

McNeill of Tirfergus – Historical document of descendants

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Amongst the Ugadale papers in the National Archives of Scotland (GD328/15/2) survives an original chart of the descendants of Lachlan McNeill Buie of Tirfergus (c. 1611-c.1695), as the situation stood in 1748, when the descent was recorded by Archibald Campbell, late of Danna. The entire document is transcribed below.

Most notes in the margin referred to seem to be from post 1757 & are in a different hand, but some seem to be in Archibald's writing & added soon after the main draft. Square brackets [] denote gaps left in the text, round ones () contain any notes or refer to queried spellings, lines _____ are as found in the text & generally same as [gaps]. Punctuation is almost non-existent in the original, which has been replicated as far as possible.

The inconsistent capital letters in Married, Son & Daur. etc. have all been reduced to lower case. Spaces between words, numbers, lines & paragraphs occasionally irregular in original, but some attempt has been made to reproduce the 'intended' layout, including indents + larger & bolder scripts found. Full stops after text abbreviations have been mostly standardised as present by default. 'Broyr.' seems to be a last vestige of the old Secretary Hand, where the letters 'th' appear to the modern eye as 'y', hence the common misconception of 'Ye olde.....'. In this case the contraction is of 'brother'.

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4. **Offspring of Lauchlan McNeil of Tirfergus** made up by Archibald Campbell late of Danna
Anno -----1748

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Lauchlan McNeil of Tirfergus was married first to Mary McNeil daughter to Carskey by whom he had 1 John 2 Neil 3 Archibald 4 Torquil & two daughters Issobele & Elizabeth He was again married to Margaret McAlester daughter to Toir by whom he had 5 Hector of Lossit 6 Malcolm of Ballymascandland 7 Daniel of Kilchrist 8 Neil Oig of Macrihanish & four daughters 3 Mary 4 Annabel 5 Issabele 6 Margaret & a natural daughter called Margaret

1st son **John of Tirfergus** was married to Ann McNeil, daur. to Gallachly by whom he had 1st Archibald 2nd Captain Daniel, both died unmarried 3 Torquil now of Tirfergus 4 Neil 5 Lauchlan Dow & three daurs. Mary Florence Annabell

Torquill the third son now of Tirfergus was married to Catharine McKay daur. to McKay of Uggandale by whom he had several children who died all unmarried

Neil the fourth son was married to _____ Park near Carlinfoord by whom he had two sons Captain John & Neil of Fackard both unmarried & four daughters

Lauchlan Dow of Ardeglammy fifth son to the said John was married to Margaret McNeil eldest daughter to Hector McNeil of Lossit by whom he has two sons John & Hector

Mary eldest daur. to John of Tirfergus was married to Hector Mcneil son to Carskey by whom he had two sons Daniel & John both abroad & three daurs. Annabell also abroad Elizabeth married to _____ McNeil in _____ in Ireland Ann married to Mr Muil Schoolmr. in Glenurchy The sd. Mary was married a second time to (Alexander – scored out & replaced with – Allan) McLean in [] in Mull broyr. to John McLean parson in Ireland

Florence second daur. to sd. John was married to John Dow McAlester in Arinanuan by whom she has three sons 1st Alexander married to Catharine McMillan daur. to Archibald McMillan in

Cuz of whom there is a son 2. Ronald married to Mary McDonald daur. to Kingsburgh in Sky & 3. Hector * unmarried & two daurs. viz Marg. married to Charles McLuren(?) Mercht. in Campbeln. of whom three or four children ____ (then to Duncan McAlester merch. in Camp. – added later) The other named _____ (Mary -- added later) was married to Neil McNeil son to Hector in the Barr of whom there is one son & three daughters __ now married to Rond. McAlester merch. in Barr who had children.

(* in margin has later note :- Marryd to Eliz Simpson dr. to Minister of Ghia)

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Annabell third daughter to said John was married to James Montgomery in Ballemenuch(?) by whom she has four daughters named Margt. Jean Anabell & Mary

2. **Neil Buy of Balleckon(?) second son to the said Lauchlan** was married to Rose Stewart daur. to Captain Stewart of Gorry(?) in the county of Antrim by whom he had five sons 1 Lauchlan 2 Captain Archibald 3 Hugh 4 Daniel & 5 John the Turk

Lauchlan Neil Buy's eldest son was married to Jenny McNaughton daur. to John McNaughton of Benbarden(?) by whom he had three sons 1st Neil married to Christian Hamilton daur. to Captain William Hamilton of Cushenden by whom he has two sons Edmond & Hugh & one daur. Jenny 2. Alexander was married to [] Fleming daur. to Lord Slains by whom has four sons, Christopher, Neil, Hugh & _____ & one daur. Jenny 3. Archibald, & three daughters viz. Alice Ann & Rose, their succession to be inquired about

Captain Archibald Neil Buy's second son died abroad unmarried but had two natural sons Daniel & Hugh both at sea

Hugh Neil Buy's third son died abroad at the Battle of Almanzer(?)

