
younger.
10. Donald Miller, younger, in Braibster ; Margaret ; John M'Beath, Adam
Baine.
„ William Rug in Gills ; John ; Andro Dunett, Barnie.
14. John Sinclar, somtyme in Dungasbey ; John ; Thomas Groat, Donald
Hendersone.
16. Johne Mathewsone in Huna ; Janet ; John Simsone, Thomas Robsone.
19. Malcome Rosie in Mey ; Alexander ; Alexander Rosie, Alexander M'Beath.

APRIL, 1654.

2. Johne Stevin ; Donald ; Mathew Dunnett, Thomas Groat.
- „ Gilbert Banks ; Margaret ; Joⁿ Dunett, James Gairdin.
4. Donald M'Beath in ye Field of Braibster ; Alexander ; James Dunnett, Barny.¹
9. Donald Braibiner in Warrs ; Christane ; Donald Stout, Barny.
- „ Patrik Kennedy in Okingill ; Catharine ; Findlay Groat, Barnie.
- „ Gilbert Mowat in Okingill ; Issobell ; Adam Baine, Barnie.
15. Thomas Taillor ; Janet ; Johne M'Beath, James Dunnett, James Warrs.
16. Alexander M'Beath in Mey ; Margaret ; James Dunett, Donald M'Beath.
- „ Walter Rosie in Mey ; Hendrie ; John Harrow, John Liell.
- „ Alexander Smith in Mey ; Alexander ; John Liell, David Gills.
23. David Baine in Stroma ; Issobell ; John Ham, Barnie.
- „ William Taillor ; Janet ; William Wright, Barnie.
29. John Baine in Braibster ; Issobell ; Alexander Baine, Donald M'Beath.

MAY, 1654.

4. Malcome Dunett in Cannasbey ; Helene.
17. Andro Barnatsone : Issobell ; Johne Dunnett, William Dunnett.
18. Donald Smith in Scoularie ; Janet ; Donald M'Beath, Donald Baine.

JUNE, 1654.

7. Donald Georgsone ; John ; John M'Beath, Barnie.
11. Donald Mowat in Friswick ; Helene ; Andro Ogstone, William Mowat.
13. Findlay Groat in Skirserie ; John ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
16. Donald Mowat in Mey ; George ; Hendrie Miller, Malcome Dunett.
18. William M'Fend in Holamey ; Christane ; Donald M'Beath, William Johnstone.
- „ William Groat ; Donald ; Hendry Miller, Malcome Dunnett.

JULY, 1654.

8. William M'Beath in Braibster : George ; Mathew Dunnett, Thomas Taillor.
31. Johne Liell in Holamey ; Issobell ; James Banks, Walter Rosie.

AUGUST, 1654.

5. David Gills ; David ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
15. John Simsone ; Helene ; Donald Groat, John M'Beath.
26. Magnus Stevin in Okingill ; Helene ; Thomas Taillor, Andro Ogston.

SEPTEMBER, 1654.

3. Thomas Groat ; Johne ; John Groat, Hew Groat, Malcome Groat.
24. Andro Mowat ; Issobell ; Donald Wright, Wm. Miller.
- „ George Stroma ; Margaret : William Bruice, Donald Swannie.

OCTOBER, 1654.

1. John Southerland, a poore traveller ; John ; Johne Simsone, Barnie.

NOVEMBER, 1654.

30. Magnus Mowat of Friswick ; Patrik ; John Kennedy, Laird of Karmucks, Findlay Groat, Andro Ogstone.

DECEMBER, 1654.

23. William Bowar ; Margaret ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
31. David Warrs ; Marion ; Huchon Harpar, Malcome Dunnett.

¹ Barny, or Barnie, was the kirk-session officer.

JANUARY, 1655.

2. Donald Mowat in Mey ; Donald.
4. Andro Mowat ; Magnus ; Donald Swany, younger, and Barny.
24. Andro Braibiner ; Donald ; Jonⁿ Mowat, Barny.
27. Ane daughter begottin in fornicat^{on} baptized to Malcom Dunnett ; Elizabeth ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
29. Ane daughter begottin in fornicat^{on} baptized to Donald Smith, younger, in Braibster ; Jeane ; Thomas Taillor, William M'Beath.

FEBRUARY, 1655.

11. George M'Fend in Braibster ; Williame ; Donald M'Beath, Donald Baine.
25. Donald Liell in Stroma ; Margaret ; John Ma'sone,¹ David Angus.

MARCH, 1655.

4. Alexander Dunnett in Gills ; William ; Malcome Dunnett, Thomas Bruice.
18. Hendrie Rosie in Warrs ; Donald ; Donald M'Beath, Malcome Dunnett.
24. William Warrs in Seter ; Helene ; Thomas Taillor, James Warrs.

APRIL, 1655.

8. Gilbert Banks in Holamey ; John ; John M'Beath, Malcome Dunnett, younger.
- „ Alexander Rosie in Mey ; Walter ; Findlay Groat, John Simsone.
12. Donald M'Beath ; Margaret ; Thomas Taillor, Magnus Mowat.
15. William Rosie in Mey ; Johne ; John Rosie, Donald Wright.
- „ Walter Swanny in Friswick ; Williame ; William Mowat, William Bruice.
20. Donald Miller in Braibster ; Andro ; Malcome Dunnett, elder, and Andro Dunnet.
27. Hew Groat ; John ; Magnus Mowat of Friswick, Malcome Groat of Warrs, and John Groat, portioner of Dungasbey.

MAY, 1655.

6. William Jonsone in Stamster ; David ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
9. Tuo childrene baptized to George Bruice of ye parishe of Wick ; Alexander and Helene ; David M'Beath, John Andersone, Donald Couper.

JUNE, 1655.

1. Adam Thomsone in Swany ; Christane ; William Rosie, Magnus Johnsone.
- „ Alexander Patersone in Swanny ; Nicolas ; John Caldell, John Ham.
- 3 John Mathewsone ; Christane ; James Dunnett, Thomas Taillor.
12. William Baine in Friswick ; George ; Alexander Braibiner, Thomas Taillor.
15. James Banks in Holamey ; Issobell ; Donald Groat, John Dunnett.
- „ Adam Seatone ; Hendrie ; Hendry Miller, Hendrie Smith.
26. James Sinclair in Keiss ; John ; Magnus Reid, Robert Leyth.
27. John Bowar in Stroma ; Margaret ; John M'Fend, John Watsone.

JULY, 1655.

- [No Date.] John Inrick in Keiss ; Janet ; Robert Kenach, Thomas Man.
27. Thomas Bruice ; Robert ; James Dunnett, Donald Baine.
 28. Ane daughter baptized to John Sinclair, ye Laird's brother, begottin in fornicat^{on} ; Elizabeth ; John M'Kenzie, Hendrie Miller, and Hendrie Liell.
 28. Umquhile Alexander Mursone ; Issobell ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.

¹ Contraction for Magnus' son = Manson in its modern form.

AUGUST, 1655.

