

St Nicholas Kirk Session Accounts - Introduction

This survey started as an exercise to improve my abilities in deciphering older forms of handwriting, particularly Secretary Hand (some form of which is used for most of these sets of Accounts). A secondary aim was to identify any entries (such as lists of marriage contracts, penalties for fornication or payments for burials) which might supplement the existing registers of baptism, marriage and burial. The source documents are:

1 A box containing Accounts dated:

1602-03	1621-22
1603-04	1622-23
1604-05	1623-24
1606-07	1624-25
1609-10	1626-27
1613-14	1629-30
1614-15	1631-32
1617-18	1639-40
1618-19	1641-42
1620-21	1652-53

2 A folder containing Accounts dated:

1679-80	1689-90
1682-83	1690-91
1683-84	1691-92
1687-88	1704-05
1688-89	

The first stage was to carry out a page-by-page survey, identifying, as far as possible, the nature of the entries on each page. Some of the later sets of Accounts had numbered pages (some of which were even consistent!), but generally the pages are un-numbered. I have therefore assigned a number to every "writeable" page, even if it was blank, with a short indication of the nature of its contents.

In stage two I took a closer look at those pages which I had identified as holding "vital records". As the work progressed, it became clear that certain entries other than the more obvious lists of marriage contracts and burials might also contain references useful for genealogical purposes.

These included the lists of payments for Apprentices, and the "Payments upon Warrant". This latter category was very variable: in some cases it lists only the amount of each payment, without specifying to whom it was made; in others, there is considerable detail about the reason for the payment. Most entries represent some form of Poor Relief, but there are also records of goods purchased for the use of the Session (paper, and cloth for winding-sheets), and payments to servants of the Session (one John Barclay regularly gets "a pair of schone", and on one occasion "a stand of black claites" – he turns out to be "Sacristan Deput")

All pages subject to this "closer look" are marked " – *indexed*" on the detail pages which follow.

1602-3

Folio approx 10 x 30 cm. Top part of front cover and first 2 leaves torn, crumpled and partly missing. Hole through next 2 leaves.

pp 1-8	[kirk collections]
pp 9-10	[blank]
pp 11-17	[collections]
pp 18-20	[blank]
pp 21-28 - <i>indexed</i>	[penalties]
pp 29-30	[blank]
pp 31-40	[debursements]
p 41	[blank]
pp 42-45	[debursements – stipends?]
pp 46-47	[blank]

1603-4

Folio approx 10 x 29 cm. Damage to spine and outer edge of cover and 10 pages. Water damage.

pp 1-2	[penalties]
pp 4-7	[collections – New Kirk]
pp 8-9	[blank]
pp 10-14	[collections – Old Kirk]
pp 15-16	[blank]
pp 17-28	[debursements]
p 19	[blank]
p 20	[payments to the poor]

1604-5

Folio approx 10.5 x 34.5 cm. Front and back covers loose

pp 1-3	[blank]
p 4	[receipts]
pp 5-7	[blank]
pp 8-12 - <i>indexed</i>	[penalties of the fornicators]
pp 13-17	[blank]
pp 18-24	[discharges – payments upon warrant, with names]
pp 25-27	[blank]
p 28	[stipends]
p 29	[blank]
pp 30-31	[book-keeping]
p 32	[blank]
pp 33-34	[list of names – payments to poor?]
back cover	[ditto]

1606-7

Folio approx 10 x 27 cm. Top half of front cover and first 7 leaves torn out. Front cover appears to be made up of 2 leaves glued together – the “recto” side of the inner leaf has partially come away, revealing some writing, including the data 1603-04.

pp 1-7	[top half missing] “The same day resavit from XY for his collection ...”
pp 8-10	[blank]
pp 11-14 - <i>indexed</i>	[top half missing] ““The same day resavit from Agnes xxx for her fornication with George Hervie £3-6-8”
p 15 - <i>indexed</i>	“Summa of the haill penalties ...” “Item from Stephen Robertstone for his absence from the ??? examination and drinking in tyme of sermon 13-4”
p 16	[blank]
p 17 - <i>indexed</i>	“Debursement according to the roll of the Session upon Ordnances and Warrands.”
p 18-27 - <i>indexed</i>	[ditto]
pp 28-29	[balancing books]
pp 30-35	[blank]

