

Donald Macleod "The Faithful Palinurus"

Donald MacLeod of Galtrigal

(also spelt...Gaultergill, Galdrigile, Galtrigil, Galtrigill)

Located across the loch from Dunvegan Castle

Read on line Flip Book

"Prince Charlie's Pilot" A Record of Loyalty and Devotion by Evan Macleod Barron

<http://www.archive.org/details/princecharliespi00barruoft>

We would like to find out the names of Donald's ancestors and in particular, the names of his children and hopefully their descendents!

We have discovered so far.....

- Donald MacLeod was born about 1678 and died 8 Sep 1749 age 71 yrs at Galtrigal.
- Searches of www.familysearch.org notes Donald Macleod of Gaultergill, Western I lands,, **Waterford, Ireland** born about 1681. Spouse Catherine MacDonald marriage about 1709,, Scotland. A son Donald born about 1710 and a daughter Catherine born about 1712 (*Source: IGI Records submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church*). **Note: The Waterford, Ireland seems very odd??*
- Almost all historical references to Donald MacLeod of Galtrigil have one common source, "**The Lyon in Mourning**", a collection of speeches, letters, Journals etc. relative to the affairs of Prince Charles Edward Stuart. It is one of the best contemporary records of the Jacobite rising of 1745-46. **This collection was compiled between 1746 and 1775 by Reverend Robert Forbes AM (1708-1775).**
- **Donald's wife's families - the Macdonalds of Glenaladale & Glenfinnan and the Macdonalds of Milton** played major roles in supporting the Prince.
- Prince Charles landed in Scotland with just seven companions on the Isle of Eriskay (in the Outer Hebrides) in July 1745. He raised his standard at *Glenfinnan (on the mainland, and clansmen sympathetic to his cause soon swelled his ranks. Many clan chieftains opted to remain home, including both the Macleod and MacDonald chiefs on Skye. (*Source: <http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/info/History/The1745JacobiteRebellion>*).
- **Few parts of the western Highlands have a closer association with the Jacobite cause than Borrodale.** It was at Borrodale Bay that Charles Edward Stuart, 'Bonnie Prince Charlie', first set foot on the Scottish mainland on **25 July 1745**. Borrodale House, then **owned by Clanranald and let to Angus MacDonald of Borrodale (brother of Catherine)** served both as his headquarters and his living accommodation whilst he was canvassing the support of local clansmen. It was from here that he left for Moidart and the Raising of the Standard at **Glenfinnan** on 19 August 1745. A year later the Prince, fleeing from the forces of King George, returned briefly to Borrodale. Lady Catriona MacDonald of Borrodale gave him one of her plaids. This garment was subsequently divided into pieces as mementos of the Stuart cause, one such piece now displayed in the Highland Museum in Fort William. Prince Charles embarked from a bay on the loch, some two miles east of Borrodale on a ship bound for France.
- **Major Alexander Macdonald V11 of Glenaladale (Catherine's nephew) was among the first to espouse the cause of Prince Charles, and it was on his estate at Glenfinnan that the royal standard of the House of Stuart was unfurled.** He played a conspicuous part in all the engagements of the Highland Army, and held the rank of **Major** in the **Clanranald Regiment**. After the disaster at Culloden, when the Prince found his way to the West Coast, **Glenaladale acted as the faithful guide and companion of Charles**. On the return of the Prince from Uist, he continued under the **protection of Glenaladale and his friends** until he embarked for France. The Prince was entertained at Glenaladale's house on several occasions. Glenaladale, who did not follow Charles to France, succeeded in eluding the pursuit of the emissaries of the Government until finally the Indemnity Act set him free.
- **In 1746 Donald McLeod** 68 yrs and his youngest son, **Murdoch aged 15 yrs**, aided Prince Charles Edward Stuart flee to the Long Isle in the hope of finally escaping to France.
- Donald was a clansman of the 22nd chief Norman Macleod (The Red Man The Wicked Man) - MacLeod of MacLeod (son of Norman, 20th Chief) born 29.07.1705, married 1748, died 1803..... **His Clansman Donald MacLeod of Galtrigal** transported a hoard of gold coins from **Barra to Moidart** and later from **21st April to 21st June 1746 hid the Prince at Long Island and Uist**. Later he was therefore captured by Allan MacDonald of Knock. (*Source: <http://www.seoras.com/2004/08/04/macleod-chieftans/>*).
- Although Norman MacLeod the 22nd Chief at the time of the '45 did not support Bonnie Prince Charlie, many of his Clan did do so. At the time the MacLeod Chief was one of the people searching to apprehend the Prince.

