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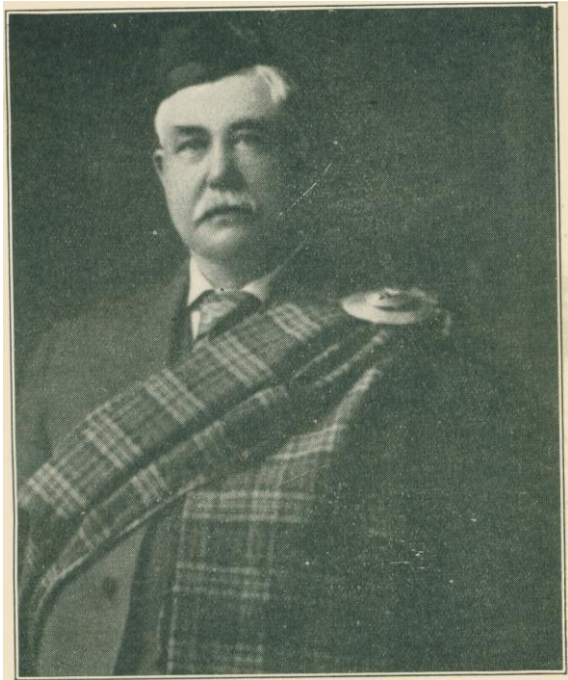
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75th Anniversary, 21st Aug., 1931.

"Soruidh uam thar chuan air astar,  
Gu fir shuaicheanta nam breacan  
Chumadh Suas gu buan an cleachdadh,  
Anns a reachd bu dual doibh,  
Beannachd uamsa nunn thar saile,  
Dh'fhearan ducharach nan Gael,  
Far a bheil na Suinn ga'n arach,  
Ann a sgath nan fuar-bheann."

## PREFACE

My apology for undertaking to write at the request of several members of the two families concerned, this fragmentary sketch-a task for which I feel all too inadequate, is a desire to perpetuate the memory of my Scottish progenitors. Still I fear that owing to unskilful handling I fail to lead others to a knowledge of the matter in question. My thanks however are due to the talks (when I was a small boy) of both my grandmothers, and to that of my revered mother, and to her brother **Charles MacKinnon** -not forgetting God's priceless gift of a most retentive memory.

And further I offer my sincere apology for repetitions I found hard to avoid. First when requested to write I prepared the Geonealogical Tree-considering that sufficient, but a fuller account was asked for by members of one of the families concerned, followed by a similar request by members of the other. Thus the whole matter coupled with my four score years and one produced a weariness not easily overcome, and I let the repetitions stand.

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Whycocomagh, N.S. 21st August, 1937.

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## MACDONALD

**Hugh Macdonald** (my grandfather) son of **John**, son of **Malcolm**, was of the **Keppoch Macdonalds**. The family lived in Ross-shire from whence they moved to Tiree, Argyleshire, where my grandfather was born and lived, until, he emigrated to America in 1820. He was a near relative of **John MacLean** "A Bard Tiristeach" sometimes known as "Bard Tighearan Colla" who composed many beautiful, heartstirring songs, including "Oran do dh' America," to the tune of "Coire a Cheathaich." in the concluding verse of which the bard pathetically expresses his sorrow at parting with dear friends at "Tobair Mhoire" where the emigrant ship weighed anchor, and was now sailing gayly along "Caol Muile," thus:

"Nuair thug mi cui ruibh b~a mi ga'r n'ionndrain,  
Gun shil mo shuilean gu diu le deoir,  
Air moch Dirdaoine a dol seach 'an caolas,  
A long fo h-aodach 'sa ghaoth o'n chors."

At "Tobair Mhoire" with his wife and two of their children - **Ronald** and **John**, who were born in Tiree, they embarked for Glengarry County in Ontario, then known as Upper Canada, and where his two brothers, **Malcolm** and **Donald**, had previously settled; as his objective. Near the Strait of Canso, however, the ship was somewhat wrecked, and before necessary repairs were effected he decided to proceed no farther. After a year spent at the Strait he was attracted by the beauties of Lake Ainslie, further inland, and staked out

for himself 200 acres, adjoining the lands of my maternal grandfather **Allan "Ban" MacKinnon**, in the most commanding position at the East Side of that bonnie Loch, where with his wife and large family, born there, his remaining days were spent-passing to his eternal rest at a comparatively old age.

When quite a young man "Eobhan Tiristeach" as he was generally known in his adopted country, was married to **Anne**, daughter of **Col. Dougald Campbell "Big"** of the Argyleshire Highlanders, who was reputed one of the handsomest and ablest, if not the handsomest and ablest, soldier in that famous regiment. Their marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride in Saltcoats, Ayrshire, by a minister of the Established Church of Scotland, of which church they always remained loyal adherents.

NOTE-"Love at first sight" was the beginning of the romance of these happy lovers, as narrated to the writer (then a young boy) by his grandmother, some time before she passed in her ninety-fourth year. The happy twain first met at the annual ploughing contest in Ayrshire whither **Macdonald** had gone from Tiree with his team of black ponies, taking first prize, a feat he repeated the following year-a short time before the marriage took place.

Their family consisted of five sons and six daughters  
viz:-

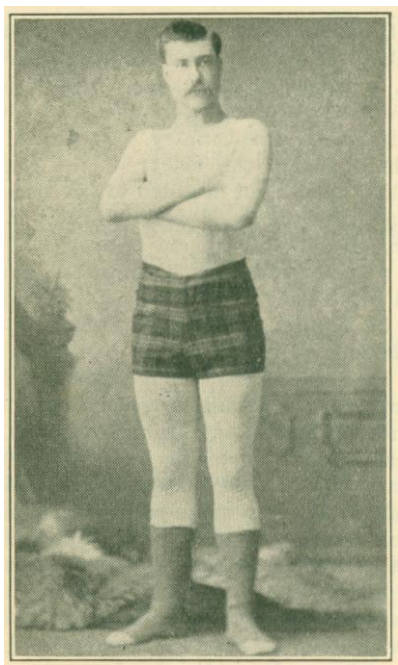
I. **Ronald**, born in Tiree, was, twice married (1) **Sarah Macdonald**, issue four sons and three daughters. (2) **Sarah MacKinnon**, issue four sons and one daughter. Lived to an old age and passed in his home at Ashfield.

II. **John**, born in Tiree, was married to **Peggy MacKinnon**, a sister of the late **Captain Lody MacKinnon**, whose family emigrated from Portree, Isle of 'Skye, a few years following the emigration of the other MacKin nons (who were near relatives) from Muck. Issue of the marriage five sons and four daughters. The second eldest son **Hugh**

"Eobhan Dubh" was a most formidable exponent of the "Manly Art"-hero of many exciting performances, spoken of in this community, and beyond even to this day.

