
CROFT 18-24

NORTH ERRADALE



CROFT 18, Lota Dhonnchaidh Ruairidh Sheòrais no Lota Dhuncan, Duncan son of Roderick son of George's croft or Duncan's Croft

From 1851 Croft 18 was tenanted by the Maclean family.

In 1898 Donald Maclean died (widow of Jessie Macrae)

His son Murdoch Maclean became the tenant for a short time but by 1911 Duncan Mackenzie younger son of Roderick Mackenzie croft became the tenant. He was married to Margaret Maclean of Mellon Udrigil, grandniece of John Mackenzie, of the 'Beauties of Gaelic Poetry'. They had three children Roderick known as Roddie D, Jessie and Duncan.

He died in 1913 and was succeeded by his wife and after her death in 1948 her successor was her eldest son Roderick. He left the area to settle in the Isle of Wight and assigned the croft to his brother Duncan.

Duncan and his sister Jessie Ross (who was a widow) lived in the croft until the 1980's. Duncan was a postman and later Pearl Insurance agent and Jessie a teacher in Achtercairn Public School. Duncan died in 2007 in Balnafiery House Inverness aged 94 years.



Croft 18 and outbuildings

**CROFT 18, Lota Dhonnchaidh Ruairidh Sheòrais no Lota Dhuncan,
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House on Croft 18



Jessie Ross



Roddie Mackenzie

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Duncan Mackenzie



**Duncan, Roddie and Jessie's Mother: Margaret
Maclean**



Alexander and Jessie Ross Wedding Photo

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Roddy Mackenzie, Croft 18, Wedding in the Isle of Wight

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Duncan son of Roderick son of George's croft or Duncan's Croft**

CROFT 18 CENSUS DATA

1851					
Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Donald Maclean	Head	Wid	86	Crofter	
John Maclean	Son	U	38	Fisherman	

1861					
Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Donald Maclean	Head	M	44	Farmer	Gairloch
Jessie Maclean	Wife	M	38		
Murdoch Maclean	Son	U	4		
Kenneth Maclean	Son		2		

1871					
Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Donald Maclean	Head	M	55	Wool weaver	Strath
Jessie Maclean	Wife	M	52		Erradale
John Maclean	Son		14	Scholar	Erradale
Kenneth Maclean	Son		12	Scholar	Erradale
Duncan Maclean	Son		10	Scholar	Erradale
Ann Maclean	Dau		8	Scholar	Erradale

1881					
Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Donald Maclean	Head	M	63	Crofter	
Jessie Maclean	Wife	M	61		
Duncan Maclean	Son		19		
Ann Maclean	Dau		17	Dom Servant	

**CROFT 18, Lota Dhonnchaidh Ruairidh Sheòrais no Lota Dhuncan,
Duncan son of Roderick son of George's croft or Duncan's Croft**

1891

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Donald Maclean	Head	M	73	Re-Weaver	
Janet Maclean	Wife	M	70		N Erradale
Murdo Maclean	Son	U	35	Coachman	
Kenneth Maclean	Son	U	31	Cartwright	
Anne Maclean	Dau	U	28	Gen-dom	

1901

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Murdoch Maclean	Head	U	42	Coachdriver	N Erradale
Ann MacDonald	Ser	U	52		

1911

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan Mackenzie	Head	M	54	Missionary	N Erradale
Maggie Mackenzie	Wife	M	41		Mellon Udrigil
Roderick Mackenzie	Son		4		
Jessie Mackenzie	Dau		1		

**CROFT 18, Lota Dhonnchaidh Ruairidh Sheòrais no Lota Dhuncan,
Duncan son of Roderick son of George's croft or Duncan's Croft**

Duncan Mackenzie North Erradale (1913—2007)

Duncan Mackenzie was born in North Erradale on February 28th. 1913. His mother was Margaret MacLean from Mellon Udrigil—a grand niece of John Mackenzie, editor of “The Beauties of Gaelic Poetry”. His father Duncan M Mackenzie belonged to North Erradale. Duncan attended Sand Primary School and recalled with pleasure the Gaelic songs he was taught by Mary Jane MacLean, his teacher.



