

SOME PICTOU COUNTY SCOTS SETTLERS IN 1809

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Six documents among the land papers (NSA, RG 20, Series "A") offer what amounts to a mini-census of parts of Pictou County in 1809. The communities are the Middle River of Pictou, Rogers Hill in the Scotsburn area, Caribou, McLellans Mountain, New Lairg, Bailey Brook and Knoydart. The earliest extant census of the area dates from 1817, eight years later. I consider that the 928 people here account for about one-eighth of the population of Pictou at the time.

MIDDLE RIVER OF PICTOU, 1809

41 Scotsmen, 32 wives, and 150 children, 223 in all. The first figure below is the number of years the man had been in Nova Scotia, while the second figure is the number of dependent children he had. For present purposes, I have not presumed the existence of a wife for those men shown with no children. Doubtless a few were newly married and had a wife but not yet a child, whilst a few of the men with children may have been widowers. These factors would tend to cancel one another out statistically in such a small listing. Three sons of Robert and Jean (Kirkpatrick) Braiden who came out in the *Lovely Nellie* in 1775 are indicated by an asterisk (*).

B[E]ATEN, John 7/3	McKAY, John 3/5
*BRA[Y]DEN, David 34/7	McKAY, William 7/0
*BRA[Y]DEN, James 34/5	McKENZIE, Alexander 6/4
*BRA[Y]DEN, William 34/4	McKENZIE, Alexander, 2 nd ., 4/0
CAMERON, William 8/7	McKENZIE, Alexander 4/0
COLLY, John 24/6	McKENZIE, John 4/3
CROCKET, William 34/4	McKENZIE, Kenneth 4/3
FERGUSON, David 8/1	McKENZIE, Murdoch 4/0
FRASER, Alexander 8/9	MacLEAN, Alexander 25/4
FRASER, William 8/2	McLEAN, Roderick 6/0
GORDEN, Robert 6/7	McLEOD, George 6/0
GRANT, Catherine 8/2	McLEOD, John 6/4
HORN, Alexander 8/4	McLEOD, Kenneth 8/0
KIRK, William 25/5	McPHERSON, Donald 4/6
McBANE, Mary 4/5	MATTHEWSON, Findley 7/0
McDONALD, John 4/1	MATTHEWSON, Robert 8/3
McDONALD, Paul 7/0	MILLER, Lawrence 34/7
McDONALD, Philip 4/6	MURRAY, Alexander 6/0
McDONALD, Robert 7/0	REID, George 8/2
McGILVERY, Malcolm 3/8	ROSS, Donald 35/11
McKAY, George 35/5	ROSS, Walter 6/5
	SUTHERLAND, John 7/2.

ROGERS HILL, PICTOU, 1809

23 Scotsmen, 16 wives, and 61 children at Rogers Hill, 100 in total. The first figure below is the number of years the man had been in Nova Scotia, while the second figure is the number of his dependent children. For present purposes, I have not assumed the existence of a wife for those men shown with no children. Doubtless a few were newly married and had a wife but not yet a child, whilst a few of the men with children may have been widowers. These factors would tend to cancel one another out statistically in such a small listing. All 23 families were present in the census of 1817. Four men (marked with an asterisk (*)) came out in August 1803, probably in the *Favourite* which sailed from Ullapool in Ross-shire and arrived at Pictou on 3 August 1803.

Donald CAMPBELL 6/0	Hugh McINTOSH 2 nd . 6/unm.	John McLOUD 3/4
Hugh CAMPBELL 6/1	Robert McINTOSH 6/8	*Andrew MONROW 6/2
John CAMPBELL 6/5	William McINTOSH 7/7	Alexander MURRAY 6/3
*Alexander GORDEN 6/0	Alexander McKAY 7/4	Alexander MURRAY 7/unm.
John GORDEN 6/4	Roderick McKENZIE 6/7	Donald MURRAY 6/unm
*William GUNN 6/2	Donald McLOUD 3/1	Donald MURRAY 6/3
Hugh McINTOSH 1 st 7/unm.	Hugh McLOUD 3/unm.	John MURRAY 6/5
*Murdock STEWART 6/3	Alexander SUTHERLAND 6/2	

