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<b>CH2/7/1-16</b>	<b><i>Presbytery of Abertarff, later Lochaber</i></b>	
CH2/7/1	Minutes	1724-1750
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CH2/7/7	Minutes	1856-1870
CH2/7/8	Minutes	1870-1884
CH2/7/9	Minutes	1884-1907
CH2/7/10	Minutes	1908-1929
CH2/7/11	Separate Register	1744-c.1904
CH2/7/12	Miscellaneous papers (see expanded list following)	1874-1933
CH2/7/13	Miscellaneous papers (see expanded list following)	1790-1931
CH2/7/14	Minutes	1944-1963
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CH2/7/16	Minutes	1929-1944

**CH3/8/1**

***Presbytery of Abertarff, United Free***

CH3/8/1

Minutes

1901-1929

<b>CH2/433/1-8</b>	<b>Kirk Session of Kilmonivaig</b>	
CH2/433/1	Minutes	1829-1859
CH2/433/2	Minutes	1859-1871
CH2/433/3	Extract of Register of Births and marriages	1730-1819
CH2/433/4	Register of Births, Baptisms, Proclamations and Marriages	1861-1913
	Births and Baptisms until 1895 only	
CH2/433/5	Collections and disbursements (church collections and payments for operation of the church, its ministers and bellman, contributions i.e. to Home Mission, Female Schools or Colonial Scheme and occasional payments to named tradesmen or for pauper relief i.e. cost of coffin for named individuals or their relatives)	1827-1897
CH2/433/6	Communion roll	1881-1946
CH2/433/7	Minutes	1889-1967
CH2/433/8	Baptismal register	1898-1968

**CH2/439/1-5**

***Kirk Session of Acharacle***

CH2/439/1	Minutes and Communion roll Minutes - 1837-1840 Minutes - 1869-1870 Communion roll – 1872	1837-1871
CH2/439/2	Baptismal register	1887-1976
CH2/439/3	Communion roll	1898-1976
CH2/439/4	Baptismal register	1855-1872
CH2/439/5	Minutes	1888-1902

**CH3/719/1-5 Kirk Session of Kilmallie**

The church of Kilmallie, which was known of old as Kilmalin, was dedicated to St Mailin of Teach Malin in Carlow. Ministry of the session is recorded from 1651 in the person of Dugald Campbell. Between the year of the reformation in 1560 and 1651 the church had sustained a vacancy. The old church was rebuilt in 1783. In 1931, following the union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church in 1929, Kilmallie Parish Church was joined with the former Kilmallie section of the United Free Church congregation of Kilmallie and Kilmonivaig. After the union the old parish church remained in use as the place of worship and the former United Free Church was converted for use as a church hall. Glengarry established a link with Kilmallie in 1968 however this arrangement was terminated in 1974. The Kirk Session of Kilmallie, which once again is sitting as a vacancy, falls within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Lochaber.

CH3/719/1	Minutes 1836-1893 With Poor's Fund accounts, 1837-1861	1836-1893
CH3/719/2	Minutes	1893-1961
CH3/719/3	Baptismal register	1932-1970
CH3/719/4	Proclamation register	1932-1968
CH3/719/5	Communion roll	1912-1967

**CH3/726 Kirk Session of Lochaline**

Morvern Free Church began as a preaching station after the Disruption. A church was built in 1849 (replaced 1896), but the charge was not sanctioned until 1877. It passed successively to the United Free Church, as Morven (sic), and to the Church of Scotland as Lochaline, which united with Morvern as Morvern in 1930. The UFC charge was in the presbytery of Mull and the synod of Argyll.

