

## **Pluscarden Free Church**

Pluscarden Free Church was formed from the Disruption of 1843, with nearly the entire congregation of the former chapel-of-ease joining the Free Church. Worshipped in the old Priory of Pluscarden and continued to do until 1897 when Priory was sold to the Marquis of Bute. Church was built in 1897. In 1848 membership was at 85 by 1900 it was 87, drop in numbers was due to a decrease in parish population (Ewing 1914). In 1900 the minister and the congregation joined the United Free Church as Pluscarden, and re-joined with the Church of Scotland in 1929.

The Communion Roll (CH3/359/10) contains name and usually place of residence. Held in the National Records of Scotland, Edinburgh (Reference CH3/359). The records are part of the following held by the NRS:

- 1 – Session Minutes 1843-1868
- 2 – Session Minutes 1868-1905
- 3 – Deacons' Court Minutes 1838-1852
- 4 – Deacons' Court Minutes 1852-1899
- 5 – Cash Book 1852-1869
- 6 – Cash Book 1868-1902
- 7 – Communion Roll 1843-1871
- 8 – Communion Roll 1872-1920
- 9 – Communion Roll 1949-1972
- 10 – Roll of Communicants 1844-1945
- 11 – Proclamation Register 1948-1977
- 12 – Kirk Session Minute Book 1960-1998
- 13 – Kirk Session Minute Book 1999-2004
- 14 – Deacons' Court Minute Book 1952-1994
- 15 – Deacons' Court Minute Book 1995-1999
- 16 – Congregational Board Minute Book 1999-2003

Ministers of the Church from 1844 to 1925 are as follows:

- 1844-1859 – Robert Dunbar
- 1859-1884 – Alexander Robb
- 1884-1914 – Robert Gordon
- 1914-1925 – Robert Mackintosh

### **References**

Ewing, W (1914) *Annals of the Free Church of Scotland*. 2 Volumes. T & T Clark. Edinburgh.

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## Pluscarden Free Church

### Roll of Communicants 1843-1850 & 1858

‘The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was celebrated at Pluscarden on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843 – for the first time after the congregation there had joined themselves to the Free Protestant Church of Scotland. Robert Dunbar, Minister, and William Hardie and Robert Philp Elders.’

#### 1843-1844-1845-1846-1847/48

Name	Residence	Occupation
Miss Chapman	Foresterseat	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
Widow Russel	Stonewalls	
Alexander McKessock	Hillside of Milton Duff	Farmer
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 3 August 1845]		
Mrs McKessock	Hillside of Milton Duff	
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 3 August 1845 as Widow McKessock, Miltonbrae]		
Peter Hardie	Barnhill	Farmer
William Gallon Sen.	Insharnock	Farmer
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 3 August 1845 as residence of Croy]		
Mrs Gallon	Insharnock	
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 3 August 1845 as residence of Croy]		
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 14 November 1847 as Widow E. Gallon]		
Widow Harrold	Burnside of Milton Duff	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 1 November 1846]		
Widow Grant	Arnslack	
Elizabeth Russel	Calemucky	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 1 November 1846]		
Isabel Bowie or Young	Redevie	
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 3 August 1845 as Isabel Bowie]		
Janet Miller	Foresterseat	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 3 August 1845]		
Mrs Cumming Senr.	Redevie	
Alexander Cruickshank	Barnhill	Farmer
Alexander Masson	Barnhill	Farmer
George Sim	Barnhill	Farmer

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Mrs Sim	Barnhill	
William Hardie	Uppertown	Farmer
Alexander Hardie	Foresterseat	Farmer
Charles McKessock	Crossley	Farmer
Mrs McKessock	Crossley	
John Asher	Stonewalls	Carpenter
Robert McKenzie	Abbey Gate	Gardener
Mrs McKenzie	Abbey Gate	
Widow Gallon	Howe of Insharnock	
Widow Allan	Croy of Insharnock	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 14 November 1847]		
Alexander Ogilvie	Croy of Insharnock	Labourer
Mrs Ogilvie	Croy of Insharnock	
Mrs Lachlan Wright	Thistleflet	
Mrs James Wright	Thistleflet	
Robert Cumming	Greenknowes	Weaver
William Sim	Whiterashes	Farmer
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
Mrs Sim	Whiterashes	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
James McDonald	Holme of Westerton	Gardener
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
Mrs McDonald	Holme of Westerton	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
Alexander Cant	Hazelbank	Mason
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
Mrs Cant	Hazelbank	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
James Cant	Hazelbank	Farmer
Mrs Cant	Hazelebank	
John McKimmie	Uppertown	Farmer
Mrs McKimmie	Uppertown	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for August 1843]		

