

**PART I**

PASSENGERS 1802

# SHIPS' LISTS OF LOCHABER IMMIGRANTS 1802

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The ships' lists for the three ships, the *Friends*, the *Helen* and the *Jane* are located in the Archibald 'Murlaggan' McMillan Papers, National Archives of Canada (NA), MG 24 I 183. These lists form one of the key documents for a study of the Lochaber migration.

Originally we had thought to publish a reproduction of the original ship lists that are part of the Archibald McMillan papers. Because the writing is so faded, it was decided to do a new transcription from the primary source document. We have reproduced one page so that the reader may see the original. It is interesting to note that the families came from all parts of Lochaber – Laddy, Livisie, Munergy and many other places noted in the lists. The husband-wife-children groups are obvious but it is more difficult to tell about the rest. Many groups would be sister-brother combinations, or just close friends. By all accounts they had a much better time at sea than was

the lot of most emigrants. Judging by Archibald's concerns as expressed in his writings, it seems likely that he was responsible for seeing to their welfare at sea and on land. The logistics of assembling so many people in one place (Fort William) on a certain date must have been formidable. Roads and communications were limited.

The initial list of passengers (numbers 1 to 299) boarded in Fort William. The addendum at the end of the list as published below is a list of passengers added by Somerled MacMillan in his *Bygone Lochaber*, and seems to include names of people who boarded the ships in Saltcoats on the Clyde River, the last stop before the Atlantic crossing. Archibald 'Murlaggan' McMillan, his wife and family are included in this second list. Over a period of several weeks before going south, McMillan had enlisted over 250 passengers. At number 254 (John McMillan), the handwriting changes, signalling a second compiler. Archibald McMillan apparently had departed Fort William for Glasgow in order to stock up on provisions and water. He, his wife and family then boarded one of the ships at Saltcoats.

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*MacDonell* and *Macdonald* are anglicized variants of the Gaelic word *Dhomniull* for all those bearing the name of clan Donald. It was the compiler of the original list who made the choice. Other lists from this period show that some writers consistently used 'Mc' as opposed to 'Mac' while others employed 'Donell' as opposed to 'Donald.' The stress is on the first syllable in Gaelic. However one notable exception occurs in Catholic Jacobite families where the second language was French and the stress on the last syllable would be employed as in French. The few instances of the spelling 'McDonald' in this list are cases where the line was crowded and the abbreviation 'McDon:d' is employed. The single case which is spelled out as such is entry 284 (Don: McDonald), which is in a different hand. In other words, the spelling variants are not important – they are all simply *dhomniull* in the Gaelic.

The compilers of the 1802 list wrote with a fine clear hand and there is rarely an ambiguity in the spelling. A case in point is *Leck*, although most English-speakers use the spelling *Leek*, the Gaelic pronunciation is better represented as *Leck* as the list compiler has done.

*Broy:r* as an abbreviation for Brother is an instance of the old convention of representing the diphthong 'th' by the old Anglo-Saxon letter *thorn* for which English typographers usually substituted the roman letter 'y.' Readers of the time would know by context and pronounce the word correctly, reading 'ye' as 'thee', for instance.

Strike-outs in the lists are as they appear in the original (for example number 10). The line numbers occur in the original and are a running tally of the number of adult passengers.

NAMES OF PASSENGERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE ON THE LISTS

Alex McPhee	Aberchalder
Alex McPhee	Do.
Catherin McAlpin	"
Mary McPhee	"