Morvern Free Church, United Free and Church of Scotland Lochaline

CH3/726/1	Deacons' court minutes 1878-1924	1830-1930
	With members & adherents, 1887-1930 (including members from St. Kilda 1830)	
CH3/726/2	Accounts	1878-1931



**CH3/729/1-4**

***Kirk Session of Mallaig Bethel***

CH3/729/1	Financial committee minutes (contains note that earlier minutes were claimed by the Free Church)	1900-1921
CH3/729/2	Collections	1916-1931
CH3/729/3	Communion roll 1901-1930  Baptisms 1922-1925	1901-1930
CH3/729/4	Deacons' court minutes	1921-1930

**CH3/740/1-17    *Kirk Session of Fort William Free Church, United Free, MacIntosh Memorial Church of Scotland***

Fort William Free Church began at the Disruption, when an ordained missionary and his congregation adhered to the Free Church. A new church was built in 1846 (replaced 1890). It passed to the United Free Church (the congregation was evicted for six months in 1904 by the Free Church) and to the Church of Scotland. The current charge, Fort William MacIntosh Memorial, is in the Lochaber presbytery. It was in Argyll Synod until their abolition in 1993. John MacIntosh was minister 1881 to 1910.

CH3/740/1	Minutes	1846-1872
CH3/740/2	Minutes	1874-1888
CH3/740/3	Deacons' court minutes	1845-1886
CH3/740/4	Deacons' court minutes	1886-1915
CH3/740/5	Proclamation register	1932-1977
CH3/740/6	Minutes	1915-1936
CH3/740/7	Minutes	1936-1958
CH3/740/8	Deacons' court minutes	1915-1931
CH3/740/9	Deacons' court minutes	1931-1946
CH3/740/10	Deacons' court minutes	1946-1955
CH3/740/11	Baptismal register 1911-1925 and 1931	1911-1931
CH3/740/12	Minutes	1959-1970
CH3/740/13	Minutes	1970-1984
CH3/740/14	Minutes	1984-1989
CH3/740/15	Minutes	1989-1996
CH3/740/16	Deacon's Court minutes	1971-1981
CH3/740/17	Lochaber Presbytery handbook	1997-1998

**CH/775/1-3 Kirk Session of Morvern**

The parish of Morvern, or Morven, consists of the united parishes of Kilcholumkill and Kilintach, which are believed to have been joined together shortly after the reformation in 1560. The church of the parish of Kilcholumkill is thought to have a dedication to St Columba and Kilintach church is dedicated to St Fintan. The two churches within the parish of Morvern were erected in 1799 and 1780. In 1930 Morvern was united with the session of Lochaline, after the union the session remained under the name of Morvern. The Kirk Session of Morvern sat within the Presbytery of Mull until 1963 when, by Act of Assembly, the Presbytery of Lorn and the Presbytery of Mull were united together under the name of the presbytery of Lorn and Mull. Following the restructuring of the presbyteries in 1976, Morvern became part of the Presbytery of Lochaber.

CH2/775/1	Minutes 1882-1929 Communion roll 1892-1905 Baptisms 1908 Proclamations 1909-1943	1882-1943
CH2/775/2	Communion roll	1913-1930
CH2/775/3	Proclamation register  See also L/D78: Copy of Communion Roll of Free Church of Scotland, Morvern, 1874-1911	1944-1963
CH2/775/4	Minutes	1930-1986

**CH2/780/1-3      Kirk Session of Small Isles**

The Small Isles Kirk Session comprises the ancient parishes of Eigg and Canna, which were united together, along with Strathswordale, in the 16th cent, Strathswordale however was severed from Eigg and Canna by the Court of Teinds in 1720. Following the 16th century union both Eigg and Canna retained their own parish church. At a time after the union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church in 1929 the members of the United Free congregation of Arisaig and Small Isles joined with the Parish Church congregation of Small Isles, and a further link was formed with Ardgour in 1954. In 1959 the arrangement with Ardgour was terminated in favour of a linkage with Mallaig. Small Isles was reduced in status in 1972 to that of a Mission Church and the congregation was united in the same year with Mallaig. The union with Mallaig continued until 1991 when it was dissolved and The Small Isles united instead with Arisaig to form the session of Arisaig and the Small Isles. Small Isles Kirk Session sat with the Presbytery of Skye and later of Lochaber.