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Robert Phillip	Burnside of Millton Duff	Farmer
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
James Hardie	Barnhill	Farmer
Widow Elspet Sim	Whitebanks	
Widow Janet Sim	Whitebanks	
James Wright	Sourward	Farmer
John Cameron	Hill of Insharnock	Tailor
Mrs Cameron	Hill of Insharnock	

The above named persons were communicants previous to the ordination of the Rev. R. Dunbar. The following were admitted by the Rev. R. Dunbar on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1843:

Mrs Robert Phillip	Burnside of Milltonduff	
Mrs Philip Jnr	Burnside	
[Listed on Roll for Communion for 3 August 1845]		
Mrs Shand	Westerton	
Anne Mason	Barnhill	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
John Gallon	Barnhill	Servant
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
Mrs Gallon	Barnhill	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
David Allan	Crossley	Shoemaker
Mrs Alexander Mason	Barnhill	
Anne Grant	Arnslach	
James Smith	Uppertown	Blacksmith
Mrs Smith	Uppertown	
Mrs William Hardie	Uppertown	
Alexander Grant	Lower Inshellan	Farmer
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 1 November 1846]		
Mrs Grant	Lower Inshellan	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 1 November 1846]		
Alexander Russell	Auchtertyre	Servant
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 3 August 1845 as Farm Servant]		
Mrs Alexander Murdoch	Burnside of Milton Duff	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Mrs Alexander Hardie	Foresterseat	
Willian Gallon	Howe of Insharnock	Farmer
<i>Admitted 14 Aug 1842</i>		
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 1 November 1846 as residence of Croy]		
Mrs Gallon	Howe of Insharnock	
<i>Admitted 14 Aug 1842</i>		
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 1 November 1846 as residence of Croy]		
Alexander Hardie	Uppertown	Farmer
<i>Admitted 14 Aug 1842</i>		
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 3 August 1845 as residence of Eldon]		
Mrs David Allan	Crossley	
<i>Admitted 14 Aug 1842</i>		
Widow Hardie	Greenknowes	
<i>Admitted 14 Aug 1842</i>		
Thomas Hardie	Torrieston	Farmer
<i>Admitted 14 Aug 1842</i>		
[Listed on Roll for Communion for 14 November 1847 as occupation of Cooper]		
Mrs Hardie	Torrieston	
<i>Admitted 14 Aug 1842</i>		
Mrs William Souter	Torrieston	
<i>Admitted 14 Aug 1842</i>		
Isabella Ogilvie	Croy of Insharnock	
<i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843</i>		
[Listed on Roll for Communion for 14 November 1847 as occupation of Servant]		
Thomas Russel	Torehead	Farmer
<i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843 from Forres</i>		
Mrs Russel	Torehead	
<i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843 from Forres</i>		
Mrs William Anderson	Barnhill	
<i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843</i>		
William Souter	Torrieston	Shoemaker
<i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843</i>		

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
George Cumming <i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843</i>	Redevie	Farmer
Mrs Cumming Junr <i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843</i>	Redevie	
Mrs James Hardie <i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843</i>	Barnhill	
James McKenzie <i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843</i>	Hill of Thistleflet	Labourer
Mrs John McKimmie <i>Admitted prior to 1845</i>	Uppertown	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 28 July 1844]		
George Christie <i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843 from Dallas</i>	Eldon	Pensioner
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 3 August 1845]		
Mrs Christie <i>Admitted 6 Aug 1843 from Dallas</i>	Eldon	
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 3 August 1845]		
William King <i>Admitted prior to 1845</i>	Hillside of Mosstowie	Crofter
Mrs King <i>Admitted prior to 1845</i>	Hillside of Mosstowie	
David King <i>Admitted prior to 1845 from Elgin</i>	Hillside of Mosstowie	Servant
Mrs King <i>Admitted prior to 1845 from Elgin</i>	Hillside of Mosstowie	
James Reid <i>Admitted 28 Jul 1844</i>	Milltown	Miller
Mrs Reid <i>Admitted 28 Jul 1844</i>	Milltown	
Jane Logie <i>Admitted 28 Jul 1844</i>	Holme of Westerton	Servant
Mrs Gow Senr <i>Admitted 28 Jul 1844</i>	Milltown	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	
George Logie	Westerton	Gardener	
<i>Admitted from Alves</i>			
Mary Asher	Burnside of Milton Duff	Servant	<i>admitted 28</i>
<i>Jul 1844</i>			
[Listed on Roll for Communion from 1 November 1846 as Asher or Bowie]			
Colonel Hay	of Westerton		
<i>Admitted from Elgin</i>			
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 3 August 1845]			
Miss Hay	of Westerton		
<i>Admitted from Elgin</i>			
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 3 August 1845]			
Mrs James Wright	Sourward		
<i>Admitted from United Secession Elgin</i>			
Margaret Steele	Westerton House	Servant	
<i>Admitted from Elgin</i>			
Janet McCarlich	Westerton House	Servant	
<i>Admitted from Elgin</i>			
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 3 August 1845]			
Alexander Shand	Westerton	Grieve	
<i>Admitted 3 Aug 1845</i>			
William Fraser	Insharnock	Labourer	
<i>Admitted 3 Aug 1845</i>			
[Not listed on Roll for Communion for 1 November 1846]			
Margaret Sellar	Torehead	Servant	
<i>Admitted 3 Aug 1845 from Elgin</i>			
Widow Janet Sim	Whitebank		
<i>Admitted 3 Aug 1845</i>			
Alexander Leal	Schoolhouse	Teacher	
<i>Admitted 25 Jun 1846</i>			
Thomas Johnston	Torrieston	Labourer	
<i>Admitted 1 Nov 1846</i>			
Mrs Johnston	Torrieston		
<i>Admitted 1 Nov 1846</i>			