He spent several years working on the croft. Subsequently, for thirteen years he was employed as village Postman. During the following three decades he travelled throughout Wester Ross as an agent for the Pearl Assurance Company. In his youth, it became evident that he possessed the poetic gift. The exceptional beauty of his local environment, weddings, anniversaries, special occasions--these were all topics which exercised his talents. All his recorded poems are in Gaelic but he also composed English verse.

**CROFT 18, Lota Dhonnchaidh Ruairidh Sheòrais no Lota Dhuncan,
Duncan son of Roderick son of George's croft or Duncan's Croft**

A Song
by Duncan Mackenzie, North Erradale

A warm welcome to the stalwarts
The Gaelic society, their poetry and music.
Who are so occupied right now preparing
The city of Aberdeen where the Mod will
be held.

My eager desire is to be in their company
Listening to their conversation, their music
and songs.
In the language of our ancestors raised in
the glens.
It is the most lovely and tuneful language.

When a true Highlander hears his
language spoken
It raises his thoughts and spirits towards
the North
With pleasure he remembers the high
country of the cold bens
And the heather clad glens with their
sheep and cattle.

Though he'd travel across to lands far
away
And though he'd see their beauty and all
they contain
His mind will still be drawn to the glens
and the moors
Where the roe is pursued and the deer
hunted.

The brisk rumbling brooks ever flowing to
the sea
As of old, will recall to his mind and his
notice
The strong swimming salmon
And each vigorous one he put to rest.

He will certainly recall the days of his
youth
When he attended the ceilidh with story
and song.
His talk will be lustreless, his action
disordered
Until he visits the land of his desire again

Oran le Donnchadh MacCoinnich
Earradail a Tuath, Gearrloch.

Do chomunn na Gàidhlig do bàrdachd 's
do ceòl
O furan 'us failte gu brath do na scoid
Tha'n t-am so cho trang, a faotainn air
doigh
Baile Mor Obaircadhain far an cumta am
Mod.

B e mo mhiann-sa le dùrachd bhi
còmhdaile na scòid
Ag eisdeachd an còmhraidh an òrain 's an
ceòl
Annan cànan ar sìnnseir chaidh àrach
measg ghleann
'Si an cànan as bòidhe 's as ceòlmhoire
th'ann.

'N uair chluinneas fìor Ghaidheal a
chànain ri' chluais
Gu'n tog i a chrìdh agus inntinn ri Tuath
Le tlachd thig 'n a chuimhne tìr ard nam
beann fuar.
Nan gleannanan fraoiche le'n caoraich 'us
buar.

Ged shìubhladh e thairis do dhùthchanan
céin
'S ged chitheadh e'm maise 's gach ni
th'annt d'a féir
Bith aigne sìor tharruing do ghlinn 'us do
shléibh
Far an ruaigearan earba 's bith 'dh tòir air
na féidh.

Bith 'dh torman nan allt tha a sìor ruith gu
dian
A dh'ionnsuidh na mara mar a bha iad o
chian
Toirt 'na chuimhne 's na aire am bradan
air snàmh
'S gach fear dhiubh bha bragail chuir asan
'na thàmh.

Thig gu cinnteach 'na aire an t-am dha bhi
òg
'N uair chleachd c an céilidh ri sgeulachd
'us ceòl
Cha bhi taitneas 'na còmhraidh 'ns
òrdugh 'na ghnìomh
Gus an tadhal e rith ist ann an dùthaich a
mhiann.

Croft 19 was tenanted by Duncan MacRae in 1841. By 1871 his son John MacRae was tenant. His daughter Ann married John MacRae (son of Murdo MacRae croft 15). The buildings on the croft were one dwelling house, 1 barn and 1 byre. By 1940 Flora MacRae daughter of John MacRae was tenant. She died in 1945. By 1947 the croft was tenanted by John Bain.



