

## Tiree MacLeans connected with Treshnish

*Compiled by genealogist Flo Straker, May 2020, while researching whether there is a connection between the MacLeans of Treshnish on Mull, to the MacLeans on Tiree.*

The 10<sup>th</sup> and last Treshnish McLean (the Treshnish family dropped the "a"), born in around 1699, lost Treshnish to the Campbells in 1768. The MacLeans of Treshnish were then evicted and dispersed to other parts of Mull, and some records indicate also to Tiree.

There are two distinct branches of MacLeans of Treshnish who settled on Tyree. The latter I will list first.

The last McLean of Treshnish was Hugh or Ewen 11th of Treshnish born c1721. Page 335 of Clan Gillean tells us that "...Hugh was dispossessed of his estate by the managers of the Duke of Argyll..."

Hugh was a Lawyer and married Barbara McLean, youngest dau of Rev Arch'd McLean of Kilfinichen, they had 5 sons & 2 daus. Hugh had a sister Susanna born c1730, she married Lachlan McLean 3rd of Gallanach (1730-1802) their dau Janet born 1764 Isle of Coll married Niel McDonald of Kenovay Tyree, emigrated with 8 children to Nova Scotia in 1821.

Hugh 11th of Treshnish's parents John 10th of Treshnish & Mary\*\*\* McLean c1692. Mary was born in Tyree abt 1692. She was d/o Charles "Tearlach MacNeill Ban" McLean who was of Boreray MacLeans, Charles was born abt 1632 in Tyree s/o Niel Ban 7th of Boreray & Ann McKenzie of Kilcoy.

Charles "Tearlach MacNeill Ban" born c1632 married abt 1680 Florence McLean d/o Niel of Drimnacross & Florence McDonald of Morar. Neil of Drimnacross was the 3rd son of Lachlan seventh Lord of Coll & Florence McLeod of Dunvegan.

Charles & Flora settled in Tyree, they had 6 children between 1680 & 1705.

1) Isabel married Rev John McLean 1680-12 Mar 1756 Kilninian they had 3 daus & son Alex who was also a Minister. The Rev John Mclean was a natural son of Ewen 9th of Treshnish

2) Archibald c1682-1762 was also a Minister in Kilfinichen, he married Susanna Campbell d/o Donald of Scamadale, son Charles c1710

3) Ann married her 1st cousin 1x removed Hector McLean b1690 of Balephetrish, abt 1718. Hector was son of Bailie Ewen McLean, Ewen was the last Duart Bailie of Tyree, he was also Tacksman of Balephetrish. Ewen was grandson of Niel Ban 7th of Boreray & Ann McKenzie of Kilcoy. Ewen's parents Hector McLean c1635 of Baliphetrish & Marion McQuarrie of Ulva.

Hector c1635 of Baliphetrish was a younger brother of Charles "Tearlach MacNeill Ban"

Ann & Hector's son Alexander was Tacksman of Gott & Mingarry, he is recorded in 1776 List of Inhabitants of Tyree, at Gott.

Alexander was married to Margaret McLean, they had a dau Lillias born c1750.

Lillias married Donald McLean Minister of the Small Isles, who was s/o Niel of Crossapol (1712-25 Sep 1787) & Julia McLean.

Lillias & Donald's son Niel was born 11 Jul 1784, Niel was the much-loved Minister of Tyree, "Mhaigstir Niel". Niel married Isabella McDonald of Vallay, she died at Gott 1855, Niel died 26 Aug 1859 Gott, both buried at Kirkapol Burial Ground, Tyree.

4) Mary \*\*\* see above

5) Donald was born abt 1700 at Kilmoluaig Tyree, he married Isabel Campbell of Dunstaffnage. They had 2 sons John c1732 & Archibald c1734

Archibald 1734 was Tacksman of Kilmoluaig, he married 7 Mar 1774 Catherine Campbell of Scamadale. They had 6 children at Kilmoluaig Donald 1775, Annabella 1776, Charles 1778, Isabell Jun 1779, John May 1781, Mary 1783

John 1781 married Margaret McColl, d/o Rev Archie McColl (1746-11 Mar 1814), Minister of Tyree, & Flora McDougall of Ardencaple. John was Tacksman of Kilmoluaig, last recorded on Tyree in 1832.

6) John born abt 1705 at Kilmoluaig married Ann McNeill of Lossett Kintyre. John was the Minister of Killean Parish Kintyre.

Now for the earlier Treshnish McLeans who settled in Tyree known as the McLeans of Hynish. Hynish is in the west end of Tyree.

