

Caithness Archive Centre Cemetery Resources

Researching Burial and Cemetery Records in Caithness

Bower

Cowper and Ross Volume 1 Bower Cemetery Index (searchroom shelves)

There are no burial committee minute books for Bower

The OPR for Bower has a register of burials from 1790-1795, these should also appear on the IGI

Canisbay

Cowper and Ross Volume 1 Canisbay and Canisbay Extension Cemetery Index (searchroom shelves)

Record of Burials Canisbay Cemetery – Section A. Not indexed (searchroom shelves)

Canisbay Parish Church Burial Ground Committee Minute Book 1902-1911, also contains minutes of the committee from 1955-1956 (CC/7/2/2/1)

Dunnet

Cowper and Ross Volume 1 Dunnet Cemetery and Corsback Cemetery Indexes (searchroom shelves)

Dunnet Parish Council Burial Ground Committee Minute Books;
1884-1929 CC/7/3/2/1
1929-1930 CC/7/3/2/2

The OPR (Old Parish Register) for Dunnet has a register of deaths from 1751-1756, these should also appear on the IGI (International Genealogical Index).

Halkirk

Cowper and Ross Volume 3 Cemetery Indexes for; Achreny, Dalnawillan, Dirlot, Dorrery, Halkirk, Spittal St. Magnus, Skinnet and Westerdale Cemeteries (searchroom shelves)

Photocopy of part of Halkirk new cemetery plots in Local Studies Folders

There are no burial committee minute books for Halkirk

Latheron

Cowper and Ross Volume 4 cemetery indexes for; Latheron Old, Berriedale Old, Berriedale New, Braemore, Tout-na-Goul, Mulbuie, Mid Clyth, Camster, Ballachly and St Triduana (searchroom shelves)

There are no burial committee minute books for Latheron

There is a website called 'Graven Images' for Latheron Old, New and Clyth cemeteries. This site is indexed by name and contains photographs of graves with an accompanying transcription – www.graven-images.org.uk

Olig

Cowper and Ross Volume 1 cemetery index for Olig Cemetery (searchroom shelves)

There are no burial committee minute books for Olig

Reay

Cowper and Ross Volume 3 cemetery indexes for; Crosskirk, Reay Old and Reay New Cemeteries (searchroom shelves)

There are no burial committee minute books for Reay

The OPR for Reay has a register of deaths from 1783-1791, these should also appear on the IGI

Thurso

Cowper and Ross Volume 3 cemetery indexes for; Brims, St. Peter's Church and Trostan Westfield (searchroom shelves)

Photocopy of part of Thurso old cemetery plots in Local Studies Folders

Thurso Parochial Board Burial Ground Committee Minute Books;
1861-1898 CC/7/8/2/1
1867-1870 CC/7/8/2/2
1870-1878 CC/7/8/2/3
1898-1900 CC/7/8/2/4

The OPR for Thurso has a register of deaths for 1671, these should also appear on the IGI

Watten

Cowper and Ross Volume 2 Cemetery Indexes for; Watten and Drum Old Hall cemeteries (searchroom shelves)

There are no poor law records for Watten.

There is a Register of Interments for Watten Churchyard, 1922-1974 and folder with Register of Interments, July 1921 to September 1990, there is also a typed copy of July 1921 to September 1990 (searchroom shelves)

Wick

Cowper and Ross Volume 2 Cemetery Indexes for; Wick Old Parish (St Fergus), Keiss, Thrumster and Ulbster cemeteries (searchroom shelves)

Wick Parochial Board / Parish Council Burial Ground Committee Minute Book
1865-1877 CC/7/10/2/3
1865-1899 CC/7/10/2/4

Thrumster Cemetery Burial Inscriptions. Registers of Internments c.1842-1990 (searchroom shelves)) Not indexed

Ulbster Burial Ground Committee Minute Book, 1889-1912 and 1965-1970 (P779)

Ulbster Burial Ground Collection Book, 1930-1973 (P779)

There are monumental inscriptions for the newer Wick Cemetery which opened around 1874. There is an index to these in folder 3 which gives a reference to then look up in folders 1 and 2. The reference takes the form of a letter and then a number e.g. M12. Go to section M and within section M go

to lair 12 and this should correspond with the name in the index. The index is alphabetically by surname.

There is also a separate folder of Wick Cemetery Extension which is partially indexed (alphabetically by surname), the extension seems to date roughly for those who were buried between 1930 and 1997.

Wick Cemetery Extension, Register of Interments, 1970-1992 (searchroom shelves)

Notes

The Cowper and Ross books were completed in the late 1980's. Each cemetery has an individual index of persons (alphabetical by surname) and of places (alphabetical by place), each volume also has a main index at the back that indexes the whole volume. The volumes contain details of cemeteries which were opened pre-1855 but some of these will have details of burials up to when the survey was completed in the 1980's.

It is worth checking the poor law records for any individual who may have been in receipt of parish relief when they died because the parish may have paid for their burial, there would be details in the minutes books, records of applications and ledgers.

The Highland Council has kept records of burials from the following dates and places:

Bower, Middle	1909
Bower, Old	1906
Canisbay 2nd Extension	1965
Canisbay, Old 1st Extension	1895
Corsback Extension	1991
Halkirk, New	1904
Keiss Extension	1974
Keiss Middle	1921
Keiss Old	1921
Latheron 2nd Extension	1928
Latheron 3rd Extension	1975
Latheron Churchyard	1928
Mount Vernon Extension	1980

Mount Vernon, Middle 1st Extension	1900
Olrig Extension	1977
Olrig, Old	1902
Reay, New	1885
Thrumster	1885
Watten Churchyard	1921
Watten Extension	1985
Wick Extension	1946
Wick, Old	1872