

Niel McDONALD (d.1838/39), a tailor married 25 Aug 1834 Euphemia (Effy) MacDONALD in Kenovay. Niel died abt Sep 1838.

Effy and Niel had 4 children, the first was

Niel born illeg see Tyree OPR 11 May 1831 father Niel McDonald Tailor Kenovay mother Effy McDonald, Sponsor for child was Archibald McDonald, Caolis who was maternal Uncle to infant Niel.

Effy/Niel's other children

Janet 10 Dec 1834,

Catherine 2 Oct 1836 &

Niel 9 Oct 1838 (Posthumous)

Effy McDonald was bap 12 Jun 1803 Kenovay d/o Donald McDonald (c1778-bef 1818) & Lillias McDonald born c1777 Balephetrish died aft 1841.

Donald/Lillias married 29 Jan 1801 Kenovay Tyree

Tyree Kirk Session Notes - Poor List 1818 - Lillias McDonald Kenovay Widow.

On the OPR entry of Effy/Niel's last child Niel born 9 Oct 1838 bap 13 Jan, father "Late Niel McDonald, Effy McDonald His Widow"

After Niel's death Effy 1803 married 2nd husband Charles McLean on 2 Feb 1842. Charles was a Merchant. Effy McDonald 1803 was his 2nd wife. Charles was Widower of Marion Cameron

Effy 1803 must have died around Mar or Apr 1843, because Charles marries his 3rd wife Cath McLean on 7 Jun 1843. Cath died 17 Jul 1869.

Charles Mclean died 24 Jul 1873 at Helipol Tyree, his death extract states he was "Widower of Cath McLean, and Previously of Effy McDonald & previously of Marion Cameron".

All 3 of Charles' marriages are recorded in Tyree OPR.

5 Feb 1834 to Marion Cameron, 2 Feb 1842 to Effy McDonald, 7 Jun 1843 to Cath McLean.

Charles did not have any children with Effy.

Charles had 5 children with 1st wife Marion Cameron, she died after giving birth to twin boys Donald & Archibald, in late April 1840. Donald did not survive and Archibald died in infancy.

In 1851, Effy/Niel's son Niel the elder born 1831 is with sister Janet in the household of Donald McLean at Kenovay. Donald's wife Christy McDonald was paternal aunt of Niel 1831.

Niel the younger born 1838, is at Kenovay in the household of maternal aunt Flora McDonald, Spinster. Flora died 25 Apr 1878 Kenovay, Single.

Effy's husband Niel was bap 4 Oct 1807 Kenovay the first of 7 children born to Donald McDonald & Cath McKinnon who were married 23 Dec 1806.

Effy's 1st husband Niel 1807 was a twin of Effy (yes, Niel 1807's twin sister & wife had same names) twin Effy 1807 likely died in infancy.

In 1841, Effy McDonald Widow of Niel 1807-1838 is recorded with all 4 children, and her mother Lilly, also in the household is Effy's siblings Angus 1808 & Flora 1812.

Angus would marry Mary McLean in 1849, both died in 1863, Mary on 7th Jan, Angus on 4 Mar. They had no children.

Another sibling of Effy was Marion b1810. Marion 1810 married Duncan McFarlane in 1842, they had 3 children before Marion died in 1849/50 - Catherine 3 Jul 1843, Flory 1 Jun 1846 & Donald 14 May 1848

Effy 1803 had 2 other siblings Mary 1805 & Cath 1815, no further record after baptism.

Effy's mother Lillias McDonald born c1777 died aft 1841, was the d/o John McDonald & Mary McLeod of Balephetrish who were married c1759 Balephetrish Tyree and still alive 1792.

Effy's father Donald McDonald was born c1778 Kenovay and was deceased by 1818. He was s/o Archibald McDonald & Flory McMillan, both born c1745 Kenovay, and still alive 1792.

Archibald McDonald b1801 brother of Effy, married 23 Apr 1828 Cath Brown of Caoles, they settled at Caolis where they had 7 children. The last record of this family is 1851, likely they emigrated on the Conrad in Jul 1851 to Canada.