Daniel Neil Buy's fourth son was married to Margaret daur. to John McLean Prebendary of Rosharken(?) in Ireland by whom he had two sons John & Neil & one daur. called Rose – the said John a Dutch Captn. Was married to Elizabeth Vernon a niece of Admiral Vernon, the said Neil & Rose as yet unmarried

John the Turk fifth son to Neil Buy was married to Margaret McNeil only daur. to Neil McNeil of Taynish by whom he has four sons viz James Hector Archibald & Daniel & two daughters Sophia & Ann all unmarried

3. **Archibald third son to Lauchlan McNeil of Tirfergus** was married to [] McNeil daur. to John McNeil of Billy, by whom he had one daur. Jean married to Lieut. James Forbes near Ballicastle by whom she had four sons viz. Hugh, Neil [] & [] and one daughter ____

4. **Torquill of Ugadale fourth son to the said Lauchlan McNeil of Tirfergus** was married first to Jean Colquhoun sister to Camstrodder(?) by whom he had two sons who died in the army & [] who died young He was again married to Barbara McKay daur. to McKay of Uggadil by whom he had 1st Neil now of Uggadale who is married to Marg. Crawford sister to the Viscount of Garnock by whom he has three sons

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John, Charles & Hector.

2. Daniel, 3. Charles both died abroad 4. Hector who is married to Elizabeth Campbele daur. to Cuthbert Campbell merch. at Basion(?) in New England by whom he has 1. a son Neil & 2. a daut. Betty [] The said Torquill of Uggadale had by his last marriage four daurs. Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth & Issobele: Elizth was married to Mr John McVicar Minister of Kildalton in Illay, by whom she had three sons viz Torquile & Dond. both yet unmarried & Neil altry(?). who died unmarried, & three daurs. one of them named Barbara was married to William Campbell in Kilcheiran(?) in Illay of whom there are [] children & an other Mary married to

William Roy Campbell in Illay of whom there are _____ issue the third dau named Peggy is yet unmarried

(There are two later notes in the margin "Dyed in the East Indies 1757" --- which seems to point to Torquill's 4th son Hector above, and "Married to Annabel dr. to Kildallog", which is beside line including Torquill & Donald, sons of John McVicar)

1st. Issabell eldest daur. to Lauchlan McNeil of Tirfergus was married to Dugald Campbell of Drumnamuckloch by whom she had one son now of Drumnamuckloch who was married to Elizabeth Campbell daur. to Carradile by whom she has ane daur. called Mary

2nd. Elizabeth second daur. to the said Lauchlan was married to John Campbell of Kildallog by whom she had eight sons & three daurs. that came to age viz. 1. Duncan Campbell of Kildallog was married to Margaret dau to [torn] by whom he had ane son [James] (torn, but implied by ref. to James below) who succeeded him & died unmarried & ane daur. Elizabeth who was married to Patrick Colquhoun Minr. of North Knapdale by whom there is one son Duncan
2. Mr Dugald Campbell Minr. at Southend who succeeded his nephew the sd. James was married first to Girzel Campbell daur. to Baillie Angus Campbell broyr. to Skypnish by whom he had a son called John who died young He was again married to Ann McDonald daur. to Sanda by whom he had two sons John now of Kildallog / yet unmarried / & Dugald who died young & four daurs. Helen Elizabeth Annabell yet unmarried & Ann who died young
3. Mr Lauchlan Campbell Minr. of Campbeltown died unmarried
4. William who died in the Darien Expedition
5. Archibald Campbell Sherriff Clerk of Argyle / now of Danna was married to Mary Brown daur. to Robert Brown Mercht. in Anly(?) by whom he has three sons Adam, John, & Robert & ane daur. Susanna, Adam* was married to Jean Campbell daur. to the Laird of Otter by whom he has ane son called John & ane daur. called Mary – John, now Sherriff Clerk is married to Margaret Campbell daur. to Knockbuy(?) by whom he has one son Archd. & a daur. called Girzel, Robert & Susanna* are yet unmarried - - - (later note at foot of page :- Robt. married to Carradile's sister & has a daur.)