CARIBOU, 1809

36 Scottish Protestants at Caribou, Pictou Co., who came out a few years ago. There were 34 wives and 106 children, making a total of 176 persons. The total number in each family shown after the name:

Robert BONE 6	Finlay McDONALD 5	Kenneth McLEOD 7
Donald CAMERON 1	John McDONALD 9	William McLEOD 5
Ewen CAMERON 2	Norman McDONALD 5	Angus McLISE 7
John CAMPBELL 6	John McFARLAN 8	John McPHEE 2
William GRAHAM 5	Donald McINTOSH 8	William MATHIESON 2
James LOGAN 2	John McKENZIE 3	Angus MORRISON 7
John LOGAN 1	Murdoch McKENZIE 4	Donald MORRISON 4
Robert LOGAN 5	Roderick McKENZIE 3	Murdoch MORRISON 8
Henry McANGUS 7	Finlay McLEOD 3	Duncan MUNRO 8
James McCONICKLE 8	John McLEOD 6	David MURDOCH 8
Donald McDONALD 6	John McLEOD 4	Donald MURRAY 4
Ewen McDONALD 2	John McLEOD 3	Edward STUDWARD 2

McLELLANS MOUNTAIN, 1809

42 Scotsmen, 2 Scotswomen, 1 Irishman (Delaney), 38 wives, and 185 children, 268 souls altogether, appear in this list. The first figure below is the number of years the man had been in Nova Scotia, while the second figure is the number of dependent children he had. For present purposes, I have not presumed the existence of a wife for those men shown with no children. Doubtless a few were newly married and had a wife but not yet a child, whilst a few of the men with children may have been widowers. These factors would tend to cancel one another out statistically in such a small listing.

Alexander CAMERON 8/6	Hugh FRASER 8/0	Finlay McDONALD, Jr. 8/5
Donald CAMERON 8/5	James FRASER 6/8	John McGRATH 7/5
Hugh CAMERON 8/5	James FRASER 8/7	George McGREGOR 8/8
James CAMERON 8/3	John FRASER 8/6	Andrew McINTOSH 7/0
Thomas CAMERON 8/7	John FRASER 8/5	Donald McINTOSH 8/3
Alexander CAMPBELL 4/4	Mary FRASER 7/0	John McKAY (piper) 4/7
John DELANEY 15/3	Sophiah FRASER 7/5	Donald McKENZIE 8/6
Alexander FRASER 6/7	William Og FRASER 25/1	Donald McLEAN 8/1
Alexander FRASER 8/3	Hugh GRANT 6/2	William McLEAN 8/1
Alexander FRASER 25/0	John McBANE 8/6	John McLELLAN 8/4
Alexander FRASER 8/8	Alexander McDONALD 7/0	Murdoch McLELLAN 8/4
Alexander FRASER 8/5	Donald McDONALD 7/6	Donald McPHERSON 7/6
Angus FRASER 7/3	Donald McDONALD, Jr. 4/1	John MATTHEWSON 8/5
Donald FRASER 8/7	Duncan McDONALD 6/4	Donald STEWART 7/0
Donald FRASER 8/1	Findlay McDONALD 8/6	Peter STEWART 7/6

NEW LAIRG ON STEWIACKE ROAD, 1809

27 Scotsmen, 23 women and 81 children, in all 130 people, make up this list. The first figure below is the number of years the man had been in Nova Scotia, while the second figure is the number of dependent children he had. For present purposes, I have not presumed the existence of a wife for those men shown with no children. Doubtless a few were newly married and had a wife but not yet a child, whilst a few of the men with children may have been widowers. These factors would tend to cancel one another out statistically in such a small listing.

