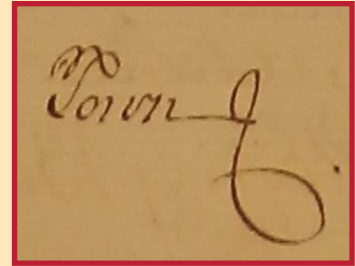
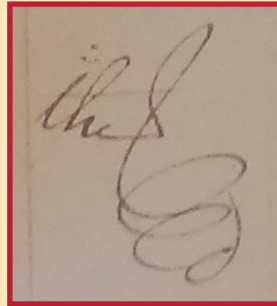
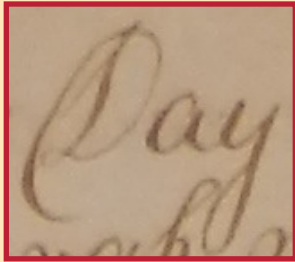


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Finally, we will be looking at flourished handwriting, and the different ways you can flourish letters. Take a look at some examples from Wick Burgh Minutes (BW/1/4) below.



Write down what letters are flourished in each example, and what the words are if you can read them.

As you can see from each example, there are many ways of flourishing different letters. Can you think of any other ways you could flourish the words in the examples?

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Have a look at the document below, taken from a later page of BW/1/4, Wick Burgh Minutes. What do you notice about it?

Thereafter an offer was made by Donato Swanson labourer in Wick to keep the streets and lanes of the Burgh clean of Filth and dung for the sum of Six pounds for one year from this date - The Magistrates & Council having considered this offer they agree to give the said Donato Swanson Five pounds for keeping the streets and lanes clean - and provided this be done to their perfect satisfaction the other additional pound will be given - Two pounds ten shillings thereof to be paid at the term of Martinmas next, and the remaining two pounds ten shillings at the expiry of the year - And the Magistrates desired that some Brooms shall be provided by the Treasurer to be delivered to the said Donato Swanson occasionally as he may require them at half price -

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At Wick the twenty second day of March Eighteen
Hundred and twenty three.

In a meeting of the Magistrates and Council -

Prescrib.

James Waters } Bailus
Jonah Rhine }

Francis Mory. D. G.

John Park Treas.

Samuel Maclean

Alex. Miller

Alex. Coghile

The meeting resolved to appoint Stewards Masters to fix and determine the Shares and proportions of Assessment to be levied from the Inhabitants of the Burgh for payment of the Land Tax and other public Burdens - when they did and hereby do appoint Messrs John Park, Alexander Esdaile, Alexander Lister, Charles Keith and Alexander Bruce to be Stewards Masters for the present year - and they hereby authorize them to meet at such times and places, as they shall appoint to fix and determine the share and proportions of said Assessment to be paid by each individual liable to be taxed, and to Report their final Role or Roll to the Magistrates and Council at their next meeting. -

Thereafter Charles Waters laid before the meeting copy of

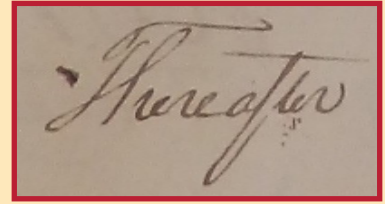
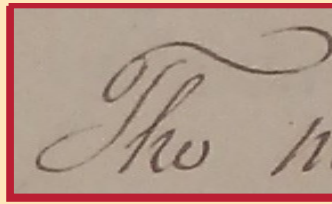
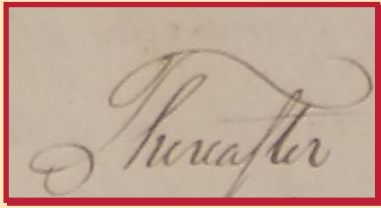
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We have extracted some flourished words from the document which all start with the same letter. Can you see the differences between each? Look back at the document again, does where they appear in the document make a difference to how flourished they are? Write your thoughts below.



Can you read what all the words say? Write them out if you can, two may be the same although they look different. Then look through the document again and find some words or letters to flourish yourself.