**NOTE-Captain Lody** was the son of **Neil MacKinnon** "Niall Ban" of Portree, and his wife **Jane (Cameron) MacKinnon**, a native of Lochabar. The father had died and the widow with her young family of two sons and three daughters emigrated to this country. On arrival they settled at Ainslie Glen. **Lody**, the eldest of the family, showed very early in life, he was not destined to till the soil and chose to brave the perils of the briny deep instead. At sea he was in his element, and in due course became Captain. Many and amazing stories are told of his prowess, and also of his acknowledged proficiency as a helmsman, but perhaps none more so than his handling of the old unsightly "Matilda" in the memorable August gale of 1873. On that occasion he was caught in the Gulf, on the return trip from Newfoundland. In the early morning, following a perilous night and previous day, he was noticed off Sydney harbor. Vessels by the score were strewn along the shores, or had entirely disappeared. The wind greatly to his disadvantage had shifted, thus necessitating to tack, in order to make port. Seafaring men ashore recognizing the seriousness of the situation declared "She'll never make it." But Lady was at the wheel (then for over twenty-four hours without a break) and she did make it. As willing hands however were making fast, the doughty captain, notwithstanding his marvellous strength collapsed. Restoratives, which under ordinary circumstances, if indeed under any circumstances, would not be rejected were liberally (I suppose) administered, and soon the crisis was over. For a number of years before his passing in his 86th year his eyesight was impaired. The home is now owned and occupied by his grandson, **Hector MacKinnon** and family.

III. **Archie** married **Anne MacLean** of North Lake Ainslie-no family. Both lived to be old.



*H. N. Macdonald*

Won  
Wrestling Championship America  
16th Aug., 1881

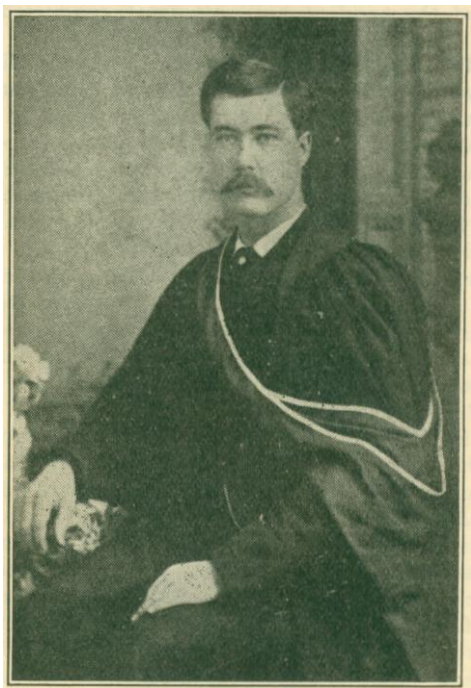


IV. **Malcolm**, never married. Was a man of very noble character and sterling integrity, died at middle age, from the after effects of a hurt sustained at a "Frame-raising." From the time of the accident until his death conducted a small store.

V. **Neil** - known throughout the land as "Niall Mor" a soubriquet he gained, no doubt, owing to his athletic prowess, and marvellous feats of strength, some of which have seldom (if at all) been equalled and probably never surpassed in these parts at least, notwithstanding the competitive habits of by-gone years. (See Memoir of the Cape Breton giant, by James D. Gillis, Pages 57 & 84); more then for his stature although ill that respect also he soared above the ordinary. When born his parents decided to have him christened **Dougald** after his grandfather, **Col. Dougald Campbell**, whom they thought he resembled to a marked degree. In the meantime however, word was received from Tiree, Scotland, that a very dear relative- **Neil Macdonald**, had been recently drowned, so the child was christened **Neil**.

NOTE-It was this **Neil Macdonald**, accompanied by other relatives, that brought in his vessel, **Hugh Macdonald**, his wife and two children from Tiree to Tobair Mhoire, where they embarked for America.

In his younger days "Big Neil" was a very successful school teacher, then for two years clerk in a general store after which he conducted, for several years, a business of his own and finally engaged in farming. He was married twice. His first wife was **Christy MacKinnon** (daughter of **Donald MacKinnon**) who died a few days following the birth of a daughter, named after her mother, whom in due course was married to **John MacKinnon** of Dunakym, issue four sons and one daughter. The second wife was **Breadalbane**. daughter of **Allan MacKinnon** "Ban" hereintofore referred to, consequently the two wives were first cousins. Issue of the second marriage three sons and five daughters in order of seniority as follows:-



*D. N. Macdonald*

Graduated  
M. D., C. M. Queen's University,  
1882

(1). **Hugh N.** with a hereditary bent for Athletics etc. began competing at Highland Games at the age of sixteen. In 1881 won the Wrestling Championship of America (see song in Appendix and in Scrap Book, composed by the late **Hon. D. D. MacKenzie**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia) and the following day won a Gold Medal for general athletics. In 1882 graduated from Queen's University M.D., C.M. having the previous year at the University sports won Championship cup for general athletics. At Queens during the sessions 1880-81 and 1881-82 was Gymnastic Instructor to the university, and also instructed in Field sports and in Wrestling and in Boxing.

He was twice married. His first wife was **Isabel Harper Cormack**, daughter of **John Cormack**, and his wife **Jessie (Sutherland) Cormack** of Kingston, Ont. whither the family had moved from Crithness-shire, Scotland. Issue of the marriage two sons: **Allan Neil** and **James Gordon**. His second wife was **Sarah Belle Carmichael**, daughter of **Capt. John Carmichael** and his wife **Catherine (MacCallum) Carmichael**, of North Side, Whycocomagh; where the family had settled on arrival from Tiree, Argyleshire, Scotland. Issue of the marriage two sons: **John Hugh** and **George Grant**. The four sons have since passed to the Great Beyond. -Surely I have been sorely bereaved, but Thy will be done "Blessed God in thee we live, move and have our being; make us able and willing to know, obey and submit to Thy will in all things; looking and awaiting for a better life with thyself above."

This indeed would be a sad world for us, if we did not have faith and hope in the Eternal Life given us through Christ and the trust that we meet where there is no pain, no sorrow, no weariness.

P.S. It was **Sarah Belle Carmichael**, that reared **John P. MacKinnon** (now a leading Contractor of Boston, Mass. U.S.A.,) whose mother was her sister **Catherine**, who died few days following birth of child, and whose husband was **Neil MacKinnon**, a son of **Alexander MacKinnon "Alastair MacDonnachich"** a first cousin of "**Ailean Ban**". And

let me further add that of the large family of **John**, another son of "Alastair MacDonnachich," five are Presbyterian ministers, two Medical Doctors, another son who died in early manhood was in business, whilst the last but not least "**Big Malcolm**" is a prosperous farmer whom with his family occupy the old homestead at East Lake Ainslie.