House ruins on Croft 19



House ruins on Croft 19

CROFT 19 CENSUS DATA

1841

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan MacRae			45	Cottar	
Ann MacRae			40		
Jannet MacRae			20		
John MacRae			15		
Murdo MacRae			15		

1851

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan MacRae	Head	M	60	Crofter	Gairloch
Ann MacRae	Wife	M	48		
Janet MacRae	Dau.	U	29		
John MacRae	Son	U	24	Fisherman	

1861

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan MacRae	Head	M	60	Crofter	
John MacRae	Son	M	32	Fisherman	
Catherine MacRae	Wife	M	26		
Flora MacRae	Dau		1		
Catherine Bain	Visitor	Widow			

1871

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John MacRae	Head	M	42	Fisherman	N.Erradale
Catherine MacRae	Wife	M	35		N.Erradale
Flora MacRae	Dau		10	Scholar	
Ann MacRae *	Dau		8	Scholar	
John MacRae	Son		6	Scholar	
Duncan MacRae	Father	Widower	80		

* Mother of Alex (Downie) MacRae

CROFT 19, Lota Scottair, Scottair's Croft**1881**

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John MacRae	Head	M	55	Crofter	
Catherine MacRae	Wife	M	45		
Flora MacRae	Dau.		21	Gen-serv.	
John MacRae	Son		17		
Alexander MacRae	Uncle	M	73		

1891

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Catherine MacRae	Head	Widow	52	Crofter	
John MacRae	Son	U	27	Gen Lab	

1901

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Catherine MacRae	Head	Widow	64	Crofter	
Flora MacRae	Dau	U	40		
John MacRae	Son	U	36	Fisherman	

1911

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Katie MacRae	Head	Widow	75	Crofter	
John MacRae	Son	U	46	Croft Worker	

CROFT 20, Lota Eachainn Ruaidh, Red Hector's Croft

The croft was tenanted by John Mackenzie in 1851 and later by his son Duncan Mackenzie.

Duncan's son Hector was the father of Murdina who had the Gairloch P.O. for many years.

Christy and Donald, children of Duncan, died in 1903 and 1905 respectively and his widow Mary Mackenzie died in 1923.

John Mackenzie (eldest son) did not want the croft and the tenancy was given to his brother Hector. He gave up the croft in 1923 and it was let to George Millar, who had a house on the boundary of croft 25.

In 1957 John Bain became tenant of croft 20.



House ruins on Croft 20



House ruins on Croft 20

CROFT 20 CENSUS DATA

1851

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Mackenzie	Head	M	64	Crofter	Gairloch
Christian Mackenzie	Wife	M	51		
Duncan Mackenzie	Son	U	18		
Jane (?) Mackenzie	Dau	U	11		
Ann Mackenzie	Dau	U	21		

1861

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan Mackenzie	Head	U	27	Crofter	Shieldaig
Ann Mackenzie	Dau	U	29		
Margaret Mackenzie	Dau	U	21		
Roseanne Mackenzie	Visitor	U	13		

1871

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan Mackenzie	Head	M	36	Fisherman	Shieldaig
Mary Mackenzie	Wife	M	28		Poolewe
Christy Mackenzie	Dau	U	2		Erradale
John Campbell	Nephew	U	15		Aultgrishan

1881

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan Mackenzie	Head	M	38	Crofter	Shieldaig
Mary Mackenzie	Wife	M	37		Poolewe
Christy Mackenzie	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Erradale
Hector Mackenzie	Son	U	5		
John Mackenzie	Son	U	8		

CROFT 20, Lota Eachainn Ruaidh, Red Hector's Croft

1891

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan Mackenzie	Head	M	56	Crofter	Shieldaig
Mary Mackenzie	Wife	M	47		Poolewe
Hector Mackenzie	Son	U	15	Gen-Lab	
John Mackenzie	Son	U	18	Gen-Lab	
Donald Mackenzie	Son	U	7	Scholar	

1901

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan Mackenzie	Head	M	72	Crofter	Shieldaig
Mary Mackenzie	Wife	M	57		Poolewe
Donald Mackenzie	Son	U	17	Labourer	

1911

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Mary Mackenzie	Head	M	68		Poolewe

CROFT 21, Lota Dhomhnaill' an Duun, Donald son of Brown John's croft

From 1851 this croft was tenanted by John Maclean. In the early 1900's his daughter Annie became the tenant. She died in 1922 and her brother Donald died in 1933. Their nephew, son of their brother Duncan, was their successor but he was living in New South Wales, Australia and did not take up the tenancy. In 1933 the croft was let to William Hay, but by 1949 he had left the croft. In the 1950's it was let to John Mackenzie (Croft 13). When he died his brother Alex inherited the croft and by 1970 Kenny Mackenzie was tenant of the croft.