* (1) He (Adam) & son both dead the Estate is the Clerk (later note in margin beside)

* (2) (Susanna) married to Mr Robt. Thomson Minister of Killean & has 2 sons & a daur. (later note in margin beside)

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6. Robert Campbell Capn. of London Merchtman was married to Elizabeth dau to Capn. Pye of Deal in Kent by whom he had one son Robert now abroad

7. Neil Campbell died abroad unmarried

8. Daniel Campbell late Collector of Excise was married to Margaret McDonald daur. to Sanda by whom he has ane son Dugd. & two daurs. Elizabeth & Ann

1st Mary Campbell was married to Alex Campbell of Kirnan by whom she had one daur.

Hendrietta who was married to Archd. McLauchlan your. of Kilinuchanuch of whom are two daurs. viz Florence & Catharine McLauchlans yet unmarried

2. Annabell Campbell was married to Mr Charles Stewart Minr. of Campbeltown by whom she had first Archd. Stewart a Surgion who died unmarried 2. Peter Stewart Writer in Campbeltown

3rd Robert Stewart a Storekeeper in Virginia 4 Dugd. a Student* in Divinity (later note in margin beside has :- * [] Mercht. from Campbeltown) & four daurs. viz Elizabeth Stewart

who was married to Mr Robert Thomson Minr. of Kilean(?) & died without issue 2nd. Alice died unmarried, 3 Mary & 4 Annabell* both unmarried (married Robt. Stewart Mercht. in Campn. -- this note has no * beside it in text, but follows on directly; the 1st note above may be part of a duplicate, awaiting the name of the husband, & so applying to Annabell, not Dugald)

3. Ann Campbell was married to Mt Andrew Duncanson Minr. of Rosneath & has no? issue

5 Hector McNeil of Lossit fifth son to Lauchlan McNeil of Tirfergus was first married to Ann Campbell daur. to Dugd. Campbell of Saddell Baillie of Kintyre by whom he had Dugd. who died abroad unmarried 2nd. son Dond. McNeil of Lord Loudon's regiment* (note in margin beside has

* married to Florence McAlester dr. to Askomill has a dr. called Jean) 3 Capn. John who was married to Christian Torchard(?) niece to Coll. Torchard by whom he has a son Capn. John of Lord John Murray's Regimt. 4 Archd. who is in the army & 5 James who died abroad at sea & five daughters viz. Margt. married to Lauchlan McNeil of Arde' of whom already (contraction of Ardglammie; see Lauchlan above) 2 Janet married to Coll (NOT a contraction of Colonel, but a forename) McAlester of Ballinakile by whom she had two sons viz. Hector married to James Bane Fullarton in Arran his daur. of whom there issue [] 2nd. Alexr. Married to Florence McNeil daur. to Ardealay

3 Mary McNeil third daur. to sd. Hector of Lossit was married to Doctr. John McAlester Broyr. to the sd. Coll McAlester of Ballinakile by whom she has four children viz Colin, (dead) Hector, & Coll & one daur. Ann

4 Ann McNeil fourth daur. to Lossit was married to Mr John McLean Minr. of Killean by whom she has a son Charles & a daur. Florence

5 Henrietta McNeil fifth daur. to Lossit is yet unmarried

The said Hector McNeil of Lossit was again married to Florence Campbell daur. to Peter Campbell of Kilduskland & widow of John McDonald of Kingy(Largie?) by whom he had one son Lieut. Lauchlan McNeil of MajorGenl. Stewart's Regt. in the Dutch Service & two daughters, Elizabeth & Cathrene both unmarried

6 Malcom McNeil of Ballmaskandland sixth son to the sd. Lauchlan of Tirfergus was married to Girzel Donaldson daur. to Robert Donaldson in Ballemenuch(?) Esq. In Ireland by whom he has five sons & five daughters .

