

List of Shetland Islands' Contributors being Sought by Kist o Riches

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	Information about Contributors	Year Recorded
1.	Mrs Robertson from Burravoe in Yell who was recorded reciting riddles. She was recorded along with John Robertson, who may have been her husband.	1954
2.	John Robertson from Fetlar whose nickname was 'Jackson' as he always used to play the tune 'Jackson's Jig'. He had a wife called Annie and a daughter, Aileen, who married one of the Hughsons from Fetlar.	1959
3.	Mr Gray who sounded quite elderly at the time of recording. He talks about fiddle tunes and gives information about weddings. He may be the father of Gibbie Gray	1960
4.	Mr Halcro who was recorded in Sandwick. He has a local accent and tells a local story about Cumlewick	1960
5.	Peggy Johnson, who is singing the 'Fetlar Cradle Song' in one of her recordings.	1960
6.	Willie Pottinger, who was a fiddle player.	1960
7.	James Stenness from the Shetland Mainland. He was born in 1880 and worked as a beach boy in Stenness in 1895. Although Stenness is given as his surname it may be his place of origin	1960
8.	Trying to trace all members of the Shetland Folk Club Traditional Band. All of them were fiddlers apart from Billy Kay on piano. Members already identified are Tom Anderson, Willie Hunter Snr, Peter Fraser, Larry Peterson and Willie Anderson	1960
9.	Mrs Anderson from Mid Yell who was elderly at the time of recording and who recites children's rhymes and tells of omens of good and bad fortune	1961
10.	Mrs Barclay from Mid Yell who was recorded in Mid Yell Hotel talking about folklore. Perhaps she owned the hotel or was just there at the time	1961
11.	James Barclay from Mid Yell who appears on some of the same tracks as Brucie Henderson. He talks about a variety of subjects including folklore, customs, riddles, and family history.	1961
12.	Jerry Eunson from Houll in Fair Isle who was elderly when recorded and was living in Lerwick at the time.	1961

13.	Tom Georgeson who was from Lerwick but was recorded in Unst.	1961
14.	Tom Henderson- no further information about him.	1961
15.	Charles Inkster from Mill Yell who was recorded singing songs and talking about folklore. He was recorded on the same tape as a Mrs Smith.	1961
16.	Mrs Arthur from Irvine, Hillswick who was recorded alongside her husband.	1961
17.	Mrs Isbister from Foula who was the wife of James Isbister, also from Foula.	1961
18.	Andrew Jamieson from Westing in Unst who was old enough to have lent his fiddle to someone to play to Queen Victoria.	1961
19.	George Nelson from Gott who was recorded alongside Margaret Nelson and an unknown child. He recites children's rhymes and dandling songs, and also gives descriptions of children's games	1961
20.	Avriel (?) Nicolson from Eshaness who was 12 years old when recorded reciting children's rhymes.	1961
21.	Joyce Robertson from Lerwick who was recorded alongside Mrs A J Smith (no. 22).	1961
22.	Mrs A J Smith from Lerwick who was recorded alongside Joyce Robertson (no.21).	1961
23.	Mrs Smith from West Sandwick in Yell, who was recorded singing 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor' and 'Lady, Lady, Drop your Handkerchief'. She also tells local stories and talks about toys and games.	1961
24.	Miss Sutherland from Baltasound in Unst, who was the daughter of Mrs Sutherland (no.25)	1961
25.	Mrs Sutherland from Baltasound in Uist who was the mother of Miss Sutherland (no.24)	1961
26.	Annie Clark from West Sandwick in Yell who was born in 1881. Her father, David Tulloch, was a precentor at Hamnavoe Church. Annie worked as a herring gutter for several seasons as a young woman. She sings, diddles and tells anecdotes in the recordings.	1970
27.	Magnus Halcrow, who may have been from Fladdabister. He talks about the construction of traditional Shetland houses and their lay-out. He sounds middle-aged at the time of recording.	1970
28.	Clementina Johnson, who may have been from Northmaven. She was recorded alongside Joan Johnson (no. 29) who may have been her sister. She sounds fairly elderly at the time of recording and talks about making butter.	1970
29.	Joan Johnson, who may have been from Northmaven. She was recorded alongside Clementina Johnson (no. 28) who may have been her sister.	1970
30.	John Ridland who was from Boddam and talks about herring and line fishing. He was born in 1886 and was a retired fisherman and crofter.	1970
31.	John Robertson who was from Yell and was born in 1903 in Fetlar. He was a keen fiddler.	1970

