

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Records of Churches

Falkirk Erskine Church finding aid

Falkirk Associate Church
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Falkirk Erskine United Presbyterian Church
Falkirk Erskine United Free Church

First established in 1739 as a congregation of the Associate Presbytery, later known as the Secession or Original Secession Church, the congregation was known as Falkirk Associate Congregation until 1820. In 1747 the congregation split over the Burgess oath and the anti-burghers left to form a new congregation (eventually meeting in the Tattie Kirk). The remaining members became known as Falkirk Burgher Church although the official name was still the Associate Church. In 1820 the anti-burghers and burghers re-united as one denomination, the United Secession Church, and the Associate Congregation was re-named the First Associate Congregation of Falkirk. The congregation split again in the 1840s over the Morrisonian doctrine and the majority left to form the independent Bank Street congregation with the Rev A C Rutherford. The remaining First Associate Congregation of Falkirk entered the United Presbyterian Church in 1847 (when the United Secession Church of Scotland and the Relief Church amalgamated) and was re-named the East United Presbyterian Church, Falkirk. In 1864 the congregation was re-named Erskine United Presbyterian Church. The congregation entered the United Free Church of Scotland in 1900 (union of UP and Free Churches) and the Church of Scotland in 1929 (union of UF and Church of Scotland).

In 1854 the members living in Grangemouth petitioned presbytery to establish a separate congregation, which eventually became Grange Church.

In 1878 the members living in Carron petitioned Presbytery to form a separate congregation, which became Carron United Presbyterian Church

Erskine Church also ran various Sabbath Schools in Falkirk and established the Erskine Church Mission in 1888 which was amalgamated with the mission of St Andrew's Church in 1916 to form the Falkirk United Free Mission.

The Church of Scotland kirk session for Falkirk Erskine sat within the presbytery of Linlithgow and Falkirk and from 1976 in the presbytery of Falkirk.

The congregation occupied two buildings in Falkirk. The first was in Horsemarket Lane, opened in 1742 and re-modelled in 1816 and 1868. A church hall was built in 1878. These buildings were sold in 1910 and later used for the Electric Theatre and demolished in the 1960s. The present building on the corner of Hodge St and Cochrane St was opened in 1905.

<i>Reference Code</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
CH3/1567/1/1	23 Feb 1739-17 Feb 1784	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/2	21 May 1787-07 Mar 1825	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/3	13 Mar 1825-27 Mar 1843	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/4	Nov 15 1842-27 Dec 1854	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/5	01 Feb 1855-11 Mar 1887	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/6	04 Apr 1887-06 Apr 1900	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/7	15 Jun 1900-15 Dec 1907	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/8	06 Jan 1908-27 Dec 1925	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/9	03 Jan 1926- 17 Jan 1965	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/10	31 Jan 1965- 20 Apr 1986	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/11	11 May 1986- 08 Dec 1992	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/12	17 Jan 1993-12 Feb 1997	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/13	19 Mar 1997-08 Dec 1999	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/14	18 Jan 2000-17 Dec 2002	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/15	22 Jan 2003-18 Nov 2008	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/16	19 Jan 2009-25 Nov 2013	Session minutes
CH3/1567/1/17	2011-2014	Kirk Session Sederunt Book
CH3/1567/2/1	Nov 1753-23 Nov 1795	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1567/2/2	26 Nov 1795-27 Dec 1832	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1567/2/3	03 Jun 1833-03 Aug 1843	Board of Managers minutes
CH3/1567/2/4	18 Jul 1843-29 Jan 1906	Board of Managers minutes. Includes congregational meetings.
CH3/1567/2/5	11 Jul 1902-21 Aug 1911	Board of Managers minutes. Includes congregational meetings.
CH3/1567/2/6	18 Sep 1911-31 Dec 1929	Board of Managers minutes. Includes congregational meetings.
CH3/1567/2/7	27 Jan 1930-21 Jan 1943	Board of Managers minutes. Includes congregational meetings.
CH3/1567/2/8	11 Feb 1943-06 Dec 1959	Board of Managers minutes. Includes congregational meetings.
CH3/1567/2/9	21 Jan 1960-10 Dec 1979	Board of Managers minutes. Includes congregational meetings.
CH3/1567/2/10	28 Jan 1980-16 Sept 1993	Board of Managers minutes. Includes congregational meetings.
CH3/1567/2/11	27 Jan 1994-16 Sep 2002	Congregational Board minutes
CH3/1567/2/12	05 Dec 2002-01 Feb 2006	Congregational Board minutes
CH3/1567/2/13	26 Mar 2006-04 Feb 2009	Congregational Board minutes
CH3/1567/2/14	04 Jun 2009-10 Dec 2013	Congregational Board minutes
CH3/1567/2/15	2001-2014	Congregational Board Sederunt Book
CH3/1567/3/1	1911-1918	Congregation account book
CH3/1567/3/2	1911-1918	Petty cash book
CH3/1567/3/3	1910-1911	Ledger for Congregational Accounts
CH3/1567/3/4	1919-1927	Ledger for Congregational Accounts
CH3/1567/3/5	1826-1843	Congregational Account Book
CH3/1567/3/6	1843-1889	Congregational Account Book - Treasurer's cash book
CH3/1567/3/7	1888-1905	Congregational Account Book
CH3/1567/3/8	1919-1927	Congregational Account Book
CH3/1567/3/9	1990-1993	Congregational Account Book
CH3/1567/3/10	1844-1849	Account Book (mainly seat rents). Includes subscription list of 25 Sovereigns presented