Among the siblings of Niel McDonald 1807-1838 was Mary 1809-1876, she married 20 Jun 1843 Charles McDonald 1798-1874, 4 children
Another sibling was Alexander 1812-1879 who married 29 May 1864 Ann McLean of Kirkapol (1819-1881), settled Earnal - 2 children born before marriage- Cath 1850, Donald 1857, then 1 legitimate son John born 19 Jul 1864

extracts

OPR Marriages p24 is the marriage of Effy's parents Donald/Lillias
OPR Marriages p74 entry no 22 is Effy's first marriage to Niel McDonald
OPR Marriages p84 entry no 2 is Effy's second marriage to Charles McLean
OPR baptisms p137 fourth entry from bottom is Effy's baptism

OPR Baptisms 1831 entry 55 is Effy's son Niel illegitimate, Sponsor Archibald McDonald, (maternal Uncle of infant), Caolis
OPR Baptisms 1834 entry 158 is Effy's dau Janet
OPR Baptisms 1836 entry 146 is Effy's dau Catherine her Sponsor Donald McDonald (Paternal grandfather of infant)
OPR Baptisms 1839 entry 1 is Effy's son Niel which stated Effy was Widow of the Late Niel McDonald

Below is Effy's son Niel** the elder b1831 who is recorded with sister Janet** in the household of Crofter Donald McLean. Donald's wife was Christy McDonald, paternal aunt of Niel** & Janet**.

1851 Census Kenovay
428 Kenovay McLean Donald M 68
428 Kenovay McLean Christian M 56
428 Kenovay McLean Mary U 26
428 Kenovay McLean Marion U 18
428 Kenovay McLean Hector U 14
428 Kenovay McLean Lachlan 12
428 Kenovay McDonald Janet** U 15
428 Kenovay McDonald Niel** U 15
428 Kenovay Black Hugh U 27 servant
428 Kenovay McFadyen Duncan U 22 servant

Below is Effy's son Niel the younger 1831 with maternal aunt Flora McDonald, sister to Effy

1851 Census
431 Kenovay McDonald Flora U 36 Head
431 Kenovay McDonald Niel 11 Nephew

Below is Effy's 2nd husband Charles McLean with his 3rd wife at Helipol

1851 Census
130 Heylipol McLean Charles M 47 Head Crofter (6 acres) Tiree Marr 3x. 1st Marion Cameron, 2nd Effy McDon'd, 3rd Cath McLean
130 Heylipol McLean Catherine M 49 Wife Crofter's Wife Tiree nee McLean. His 3rd wife. d/o Lach McLean & Cath McLean of Ruaig.
130 Heylipol McLean John U 14 Son Crofter's Son Tiree s/o Chas McLean & 1st wife Marion Cameron
130 Heylipol McLean Niel 13 Son Scholar Tiree s/o Chas McLean & 1st wife Marion Cameron
130 Heylipol McFarlane Donald 3 Nephew Tiree s/o Dunc McFarlane & Marion McDon'd. Marion was sister to Effy McDon'd, Charles' 2nd wife

Family details from descendant Glennis Austin for Catherine McDONALD born 2 Oct 1836 Kenovay d/o Neil and Euphemia McDONALD.

Catherine McDONALD b3 Oct 1836 married Robert AULD 5 June 1863 in Stonehouse, Lanarkshire. (GROS Extract of entry in Register of Marriages held by descendant dated 1992)
Robert AULD (s/o Thomas AULD and Janet NEILL) b. 19 Nov 1843 Failford, Ayrshire baptised 26 Nov 1843 Tarbolton, Ayrshire (Parish Register Tarbolton OPR 619/3. Film 1041472 LDS Family History Centre, Palmerston North, NZ)

They both died in a smallpox epidemic.

Catherine d.23 Apr 1873, 30 Caledonian Place, Motherwell, Lanarkshire. (Register Dalziel Deaths 1873, OPR 639/98 at New Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1996).
Robert d. 14 Apr 1873, Caledonian Place, Motherwell, Lanarkshire. (Register Dalziel Deaths 1873, OPR 639/91 at New Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1996).