House ruins on Croft 22 looking west



House ruins on Croft 22 looking north



House ruins on Croft 21



Outbuilding ruins on Croft 21

CROFT 21 CENSUS DATA

1851

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Maclean	Head	Head	36	Crofter	Gairloch
Margaret Maclean	Wife	M			
Margaret Urquhart	Servant	U	25	Farm Servant	
John Maclean	Head	Widow	78	Ret Crofter	
Donald Maclean	Son	U	31	Fisherman	
Colin Maclean	Nephew	U	12	Shepherd	

1861

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Maclean	Head	M	49	Crofter	Gairloch
Margaret Maclean	Wife	M	36		
Alexander Maclean	Son	U	8	Scholar	Erradale
Ann Maclean	Dau	U	6	Scholar	Erradale
Duncan Maclean	Son	U	4		Erradale
Catherine Maclean	Dau	U	1		Erradale

1871

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Maclean	Head	M	63	Crofter	Strath
Margaret Maclean	Wife	M	48		Sand
Alexander Maclean	Son	U	18	Shepherd	Erradale
Ann Maclean	Dau	U	16	Gen Servant	Erradale
Duncan Maclean	Son	U	14	Scholar	Erradale
Catherine Maclean	Dau	U	11	Scholar	Erradale
Donald Maclean	Son	U	2	Scholar	Erradale

1881

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Maclean	Head	M	74	Crofter	Strath
Margaret Maclean	Wife	M	54		Sand
Duncan Maclean	Son	U	24		Erradale
Catherine Maclean	Dau	U	22		
Donald Maclean	Son	U	12	Scholar	Erradale
Joanne Maclean	Dau	U	19		Erradale

CROFT 21, Lota Dhomhnaill' an Duun, Donald son of Brown John's croft

1891

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Maclean	Head	M	80	Crofter	Strath
Margaret Maclean	Wife	M	68		Sand
Anne Maclean	Dau	U	34	Laundrymaid	Erradale
Donald Maclean	Son	U	21	Shepherd	

1901

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Maclean	Head	Widower	93	Crofter	
Donald Maclean	Son	U	30		
Ann Maclean	Dau.	U	40		

1911

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Ann Maclean	Head	U	56	Croft worker	
Donald Maclean	Brother	U	42	Crofter	

Since 1841 croft 22 was tenanted by Mackenzies. In 1931 the croft was abandoned by Margaret Mackenzie grand-daughter of Ann Mackenzie (Maclean)

In 1934 the croft was tenanted by Findlay (Philip) Mackenzie who was a grieve at Flowerdale Farm, but by 1943 the family left the area for Inverness.

In 1957 the croft was tenanted by Alex Mackenzie who had croft 13.



Building at top of Croft 22



Existing house on Croft 22 looking west

CROFT 22 CENSUS DATA

1841					
Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Hector Mackenzie	Son	U	35	Cottar	
Malcolm Mackenzie	Son	U	24		
Anne Mackenzie	Head	M	60		
Anne Mackenzie	Dau	U	35		
Murdo Mackenzie	Gr son		5		

1851					
Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Ann Mackenzie	Head	Widow	80	Crofter	Gairloch
Malcolm Mackenzie	Son	U	36	Fisherman	
Anne Mackenzie	Dau	U	42		
Murdoch Mackenzie	Gr-son	U	12	Fisherman	
Margaret Fraser	Servant	U		Servant	

1861					
Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Malcolm Mackenzie	Head	M	44	Crofter	Gairloch
Ann Mackenzie	Wife	M	38		Poolewe
John Mackenzie	Son	U	5		Erradale
Mary Mackenzie	Son	U	3		Erradale
Ann Mackenzie	Dau	U	6mths		Erradale
Murdoch Mackenzie	Servant	U	25		Sand