- In early April 1746, the Prince's Banker, Aeneas Macdonald, brother of Kinlochmoidart, was sent by the **Prince to Barra** in order to recover and transport to **Inverness about 380 pounds in gold**, which had been landed on the island in the previous December. For his companion and pilot he chose Donald, and a week or two before the Battle of Culloden the two set out on their dangerous mission across a sea "swarming with sloops of war, boats and yawls full of militia". (*Source: The Prince's Pilot. A Record of Loyalty and Devotion by Evan Macleod Barron, Inverness: Robt. Carruthers & Sons 1913 - Microfilmed by University of Toronto Library*)
- "Donald, for sixty days, through constant peril, held the life and fortunes of the royal fugitive within his keeping, and for his loyalty spent eight months, with the elder Clanranald and others, in the fever-stricken hold of a rotting hulk off Tilbury, on a daily ration of one-half pound of raw oatmeal which they mixed with water in a bottle. Most of them died there, but Donald, in spite of his three score and ten lived to see once more the hills of Skye" (*Source: The Glenaladale Pioneers*)
- Exhibited in the Dunvegan Castle are the Spectacles of Donald MacLeod of Galtrigal, the Prince's boatman, and the Amen Glass which was given to Donald MacLeod by the Prince, inscribed with the words 'To my faithful Palinurus' alluding to the boatman who conducts people across the Loch.
- A token Kilt or scarf pin given to Donald of Galtrigal or his son Murdoch, by the Prince, is currently held by a member of our Australian family, descendent of Donald McLeod of Kilmuir (brother of William) who immigrated to Australia in 1837 on the Midlothian. As the pin is held by the family, the supposition is that the Donald McLeod of Monkstadt, Kilmuir and his family are descendents of Donald Macleod of Galtrigal.
- Donald was a Tenant of the "Laird of MacLeod". "Donald Macleod was one of those well to-do farmers in Skye, who lived comfortably on their comparatively small *tenements of land, and paid then from £30 to £60 of rent. This class of respectable farmers is now all but extinct. They were reckoned as gentlemen, and contrived to give good education to their children, by clubbing together, and employing tutors from the south to give instruction in all useful branches. *Source: Page 248 THE CELTIC MAGAZINE. Xo. XIX. MAY 1877. Vol. II. THE LAST SCENES OF FLORA MACDOXALD'S LIFE, WITH A VARIETY OF COLLATERAL INCIDENTS. By the Rev. Alex. Macgregor, M.A. <http://www.archive.org/details/celticmagazinemo00macg>*
- **Donald married Catherine Macdonald of Glenaladale.** He and his wife lived beside the "Stone of Manners" in Galtrigall Skye. The **Manners Stone**, is acclaimed to bestow good manners upon those whom sit on it.
- It is very possible that it was his wife's family that recommended their son in law Donald, a farmer/trader, as a man to trust who had the knowledge of the islands and waters around Skye and was fortunately, for the Prince, a skilled helmsman and Pilot guide.
- Catherine was a daughter of **John V MacDonald of Glenaladale** and **NicAngus MacDonald of Balinavich (later Milton)**.
- Catherine's mother NicAngus was a daughter of **Angus Og MacDonald 1 of Balinavich** (later Milton). NicAngus MacDonald was the sister of **Ranald Macdonald 11 of Milton** (the father of "**the Flora Macdonald**"). NicAngus was therefore Aunt of - and her daughter Catherine (wife of Donald) a first cousin - to "**Flora Macdonald**"
- Catherine mother and father both descend from **John MacDonald (Iain of Islay)** who became the **1st Lord of the Isles** and **Amie (Amy) Macruari of Garmoran** the daughter and heiress of **Roderick MacDonald**, a doughty warrior in the cause of **the Bruce**, who rewarded him for his sacrifices with a grant of land of Garmoran, including what is now Moidart, Morar, Arisaig, Ardnamurchan, Gairloch, Knoydart and Ardgour. His daughter Amie inherited his lands and bought her great dower into the marriage. John of Islay later repudiated her and he married **Lady Margaret**, daughter of **Robert the High Steward** who ascended the **Scottish throne** as **Robert 11**.
- Catherine's Glenaladale family played a major role in assisting the Prince to hide and to escape to France.
 1. **John Macdonald V of Glenaladale.** 1710, was succeeded by his eldest son. He married a daughter (**nicAngus**) of **Angus Macdonald of Balivanich & Milton** and had by her:-
 1. **John Macdonald V1**, who succeeded him (died before 1710)
 2. **Angus Macdonald of Borrodale**, whose son, Alexander, afterwards succeeded by purchase to Glenaladale. Borrodale is 4 miles east of Arisaig on the Road to the Isles. Fort William is 30 miles away and Mallaig 12 miles
 3. **Donald Macdonald**
 4. **Alexander Macdonald.** There is a written account by Alexander MacDonald on the **Hanoverian atrocities on Canna**. On April 15, Captain Duff and Captain Ferguson of the Commodore came from the Island of Skye to Canna to harass the people. They had previously forced the people to give them beef and mutton. Since the young men were gone to Culloden, the **baillie of Canna, James MacDonald** decided it would be safer to give in. So the islanders slaughtered 20 fat cows and as many sheep for the English. The meat, however, began to rot because a storm came up, and the marines could not land. They refused to eat it and, instead, demanded 60 more heads of cattle. When the Baillie told them that this was unjust and cruel for the poor islanders, the Captain with his armed men gathered all the cattle on the island into a small