5	Marg: McPhee	"
	Anny McPhee & 1 child	
	=====	
	Donald McPhee	
	Anne Kennedy	
	Janet Marshall	
10	McPhee's wife & 1 child	
	=====	
	Ewen Kennedy	Aberchalder
	his Wife	
	Don: Kennedy	Kinlochlochry
	4 children	
	=====	
	Don: Cameron	Drimnasallie
15	his Wife	
	=====	
	John Corbet	Ardachy
	Mrs Corbet	
	<del>Mary Corbet</del>	
	William Corbet	
20	Christy Corbet & 1 child	
	=====	
	John McDonald	Inchlagan
	his Wife	
	Don: McDonell & 2 children	
	=====	
	Donald Scot	Aberchalder
25	his Wife	
	Alex Scot	
	Dun: Scot	
	Janet Scot	
	Mary Scot & 2 children	
	=====	
30	Dun: Kennedy	Aberchalder
	his Wife & 3 children	
	=====	
	Don: Kennedy	Achluachrach
	Mrs Kennedy	
	<del>Mary McDonell</del> & 5 children	
	=====	
35	Alex McDonell	Laggan
	Mrs McDonell & 2 children	
	=====	
	John McDonell	Leck
	=====	
	Don: Kennedy	Laddy
	Mrs Kennedy & 2 children	
	=====	
40	Don: McDonell	Laddy

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John McDonell		80	Peggy McDonell	
Dun: McDonell			Allan McDonell & 4 children	
Catherine McDonell			=====	
Mary Kennedy			Alexander McDonell	Boline
=====			his Wife	
45	Allan McDonell	Munergy	Dun: McDonell	
	Mrs McDonell		85	Donald McDonell
	Margaret McDonell taken in no. 298			Cath: McDonell & 4 children
	Catherin McDonell			=====
	Donald McDonell & 2 children			John McDonell
	=====			Dugald McDonell
	Donald McDougald	Ft Augustus		Catherin McDonell
50	Mrs McDougald		90	Flory McDonell
	Marjery McDougald			Peggy McDonell
	Alex McDougald			Donald McDonell & 1 child
	John McDougald			=====
	=====			Arch'd McLean
	Alexander Stewart & 1 child	Ft Augustus		Alex Angus McLean
55	Donald Fraser	Leck		=====
	Mrs Fraser & 1 child		95	John Kennedy
	=====			his Wife
	Mary McAlpin	Greenfield		Dun: Kennedy
	Mary Cameron	Letterfinlay		Alexander Kennedy
	Catherin McAlpin	Do.		=====
60	Eliz: Grant	Drimdrochil		Donald Kennedy
	=====		100	Angus Kennedy
	Alexander Grant	Achnaconern		Alex Kennedy
	Mrs Grant			Allan Kennedy
	John Grant & 4 children			Mrs Kennedy & 2 children
	=====			=====
	Donald Grant	Dalcattaig		John Kennedy
65	Mrs Grant		105	his Wife
	=====			Ewen Kennedy
	Mary Grant	Duldregan		Mary Kennedy
	Flory Grant			Alex Kennedy
	Isabella Grant			Janet Kennedy
	Anne Grant	Livisie	110	Angus Kennedy & 3 children
70	John Grant & 1 child			=====
	=====			John McDonell
	James McDonell	Balmean		his Wife & 1 child
	Mrs McDonell			Alex Cameron
	Kath: McDonell			his wife
	Allan McDonell & 4 children			=====
	=====		115	John Stewart
75	Don: McDonell	Inchlagan		Mary Stewart
	his Wife			Catherin Stewart
	Mary McDonell			=====
	Janet McDonell			Ranald McDonell
	Catherin McDonell			Alex McKinzie
				Achteraw
				Urquhart