1609-10

Folio approx 11 x 34 cm. Slight damage and foxing to outer edges of some pages.

front cover	“The compt of Thomas Douglas collectour for the Session of Aberdene of his intromissions and distributions from Michaelmas 1609 till Michaelmas 1610”
pp 1-12	[kirk door collections]
pp 13-14	[blank]
pp 15-23 - <i>indexed</i>	“Recept of penalties of fornication and vyse ...”
p 24	“Item I charge me with ane Decreit aganis ??? indwellar of this burt. obtenit be me collector aganis him ...”
p 25	“Debursement of stipends ...”
p 26	“Item to Andrew Howat ... ??”
pp 27-44	“Debursement according to the Roll of the Sessione upon ordinances and warrandis.”
pp 45-48	[blank]

1613-14

Folio approx 10 x 27 cm, with additional sheet approx 30 x 40 cm folded in 8 and pinned to p26

Cover

pp 2-6	“Charge: the compt of the Silver collected at the church doors ...”
p 7	[blank]
pp 8-11 - <i>indexed</i>	“Charge: the compt of the penalties resavit ...”
pp 12-13	[blank]
p14	[balancing books]
pp 15-21 - <i>indexed</i>	“The charge of the debursements payit upon warrands ...”
pp 22-24	[Accounts]
pp 25-42	[blank]

Additional sheet – 2 columns on each side

Column 1	“Roll of the quarterlie debursements ... to the decayit sons and daughters ...”
Column 2	“Roll of the quarterlie debursements ...”
Column 3	“The accompt of the quarterlie debursements ...”
Column 4	“The Roll of the quarterlie almes given out ...”

1614-15

Folio approx 10 x 31 cm. Top outer corner crushed, and some loss to outer edges of some pages. Some foxing.

Inside front cover	“ ... resavit from David Donaldson preceding Collector ...”
pp 1-6	[collections]
pp 7-10	[blank]
pp 11-14 - <i>indexed</i>	“The compt of the penalties ressavit ... for fornicatione”
p 15	[blank]
p 16	“Compt of the hail discharge of Thomas Grey Collector of the Session ...”
p 17	[stipends]
pp 18-24 - <i>indexed</i>	“...debursements payed upon warrandies ...”
p 25	[audit]
pp 26-27	[blank]

1617-18

Folio approx 10 x 31 cm.

inside front cover	[handover ?]
pp 1-7	[collections]
pp 8-10	[blank]
pp 11-15 - <i>indexed</i>	“The compt of the penalties ressavit from persones after ??? for their fornication.”
p16	“... Compt of the payment of stipends
pp 17-27 - <i>indexed</i>	“Discharge of the payment upon warrands.”
pp 28-29	[audit]

1618-19

Folio approx 10.5 x 34 cm.

Front cover (outer)	“Collection buik fra Michaelmas 1618 to Michaelmas 1619 ...”
Front cover (inner)	[blank]
p 1	“charge” [handover]
p 2	[blank]
pp 3-10	“charge” [collections]
pp 11-12	[blank – except for a rather fine watermark!]
pp 13-16 - <i>indexed</i>	“Penalties for fornicatione”
pp 17-22	[blank]
pp 23-33	“Discharge” [payments upon Warrant]
pp 34-36	[blank]
p 37	[stipends]
p 38	[blank]
pp 39-40	[balancing]
pp 41-43	[blank]

1620-21

Folio approx 10.5 x 31 cm. Cover missing. First page foxed and dirty. Lower outer corner of last 11 sheets missing.

p 1-3	[handover and payment of interest]
p 4	[blank]
pp 5-13	[collections]
p 14	[blank]
pp 15-18 - <i>indexed</i>	“Penalties of fornication”
p 19	[summary]
p 20	[blank]
pp 21-22	“Discharge” [payments upon warrant]
pp 23-31	[ditto] [lower outer corners missing]
pp 32-3	[blank] [lower outer corners missing]
p 34	[?][lower outer corners missing]
p 35	“Stipendis” [lower outer corners missing]
p 36	[misc expenditure & loans] [lower outer corners missing]
pp 37-8	[balancing] [lower outer corners missing]
pp 39-42	[blank]

1621-22

Folio approx 10 x 31 cm. Some crushing to outer edges, with foxing and dirt.