(2). **Mary Jane**, when in her teens married **Capt. Angus Cameron** of Princeville, River Inhabitant,- a son of **Rory Cameron** and his wife **Mary (Campbell) Cameron**, both of whom emigrated from Morven, Scotland.

**Rory Cameron** was a pious man and for many years (till his passing) was ruling elder in the (then) Established Church of Scotland congregation of that place. The marriage was a very happy one, notwithstanding disparity in age: issue three sons and two daughters. All now independently settled and prosperous. The younger son **Abraham Alexander** and family occupy the home.

(3). **Jessie**, married **Hector MacPhail** of East Lake Ainslie son of **Malcolm MacPhail** and his wife **Kate (MacQuarrie) MacPhail**, whose forebears came from Tiree, Argyleshire, and from Rum, Inverness-shire, respectively. Before marrying Hector bought a farm at Scotsville on which a happy life was spent: issue two sons. The eldest **Malcolm John**, a veteran of the World War, and **Neil Allan** of the Royal Canadian Artillery.

(4). **Annie**, married **Alexander MacLean** "Alic Alastair ic-Calum" as he was fondly known who was the eldest son of **Alexander MacLean** and his wife **Catherine (Finlayson) MacLean** of Middle River-a descendent of the Finlaysons of Kintail, Inverness-shire. Lived a happy life on the old MacLean homestead at Scotsville on which his forebears, who were of the **MacLeans** of Duart, had settled on emigrating from Rum, Inverness-shire, Scotland. Had a large family of sons and daughters; all doing well and a credit to parents. The second eldest son **Neil Allan** - the popular, jovial, happy-go-lucky songster, and family occupy the home.

(5). **Allan B.** a veritable giant who died of Pneumonia in his 21st year. Notwithstanding his remarkable physique he contracted his sickness from over-exposure at work on the farm on a very hot day, which suddenly changed to cold accompanied by heavy showers of rain. He was a general favorite in the home and entire community. His passing was a painful blow to all and particularly so to our dear mother, who never after fully regained her wonted cheerfulness. And no wonder for together with his Christian traits and varied accomplishments who can forget the sweet touch of his finger on the Ebony Chanter?

Remember, O Remember Keppoch's Rant!!!!

(6). **Charles Lachlan**, who with his family occupy the old homestead was married to **Sarah MacLean** of Big Baddeck. Issue of the marriage three sons and nine daughters. One son, Neil-an undergraduate in Arts, at present in Western Canada, whilst the younger son Hugh Allan is at the old home.

(7). **Betty Anne**, the baby of the family, married **John B. Macdonald** of Ashfield-son of **Ronald Macdonald** and his wife **Sarah (MacKinnon) MacDonald**, both of Tiree, Argyleshire, Scotland. Died in her 37th year, leaving a family of six sons and three daughters-one son an infant a few days old. The surviving sons fill very responsible positions in the mining districts of Northern Ontario.

VI. The daughters of **Hugh Macdonald** and his wife **Anne (Campbell) Macdonald** were;

(1). **Mary** - married to **William Ingraham** of North East Margaree. Had a family of four sons and seven daughters. Before her death saw her great, great, great grand child.

(2). **Anne** - married **Angus MacMillan** of East Lake Ainslie: issue five daughters and seven sons. One son **the late Rev. Hugh** of Elmsdale, a Presbyterian Minister.

(3). **Betsey**, married **Duncan MacMillan** "Turner" a nephew of her sister **Anne's** husband: issue five daughters and five sons. The daughter **Flora**, became the wife of **Dan MacKay** "Big Dan" as he is affectionately known to his

host of friends; who is the son of **Angus MacKay** (son of "Padro Mor," as he was commonly known, and his wife **Flora** (MacKinnon) **McKay** - a poetess of no mean repute - first cousin of **Capt. "Allean Ban" MacKinnon**, frequently mentioned in this sketch) and his wife **Mary MacLean**, a sister of the jolly songster **Dan MacLean** of Scotsville - boon companion of my boyhood, whom in his younger days was known as "Domhnall nan Oran." Of the family of "Padro Mor" and his wife who attained maturity, consisting of seven stalwart sons and one daughter the son **Angus** (father of Big Dan) a real scion of his native heather, was in reality, the one who inherited the prowess of his forebears, and that he did in heaped measure.

(4). **Flora** - married **Lachlan MacMillan**, a lovable man, kind and generous, a cousin of her sister **Betsey's** husband. Had a family of three daughters and two sons. The younger son, **Malcolm Archie** and his family occupy the old home.

(5). **Isabel** - married **Lachlan MacLean** of North Lake Ainslie. The couple lived to a very old age. Had a family of five daughters and three sons.

(6). **Jessie** - the youngest of the family, married **Thomas Campbell** of Scotsville: issue three daughters and four sons.

And lastly a few words about the brothers of "Eobhan Tiristeach" and his sister, and also those of his worthy wife.

Of **Hugh Macdonald's** brothers heretofore mentioned, who had settled in Glengarry County, it may be in order to state that **Margaret**, the eldest daughter of **Malcolm** married a **Mr. McCallum**, a native of Tiree, Scotland. They had a son **Lachlan**, who when but a mere lad entered upon a lumbering career in the western part of the province. While thus engaged the "Fenian Raid" was in progress, and on a certain occasion a company of Fenians crossed Lake Eric with the intention of landing on the Canadian side. But **Lachlan MacCallum**, as he was then known, with the aid

of sixteen of his employees staged his miraculous defense aboard his little tugboat (which he used in his lumbering operations on the Grand river) and held off the invading party until well-nigh exhausted however a company of Canadian Militia hove in sight and the Fenians made a hasty retreat back across the Lake. Shortly after the gallant **Lachlan** was elected to represent Norfolk County in parliament, and later made Senator by the late lamented **Sir John A. Macdonald**. As Senator he served his country with credit and distinction until his death at an advanced age, several years ago, in his home at Dunville, Ontario.

The brother **Donald** became a lay-preacher in Glengarry County and other parts of the province settled by Scotsmen.

The sister **Betsey** was married to **Neil MacCallum**, a native of Tیره. They lived on a farm at North Side, Whycomagh on which they settled on their arrival as emigrants from Scotland. They had a very large family of sons and daughters.

And then again as to the Campbell family all of whom emigrated to this country:-

(1) **William** settled on a 200 ac. farm at South Side, Whycomagh-the district is now named Wilburn after him. His wife was a Campbell also, but of a different family. They had a large family of sons and daughters. Three of the sons were sea captains and two were farmers.

(2) **Duncan** also settled on a farm adjoining that of his brother's but later moved to Bruce Co., Onto His wife was a **Miss Ferguson**. They had a family of several sons and daughters. One of the sons - **Peter**, was captain of a transportation steamer sailing out of Collingwood. The daughters included **Mrs. Capt. Allan** and **Mrs. Capt. Sims**.