32	Bertha Anderson from Baltasound, Unst. Her maiden name was Johnson and she and her parents were all born on Unst. She is recorded giving information, singing, and reciting poetry.	1971
33.	Jimmy Gray from Foula who appears on some recordings with Andrew Manson (no. 34). He sounds as though he's in his 60s or 70s at the time of recording. He was born on the croft 'Da Dykes' in the south end. He left Foula in 1956 and later lived in Bigton. May be related to Bertie Gray from Westerkeld.	1971
34.	Andrew Manson from Foula who appears on some recordings with Jimmy Gray (no.33) He sounds as though he is older than Jimmy.	1971
35.	Gordon Jamieson from Yell, who played in the Cullivoe Dance Band and may have been the proprietor of Jamieson Bus Tours. His first wife was Ann Moar (no. 36) and he had a brother called Victor. He was recorded playing as part of the band at Laurence and Margaret Tulloch's wedding.	1972
36.	Ann Moar from Yell who was part of the Cullivoe Dance Band and was recorded playing at the wedding of Laurence and Margaret Tulloch. Was married to Gordon Jamieson (no. 35) and may now live in Aberdeen of Edinburgh.	1972
37.	Mary Ellen Oddie from Yell, who was a young woman at the time of recording. Perhaps she is the local historian of the same name.	1972
38.	Jim Jack who was recorded alongside Tom Tulloch. He was an ex-miner and joiner originally from Fife but was a resident of Yell for a number of years. He had known Tom for about 10 years at the time of recording.	1973
39.	Willie Smith from Bigton, who was recorded telling stories. He was the husband of Elizabeth Smith and sounds very elderly at the time of recording. He had lived in various places, such as Bressay, Foula and Sandwick.	1973
40.	Mrs Andrew Tulloch who was recorded in Yell and had a 4 year old child at the time of recording. Her native area is given as Aberdeen/Shetland but she has a definite Shetland accent and speaks about subjects relating to Shetland.	1973
41.	Ian Anderson from Whalsay who played bass guitar at the Old Yule dance in Symbister Hall that year.	1974
42.	Thomas Arthur, who may have been from Whalsay. He was recorded playing drums at the Old Yule dance in Symbister Hall that year.	1974
43.	Charley Brown from Airth in Fetlar who was a crofter and is recorded singing 2 songs.	1974
44.	Jemima Gray from Norwick in Unst. She was also known as Mimie and is recorded talking about local folklore and giving local information. She may have been born in 1903.	1974
45.	Mrs Henderson from Yell who was the wife of William Barclay Henderson.	1974
46.	Johnny Hughson, who was from Isbister in Whalsay.	1974

47.	Ronald Hutchison who was from from Whalsay and was a fiddle player.	1974
48.	Bertha Inkster who was from Baltasound in Unst and was the wife of George Inkster. She sounds fairly elderly at the time of recording.	1974
49.	Janice Irvine who was from Whalsay and recites a selection of riddles. She was recorded in North Park, Symbister at the Old Yule celebration that year, alongside Grace Anderson. Could this be Glibey's Janny, a famous Shetland character?	1974
50.	Andrew Petrie was from Unst and sounds elderly at the time of recording. He was born in Baliasta and had to leave the haunted croft where he was born. He was married.	1974
51.	Allan Tulloch was from Whalsay and was a fiddle player.	1974
52.	Jeannie Williams from Whalsay was recorded singing songs. She was a retired and was a widow at the time of recording- her husband passed away in 1941.	1974
53.	Tom Anderson from Bressay was recorded singing songs and telling stories. He knew a lot of old songs.	1975
54.	Miss or Mrs Deyell from Semblister, who was a sister of Isobel, Arlene, Colin and John Robert. She was the daughter of Bertie and sings alongside Isobel and Arlene.	1975
55.	Andy Gair from Foula who was recorded at a Cullivoe wedding reception. He was a teacher in Yell and was living there at the time of recording.	1975
56.	James Gordon was recorded talking about whaling and his experiences on the Dundee whaler 'Scotia' as a young man in 1911. He was a resident of the south mainland, possibly Dunrossness.	1975
57.	James Isbister from Skeld who tells a story about how to conjure the wind. His nickname was Boko and he died sometime around 1990. His father was Jimmy Isbister.	1975
58.	Robert Jamieson from Sandness, Melby who lived in a house at Melby Pier which was owned by the laird of Melby House. His brother was John 'Curly' Jamieson. He was elderly at the time of recording and may have a daughter and granddaughter who were both named Gewen.	1975
59.	a. Betty Nicolson from Airth, who was recorded alongside her husband b. John Robert Nicolson. John Robert was born in 1924 at Scarvataing and died in 2004. They had no children but may have surviving nieces and nephews.	1975
60.	Mina (Willamina) Ridland from Wester Skeld who was married twice and her previous name was Thomason. She had a son called Willie.	1974
61.	Mary Smith from Walls who sounds elderly at the time of recording and sings 'Queen Mary's Men'.	1975