CH2/780/1	Minutes	1887-1972
CH2/780/2	Communion roll	1930-1979
CH2/780/3	Property Register	1963/6-1975

**CH2/785/1-4     Kirk Session of Knoydart**

The ancient parish of Knoydart was united to Glenelg during the 16th century and remained so until 1863 when it was disjoined from Glenelg and erected as an independent parish, quoad sacra. In addition to the parish church there was a mission church within the Parish at Airor. In 1956 Mallaig and Knoydart established a link however this arrangement was later terminated in 1972 to allow a union between the two parishes, under the name of Mallaig St Columba and Knoydart. The kirk session sits within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of St Columba.

CH2/785/1	Minutes 1864-1920 (with communion rolls)	1864-1920
	Baptisms 1887-1916,	
	Proclamations 1904-1917	
CH2/785/2	Minutes	1922-1971
CH2/785/3	Baptismal register	1922-1970
CH2/785/4	Communion roll	1921-1979

**CH2/879/1-9 Kirk Session of Duncansburgh**

The Kirk Session of Duncansburgh was disjoined from that of Kilmallie on the 18th July, 1860 and erected as an independent parish *quoad sacra*. In 1987 Duncansburgh established a link with Kilmonivaig. The kirk session sat within the Presbytery of Abertarff and later of Lochaber.

CH2/879/1	Minutes 1864: Proclamations 1861, 1864 and later: Communion rolls	1861-1889
CH2/879/2	Minutes	1889-1922
CH2/879/3	Trustees' minutes	1861-1895
CH2/879/4	Trustees' minutes	1896-1921
CH2/879/5	Building committee minutes	1854-1862
CH2/879/6	Congregational minutes	1879-1936
CH2/879/7	Baptismal register	1879-1922
CH2/879/8	Communion roll	1888-1895
CH2/879/9	Communion roll	1896-1912

**CH2/888/1-3     *Kirk Session of Glengarry***

In 1867 the parish of Glengarry was disjoined from Kilmonivaig, Boleskine and Glenelg and erected as an independent parish. Within the parish bounds there existed in addition to the parish church, which was built in 1864, two mission chapels, one at Glenquoich and one at Tomdoun. In 1974 Glengarry was linked with Kilmonivaig however this arrangement was later terminated in 1987 in favour of a linkage with Fort Augustus. The kirk session sat within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Abertarff and later of Lochaber.

CH2/888/1	Minutes	1872-1927
CH2/888/2	Marriage register	1869-1950
CH2/888/3	Communion roll	1869-1938
CH2/888/4	Minutes	1927-1964
CH2/888/5	Minutes	1964-1985
CH2/888/6	Scroll minutes	1932-1940
CH2/888/7	Cash book	1918-1939
CH2/888/8	Cash book	1939-1948
CH2/888/9	Cash book	1949-1974
CH2/888/10	Proclamation register	1950-1977
CH2/888/11	Certificates of Transference	1966-1999
CH2/888/12	Newspaper cuttings & correspondence concerning the Bishop of Westminster at Glengarry	1871

**CH2/895/1-4 Kirk Session of Duror**

A church was first planted at Kilcholumkill in Duror by St Columba during the 6th century and in around the year 1650 the Commissioners of Teinds disjoined the district of Duror from Lismore and erected it as a separate parish, a new church was also erected at this time. The subsequent passing of the Act Rescissory in 1661 however led to the annulment of the erection of the new parish and Duror was united once more with Lismore. Duror remained within the parish of Lismore for almost a further 200 years until 1846 when it was again disjoined, quoad sacra, from Lismore. The present day church, a parliamentary chapel, had been erected some time earlier in 1826. In 1960 Duror formed a link with the charge of Glencoe St Munda's. The kirk session sat within the Presbytery of Lorn until 1963 when, by Act of Assembly, the Presbytery of Lorn and the Presbytery of Mull were united together under the name of the Presbytery of Lorn and Mull. Following the restructuring of the Presbyteries in 1976 it became part of the Presbytery of Lochaber.