Their children went to live with family or were adopted by neighbours as follows.

Thomas AULD came to New Zealand in 1879 as Thomas Auld SMITH, son of Motherwell neighbours Adam SMITH and Sophia WILSON (second relationship for both) and two of their children Adam (m. KNOCK in NZ) and Jane Bell (m. REISIMA and ADAMSON in NZ), an older son John remained in Scotland. The ship was met in Napier by two other children James Bell SMITH (m. MUMFORD in NZ) and Sophia (m. 1870 Robert RUSSELL in Dalziel). Thomas continued using the SMITH name including on NZ Electoral Rolls until at least 1893, then reverted to Thomas AULD. The association with descendants of his adopted family continues today.

Neil McDonald AULD is a mystery. In 1881 he appears to be living as the adopted nephew of Janet COKE in Bothwell. At some stage he has changed his name, dying in Pollok, Glasgow in 1945 as James STEEL (formerly Neil AULD), Robert AULD and Catharine McDONALD his parents.

Euphemia McDonald AULD (d. 1918) went to live with her grandparents Thomas AULD and Janet NEILL in Kilmarnock. She married James Reid LEAN (d. 1914). There were two children who eventually came to New Zealand, perhaps to be with their uncle Thomas and his family.

Janet AULD it is unknown what happened to the youngest child of Robert and Catharine

Family details below written by descendant Glennis Austin gg granddau of Catherine McDONALD born 2 Oct 1836 Kenovay d/o Neil and Euphemia McDONALD.

"My gg grandmother Catherine McDONALD married Robert AULD 5 June 1863 in Stonehouse, Lanarkshire. (GROS Extract of entry in Register of Marriages held by (Living descendant aged 98) Robert AULD (s/o Thomas AULD and Janet NEILL) b. 19 Nov 1843 Failford, Ayrshire baptised 26 Nov 1843 Tarbolton, Ayrshire (Parish Register Tarbolton OPR 619/3. Film 1041472 LDS Family History Centre, Palmerston North, NZ)

Thomas (my great-grandfather) b. 8 Sep 1863, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire, d. 8 Feb 1933, Wellington, New Zealand, m. 28 Apr 1887, Makotuku, Hawkes Bay, NZ Martha Ann SMITH b. 12 Sep 1866 Dover, Kent. (Thomas - original Birth Certificate dated 10 Jul 1875, NZRGO certified copy of original entry Death Registration datestamp unreadable, NZRGO Marriage Certificate dated 3 May 1939 & NZRGO certified copy of original marriage entry dated 4 Sep 2000, all held by (name withheld - Living descendant).

Neil McDonald b. 21 Nov 1865, Bothwell, Lanarkshire, d. 15 Sep 1945, Pollok, Glasgow as James STEEL (formerly Neil McDonald, parents Robert & Catherine, Single, Place of Death - 837 Crookston Rd, Glasgow. It is unknown when or why his name changed, I am still working on that. (Statutory Deaths 644/18 0716. Scotlands People).

Euphemia McDonald b. 28 Jun 1868, Dalziel, Lanarkshire, m. James Reid LEAN 3 Aug 1892, Blythwood, Glasgow, Euphemia died 15 Feb 1918, Royal Cancer Hospital, Milton, Glasgow. (Statutory Marriages 644/07 0429; Statutory Deaths 644/09 0099, Widow. Scotlands People).

Janet b. 8 Mar 1871, Dalziel, Lanarkshire. Don't know what happened to her.

Census images from Scotlands People:

1851 619/00 004/00 028 Robert - Failford Village, Ayrshire (with parents and 3 younger siblings)

1861 584/00 004/00 006 Robert - Mattenson, Craigie, Ayrshire (Household of John Young)
1871 639/00 007/00 007 Robert, Catherine & the four children - 30 Caledonian Place, Motherwell,
Dalziel, Scotland”