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Precognition of Witnesses
Henry Nisbet P.F.
as to sudden death
of
Archibald MacInnes & Charles MacLean
1860

Duncan McInnes

Tyree 12 March 1860

Compeared Duncan McInnes a fisherman and residing at Ruaig in the Island of Tyree in the united parish of Tyree & Coll & County of Argyll who says I am 28 years of age. I have been engaged fishing for Lobsters during the winter along the shore of the Island of Tyree, in conjunction with my brother the deceased Archibald McInnes, and the ~~~

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Duncan McInnes

the also deceased Charles McLean - we take the Lobsters by means of creels or traps baited and sunk close along the shores, - these being buoyed with string and cork - The Boat used by us, is an open skiff 16 feet Keel, and we were in the habit of sailing or rowing her as our occupation required & the weather permitted -

On Thursday the 23 February 1860

we all three left our homes at Ruaig about 11 A.M. & went down to the Bay at Ruaig where the Boat was for the purpose of going out to examine our creels and bring the fish ashore - There was a strong breeze of wind at the time from the south with a pretty heavy sea - We loitered about the bay for about an hour in the hope that ~~

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Duncan McInnes

that the wind & sea would fall - About 12 noon we got the Boat out McLean & my brother Archibald pulling - I was observing - We pulled in this way along the shore for 400 or 500 yards in the neighbourhood of Ruaig and examined all our creels there - After having so examined them, we took three reefs in our lug sails and set it, - with the intention of running to the West of the small Island of Soay about a mile distant, where we had other creels set, - The wind at the time was strong - But we thought we could manage it - The Boat was ballasted with stones - I was at the helm, my brother Archibald held the sheet in his hand, - the haulyard was fastened to a hook in the beam - After getting under weigh, and while running along ~~~

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Duncan McInnes

along the shore, the wind increased and the sea became much heavier - In consequence of this we took in another reef and a half & made our sail as small as possible - having thus 4½ reefs in all taken in - We had only the one sail set, - a lugsail - The sea at this time was very heavy, - I was still at the helm, - my brother holding the sheet and McLean standing by the haulyards - We had not taken in the last reefs more than 3 or 4 minutes, and as we were rounding Bealach - na - chiest the west point of Soay (We were going thro a passage between the Island of Soay and the mainland of Tyree) McLean called out to me, "Take care of the Boat, there is a large Breaker" - I turned and saw a very large wave or Breaker coming down on us - I called to McLean to let go the ~~~

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Duncan McInnes

the haulyard, - he did so at once and the sail came down - He had scarcely done so, when the Breaker, struck the Boat, filled and capsized it immersing us all in the water - We sank under the Boat - We all got to the surface and clung to the Boat, - as we did so, another large wave or Breaker came, washing us off and again turning the Boat - We all again sank below her - We again got to the surface and scrambled again to the Boat & got hold of her - The sae was carrying the Boat farther from the shore, and I got hold of our mast, and an oar, and supporting myself in these I managed to swim to the shore, a distance of about 50 yards - on reaching the land I was greatly exhausted ~~~

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Duncan McInnes

exhausted and just able to crawl - on looking seaward I saw my brother & McLean still clinging to the Boat - I saw McLean get hold of the Boathook which was floating near them, and by the support which it afforded make an attempt to swim ashore. He made a few strokes and then sank - I saw him no more - I could render him no assistance as I was so weak that I could scarcely speak and was unable to walk - My brother still clung to the Boat - He called on me to push an oar to his assistance - I was unable to do so and in a few seconds he also sank & I saw no more of him - The Boat was broken to pieces on the rocks after my brother sank - on gathering a ~~~

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Duncan McInnes

a little strength I got up and walked towards home, - I met Alexander McLean by the way & told him what had occurred - He left me and ran to the place to see what could be done - I reached home with much difficulty and was unable for several days to leave the house from weakness & exhaustion

The capsizing of the Boat I attribute not to the wind, but to the large Broken waves which we met at the point foresaid - It was quite impossible for me by steering to avoid them or to get clear.