(3) **Jessie** married to **Seth Williams**, a brother of **Henry Williams** referred to below. The family lived at Low Point and had a family of several sons and daughters.

(4) **Betsey** was the wife of **Henry Williams** and for a time the family lived at South Side, Whycocomagh on a farm adjoining that of **Duncan Campbell's**. **Henry Williams** was unrivalled as a broad-axe man, and with his family moved to New York, where he worked in a shipyard and was soon promoted to Superintendent. One of the sons, **Alexander Scott Williams** joined the police force and became internationally known. He was the most feared man on the force, by the evildoers of Gotham, amongst whom he was known as "Clubber .Alec." In due course he became Chief and finally Inspector, a position he held with distinction until he resigned several years before he died at an advanced age.



**Neil "Niall Mor"** noted for his prowess and handsomeness was the youngest son of the family. He died on the 14th day of May 1895 in his 73<sup>rd</sup> year.

His obituary notice written by his lifelong friend, Alexander Campbell, Esq., M.P.P. of Strathlorne was in part as follows: - 'The subject of this obituary was one of the most popular men in Inverness, a noble specimen of the true Highlander. In face and form. when a young man, he would have made a model for one of Vandyke's best painting's. He was generous and true, ever on the side of the weak and oppressed. He shall be long missed out of that circle of friends, who were proud of him as one of nature's noblest specimens of true man.

**Hugh N.,**  
**Born**  
**21st August, 1856.**

**Breadalbane - daughter of Capt. Allan MacKinnon,** Died 24th day of September 1900 in her 66th year.

Her obituary notice written by Hon. D D. MacKenzie, Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, was in part as follows: - "Few women indeed in this country enjoyed the privilege of being so widely and favorably known as Mrs. Macdonald. She was a thorough type of the Scotch lady of the old school. Her presence at the good old home at Kirkwood was alone suggestive of thrift, comfort and hospitality. She will long be remembered among a wide circle of friends. and relatives for her many excellent qualities of heart and head, and most especially for her deep piety and loyal devotions to right and pure principles.

Grandfather - **Hugh Macdonald**, son of **John**, son of **Malcolm**, was of the **Keppoch Macdonalds**. The family lived in Ross-shire from whence they moved to Tiree, Argyleshire, where my grandfather was born and lived until he emigrated to America in 1820, and settled at Lake Ainslie where many of his descendants still live. He was a near relative of the father of the famous **General Sir Hector MacDonald** "Fighting Mac" Commander of the Highland Brigade.

Grandmother - **Anne Campbell** of Saltcoats, Ayrshire, was the daughter of **Col. Dougald Campbell**, of the Argyleshire Highlanders, who was reputed one of the ablest and handsomest, if not the ablest and handsomest, soldier in that famous regiment.

Grandfather - **Captain Allan MacKinnon** "Ailean Ban" was of the **MacKinnons** of Strath, Isle of Skye, Inverness-shire, and of the same family as the celebrated bard **Lachlan MacKinnon** "Lachlan Mac Thearlach Oig." The family however had moved from Strath to Muck from whence the emigration to America took place in 1820, and settled at Lake Ainslie on lands adjoining that of my paternal grandfather.

Grandmother - **Mary MacLean**, daughter of **Charles MacLean** "Tearlach Ruadh" who was a near relative of the Laird of Coil to whom he did not pay rent for lands occupied, -no doubt owing to relationship and Scottish Clanishness. He was thrice married and with a very large family of sons and daughters-issue of the three marriages, emigrated to this country in 1820 after which he settled on an extensive tract of land at Malagawatch, where many of his descendants still live. **Dr. Hector L. MacLean** of Boston, Mass., is a great-grandson and another great-grandson was **Rev. Alex. Kennedy**, Church Missionary to China, where he died.

# MACKINNON

**Allan MacKinnon** (my maternal grandfather) familiarly known as "Ailean Ban" was the son of **Neil**, son of **John**, of the **MacKinnons** of Strath, Isle of Skye, and of the same family as the **Bard Lachlan MacKinnon** "Lachlan MacThearlach Oig" who flourished about the middle of the 17th century. From Skye, however the family moved to the Isle of Monks, now known as Muck, Parish of Small Isles, from whence the emigration to America took place in 1820.

The family of **Neil MacKinnon** (my great grandfather) whose wife was a **MacKay**, consisted of three sons and one daughter, in order of seniority as follows:-

A. **Archibald**, who was never married and was known as "Am Baitsealair Mor" had early in life fallen in love with **Mary MacLean**, a sister of **Eachunn Hogha**, but she being of the lanned gentry, and he having little or no property, the law of caste would not permit of their being married. On their learning that said law was like that of the Medes and Persians, they together vowed never to marry, and the vow was kept; he ending his days at Lake Ainslie and she in Scotland, both single. **Archibald** was a great violinist, and was in demand to play at leading social gatherings. On one occasion while so engaged, and his sweetheart dancing, he made a slight mistake in his playing; and vexed at himself for having done so, he laid aside his fiddle and bow declaring he never would touch them again. This resolution he also kept. He never played again, although he taught others.

At East Lake Ainslie in his adopted country he secured a free grant of 200 acres of land, through the good offices of a kinsman-**Captain MacKinnon**, then holding office in Sydney in connection with the granting of crown lands in Cape Breton.

Eighteen years before he died, he had a tombstone made for himself on which is engraved the MacKinnon Crest and Motto, together with a crescent and star, as well as his name, and record of his birth and death. Some years before his passing he bought five gallons of liquor, which he saved for his funeral, and for the serving of which he left what he considered necessary instructions; the first (ham at the house, the second at **Neil "Mor" Macdonald's** gate, whose wife was his niece **Breadalbane (MacKinnon) Macdonald** and the third at the graveside. His remains were carried on the shoulders of pallbearers, and a piper led the procession. All in the old Highland style. His was the last funeral held at Lake Ainslie at which liquor was served. He died May 23rd 1872, aged 88 years.

**B. Allan** (my grandfather) familiarly known as "Ailean Ban" was born in 1786. Prior to emigrating he followed the sea and finally attained to the status of Captain, after which he sailed a vessel owned by MacKinnon of Corry (Fear a Chorry) and also another vessel owned by a **Mr. John Campbell** of Inevarary named the Breadalbane, hence the Christian name of his second youngest daughter-my revered mother. **Ailean Ban's** wife whom he married in Scotland and where two of their children were born before emigrating was **Mary MacLean**, a daughter of **Charles MacLean** "Tearlach Ruadh" of Coll, whom on account of his relationship to the **Laird of Coll** was not charged rent for the land he occupied. "Tearlach Ruadh" however later on came to this country and with his very large family of sons and daughters-issue of his three marriages, settled at Malagawatch, where many of his descendants still live. But to come back to "Ailean Ban's" marriage:

It seems that owing to the feigned indifference of the august "**Tearlach Ruadh**" the bride-to-be found it necessary to elope, aboard her lover's vessel-no doubt the most prized parcel aboard. On arrival in Greenock the couple were married by a minister of the Established Church of Scotland of which Church they and their offspring always remained true adherents. As mentioned heretofore they emigrated to this country

in 1820 and passed the first year at Chimney Corner near the home, or at the home, of **John MacKay**, a cousin of **Ailean Ban**, finally making their way inland to Bonnie Lake Ainslie, where they settled. The children were:-

1. **Neil**, born in Scotland, died young, shortly after the settling at Lake Ainslie.