Front cover	“Collections ... of the Kirk Session fra Michaelmas 1621 to Michaelmas 1622 ...”
p 1	[blank]
pp 2-3	“Ane Compt of the Bands ...”
p 4	[handover]
pp 5-7	[blank]
pp 8-16	[collections]
p 17	[blank]
pp 18-19 - <i>indexed</i>	“Penalties of fornication”
p 20	[?]
pp 21-37	“Discharge ...” [payments upon warrant]
p 38	[payments upon band]
p 39	“Stipendis”
pp 40-41	[balancing]

1622-23

Folio approx 11 x 30.5 cm. Top edge of front cover missing, following page foxed. Wormholes near bottom, extending almost to rear.

p 1	[blank]
pp 2-3	“A Nott of the haill bands belonging to the ? as followes”
p 4	[sundry receipts]
p 5	[blank]
pp 6-14	[collections]
p 15	[blank]
pp 16-17 - <i>indexed</i>	“Fornications”
p 18	[sundry receipts for the use of the Poor]
p 19	[blank]
p 20-34	“Discharges” [poor relief]
p 35	[blank]
p 36	[payments for winding-sheets etc – no names]
p 37	[balancing]
p 38	[blank]
p 39	[balancing]
p 40	[blank]
p 41	“Stipendis”
p 42	[blank]
p 43	[balancing]
p 44	“A Nott of the haill money...”

1623-24

Folio approx 13.5 x 42 cm. Some crushing to corners

p 1	“Ane not of the haill bondis belonging to the Poor as follows from W[hit]sunday 1623 to W[hit]sunday 1624”
p 2	[blank]
p 3	“Resavit the 5 of October from Mr Alexr. Jafray bailzie of the souperplus of the poores taxation: the sowme of £35-2-10”
p 4	[blank]
pp 5–15	[collections]
p 16	[blank]
p 17-19 - <i>indexed</i>	“Fornicationes”
p 20	[blank]
p 21	[monies received from baillies]
p 22	[book-keeping]
pp 23-24	[blank]
pp 25-35	[? charges – Poor]
pp 36-44	[ditto]
p 45	[blank]
p 46	“Compt of moneys given ...”
p 47	“Numbeir of the persones departit since the 13 October 1624”
p 48	[blank]
p 49	[?]
p 50	[blank]
p 51	“Stipendis”
p 52	[blank]
p 53	[book-keeping]
pp 54-58	[blank]

1624-25

Folio approx 11 x 33 cm.

pp 1-4	“Ane nott of the hail bandis and obliga[tio]ns belonging to the Poore of the Brughe of Aberdein ...”
p 5-16	[sundry collections, including monies collected in the Kirk and monies received from Baillies]
pp 17-19 - <i>indexed</i>	[fornications]
pp 20-21	[balancing books]
p 22	[blank]
pp 23-35	“Discharges upon warrandes ...” [payments to poor]
p 36	[blank]
pp 37-39	“The compt of the monethlie debursements ...” [poor]
p 40	[blank]
p 41	“Departit this zeir of auld personis 18 at 17s-8d: £15-18 ...” [burial totals and expenses – no names]
p 42	[?]
p 43	[blank]
p 44	“The compt of the steipendaris of this brughe ...”
p 45	[blank]
p 46	[poor]
p 47	[balancing books]
pp 48-89	[blank]
p 90	[signature]

1626-27

Folio approx 9 x 31 cm. Written in a particularly clear and attractive hand. Written on the 'recto' pages only, so numbering below ignores the blanks on every 'verso'