4. Donald Groat of Warrs ; Marie.
14. Andro Barnatsone ; Margaret ; Malcome Dunnett, Donald Liell.
- „ Andro Ogstone ; Andro ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie with Magnus Mowat.
20. Alexander Rosie in Mey ; Janet ; Andro Dunnett, Malcome Dunnett.
- „ John Warrs in Dungasbey ; Margaret ; David M'Beath, Barnie.
31. Ane daughter baptized to John Wylyman in Olrick begottin in fornicatⁿ ; Issobell ; Thomas Talor, Barny.

SEPTEMBER, 1655.

23. John Stroma ; Elizabeth ; William Mowat, John Mowat.

OCTOBER, 1655.

14. Sir William Sinclair of Mey ; Elizabeth ; William Sinclar of Rattar, Patrik Sinclar of Ulbster, John Sinclar of Tannach, Mr. James Innes of Sand-syde and David Sinclar of Dun.
20. Andro Water ; William ; Thomas Taillor, Walter Mendtheplay.
29. Huchon Harpar ; William ; William Johnstone, Thomas Taillor.

NOVEMBER, 1655.

1. Donald Cogill in Mey ; Donald ; Thomas Taillor, Malcome Dunnett, younger.
8. Alexander Liell ; Helene ; Malcome Dunett, Thomas Taillor.
13. James Warrs ; Janet ; Thomas Taillor, John Simsone.
14. Angus Couper ; John ; David M'Beath, Thomas Taillor.
25. James Gairdin ; Margaret ; Donald Groat, John M'Beath. Item, Donald and Magnus Liells.
- „ Thomas Taillor ; Williame ; Hew Groat, Mathew Dunnett and David M'Beath.
- „ William Braibiner ; Andro ; Mathew Dunnett, William Mowat.
26. William M'Beath ; Donald ; Donald Baine, Thomas Taillor.

DECEMBER, 1655.

- [No Date.] William Dunnett ; Thomas ; Malcome Dunnett, Donald Mansone

JANUARY, 1656.

18. William M'Beath in Sliklie ; George ; Donald M'Beath, William M'Beath.

FEBRUARY, 1656.

9. Andro Dunnett ; Janet ; Thomas Taillor, William Dunnett.
10. William Cordiner ; Alexander ; Walter Mendtheplay, John Brothaw.
- „ Andro Mowat ; Janet ; Alexander Braibiner, William Laird.
- „ John Ham ; Gilbert ; Malcome Dunnett, Donald Geddes.

MARCH, 1656.

2. Hendrie Miller ; Adam ; Adam Seaton, John Sinclar.
- „ John Forbes ; Helene ; Donald Mowat, John Water.
6. Alexander Baine ; Janet ; Magnus Mowat, John M'Beath.
9. Donald Wright ; Janet ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
30. Alexander Harrow ; David ; John Rosie, William Taillor.

APRIL, 1656.

3. John Baine ; John ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
- „ Donald Harrow ; Alexander ; John M'Kenzie, Adam Seaton.
6. William Warrs ; Marion ; James Dunnett, James Warrs.
20. John Mansone in Stroma ; George ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.

MAY, 1656.

11. Magnus Braibiner in Freswick ; William ; William Laird, William Rosie.
- „ William Mowat in Friswick ; Patrik ; Patrik Mowat, Donald Baine.
13. A sonne begottin in fornica^on baptized to Hendry Geddes in Friswick ;
John ; Johne Watstone, John Mowat.
13. Hew Groate ; James ; Malcome Groat, Donald Groat.
14. Alexander Cogill ; Margaret ; Thomas Dunnett, William Bowar.
25. William Johnstone in Stainster ; Marion ; John Water, Barnie.
- „ William Groate in Mey ; Johne ; Donald Mowat, William Geddes.

JUNE, 1656.

2. Donald Georgesone ; Katharine ; William M^oBeath, Andro Smith.
5. Patrik Mowat in Friswick ; John ; Johne M^oBeath, Donald Swanny.
15. John Dunnett ; Mathew ; Mathew Dunnett, James Banks.
18. Alexander Petersone in Swanny ; Marione ; Alexander Begge, Alexander Rosie.
- „ James Couper in ye parishe of Wick ; Helene ; John M^oBeath, Thomas Robsone.

JULY, 1656.

8. John M^oBeath in Stanstell ; Williame ; William M^oBeath, William Cogill.
13. Magnus Budge in ye parishe of Wick ; Helene ; Magnus Stevin, Barny.
- „ Donald Bruice in Friswick ; Issobell ; Findlay Groat, William Smith.
19. Donald Alexandersone in Keiss ; Thomas ; Thomas Mowat, Thomas Man.
27. John Cobbane ; Johne ; John Rosie, Donald Wright.
28. William Cormack in Bowar ; Thomas ; Thomas Cormack, James Warrs.
29. Mathew Water in Stroma ; Issobell ; Donald Geddes, Johne Ham.

AUGUST, 1656.

4. Tuo childrene baptized to Alexander Southerland ; Hew and Elizabeth ;
David M^oBeath, William Geddes.

OCTOBER, 1656.

16. Alexander Liell in Stroma ; Catharine ; Malcome Dunnett, Barnie.
- „ Andro Watstone ; Alexander ; Alexander Begge, Malcome Dunnett.
- „ Donald Watstone ; Anna ; Malcome Dunnett, Barnie.
- „ A daughter begottin in fornica^on baptized to George Dreap *alias* — ;
Margaret ; Alexander Barnatsone, Barnie.
- „ Donald Couper in Dungasbey ; Issobell ; Huchon Harpar, Johne Warrs.
- „ William Mendtheplay ; Issobell ; William Groate, Thomas Watstone.
18. Andro Laird ; Margaret ; John Dunnett, William M^oBeath.
- „ Donald Miller in Braibster ; Janet ; James Dunnett, William M^oBeath.
- „ William Baine in Okin[gill] ; Elizabeth ; Magnus Stevin, Gilbert Mowat.
- „ A sonne begottin in fornica^on baptized to William Mowat in Friswick ;
William ; William M^oBeath, William Baine.
- „ Alexander Clyne ; Alexander ; Alexander Dunnett, Donald M^oBeath.
- „ Hendrie Liell ; Margaret ; Johne Sinclar, Barnie.
- „ William Water ; David ; Thomas Tailor, Hendrie Liell.
- „ A daughter in fornica^on baptized to Donald Denoone ; Margaret ; Johne
Smith, Andro Denoone and Thomas Tailor.
- „ Magnus Mowat of Friswick ; Williame ; Sir William Sinclar of Mey,
William Sinclar of Rattar, William Sinclar of Dumbeath, Alexander
Mowat of Swenny.
23. Alexander Andro in Stroma ; Elizabeth ; Donald Geddes, Barny.
- „ Donald M^oFend ; Christane ; Donald M^oBeath, Donald Baine.

NOVEMBER, 1656.

1. William Barnie in Friswick ; Elizabeth ; Donald Baine, Barnie.
- [*Date blotted.*] Walter Rosie ; Issobell ; Johne Rosie, Alexander Rosie.