2. **John**, also born in Scotland, died young, at Lake Ainslie.

3. **Charles** - first white child born at Lake Ainslie.

He was a born bard and composed many excellent songs, including "Cumha Chape Bretuinn" on his leaving home and going to Bruce County, in Ontario, (then known as Upper Canada) where he engaged in school teaching, was married to **Christy MacLennan**, whose family had previously moved from River Denys to Bruce Co. They had a family of five daughters and two sons.

4. **Christy** - married **Malcoln MacLean**, Big Baddeck -issue four daughters and one son.

5. **Peggy** - married Murdoch Matheson, of Lower Middle River, from whence they moved to Bruce Co., Onto issue six sons one daughter.

6. **Neil** - married Christy MacLean, of Malagawatch Lived on the old homestead at Lake Ainslie-issue five daughters and three sons. One of the sons (**Allan**) became a leading architect in Boston, whilst one of the daughters (**Katie**) was the mother of **Rev. Archibald Donald MacKinnon**, B.A., Moderator of the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada-now the indefatigable pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, here.

7. **Lachlan** - named after "**Lachunn Mac Thearlach Oig**" (referred to at the beginning of this brief sketch) moved to Western Ontario (then known as Upper Canada) at the time his brother Charles and several other relatives and friends went there. He finally settled in St. Williams, Norfolk Co. where he became a leading Druggist, and where he married

**Libbie Brown** "A Bonnie Lowland Lassie," in her teens. Issue of the marriage three sons and three daughters:-

(a) **John** -a travelling salesman, died in an Hotel fire in San Francisco.

(b) **Hugh L.** -a leading business man in Winnipeg, married and has a family. Two sons, (twins) are undergraduates in Medicine.

(c) **Archibald** -married, in business in Vancouver, B.C.

(d) Margaret-married a Mr. Hicks. Had three sons in the World War, all of whom returned safely. Now living in Saskatchewan.

(e) **Mary** -married **J. E. MacRae** of Sarnia, Onto Has a very large family. One son a graduate in Medicine at present taking a post-graduate course in Edinburgh University, Edinburgh, Scotland.

(f) **Flora** -married a Mr. Higgins, making their home in Toronto.

8. **Mary** -married **Angus Cameron** of Scotsville; issue five sons and four daughters. **Allan**, fourth son of the family, lived in the old home, where he died recently, was very popular and is sincerely mourned. He was married to **Maggie MacKinnon** of North Ainslie, whom with a large family survive.

9. **Flora** -married **John MacQuarrie** of Kenloch: issue four sons and four daughters. She was possessed of a beautiful tenor voice. Methinks yet I hear her sing "Cuachag nan Craobh" and also "Am Mule nan Craobh" as none other I ever listened to-record or otherwise. The son **Hector**, third oldest son of the family, who died in early manhood was a noted Bagpiper.

10. **Breadalbane**, married **Neil Macdonald** "Niall Mor;" issue four daughters and three sons, viz:-

(A) **Mary Jane**, whom in her teens married **Captain Angus Cameron** of Princeville, River Inhabitants. The marriage was a very happy one, notwithstanding disparity in age: issue three sons and two daughters.

(B) **Jessie** -married **Hector MacPhail** of East Lake Ainslie. **Hector** bought a farm at Scotsville on which a happy life was spent: issue two sons.

(C). **Annie** -married **Alexander MacLean** of Scotsville, who occupied the old MacLean homestead. Had a large family of sons and daughters.

(D). **Betty Anne** - the baby of the family, married **John B. Macdonald** of Ashfield. Died in her 37th year, leaving a family of six sons and three daughters-one son an infant a few days old.

(E). **Charles Lachlan**, whom with his large family of three sons and nine daughters, occupy the old homestead. His wife was Sarah MacLean of Big Baddeck.

(F). **Allan**, a veritable giant who died of Pneumonia in his 21st year. Notwithstanding his remarkable physique he contracted his sickness from over exposure, at his work on the farm on a very hot day, which suddenly changed to cold accompanied by heavy showers of rain. He was a general favorite in the family and entire community. His passing was a painful blow to all, and particularly so to our dear mother who never after fully regained her wonted cheerfulness. And no wonder for together with his many Christian traits who can forget the touch of his finger in Keppoch's Rant and Tulloch-gorum, as well as his "gearradh" in Lord Macdonald and Cabar Feigh, not to mention Miss Drummond's Strathspey?

(G). **Hugh N.** a practicing physician and surgeon, a graduate of Queen's University, now retired following a strenuous practice of over fifty-three years (see newspaper clippings in Scrap Book).

8. **Anne**, the youngest of **Ailean Ban's** family, was married to **Neil MacKinnon** "Niall Dubh Mac Lachunn Bhain" of Ainslie Glen, who was a distant relative of the family. He feared not the face of man. Many exploits of his early manhood might well gain him a place beside Rob Roy and that ilk. He is worthily succeeded, physically, by his eldest son **Allan**. There were four sons and four daughters of the

marriage. The youngest son- **John** and family occupy the old home at Lewis Mountain whither the family moved several years ago.

P.S. "**Ailean Ban**" an exceptionally active and powerful man, whose I:rowess was often put to the tes', and as often successfully demonstrated before leaving his native Scotland, as well as in his adopted country was never known to be sick until the last when his passing followed a few day's illness. He died at 4 p.m. Sunday 30th November 1856 aged 70 years, and it is in order to state here that his wife died at 2 p.m. 22nd Jan. 1884 aged 93 years. Shortly before the end his favorite daughter **Breadalbane**, holding her infant of a few months in her arms, was at his bedside. He asked for the child whom he caressed tenderly, after which he handed the infant back with the admonition "Thoir an aire dh' an ghille." Just at that time his relative **Squire Campbell** was noticed coming up the lane to the house, and as he entered was accosted by the sick man thus:"Is fhada bha thu gun tighinn Eobhainn, requesting that he sing certain verses of the 62nd Psalm in, the singing of which he at first joined, but very soon the unwelcome gurgle was in evidence, and in a few minutes he passed peacefully to his eternal reward, mourned by an unusually wide circle of relatives and friends.