My brother was 26 years of age - Truth -

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Alexander Maclean

Tyree 12 March 1860

Compeared Alexander MacLean Shoemaker and residing at Ruaig on the Island of Tyree aforesaid who says I am 38 years of age -

Duncan & Archibald McInnes & my nephew Charles McLean were engaged fishing lobsters along the shore of Tyree - In prosecuting their business they had the use of my skiff a good & substantial boat 16 feet 4 in. in the Keel -

On Thursday 23rd February

They left Ruaig bay or harbour about 12 noon to examine their creels - I was engaged that day gathering wreck on the shore, - The day was very stormy with a heavy sea both of which were increasing - Towards the afternoon I became uneasy about them - Between 2 & 3 P.M. as I saw no

appearance of ~~~~

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Alexander Maclean

of the Boat returning I went towards the Island of Soay to look out for them - On my way I met Duncan McInnes - On nearing each other he clapped his hands and fell on the ground - He was apparently very bad - He was dripping wet and weak apparently scarcely able to walk - I was certain something was wrong and I asked him where his companions were, He said he had left them at Bellach-na-chiest - I understood him to mean that they were drowned - He asked me to run to the place to look for them. I ran off at once and on reaching the spot indicated I found my Boat floating near the rocks and broken up - I looked for the two lads but could find neither - The sea was very heavy and ~~

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Alexander Maclean

and a strong breeze of wind - I returned home as nothing could be done - Search was made for the bodies and both were found near the place stated on Monday 27 February - I was not present when McInnes was found but I saw the body afterwards & identified it - I was present when McLean's was found and assisted to convey it home where it was laid out - McLean was 20 years of age. I attended the interment of both bodies in Kirkapoll burying ground on the following Wednesday - Truth

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John MacInnes

Tyree 12 March 1860

Compeared John McInnes

who says I am a Tailor - 70 years of age and reside at Ruaig on the Island of Tyree aforesaid -

My deceased son Archibald McInnes aged 26, - the deceased Charles McLean & my son Duncan were engaged fishing lobsters along the coast of Tyree - On

Thursday 23rd February 1860

my two sons left home at 11 A.M. for the purpose of following their avocation - I did not go out with them nor see them leave the shore - The day was stormy but they had frequently been out on days with as much wind & I did not take any alarm on that account - about 3 P.M. the same day my son Duncan returned ~~~

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John MacInnes

returned home, weak & exhausted assisted by two neighbours - He then told me that the Boat had been capsized near Beleach na chiest, by a heavy sea, & that his brother & McLean had been drowned - He was so weak that he could scarcely speak & I did not on that account also because I became sorrow stricken put questions to him about it - He was himself much cast down -

Search was made for the bodies and both were found on the shore at Bellachna chiest on

Monday 27th February

I did not myself find them but I saw and identified both - The bodies were interred in Kirkapoll churchyard on the Island of Tyree on the 29th Feby - it was

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John MacInnes

was present at the interment of both bodies - Truth

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Niel MacLeod

Tyree 12 March 1860

Compeared Niel McLeod Fisherman & residing at Ruaig on the Island of Tyree aforesaid who says I am 33 years of age - I was acquainted with the deceased Archibald McInnes & Charles McLean - They along with Duncan McInnes were engaged fishing Lobsters - I also follow the same vocation -

On Thursday 23rd Feby

they met me at Ruaig Bay about 11 am - They put some stones for ballast into their Boat, and pulled out to examine their creels - I went out at the same time for a similar purpose along with my own crew - The day was stormy - with a heavy sea along the shore - The Breeze was strong from the south but steady - We went in different directions but I saw

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Niel MacLeod

saw them in sight for about an hour - At this time I saw a sail hoisted on the Boat and her being steered towards the south of the Island of Soay - on nearing this - the rocks took the Boat out of sight & I saw no more of them - In the Evening on my return home I heard that the Boat had been capsized & that Archibald McInnes & Charles McLean had been drowned -

On Monday 27 Feby 1860

I went to the South of Soay along with a number of others to scour for the Bodies - About 2 P.M. I came upon the body of

Charles McLean

on the shore at Bellach na chiest The whole body clothes except the cap & Jacket were on the body -

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Niel MacLeod

body - There were no marks on it whatever - The body was immediately conveyed to Ruaig where it was laid out - It was interred at Kirkapoll on the following Wednesday - The body of McInnes was interred at the same place on the same day - I was present at both - Truth -

John Lamont

John Lamont Fisherman Ruaig aforesaid aged 34 - concurs with McLeod -

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Donald MacInnes

Compeared Donald McInnes

Fisherman and residing at Ruaig on the Island of Tyree aforesaid who says I am 30 years of age -