Ewen 4th of Treshnish was s/o Donald Dubh (2nd of Blaich & 3rd of Treshnish) Donald was known as "Domhnall Dubh a Chaisteil", or "Black Donald of the Castle"

Donald was married twice, Ewen was from his 1st marriage.

By Donald's 2nd marriage he had 5 sons, Ewen Uaibhreach 3rd of Blaich, John Odhar 1st of Achnadale, Lachlan, Donald & Lachlan Fionn or Lachlan the Fair.

Lachlan Fionn was born about 1540 Treshnish Isles, he settled in Hynish Tyree by 1570 where he had 2 sons Ewen 2nd of Hynish b1570 and Lachlan ic Fhionn b1572

Ewen 2nd of Hynish b1570 had 2 sons John 3rd of Hynish c1600 and Lachlan c1605

John 3rd of Hynish had a son Donald Og 4th of Hynish b1645. Donald Og 4th of Hynish had 2 sons Lachlan 5th of Hynish c1668 & Allan c1670

Lachlan 5th of Hynish c1668 had a son Charles 6th of Hynish c1700

Charles 6th of Hynish c1700 had 3 children, Mary 1722, Lachlan 1718 & John 1720. Lachlan 1718 married Marion Graham they settled at Crossigair with 6 children including Archibald "Gilleasbuig Laidir" aka Strong Archibald. John 1720 died at sea in 1756 near Mull, his son Allan born at Hough, married Margaret McFadyen of Salum, they settled at "Cnoc Mhic Dhughail" Caolis with 9 children, among these was John 8 Jan 1787-26 Jan 1848 Canada. John was the Laird of Coll's poet he was "Bard Thighearna Chola" Am Bard MacGilleain.

Allan c1670 the second son of Donald Og 4th of Hynish, had a son Charles c1700. Charles's son Donald Roy\*\*McLean was born c1725 at Hough. Donald Roy married Mary McLean in 1751, they had 8 children . Donald Roy & Mary were gg grandparents of the late Angus MacLean, 1923-2013, "The Coolins" Scarinish, Tyree.

Lachlan ic Fhionn McLean 1575, second son of Lachlan Fionn 1st of Hynish, had a son Donald "Dhomnaill" born 1610 Hynish. Donald had a son Lachlann born c1645 Hynish. Lachlann 1645 had a son Allan born c1689. Allan 1689 settled at Sandaig. He is recorded as

Tenant there in 1743. Allan's son John was born 1746. John 1746 married Ann Sinclair they had 7 children at Sandaig, among these was Allan born 1760. By the early 1700's the MacLeans at Hynish had been 'replaced' by Campbell Tacksman 'incomers'. However Allan 1760 married in 1784 Catherine McLean of Hynish whose mother Mary Campbell had been a dau of a Campbell Tacksman at Hynish.

Allan 1760 & Cath had 8 children. Their youngest son Hector born Feb 1797 settled at Salum with wife Mary McDonald of Caoles. 2 of their 9 children married & emigrated to Manitoba. Their son Hugh born 1843 died 1930, married Christy Mclean 1839-1892. Their son Donald McDonald McLean was father of the late Angus McLean 1923-2013.

So the marriage of Hugh McLean 1843 to Christy McLean, was of the Hynish McLean lines. Christy McLean 1839 was a d/o Alex Mclean 1806-1868 & Flora McArthur, Alex McLean 1806-1868 was s/o Lach McLean 1762 of Hough & Christy McKinnon, Lachlan 1762 of Hough was a s/o Donald Roy\*\*McLean c1725 Hough

Hugh McLean 1843 was 7th Cousin 1R to his wife Christy 1839. Hugh's 6th gt gfather Lachlan Fionn 1st of Hynish. Christy's 7th gt gfather Lachlan Fionn of Hynish.

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Some Treshnish McLeans died at Inverkeithing in 1651, see attached Casualties Doc

Also see attached table 8 & Notes from Warriors & Priests.