1 Hendry a Councillor at Law who died unmarried 2nd Capn. Robert who died in the East India Company's Service unmarried, 3 Malcom now of Ballimd. an Attorney at Dublin was married to [] Kernan (?) daur. to [] [] by whom he has one daur. called [] 4 Capn. Daniel who is married to [] Reid at Limpole by whom he has issue 5 Archd. who died unmarried 6 Margaret married to Mr Patrick Simson Minr. of Dundalk by whom she has two daurs. one of whom called [] is married to [] at Newry 7 Mary who is married to John McNeil of Ardealy by whom she had one daughter called [] & Elizabeth who was married to Mr O'Lochardy(?) an Attorney & died without children 9 Rose who died unmarried 10 Girzel who was married to Neil Oir McNeill younger of Macrihanish by whom she had a daur. who died young

7 Daniel McNeil of Kilchrist seventh son to the said Lauchlan of Tirfergus was married to Marian Montgomery daur. to Baillie John Montgomery of Campbeltoun by whom he had 1st Lauchlan now of Kilchrist Prov. of Campbeltoun who was married to Cathrine Clerk daur. to Baillie Donald Clerk in Campbeltoun by whom he had a daur. Cathrine who died young The said Lauchlan was again married to Ann McAlister daur. to Charles McAlister of Tarbert by whom he has one son Charles & two daurs. Issabell & Ann 2 James who died in India unmarried but left a natural son called John 3 Margaret who is married to Alexr. Marchmont Officer of Excise in Campbeltoun by whom she has one daur. (replaced with 'son') Alexr. 4 Rose who was married to Donald McNeil at Barr by whom she has one son John & a daur. called ____ (Ann -- added later)

8 Neil Oig McNeil of Macrihanish eighth son to the said Lauchl. of Tirfergus was married to Elizabeth daur. to the said Baillie John Montgomery by whom he had 1 Neil Oig who was married to the sd. Girzel McNeil daur. to Ballim'land of whom already 2 John who with the sd. Neil are both in New England 3 Archd. who Commanded a Bombcetch & died unmarried in the expedition to Carthagen & 4 Lauchlan* who is yet unmarried (scored out – margin note has -- * married to Peggy McNeil dr. to Tarbat in Islay) 5 Daniel who likewise died unmarried 6 Margt. who is married to Hector McNeil at Saltfans by whom he has six children called _____ & 7 Issabell yet unmarried (note below 'six children' has Betty, Neil, Peggy etc.)

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3 Mary McNeil, third daur. to said Lauchlan of Tirfergus was married to Donald McNeil of Crear by whom she had 1 Malcom McNeil of Collonsay who was married to Barbara Campbell sister to Angus Campbell of Dunstaffnage by whom he had 1 Donald McNeil now of Collonsay who was married to Girzel McNeil* daur. to Archibald McNeil of Belfast (note has * & has issue) 2 Angus, 3 Alexander both unmarried 4 Issabell who was married to Neil Campbell now of Dunstaffnage by whom she has a son & daurs. named, Angus Lillias (& Peggy) 5 Margaret who was married to Duncan Fisher of Duron(?) by whom she has two sons Angus & James & one daur. called Barbara 6 John a natural son to the said Malcom was married to [] Montgomery daur. to William Montgomery Merchant in Lern(?) in Ireland by whom he has issue viz a son called Malcom & ___ a daur.

2 Neil Oig McNeil of Ardnacross who was married to Grizel McAlester daur. to Loup by whom he has two sons Gorry & Hector & two daurs. (?ally &) Florence & Barbara married to James Campbell Baliol(?) Islay. (Barbara has been crossed out & replaced with the other named daughter, inserted before Florence, from which it might be assumed that it was Florence who m. James Campbell)

3 Archibald Roy McNeil was married to Elizabeth McNeil daur. to Arichonnan by whom he had two sons called Malcom & Alexander

4 John Oig McNeil was married to ---- daur. to Killenalin by whom he has two sons called [] [] & [] daughters

5 Margaret McNeil who was married to Archd. Campbell of Strondoun by whom she had ???? ???? ?ig who was married to Jannet Campbell daur. to Kilduskland & has two daurs. Issabell & Jean 2 Alex Campbell ??mon mercht. in Glasgow who was married to Susanna Campbell daur. to Knockbuy by whom he has one (son) called Archd. & one daur. called Girzel