1871					
Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Malcolm Mackenzie	Head	M	55	Fisherman	Erradale
Ann Mackenzie	Wife	M	49		Poolewe
John Mackenzie	Son		15	Scholar	Erradale
Mary Mackenzie	Dau		13	Scholar	Erradale
Ann Mackenzie	Dau		10	Scholar	Erradale
Margaret Mackenzie	Dau		7	Scholar	Erradale
Hector Mackenzie	Son		4		Erradale
Murdo Mackenzie	Nephew	U	35	Fisherman	Sand

1881

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Malcolm Mackenzie	Head	M	65	Crofter	
Ann Mackenzie	Wife	M	60		
Hector Mackenzie	Son	U	14		
Margaret Mackenzie	Dau	U	17		

1891

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Ann Mackenzie	Head	Widow	70	Crofter	Poolewe
Ann Mackenzie	Dau	U	29	Gen-dom	Erradale
George Ross	Gr-son		6	Scholar	Forres

1901

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Ann Mackenzie	Head	Widow	80	Crofter	Poolewe
Ann Mackenzie	Dau	U	40		Erradale
Margaret Mackenzie	Dau	U	37		Erradale

1911

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Ann Mackenzie	Head	U	50	Housekeeper	Erradale

Croft 23 was tenanted by a MacRae family, related to the MacRaes in crofts 15 and 26. Alex MacRae was the son of John and Mary (Mackenzie) MacRae of croft 26. He married Jessie Mackenzie who was born in North Erradale and they had 10 of a family. Duncan MacRae, son of Alex and Jessie, emigrated to America in 1858. He left Gairloch on a boat called the "Mary MacRae".

By the 1880's four of the ten children that Alex and Jessie had were living in upstate New York and one Anne Urquhart (MacRae) was living in New South Wales, Australia. Janet MacRae, mother of the family, died in Peterburn at the home of her daughter Ann.

Hector MacRae the oldest son became tenant of the croft after his mother's death, but he died in 1904 and his widow Christina was his successor.

John Bain got the tenancy in 1934. Subsequently John Mackenzie (Meleven) became the tenant.



Enclosure on Croft 23



Stone Mound on Croft 23



Ruins on Croft 23 and Enclosure wall

CROFT 23 CENSUS DATA

1841

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Alex MacRae	Head	M	30		
Jessie MacRae	Wife	M	25		
Anne MacRae	Dau		4		
Duncan MacRae	Son		3		
Catherine MacRae	Dau		5mths		

1851

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Alexander MacRae	Head	M	40	Crofter	Gairloch
Janet MacRae	Wife	M	33		
Ann MacRae	Dau		15		Erradale
Duncan MacRae	Son		13		
Catherine MacRae	Dau		10		
Hector MacRae	Son		7		
Christian MacRae	Dau		4		
Mary MacRae	Dau		1		

1861

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Alexander MacRae	Head	M	54	Crofter	Erradale
Jessie MacRae	Wife	M	47		Erradale
Catherine MacRae	Dau	U	20		Erradale
Christy MacRae	Dau	U	18		Erradale
Hector MacRae	Son	U	15	Scholar	Erradale
Mary MacRae	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Erradale
John MacRae	Son	U	10	Scholar	Erradale
Alexander MacRae	Son	U	10	Scholar	Erradale
Margaret MacRae	Dau	U	6	Scholar	
Alex MacRae	Son	U	4		

1871

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Alexander MacRae	Head	M	63	Fisherman	North Erradale
Jessie MacRae	Wife	M	56		North Erradale
Hector MacRae	Son	U	26	Fisherman	North Erradale
Alexander MacRae	Son	U	17	Ag Lab	North Erradale
Margaret MacRae	Dau	U	15	Gen Servant	North Erradale
Alexander MacRae	Son	U	12	Scholar	North Erradale
Christy Urquhart	G- dau	U	5		Altanphadrick

1881

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Alexander MacRae	Head	U	27	Crofter	North Erradale
Alexander Jr MacRae	Brother	U	21		
Jessie MacRae	Mother	Widow	65		

1891

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Janet MacRae	Head	Widow	77	Crofter	North Erradale
Hector MacRae	Son	M	46	Fisherman	North Erradale
Christy MacRae	Wife	M	32		

1901

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Hector MacRae	Head	M	58	Crofter Fis	North Erradale
Christy MacRae	Wife	M	45		North Erradale

1911

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Christina MacRae	Head	Widow	55	Crofter	

Information provided by Daniel MacRae, Brookfield, Connecticut, USA.