On Monday 27 Feby 1860

I went to Bellach na chiest in the forenoon to assist in searching for the Bodies - a number of other people were similarly engaged - about 1 p.m. I came upon the body of

Archibald McInnes

which had just been washed ashore by the sea - It was on the beach - All the body clothes except the cap & jacket were on - I lifted the body and carried it to a level place near - I observed a mark on the forehead - Others came & we carried the body to his fathers house at Ruaig - I was ~~

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Donald MacInnes

I was present at the Interment at Kirkapoll on the following Wednesday - Truth -

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Donald MacInnes

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Archibald McInnes

Archibald McInnes Fisherman Ruaig aged 32 corroborates the statement of two preceding witnesses as to the finding of the Bodies & Interment - Truth -

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Precognition of Witnesses
Sudden death of
Archibald McInnes &
Charles McLean
1860
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Sudden Death
of
Charles McLean
&
Archibald McInnes
Fishermen
Ruaig
24th Febry
1860

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Baugh Island of Tyree 24th Febry 1860

Police Report

Between the hours of one and two o'clock. P.M. upon Thursday the 23rd current the following parties. had been drowned off Soay. a little Island on the South Side of Ruaig. parish. and Island of Tyree. & County of Argyll. viz - Charles McLean Aged 20 years. a Fisherman lately residing at Ruaig aforesaid. and Archibald McInnes a Fisherman. residing also at said Ruaig. this took place at a place called Bealach na chiest. on the South West point of said Island of Soay. whilst fishing lobsters in a boat.

Finlay Fraser D.C.

Evidence

1st Duncan McInnes Aged 28 years. son of and residing with John McInnes. a Tailor residing at Ruaig aforesaid. states. I along with the deceaseds. Charles McLean and my own brother Archibald McInnes left Ruaig about 12 o'clock noon. upon Thursday (the 23rd current) in a little skiff. and went over to Soay. in order to fish Lobsters. having previously Set traps on the South Side of said Soay. for catching them. after being a little more than an hour out. going round at a place called Bealach na chiest. on the south West point of Soay. Charles McLean before designed. called to me. take care of the boat the

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the water is coming behind (meaning a breaker) I had been steering at the time then in an instant the water came on us. and upset the boat. we were in water below the skiff then. but we all scrambled up on the top of the boat. & then another heavy wave came and the boat turned. & we were all a second time below her. and scrambled up again on her. I then got hold of our mast. and our oar. and swimed on the same to the rocks on land. which was only about 15 yards from us. after getting to land weary. and exhausted I looked to the other 2. & observed them on the Boat. then the deceased Charles McLean swimed from the boat. to a Boathook. that had been swimming near them. but as soon as he got to the same he sunk. and I saw him no more. the said Boathook was so little that it would render him no assistance. my own brother Archibald had been still on the Boat and he called to me to push out an oar for him. but I had been so weak. and fatigued. at the time. that I could not do so. he being further from land at the time. the heavy sea took the boat further from the land. then in a few seconds he sunk & I saw him no more -

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2nd Alexander McLean Aged 38 years. a Shoemaker residing at Ruaig aforesaid. states. the aforesaid parties left Ruaig about 12 noon upon Thursday, with a Skiff belonging to me and the aforesaid Duncan McInnes. & being working on seawreck myself. & seeing the day so stormy. I got uneasy as I did not observe them coming round on the west side of said Soay as they used to do. So I went over and upon being near the south side of the Island of Soay. I met Duncan McInnes before designed. & he was clapping his hands on Each other. he then tumbled himself on the ground. appearing very sad. I asked him where is the rest. (meaning his companions). he then stated to me. oh. I left them. I asked where. he said at Bealach na chiest. I ran to said place & observed the Boat in pieces at said Bealach na chiest

Remarks

I only got information of the above case upon Friday & proceeded direct to the place dilligent search had been made for the bodies with hooks & also with a trawl net upon that day but without avail

Finlay Fraser

D.C.

Tyree

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Kirkapol . Tyree

27 Feby 1860

Sir

I beg to intimate that another case of drowning occurred here lately.