6 Marriana McNeil was first married to Ronald Campbell of Lagganlochan by whom she had 1 Ferquhard Campbell of Laganlochan who was first married to Mary Campbell daur. to Archd. Campbell of Askimill by whom he had 2 sons Alexr. & Dugald & 4 daurs. called [] The said Ferquhar was again married to Mary Campbell daur. to Dugd. Campbell of Cregnish(?) by whom he has a son called _____ The said Marriana was again married to Colin Campbell Baillie of Tirrie by whom she had 1 Lieut. Dond. Campbell now at Fort St George(?) 2nd Archd. who died unmarried 3rd ____ a daughter who was married to ---- McArthur in Mull & has issue

7 Mary McNeil daur. to the sd. Dond. McNeil of Crear was married to Malcom McNeil of Tarbert in Gigha by whom he had a son called Lachlan now of Tarbert

8 Girzel McNeil youngest daur. of the sd. McNeil of Crear was married to Archd. Campbell of Bamercarry(?) by whom she has five sons called John Colin Neil* James & Malcom & four daugrs. Janet Mary Elizabeth & _____ all unmarried
(* Neil married to Beckie(?) Alexr. dr. Baillif Alexander Greenock)

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4 Annabell McNeil fourth daur. to the said Lauchlan of Tirfergus was married to Mr John McLean Prebendary of Rasharcán(?) of whom already vide Neil Buy

5 Issabell McNeil fifth daur. to the said Lauchlan was married to Mr David Simson Minr. in Illay by whom she had 1 Mr Neil Simson Minr. in Gigha who was married to Mary McNeil daur. to Malcom McNeil of Skeroblin by whom he has 1 David who died at the University 2 Peter 3 Elizabeth both unmarried & 4 Mary who died unmarried, 2 Mr Patrick Simson Minr. of Dundalk of whom already vide Ballim'aland

3 John Simson Mercht in Killarow who was married to [] Campbell daur. to Dun Campbell of Balloil(?) by whom he has sixth(?) - - - children viz [] sons & [] daurs. one of whom is married to Neil McNeil in Skeroblin who has ----- children & another married to Dond. McNeil Do (ditto) & has children

4 Alex Simson Tacksman of Coulohus(?) in Illay is married to [] Campbell sister to Dan Campbell of Lochhead by whom he has nine children viz. [] Baldy []
5 Mary Simson who was married to Archibald Campbell of Askomill by whom she had 1 John now of Askomill Baillie of Illay who was mar.....

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....Archd. & Dugald & two daurs. Janet & Mary, 2 Dugald Campbell Doctor of Medecine who died abroad unmarried, 3 Alex Campbell died unmarried 4 Mr David Campbell Minr. at Southend who is married to Elizabeth Montgomery daur. to Mr Hugh Montgomery of Brimland by whom he has a daur. called Mary* (note has * a son Peter. Archd. Peggie) 5 Patrick Campbell who died unmarried 6 Mary Campbell who was married to Torql. Campbell of Lagganloch of whom already 7 Jean Campbell who is married to ___ Frazer Surgion in Killarow by whom she has - - - issue 8 Issabell married to [] Stewart in Ireland & has issue 9 Margt. married to William Buchanan Mercht. in Campbeltoun by whom she has six children Peggy, Siby Lilly. Archd. Jas. John

6 Janet Simson third daur. to the said Issobell McNeil was married to Malcom McNeil of Tarbert by whom she (has) Neil John & Malcom & two daurs. Mary Peggy & (?)

6 Margaret McNeil sixth daur. to the said Lauchlan of Tirfergus was married to Donald McNeil of Ballegrogan by whom she had 1 Hector yet unmarried* (note has * married to Anbell Ffleming & has a son Hector) 2nd Lauchlan who is married to Elizabeth Muir daur. to James Muir of Kilchivan by whom he has 2 sons called (Lauchlan -- crossed out & replaced with Jno. & Hector) & two daughters called Margt. & Henrietta 3 Mary yet unmarried, 4 Margt. who is married to Abdrew Stewart in [] in Arran by whom she has one son called Roger & two daurs. called (Margt. & Lillie – crossed out & replaced with Mally? & Lucy?) 5 Cathrine who is married to Hector McNeil in Darlathan & has no issue 6(?) Mally yet unmarried

8 (no # 7!) ----- Margaret natural daur. to the sd. Lauchlan of Tirfergus was married to _____ Stewart in Ireland of whom there is a son - - - -

Footnote :- Campbeltown 5th May 1853 what is written on this and the seven preceeding pages is the document referred to in my deposition of this date in action of Reduction Macneal Ag. ????? McNeill

signed by:- R? Colvill

witnesses? John Murray & James Gardner