CH2/895/1	Minutes 1872-1971	1872-1971
CH2/895/2	Baptismal register	1871-1971
CH2/895/3	Baptismal register 1855-1870	1834-1870
	Proclamation register 1855-1870	
	List of male heads of families, communicants 1834-1835	
	Minutes 1852	
	Minutes 1856	
	Minutes 1863	
	Minutes 1865	
CH2/895/4	Proclamations	1871-1974



**CH2/900/1-4 Kirk Session of Ardgour and Kingairloch**

The parish of Ardgour formerly formed part of Ballachulish but was disjoined in 1894 and erected as a separated parish, quoad sacra. In addition to the parish church, which was erected in 1829 by the parliamentary commissioners and built to Thomas Telford's design, there was a mission chapel within the bounds of the parish at Kingairloch. Prior to 1829 church services had taken place in the open air. In 1927 Ardgour established a link with Strontian and in 1954 a further link was formed with the Small Isles, this arrangement with the Small Isles was however terminated in 1959. The kirk session sat within the Presbytery of Abertarff and presently falls within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Lochaber.

CH2/900/1	Minutes 1894-1959	1894-1959
	Proclamations 1895-1900	
CH2/900/2	Baptismal register	1894-1930
CH2/900/3	Communion roll	1896-1958
CH2/900/4	Ardgour and Kingairloch kirk sessions: Minute book	1959-1988

**CH2/944/1-2 Kirk Session of Glencoe, St Munda's**

Early in the 7th century St Munda built a church on the island in Loch Leven that today bears the name Eilean Munda and that was the burial island of the MacDonalds, Camerons and Stewarts. This ancient church became the parish church of Eilean Munda (or Glencoe) and during the 16th century Lismore and Eilean Munda were united together. This union however was annulled in or around the year 1650 when the Commissioner of Teinds once more disjoined Eilean Munda from Lismore and erected it as a separate parish. The Act Rescissory 1661, restoring Episcopacy, rendered void the erection of the parish of Eilean Munda so the area was once more attached to the Parish of Lismore, and the old parish church was left to fall into a ruinous state. During the early part of the 19th century a new church was erected on the mainland near the mouth of Glencoe to serve the district and in 1890 the parish of Glencoe St Munda's (or Eilean Munda) was disjoined once again from Lismore and erected as a separate parish, *quoad sacra*. There was also a mission chapel within the bounds of the parish at Kinlochleven. In 1960 a link was established between Glencoe St Munda's and Duror.

The Kirk Session sat within the Presbytery of Lorn until 1963 when, by Act of Assembly, the Presbytery of Lorn and the Presbytery of Mull were united together under the name of the Presbytery of Lorn and Mull. Following the restructuring of the Presbyteries in 1976, it became part of the Presbytery of Lochaber.

CH2/944/1	Minutes	1891-1976
CH2/944/2	Baptismal register	1891-1976

**CH2/1350/1 Kirk Session of Ardnamurchan**

The parish of Ardnamurchan, whose church held a dedication to St Coan, was united in around the year 1614 with the ancient parish of Eilean Finain. At the same time Arisaig was additionally joined with Ardnamurchan however this union was severed again in 1919. Within the bounds of the parish there existed at Kilmorie a chapel of St Mary. The kirk session, which established a link in 1977 with Acharacle, presently sits within the Presbytery of Lochaber.