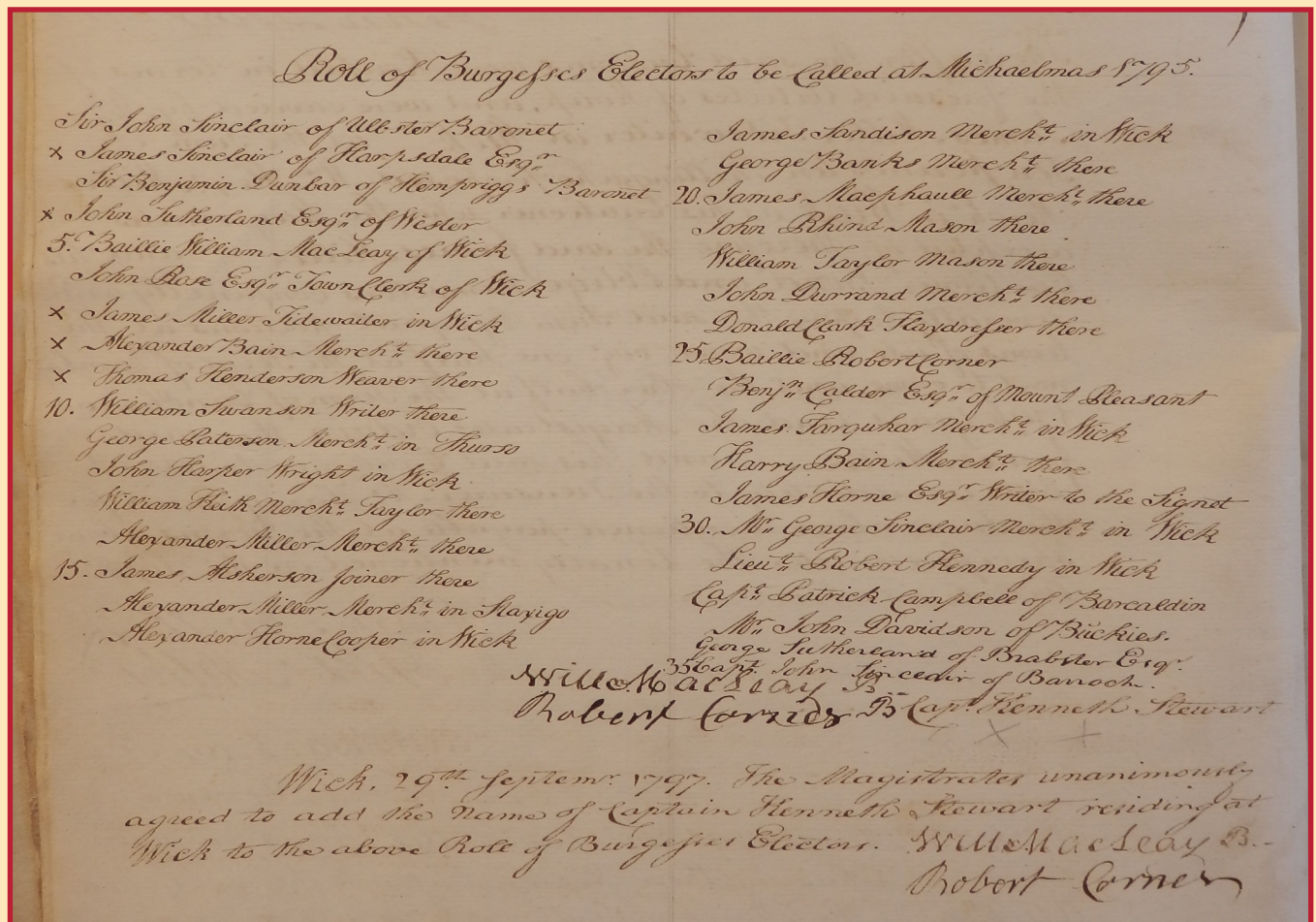


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Take a look at this page from BW/1/4 which lists the Roll of Burgess Electors to be Called at Michaelmas. It's unlikely you've seen or heard of these terms before.

Burgess— This is a Title which meant the person was a freemen of a burgh. It was an honour given to a valued member of the community.

Michaelmas— Occurring on the 29th September each year, and originally called Michael's Mass, it's associated with the shorter days of Autumn.