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120	John McDonell Alex Scot =====	Divach Urquhart	Effy McMillan 4 children =====	
	Chas. McArthur John McArthur Sarrah McArthur	Inverskilroy	John McMillan his Wife Alex McKay & 3 children =====	Shanvall
125	Lizie McArthur Donald McArthur =====		165 Kath: McMillan Mary McMillan Peggy McMillan & 1 child =====	Shanvall Do. Do.
	Dun: McKinnon his Wife & 6 children =====	Donie		
	Effy Kennedy	Caum	Angus McPhee his Wife & 3 children =====	Crieff
130	Archy McMillan Mary McMillan Kath: McMillan Miles McMillan Dun: McLean & Wife		170 John McDonald his Wife Alex. McDonald Donald McDonald 175 Peggy McDonald Mary McGilvray =====	Kenlochnadale
135	Alex McKinnon his Wife & 3 children Dun: McKinnon =====			
	James McIntosh Catherin McIntosh	Kerrowdoun	Donald McMillan his Wife & 4 children =====	Tomdoun
140	Mary McDonell Mary McDonell =====		180 E. McMillan his Wife & 4 children Arch'd McMillan =====	Corrybuy
	Donald Kennedy Marg: Kennedy & 3 children =====	Lewiston	Ewen McMillan his Wife & 1 child =====	Craigalachie
145	John Cameron Angus Cameron & his broy:r Catherin Cameron Mary Gillis Mary Cameron	Glenturret Leck	John McMillan his Wife 185 Ewen McMillan 5 children =====	Corsuck
150	Marjery Cameron 2 children =====			
	Donald Cameron his Wife & 2 children =====	Kenlocharkaig	John McMillan his Wife Mary McMillan 190 Marg: McMillan Catherin McMillan =====	Muick
155	John Cameron his Wife John Cameron Donald Cameron Ewen Cameron =====	Kenmere	Ewen McMillan his Wife & 3 children =====	Coinich
	Dun: McMillan his Wife	Shanvall	John McMillan 195 his Wife Dun: McMillan	Glenpean
160	Catherin McMillan			

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	Dugald McMillan		230	Don: McDonell	Aberchalder
	Bell McMillan			his Wife	
	Alex McMillan			Anne McDonells	
	1 child			Dun: McDonells	
	=====			Ewen McDonells	
200	John McMillan	Camusein		2 children	
	3 children			=====	
	=====		235	William Fraser	Ft Augustus
	John McMillan	Coinich		his Wife & 2 children	
	his Wife			=====	
	Dun: McMillan			Alex Fraser	Ft Augustus
	Betty McKinnon			his Wife	
205	Alex McDonell			=====	
	Mary McMillan	Munergy		Alex Rankin	Carnach
	3 Children		240	his Wife	
	=====			X	[blank]
	Alex: McMillan	Callich		& 2 1 children	
	his Wife & 1 child			=====	
	=====			Archibald Henderson	Glencoe
	Ewen McMillan	Quarter		his Wife	
210	Cath: McMillan		245	[blank]	
	=====			1 child	
	Angus McMillan	Arkaig		=====	
	his Wife & 2 children			Ewen McLean	Aberchalder
	=====			his Wife	
	Angus McDonell	Invervigar		Donald McLean	
	his Wife		250	Cath: McLean	
215	Duncan McDonell			Mary McLean	
	Katherin McDonell			4 children	
	Mary McDonell			=====	
	Alex: McDonell			Don: McMillan	Aberchalder
	John McDonell			his Wife	
	=====			John McMillan	
220	Donald McMillan	Achintore	255	Marg: McMillan	
	his Wife			Mary McDonell & 3 children	
	=====			=====	
	John McDonald	Doers		Donald McDonell	Thornhill
	=====			his Wife & 3 children	
	John McDon'd for his Bro: r	Inchlagan		=====	
	=====			Alexander Cameron	Thornhill
	Donald McDonell	Leck	260	his Wife & 2 children	
225	his Wife			=====	
	=====			Arch'd McDonell	Paisley
	Dun: Gillis	Aberchalder		his Wife	
	Moread McMillan			=====	
	Mary Kennedy			Mary McLean	Laddy
	Mrs Gillis			Katherin McLean	Do.
	4 children			=====	
	=====		265	Dun: McLean	Munergy

his Wife

Angus McLean

Duncan McLean

Janet McLean & 1 child

=====

270 Mary McMaster

Glenpean

Anne Cameron

Muick

=====

Ewen McMillan

Lubriach

his Wife

Mary McMillan

275 Peggy McMillan

Donald McMillan

Ewen McMillan

=====

Cath: McLean

Caum

=====

John Cameron

Achnacary

280 his Wife

Dun: Cameron

=====

Mary Chislom [sic]

Strathglass

Anne Chislom [sic]

Do.