CH3/1567/3/11	1837-1957	to Rev. A. McFarlane, June 1845 and draft annual reports of treasurer Account Book. [weekly] collections and disbursements
CH3/1567/3/12	1981-1992	Summary of Collections
CH3/1567/3/13	1878-1905	Pew Rents
CH3/1567/3/14	1905	Pew Rents
CH3/1567/3/15	1936-1949	Pew Rents
CH3/1567/3/16	1862	Subscription List for Manse Fund
CH3/1567/3/17	1862	Cash Book for Manse Building Fund
CH3/1567/3/18	1878	Cash Book for Church Hall Building Fund
CH3/1567/3/19	1952-1954	Fabric Fund contributions account book. Yearly contributions
CH3/1567/3/20	1952-1954	Fabric Fund contributions account book. Quarterly contributions
CH3/1567/3/21	1952-1954	Fabric Fund contributions account book. Monthly contributions
CH3/1567/3/22	1940	Correspondence relating to bequest of George Inglis, printer & publisher, Falkirk, of two legacies for Sabbath School purposes and relief of deserving poor. (George Inglis was a member of Erskine Church and superintendent of the Sabbath School)
CH3/1567/3/23	1922-1945	Annual financial statistics – returns to presbytery
CH3/1567/3/24	1998	Financial Statement
CH3/1567/3/25	1993-2003	Receipts Cash Book
CH3/1567/3/26	1924-1932	Church Hall Cleaners wages book
CH3/1567/4/1	1860-1874	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/2	1875-1871	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/3	1874-1905	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/4	1902-1920	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/5	1908-1911, 1912-1919	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/6	1919-1924	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/7	1924-1928	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/8	1929-1930	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/9	1930-1937	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/10	1937-1944	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/11	1940-1960	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/12	1951-1954	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/13	1955-1961	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/14	1962-1967	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/15	1902	Non- Communicants Roll
CH3/1567/4/16	1910-1920	Gain and Loss Book – record of new members by certificate or profession of faith, and removal of members by certificate, death or other means.
CH3/1567/4/17	Jan 1968-Dec 1974	Communion Roll
CH3/1567/4/18	1976-1985	Communion Roll;
CH3/1567/4/19	2000	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/20	2001	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/21	2002	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/22	2003	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/23	2004	Communion roll

CH3/1567/4/24	2005	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/25	2006	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/26	2007	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/27	2008	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/28	2009	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/29	2010	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/30	2011	Communion roll - wanting
CH3/1567/4/31	2012	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/32	2013	Communion roll
CH3/1567/4/33	2014	Communion roll
CH3/1567/5/1	1844-1961	Baptismal Register
CH3/1567/5/2	1962-2014	Baptismal register
CH3/1567/6/1	Mar 1932-Apr 1961	Register of proclamations of banns for marriage
CH3/1567/6/2	Jun 1961-Nov 1977	Register of proclamations of banns for marriage.
CH3/1567/7/1	1964-2013	Marriage Register
CH3/1567/7/2	2011-2012	Wedding Forms
CH3/1567/8/1	6 Oct 1929	Order of Service for Union Sunday, Falkirk
CH3/1567/8/2	1954	Annual Report
CH3/1567/8/3	1955	Annual Report
CH3/1567/8/4	1956	Annual Report
CH3/1567/8/5	1964	Easter Dialogue – congregational newsletter
CH3/1567/8/6	9 Oct 1963	Order of service for induction of Rev. David T. Reid
CH3/1567/8/7	1963	Press Cuttings relating to induction of Rev David T Reid
CH3/1567/8/8	1937	Press Cuttings relating to Bicentenary Celebrations
CH3/1567/8/9	1952-1977	Annual Reports
CH3/1567/8/10	1983-2012	Orders of Service. 1. Order of service for the Ordination and Introduction of Rev Graeme W M Muckhart, 1983. 2. Order of Service of Thanksgiving on the 250th Anniversary, 1987. 3. Order of Service for the Ordination and Induction of Rev Blair Robertson, 1990. 4. Order of Service for the Induction of Rev Glen Donald Macaulay, 1999. 5. Order of Service Morning Worship with the Kirkin' O' the Council, 2012.
CH3/1567/8/11	1866-2005	Programmes of Social Events and Concerts. 1. Programme of Erskine Church Soiree to be held in Corn Exchange, Falkirk, 1866. 2. Programme for an Elocutionary and Musical Recital, 1909. 3. Programme for the Farewell Social for Rev David T Reid, 1969. 4. Programme for a Festival of Words and Music, 1987

