

## 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.

### 2. Murdoch, Lynemore



**Caption: Lethen. Mrs Murdoch, & her family, at Lynemore: 1884.**

#### Notes:

Mrs Murdoch was **Elizabeth Rose** (1818-1896) – born at Achnabechan, Ardcloch & brought up at Daltra, daughter of Alexander Rose & Janet Rose. After upwards of 50 years at Lynemore, she died at 4 Academy St, Nairn where her son William then lived.

John Rose (1804-1890) pictured at Daltra in 1884 was Elizabeth's brother.

She had married 1845 David Murdoch (1792-1863) farmer at Lynemore.

David Murdoch Farmer at Lynemore & Eliza Rose at Daltra m. 11 July 1845 Ardcloch.

(David's father John Murdoch had come to Lynemore c.1790 from nearby Aitnoch, Ardcloch parish, before which he had lived at Tomcork, Edinkillie parish & married Mary Mitchell there in 1783)

Ardclach Churchyard [MNFHS, 2010]

(236) *South Face* In loving memory of our father and mother David Murdoch, Lynemore, Ardclach, who died 12<sup>th</sup> March 1863, aged 71 years. And his wife Elizabeth Rose, who died 25<sup>th</sup> June 1896 aged 77 years. And their son John Murdoch, who died at Lynemore 29<sup>th</sup> May 1925, aged 77 years. And his wife Martha Ann Leslie, who died at Dalmore 10<sup>th</sup> January 1939 aged 74 years. *East Face* In memoriam of Alexr Murdoch born at Lynemore 29<sup>th</sup> July 1850, died at Dalnavie, Ardross, Ross-shire 24<sup>th</sup> May 1901.

(238) Erected in memory of John Murdoch late tacksman of Lyne More, who Departed this life the 5 day of September 1816, aged 69 years.

Pictured with Mrs Murdoch at Lynemore in 1884 are her surviving children, all then unmarried:

\***John Murdoch** (1848-1925) who farmed Lynemore, and married in 1894 at the Station Hotel in Forres his neighbour Martha Ann Leslie (1864-1939) from Drumlochan. After her husband died, Martha and her son John continued at Lynemore until about 1936, before joining the second son Walter Leslie Murdoch at Dalmore Farm near Auldearn, where Martha died in 1939.

\***Alexander Murdoch** (1850-1901) who moved to Dalnavie, Ross-shire in the 1880s, and married in 1891 Annie Mackintosh (1861-1941) from South Kinrara, Alvie parish. Annie was the daughter of Alexander's first cousin Janet Falconer (c.1820-1885), sister of Jamie Falconer pictured at Dunearn Lodge in 1884.

\***William Murdoch** (1855-1934) who became a grain merchant in Nairn, and married in 1897 Christina McGillivray (1867-1943) from Lower Balblair, Nairn.

\***Jessie Murdoch** (1858-?) who was at Lynemore, unmarried in the 1881 census.

\***Caroline Campbell Murdoch** (1860-1933) who at the date of the photograph was schoolmistress at the Free School maintained by T.D. Brodie at nearby Knockandhu (*see below*), until she married in 1888 Alexander Marr a shipowner & farmer then living at Woodend, Petty. Caroline was widowed in 1899, with 4 children. She was still at Woodend in the 1911 census, but died at Lossiemouth in 1933. Tombstone at Brachlich Cemetery, Gollanfield [HFHS, 2003].

[the eldest daughter Mary Catherine Murdoch (1846-1878) had married in 1872 Alexander Fraser, a merchant in Croy, and died 1878 in the village of Croy, buried at Cawdor]

Lynemore is perhaps best known as the birthplace of John Murdoch (1818-1903) celebrated agitator for land reform. He was nephew of David Murdoch, and first cousin of the Murdoch family in the 1884 photograph.