C. **Anne**, the only sister, was married in Scotland to a **John MacKinnon** "Iain Ban MacDomhnull ic-Fhearchair" son of a Crimea veteran, who however was no relative of the family. On coming to this country they settled on a 200 ac. farm, adjoining the farm of her brother **Archibald**, "Am Baitsealair Mor" Issue of the marriage four sons and four daughters as follows:-

1. **Lachlan**, a very sturdy, energetic lad-a chip of the old stock, married **Aoirig MacLeod**, of Little Crossing: issue two sons and four daughters. He settled on lands in Glenmore, adjacent to the rear of his father's and uncle's farms. There in the primeval forest he hewed out for himself and family



a very comfortable home. His farm had a frontage of 400 acres, and whilst the front and side lines were well defined, it is supposed the rear line or boundry was very elastic, as indeed seems to be generally the case when Crown Lands are involved. The farm is now owned and occupied by his grandson, **Johnny Patterson**.

NOTE-The place was named Glenmore by the popular educationist the late lamented John Y. Gunn, at the time he was the efficient Inspector of Schools for Inverness County, and when through his mature foresight he caused to be formed Glenmore School section No. 14. The place now however is erroneously known as Twin Rock Valley.

And may I add that **Mr. Gunn** was the son of the revered **Rev. John Gunn**, a native of Caithness-shire, Scotland-a graduate of Aberdeen University, who for thirty years (1840-1870) was the beloved, devoted and never-to-be-forgotten pastor of the (then) Established Church of Scotland congregation of Broad Cove Interval (now Strathlorne) and his most amiable and accomplished wife, whom before her marriage was **Miss Catherine Gordon** of Sutherlandshire, Scotland.

2. **Neil** -married **Mary MacLeod**, a sister of his brother Lachlan's wife. They had a family of four sons and four daughters. They became heirs to the property of his uncle

Archibald.

3. **Donald** -married **Unice MacQuarrie** of Ainslie Glen, and built and lived with his family of one son and two daughters on the northern half of the old homestead.

4. **Archie** -never married, was a noted songster and lived to a comparatively old age.

5. **Mary** -married **Malcolm MacAulay** of Little Narrows congregation. Had a large family of sons and daughters.

6. **Phileas** married **John MacKay** (Peter) of Scotsville. Had a large family of sons and daughters.

7. **Christy** -never married, and lived to a very old age and died at the home of her brother **Lachlan** in Glenmore.

8. **Sarah** -never married, lived to a good old age with her brother **Archie** and sister **Christy**.

D. **Donald** -younger brother of "**Ailean Ban**" was also known as a good fiddler. The first year or two in this country was spent at East River, Pictou County, but not liking the place he moved to Lake Ainslie and settled on a 200 acre farm adjoining that of his brother "**Ailean Ban.**" While in Pictou County he married **Christy MacKinnon** of Sunny Brae. Issue of the marriage four daughters and three sons viz:-

1. **Christy** -married **Neil Macdonald** "Niall Mor" on the 25th Feb. 1851 and died on the 28th June 1852 in her 24th year, leaving an infant girl eleven days old. The daughter also named **Christy**, after her mother, when twenty-five years of age was married to **John MacKinnon** of Dunakym, and died 9th June 1887, leaving a sorrowing husband one daughter and four sons (**Christy, Neil, John Alec, Hugh Fred and Donald**) to mourn the passing of a most devoted wife and mother.

2. **Julia** -married **Malcolm MacKay** "Calum Mac-Domhnull-ic Calum" as he was familiarly known, of Trout River, Lake Ainslie; issue four daughters and two sons. They lived to be old.

3. **Annie** -never married, was a great performer on the violin, and with her brother **Farquhar** would also play the bag-pipes, each having one hand on the Chanter.

4. **Arabella** -never married, always lived at home and attained to a good old age.

5. **Neil** -the eldest son of the family always lived at the old home, where several years ago he died at an advanced age. He was married to **Mary MacKinnon** of Sunny Brae: issue five sons and two daughters. One son known as "**Little Farquhar**" a sombriquet he gained owing to size of his uncle, is a noted Bag-piper, and another son **Hugh Fred** the winner of many prizes and medals in the west, for efficient handling of the Chanter.

6. **John** "Big Tailor" as he was commonly known, when quite a young lad served an apprenticeship at his chosen avocation, and he certainly was a good one. He was married to **Margaret Finlayson** of Middle River (**Kintall Flnlaysons**) Issue of the marriage three sons and five daughters. He died suddenly at his home in Prince Edward Island, whither the family had moved from this province. He was round eighty years of age, and was as so many more of the **MacKinnon** family (dubbed in this country "Clann Iomhuinn a ciuil") a great Bagpiper and Fiddler.

7. **Farquhar**- "Farchar Mor" as he was affectionately known to his host of friends, always lived at the old home with his brother **Neil**, and was married to **Margory**-sister of **Neil's** wife: issue two sons and three daughters.

In conclusion I make no apology for making special mention of him whose exemplary life was an inspiration to others. As of him (as might be expected) it might be said as of Neil Gow of old "The man that play'd the fiddle weel." In this he was learnt by his father, and by his uncle Archibald "Am Baitsealair Mor," hereintofore mentioned. He was also the leading Bagpiper of the community, at least until honours were shared with several nephews and other relatives, whom he had tutored most efficiently. He was a formidable looking Scot- 6 ft. 5+ in. and well proportioned. Notwithstanding his quiet demeanour he could (when occasion warranted) be a true exponent of the motto of his native heather "Nemo me impune lacessit." For some sixty years he led the service of praise in his home church-the historic Presbyterian Church of East Lake Ainslie, in which he was also an Elder, till his passing of Old Man's Pneumonia, at 3.30 p.m. 21st Feb. 1923, in his 89th year.

Now however is it not regrettable (to some of us at least) that the order of praise in that church, as in others, is changed? Instead of the solemnity of the revered old Presentors, whose position was at the foot of the sacred pulpit, we have an organ,

an organist so called, and a bunch of bleached individuals, partially covered as what well might be termed a second edition of Zulu garb; who gigglingly take their allotted place, on the platform, back of the minister. For what? To lead, if you please, in the solemn service of Praise. Alas! what a change. Is it for the better? There are those of us who doubt, when memory goes back to the venerable old Presentors leading fervently in the singing of the Psalms and Paraphrases-a few of which it may not be out of place to mention, with the tune to which each was sung, usually, in parentheses as follows:-

Ps. 23. (St. Ann), Ps. 32 and 141. (Martyrdom), Ps.42 (Balerna), Ps. 45 (Duke Street), Ps. 51 (Dundee), Ps. 65 (Bangor), Ps. 103 (Jackson) and also Coleshill-sometimes called Communion tune, Ps. 121 (French), Ps. 126 (St. Andrew), Ps. 133 (Eastgate). Ps. 139 (Kilmarnock), Ps. 122 (St. Paul), and Paraphrase 20 (Irish) etc., etc., etc.