creek and shot sixty of the best. What they did not use, they threw overboard and would not let the islanders touch a bite of it. All this had taken place earlier in the month, and on April 15, they arrived again. The purpose of this next adventure was to rape the girls on the island. Fortunately for them, a young English marine with a conscience warned the islanders, and the girls were able to hide themselves in the caves."

5. **Allan Macdonald**
 6. **Roderick Macdonald**, a Lieutenant in the army of Prince Charles.
 7. **James Macdonald**, who was **Baillie of Canna in 1746**. Being suspected of Jacobite sympathies, he was, notwithstanding the protection he had received from the Earl of Loudon, **taken to London and kept a prisoner there for a year**.
 8. **Donald Macdonald**.
 9. **Penelope Macdonald**, who married Angus Macdonald, Tacksman of Stonebridgc, in Uist.
 10. **Catherine Macdonald of Glenaladale wife of Donald Macleod "The Prince's Pilot"**
- **John Macdonald V1 of Glenaladale**. He married Mary, daughter of Allan Macdonald of Morar, and had by her:-
 - **Alexander Macdonald V11**, his successor.
 - **John Macdonald, an officer in the Army of Prince Charles**. Formerly served as an officer in the French Army.
 - Allan Macdonald.
 - **Major Alexander Macdonald V11 of Glenaladale** He married Margaret (daughter of Donald Macdonell of Scotus by his first wife, Helen Meldrum of Meldrum), and had by her three sons and one daughter.

(vi) Letter 21 October 1747 to Lord Arbuthnott from Rev Robert Forbes

*My Lord, Your lordship may be justly surprized at me having been honoured with yours of **September 8th 1747**, without making any return to it before this time. But to tell the truth, as I had a view of this bearer, I delayed writing till I could do it with a good grace. And sure I am I could never do it with a better one than at present, when I gladly embrace the opportunity of affording your lordship the happiness to **salute one of the first men in the world. I know, my Lord, you feel a sensible pleasure beyond many in the world in conversing with worthies, men of rigid virtue and integrity, and such indeed this man is.** Know then, my Lord, that this will be put into your hands by **the renowned SCOTS PALINURUS, Donald MacLeod, tenant at Gaultergill**, in the Isle of Sky, that most faithfull and honest steersman of the eight-oar'd boat from the continent to the Isles of Benbicula, South Uist, Lewis, etc, etc, etc, and who **had the Prince among his hands for about ten weeks after the battle of Culloden.***

While a prisoner on board a ship he went through an uninterrupted series of the greatest hardships and severities for several months together. In a word, he was reduced to the lowest ebb of misery, and had the mortification of seeing others dying about him like rotten sheep. But his gray hairs (by a remarkable blessing of Heaven) have survived the trials of adversity, while many younger and in appearance much stronger, submitted to the fate of a lingering death. Although his history be most extraordinary in all the several instances of it, yet, my Lord, when he arrived here from London, he had not wherewith to bear his charges to Sky, where he has a wife and children (under the Laird of Macleod) whom he has now been absent from for nineteen or twenty months.

Something has been done for him in and about Edinburgh, but far from what his merit justly entitles him to, and what his circumstances really call for, So many and frequent are the demands that have been made, that I must frankly own I was turned quite bankrupt in applications before I had the honour of your Lordship's letter; so that it was altogether out of my power, though my inclination was great, to make anything for poor William Baird, whose affecting history and character were no strangers to me.