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Mrs Cook	Upper Inshellan	
<i>Admitted 1 Nov 1846</i>		
Mary Russel	Calmucky	
<i>Admitted 1 Nov 1846</i>		
John Souter	Whitera	Farm Servant
<i>Admitted 1 Nov 1846</i>		
Mrs Souter	Whitera	
<i>Admitted 1 Nov 1846</i>		
William Anderson	Barnhill	Labourer
<i>Admitted 1 Nov 1846 from United Secession Elgin</i>		
John McKessock	Miltonbrae	Farmer
<i>Admitted 4 Jul 1847</i>		
Mrs McKessock	Miltonbrae	
<i>Admitted 4 Jul 1847</i>		
Alexander Kemp	Thistleflet	Labourer
<i>Admitted 14 Nov 1847 from Elgin</i>		
Mrs Kemp	Thistleflet	
<i>Admitted 14 Nov 1847 from Elgin</i>		

### **1849/50**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Widow Grant	Arnslack	
Widow Russel	Stonewells	
Peter Hardy	Barnhill	
Widow Gallon	Insharnock	
Isobel Bowie	Redivie	
George Sim	Barnhill	Farmer
Mrs Sim	Barnhill	
William Hardy	Overtown	Farmer
Charles McKessack	Crossley	Farmer
Mrs McKessack	Crossley	
John Asher	Stonewalls	Carpenter
Robert McKenzie	Abbey Gate	Gardener



<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Mrs McKenzie	Abbey Gate	
Alexander Ogilvie	Insharnock	Labourer
Mrs Ogilvie	Insharnock	
Mrs Lachlan Wright	Thistleflat	
Mrs James Wright	Thistleflat	
Robert Cumming	Greenknowes	Weaver
James Cant	Hazelbank	Farmer
Mrs Cant	Hazelbank	
John McKimmie	Overtown	Farmer
Mrs McKimmie	Overtown	
James Hardy	Barnhill	Farmer
Widow Elspet Sim	Whitebanks	
Janet Sim	Whitebanks	
James Wright	Sourward	Farmer
John Cameron	Rosehill	Tailor
Mrs Cameron	Rosehill	
William King	Mosstowie	Weaver
Mrs King Senr	Mosstowie	
William Sim	Whiterashes	Farmer
Mrs Sim	Whiterashes	
Mrs Philip Senr	Burnside	
Mrs Philip Junr	Torrieston	
<i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>		
Mrs Shand	Westerton	
<i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>		
Mrs Masson	Barnhill	
<i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>		
Anne Grant	Arnslack	
<i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>		
James Smith	Overtown	Blacksmith
<i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>		
Mrs Smith	Overtown	
<i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>		