5. Programme for the 250th Anniversary Reception, 1987

6. Invitation to Centenary Gift Day, 2005

CH3/1567/9/1	1837-1842	Minutes of meetings of the Association for Religious Purposes. (Congregational organisation)
CH3/1567/9/2	1885-1900	Minutes of Elders Association of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Falkirk
CH3/1567/9/3	1907-1920	Minutes of Erskine United Free Missionary Society
CH3/1567/9/4	1967-2006	Woman's Guild minutes
CH3/1567/9/5	2007-2013	Woman's Guild minutes
CH3/1567/9/6	1931-1999	Woman's Guild Roll Book
CH3/1567/9/7	1999-2005	Woman's Guild Roll Book
CH3/1567/9/8	1960-1998	Woman's Guild Account Book and Members Lists
CH3/1567/9/9	1980-2014	Woman's Guild Schedules and Branch Office-Bearers forms
CH3/1567/9/10	1994-2013	Woman's Guild Correspondence
CH3/1567/9/11	1995-2013	Woman's Guild Newsletters
CH3/1567/9/12	1987-2010	Woman's Guild miscellaneous items. Includes: Order of service for Guild Sunday, 26 Apr 2987 Programme for Centenary Celebration, 1987 "Guildlink" information sheet, c 1992 Board of National Mission Women's Council meeting notes, Sep 1995 Woman's Guild Interim Constitution, Feb 1996 Falkirk Presbyterial Council: Annual Business Meeting minutes, 21 mar 1996 "Women Together draft constitution, 30 Oct 1996 Women Together consultation procedures, 30 Oct 1996 Booklet "Going for Growth, Guidelines and Constitution" Jun 1997 Information sheet "Celebration '98: the Guild's Annual Meeting, 1998 Information sheet "Global Platform for Action", in connection with 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, c. 1998 Constitution Review, 2002 Church of Scotland Guild Order of Service for the Visit of the Moderator of General Assembly, 25 Jan 2004 Booklet "Going for Growth, Constitution and Guidelines" Jun 2010 Report on National Mission meeting Information about the Falkirk Presbyterial

		Council Dedication Service Woman's Guild Handbook Card explaining the symbols behind the Guild badge Woman's Guild Syllabi Woman's Guild Cash Book
CH3/1567/9/13	1961-2013	
CH3/1567/9/14	1982-2013	
CH3/1567/11/1/1	1903	Architects Schedule – estimate of works for proposed church (Hodge St building)
CH3/1567/11/1/2	1958-66	Property Register
CH3/1567/11/1/3	1974	Property Register
CH3/1567/11/1/4	1981-1995	Property Register
CH3/1567/11/2/1	1929	Call to Rev. J.A.S. Dean
CH3/1567/11/2/2	1945	Call to Rev. William Cruikshank Hay
CH3/1567/11/3/1	nd (c.1820-47)	Petition to Session from members of the congregation requesting that Communion be celebrated more frequently. (Frequency not specified).
CH3/1567/11/4/1	1969-2005	Miscellaneous publications and leaflets. 1. Ian M Fraser "let's Get Moving - A Plea for Church Revolution in Scotland" Edinburgh 1969 2. Church of Scotland. Report of the Panel of Doctrine in respect of the Westminster Confession of Faith, May 1970. 3. "The Office of the Elder in the Church of Scotland" Edinburgh, 1975 4. Church of Scotland. report of the Committee of Forty, may 1975 5. Typed reports from the Committee of Forty Conferences, 1976 6. Parish Profile, 1998 7. Erskine Church, Falkirk, Centenary Appeal Fund, Jan 1995 8. leaflet "A Welcome to New Members from the Minister, Session and Managers" 9. Revised Constitution leaflet 10. Church of Scotland. "Regulations for the Election, Settlement and Translation of Ministers" 11. Booklet "The Crack o' the Kirk". Verses by Elizabeth Kirk, sketches by Matthew Mochar 12 Booklet "Mair Crack o' the Kirk"
CH3/1567/11/5/1	1956	Letter from the National Bank of Scotland in respect of Insurance (with envelope)
CH3/1567/12/1	1903	Ground Floor Plan (2 copies)
CH3/1567/12/2	1903	Block Plan