On Thursday the 23rd Inst two brothers named McInnes and another man named McLean were engaged fishing for lobsters at Soai a small island near Ruaig

About 2h P.M. the boat coming too close to the breakers capsized. Duncan McInnes one of the men, with difficulty reached the shore. The two other men were drowned. An unsuccessful

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unsuccessful search for their bodies was made on Friday last. The extreme severity of the weather since has precluded all thoughts of renewing the search. The lad McInnes is still in a precarious state owing to injuries produced by the violence of the waves

I have postponed registering these deaths until I shall learn from you whether or not a precognition is to be held thereon.

The packet was off on Friday before the responsible parties gave me notice of the above accident.

I am, Sir,

Your McLeod: Obt: Servant

Mal^m Livingstone

Registrar

Tyree

Henry Nisbet Esq

P.F.

Tobermory

DSC05469Baugh 28th Feby 1860

Police Report

The Bodies of the within designed parties viz. Charles McLean & Archibald McInnes. had been found on the shore opposite the spot or place where they were drowned between the hours of 1. & 3 o'clock. P.M. upon Monday the 27th current. the former viz. McLean had been found by Neil McLeod. Aged 33 years a fisherman residing at Ruaig. & the latter viz McInnes by Donald McInnes. Aged 30 years. also a fisherman residing at Said place I took Dr. Anderson to examine the bodies. as requested.

Finlay Fraser D. C.

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P.S. Since writing the above I have been informed that the bodies referred to have been found to day at no real distance from the scene of the disaster. M. L.

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Kirkapol. Tyree
29th February 1860

Sir

Today two men called and supplied me with the particulars contained in the enclosed Forms relating to the boat accident referred to in my letter of the 27th Inst.

I have postponed registering these Deaths until I hear from you on the subject.

I am, Sir

Your McLeod: Obedt: Servant

Malcolm Livingston

Registrar &c

Tyree

Henry Nisbet Esqr
P.F.
Tobermory

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PARTICULARS
REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE CASE OF A
DEATH

[No Penalty is incurred, and No Fee charged, when the Death is registered *within 8 days.*]

Mac Innes, Archibald -

1 Surname and Name – Rank or Profession, and condition
Fisherman, single.
(whether Married or Single, Widower or Widow)

1860. February Twenty third,

2 When and where Died, with Hour of Death. (The place
about 1h P.M.

Island of Soy, Ruaig, Tyree

of Death to be distinctly specified, particularly in the case
of Towns

3 Sex **M**

4 Age **about 22 years**

5 Parents' Names, and Rank, Profession or Occupation.
(The word (Deceased) to be added where they do not
survive.)

John MacInnes, Tailor (Master)
Mary MacInnes Maiden Name MacKinnon

6 Cause of Death, and how long Disease continued.
fishing boat

Drowning by the capsizing of a

Medical Attendant by whom certified, and when he
last saw Deceased.

7 Burial place. Undertaker, or other Person, by whom
certified **Burying ground of Kirkapoll, Tyree as certified
by Neil MacLeod, neighbour of Deceased.**

8 Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant, (Signed) Donald *his mark* McInnes
if out of the House in which the Death occurred. (The word "Present" to be added in those cases where the Informant happened to be present, at the Death.) cousin german (Not Present)

~~9 When and where registered, and Signature of Registrar~~ 29th February, 1860

N.B. - This form is intended for general circulation, and may also be advantageously used as a Draft by the Registrar, before he proceeds to engross an Entry in the Duplicate Registers, *in both of which the Informant must sign.*

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Form of
particulars relative
to Death of
Archibald McInnes
Ruaig
1860

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PARTICULARS
REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE CASE OF A
DEATH

[No Penalty is incurred, and No Fee charged, when the Death is registered *within 8 days.*]

1 Surname and Name – Rank or Profession, and condition
single.
(whether Married or Single, Widower or Widow)

Mac Lean, Charles - Fisherman,

2 When and where Died, with Hour of Death. (The place
about 1h P.M.
of Death to be distinctly specified, particularly in the case
of Towns)

1860. February Twenty third,

Island of Soy, Ruaig, Tyree

3 Sex **M**

4 Age **about 20 years**

5 Parents' Names, and Rank, Profession or Occupation. **Hector MacLean, Journeyman Engineer,**
(The word (Deceased) to be added where they do not survive.) **(Deceased)**
Ellen MacLean, Maiden Name Hona

6 Cause of Death, and how long Disease continued.
fishing boat
Medical Attendant by whom certified, and when he
last saw Deceased.

