

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.

5. McQueen, Dulsie



Caption: Lethen. Carpenter's Shop, near Dulsie Bridge, with the Tenant, Mr Donald McQueen, in the foreground. 1884.

Notes:

This photo was published in 'A Salmon for the Schoolhouse; a Nairnshire Parish in the Nineteenth Century, from the Diaries of Robert and Elsie Thomson', John Love & Brenda McMullen eds, 1994.

(Elsie Thomson notes in February 1884 "Heard on our way to church that a neighbour, poor Donald Macqueen, died in the evening before, in his chair when in the act of closing his bible after having read the usual chapter at family worship.")

Donald McQueen (1808-1884) – born at Dulsie, Ardcloch son of Donald McQueen (also a Carpenter) & Janet McPhail.

He died in February the year the photograph is dated (perhaps it had been taken the year before, as it looks suspiciously clement for Jan/Feb at Dulsie Bridge – Elsie Thomson mentions storms and snow in those months)

Donald McQueen Carpenter at Dunearn and Mary Mackintosh of the parish of Cawdor m. 28 July 1852 (from the census, she was born Inverness-shire/Moy)

Mary d.1880 - tombstone Ardclach Churchyard [MNFHS, 2010]

They had two sons:

*Donald McQueen (1855-1940) Master Carpenter, who was living at Dunearn in 1888 when he married at Nairn Jessie Watt (1863-1947); they settled at Maryfield in the parish of St Andrews-Lhanbryd, Morayshire in the early 1890s. (Jessie was the daughter of Donald's first cousin Janet McLean (1828-1898), Janet being daughter of Anne McQueen (1800-1876) sister of Mr Donald McQueen of the 1884 photograph, and wife of Hector McLean Chelsea Pensioner & Shoemaker, Mount Pleasant, Ardclach)

*John McQueen (1859-1931) who was living at 69 Regent Quay, Aberdeen in 1890 when he married Jane Duncan (widow of James Woodall); he died at Woodend Hospital Aberdeen.