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Mrs William Hardy <i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>	Overtown	
Mrs Alexander Murdoch <i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>	Burnside	
Widow Hardy <i>Admitted 8 Aug 1841</i>	Foresterseat	
William Gallon	Croy	Farmer
Mrs Gallon	Croy	
Alexander Hardy	Eldon	Farmer
Widow Hardy	Greenknowe	
Thomas Hardy	Torrieston	Cooper
Mrs Hardy	Torrieston	
Mrs William Souter	Torrieston	
Isabella Ogilvie	Insharnock	
Mrs William Anderson	Barnhill	
William Souter	Torrieston	Shoemaker
George Cumming	Redevie	Farmer
Mrs Cumming	Redevie	
Mrs James Hardy	Barnhill	
James McKenzie	Thistleflat	Labourer
Thomas Russel	Torehead	Farmer
Mrs Russel	Torehead	
James Reid	Milltown	Miller
Mrs James Reid	Milltown	
Mrs Gow Senr	Milltown	
Mary Asher or Bowie	Insharnock	
Mrs James Wright	Sourward	
Alexander Shand	Westerton	Grieve
Widow Janet Sim	Whitebanks	
Alexander Leal <i>Admitted 21 Jun 1846; Suspended</i>	Schoolhouse	Schoolmaster
Thomas Johnston	Torrieston	Labourer
Mrs Johnston	Torrieston	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Mrs Cook	Upper Inshellan	
Mary Russel	Calemucky	
John McKessock	Miltonbrae	Farmer
Mrs McKessock	Miltonbrae	
Alexander Kemp	Thistleflat	Farmer
<i>Admitted 14 Nov 1847 from Elgin</i>		
Mrs Kemp	Thistleflat	
<i>Admitted 14 Nov 1847 from Elgin</i>		
William Anderson	Barnhill	Labourer
<i>Admitted 14 Nov 1847 from U.P.C. Elgin</i>		
Mrs William Sim	Hill of Insharnock	
<i>Admitted 14 May 1848</i>		
Isobel Wright	Thistleflet	
<i>Admitted 14 May 1848 from Edinburgh</i>		
John Ross	Foresterseat	Farmer
<i>Admitted 4 Nov 1848</i>		
Janet Russel	Calemucky	Servant
<i>Admitted 4 Nov 1848</i>		
Margaret McKirdy	Westerton House	Servant
<i>Admitted 4 Nov 1848 from Banchory Ternan</i>		

## **1858**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
George Sim	Barnhill	Farmer
Mrs Sim	Barnhill	
William Hardy	Overton	Farmer
Charles McKissack	Crossley	Farmer
John Asher	Stonewalls	Carpenter
Robert McKenzie	Abbey Gate	Gardener
Mrs McKenzie	Abbey Gate	
Alexander Ogilvie	Insharnock	Labourer
Widow Wright	Thistleflet	
Widow Sim	Whiterashes	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
John Cameron	Rosehill	Tailor
Mrs Cameron	Rosehill	
Widow Elspet Sim	Whitebanks	
James Hardie	Torehead	Farmer
James Wright	Sourward	Farmer
Widow Philip	Torrieston	
Ann Grant	Arnslack	
James Smith	Overton	Blacksmith
Mrs Smith	Overton	
Mrs William Hardy	Overton	
Widow Hardy	Torrieston	
William Gallon	Croy	Farmer
Mrs Gallon	Croy	
Alexander Hardy	Eldon	Farmer
Widow Hardy	Greenhow	
Widow Hardy	Torrieston	
William Souter	Torrieston	Shoemaker
Mrs Souter	Torrieston	
Widow Cumming	Redevie	
Mrs James Hardie	Torehead	
James McKenzie	Hill of Thistleflat	Crofter
James Reid	Milltown	Miller
Mrs Reid	Milltown	
Widow Gow	Milltown	
Mrs John Bowie	Burnside	
Mrs James Wright	Sourward	
Widow Janet Sim	Whitebanks	
Thomas Johnston	Torrieston	Labourer
Mrs Johnston	Torrieston	
Mrs Cook	Upper Inshellon	
Mrs John Smith	Calemucky	
John McKissack	Milton Brae	Farmer
Mrs McKissack	Milton Brae	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Alexander Kemp	Fosterseat	Labourer
Mrs Kemp	Fosterseat	
John Ross	Wester Fosterseat	Farmer
Robert Sim	Whiterashes	Farmer
Widow Sim	Fosterseat	
Donald McPhie	Lochypots	Labourers
Mrs McPhie	Lochypots	
Mrs Murdoch	Stonewalls	
James Fettes	Insharnock	Shoemaker
William Miller	Fosterseat	Farmer
Isabella Ogilvie	Arnslack	
John Bowie	Burnside	Labourer
Widow Souter	Barnhill	
Widow Russel	Calemucky	
Peter Ogilvie	Lochypots	Labourer
Mrs Ogilvie	Lochypots	
Robert Sim	Whitebanks	Labourer
Mrs Sim	Whitebanks	
John Smith	Calemucky	Blacksmith
Andrew Gordon	Easter Crossley	Labourer
Mrs Gordon	Easter Crossley	
John Wood	Upper Manbean	Labourer
Mrs Wood	Upper Manbean	
Thomas Russel	Calemucky	Labourer
Mrs Russel	Calemucky	
Mrs Nicol	Calemucky	
Widow Chisholm	Fosterseat	
John Sandison	Bogintenny	Labourer
Mrs Sandison	Bogintenny	

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