

LETHEN IMAGES

Images dated 1884 (Lethen Estate, Ardcloch Parish): Mr James Mann and family at Cairnglass [1. Mann, Cairnglass]; Mrs Murdoch and family at Lynemore [2. Murdoch, Lynemore]; The Free School maintained at Knockandhu with teacher and pupils [3. School, Knockandhu]; Mr John Rose at Daltra [4. Rose, Daltra]; Mr Donald McQueen at the Carpenter's Shop near Dulsie Bridge [5. McQueen, Dulsie]; James Falconer and Alexander Cattanach tying a salmon fly at Dunearn Lodge [6. Falconer & Cattanach, Dunearn]. Contributed, with notes, by Sarah Brodie.

1. Mann, Cairnglass



Caption: Lethen. Mr James Mann, Cairnglass, with his wife & family at their Cottage door: 1884.

Notes:

James Mann (1793-1884) - born at Delnies, Nairn son of John Mann & Margaret McDonald, and died at Cairnglass, Ardcloch in November the year this photograph was taken.

Margaret McGlashan (1812-1899) - born at Little Lyne, Ardcloch daughter of Donald McGlashan & Mary Falconer, and died at Cairnglass.

James Mann Farmer Cairnglass & Margaret McGlashan in Little Lyne m. 23 July 1847 Ardcloch.

Nairn Cemetery, Victorian Section [Stuart Farrell, 2009]:

(201) In memory of James Mann farmer Cairnglass, Ardcloch died 5 November 1884. And his wife Margaret McGlashan died 10 June 1899. Their son John Mann J.P died 14 July 1932. Also his wife Margaret

Hendry died 16 November 1944. Their son James Alexander B.S.C who died at Ayr 4 July 1933.

Pictured with the couple at Cairnglass in 1884 are their only son and two of their three daughters, all then unmarried:

***John Mann** (1848-1932) who farmed Cairnglass with and after his father, and married in 1897 Margaret Hendry (1860-1944). John died at Newton of Belivat 14 July 1932.

***Margaret Mann** (b.1852) who was housekeeper at nearby Coulmony House in 1887 when she married the head gardener Duncan Balfour. The census finds them at Coulmony Cottage in 1891, and at 9 Portland Terrace, Nairn in 1901 & 1911 where he was a market gardener. Margaret was widowed in 1914. Her daughter Mary Jane Balfour (b.1889) married in 1918 Edward Joseph Cox, a private in the 120th Coy. Canadian Forestry Corps, and Margaret emigrated to Quebec with them in August 1919, and from Quebec to Detroit, Michigan in 1920. In the US census for 1940 'Margaret Balfour, widow, age 87, b. Scotland' was still living in Detroit with her daughter Mary Jane & son-in-law Edward J Cox.

***Jane Mann** (b.1855) who was still living at Cairnglass in 1897 when she married William Grant, sheep dealer from Duthil.

[The eldest daughter Mary Anne Mann (b.1850) was unmarried living with her parents at Cairnglass in the 1871 census, but it is unclear what became of her - no record of her marriage or death locally]

Estate Records suggest that James Mann had successive 19 year leases from 1837-56; 1856-75; 1875-94 (the latter jointly with his son John) – and in 1891 John Mann became tenant of Cairnglass & Newton of Belivat under a new lease, continuing until 1920.

From the 1841 census, the elderly parents of James Mann appear to be living with him at Cairnglass – John Mann age 80, born in County & Margaret Mann age 70, not born in County.

John senior was born 1759 at Allanaha, Nairn son of James Mann & Janet McIntyre, afterwards at Kildrummie.

John's younger brother James Mann (1778-1860) was farming at Meadowfield, Auldearn by the 1841 census, and his family became prominent in Nairn – a son Alexander Mann (1818-1892) was provost in the 1860s, and a grandson Dr Hugh William Mann (1856-1940) was provost in the 1890s.