CH2/1350/1	Proclamation register	1899-1976
CH2/1350/3	Kirk Session minutes, with accounts	1775-1810
L/D18/1	See also	1827-1942

Kirk Session of Ardnamurchan:  
 Register with session records including  
 minutes, lists of the poor and list of  
 communicants 1827-1942 and income  
 and expenditure 1906-1924  
 [photocopy of original register the  
 whereabouts of which is currently  
 unknown]

**CH3/1425/1-3    *Kirk Session of Augustus and Glenmoriston United Free Church, Inverloch Church of Scotland***

Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston United Free Church was formed by the union of two existing UF churches, both of them originating with Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Free Church. This had been organised soon after the Disruption, and the charge sanctioned in 1844. At first services were conducted alternately in both places, but in 1878 Glenmoriston was sanctioned separately. At the union of 1900 the Fort Augustus church and manse were allocated to the Free Church and replaced with a new church opened in 1906. This then reunited with Glenmoriston. At the union of 1929 the UF church became a hall and was united with the former Church of Scotland church as Fort Augustus. The UFC charge was in the presbytery of Abertarff and the synod of Argyll.

CH3/1425/1	Minutes	1924-1933
CH3/1425/2	Baptismal register	1923-1933
CH3/1425/3	Communion roll	1908-1932

**CH2/1432/1      *Kirk Session of Arisaig and Moidart***

On the 18th July 1919, the parish of Arisaig, which had formerly been a mission station of the Royal Bounty Committee, was disjoined from Ardnamurchan and erected quoad sacra. The charge of Arisaig became termed Arisaig and Moidart however Moidart was later dropped from the name and in 1991 the charge united with the congregation of the Small Isles, under the name of Arisaig and the Small Isles. The kirk session, which remains active today, sat within the Presbytery of Mull until 1920 when it was transferred to the Presbytery of Abertarff and later became part of the Presbytery of Lochaber.

CH2/1432/1

Minutes

1919-1991

**CH2/1433/1-4 Kirk Session of Fort Augustus**

The church of Fort Augustus, which was known anciently as Kilchuimin or Abertarff, held a dedication to St Cuimin, Abbot of Iona, and belonged prior to the reformation to the Priory of Beaulieu. During the year 1614 the parish was united to the charges of Boleskine and Dores, however in 1617 Dores was severed once more from Kilchuimin (or Abertarff) and Boleskine. Kilchuimin also was later disjoined from Boleskine in 1676, and instead united to Glenmoriston, however this union with Glenmoriston was short lived and in 1688 Kilchuimin was disjoined and once more merged with the parish of Boleskine. In 1883 when the union between the two parishes was disjoined for a second time, the charge was erected as the quoad sacra parish of Fort Augustus. Following the 1929 union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church, Fort Augustus was named Fort Augustus Abertarff and in 1934 a union was established with the former United Free Church congregation of Fort Augustus Inverloch. The two charges united under the name of Fort Augustus and the former parish church remained in use as the place of worship.

In 1987 a link was established between Fort Augustus and Glengarry. The kirk session, which remains active today, sat within the Presbytery of Abertarff and later of Lochaber.

CH2/1433/1	Minutes	1883-1964
CH2/1433/2	Congregational committee minutes	1860-1867
CH2/1433/3	Communion roll 1883-1939 and Baptisms 1885-1904	1883-1939
CH2/1433/4	Fort Augustus school minutes	1811-1835

**CH2/1565/1-6*****Kirk Session of Kinlochleven***

Records of the Kinlochleven Church of **Scotland**, originally known as Kinlochleven Mission Church

Formerly a mission station, was raised to full status in 1932.

CH2/1565/1	Mission Church: Minute book	1910-1931
CH2/1565/2	Church of Scotland: Kirk Session minute book	1930-1952
CH2/1565/3	Church of Scotland: Congregational Board minute book	1931-1941
CH2/1565/4	Church of Scotland: Congregational Board minute book	1941-1952
CH2/1565/5	Church of Scotland: Communicants Roll book	1942-1957
CH2/1565/6	Church of Scotland: Proclamation register	1932-1951