A'Chrioch-Beannachd leibh.

## APPENDIX

### THE MACDONALD-LYNCH WRESTLING MATCH

By

**Daniel D. MacKenzie, K.C., M.P.**

(Later Judge Supreme Court of Nova Scotia)

Come ye friends of the thistle, and join in with me, To  
rejoice for the triumph that's won,

By Macdonald, the hero, the pride of his clan,

Well may Scotland be proud of his name.

Chorus:- Here's a health bonnie Scotland, the land of the brave

Here's a health to the bold and the free,

And as long as the thistle and heather shall wave,

Here's a health bonnie Scotland to thee.

Come and send the glad tidings o'er ocean and wave,

Which our hero has placed in our hand,

That from Chevoit Hills to the Orkney Isles,

Dear old Scotland may hear of his fame.

Its in vain to inform you, of what well you know,

How the Irishman challenged our clans,

But the youthful Macdonald, though not in his prime.

Made him feel what his challenge contained.

The day for engagement had duly arrived, And

the giants appeared on the stage,

Were the Irish to win in the contest that day,

Some old Scotsmen would rise from their graves.

But Lynch with his science and practice combined,

With his muscular strength and renown,

With his medals and glorious laurels he won,

See him now with his back to the stage.

Not for gold nor for medals Macdonald has tried,  
As his actions have perfectly shown,  
But to hold in esteem his ancestral fame,  
Which he did and success to his name.

At the East of Lake Ainslie, the place he was  
born, Now he dwells with his laurels well won,  
And the name of that Lake, I am proud to make known,  
He engraved in bright medals of gold.

Now farewell to Macdonald wherever he'll be,  
May he ever be loved and esteemed,  
May he live in contentment with wealth at his  
will, So farewell dear Macdonald to thee.

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**FROM THE GLACE BAY PAGE IN SYDNEY POST  
OCT. 28, 1932**

**By  
Douglas MacFarlane, Sporting Editor**

Glance Bay Oct 27 - A visitor to town today was Dr. Hugh N. Macdonald, veteran Inverness County physician, whose home is in Whycocomagh.

Dr. Macdonald or "Doctor Hudy" as he is affectionately known throughout his native county, is a giant of a man, and stories of his wonderful feats of strength are second only to those told of the late Giant MacAskill. Today he shows little of his nearly four score years, and, as he walked about town this morning, many people turned to take a second look at him, as he strode about as straight as a sapling, and with the firm walk of the athlete he was in his prime.

Many and amazing are stories about the doctor, but perhaps none more so than his first meeting with the late John L. Sullivan, when the latter was the heavyweight boxing champion of the United States, if not the world. The meeting occurred in the city of Boston, in a well known place where Dr. Macdonald

was visiting with some friends. Seeing such a big powerfully built an, Sullivan came over to where "Doctor Hudy" was and made himself obnoxious, informing all and sundry that he was the one and only John L. Sullivan.

The quarrel he sought he soon started, and it ended as quickly as it started with Sullivan stretched out on the floor, whence he was removed by friends of his.

A kindly man with a heart of gold Dr. Macdonald was never known to use his great physical size and strength for anything but what was good. As an Athlete, he was in a class by himself, and a fairer and better sportsman never entered a competition.

As a medical man he is known far beyond the community in which he has resided the greater part of his life and he is today one of the oldest, if not the oldest, practicing physicians in the province

### **FROM SECRETARY MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA**

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 29th, 1932.

Dr. H. N. Macdonald,  
Whycocomagh, N .S.

Dear Doctor Macdonald:-

It gives me much pleasure to advise you that the following paragraph appears in the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

"The Executive reported regarding Honorary members and recommended to the society the election of Dr. E. J. Johnstone of Sydney and Dr. H. N. Macdonald of Whycocomagh to honorary membership in the Society. On motion of Dr. J. J. Roy, seconded by Dr. Dan MacNeil, this recommendation was adopted and the Secretary instructed to advise these doctors that they had been elected to this membership."

While you should have received the notice much earlier it was delayed until the Minutes to that meeting were printed.

It therefore affords me a great deal of pleasure to advise you that the members of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia appreciate the long and honorable service that you have rendered as a representative of the Healing Art.

On several occasions the Bulletin in reminiscences of Cape Breton has brought your name to the front, and I am wondering if you could not in some way tell some stories of events that have marked your extended career.

Perhaps you might feel inclined to let us have for historical purposes some instances about your many years of practise in your section of the province.

Trusting that your latter days will be as many as you wish, I remain, on behalf of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

S. L. WALKER M D,  
General Secretary of The  
Medical Society of Nova Scotia





## Errata & New Information

The following information has been uncovered since *Macdonald and Mackinnon Families* was published in 1937. It is included here for family and researchers using the book.

On page 19, Hugh N. said, in the first paragraph, that “Ailean Ban” was the son of **Neil**, son of **John**. Research has confirmed that Ailean Ban was indeed the son of **Neil MacKinnon** and his wife **Christy MacQuarrie**. Neil was born about 1747, his name appearing with siblings, **John** (b.1740), **Donald** (b.1744), **Marion** (b.1749), **Flora** (b.1752) and **Duncan** (b.1757) on the list of inhabitants of the Isle of Muck in the 1764-65 Census of the Small Isles, also known as the Eigg roll. At the head of the family is **Archibald** (b.1710) and his wife **Anna McGuary [MacQuarrie]** (b.1724). There is also a widow, **Marion McLean** (b.1688) who is likely the mother of Archibald. The census recorded the maiden names of all married women.

### Additional History

Originally called Monk, possibly because the first inhabitant was a hermit from Iona, Muck is one of four islands that comprise the Parish of Small Isles. Lying to the South of Skye along with Rum, Canna and Eigg, Muck is the smallest and most fertile island of the group which forms a fairly isolated part of the Inner Hebrides.

Muck always faced the problem of a fuel shortage - there is no peat found on the island. In olden days peat was supplied from the Isle of Rum and also from the mainland at Ardnamurchan while heather was acquired from the Isle of Eigg. During the winter of 1790-91 there was such a shortage of peat on the island that the inhabitants had to burning various pieces of furniture.

In 1787 **Rev. Donald MacLean** (1752-1810), son of **Neil MacLean** of Crossapol, became minister of the Small Isles. He preached once a month in Rum and once a month in Muck, once a quarter in Canna, populated mostly with Catholics, and the remaining Sundays at Eigg where he resided. In 1794 Rev. MacLean wrote about Muck and its people which numbered 193 souls. MacLean explains that there is no register of births, deaths or marriages kept in the parish. This was intentionally done to avoid penalties for not collecting tax which the minister, as registrar, is by law required to collect upon the registration of such events.