62.	Laurence Anderson from Bressay who was thought to be around 70 years old at the time of recording. He talks about life on Bressay before the Crofters Commission was set up and also tells anecdotes about Bressay people.	1976
63.	Willie Eunson from Fair isle , who was known as Leogh Willie. He sounds as though he is in his 70s at the time of recording. His surname is spelt as 'Ewenson' in the fieldworker's notes but it is more likely to be 'Eunson'.	1976
64.	Iris Anderson from Whalsay was recorded talking about local radio. She was married to David Anderson who was a fisherman and later skippered the Whalsay ferry for many years. They had a son called David John.	1976
65.	Ella Henderson was from Fair Isle and sounds quite young at the time of recording. She was recorded alongside her husband John Henderson (no. 66) who was a lighthouse keeper in Fair Isle (north lighthouse).	1977
66.	John Henderson who was living in Fair Isle when recorded alongside his wife, Ella (no. 65). He was a lighthouse keeper on Fair Isle (north lighthouse). He sounds like he has an East Coast accent and may have been middle-aged at the time of recording.	1977
67.	Alec Leask from Sand, who was known as Aly. His full name was Alexander William Leask and he was born in 1909 in Sand. He was a joiner and fiddle maker and was married to Eliza Inkster, with whom he had 5 children.	1977
68.	Sonny Priest from Unst, who was recorded alongside Mrs Priest (no. 69), who may be his wife. He was recorded playing fiddle tunes and may be related to the Sonny Priest who used to own a brewery on the island.	1977
69.	Mrs Priest was recorded alongside Sonny Priest (no. 68), who may be her husband. She accompanies Sonny on the piano and sounds as though she's in her 50s or 60s at the time of recording. She is also recorded alongside Johnny Thomson.	1977
70.	Stewart Thomson from Fair Isle, who was recorded singing.	1977
71.	Jimmy Thomson who accompanies Sonny Priest (no. 68) and Mrs Priest (no. 69) when they play fiddle tunes.	1977
72.	C J Williamson from Tingwall, who was recorded singing in Scalloway Sands. He sounds middle-aged at the time of recording.	1977
73.	Ms Laurenson from Fetlar was recorded alongside her brothers James and Gilbert Laurenson, discussing 'Jack the Giant Killer' stories. They all lived in the same house at the time of recording.	1978
74.	Mrs Sutherland from Quendale who was recorded with her husband William Sutherland (no. 75)	1978
75.	William Sutherland from West Yell, who was recorded with his wife (no. 74). He was living in Lerwick at the time of recording and his father was from Whalsay. He and his wife had 3 children.	1978

76.	Davy Arthur was from Nesting, Whalsay. He was approaching his 50 th birthday at the time of recording. He was the janitor at the island's school.	1980
77.	Joanne Brown from Ollaberry who was a sister of Harriet Brown.	1982
78.	Ronald Cooper from Lerwick who was born in 1932 and was a well-known Shetland fiddler.	1982
79.	Christy Hawick, who was possibly from Northmaven or Hillswick. She sounds around 70 years old at the time of recording and was a friend (or neighbour) of Andrew Winchester (no.84) and Lisa Winchester (no. 83) from Upper Urafirth.	1982
80.	Trevor Hunter who was recorded alongside Garden(?) Johnston.	1982
81.	Gary Peterson who was recorded alongside Garden(?) Johnston and Ronald Cooper (no. 78). He was in a band with Garden(?) Johnston.	1982
82.	Lenny Smith from Heylor who was elderly at the time of recording. His family was involved with the Heylor shop for several generations. He worked in various capacities in the shop and also supplied ships' stores and repaired boat radios. He may have lived in North England for a time.	1982
83.	Lisa Winchester was from Upper Urrafirth and was the wife of Andrew Winchester (no. 84). She sounds middle-aged at the time of recording.	1982
84.	Andrew Winchester from Upper Urrafirth was married to Lisa (no. 83). He had a varied career including working at a whaling station, fishing, provisioning boats, the merchant navy, and weaving.	1982
85.	Lawrie Copland from North Roe who sounds as though he's in his 60s or 70s at the time of recording. He was a crofter in Skelberry and was knowledgeable about local crafts and local families. His name is spelt 'Copeland' in the fieldworker's notes but it is more likely to be 'Copland'.	1983
86.	Anne Gartshore, who was recorded in Toft. She moved to Shetland in the late 1970s to work as a chambermaid. She has a Glaswegian, or some kind of West Central Scots, accent. Her sisters also moved to Shetland and started knitting after finishing up in jobs in the oil industry. She was married with a family and rented a cottage from a Mrs/Ms Jamieson in Ollaberry.	1983
87.	Lawrie Irvine who was from Whalsay and was recorded alongside John Irvine (no. 88). They discuss fishing over the years.	1983
88.	John Irvine who was from Whalsay and was recorded alongside Lawrie Irvine (no. 87). They discuss fishing over the years.	1983
89.	Alec Johnson from Collarfirth who says that he is 85 years old at the time of recording (1983) but also says that he was 9 years old in 1900. He moved from Collarfirth to Mid Yell as a boy and eventually bought Windhouse	1983