Front Cover	The collection buik of the Session of new Abd for 1627
p 2	"Soli deo laus et Gloria ..." [title page]
p 3	"Ane not of the bandis and obligations appertaining to the common puir of the brughe ..."
p 4	[ditto]
p 5	"Summa of the haill monies resavit ..."
p 6	[book-keeping]
pp 7-13	[collections]
pp 14 -17 - <i>indexed</i>	[fornications]
p 18	[book-keeping]
pp 19-26	[payments upon warrant]
p 27 - <i>indexed</i>	"Debursit on windingsheitts ..." [names included]
p 28	"Debursit for the monethlie stipendaris ..." [names]
p 29	[quarterly payments – no names]
p 30	"Debursit on the expelling of the cuntrie puir and vagabondis"
p 31	[balancing books]
p 32	[blank]
pp 33-35	[list of poor]
pp 36-39	[blank]
p 40	"Names of the persones that hes bein fugitive this zeir from our disciplin"

1629-30

Folio approx 10.5 x 30.5 cm. Outer edge apparently trimmed. Some foxing.

p 1	[blank]
pp 2-6	“The co[m]pt of the moneys belonging to the ? poore ...” [moneys on loan]
p 7	book-keeping
p 8	[blank]
pp 9-14	[collections]
pp 15-17 - <i>indexed</i>	[fornications]
pp 18-19	[miscellaneous penalties eg drunkenness]
p 20	[blank]
pp 20-29	[payments upon warrant]
p 30	[book-keeping]
p 31	[blank]
pp 32-34	“The co[m]pt of the monthlie debursements given out be the deacons of the session to the poor ...” [no names]
p 35	[blank]
p 36	“The moneys debursit ...” [some names]
p 37	[blank]
pp 38-41 - <i>indexed</i>	“Debursit on windingsheets ...” [names & anonymous] “Given to ane poor woman deid in the kirkyard ane windingsheet”
p 42	[salaries]
p 43	[blank]
p 44	[payments “Hallowes”]
p 45	[blank]
p 46	[payments “Candlemes”]
p 47	[blank]
p 48	[payments “?”]
p 49	[blank]
p 50	[payments “Lambes”]
pp 51-72	[blank]

1631-32

Folio approx 11 x 31 cm. Some pages loose.

front outer cover	“The collection boke of the kirk session of New Ab[er]d[een] four 1631 zeires. Collectit and distribuitit be Gilbert Hervie eldar burges of Abirdene 1631”
p 1	[blank]
p 2	[title page – same as outer cover]
p 3	[blank]
pp 4 -7	[book-keeping and moneys on deposit]
pp 8 -13	[collections]
pp 14-15 - <i>indexed</i>	[fornications]
p 16	[book-keeping]
p 17	[blank]
pp 18-19	[payments upon warrant]
loose page (side 1) ¹	“Bands payabill at Witsunday 1634”
ditto (side 2)	[book-keeping]
loose page (sides 1&2) ¹	[payments upon warrant – both recipient and bailie named]
p 20	“My debursements upon the poore that deit ...”
pp 21-25	[monthly accounts of payments of pensions, listed by town quarters. Recipients not named, but names of ? baillies responsible]
p 26	[quarterly debursements (Hallowmes) including names of recipients]
p 27	[ditto (Candlemes)]
p 28 ²	[ditto (Lambmes)]
pp 29-37	[payments, with names]
p 38	[book-keeping]
p 39	[blank]
pp 40 - 42	“Bands payabill ...”
p 43	[book-keeping]
p 44	[ditto – signatures of Provost and Baillies]
pp 45 - 47	[blank]

¹ inserted at this point, but not necessarily in sequence

² no data for 4th quarter

1631-32 (contd.)

pp 48-49	[monies on deposit]
p 50	[book-keeping]
p 51	[blank]
pp 52 - 53	“Names of the weiklie pensioners ...”]
pp 54 - 56	“Names of the common poore ...”]
p 57	“Names of the zeirlie pensioners ...”]