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As you can see from the examples below, this page has a lot more varied flourishing of words and letters. Look over them, and note down anything you notice—do the titles, or jobs have more flourishes than the names? Do you think some letters are easier to add flourishes to than others?

Roll of Burgeses Electors to be Called at Michaelmas 1795.

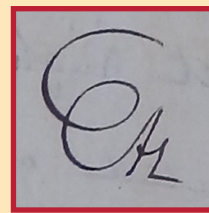
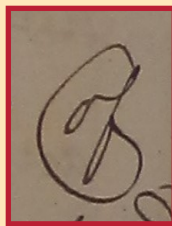
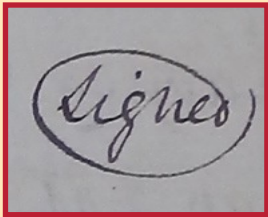
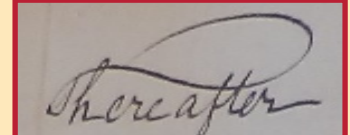
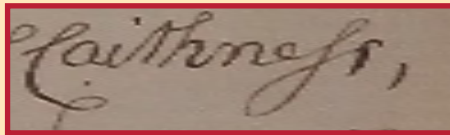
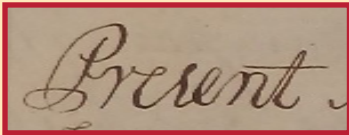
*Harry Bain Merch^t there
James Horne Esq^r Writer to the*

*Donald Clark Haydrefar there
Bailie Robert Corner*

Capt^t Patrick Campbell of Boscaldin



Take a look at these other examples from BW/1/4. Try copying some of the flourishes and words in the blank or lined spaces below. The full pages are shown after.





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Parliament to be holden at Westminster on the Twelfth Day of July next ensuing, according to the form of the Statutes thereupon made and provided, and in Terms of the Writ of Election bearing Date at Westminster the Twenty first day of May last, now in the Sheriff's hands. And he informed the Meeting, that he called them together on this occasion in order to fix a Day for the purpose of Chusing a Commissioner for this Burgh in Terms of the Sheriff's Precept. And the fore said Precept being read & considered by the Magistrates & Councie, they Did whereby Do Resolve and Agree to Appoint Tuesday the fourteenth day of June current for the Magistrates & Councillors of this Burgh to meet at this place betwixt the hours of Twelve at Noon and Two in the afternoon, there and there to Elect, Nominate and Appoint a Commissioner for this Burgh for the purpose mentioned in the aforesaid Precept. And they Direct the Clerk to give Notice of this Appointments to the absent Members of Councie.