	estate with his 3 brothers, which they ran for 50 years. He was in the Scots Guards in London in World War II. His great grandfather was Laurence Copland and his mother's cousins were Robertsons from Uyea.	
90.	John Harald Johnson from North Roe, who was born in 1908 or 1909 in Lerwick. He was raised in North Roe, firstly at the Houllans before moving to a croft near the school. He worked in Lerwick but kept his croft in North Roe. He had one daughter.	1983
91.	Irene Keith from North Roe, who was recorded alongside Hilda Ramsay (no. 96) and seems to be her sister. Irene sounds fairly elderly at the time of recording . Their father went to sea and was away from the family for years at a time.	1983
92.	Robert Leask was from Dunrossness or Lerwick and was recorded alongside George (Doddie) Leith, who was his friend. Robert talks about fishing, tuskers, and a variety of other topics. His father served in World War II.	1983
93.	George Leith was from Dunrossness or Lerwick and was known as Geordie. He worked at the fishing in Grutness, Sumburgh as a boy. He worked for Hay & Co for many years and was making wooden rusker and spade handles for them at the time of recording. He was also a coal driver at one time.	1983
94.	Magnie Nicolson was living in Northmaven at the time of recording but was originally from Quarff. He moved to Northmaven in 1920 and had various jobs including herring fishing. He served in the navy for a while and took up crofting in the 1920s. He married Christina Ann Nicolson in 1920 and they had 4 children.	1983
95.	Joan Peterson from Ollaberry who was recorded alongside Mary (Maisie) Ratter (no. 97). She worked in John Tulloch's knitwear factory in Urrafirth and then in the NAAFI during World War II.	1983
96.	Hilda Ramsay from North Roe was recorded alongside Irene Keith (no. 91), who seems to be her sister.	1983
97.	Mary Ratter was from Ollaberry and was known as Maisie. She was elderly at the time of recording . She worked at John Tulloch's knitwear factory in Urafirth and also at the herring at The Brig in Ronas Voe, and later in Lerwick. She talks about knitting and wartime Shetland.	1983
98.	Mary Sandison was from Ollaberry and was recorded alongside her sister, Bertha Sandison (no. 99). Her full name was Mary Ann Sandison and she was born in 1910 at East Hogoland, Ollaberry. She was unmarried.	1983
99.	Bertha Sandison was from Ollaberry and was recorded alongside her elder sister, Mary Sandison (no. 98). She was born at East Hogoland, Ollaberry in 1912 and was unmarried.	1983
100.	William Sutherland was from Northmaven and was known as Willie. He was elderly at the time of recording. He joined the merchant navy and also went whaling in South Georgia and Antarctica. He worked in the USA in the 1930s. He was whaling during World War II. He retired to a croft in Northmaven.	1983