1638-39

Folio approx 10.5 x 30 cm.

front cover	“Laus deo semper George Gordon collector etc”
p 1	[blank]
pp 2-5	“Compt of the moneys mortified to the common pair of this brugh ...”
pp 6-8	[moneys upon band - collections]
p 9	[moneys upon band]
p 10 - <i>indexed</i>	“Compt of the moneys resavit fra fornicattoris and adulterers”
p 11	[blank]
pp 12-16	[collections]
p 17	[blank]
pp 18-22	[payments upon warrant]
pp 23-24 - <i>indexed</i>	[winding-sheets – possibly of citizens killed in Montrose’s attack]
pp 25-26	[blank]
pp 27-29	[monthly pensioners – names]
pp 30-33	[quarterly pensioners – names]
p 34	[yearly pensioners and miscellaneous debursements]
p 35	[monies upon band, and signatures]
pp 36-37	[blank]
pp 38-41	[monies upon band]
p 42	[blank]
pp 43-45	[monies upon band]
p 46	“Debtis restand”
pp 47-59	[blank]

1641- 42

Folio approx 10.5 x 31 cm. Some foxing.

front cover	“Gilbert Hervie elder collector ...”
p 1	[blank]
pp 1-3	[monies upon band]
pp 4-5	[ditto]
pp 6-11	[collections]
pp 12-13 - <i>indexed</i>	[fornications]
pp 14-16 - <i>indexed</i>	[Sabbath-breakers]
	“Elspett Ross for selling aill on the Saboth day ...”
pp 17-25	[payments upon warrant]
pp 26-27	[blank]
p 28	[list of Mortifications from 1616-1694 – so not contemporary with rest of book]
p 29 - <i>indexed</i>	“Debursements upon burying the poore” [some modern annotations]
p 30	[blank]
pp 31-35	[weekly pensioners – names of Elders/Deacons of quarters]
pp 36-39	[quarterly pensioners – names]
p 40	[yearly pensioners – names & miscellaneous]
p 41	[blank]
p 42	[monies upon band]
pp 43-45	[blank]
pp 46-48	[monies upon band]
p 49	[blank]

1652-53

Folio approx 19 x 30 cm. Neatly kept, with ruled columns and margins, often with name or sum in lh margin. Some pages numbered, but not in sequence. Some worm damage at pp 14-31

inside front cover	[apparently re-used sheet, but bearing details of "bands" of money. Scored through, but legible]
pp 1-3	"The charges of the soumes of money resting upon band ..."
pp 4-5	[blank]
p 6	[book-keeping]
pp 7-10 (numbered "9 – 12")	[collections]
p 11 ("13") - <i>indexed</i>	"Chairge of all the peanulties ..."
p 12 ("14") - <i>indexed</i>	[charges for "Sessioning" – pairs of male and female names]
p 13 ("15")	[book-keeping – scored out]
pp 14-18 ("16-20") - <i>indexed</i>	"Discharge of warrands, bills and gratitudes ..."
p 19 ("21")	[book-keeping]
p 20	[blank]
p 21	"Discharge of the soumes of money resting upon band]
p 22	[blank]
pp 23-24	[continued from p 21]
pp 25-26	[blank]
pp 27-30 (numbered "22-25")	"Discharge of the quarterly pensioners ..." [list for each quarter-year, with names]
pp 31-34 ("26-29")	"Discharge of the monthly pensioners ..." [totals by town quarter, no names]
p 35	[book-keeping]
p 36	"The estate of the money of the Kirk Session ... " [money upon band]
p 37	[blank]
p 38 ("30") - <i>indexed</i>	"Charge and roll of the quarterlie pensioners ... " [with names]
p 39 ("31") - <i>indexed</i>	"Charge and roll of the weekly pensioners ... " [listed by town quarter, with names]