4. John Geddes ; Helene ; Alexander Liell, Barny.
7. William Taillor in Mey ; Catharine ; Alexander Harrow, Barny.
- „ George Miller in ye parishe of Bowar ; Margaret ; Donald M'Beath, Donald Bruice.
24. James Gareidine ; name of child not given ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
26. James Dunnett ; Margaret ; Andro Dunnett, Thomas Taillor.
- „ William M'Fend ; Janet ; William M'Beath, Magnus Steivin.

JANUARY, 1657.

23. Donald Liell, younger ; Catharine ; John Simsone, Thomas Taillor.

FEBRUARY, 1657.

1. Findlay Groat ; George ; George Mowat, Hew Groat.
22. Donald Mowat in Friswick ; Magnus ; Donald Swanny, Barnie.
23. Thomas Bruice *alias* Robson ; Johne ; John M'Beath, Barnie.
25. Robert Dumbar in Southronalsche ; Christane ; John Groat of Kerstoun, John Mowat of Burick.

MARCH, 1657.

9. John Simsone ; William ; James Dunnett, James Warrs.
15. Donald Barnatsone ; Adam ; Adam Baine, William Bruice.
22. Malcome Dunnett, elder in Cannasbey ; John ; Johne Dunnett, John M'Kenzie.

APRIL, 1657.

1. Donald Braibiner ; Donald ; Donald Mowat, Alexander Braibiner.
5. George M'Fend in Braibster ; Christane ; Magnus Mowat, William M'Beath.
6. Hendrie Geddes ; William ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
22. Alexander Budge ; Margaret ; James Warrs, Alexander Clyne.
24. Hendrie Cogill ; Hendrie ; David Bruice, portioner of Lythe, Magnus Steivin.
- „ James Harrow ; Magnus ; Donald Miller, Alexander Harrow.

MAY, 1657.

3. Johne Banks ; Issobell ; William Johnsone, Gilbert Banks.
- „ Malcome Rosie ; Walter ; Alexander Rosie, John Rosie.
15. Donald Baine in Friswick ; William ; William Smith, Thomas Taillor.
23. Donald Mowat in Mey ; Janet ; John Baine, Thomas Taillor.
24. Robert Leyth in Keiss ; Elizabeth ; Magnus Steivin, James Sinclair.
25. John Johnsone ; Johne ; John Monro, Hew Groate and John Georgesone.
- „ William Moresone ; Mariory ; Malcome Groat, elder, Hew Groat and Donald Groat.
31. Donald Smith in Stirkoke ; Donald ; William M'Beath, Hendrie M'Fend.

JUNE, 1657.

7. Sir William Sinclair of Mey ; Barbara ; William Sinclair of Rattar, Johne Bowman, David Murray, Alexander Sinclair.
12. William Geddes ; Janet ; Hendrie Liell, George Richeson.
21. Magnus Steivin ; Donald ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
- „ Alexander Dunnett ; James ; James Dunnett, James Banks.

JULY, 1657

3. David Warrs in Seter ; Christane ; Thomas Taillor, Malcome Dunnett.
6. William Rosie in Stroma ; Edward ; Edward Rosie, Barny.
12. William Groat ; William ; William Geddes, Huchon Harpar.
28. Donald Roman ; Magnus ; Donald Geddes, William M'Beath.

AUGUST, 1657.

6. David Tenent ; Janet ; Donald Bowar, Thomas Taillor.
17. Hew Groat ; Margaret ; Malcome Groat, elder, Donald Groat.
23. Donald Stout ; James ; James Dunnett, Malcome Dunett.
29. Andro Smith ; Patrik ; Donald Baine, Alexander Baine.
30. John Bowar ; William ; William Rosie, Alexander Andrew.

SEPTEMBER, 1657.

6. Alexander Rosie ; Christane ; James Dundas, John Dunnett.

OCTOBER, 1657.

4. Andro Mowat in Mey ; John ; John Dunnett, John Southerland.
8. John Steivin ; Janet ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
11. John Andersone ; James ; James Warrs, William Johnstone.

NOVEMBER, 1657.¹

6. Alexander M'Beath ; Effie ; Donald Groat, Thomas Taillor.
8. Adam Seaton ; John ; James Dundas, John Sinclair, John M'Kenzie.
15. Angus Couper ; Donald ; Donald Couper, Donald Bowar.
- „ Alexander Rosie in Holamey ; William ; Andro Dunnett, William Rosie.
19. William Braibiner ; Thomas ; Thomas Taillor, Donald Swanny.
23. Thomas Taillor ; James ; Malcome Groat of Warrs, Malcome Dunnett.

DECEMBER, 1657.

20. William Johnstone ; William ; William Warrs, Thomas Taillor.
- „ Alexander Harrow ; Margaret ; Alexander Rosie, Malcome Dunnett.
- „ Alexander Braibiner ; Christane ; Andro Dunnett, Thomas Taillor.

JANUARY, 1658.

1. Thrie childrene baptized to James Dunnett : Johne, Catharine and Marie :
John Dunnett, Thomas Taillor.
10. Magnus Mowat of Friswick ; Jeane ; William Sinclair of Rattar, William
Sinclair of Dumbeath.
16. John Southerland ; William ; William Dunett, John M'Kenzie.
- „ Malcome Rosie Alexandersone ; John ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
26. Donald Groat of Warrs ; Agnes.
27. Donald Liell in Cannasbey ; William ; William Johnstone, Thomas
Taillor.

FEBRUARY, 1658.

3. Gilbert Banks ; Margaret ; James Banks, John Baikie.
7. Hendrie Liell in Mey ; Catharine ; John M'Kenzie, William Bruice.
- „ John Baine in Friswick ; Elizabeth ; Donald Mowat, John Mowat.
- „ John Mowat in Friswick ; Janet ; Alexander Baine, Andro Mowat.
23. Donald Wright ; Catharin ; Alexander Rosie, John Brochaw.
27. Alexander Liell ; Catharine ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.

MARCH, 1658.

4. Donald Geddes in Stroma ; Johne ; John M'Beath, Alexander Andrew.
6. Nicolas Thomstone in ye parishe of Wick ; David ; David Bruice David
Caldell.
- „ Donald M'Leane ; Donald ; John Dunnett, Donald Miller.
- „ William Dunnett ; William ; Andro Dunett, John M'Kenzie.
7. William Bowar ; Agnes ; John Mansone, Thomas Taillor.

¹ The date is given as 1656 in the Register by mistake.

7. Donald Liell in Stroma ; John ; John Mansone, Alexander Andro.
15. Andro Braibiner, younger ; Janet ; Walter Swanny, Thomas Taillor.
- „ John Mathewson : David ; Malcom Dunnett in Seter, Malcome Dunnett in Cannasbey.
27. Donald Harrow in Mey ; John ; John Harrow, Walter Mendtheplay.
- „ Robert Dumbar in Southronalsay : Margaret ; Hew Groat, Malcome Groat, younger.

APRIL, 1658.

11. John Warrs ; Helene ; James Warrs, John Andersone.
18. Donald Liell in Dungasbey ; William ; Donald Robsone, James Mowat.
27. David Taillor : William ; William Barnie, Thomas Taillor.

MAY, 1658.