"The people appear neither expensive or luxurious. They live chiefly on potatoes and herrings and among the more opulent Tacks men a dish of tea and a dram of whiskey are their greatest luxuries." Rev. MacLean, (1794). MacLean goes on to describe how the clothing had changed. Men no longer wore bonnets, short coats and philabegs and tartan short hose but instead were dressed in hats, short jackets, long trousers and stockings.

In the 1700s the Clan MacLean held possession of Muck. **Lachlan MacLean, Seventh of Coll**, gave the island to his son **Hector, (Hector, First of Muck)**, some of whose descendants later settled in Cape Breton. In 1896 Muck was purchased from MacLean by **Lawrence Thompson MacEwen** whose descendants still own the island and run it as a farm.

Getting back to the MacKinnons a document, entitled "Ancestral Notes", was written in the 1890's by **Alexander MacKinnon**,(1848-1927), grandson of **Duncan "Dubh" MacKinnon** (b.1757). It traces the descendants of one, **Gillie Calum MacKinnon**, through his son, **Archibald**, up to the beginning of the 20th century. Little is known of this man and even his name raises many questions. There is reference to a **Gilliecalum MacKinnon**, son of **John "Dubh" 29th of MacKinnon** and his wife **Mary MacLeod** however they are not the same person.

The document states that Gilliecalum was a Roman Catholic and the father of a family of four or five boys and some daughters. Although some believe this name suggests Archie's father was a servant since the term Gille is synonymous with boy, servant, or attendant this researcher has also found when written as Gilliecalum it can refer to the Christian name Malcolm. If this is so perhaps one of his other son's was Malcolm.

"Ancestral Notes" goes on to state that Gilliecalum's son, Archie, also a Roman Catholic married a Protestant woman who, tradition suggests, was of exceptional gifts and graces. (As discussed above, we know her name was Anna MacQuarrie.) The union proved according to the story a mutually happy one. They agreed beforehand that neither one would in any way interfere with the other's religious views, and that both would worship together alternately. According to this rule they lived happily for some time, however, the priest did not approve of the union or of the arrangements. He made repeated allusions to the matter from the pulpit, until at last

Archie becoming offended, one day got up and said to the priest that he would have no more occasion to declaim about him and walked out of the service with his wife and family. Archie embraced his wife's religion and his descendants formed a Protestant branch of the MacKinnon family.

In the Eigg Roll, written after the name **Archibald MacKinnon** is one word, "**convert**". The fact that he is listed as convert only gives credence to the old family story told by Archie's great-grandson **Alexander MacKinnon**.

The legend ends by saying the other brothers and sisters of Archie MacGilliecalum remained in the R.C. church and their descendants are the MacKinnons of Antigonish, etc. while the descendants of our progenitor settled mainly in Cape Breton, but branches of both families are now widely scattered the world over. At this time it is impossible to establish a concrete connection between the MacKinnons of Antigonish and Gillie Calum MacKinnon.

Now let's examine some of the factors that influenced our ancestors decision to emigrate to Nova Scotia. In 1765 the population of Muck included 144 souls. At war with France in 1791, Britain required a steady supply of potash to make gun powder. Potash was created by burning seaweed, or kelp, and men flocked to Muck where, among other places, it was readily available. By 1794 the population had reached 193 and a plot of land along the shore was worth £200, almost as much as the croft rents at £252. In 1795 the entire population of 195 was employed the kelp industry. By 1815 the war had ended and access to the traditional potash mines of Spain was restored. The price of kelp dropped from a high of £23 a ton to £3 by 1835.

On Muck the future surely looked bleak with a worsening social and economic crisis. Declining kelp prices made it difficult for the islanders to make a living. About 1820 or 1821 a decision was made by some to emigrate to Canada. Those to go included the children of Neill MacKinnon (b.1747), consisting of **Archibald**, **Allan "Ban"**, and **Donald** along with their sister **Annie** and her husband **John MacKinnon**. John was the son of **Donald MacKinnon** and grandson of **Farquhar (Fhearchar) MacKinnon**, also of Muck. This is confirmed by the 1764-65 census where we find, Ferachor McKinnon, a Catholic living on Muck with several children including a son Donald born in 1758. Could Farquhar be a brother Archie MacGilliecalum?

Donald, Farquhar's son, was a veteran of the Napoleonic war, 1804 - 1812. He fought with the Wiltshire Regiment 62 and on coming to Nova Scotia he received a land grant for 200 acres at East Lake Ainslie in 1826 for service.

At about the same time some of the **MacMillians**, children of Neill MacKinnon's sister **Flora** (b.1752) also left Muck. These people landed in Pictou County and while others in the party settled in Pictou the MacKinnons and MacMillians removed to Cape Breton. Hunter, 1994, writes "... in the 1820's when the outright possession of a 200-acre 'lot' of crown land could be obtained, in effect, for a single payment of about five pounds - the figure equivalent to the rent which the typical Highland landlord was then charging annually for the occupancy of a croft of maybe half a dozen acres."

**Captain Alexander MacLean, 14th of Coll** (1754-1835) became heir to Muck, Coll, Rum, and Quinish in May of 1790. Sinclair, (1899) writes, "Alasdair Ruadh was of an independent spirit, and somewhat quick-tempered. He was manly, obliging, and benevolent, and treated his tenants with thorough kindness." In 1826 MacLean of Coll loaded 300 persons from Rum on two ships, the **Dove of Harmony** and the **Highland Lad**, bound for Nova Scotia. The cost of the venture to MacLean was just under six pounds per person. This left 50 people on Rum but two years later, in 1828, they too were removed to Cape Breton along with 150 MacLean tenants from Muck. This time the name of the ship was the **St. Lawrence** and its passengers included **Duncan MacKinnon** (b.1757) and family, the family of **Lauchlin "Ban" MacKinnon**, a son of **Archibald "Og"** who was the eldest son of Archibald (b. 1710). On that same ship came Lauchlin's sister in law **Jane Cameron** and her family including her son **Lody MacKinnon**, referenced on pages 6 & 7.

Possibly the last of the family to emigrate was **Archibald MacKinnon** (b.1788), son of **Donald** (b.1744), and grandson of **Archibald** (b.1710). **Archibald**, his wife, **Flora** and children, **Margaret, Donald & Jessie** are listed on the 1841 census in the village of Sandaver, Isle Of Eigg, Parish of Small Isles. Archie is identified as a crofter. His daughter **Julia** is living next door with her husband **David Dunlop**. Archibald and family probably came to Canada a few years later. It is even possible they sailed on the "**Catherine**" in 1843 departing Tobermorey for Cape Breton and Quebec with about 220 adult passengers.

The "**Catherine**" arrived at Belfast in a "leaky state" where she was detained until the ship be made good before being permitted to renew its voyage. As it turned out the ship "**John and Robert**" was recruited to carry the passengers of the "**Catherine**" to their final destination. It departed Belfast September 2, 1843.