1679-80

Folio approx 16 x 41 cm. Repairs to cover (no data appears to be missing). Crumpled at lower rh corner. Pages numbered (not contemporaneously) 1-27

pp 1-4	“Chairge and dischairges of the moneys received and disbursed ...” [includes Mortifications and details of expenditure on the KS’s stock of heritable property]
p 5 - <i>indexed</i>	“Chairge of the moneys received at [marriage] contracts ...”
pp 6-10	“Chairge of the moneys received at the church doors ...” [listed by month, with names of Elders]
pp 11-13	“Discharge of the moneys ... by band ...”
p 14	[blank]
pp 15-22 - <i>indexed</i>	“Discharge of the moneys given out upon bills ...” [mostly just name & sum, but occasionally specifying ‘for ane windingsheet’, ‘for buying hose & shooes’]
p23 - <i>indexed</i>	“Discharge of the moneys payed out for prentices ...”
	“Discharge of the moneys payed out of the Mortifications ...” [includes salaries]
p 24	“Discharge of the moneys payed out to the quarterlie pensioners ...” [global sums only, no names]
p 25	“Discharge of the moneys payed out to the monthlie pensioners ...” [global sums only, no names]
pp 26-28	[book-keeping]
pp 29-31	[blank]

1682-83

Folio approx 17 x 42 cm. Some crushing to corners. Pages numbered (apparently correctly)

Front cover	“The Accompts of the Kirksession of Aberdeen from November 1682 to November 1683. Alexander Ragg Collector
inside front cover	[blank]
pp 1-3	“Charge of monies resting upon band and other ways”
p 4	“Charge of monies received from the contracting of persons in order to their marriage ...”
pp 5-7	“Charge of monies collected at the kirk doores ...”
p 8	[blank]
pp 9-11	“Discharge of the moneys ... on band ...”
p 12	[blank] [crossed out]
pp 13-21 (- 13,17,18, 19 indexed)	“Discharge of the moneys given out upon bills [poor relief?]”
p 22	“Discharge of the moneys payed out of the mortifications ...”
p 23	“Discharge of the moneyes payed out to the quarterlie pensioners
pp 24-25	[balancing & audit]
pp 26-29	[blank]

1683-84

Folio approx 21 x 51 cm. Partly numbered

pp 1-3	“Charge and discharge of ... monies ... on band ...”
p 4 - <i>indexed</i>	[marriage contracts]
pp 5-7	[collections]
p 8	[blank]
pp 9-11	“Discharge of the monies belonging to the Kirk Session ... on band and other wayes ...”
pp 12-21 - <i>indexed</i>	“Discharge of the moneys given out upon Bills and other wayes ...” [mostly name and sum, occasionally mention of “windingsheet”]
P 22	“Discharge of the moneys payed out of the Mortifications ...”
p 23	[quarterly pensions – global sums, no names]
p 24	“Charge of the soumes of money resting be James Calhoun to the Kirk Session upon band ...”
p 25	[discharge ditto]
p 26	[blank]
pp 27-28	[balancing]

1687-88

Folio approx 16 x 41 cm. Pages numbered indistinctly and in places incorrectly.

pp 1-3	“Charge and discharge of moneys ...” [bands]
p 4 - <i>indexed</i>	“Charge of money received from contracting persones in order to their marriage ...” [names]
pp 5-7	[collections - Elders named]
pp 8-9	[moneys upon band]
p 10	[blank]
pp 11-23 - <i>indexed</i>	“Discharge of the monyes given out upon bill ...” [by month, mostly just name & date, occasionally ‘a winding sheet’, ‘for cloathes’]
pp 24-25	“Discharge of the monyes paid out with prentices ...” “Discharge of the monyes paid out of the Mortifications ...” [includes salaries and pensions]
p 26	“Discharge of the monyes paid out to the quarterlie pensioners ...” “Discharge of the monyes paid out to the monathlie pensioners ...” [global sums only] [book-keeping]
pp 27-28	[book-keeping – contd.]
p 29	[blank]
p 30	[calculations]

1688-89

Folio approx 17 x 42 cm. Pages numbered, but in more than one sequence. The table below uses the "correct" numbers

p 1	"The acompt of the Kirk Session of Aberdeine ffrom November 1688 to Novr 1689 years. George Logie Collector 1689
p 2	[blank]
pp 1-3	[moneys upon band]
p 4 - <i>indexed</i>	[marriage contracts – names given]
pp 5-7	[collections]
pp 8-9	[moneys upon band]
p 10	[blank]
pp 11-23 - <i>burials indexed</i>	"Discharge of the money given out upon bills and otherwise ..." [includes 'windingsheets' and 'half an coffin']
p 24	[payments to Masters for Apprentices payments from Mortifications]
p 25	[blank]
p 26	[quarterlie and monthly pensioners – no names]
pp 27-28	[book-keeping]
pp 29-30	[blank]