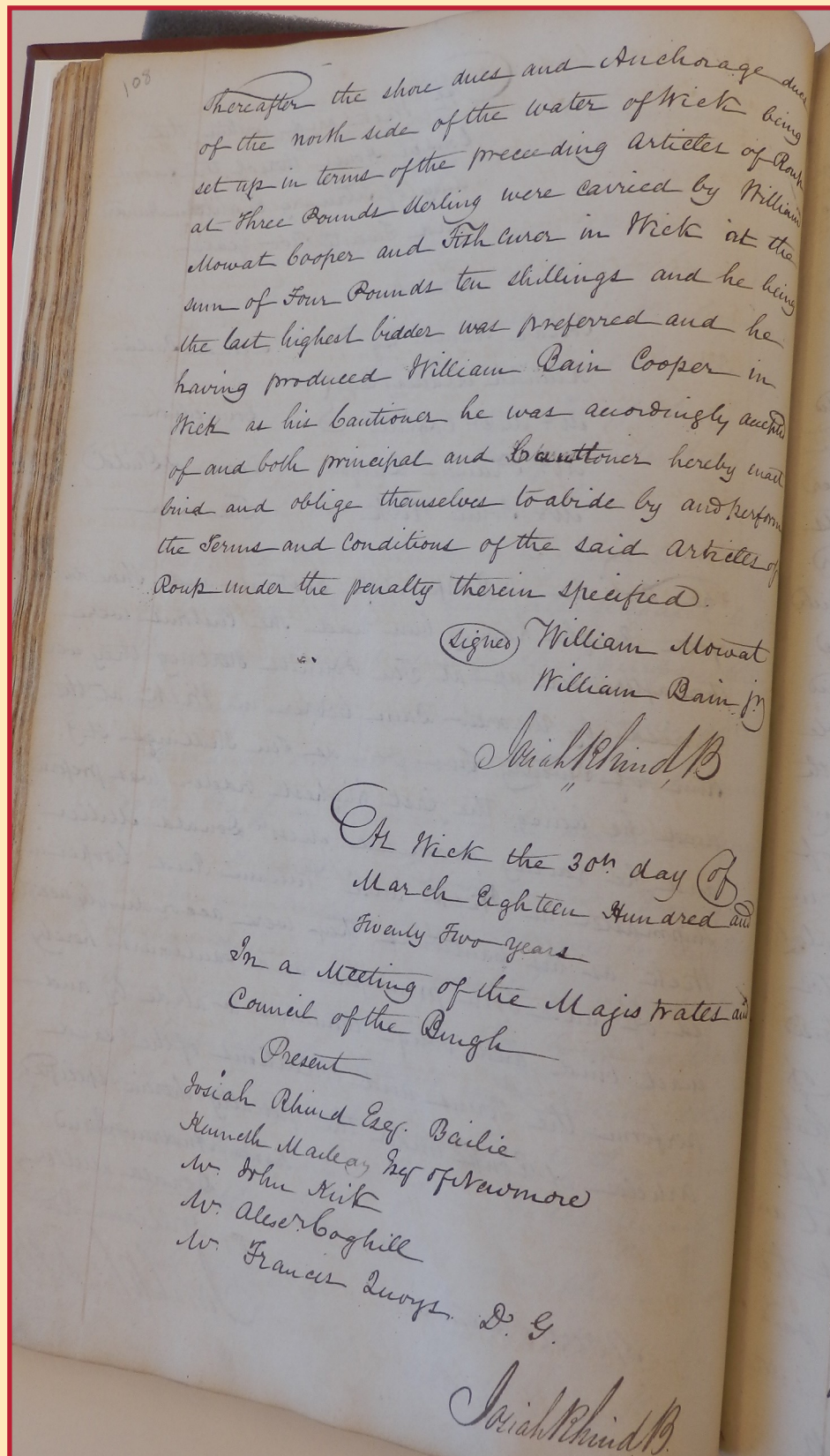
William Macleay J.
Robert Corrie J.
Henry Bain
George Macleay

At The Borough of Wick the Fourteenth day of June, One Thousand seven hundred & Ninety six years, and within the Councie House of said Borough.