=====

Don: McDonald

Inchlagan

285 his Wife & 2 children

=====

Dugald McMillan

Inchlagan

his Wife & 1 child

=====

Ewen Kennedy

Invergarry

his Wife

290 Christy McLean

Peggy Kennedy

=====

Don: McMillan

Paisley

his Wife & 2 children

=====

Annie McMillan

Paisley

=====

295 Alex: Kennedy

Laddy

his Wife & 2 children

=====

Alex: Cameron

Lochielhead

=====

Marg: McDonell

Munergy

see no 45 omitted in that family

=====

Dun: McLean's Wife No 134 omitted

ADDENDUM

(Additional passengers not in above lists. See introductory note.)

Archibald McMillan Murlaggan

his Wife & 5 children

Thamasina Gray

Maryburgh

=====

Allan McMillan

Glenpean

his Wife Margaret & children

Ewen, John, Alexander, James,

Donald, Archibald, Helen,

Janet

=====

Alexander Cameron

Gortenor

Alexander Cameron

Sallachan

Alexander Cameron

Arkaigside

Donald Cameron

Kirkton

Duncan Cameron

Drimnasallie

John Cameron

Kinlochiel

John Cameron

Muick

Margaret Cameron

Glengarry

John Campbell

Glenelg

Alex:McDonald

Moy, GlenSpean

Duncan McDonell

Aviemore

Angus McKay

Shanvall

Kenneth McLean

Mull

Donald McLellan

Glenelg

Mary McMaster

Oban

Alex McMillan

Late Soldier, Lochaber Regiment

Angus McMillan

Callich

Don:MacMillan

Callop, Glenfinnan

Donald McMillan

Rellen

Dugald McMillan

Oban

James McMillan

Knoydart

John McMillan

Callich

Murdoch McPherson

Noid, Badenoch

Dun:McRae

Glenshiel, Kintail

Gilchrist McRae

Lianish, Kintail

Norman Morrison

Glenelg

John Wright

millwright from Ayrshire

FAMILY GROUPS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

The following indexed listing, ordered alphabetically by head of family, is from two sources: the original manuscript 'List of Emigrants per Mr Archibald MacMillan' (NA, MG 24, I 183); and the listing in Somerled MacMillan's *Bygone Lochaber* (Glasgow, 1971). The two lists have been merged, retaining de-

tails from both. The family grouping is preserved intact by entering each family under the name of the head of the family. As to the relationships within the groups, it appears to adhere to the following format: husband, wife, children thirteen and over, servants or in-laws, children (under thirteen). In two instances, Alexander Stewart of Fort Augustus and Effy Kennedy of Caum, other entire families were listed within their families. These intrusive families have been cross-entered in this present revised listing.

Cameron, Alex: (Gortenor)

Cameron, Alex: (Lochielhead)

Cameron, Alex: (Sallachan, Arkaigside)

Cameron, Alex: (Thornhill), wife, children (2)

Cameron, Donald (Drimnassalie), wife

Cameron, Donald (Kenlocharkaig), wife, children (2)

Cameron, Donald (Kirkton)

Cameron, Duncan (Drimnasallie), wife

Cameron, John (Achnacary), wife, Duncan

Cameron, John (Glenturret), Angus (his brother),

Catherin (Leck), Mary, Margery, children (2), Mary Gillis

Cameron, John (Kenmere), wife, John, Donald, Ewen

Cameron, John (Kinlochiel)

Cameron, John (Muick)

Cameron, Margaret (Glengarry)