Drowning by the capsizing of a

7 Burial place. Undertaker, or other Person, by whom certified Burying ground of Kirkapoll, Tyree as certified by Neil MacLeod, Second cousin of Deceased.

8 Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant, (Signed) if out of the House in which the Death occurred. (The word "Present" to be added in those cases where the Informant happened to be present, at the Death.) Neil McLeod
Second Cousin (Not Present)

~~9 When and where registered, and Signature of Registrar~~ 29th February, 1860

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Form of
Particulars
relative of Death
of
Charles McLean
Ruaig
1860

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Police Report

Baugh 7th March 1860

Further Evidence in case of Archibald McInnes & Charles McLean, Ruaig, Drowning

1st John McInnes Aged 70 years, a Tailor residing at Ruaig parish & Island of Tyree & County of Argyll. States my sons viz Duncan & the now deceased Archibald who both reside with me. left my house about 11 o'clock A.M. upon Thursday the 23rd day of February with the intent of going to fish lobsters, as they used to do. I did not see them starting from the shore. Duncan before designed returned to the house about 3 o'clock P.M. same day. when I got the sad intelligence of my other son Archibald being drowned. Duncan has been so weak at the time. that he could not speak he had to be assisted home by 2 men viz Hugh McLean Crofter. Ruaig. aforesaid. & Hugh McKinnon a Fisherman also residing there. thr bodies of those drowned viz Archibald my son. whose age is 26 years. & Charles McLean had been found upon the shore at Bealach na chiest. upon Monday the 27th day of February and interred upon the following Wednesday viz the 29th current. in Kirkapoll's church yard. I had been present at the funeral

2nd Duncan McInnes Aged 28 years. son of & residing with the aforesaid John McInnes. states. we left the house about 11 o'clock A.M. upon Thursday the 23rd current and went down to Skipnish. the port where

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our Boat was lying. after loitering there. at the said Skipnish. which is the sea port of Ruaig. for about an hour. we left with our Boat which measured 16 feet 4 inches. in length. in which we had stones for ballast. Charles McLean & Archibald McInnes my brother had been rowing her. whilst I had been at the helm. we did not hoist our sail then, the wind was from the South & very strong but steady & the sea very heavy. after rowing 4 or 500 yards to the south east. & trying our lobster traps. we then put 3 reefs in. our sail. which was a square sail. and hoisted the same. & steered to the west of Soay. as we had traps there. but seeing the sea so heavy we put in more of our sail. viz 4½ which is all that we could put in. My brother Archibald had the sheet in his hand. & the haylard had been fastened to the side. the interval between putting in the last 1½ reef in the sail & the water coming in on us. would be no more than 3 minutes. as soon as the water came I requested McLean to loose the Haylard. & to take down the sail. he obeyed instantly. & as soon as he loosed the halyard the sail came down it self. then in a moment the Boat capsized (I attribute the accident to the heavy sea. the wind was strong from the time we left the port & getting stronger but steady fair south) as I formerly stated. the hour of the day that this took place I am unable to tell. but I consider we were more than an hour out with the boat before it took place. the space we were from land at the time. I cannot say but the name of the place is Bealach na

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na chiest . as I formerly stated. I observed the Boat smashed to pieces on the rocks floating on the water after my brother left her.

3rd Alexr McLean Aged 38 years. a Shoemaker residing at Ruaig aforesaid. further adds Duncan McInnes requested me when I met him at Soay. on the day in question. after he told me that he left the rest. (meaning his brother & Charles McLean) at Bealach na chiest he requested me to run to said place. to see if I could see them. I went direct. to the stated place. as already stated I had also been present at the finding of McLean's Body on the shore at Bealach na chiest. about 2 o'clock P.M. upon Monday the 27th day of February. & I also assisted. in taking home the body to my brother's house viz John McLean Crofter Ruaig. who is. as well as I. the said deceased's uncle. I had also been present at the funerals upon Wednesday. the 29th & both bodies had been interred in Kirkapoll's church yard on that day. the said McLean my nephew who was drowned is 20 years of age

4th Flora McKinnon or McLean. wife of and residing with John McLean. a Crofter residing at Ruaig aforesaid. states. I remember. Duncan McInnes who is my sister's son. coming in here to our house. on the evening of Thursday the day the lads were drowned. he seemed to be very dull. faint. and heavy. as soon as I saw him. I suspected something was wrong from his very appearance. I asked what was the matter. he gave no reply only a mournfull groan

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groan. I then asked him what was on him. he then wept & said I left Archibald (meaning his brother) I asked him if he were drowned. he said yes. in a low tone. I then sent for a neighbour of the name of Hugh McKinnon. as soon as McKinnon came he asked Duncan. if he could tell him where did he loose the rest. that I may go and look for them. Duncan replied at the east end of Bealach na chiest.