1. Alexander Rosie ; Anna ; Malcome Dunnett, Andro Dunnett.
12. Andro Barnatsone ; John ; Thomas Robson, Malcome Dunnett.
19. James Mowat ; William ; David M'Beath, William Groat.
24. Andro Water ; Catharine ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
30. Sandy Steivin ; William ; William Barnie, Donald Swanny.

JUNE, 1658.

6. William Rosie in Mey ; Elizabeth ; Walter Mendtheplay, Thomas Taillor.
7. Jaspert Flett in Dungasbey ; Elizabeth ; Andro Mowat, Thomas Taillor.
- „ Donald Laird in ye parishe of Wick ; Elizabeth ; Andro Mowat, Thomas Taillor.

JULY, 1658.

4. William Sinclar of Dumbeath ; Jeane ; Sir James Sinclar of Murkle, William Sinclar of Rattar, Magnus Mowat of Balwhollie, John Sinclar of Tannach and David Murray.
8. Donald Liell in Mey ; William ; John Water, William Andro.
10. Andro Ogstone ; James ; Mathew Dunnett, Donald Mowat.
18. James Banks ; James ; James Dundas, John M'Kenzie.
26. Alexander Mowat in Okingill ; Alexander ; Alexander Mowat, Andro Mowat.
- „ Huchone Harpar ; Helene ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
29. William Groat in Mey ; Janet ; Thomas Taillor, Alexander Rosie.

AUGUST, 1658.

8. Andro Mowat in Friswick ; Barbara ; Thomas Bruice, Thomas Taillor.
15. James Harrow ; Helene ; David M'Beath, Thomas Taillor.
18. John Williamsone : Christane ; Thomas Taillor, Malcome Dunnett.
29. David Warrs ; John ; John Williamsone, David Harrow.

SEPTEMBER, 1658

12. John Nicolsone ; Williame ; Donald M'Beath, William M'Beath.
22. George Steivin ; William ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie Barnetsone
- „ Donald Rug ; Marion ; John Baine, William Mowat.

OCTOBER, 1658.

2. William Laird ; Elizabeth ; William Omand, Malcome Groat.
4. Malcome Dunnett in Cannasbey ; Mathew ; James and Andro Dunnetts.
6. Mathew Water ; Janet ; Johne Ma'sone (Manson), Donald Geddes.
10. John Geddes ; Janet ; William Geddes, Thomas Taillor.
12. William Gawinsone ; Elizabeth ; Donald Groat, William Moresone.
17. Walter Swanny ; Elizabeth ; Johne Dunnett, Thomas Taillor.

NOVEMBER, 1658.

2. Alexander Southerland ; Marion ; Malcome Dunnet, Barny.
25. William Baine in Friswick ; Andro ; Andro Smith, Sandy Braibiner.

DECEMBER, 1658.

1. Alexander Cogill ; William ; Andro and Johne Dunnetts.
12. James Seaton ; Issobell ; James Dunnett, Joⁿ Simsone.
- „ John Baine in Skoulary : Margaret ; Andro Smith, Barny.
30. Sir Williame Sinclair of Mey ; John.
31. Findlay Groat ; Marion ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.

JANUARY, 1659.

12. Alexander Andro in Stroma ; Donald ; Donald Liell, Thomas Taillor.

FEBRUARY, 1659.

2. Alexander M'Beath ; Christan ; Andro Dunett, Thomas Taillor.
6. John Mowat in Friswick ; Issobell ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
12. Donald M'Beath ; William ; William Moresone, William Gavinsone.
14. Donald Couper ; James ; James Warrs, David M'Beath.
25. Andro Mowat in Friswick ; Janet ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.

MARCH, 1659.

13. Donald Liell, younger ; Johne ; John Simsone, John Water.
20. Donald Bowar in Stroma ; Johne ; John Dunnett, David Angus.
23. Adam Gordone in Keiss ; Jeane ; William Annand, George Sinclair.
24. Donald Groat of Warrs ; Johne.
25. Alexander Baine in Braibster ; Marion ; John M'Beath, younger, Malcome Dunnett.
27. William Youthheid ; Issobell ; John Sinclair, William Southerland.

APRIL, 1659.

3. Donald Miller ; Williame ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
- „ William Cordiner ; Elspet ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.
5. David Tenent ; Barbara ; Sandy Andro, Thomas Taillor.
9. Thomas Bruice ; Margaret ; John Dunnett, Thomas Taillor.
24. Alexander Clyne : Hew ; Hew Groat, James Banks, John Dunnett.
- „ John Forbes ; William ; John Rosie, Thomas Taillor.
29. Thomas Steivin ; William ; Gilbert Mowat, Joⁿ Farquhar.

MAY, 1659.

1. Alexander Liell ; Andro ; Andro Dunnett, Barny.

JUNE, 1659.

2. Johne Baine in Okingill : Christane ; Gilbert Mowat, Farquhar Johnstone.
3. Andro Laird in Dungasbey : Gilbert ; John Andersone and — Mendthe-play.
7. — Baine in Okingill : child's name not given ; Andro and Malcome Dunnetts.
13. Thomas Taillor ; Liliass ; Andro Dunnett, George Dunett.
23. Donald Cogill ; Issobell ; Thomas Taillor, Barnie.
- „ William Bur ; Alexander ; Thomas Taillor, Barny.

JULY, 1659.

2. William Mowat in Friswick ; Helen.
5. Walter Rosie in Mey ; Janet ; Malcome Dunett, Barny.

14. Alexander Liell in Stroma ; Janet ; Donald Watson, Donald Geddes.
23. John Ham ; James ; John Mansone, Donald Geddes.
28. Wm. Taillor ; Margaret ; John M'Kenzie, John Brothaw, John Water.

AUGUST, 1659.

2. George M'Fend ; John ; John M'Beath, Wm. M'Beath.
- „ Andro Smith ; William ; Hendrie M'Fend, Donald and Alexander Baines.
- „ John Mansone in Stroma ; Elizabeth ; George Liell, Donald Geddes.
21. Huchon Harpar ; Helene ; William Warrs in Seter, Donald Liell.

OCTOBER, 1659.

4. Donald Bruce in Seter ; Willame ; William Groat, John Simsone.
9. James Dundas ; Margaret ; Sir William Sinclair, and John Sinclair of Braibster.
10. Adam Baine in Friswick ; Donald ; Donald Groat, Donald —.
14. John Williamsone in Seter ; Margaret ; William Warrs, Thomas Dunett.
- „ William Sinclair of Dunbeath ; Margaret ; George Beatman, William Sinclair of Rattar, etc.
- „ John Warrs in Dungasbey ; Elizabeth ; John Johnson, Donald M'Beath.

NOVEMBER, 1659.

20. Andro Water in Mey ; Elizabeth ; John Dunnett, Andro Sinclair.

JANUARY, 1660.

1. Andro Liell ; Helene ; David M'Beath, Donald Groat in Skirserie.
- „ Alexander Cogill ; Issobell ; John M'Beath, David M'Beath.
12. Donald Watson in Stroma ; Mathew ; Donald Liell in Stroma and —.
21. Magnus Steivin in Okingill ; Andro ; Andro Ogstone, Gilbert Mowat.

FEBRUARY, 1660.