CH3/1567/12/3	1903	Gallery Plan, (2 copies)
CH3/1567/12/4	1903	Plan of Side and Front Elevation and Sections
CH3/1567/12/5	1903	Plan of North and East Elevations and Sections
RHP 143385/1	9 Oct 1905	South & West elevations & section
RHP 143385/2	May 1905	North & East elevations and section
RHP 143385/3	May 1905	Ground floor and gallery plan
RHP 143385/4	May 1905	Foundation and roof plan
RHP 143385/5	1905 {nd}	Ground floor plan
RHP 143385/6	1903	Ground Floor and Gallery plan
RHP 143385/7/1	(1903) {nd}	Ground Floor and Gallery plan
RHP 143385/8	(1970s) {nd}	Proposed alterations to chancel, with sketch, scale 1:96
RHP 143385/7/2		Carron Co advert (originally used as mount for Ground floor and gallery plan RHP 143385/7/1)
A009.032	23 Apr 1782	Account issued by William Lockhart, writer in Edinburgh to the Burgher Congregation of Falkirk in respect of work carried out for them, with letter of receipt
A1988.008	12 May 1952	Programme for the Social Meeting to commemorate Rev John F Dean 50th year in the ministry
A2210.001	27 Jun 1936	Petition signed by the members of the Falkirk Central Branch Toc H, asking that a Lamp of Maintenance be granted to their branch. The petition was granted on 4 March 1936.
A2210.002	02 Nov 2014	Transcripts of the Final Sermon at Erskine Parish Church delivered by Rev Colin Mailer and Closing Service delivered by Interim Moderator Marjory Williamson, Sunday 23 Feb 2014
A1778.001/01	20 Mar 1963	Report concerning the removal of Erskine Churchyard, Silver Row
A1778.001/02	(1963) {nd}	List of gravestones at Erskine Churchyard, Silver Row
A1778.001/03	1959-1971	Correspondence concerning the removal of Erskine Churchyard, Silver Row
A1800.023/01	1887-1910	Young Men and Women's Guild, minute book,

A1800.023/02	1890-1921	Young Men and Women's Guild cash book, Church Renovation Committee minute book,
A1800.023/03	1873-1875	

Photographs

P42182	(1850s) {nd}	Rev Andrew McFarlane, East United Presbyterian Church, Falkirk
P42183	(1850s) {nd}	Rev William Miller, Erskine United Presbyterian Church, Falkirk
P42184	1865	Erskine United Presbyterian Church Choir
P42185	1885	Kirk Session, Erskine United Presbyterian Church
P42186	Late 19th Century-Early 20th Century	John Baird, Preses of congregation, Erskine United Presbyterian Church
P42187	Late 19th Century-Early 20th Century	Alexander Callander, Session Clerk, Erskine United Presbyterian Church
P42188	(1930s) {nd}	Rev John A F Dean, Erskine Church
P42189	26 Sep 1929	Final Meeting of Presbytery of Linlithgow & Falkirk, United Free Church
P42190	(Late 1940s) {nd}	Rev William C Hay, Minister of Erskine Church
P42191	1896	United Presbyterian Guild Conference at Falkirk
P42192	24 Jun 1905	Laying the foundation stone of the New Erskine Church by Principal Rainy
P42193	1955	Erskine Church, Kirk Session
P42194	1969	Erskine Church, Kirk Session
P42195	(1970s) {nd}	Erskine Church, Kirk Session
P42196	1988	Erskine Church, Kirk Session
P42197	07 Apr 1996	Erskine Church, Kirk Session
P42198	(1960s) {nd}	Interior, Erskine Church
P42199	1937	Officials of Erskine Church Congregation