

I've researched both lines back to 1720's and can find no connection between Alastair the author & Donald the spy. Neither lineage relates to any clan Maclean genealogies.

* Author Alastair Stuart Mclean was born 21 Apr 1922 at Daviot Manse. His mother Mary Margaret McEachern Lamont was the d/o Archibald Lamont b 22 Jan 1839 Gortendonnell & Mary McFarlane born 1854 Kilchoman Islay. Mary McFarlane's parents were John McFarlane 1829-4 Dec 1912 & Margaret McLean McEachern of Kilchoman Islay 1828-c1895 Glasgow. Margaret McLean McEachern was d/o Hector McEachern, Merchant in Islay & Mary McLean. Margaret was likely illegitimate.

John McFarlane was born 1829 at Fortingall in Perthshire, s/o Parlan McFarlane, Tailor, Fortingall & Janet Mclean. John was a Schoolteacher. In 1851 he is recorded School Teacher at Port Charlotte in Islay, having married his wife Margaret McLean McEachern on 16 May 1849 at Kilchoman Parish in Islay.

John came to Tyree between 1866 & 1868, with his wife Margaret & children, and taught at Helipol School. He was also Registrar of Tyree.

1871 Helipol records John & Margaret, with children (born Kilchoman, Islay) Mary 17, Archibald 9, Margaret 8, Janet 5, & Marion 2 (born Tyree)

John & Margaret's last child Marion McFarlane was born 4 Mar 1869 Helipol. Sadly, Marion died aged 10 on 15 Dec 1879 at Helipol of Meningitis. John McFarlane was Informant for his dau Marion's death, and was also the officiating Registrar.

1881 records the family at Moss. Dau Mary who would later marry Archibald Lamont, was Sewing Mistress, her younger sister Margaret was a Pupil Teacher.

In 1891, John, Margaret & dau Janetta are recorded at Moss. Janetta is now the Sewing Mistress. Also in the household are grandchildren Mary Harriet McFarlane 5 & Duncan T McFarlane 4, both born Japan. Their father was Duncan McFarlane, Mariner born Dec 1850 Port Charlotte Islay, eldest child of John & Margaret.

So, as she lived in Tyree for nearly 20 years, Mary McFarlane would likely have known/met her future husband Archibald Lamont, who is recorded at Barrapool 1871 & 1881. Archibald Lamont b1839, was s/o Archibald Lamont, Crofter, (b1802 Balevullin-d4 Mar 1864 Gortendonnell), & Margaret Sinclair (1809-18 Jun 1868).

Archibald Lamont b1802 was s/o Alexander Lamont (b1760 Kenovay) & 2nd wife Margaret McDonald b1775 Balevullin.

Alexander Lamont was s/o Donald Lamont c1724-1805 Kenovay & unknown 1st wife.

In 1901, John McFarlane is recorded a Widower at Saracen St Maryhill Glasgow, 'Superannuated School Master'. When he died at Possilpark on 4th Dec 1912, his Informant is dau Mary Lamont.

Mary Lamont nee McFarlane is recorded in 1901 at 81 Barloch St Maryhill Glasgow, with husband Arch'd Lamont, dau Mary Margaret 9, & sons Archibald 6 & John 4. Mary Margaret would later marry Rev Alexander McLean (b1885) on 17 Nov 1916 Anderston Glasgow.

Rev Alexander McLean b1885, was s/o Lachlan McLean of Moss & Mary McVean. Lachlan was born 12 Oct 1852, son of Alexander McLean b1803 d1 Nov 1870 Moss, Shoemaker, & Janet Black 1809-26 Mar 1862 Moss. Janet was from Bunessan in Mull, her parents were Lachlan Black & Elizabeth Stewart who were married at Ardtun on 26 May 1807.

Alexander McLean 1803-1870 was s/o Archibald McLean b1764 & Margaret McPhail, Helipol. Archibald McLean b1764 was s/o Donald Mclean b1729 & Mary Lamont, of Helipol

* Donald Duart McLean 'Spy' was born 25 May 1913 Marylebone London England & d 6 Mar 1983. His father was Sir Donald Mclean, Liberal Party MP. Sir Donald was born 9 Jan 1864 at Farnworth in Lancashire, his father was John McLean, Shoemaker of Kilmoluaig Tyree.

John McLean, Shoemaker, was born 27 May 1833 at Kilmoluaig, s/o Hugh McLean (1794 Kenovay -2 May 1867 Kilmoluaig) & Cath McDonald (1799 Hough-24 Apr 1886 Kilmoluaig). Hugh b1794 Kenovay, was a Crofter, his parents were Hugh McLean b1749 Cornaigmore & Margaret McLean born c1757 Cornaigbeg.

Margaret Mclean c1757 was d/o Alexander Mclean born c1732 of Cornaigbeg & Mary McNaughton (Reid) b1736 Kirkapol