

## Attic Treasures

Digital copies of Don Henry's 'Attic Treasures' were donated to An Iodhlann with his permission via his cousin Martha MacKinnon in 2019.

To put the material into context, I am providing you with my family background. My [Martha MacKinnon] GG Grandmother was Mary Anne Campbell. She was born in 1844 in Balephuill, Tiree and in 1851 she emigrated to Canada aboard the Conrad with her father Alexander Campbell and 7 of her brothers and sisters. Her father Alexander was listed as a Cottar in the List of Ship's Passengers. The Duke paid for the ship's passengers' transportation to Montreal and owing to their "destitution" on to Hamilton. From there my family made their way to Chepstow in the Township of Greenock in Bruce County. In 1854 the father Alexander made a deposit of 14 pounds on 4 lots of land (2 for himself and 1 for each of his 2 sons). He signed his deposit letter with his mark. The family complied with all the rules such as clearance and were granted full title to the land eventually. Alexander brought his children to Canada alone as around 1849 his wife Margaret MacLeod died. It is through Margaret that I am related to Duncan Grant.

Mary Anne had an elder brother Duncan Alexander Campbell (born 1828 in Balephuill, Tiree) who did not travel with the family on the the Conrad. He was in Dumbarton working as a ship's carpenter. He did, however, join the family in Greenock, County Bruce shortly thereafter where he became a successful farmer like his father and brothers.

My cousin Don Henry descendants directly from my Uncle Duncan. I am sending you 2 emails of scans of documents that Don has. The first documents are ledgers and what appears to be homework. It looks to me like Duncan was reusing "scrap" paper for his own work. In addition to Don's comments I note that the words "Canada West" are written at the top of the Cotton Book. With these papers Don found a ship's log from the Ship Britannia from 1846. Another cousin Colleen Maguire (who also descends from Duncan) has studied navigation and was able to plot the entries. Her tracking of the ship's voyage is attached to Don's email of the log.

It seems remarkable to me that Duncan was writing in English in the mid 1840's in Tiree particularly given the social position of the family. I thought it might helpful to describe what we know about the family in case it provides a clue as to Uncle Duncan's education and how Grandfather Alexander could provide a 14 pound deposit for the family land shortly after emigrating.

We know without question that Alexander Campbell and Margaret MacLeod were married in Balephuill in 1827. We know with certainty the names of their children and that they were all born in Balephuill. In the baptismal records for the children born in 1828 - 1832 Alexander is listed as a Tenant. In the baptismal records for the children born in 1835 -1849 and the 1841 Census Alexander is listed a Crofter. He does not appear on the List of Cottars on the Isle of Tyree of 1846, but he is listed as a Cottar in the undated Petition From Poor Persons in Tyree For Aid to

Emigrate. In the 1851 Census he is listed as an Agricultural Labourer. In the Conrad passenger list, he is shown as a Cottar.

Our family has a theory on Alexander's heritage but no proof. In various censuses Alexander's birth date ranges from 1800 -1810. We know that Alexander had a younger brother Colin and his birth date ranges are from 1810 -1818. In reviewing the Baptisms from 1800 -1818 the likeliest Father for the boys was Duncan Campbell (1770). The fact Uncle Duncan being Alexander's first born bears this name helps support the theory.

Duncan (1770) was married to Anne MacLean and their son Alexander (born 1802) and 2 other children were born in Cornaigmore. Their next 3 children were born in Balephuill. The Baptismal record for their daughter born in 1807 references Duncan as a MilitiaMan. I found a reference at the Duke's Archives to Duncan Campbell obtaining his Croft at Balephuill in 1805 as a Fencible Soldier. In the 1815 Baptism of his son Colin he is referenced as a Tenant.

Duncan was born in 1770 in Cornaigmore and was illegitimate. In his Baptismal Record it is noted that his Grandfather is Alexander Campbell. He remains in Cornaigmore until 1805 when he gets his croft in Balephuill. In the 1776 Census he is with his Mother Marion Beaton who is listed as a Cottar, in the 1779 Census he is with his Grandfather Alexander who is listed as a Tenant and in the 1792 Census he is back with Marion Beaton.