1689-90

Folio approx 19 x 47 cm. Numbered in one seemingly correct sequence

flyleaf (recto)	“Accompts Kirk Sessione of Aberdein from November 1689 to November 1690 years. Alexander Forbes Collector”
flyleaf (verso)	[blank]
pp 1-3	[money upon band]
p 4 - <i>indexed</i>	[marriage contracts and non-contemporaneous note identifying the marriage of “Mary Gordon, only sister of Robert Gordon the Founder of Robert Gordons Hospital]
pp 5-7	[collections]
pp 8-9	[money upon band]
p10	[blank]
pp 11-24 - <i>burials indexed</i>	[moneys given out upon bills and otherwise. Incudes names, and occasional indication of purpose ‘windingsheet’, ‘½ coffin’ or other details ‘relict of ...’a stranger’]
p 24	[book-keeping]
p 25 - <i>indexed</i>	[payments to Masters for Apprentices payments from Mortifiactions]
p 26	[payments to quarterly and monthly pensioners – no names]
p 27	[book-keeping]
p 28	[blank]

1690-91

Folio approx 19 x 48 cm. Cover coming loose. Numbered.

flyleaf (recto)	“Accompts Kirk Session of Aberdein form November 1690 to November 1691 years. James Leslie Collector”
flyleaf (verso)	[blank]
pp 1-2	[money upon band]
p 3	[blank]
p 4 - <i>indexed</i>	[marriage contracts]
pp 5-8	[collections]
pp 9-19	[money paid upon bills. Names and occasional details]
p 20	“Discharge of Communion money distributed to poor ...” [no names] [payments to masters for apprentices]
p 21	[payments from Mortifications]
p 22	[quarterly & monthly pensioners. No names]
p 23	[book-keeping]
pp 24-30	[blank]

1691-92

Folio approx 11 x 34 cm. Upper quarter of front cover missing, and parts of some pages.

pp1-18	“Accompt of moneys given out by Bill” [mostly just name and sum]
p 19	[bottom three quarters missing. Appears blank]
p 20	[ditto]
pp 21-2 - <i>indexed</i>	“Accompt of contract money” [names of couples]
pp 23-4	“Accompt of collections” [name and sum]
p 25	[continued. Lower half of page missing]
p 26	[Lower half of page missing. Appears blank]
p 27	“Bills payit” [name and sum only]
p 28	[continued]
p 29	[upper third of page missing. Appears blank]
p 30	[upper third of page missing. Lower part has summary of accounts]

1704-05

Folio approx 16 x 41 cm. Bound in vellum, tooled at corners and centre. Initials "D. G." in centre of front and back. Back cover annotated "Duncan Gordon, not Dean of Guild". Lower rh corner of front vellum missing.

pp1-3	"Charge of the sumes of money resting to the Kirk Session ..."
pp 4-6	"Charge of the money collected at the Church doors"
p 7 - <i>indexed</i>	"Charge of the money received for Contracting Persons for the use of the Poor" [names of couples and name of Minister]
p 8 - <i>indexed</i>	"Charge of the money received from persons at their marriage."
pp 9-10	"Discharge of the money belonging to the Kirk Session..."
pp 11-14 - <i>indexed</i>	"Discharge of money paid out by bill. [Name and sum]"
p 15 - <i>indexed</i>	"Discharge of money paid out for poor peoples' coffins"
p 16 - <i>indexed</i>	"Discharge of money paid out of the Mortifications for certain Prentices fies" [Apprentice named , Master occasionally] [also salaries of Church Officers]
pp 17-21 - <i>indexed</i>	"Discharge of money paid to monthlie pensioners" [names grouped alphabetically and amount]
p 22	[blank]
p 23	[book-keeping]