Family Group Record

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Husband Alex McRae				
Born	20 Jul 1806	Place	North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Christened	26 Jul 1806	Place	?	Endowed
Died	27 Jan 1881	Place		Sealed to parents
Buried		Place		
Married	30 Mar 1836	Place		Sealed to spouse
Husband's father	John McRae			
Husband's mother	Mary McKenzie			

Wife Janet Jessie McKenzie				
Born	1814	Place	Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Died	31 Aug 1896	Place		Endowed
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents
Wife's father	John McKenzie			
Wife's mother	Annabell			

Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	F	Ann McRae		
	Born	1836	Place	North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place	
	Died	27 Mar 1917	Place	Peterburn, Scotland
	Buried	AFT. 27 MAR 1917	Place	Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Spouse	John Urquhart		
	Married	2 Feb 1860	Place	Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
2	M	Duncan McRae		
	Born	AFT. 1 MAR 1839	Place	North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place	
	Died	20 Mar 1907	Place	St. Joseph Hospital, Syracuse, NY
	Buried	23 Mar 1907	Place	Oakwood Cemetary, Syracuse, NY
	Spouse	Isabella Glennie		
	Married	21 May 1874	Place	United Presbyterian Church, York, NY
3	F	Catherine McRae		
	Born	AFT. 1 NOV 1840	Place	North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place	
	Died	25 Jul 1912	Place	Stirkhill, Scotland
	Buried	AFT. 25 JUL 1912	Place	Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Spouse	Kenneth MacPherson		
	Married	12 Mar 1874	Place	
4	M	Hector McRae		
	Born	1844	Place	North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place	
	Died	4 Apr 1904	Place	North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
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Husband Alex McRae			
Wife Janet Jessie McKenzie			
Children List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
4	M	Hector McRae	
	Buried	UNKNOWN	Place Lot 23, North Airadale, Gairloch, Scotland
	Spouse	Christina MacDonald	
	Married	20 Dec 1883	Place Free Church, South Gairloch, Scotland
		Sealed to spouse	
5	F	Christina McRae	
	Born	3 Feb 1847	Place North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place
	Died	16 Jan 1926	Place Erie County Home, Alden, NY
	Buried	ABT. 18 JAN 1926	Place Elmlawn Cemetary, Kenmore, NY
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
		Sealed to spouse	
6	F	Mary McRae	
	Born	ABT. 1849	Place
	Christened		Place
	Died	ABT. 1910	Place New York
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Roderick Munro	
	Married	23 Feb 1871	Place North District, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
		Sealed to spouse	
7	M	John R. McRae	
	Born	ABT. 1851	Place North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place
	Died	30 Mar 1923	Place Shoshone County, Kellogg, ID
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Susan McLachan	
	Married	21 Sep 1874	Place Batavia, NY
		Sealed to spouse	
8	M	Alexander McRae	
	Born	1853	Place North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place
	Died	12 Dec 1921	Place Tomnahurich, Inverness, Inverness, Scotland
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Annie Campbell	
	Married	20 Jan 1887	Place Southern District, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
		Sealed to spouse	
9	F	Margaret McRae	
	Born	3 Aug 1855	Place North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place
	Died	25 Nov 1940	Place Dunrobin Glen, Sutherland, Scotland
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	John MacKenzie	
	Married	17 Jan 1878	Place Free Church, South Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty Scotland
		Sealed to spouse	

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Husband Alex McRae			
Wife Janet Jessie McKenzie			
Children List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
10	M	Alex McRae	
	Born	1857	Place North Aridale, Gairloch, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland
	Christened		Place
	Died	UNKNOWN	Place
	Buried		Place
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
	Baptized		
	Endowed		
	Sealed to parents		
	Sealed to spouse		
Notes			
CHILD 7 - John R. McRae John had a colorful life. he was born in Scotland and came to the US and landed up in Caledonia, NY. He ran a bar and worked with his brother Duncan in the meat market. In the 1880's he left NY and went to the territory of Washington/Idaho and ended up in Kellogg, ID. He silver mined there and died in 1923 trying to cross a river (Snake River) where the cable snapped. His body was never found and a Gorge on the river is called McRae Gorge.			