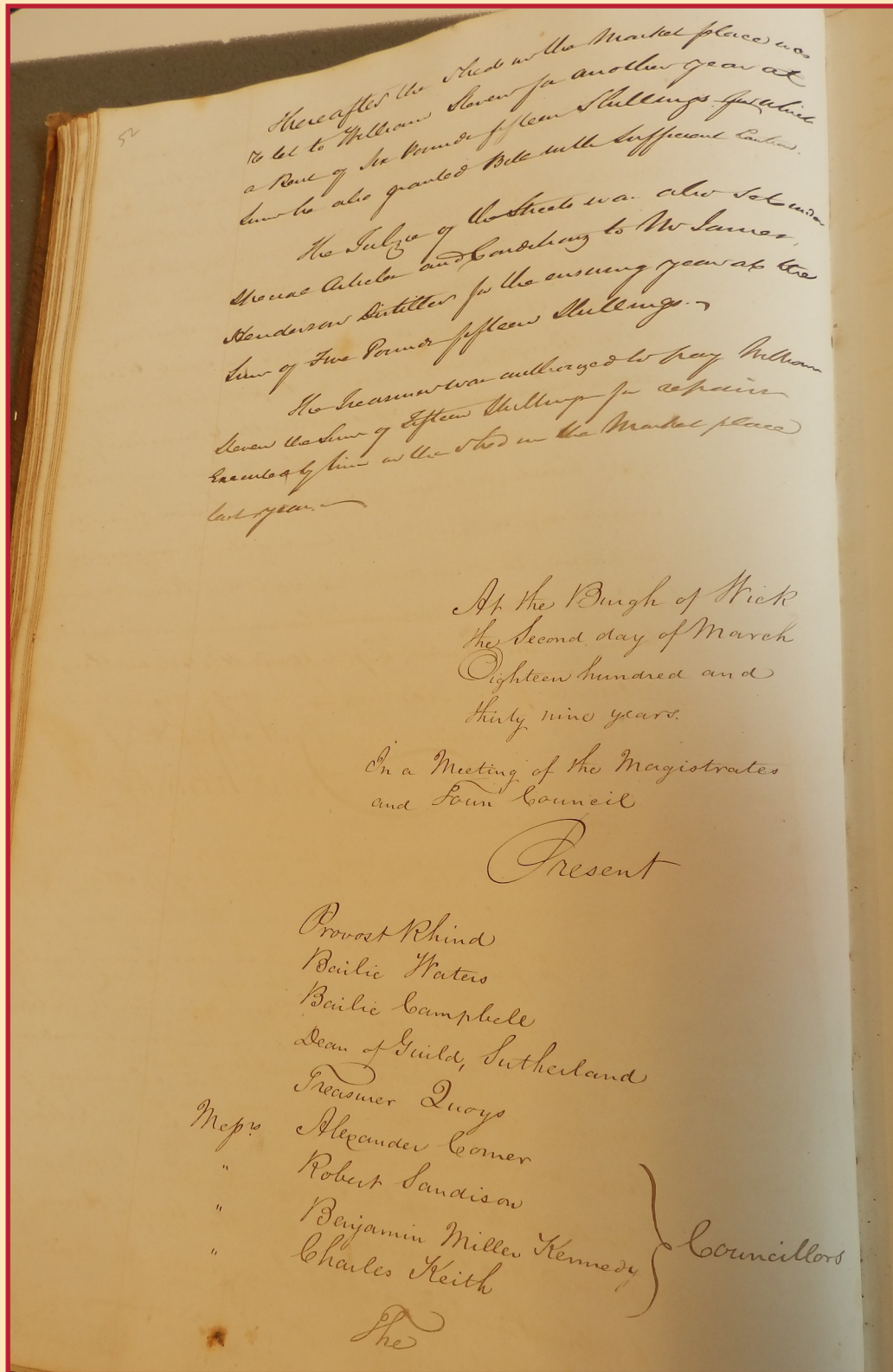
Present Messrs William Macleay & Robert Corrie Baillies,
Henry Bain Treasurer, Capt. Patrick Campbell of Boncadour,
George Sutherland of Boncadour Esq. Benjamin Calder Esq. of Mount Pleasant, and Mr. George Sinclair Merch. in Wick,
Councillors of the said Burgh - - - - -

who being Convened in a Court lawfully fenced, Agreeably to the Appointment of the Meeting of Councie held here upon the Ninth day of June ~~last~~^{current}, and in Obedience to a Precept directed to them by James Frazer Esq. Sheriff Depute of the County of Caithness, bearing Date the Seventh day of June current, requiring them with all convenient speed, freely & indifferently to Elect one Commissioner (in the same manner as they were in use to elect Commissioners to the Parliament of Scotland) in order to elect a Burgess for the Class or District of Boroughs whereunto this Borough does belong, of the more discreet & substantial Men, and that they order the said Commissioner to be elected by them to repair to Dingwall, the presiding Borough of the said Class or District.

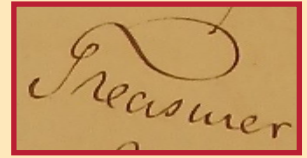
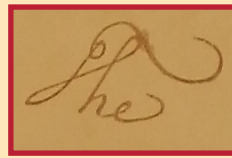
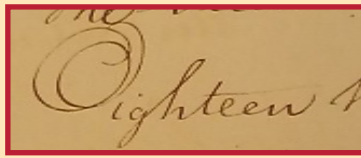
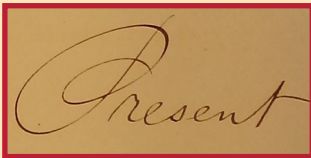
William Macleay J.
Robert Corrie J.



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Now look at these examples from BW/1/6. What do you notice about them, are the flourishes simpler or more complicated than the others we've looked at?



Now looking back through all the previous examples, write all the different ways each letter is flourished. Compare them and see which you like best. Experiment with creating your own flourishes.

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