

List of Heads of Households, Carsphairn Parish in 1736

We have preserved in the minutes of the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright of 1736 a list of many of the heads of households in Carsphairn parish, who were called to vote for Andrew Reid being accepted as assistant minister to his ailing father, or to vote for other outcomes. It is clear that a large proportion of heads of households voted, though it is also clear that not all voted and the names of thirteen individuals who voted are not given. In most cases we are also told where those who voted lived. Unfortunately we are not told where the 7 church elders or 7 church deacons resided. I have been able from other documents to work out where all the elders resided with the exception of Martin McLymont. However I do not know where any of the deacons lived – they were William Gray or Greig, John Ferguson, David McCrae, James Gillespie, Robert Herries, Robert McGill, William McClellan and William McAdam. The (*) against names are for individuals who did not vote but who are referred to in the church accounts of 1737. Also referred to in these accounts are a George Stevenson, and a number of poor of the parish – William Allan, Jean Clemmett in Pomaddie, Janet Kirkpatrick in Daltamie, Robert Renwick, Enable Hunter, Elizabeth Logie, Jean McCaul and Elizabeth Shaw.

In the Presbytery voting six names are recorded under Polmeadow and there is no reference to Polmaddie. However most of the votes are grouped with voters living in close proximity to Polmaddie and it is my guess that the Presbytery scribe assumed these two places to be but one, and I have divided the names on that basis. It is surprising how few people are recorded as living in Carsphairn in those days.

Nether Broonhill - Thomas Campbell

Moat of Waterhead – John McCormack

Meadowhead – James Hair

Lamford – John McDill
William McTurk
David Heron
James McCaul

Cadgerhole – William Muir (*north of Drumjohn*)

Drumjohn – James McMillan
Alexander Kerr
Robert McAdam

Cullzenoch – Gilbert McClellan (*Cullendoch?*) (*just north of Lamloch*)
John McMillan

Lamloch – Hugh McHutcheon (*church elder*)

Woodhead – Robert Dun (*church elder*)

Brockloch – John McMillan (*residing heritor*)
Alexander McTurk
William Logie*

Polmeadow – William Clement (*north of Portmark on east side of Loch Doon*)

Portmark – James Wight (*residing heritor and church elder*)

Bearsay of Portmark – John Allan

Bow – David Shaw (*north of Knockengorroch*)

Knockengorroch – Thomas McMillan
Alexander Welsh
David McGill

Bank – Anthony Currie (*north of Bridgend*)

Holm of Carsphairn – John Hair
Archibald McQueen

Bridgend – Alexander Grierson

Lagwyne – John Campbell*

Garryhorn – Robert Dun

Halfmark – William McTurk (*west of Carnavel*)

Moss – John McNeilie (*south of Garryhorn*)
David Finlay

Dalmaddie – George Wall

Carsphairn village – David Boyle
Alexander Raphell
John McMillan
James Douglas (*mason, wright*)
William Gordon (*kirk officer*)

Carneval – John McMillan

Breddenoch – Robert Douglas (*Bardennoch*)

Bredinoch – James McMillan (*Braidenoch*)

Folds of Bredinoch – William McGill (*west of Braidenoch*)

Dalshangan – George Hennie (Haining)
John McCrae

Polmaddie – Alexander Quhannett
James Clement
Alexander Dempster
John Park
George Tait

Drumness – Matthew Houston

William Carnochan
James McGill

Barlay – Daniel McMichael (*north of Polmaddie*)

Castlemaddie – James Milligan
James McCaul
William McClain
William McCrae
Andrew McLymont
James Howatson
Thomas McCrae
William McTurk

Liggot – Patrick Heron

Knockgray – Alexander Kennedy (*residing heritor*)
John Paterson (*church elder*)
James McMillan
William Milligan

Nether Knockgray – William McMillan

Marbreck – William McMillan
Andrew McMillan
Thomas McAdam
Hugh Templeton
William Waugh
Alexander Moffat

Formiston – Alan Kerr
Alexander Gibson

Glenlaggan of Firminstown – William McMillan (*location unknown*)

Bagulloch – John McTurk (*location unknown*)

Marscalloch – Patrick McCleare

Bridge of Deugh – John Murdoch
William Ingram

Upper Carmunoc – Andrew Murdoch

Carmunoc – William Sloan (*Carminnows*)

Dundeugh – Joseph Reid
Joseph McNaught
John McNaught

Bridge of Ken – John McCrae
John Barbour
William Thomson

John McMillan (*church elder*)

Mardrochat – James McMillan
John McCrae

Smitton – Robert McAdam
Andrew Newall

Diltamie – Thomas Robson (*just north of Smittons*)

Craigengillan – John McNeile
Robert McMillan
Robert McMichael

Glen – William Clark (*just east of Moorbrock*)

Whiteburn – Alexander McMillan (*to west of Glenhead*)

Holm of Dalquhairn – Robert McMillan (*residing heritor and elder*)

Overholm – James Hewatson (*Upper Holm of Dalquhairn*)
John McWhinny

David Bartholomew