*Take a view, my Lord, of this truly noble (though poor) worthy in this single point - **that he had the courage and integrity of heart to despise the tempting bait of thirty thousand pounds sterling**, and not only so, but that in spite of the' infirmities attending the hoary head he struggled through as great dangers and difficulties of life for the preservation of etc, as it is in the power of the most fertile fancy to paint; and then I leave it to your lordship to draw the immortal character of this **amiable instance of heroic virtue.***

***I dare venture to say that no man of bowels can hear honest Donald's interesting story without a mixture of joy and pain, and even without shedding tears.** Well do I know all the several parts of it, and the more I think upon it, to the greater height is my admiration raised **of the wondrous good man. He has a large silver snuff-box which serves as an excellent medal of his history**, to which I refer your lordship after asking your forgiveness for this too long letter. But while I would fain flatter myself with the hopes I am giving you pleasure, I indulge a self-satisfaction, for I could dwell upon the subject.*

I shall be glad to know when this reaches your lordship's hands, for I will be sorry if it should happen to be of an old date before it is delivered. That God Almighty may bless and reward your lordship with all happiness both here and hereafter, for the many seasonable instances of compassion and relief you have shewn to the necessitous and deserving, is the hearty and earnest prayer of, My Lord, Your lordship's very much obliged and most humble servant.

Rev. ROBERT FORBES.

Citadel of Leith, October 21st 1747.

Note: Rev Robert Forbes later became Bishop Forbes. He wrote a collection of manuscripts (10 volumes) between 1747 and 1775, known as "The Lyon in Mourning" or a Collection (As exactly made as the iniquity of the times would permit of Speeches, letters, journals relative to the affairs but more the dangers and stresses of (?)... The Prince.

DESCENDENTS OF DONALD MACLEOD & CATHERINE of GAULTERGILL

Known Children of Donald & Catherine MacLeod m/n Macdonald::

1. **Donald MacLeod** born c 1710 (not confirmed)
2. **Catherine Macleod** born c 1712 (not confirmed)
3. **Murdoch Macleod** born c. 1731 - married (unknown) - died (unknown)

Supposed Descendent of Donald & Catherine Macleod

1. **Malcolm MacLeod**, Tenant, born c1760 married **Christy MacMillan**

Children of Malcolm and Christine MacLeod m/s Macmillan

1. **Angus Donald MacLeod** b.... married ? Children: Donald and Flora (not confirmed)
2. **John MacLeod** b 1791 married Merion? - Children: Christina, Mary and Catherine (**not confirmed**)
3. **Donald MacLeod b. c1799** -
 - a. Married 1820 - Ann MacDonald daughter of Norma MacDonald and Margaret m/s Buchanan. Donald MacLeod died 13 Sep 1875 at Timonee, NSW. Anne MacLeod died 13 September 1875 at Timonee, Lower Manning River NSW. Anne's siblings were: Malcolm, Donald, Mary and Marion. Sister Marion married Alan MacDonald, Merchant. Marion died 1 Oct 1862 Cammusmore Kilmuir. Alan remarried - Margaret Lamont in 1866
 - b. Donald and Ann MacDonald and their children emigrated to NSW Australia in 1837 on the Midlothian - children:
 - i. **Norman** born c1821,
 - ii. **Angus** born c1823,
 - iii. **Donald** born c1827
 - iv. **John** born c1829
 - v. **Christina** born c1831
 - vi. **Malcolm** died on the voyage
 - vii. **Alexander** died on the voyage
4. **William MacLeod** - Grasskeeper / Cowherd at Monkstadt born c1796. William died at Linicro Kilmuir of "cold". as a Pauper living as a border with the McPhee family on. 4 March 1874 . William Macleod married **Marion "Sarah" MacQueen** (daughter of **Angus MacQueen and Flora m/s Macdonald**). Marion b. c1791-93 - died 13 April 1860 **Monkstadt**.

1841 Census Barn of Monkstadt, Kilmuir

William MacLeod	45	Grasskeeper
Marion MacLeod	49	Wife
Alexander Macleod	18	Son
John Macleod	14	Son
Flora Macleod	12	Daughter

1851 Census: Monkstadt

William Macleod	54	Head, Married, Cow Herd
Marion Macleod	58	Wife, Married
John Macleod	29	Son, Gardener

1861 Census Monkstadt: In a house having 2 rooms with windows

William Macleod	69	Head, Herdsman
John Macleod	12	Grandson, Scholar *Son of Angus McLeod and Mary Macleod m/s Nicolson.