4. William M'Beath ; Margaret ; William M'Beath, John M'Beath.
- „ Magnus Banks in Swinze ; child's name not given ; Barney and Thomas Taillor.
5. Donald Cogill in Mey ; Donald ; John M'Kenzie, Donald Swanny.

MARCH, 1660.

6. Donald Roman ; John ; David Angus, Donald Geddes.
12. Hew Groat, portioner of Dungasbey ; Jeane ; Magnus Mowat of Friswick, Malcome Groat.
29. Sir William Sinclair of Mey ; Marie ; George, Earle of Cathnes, William Sinclair of Rattar.

APRIL, 1660.

12. Donald Mowat in Friswick ; Marion ; William Barney, Donald Baine.
17. Malcome Dunnett in Cannasbey ; Margaret ; John M'Beath, William Gavinsone.

MAY, 1660.

10. Donald Stout ; name of child not given ; Thomas Dunnett, Barney.
17. John Dunett ; Hugh ; Andro Dunnett, John M'Beath.

JUNE, 1660.

17. William M'Fend in Holamey ; Margaret ; John M'Beath in Cannasbey, John M'Beath in Braibster.
24. Donald Wright ; William ; William Geddes, William Dunnett.

JULY, 1660.

3. Donald Groat ; Johnne (illegitimate) ; David M'Beath, Donald Broach.
22. Donald Liell in Stroma : child's name not given ; Barny and —.
- „ Alexander Brabiner : Anna : Andro Dunett, Malcome Dunnett.

AUGUST, 1600.

10. Donald M'Beath ; Andrew ; Andro Ogstone, Barny.
- „ Walter Mendtheplay : Margaret ; James Dundas, John M'Kenzie.

OCTOBER, 1660.

29. William Groat ; Walter ; John Water, William Tailor.
- „ Thomas Steivin in Okingill ; Donald ; Barny.
- „ Donald Johnson : Huchon ; Donald Baine, James Kaneachsone.

NOVEMBER, 1660.

23. James Dunett ; George ; John M'Kenzie, Andro Dunnett.

DECEMBER, 1660.

22. Donald Harrow in Mey ; Margaret ; John Broache, John Sinclar.
23. Gilbert Banks in Holamey ; George ; William M'Beath, Donald Mowat.
- „ Andro Sinclar, servand in Mey : William (illegitimate).

MARCH, 1661.

2. Angus Patersone ; Margaret ; William Annan, John Mackenzie.
- „ William Sinclair of Dumbeath, being himself south commissioner to ye parliament ; to him a daughter borne March 3, being the Lord's day, who was called out of this mortalitie on Thursday, ye 7 of yt instant.

The following entries are taken from the Canisbay Kirk-Session Records ; the separate Register of Baptisms ceased with the immediately preceding entry.

AUGUST, 1663.

7. Donald Groat of Warrs ; Charles : Rev. William Davidson, John M'Beath.
28. Finla Groat ; Mary ; Hugh Groat, William Morison.

SEPTEMBER, 1663.

27. Nero Warrs in Dungasbie ; James ; Thomas Dunet, James Newe (?).

OCTOBER, 1663.

11. John Andersone in Dungasbey ; Helene ; John Water, Andrew Dunnett.

NOVEMBER, 1663.

1. Gilbert Dunet in Gills ; Thomas ; Thomas and James Dunnet.
22. Alexander Bremner in Freswick ; George ; George Sinclair, William Barnie.
29. — Lyell : child's name not given.

DECEMBER, 1663.

2. John M'Beth in Brebster ; Margaret ; Donald Bayne, Barnie Barnatsone.
8. Hugh Groat ; Elizabeth ; Finla Groat, James Watersone.
11. Donald Water ; Christian ; George Dunett, John M'Beth.
16. Alexander Stephen ; Donald ; Donald M'Beth, John M'Beth.
22. William Mowat ; Donald : Donald Mowat, Gilbert Banks.

27. James Water in Dungasbey ; Angus ; Hugh Groat.
- „ — in Stromah ; child's name not given ; John Manson.
- „ James Water ; Agnes ; Malcom Grot, Hew Grot.
- „ William Tenan ; William ; Donald Geddes, John Lyell.

JANUARY, 1664.

3. Wat Rossay ; Effie and Agnes ; Alexander Rossay, Hendrie Rossay.
- „ Thomas Stevin ; Maines ; Andrew Dinnat, Alexander Barnatson.

FEBRUARY, 1664.

14. John Kenedy of Carmucks ; George ; George, Earl of Caithness, George Forbes of Cosse.
- „ Magnus Stephen ; William ; witnesses names not given.
21. William Taylor in Mey ; Helen ; William Groat, Francis Seaton.
22. John Dunett ; William ; William Dunett and —.
25. Malcome Groat, younger, in Dungasbey ; Elizabeth : John Kennedy, elder John Forbes.

MARCH, 1664.

5. Angus Paterson ; Katherine ; Hugh Rosse, William Paterson.
15. James Dundas ; Gilbert ; Donald Groat of Warrs, Robert Sinclair.

APRIL, 1664.

3. Donald M'Phend in Brebster ; William ; William M'Beth, John M'Beth.
15. Donald Swanie ; James ; William Gills, Thomas Seaton.
- „ Donald Southerland ; Donald ; William Gills, John M'Cloud.

MAY, 1664.

1. Andrew Smith ; Elizabeth ; John M'Beth, Donald Miller.
17. Donald Gills in Stromah ; Issobell.

JULY, 1664.

19. John Reid *alias* Alexanderson ; Issobell ; George M'Phend, Henry M'Phend.
20. Donald Miller ; John ; Donald Baine, Andrew Smith.
- „ Donald Miller, younger ; John ; Donald Baine, Andrew Smith.
31. William Forbes ; Nathaniel ; Donald Groat, Malcom Groat, younger.

AUGUST, 1664.

22. David Harper ; David ; William Barny, Andrew Lyell.
28. James Grott in Dungasbey ; Elizabeth ; Donald M'Baith, Robert Bruce.
30. Sir William Sinclair of Cannasbey ; Kenneth ; John Kennedy of Carmucks, and — Sinclair of Ratter.

SEPTEMBER, 1664.

4. John Mowat ; Elizabeth.
11. Alexander Lyell ; Magnus and Elizabeth ; Thomas Dunett in Quoys, Alexander Rosey, John M'Beth and William Barneson.
- „ John — ; Helen ; Andrew Sinclair, Henry M'Fend.
25. Alexander Taylour ; William ; William Dunett, Henry M'Beth.

OCTOBER, 1664.

9. Alexander Sutherland ; Helen.
- „ John Mackenzie ; Alexander ; George Sinclair.
23. Alexander Dunett in Gills ; Helin ; Malcome Grott, younger, of Warrs, Thomas Dunetson, James Dinett in Quoys.

NOVEMBER, 1664.

10. John Mowat in Freswick ; Elizabeth ; Alexander Bremner, Alexander Bayne.
16. Gilbert Dinett ; George ; John Symson, George Dinett.
20. Wm. Bayne in Freswick ; Adam ; David Bayne in Brebster, Adam Bayne in Freswick.
27. Thomas Dinett in Stromah ; child's name not given.