We are not sure who Duncan's father was. In the column for father on his baptismal record it says "Alexander", but that could mean his Grandfather. His Mother Marion Beaton had another son with a son of the Grandfather Alexander named Duncan so he may very well be the Father. In any event Duncan's Grandfather Alexander was referred to in the 1776 Census as being "well affected and industrious with 8 horses and 6 cows and able to occupy 5 Maile Land. I found him in the Rental Rolls in 1747 and in various rental rolls from 1762 -1770. Given how well this Alexander was doing it strikes me that he may have had some relationship to the Duke .

With all the interesting things happening on Tiree I know you must be extremely busy but I would be very interested to hear your reaction to Don's Attic Treasures .

I have not included Duncan Grant in this email as I know how wife has been unwell and I don't want to bother him. If things are on a firmer footing for Duncan please feel free to pass my emails along.

Thanks again for all the help you have given me. I saw with great interest the dig that is going to occur in early September. I think I mentioned to you my brother's and uncle's Y DNA is I- M253 ( the so called Viking Gene) and that my sister Catherine and I both have significant Scandinavian DNA .If it would helpful at some point for research related to Vikings on Tiree our family would be pleased to provide our data .

**To: Martha MacKinnon from Don Henry, 29 July 2017**

Martha - These ShipsLogbook1 thru ShipsLogbook14 pages are in my possession. It is part of a sailing ships' logbook that my Grandfather (Duncan Alexander 03/23/1891 - 05/20/1957) found in the attic of his mothers' (Clara Cecilia Doeblner (07/01/1866 - 10/01/1953) house in Pinkerton, Ontario after she died. This logbook is important because Duncan Alexander Campbell (02/28/1828 - 10/08/1911) is supposed to have sailed on the ship Britannia in 1846 on this voyage. Sadly, I have never found another Campbell family member that had in their possession any additional pages of this logbook. Possibly a member of the Doeblner family may have some log book pages. I have not been able to make any contact with a member of this family.

I cannot take credit for the attached maps. The maps are a result of one of the many unknown talents that our dear cousin Colleen Maguire has, navigational skills. After Colleen got hold of these pages, she took the daily logbook page navigational positions and put them in the attached log map pages. Amazing and very very useful. Again, Colleen, many thanks.

Martha - As promised, find attached various files of different schoolbook works of Duncan Alexander Campbell (02/28/1828 - 10/08/1911). He must have brought these school related items with him when Duncan and Elizabeth Forrest (05/10/1831 - 09/29/1906) immigrated to Chepstow, Greenock Twp, Bruce County, ON Canada in 1854. How these items then landed in the hands of Duncan's son, Archibald Duncan (06/17/1857 - 01/22/1942) is left to our imagination. I'm sure glad that my grandfather Duncan found them in the attic of his mother, Clara Cecilia Doeblner (07/01/1866 - 10/02/1953), when she passed away.

Colleen - I'm sending these files to you also because I have changed the file names and want to make sure you also receive everything.

Lets start with the first two items, Ship ANN MITCHELL #1 & #2. Notice how tattered the edge of the pages are. In fact notice how tattered and stained all the attached file pages are. The pages of Ship ANN MITCHELL #1 are full of calculations on how to build various ships. Notice #2's last page, Duncan Campbell Ships Carpenter of the Ship ANN MITCHELL, Bombay thence to the China Seas. Also notice two pages ripped out with two page edges at the top of the photo. Zoom in as close as needed to see the strings holding the fragile pages together. I try not to handle these files very often because of their flimsy and delicate nature.

The next file Balaphuell, I have not handled since 2001. This is the largest single workbook in the file. This file starts April 10, 1844 and is followed by 30+ pages of Duncan Campbell's' math story problems - Last page signed Duncan Campbell - April 25. 1844. Notice the fold right-side edge. The cover page and the last page are in very bad shape.

The next file is the COTTON Book 1836. Duncan Campbell's signature at the bottom of the cover page is dated May 24th, 1845.

Next file is INDEX. The back of the last page I can just barely make out Duncan's name.

Next file is Journal 1836. Duncan Campbell's signature at the bottom of the first page is dated 06/12/1845. The back of the last pages is signed and dated 05/23/1845.

Next file is Ledger1A followed by Ledger 1B. 1B is the view of the bottom of 1A. It says Duncan Campbell's Book 07/05/1845. This is a significant date to me. This date is exactly 96 years before my birth on 07/05/1941.

Next file is MEMORANDUM OF TRANSACTIONS by Duncan Campbell 05/19/1845. This file is the most fragile of all these files.

That is all the attic treasure files I have. Hope you guys find them savable.  
Don