## **The Battle of Inverkeithing, List of Known Casualties**

### **Regiment of Foot for the County of Argyll: 20th July 1651.**

Colonel Sir Hector Maclean of Duart, Major Allan Macquarrie of Ulva, Captain Lachlan mac Ailean Maclean of Hynish

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Allan, son Lachlan odhar Maclean of Ardchraoishnish

Allan, eld. son of Capt. Lachlan Maclean of Hynish

Archibald, son Maclean of Borreray

Charles, 2nd son of Capt. Lachlan Maclean of Hynish

Charles, son of Maclean of Inverscadell

Donald, 5th son of Allan Maclean of Ardgour

Ewen, 2nd son of 3rd marriage of Lachlan oig Maclean, predecessor of the family of Torloisk

Ewen, son of Lachlan odhar Maclean of Ardchraoishnish

Hugh, 3rd son of John garbh Maclean of Coil

Hugh, 2nd son of Mr Hector Maclean of the Isle of Muck

John, son of Lachlan odhar Maclean of Ardchraoishnish

John oig, 11th son of Allan Maclean of Ardgour

Lachlan, son of Lachlan odhar Maclean of Ardchraoishnish

Lachlan, 3rd son of Lachlan oig Maclean, predecessor of the family of Torloisk

Murdoch, eld. son of Lachlan odhar Maclean of Ardchraoishnish

### **Wounded:**

Lieutenant Colonel Donald Maclean of Brolas

Captain Ewen Maclean of Treshnish

John Maclean of Kinlochaline

John Maclean of Totronald, 2nd son of John garbh Maclean of Coll

John Diurach, 2nd son of Charles, son of John dubh Maclean of Morvern

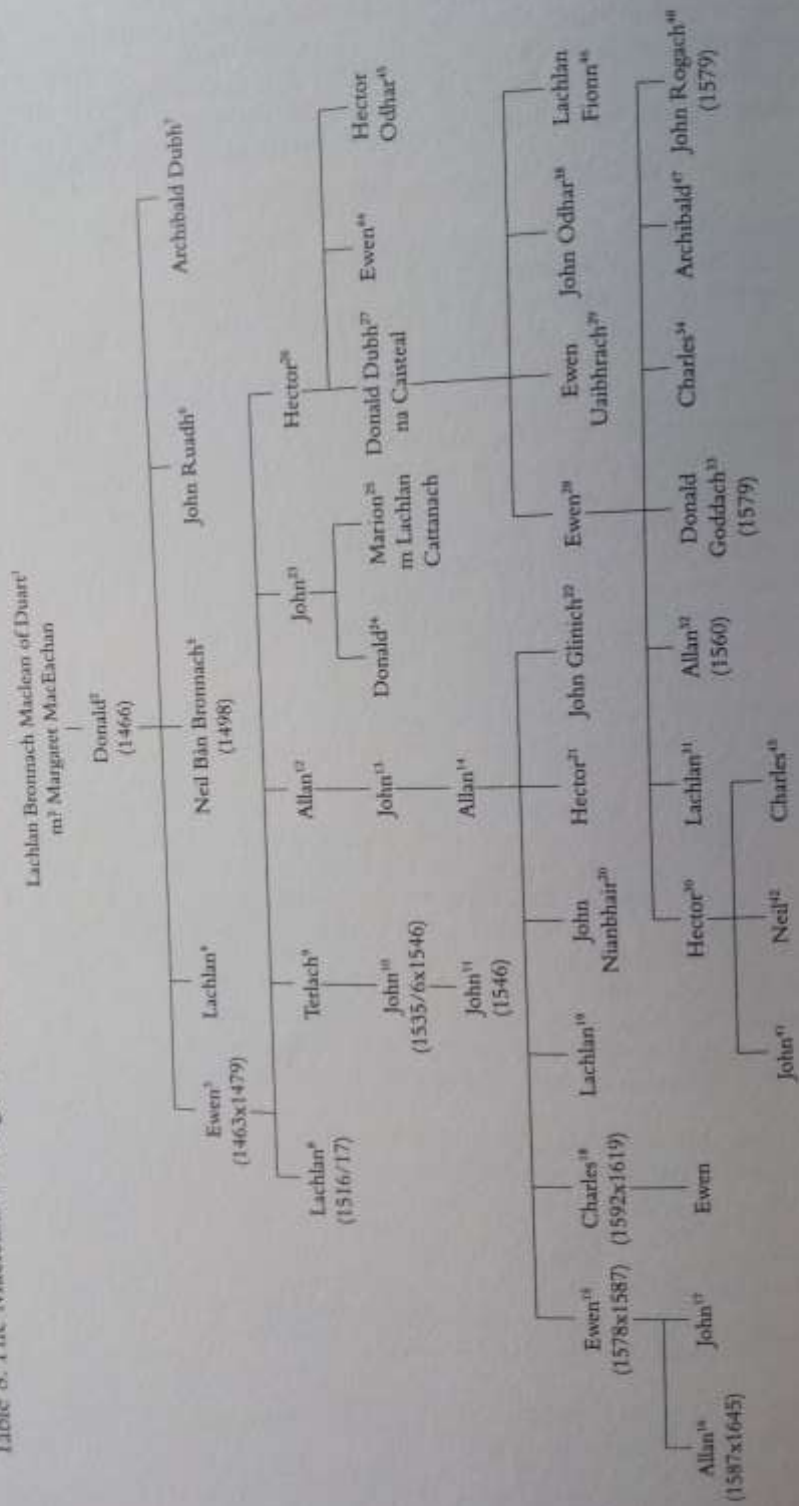
Neil Maclean of Drimnacross, 3rd son of Lachlan Maclean of Coll

### **Other Ranks:**

Eachann bacach, Duart's poet's 14 brothers were among the 140 Macleans of Ross, or the 'race of the iron Sword', who were killed in the battle.