DECEMBER, 1664.

11. Donald Monroe ; Elizabeth ; James Swany, John Smith.
18. Malcom Dunet ; Andrew and Barbara (twins) ; Andrew Lyell, Alexander Lyell and Donald Lyell.

JANUARY, 1665.

1. Thomas Groat : Malcome ; old Malcome Groat and young Malcome Groat.
- „ Hutson Jack ; Alexander ; Andrew Ogstone, Alexander Brebner.
10. Malcome Budge ; Robert ; Adam Bayne, Thomas Thomson.
18. James Ham ; Margaret ; Thomas Dinett, Donald Gills.
- „ Donald Lyell ; Elizabeth ; Thomas Dinett in Quoys, John Beg.

FEBRUARY, 1665.

19. Andrew Mowat in Skullry ; William ; Johnne Bayne, Gilbert Banks.
22. Alexander Banks ; Barbara (illegitimate) ; Hutson Harper, Donald Miller.
26. Adam Bayne in Friswick ; Issobell : Donald M'Beth, Hutson Jack.

MARCH, 1665.

16. David M'Phend ; David ; Donald Miller, William M'Beth.
19. George M'Phend ; Jonet ; Donald Bayne, Hugh Jack.
- „ Alexander Harrow ; Hugh ; William Angus, John Harrow.
21. Francis Seaton ; Adam ; John Mackenzie, Walter Mentpley.
- „ William Barnetstone ; Alexander ; Andrew Dunett, John M'Beth.
26. Gilbert Banks ; Donald ; Donald Banks, William M'Beth.

MAY, 1665.

11. John Williamson ; Christian ; John M'Beith, Andrew Lyell.
23. Alexander Rosie in Cannesby ; Jonet : Andrew Dunett, William Barnetson.
31. Donald Couper ; Marion ; William Johnston, Hutson Harper.
- „ Malcome Groat, younger ; Patrick and Helen (twins) ; William Bruce, John Kennedy of Carmucks, elder, Malcome Groat, Robert Drummond.

JULY, 1665.

4. Donald Reid ; William ; Alexander Lyell, Andrew Lyell.
7. Alexander Lyell in Stromah ; William ; Thomas Robson, Donald Rosie.
- „ Walter Robson ; George ; John Thomson, Alexander Andrew.
9. William Groat in Mey ; Hugh ; Hugh Rose, Angus Paterson.
- „ Alexander Miller ; Jonet ; William M'Beth, Donald Harrow.
- „ John Nicolson ; Jonet ; William M'Beth, Donald Miller.
- „ Hugh Grott ; Margaratt ; Malcolm Grott of Warrs, James Dundas, Malcolm Grott, younger.
21. John Ham in Stromah ; Agnes ; Alexander Andrew, William Lyell.
26. Henry M'Phend ; child's name not given ; John M'Beth, James Dunett.
- „ John Bayne in Okingill ; Jonet ; Alexander Bayne, Alexander Braminer.
30. John Mathewson ; John ; William Mowat, John Sympton.

SEPTEMBER, 1665.

15. William Innes ; Helin ; John M'Beth, David Harrow.
17. Walter Mentply ; James ; Andrew Cadwell, John Rosey,
- „ Andrew Mowat in Mey ; Margaret : Alexander Rosse, Donald Rossy.

17. Donald Water ; David ; William M'Beth, Angus Paterson.
 „ Alexander Bug [Budge ?] ; Helin ; William Clyne, Andrew Sinclair.
 „ John Barnatson ; Alexander ; Alexander Barnatson, Donald Mowat.
 29. Thomas Robson ; Thomas ; Thomas Dunett in Quoys, Thomas Dunett in Stromah.
 „ George Lyell in Stromah ; Jean ; John Murson, John Beg.
 „ John Thomson ; John ; John Kennedy, elder, Alexander Andrew.
 „ John Fraquhar in Okingill ; Margrat ; Alexander Bain, William Bain.

NOVEMBER, 1665.

2. Finla Groat ; Anabel ; John Groat, William Henderson.
 21. John Smith ; Alexander ; John MacKenzie, Francis Seaton.
 „ David Harper ; Barbara ; James Wars, John Grot.

DECEMBER, 1665.

6. William Wars ; Christian ; James M'Beth, David Wars.
 27. John Geddes ; child's name not given ; Francis Seaton, John MacKenzie.

JANUARY, 1666.

8. Donald Groat of Wars ; Issobell ; James Dundas, John M'Beth.
 11. Donald Robson ; Thomas ; James M'Beith, James Wars.
 28. David Sinclair ; name of child not given.
 „ John Harrow ; Issobell ; Andrew Caldwell, Hugh Ross.

FEBRUARY, 1666.

2. John M'Beth ; Eupham ; Andrew Smith, Alexander Dunett.
 1 Walter Donaldson ; Margaret ; James Swany, Robert Bruce.

REGISTER OF MARRIAGE CONTRACTS AND MARRIAGES.

Register of persones matrimoniallie contracted w^{thin} the parishe of Cannasbey since Mr. Wm. Davidsons's entrie to serve the cure the before and since his admission to be actuall minister ther, containeing the names of ye parties contracting, and yr cautioners, wt date of the day, moneth and year.

AT CANNASBEY, 10 JUNE, 1652.

George Sinclar in ye parishe of Dunett wes matrimoniallie contracted with Christiane Thom in ye parishe of Cannasbey. The said George fand John Bowman in Dunett and Christane, Thomas Sandisone, cautioners for ther mutuall performa'cie, according to ye order under ye paine of 10 punds scotts,² in case of faillze in any of ye saids parties to be paid to the kirk's use.

15 JUNE, 1652.

John Budge in Keiss, Wick parish, and Margt. Braibiner, Cannasbey ; Budge's cautioner, Mathew Dunnet ; Margaret's, Donald Baine in Keiss.

¹ The date is not given, but the entry is placed between minutes for 2nd and 4th February, so that the date may be fixed as 3rd February.

² The penalty for breach of contract was in almost all cases £10 Scots ; where such was not the case the sum is mentioned after the name of the cautioners.

27 JUNE, 1652.

Gilbert Laird and Issobell Groate.

25 JULY, 1652.

Patrick Mowat in —, and Margaret Mowat ; Alexander Braibiner, cautioner for Patrick and Alexander Barnatsone for Margaret.

3 JANUARY, 1653.

John Steivin and Helene Roll ; John Grote, cautioner for John Steivin, and Malcome Groat of Warrs for Helene Warrs.¹

22 NOVEMBER, 1652.

Donald Allane of Dunnett parish, and Elspett Harrow ; Donald Ma'sone, cautioner for Donald Allane and Alexander Harrow for Margaret ; penalty, 20 pounds.

28 NOVEMBER, 1652.

Alexander Rosie and Janet Cordiner ; Hendrie Miller and John Rosie, cautioners.

William Groat and Janet Rosie ; Hendrie Miller and John Rosie, cautioners.

6 DECEMBER, 1652.

Andro Barnatsone and Issobell M'Beath ; John M'Beath and Hendrie Barnatsone, cautioners.