5th Neil McLeod Aged 33 years a fisherman residing at Ruaig aforesaid States I along with Archibald McInnes & John Lamont fishermen Ruaig. are in partnership. working on the Lobster fishing. & I remember being in Skipnish. the sea Port of Ruaig. upon the forenoon of Thursday the day on which McLean. & McInnes. had been drowned. I saw Duncan McInnes. Archibald McInnes & Charles McLean there. they went out with their Boat about 12 o'clock noon & put some stones in her for ballast. they did not hoist their sail then, but rowed out. I along with my own companions left. with our own boat at same time. but we were not going to the same place. they were further South than we were (the wind had been strong but steady without [Squels] & the sea very heavy the wind was from the South) after being out a little more than an hour's time. I observed a sail hoisted on their boat. & they steared towards the south of Soay when the rocks at said place took them out of or sight. I neither saw or heard more

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more of them. until I heard that evening that two of them were drowned. also upon Monday the 27th Feby I went over to the South west of the Island of Soay along with other parties. having heard that the body of Archibald McInnes had been found on the shore at Bealach na chiest. I went to said place about 2 o'clock P.M. and in half an hour after arriving there. I found the body of Charles McLean. lying on his right side. without a cap or jacket on. he had a grey home made worsted cloth trousers. on a blue vest. a blue worsted [genzie]. a cotton stript shirt. a worsted cravat of white & red on his neck. he had his shoes & stockings on. the body had been without as much as a scar. we carried the body home to John McLean's house in Ruaig. I had also been present at the funerals upon the following Wednesday viz the 29th & they were interred in Kirkapoll's church yard.

6th Archibald McInnes before designed 6th Aged 32 years. a fisherman residing also at said Ruaig. corroborates the foresaid statement in full -

7th John Lamont before designed. Aged 34 years. also a Fisherman residing at said Ruaig. corroborates McLeod & Archibald McInnes before designed's statement - in full.

8th Donald McInnes. Aged 30 years. a Fisherman residing at Ruaig aforesaid States I went over to Bealach na chiest about 1 o'clock P.M. upon Monday the 27th day of February current

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current. to look for the bodies of those drowned. at said place. after being there a few minutes. I observed the body of Archibald McInnes who had been drowned at said place. lying on his front. without a cap. or jacket. but the other body cloth on. [sic] I lifted him up and dragged him. up to a level place. I observed a scare on the forehead. after taking up the body to said place. I went for men to carry him home. & when we came. we carried him home to his father's house. the Body had been interred in Kirkapoll's churchyard. on the following Wednesday I had been present at the funeral of both on same day. in said place

9th Hugh McKinnon Aged 27 years a fisherman residing at Ruaig aforesaid States I got word upon the evening of Thursday the 23rd day of February to go to John McLean's house at Ruaig that Duncan McInnes had been there & that his brother & Charles McLean had been drowned I went to the said John McLean's house & found Duncan McInnes in but seeing him appearing so weak & distressed I did not wish to speak much to him. I only asked him the name of the place where they were lost he stated at Bealach na chiest. he had been so weak. that I had to assist him home to his father's house.

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Remarks

The distance they were from the shore at the time the accident took place is erroneously stated. in my former report. I consider the distance to be no less than 60 or 70 yards by the space Duncan McInnes pointed out to me on land. the cause of said error is at the time I had been taking a statement from Duncan McInnes. at first. he had been very weak. & unable to speak much. & when I asked of the distance from the shore. other parties present then stated the number I inserted in my former report.

Finlay Fraser

D. C.

Tyree

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Sudden Death
of
Charles McLean
&
Archd McInnes
Fishermen
Ruaig
Tyree
March 1860