<http://www.maclean.org/clan-maclean-history/maclean-casualties2.php>

Table 8: The Macleans of Ardgour, Freshmish, Blaich & Achmadale



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Succeeded his grandfather at Blaich; baillie of Garbhdamhaich in the Braes of  
Lochaber, and was ancestor of the Macleans of Blaich and of Achnadale (NLS  
ACC 7609, 53). It would appear he obtained sasine of Blaich (NLS Gregory  
papers, 13).  
29. Hector McEwin VcDonald', Captain of Carnaburg, complained of by John,  
Bishop of the Isles 28 March 1579 (RPC 1st Series, iii, 125); 'a wise active  
man' (NLS ACC 7609, 53); married first a daughter of Macquarrie of Ulva,  
second a daughter of MacNeill of Barra, relict of Charles MacAilean nan Sop  
(ib); NLS MS 3018, 47 says his name was Ewen, but I suspect this is a mistake  
as other manuscripts do not mention a Ewen son of Donald.  
30. He was baillie of Lachlan Og, predecessor of the family of Trishnish, 'a wise  
and rich man' (NLS ACC 7609, 53).  
31. When he was young he went to Ireland with his cousin Katherine Maclean,  
Countess of Argyll (mistakenly called Giles nin Hector Mòr), where he  
distinguished himself in the wars between O Neil and O Donnell; he was  
killed at Sronecaranlich in Mull by the Macdonalds, and buried in Iona (NLS  
ACC 7609, 53).  
32. 4th son of Ewen (ib); complained of by John Bishop of the Isles 28 March  
1579 (RPC iii, 125).  
33. 5th son of Ewen (ib).  
34. 6th son of Ewen (ib).  
35. 7th son of Ewen (ib) complained of by John, Bishop of the Isles (RPC iii,  
125).  
36. On 26 July 1621 Donald Maclean of Kingerloch as superior made a Precept of  
Clare Constat in infefting 'Hector Mcewin VcAighin of Blaich his father with  
a warrantice over the lands of Glengalmadill and Strone'. 'In the same year  
Hector of Blaich granted a charter of his lands to Ewen mcAighin alias  
McLaine (apparently his son) and his heirs male and assignees whatsoever to be  
holders of Kingerloch as superior' (NLS Gregory Papers, 13); 1 Sept 1619;  
witness (AT ix, 1 Sept 1619).  
37. According to Dr J N M Maclean, 61 Learmonth Court, Edinburgh, John  
Maclean was first Maclean of Achanadale in Lochaber and was 'Probably  
made baillie of Garbhdamhach by Hector Mòr Maclean of Duart in 1557, on  
the marriage of his heir to Argyll's daughter, who was given a liferent interest  
in Duart's lands' (BCP Draft Pedigree of Maclean of Achnadale dated 11/12  
May 1969).  
38. NLS Gregory papers, 13.  
39. Baillie of Garbhdamhach (ib).  
40. Eldest son by daughter of Macquarrie of Ulva; married a daughter of Charles  
Mac Ailean nan Sop (MS 3018, 47).  
41. 2nd son by daughter of Macquarrie of Ulva (ib).  
42. 3rd son by daughter of Macquarrie of Ulva (ib).  
43. 'Came to Mull with his brother of Kernburgh . . . was the first Maclean of  
Cornaig in Tiree' (*Family of Maclean*, 69).  
44. Hector Odhar 'from whom descended slioch Eachan Odar', whose descendants  
are in Mull and Tiree (ib).  
45. Lachlan Fionn of Hynish, Tiree (ib, 70). 'He was a bold resolute man, was  
very rich, and had a numerous offspring' (ib); 'Hynish, 6 merkland. Assedatur  
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med. ii martis' (ER XVII, 614, 648); 6 February 1545/6. 'Ane respitt to  
Lauchlane Fyne McClane for burning Iles of Bute and Arran' (RSS iii, 1534;