30 JANUARY, 1653.

Johne Southerland and Eupheame Caldell ; Donald Groate and Thomas Dunnett, cautioners.

3 APRIL, 1653.

Johne Thomsone and Helene Michell ; cautioners names not given.

1 MAY, 1653.

William Bayne and Janet Stroma ; Donald Baine and Donald Swannie, cautioners.

15 MAY, 1653.

Alexander Liell and Janet Couper ; William Davidsons and Findla Groat, cautioners.

John Steivin and Janet Mathesone ; John Mathesone and Donald Coupar, cautioners.

29 MAY, 1653.

Rorie Mansone and Issobell Southerland ; Donald Groat and James Dunett, cautioners.

9 OCTOBER, 1659.

Donald Mowat, younger, in Mey and Margaret Mendtheplay.²

20 NOVEMBER, 1659.

David Sinclair, naturall son to David Sinclar in Olrick, and Margaret Mendtheplay ; John Dunett and Andro Sinclar, cautioners.

28 NOVEMBER, 1659.

Walter Robsone and Margaret Simsone ; John Dunett and Alexander Liell, cautioners.

¹ This entry is inserted at this place in the Register though belonging to the year 1653.

² This item is inserted at foot of page in Register. A blank occurs in the Register between 29 May, 1653 and 9 October, 1659.

15 JANUARY, 1660.

John Farq'sone and Janet Baine in Okingill ; John Dunnett and Alexander Brabiner, cautioners : penalty, 20 libs.

9 FEBRUARY, 1660.

Donald Mowat in Mey and Issobell Gills ; Donald Mowat and David Gills, cautioners.

3 JULY, 1660.

Donald Jacksone in Greinland and Issobell Andro.
William Taillor in Greinland and Agnes Rosie.

4 NOVEMBER, 1660.

Donald Miller in Braibster and Elspet Johnsone in Seter.
Johne Brooche and Issobell Taillor, parish of Dunnett.
John M'Beath and Janet Ma'sone, parish of Bowar.
Walter Donald in Mey and Issobell Tenent in Stroma.
John Sinclair of Braibster and Elizabeth Sinclair, daughter to Patrik Sinclair of Ulbster in ye parish of Wick.

JANUARY, 1661.

Donald Murray, parish of Wick, and Margaret Dunnett.
Francise Seaton in Mey and Janet Liell in Stroma.
James Groat and Marion Caldell in Dungasbey.
Donald Gun in Mey and Kety Robsone ; cautioner for the man, John Dunnett and for the woman, William Taillor.
Malcome Budge and Christane Rugge in Dungasbey ; Hew Groat and Donald M'Beath, cautioners ; penalty, 20 punds to be payed be ye braker to ye kirk box.

The following entries are taken from the Canisbay Kirk-session Records ; the separate Register of Marriage Contracts ceased with the immediately preceding entry.

16 NOVEMBER, 1663.

John Liell and Jonet Cowie ; cautioners, John Kennedy of Carmucks and young Mr. John Kennedy ; married, 8 December.¹

22 NOVEMBER, 1663.

John MacKenzie and Marione Doule ; cautioners, Andrew Caldwell and Donald Groat ; m. 22 Dec.

28 NOVEMBER, 1663.

John Mowat in Mey and Elizabeth M'Beth ; cautioners, John Dunett and John M'Beth ; m. 22 Dec.

29 NOVEMBER, 1663.

John Kenedy, younger, of Carmucks was proclaimed twyse with — Mowat in the parish of Thursa.

4 DECEMBER, 1663.

Hugh Rossie, servitor to the Laird of Mey, and Margaret Rossie ; cautioners, Andrew Caldwell and Donald Groat ; m. 31 Dec.

¹ The marriage entries from the kirk-session records are incorporated with the marriage contracts to save space.

2 JANUARY, 1664.

Malcolm Rosey in Stromah and Mariorie Manson ; cautioners, David Tenant and Rev. William Davidson ; m. 26 Jan.

3 JANUARY, 1664.

John Coupper in Wick parish and Issobell Fraquhar in Oukgill ; cautioners, John Fraquhar and William Mowat ; m. 21 Jan.

10 APRIL, 1664.

Donald Swany in Freswick and Catharine — were proclaimed in the parish of Wick the first time.

7 MAY, 1664.

William [John] Barnatson and Jonet Water ; cautioners, Alexander Barnatson (William's father) and Rev. William Davidson ; m. 14 June.

10 MAY, 1664.

Donald Robson and Marjorie Rosey ; cautioners, John Dunett and William Wars ; m. 16 June.

13 MAY, 1664.

James Banks and Marjorie Banks ; cautioners, Thomas Dunett and Donald Groat ; m. 16 June.

5 JUNE, 1664.

George Lyall in Stroma and Helin Grott, daughter to Malcolm Grott, younger, portioner of Dungasbie ; cautioners, Donald Grott and Hew Grott.

17 JULY, 1664.

Thomas Cogille in Bower parish and Margratt Reid, daughter to William Jonstoun in Slickly ; cautioners, William Jonstoun and Andrew Dunett. Alexander Cogil in parish of Bower and Marjorie Rose ; m. 26 July.

30 OCTOBER, 1664.

John Harrow and Jonet Andrew ; John Harrow (his father) cautioner for the man, and William Adamson for the woman ; m. 8 Dec.

5 NOVEMBER, 1664.

Hugh Miller and Issobell Rosey ; Donald Harrow and Huchon Rosey (the woman's father), cautioners ; m. 8 Dec.

3 DECEMBER, 1664.

John Sutherland and Marion Banks ; cautioners, William Dunet and (name not given) ; m. 13 Dec.

John Dunnett and Jonet Water, parish of Dunet ; cautioners' names not given. William Munro and Katharine Smith ; m. 20 Dec.

30 DECEMBER, 1664.

William Paterson and Elizabeth Dundas ; cautioners, the minister, Mr. Davidson, and James Dundas.

30 JANUARY, 1665.

John Murson and Issobell Lyell in Stromah ; George Lyell and David Angus, cautioners ; m. 24 Mar.

19 FEBRUARY, 1665.

Alexander Smart, parish of Wick, and Marjory Grott : James Dundas and Donald Grott (Marjory's father), cautioners.
Robert Drummond, sheriff and commissar clerk in Orkney, and Mary, daughter of the Rev. William Davidson, Canisbay ; m. 15 April.

20 APRIL, 1665.

Finla M'Ilhuy and Jonet M'Beith.

28 MAY, 1665

Donald Cogle in Mey and Isobell Steivin in Friswick ; cautioners, John Dunet, Andrew Ougstoun.

13 AUGUST, 1665.

George Mackenzie and Elspet Miller ; William M'Beth and Donald Miller, cautioners.
George Mackenzie and Ellspet Miller ; m. 29 Sept.

5 NOVEMBER, 1665.

William Clyne and Katharine Gills ; John Mackenzie and William Mackbeith, cautioners.

14 JANUARY, 1666.

Hutchson Bowar and Katharine Barnatson ; cautioners' names not given.

MARRIAGES.

1653.