BALFOUR, Duncan, unm. 8/0	McKINZIE, Donald 6/6	MUR[RA]Y, Donald 6/2
BALFOUR, William 8/3	McKINZIE, John 6/3	MUR[RA]Y, George 6/3
CAMPBELL, Robert 7/4	McLEAN, Donald 6/6	ROSS, Donald 7/3
DOUGLASS, Donald 6/6	McLEAN, heirs of Donald 0/1	SUTHERLAND, Alexander 7/2
FRASER, Alexander 34/8	McLOUD, Angus 6/4	SUTHERLAND, Angus, unm. 7/0
GARDEN, James 7/3	McLOUD, John 6/1	SUTHERLAND, Donald 7/1
GUN[N], Alexander 7/5	MATTHEWSON, Isabella, widow 1/7	SUTHERLAND, Donald 7/0
McDONALD, Duncan, unm. 4/0	MATTHEWSON, John, unm. 7/0	SUTHERLAND, Donald 1 1/2/1
McDONALD, Robert 7/0	MATTHEWSON, Walter 6/6	SUTHERLAND, George 6/3
McKINZIE, Alexander 6/2	MUNROW, Donald 6/1	

KNOYDART and BAILEY BROOK, 1809

Rory McDonald's name heads a list of Scots who had settled in Pictou, at either Knoydart or at 'Baillies Brook', on the Gulf Shore, between 1784 and 1802. Although this list does not give the numbers in the families, it does state where in Scotland people had come from, and the year in which they had emigrated, two useful pieces of information for the genealogist.

Settled at Knoydart, Pictou County:

GILLIES, William, from Arisaig, emigrated in 1791
McACHRAN, Mary, widow of John, from Arisaig, emigrated in 1791
McDONALD, Allan, from Knoydart, emigrated in 1784 with his father who died 1794 when he was 7 yrs. old
McDONALD, Archibald, from Moidart, emigrated in 1791
McDONALD, Rory, Angus, Jr., Lachlan and Ronald, from Arisaig, emigrated in 1791
McGILLIVRAY, Angus, Alexander, Jr., and Andrew, from Arisaig, emigrated in 1791

Settled at Bailey Brook, Pictou County:

McDONALD, Angus, Sr. and Alexander, from Moidart, emigrated in 1791
McDONALD, John and Evan (John's son), from Arisaig, emigrated in 1791
McDONALD, Katherine (widow of John) and Roderick Jr., from Moidart, emigrated in 1791
McDONALD, Roderick Sr., from Knoydart, emigrated in 1790
McDOUGALD, Evan, from Ardnamurchan, emigrated in 1802
McGILLIVRAY, Angus Jr., from Ardnamurchan, emigrated in 1802
McGILLIVRAY, Donald, from Ardnamurchan, emigrated in 1791
McGILLIVRAY, John Sr., from Arisaig, emigrated in 1790
McGILLIVRAY, John, Sr., and Jr., Alexander, Jr., and Evan, from Ardnamurchan, emigrated in 1790
McGILLIVRAY, Katherine, widow of William, emigrated in 1791
McKINNON, Angus Sr. and Jr., from Cannich, emigrated in 1791
McLEAN, Donald, from Moidart, emigrated in 1791
McLELLAN, Archibald, from Uist, emigrated in 1802
SMITH, Alexander, from Moidart, emigrated in 1791

In 1802 the likely vessel in which some of these Highlanders crossed was the *Aurora which sailed* from the Clyde via Fort William to Pictou that summer.

Note: Knoydart, Moidart, Ardnamurchan and Arisaig are the names of peninsulas. Cannich is both a town and a glen. There is also a town of Arisaig on the peninsula of that name.

Ardnamurchan (*Àird-na-mòir-chinn*) = height over the great headland. (*chinn* from *caenn*)

Arisaig (*Aros + aig*) = bay of the house. (*aig* from *aik*, from Norse *-vik*)

Knoydart (*Cnut + ort*) = Canute's fjord.

Lairg (*learg*) = a plain, or a beaten path.

Moidart/Moydart (*modd + ort*) = muddy fjord (**not** *magh + dairt* = field of the heifer).

Uist (*i-vist*) = in-dwelling, or abode.

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