Campbell, John (Glenelg)

Chisholm, Mary (Strathglass), Anne

Corbet, John (Ardachy), wife, Mary, William, Christy, 1 child

Fraser, Alex: (Fort Augustus), wife

Fraser, Donald (Leck), wife, 1 child [travelling with Alex: Stewart family, below]

Fraser, William (Fort Augustus), wife, children (2)

Gillis, Duncan (Aberchalder), wife, Moread McMillan, Mary Kennedy, children (4)

Grant, Alex: (Achnaconern), wife, John, children (4)

Grant, Donald (Dalcattaig), wife

Grant, Mary (Duldregan), Flory, Isabella; John & Anne Grant (Livisie), 1 child

Henderson, Archibald (Glencoe), wife, 1 child

Kennedy, Alex: (Laddy), wife, children (2)

Kennedy, Donald (Achluachrach), wife, Mary McDonell, children (5)

Kennedy, Donald (Inchlagan), wife, Angus, Alex:, Allan, children (2)

Kennedy, Donald (Laddy), wife, children (2)

Kennedy, Donald (Lewiston), Margaret, children (3)

Kennedy, Duncan (Aberchalder), wife, children (2)

Kennedy, Effy (Caum), Archy McMillan, Mary, Katherine, Miles [see Duncan McLean & Alex: McKinnon families]

Kennedy, Ewen (Aberchalder), wife, Donald Kennedy (Kenlochloch), children (4)

Kennedy, Ewen (Invergarry), wife, Christy, Peggy

Kennedy, John (Inchlagan), wife, Ewen, Mary, Alex, Janet, Angus, children (3)

Kennedy, John (Invervigar), wife, Duncan, Alex:

McAlpin, Mary (Greenfield), Mary Cameron (Letterfinlay), Catherin McAlpin (Letterfinlay), Eliz: Grant (Drimdrochil)

McArthur, Charles (Inverskilroy), John, Sarah, Lizie, Donald

McDonell, Alex: (Boline), wife, Duncan, Donald, Catherin, children (4)

McDonell, Alex: (Laggan), wife, children (2)

McDonald, Alex: (Moy, Glenspean [sic])

McDonell, Allan (Munergy), wife, Catherin, Margaret, Donald, children (2)

McDonell, Angus (Invervigar), wife, Duncan, Katherine, Margaret, Alex:, John

McDonell, Archibald (Paisley), wife

McDonell, Donald (Abercalder), his wife, Anne, Duncan, Ewen, children (2)

McDonell, Donald (Inchlagan), wife, Mary, Janet, Catherin, Peggy, Allan, children (4)

McDonald, Donald (Inchlagan), wife, children (2)

McDonell, Donald (Laddy), John, Duncan, Catherin, Mary Kennedy

McDonell, Donald (Leck), wife

McDonell, Donald (Thornhill), wife, children (3)

McDonell, Duncan (Aviemore)

McDonell, James (Balmean), wife, Allan & Katherine McDonell, children (4)

McDonell, John (Ardnabie), wife, 1 child, Alex: Cameron & wife

McDonald, John (Doers)

McDonald, John (Inchlagan), wife, Donald McDonell, children (2)

McDonald, John (for his brother, Inchlagan)

McDonell, John (Invervigar), Dugald, Catherin, Flory, Peggy, Donald, 1 child

McDonald, John (Kenlochnasale), wife, Alex, Donald, Peggy, Mary McGilvray

McDonell, John (Leck)