William Taillor and Janet Wright, 15 June.
William Baine and Janet Stroma, 21 June.
Rorie Ma'sone and Issobell Southerland, 5 August.
George M'Fend and Janet Miller, 29 August.
James Mitchell and Margaret Skail, 14 November.
Michael Gray and Christaine Bruce, 13 December.
George Baine and Issobell Watstone, 21 December.

1654.

David Murray, parish of Wick, and Issobell Groat, 11 January.
Johne Mansone, parish of Thurso, and Margaret Matheson, 12 January.
Donald Geddes and Christane Liell in Stroma, 14 January.
Donald Gills and Marione Mowat, 4 April.
William Dunnett and Elizabeth Caldell, 17 June.
Alexander Brock, parish of Wick, and Issobell Reid, 21 August.
Johne Ma'sone and Katharine Davidstone, 18 September.
William M'Ferson and Effie Brotchaw, 18 September.
Donald Miller and Janet Water, 5 December.
William M'Beath and Margaret Baine, 5 December.

1655.

Andro Water and Elizabeth Robsone, 2 January.
William Mullikin and Margaret Groat, 30 January.
Alexander Harrow and Issobell Miller, parish of Dunett, 20 February.
Donald Mursone, parish of Thurso, and Christane Harrow in Mey, 27 February.
John Ham and Elizabeth Caldell in Stroma, 26 April.
John Forbes and Mariory Craik, 4 June.
William Simsone and Catharine Mill, parish of Dunett, 20 June.

John Sutherland and Margaret Mowat, 24 June.
 Donald Harrow in Mey and Marion Taillor in Dunett, 1 July.
 William Mendtheplay and Helene Mansone, 24 July.
 Donald Georgesone and Issobell M'Beath, 24 July.
 Alexander Cogill and Anna Barnatsone, 24 July.
 Donald Miller and Effie Spense in Swanny, 24 July.
 William Swansone and Christane Mursone, parish of Wick, 31 July.
 Thomas Steivin and Catharine Baine in Okingill, 31 July.
 George Cormack and Janet Ma'sone, 31 July.
 Donald Findlasone and Janet Campbell, parish of Halkirk, 31 July.
 Donald Hendersone and Issobell Caldell, 31 August.
 Donald Roman and Barbara Liell in Stroma, 29 October.
 Robert Dunbar, parish of Dalass in Murray, and Barbara Groat ; booked,
 17 October ; married, 1 February 1656.
 William Groat and Elizabeth Miller, 31 December.

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William Hew and Janet Ma'sone, 16 February.
 David Wares and Barbara Williamsone, 21 April.
 Andro Smith and Janet Mowat, 8 July.
 Thomas Farquhar and Marione Bruice, parish of Wick, 17 July.
 John Williamsone and Barbara Harrow, 17 July.
 Alexander Budge and Catharine Budge, 26 June.¹
 John Andersone and Marion Warrs, 9 September.
 Donald Liell and Catherine Couper in Dunnett, 5 August.
 William Geddes and Margaret Broun, 23 August.
 William Sinclair of Dunbeath and Mistress Elizabeth Sinclair ; booked, 27 July
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 Robert Harrald and Christane Man in Keiss, 30 July.
 John Groat, elder, in Dungasbey and Margaret Mowat, 5 September.
 Hendrie Geddes and Janet Southerland, 21 August.
 John Skinner and Margaret Swansone, parish of Wick, 30 August.
 Thomas Sutherland and Margaret Mowat, parish of Wick, 30 August.
 Donald Smith and Helene Mowat ; booked, 12 October ; married, 31 October.
 Alexander Braibiner and Issobell Braibiner ; booked, 9 November ; married,
 10 December.
 John Watson and Elizabeth Watson ; booked, 20 November ; married, 22
 December.

1657.

William Mowat and Margaret Caldell ; booked, 11 December ; married, 3
 January.
 William Mowat and Elizabeth Swanny ; booked, 28 December ; married, 23
 January.
 Donald Richeson and Margaret Cordiner, parish of Wick ; married, 14 January.
 Donald Robsone and Christane Cormack, parish of Wick ; 14 January.
 Donald Denoone and Margaret Monro, parish of Dunnett ; 3 February.
 John Mowat in Friswick and Margaret Mowat, parish of Wick ; booked, 8
 March ; married, 14 April.
 Alexander Liell in Stroma and Elizabeth M'Beath ; booked, 8 March ; married,
 30 March.
 Adam Baine and Margaret Russell ; booked, 21 March ; married, 16 June.
 Malcome Dunett and Margaret Thomsone of Dunett parish ; booked, 17 July ;
 married at Dunnet 4 August.
 George Stroma and Anna Steivin ; booked, 17 July ; married, 6 August.
 Robert Patrie and Margaret Harrald, parish of Wick ; married, 11 August.
 Donald Mowat and Marion Jack, parish of Wick ; married, 19 August.

¹ Possibly a clerical slip for "26 July."

James Dundas and Elizabeth Smairt, parish of Wick ; booked, 6 September ; married at Wick (*no date*).
Donald Bowar and Issobell Liell ; booked, 12 October ; married, 23 November.
John Nicolsons and Margaret Miller ; booked, 11 November ; married, 1 December.
John Geddes and Elizabeth Mendtheplay ; booked, 11 November ; married, 1 December.
Nicolas Davidsons and Helene Sinclair, parish of Wick ; married, 3 December.
Magnus Allane, parish of Bowar, and Christane M'Beath ; booked, 20 November ; married, 8 December.

1658.

Findlay Groat and Elizabeth Groate ; booked, 3 January ; married, 26 January.
James Seatone and Christane Hall ; booked, 8 January ; married, 26 January.
Alexander Southerland and Christane Laird ; booked, 24 September 1656 ; married, 19 January 1658.
George Baine and Janet Warrs, parish of Wick ; booked, 22 February ; married, 8 March.
Magnus Broch and Issobell M'Beath, parish of Wick ; married, 23 February.
Adam Baine and Issobell Baine ; booked, 7 March ; married, 23 March.
Donald Miller and Catharine Reid ; booked, 4 April ; married, 1 June.
Donald Cogill and Janet Mowat ; booked, 1 May ; married, 1 June.
Nero Warrs and Effie Liell ; booked, 5 June ; married, 29 July.
George Dundas and Issobell Water, parish of Bowar ; married, 26 August.
Alexander Couper and Helene Caldell, parish of Dunnett ; married, 12 August.
Donald Brnice, parish of Bowar, and Issobell Mathewsone ; booked, 30 September ; married, 9 December.
Malcome Budge and Christane Rug ; booked, 6 November ; married [*date not given*].
Walter Robsone and Issobell Tenent ; booked, 24 November ; married [*date not given*].
George Keith and Catharine Man, parish of Wick ; married, 24 November.
William Laird and Janet Warrs ; booked, 6 November ; married, 14 December.

1659.

Hendrie Geddes and Janet Smith ; booked, 2 January ; married, 16 February.
Walter Mendtheplay and Issobell Patersone, parish of Dunnett ; booked, 29 April ; married, 23 May.
Donald Harrow and Issobell Smith in Dungasbey ; married, 28 June.
George Mowat and Margt. Nicolsons ; married, 23 July.

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