101.	Tommy Thompson from Eshaness had an extensive knowledge about crofts around Eshaness. He may have been from Braehoulland.	1983
102.	John Tulloch was from Urafirth and had knitwear premises in Lerwick. He had a son called Drew.	1983
103.	Alec Williamson was from North Roe and was recorded alongside Peter Blance. He sounds like he was in his 30s or 40s at the time of recording. He may have been a butcher and was certainly involved in agriculture/crofting of some kind.	1983
104.	Willie Anderson from Whalsay was recorded alongside Gibbie Williamson (no. 109). He was a fisherman who started fishing in 1939 and was made a naval rating when his boat was requisitioned during World War II, and he spent the latter part of the war away from Shetland. He was 65 years old at the time of recording and mentions a daughter.	1984
105.	George Carr from Skellister who looked after a lighthouse. He speaks English and mentions seeing English types of thatch.	1984
106.	Robert Inkster who was recorded in North Roe alongside Henry Moar (no. 108) at Old Yule, talking about whaling. They sailed together on a whaler in 1939.	1984
107.	Mrs Christina(?) Isbister from Foula who was the wife of Bobby Isbister. She worked on a farm in East Lothian when she was 17. It was their golden wedding anniversary in August 1984. She mentions a brother and sisters.	1984
108.	Henry Moar who was recorded in North Roe alongside Robert Inkster (no. 106). They sailed together on a whaler in 1939.	1984
109.	Gibbie Williamson was from Whalsay and was recorded alongside Willie Anderson (no. 104). He started fishing in 1919 and was part-owner of Research. He was in the merchant navy from 1928-29. Gibby and Willie worked on the same boat.	1984
110.	Mary Gifford Williamson was from Out Skerries and talks about life there. She was born in Lunnasting and the family moved to Out Skerries when she was an infant. She left school in 1914 and may have been 14 years old at that time. She mentions a brother with 6 sons and 2 daughters who lived at the Hall. This may be Arthur Williamson (no. 111).	1984
111.	Arthur Williamson from Out Skerries was a fisherman who retired in 1971. He was recorded with Maggie Williamson (no. 112) who seems to be his wife, and Mary Gifford Williamson (no. 110) may be his sister. He was a young boy in 1912 and lived within sight of South Mouth. He was a school boy in 1917-19.	1984

112.	Maggie Williamson was recorded alongside Arthur Williamson (no. 111), who may be her husband. She describes life at the beginning of the 20 th century. She earned money in the 1920s by knitting. She had an older brother who spent some time in Australia. She also had a brother who had a share in an Out Skerries boat.	1984
113.	Alisdair Bain, who is playing the mouth organ at the Orkney Folk Festival with (Peerie) Willie Johnson. This is not Aly Bain the fiddle player.	1985
114.	Larry Peterson who was recorded singing at the Orkney Folk Festival.	1985
115.	Mary MacKechnie from Bruntland, Bressay was a crofter in Bressay, and had a fairly light Shetland accent. She mentions the Jamieson family in Unst, where she owned a croft at Still, Sandwick at the time of recording. Her maiden name may have been Jamieson. She talks about land ownership in Shetland, including information about udal law.	1986
116.	Jessie Winchester from Walls who was 85 or 86 years old at the time of recording. She was born in South Shields and moved to Walls in 1919. She was brought up by aunts and uncles on a croft there. She worked as a domestic servant in Lerwick from age 17 to 20. She later worked as a servant and cook in Edinburgh.	1992
117.	Jerry Eunson from Haa in Fair Isle who was known as Peerie Houll Jerry. He was born in 1912 at Houll and went to school in Lerwick. He was away from the island between World War I and World War II. He had a keen interest in place names and shipwrecks. This may be the same person as no. 12.	1960 & 1961
118.	Lawrie Moar from Yell worked as a mail driver and roadman. He sings and recites self-composed songs and poems written around 1970. He also composed songs in 1950. Some of the songs he composed were inspired by his time in mainland Scotland. This may be Laurence Moar who was born in 1887 in Cullivoe, North Yell and died there in 1973. He may have had 3 children at the time of recording.	1970- 1973
119.	Magnus Henderson was from Yell and played in the Cullivoe Dance Band at Laurence & Margaret Tulloch's wedding in 1972. He was also a member of the Cullivoe Fiddlers. He may be the brother of Angus Henderson, who also played in the Cullivoe Dance Band.	1972 & 1973
120.	Elizabeth Tulloch from Brough, North Yell was the wife of Tom Tulloch and the mother of Lawrence Tulloch. She was born in 1915 in Bough and died in 1992.	1973,1978 & 1980
121.	John Hughson from Isbister, Whalsay was married to Ellen Bruce and they had 2 children. One of the children is Joyce Hughson who married John Lowrie Poleson.	1974 & 1977
122.	Joan Williamson was from Ollaberry and was approximately 74 or 75 years old at the time of recording. She was born in 1908 at Lubba, Ollaberry and her full name was Margaret Joan Alice Williamson.	1982 & 1983

123.	Bobby Smith was recorded at the wedding of Gordon and Anna Jamieson in Yell, where he proposed a toast to the bride and groom. He sounds middle-aged at the time of recording.	1975
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