Alex's oldest son, Duncan came to the US in 1858 and is found living in Upstate New York in Caledonia, NY south of Rochester NY. He left Gairloch on a ship called the Mary McRae and I found the passenger list many years ago at an LDS Church family living center. Duncan met his wife Isabella Glennie in New York State. I found Duncan's naturalization papers in my research and the witness that attested to his worthiness had a last name of Bain. I suspect this Bain gentleman was also from North Erradale. Duncan's obituary of March 29th, 1907 in the Picket Line Post stated:

Funeral of Duncan McRae, whose serious accident was reported in the PLP last week died at St. Joesph hospital in Syracuse and his funeral was held Sunday with burial in Syracuse. He was 74 years old and leaves his widow and a large family of sons and daughters.

Mr. McRae was born in Scotland and came to America in 1858. For 18 years he was in Caledonia and for seven years at the Craig Colony. There were five sons and five daughters in his father's family. Three brothers and two sisters are in Scotland, one sister in South Australia. In this country, one sister Mrs. Mary Munro lives in Mt. Morris and Miss Christina McRae in Buffalo. John McRae has been for many years profitably engaged in silver mining in Washington, Idaho.(a territory at that time)

Duncan's brother John, sisters Mary (McRae) Munro and Christina McRae, I believe, arrived after Duncan's date of 1858. They can be found in later census for North Erradale. Duncan and John owned a butcher shop and saloon in Caledonia. In the 1880-1890's timeframe John and his wife Susan and family travel to Kellogg, Idaho. John would have been called a 'Sunshine Boy' for those individuals that wanted to hit it big in silver mining. John died in 1921 crossing a river in a cable car full of lead. The cable snapped and his body was never found. I have in the past found a gorge in my research called the 'McRae Gorge'. Since the body was never found, a death certificate does not exist for John McRae.

Christina can be found working as a maid in the city of Buffalo from census records. It seems she never married and died without issue. She is buried in a Buffalo cementary in an unmarked grave.

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In the 1880's this croft was tenanted by MacRae's although there are no records for them in the 1871 and 1881 Census. From 1901 it was tenanted by Mackenzies. Mary Mackenzie wife of William is a sister of Alex Mackenzie from croft 25. In 1931 Duncan Mackenzie, croft 10, who was a cousin of Alex Mackenzie became tenant. By the late 30's the croft was tenanted by John D. MacRae.



House ruin on Croft 24, north-west corner



House ruins on Croft 24, south-west corner



House ruins on Croft 24, middle

CROFT 24 CENSUS DATA

1841

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John MacRae	Head	M	30		
Ellen MacRae	Wife	M	25		
Margaret MacRae	Dau		5		
Myles MacRae	Son		4		
Murdo MacRae	Son		2		
N K MacRae	Son		5mths		

1851

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John MacRae	Head	M	44	Crofter	Gairloch
Helen MacRae	Wife	M	41		
Margaret MacRae	Dau	U	14		
Murdoch MacRae	Son	U	11		
Ann MacRae	Dau	U	9		
Donald MacRae	Son	U	6		
Duncan MacRae	Son	U	4		
Christie MacRae	Son	U	2		

1861

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John MacRae	Head	M	54	Crofter	
Margaret MacRae	Dau	U	23		
Ann MacRae	Dau	U	18		
Mary MacRae	Dau	U	8		

1891

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Duncan MacRae	Head	M	36	Fisherman	
Catherine MacRae	Wife	M	28		
Murdo Mackenzie		U	50	Crofter	

1901

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
William Mackenzie	Head	M	60	Crofter	
Mary Mackenzie	Wife	M	50		

1911

Name	Position in Family	Marital Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
William Mackenzie	Head	M	70	Crofter	
Mary Mackenzie	Wife	M	60		