- McDonell, Ranald (Achteraw), Alex: McKinzie  
(Urquhart), John McDonell (Divach), Alex: Scot  
(Urquhart)
- McDougald, Donald (Fort Augustus), wife, Marjery,  
Alex, John
- McIntosh, James (Kerrowdoun), Catherin, Mary  
McDonell, Mary McDonell
- McKay, Angus (Shanvall)
- McKinnon, Alex: (Caum), wife, Duncan, children (3)  
[travelling with Effy Kennedy and family, above]
- McKinnon, Duncan (Donie), wife, children (6)
- McLean, Angus (Munergy), Duncan, Janet, 1 child
- McLean, Archibald (Laddy), Angus
- McLean, Duncan (Caum), wife (travelling with Effy  
Kennedy and family)
- McLean, Duncan (Munergy), wife, Angus, Duncan,  
Janet, 1 child
- McLean, Ewen (Aberchalder), wife, Donald, Catherin,  
Mary, children (4)
- McLean, Catherin (Caum)
- McLean, Kenneth (Mull)
- McLean, Mary (Laddy), Katherin
- McLellan, Donald (Glenelg)
- McMaster, Mary (Glenpean), Anne Cameron (Muick)
- McMaster, Mary (Oban)
- McMillan, Alex: (late soldier, Lochaber Regiment)
- McMillan, Alex: (Callich), wife, 1 child
- McMillan, Allan (Glenpean), Margaret (his wife), Ewen,  
John, Alex:, James, Donald, Archibald, Helen, Janet
- McMillan, Angus (Arkaig), wife, children (2)
- McMillan, Angus (Callich)
- McMillan, Annie (Paisley)
- McMillan, Archibald (Murlaggan), wife, children (5),  
Thamasina Gray (Maryburgh, his sister-in-law)
- McMillan, Donald (Aberchalder), wife, John, Margaret,  
children (3), Margaret McDonell
- McMillan, Donald (Achintore), wife
- McMillan, Donald (Callop, Glenfinnan)
- McMillan, Donald (Paisley), wife, Annie, children (2)
- McMillan, Donald (Rellen)
- McMillan, Donald (Tomdoun), wife, children (4)
- McMillan, Dugald (Inchlagan), wife, 1 child
- McMillan, Dugald (Oban)
- McMillan, Duncan (Shanvall), wife, Catherin, Effy,  
children (4)
- McMillan, Ewen (Coinich), wife, children (3)
- McMillan, Ewen (Corrybuy), wife, Archibald, children  
(4)
- McMillan, Ewen (Craigalachie), wife, 1 child
- McMillan, Ewen (Lubriach), Mary, Peggy, Donald, Ewen
- McMillan, Ewen (Quarter), Catherin
- McMillan, James (Knoydart)
- McMillan, John (Callich)
- McMillan, John (Camusein), children (3)
- McMillan, John (Coinich), wife, Duncan, Betty, Alex,  
Mary McMillan (Munergy), children (3)
- McMillan, John (Corsuck), wife, Ewen, children (5)
- McMillan, John (Glenpean), wife, Duncan, Dugald, Bell,  
Alex:, 1 child
- McMillan, John (Muick), wife, Mary, Margaret, Catherin
- McMillan, John (Shanvall), wife, Alex: McKay, children  
(3)
- McMillan, Katherin (Shanvall), Mary, Peggy, 1 child
- McMillan, Mary (Laddy), Catherin McLean
- McPhee, Alex: (Aberchalder), Alex:, Catherin McAlpin,  
Mary, Margaret, Anny, 1 child
- McPhee, Angus (Crieff), wife, children (3)
- McPhee, Donald (Aberchalder), wife, Anne Kennedy,  
Janet Marshall
- McPherson, Murdoch (Noid, Badenoch)
- McRae, Duncan (Glenshiel, Kintail)
- McRae, Gilchrist (Lianish, Kintail)
- Morrison, Norman (Glenelg)
- Rankin, Alex: (Carnach), wife, children (2)
- Scot, Donald (Aberchalder), wife, Alex, Duncan, Janet,  
Mary, children (2)
- Stewart, Alex: (Fort Augustus), wife, 1 child; [travelling  
with Donald Fraser family, above]
- Stewart, John (Boline), Mary, Catherin
- Wright, John (Ayrshire, 'a millwright')