1871 Census : Linicro, Kilmuir – in a house having 2 rooms with windows

(Linicro nearby to Monkstadt)

Catherine MacPhee	80	Head, Pauper, Widow of Martin MacPhee – Daughter of John <u>Nicolson</u> Cottar & Flora MacDonald
Effy MacPhee	44	Daughter, unmarried, gen. servant
Catherine MacPhee	43	Daughter, unmarried, gen. servant
John MacPhee	38	Son, unmarried, farm labourer
Alexander Morrison	14	Boarder, scholar, born Uist
William MacLeod	74	Boarder, Pauper

Children of William Macleod and Marion:

1. **Angus MacLeod** b c 1816 Monkstadt?
 - a. **Angus** married 1859 Mary **Nicholson of Uig**.
 - b. Angus MacLeod, Gardener, died 9 June 1859 of Consumption.
 - c. Angus and Mary had a son John, Cowherd at Monkstadt died 26 October 1862 age 14 years (supposed brain fever).
2. **Alexander MacLeod** b. c1820 Monkstadt? Kilmuir
3. **Flory MacLeod** b. c1825-1827 (no other information known about Flory)
4. **John MacLeod b. c1823** he was Baptised 15 June 1824 at **Monkstadt** Kilmuir –
 - a. m. 18 May 1852 **Catherine Budge** of Kilvaxter dau. of **James Budge Blacksmith (– d. 13 Oct 1859) & Margaret MacDonald (– d. 19 Jan 1872)** Margaret MacDonald dau. Ronald MacDonald Farmer & Christine MacDonald – her brother was Ronald Og MacDonald Merchant
 - b. **John and Catherine “Kate” MacLeod** emigrated with financial assistance from the HIES. The records of the HIES show that John was 28 years old and Catherine was 20. They were both living at Monkstadt on Lord MacDonald's estate. The Society gave them financial assistance of Two pounds five shillings and six pence. This had to be repaid within one year. They were noted as an “eligible young couple” by the Society. The “Allison” Left Liverpool **13th September 1852, Arrived in Geelong 20 December 1852, Ship quarantined (Typhus). Passengers Disembarked 8th February 1853** On board were 194 Highlanders (46 families) from the Estates of Lord Macdonald, Sir James Riddell, W Robertson of Kinloch Moidart, Macleod of Macleod, General Ross, Dr. Donald Martin. 21 passengers died during the voyage from Typhus, dysentery, Diarrhoea.
 - c. In **1857** John MacLeod purchased his first 95 Acres of land at Mansfield Victoria. They named the farm “Kilmuir Farm”. John farmed this land until he died Intestate. His will was later produced naming his wife Kate the sole beneficiary and joint Trustee. “Kilmuir Farm” was administered via Probate by “Kate” and her brother in law **Lachlan MacLean (Grazier** and husband of Kate's sister Susannah m/s Budge), then by Kate's son John (Farmer, Grazier later Gentleman), Angus inherited his brother's properties and Kilmuir. Angus was a well known (Grazier and businessman). Following Angus's death in 1916 the Estate was administered by a Trustee and Executor - Angus's brother in law **William Hutchinson (Grazier)**.. “Kilmuir” grew to approx 1500 acres. It became a successful grazing property for bullocks and then sheep. Kilmuir was retained by this MacLeod family until finally sold in 2004 with proceeds divided between three surviving grandchildren of Angus.

Children of John & Catherine MacLeod m/s Budge:

1. **Flora Macleod** was born on the 9 July 1853 at Saltwater River, Port Melbourne Victoria Australia and died 3 October 1939 Coogee NSW. Her name was recorded as **Flora Spiers** on her death record in **1939**. This name change most likely due to WW2 with Germany. Flora married age 17 yrs 22 Sep 1870 **August Thomas Spehrs** Farmer, Gonzaga Mansfield Victoria. August born c1844-6 Makgill SA died 25 December 1909 Albury NSW. He was the son of James (or John or George) Spehrs and Johanna Hildt (or HedIt) – believed to be emigrants from Prussia. August lived 18 yrs at Macgill South Australia, 32 years in Gonzaga, Mansfield Vitoria and 15 years in Albury NSW. Children :-
 - a. Catherine Johann Spehrs b1871 Mansfield d. 1878 Mansfield
 - b. Florence August Pearl Spehr b. 1873 d. 1910
 - c. **Caroline Minnie Spehr** b. 1875 d. 1926 Coogee NSW – married **Thomas Patrick Horan**, Customers Officer.
 - d. Margaret Maud Spehr b. 1877 d.1959
 - e. John Charles Spehr b. 1879 died1923 Albury NSW

- f. Catherine Spehrs b.1881 d.1950
 - g. Jessie Mary Spehrs b. 1883 Mansfield d. 1963 Cheltenham Vic
 - h. Amy Spehrs b.1885 Mansfield died1902 Albury NSW
 - i. Elizabeth Una Spehrs b.1890 d.1933
 - j. Angus Hugh Spehrs b.1891Mansfield d.1932 Goulburn NSW
 - k. Grace Vivienne Spehrs b. 1894 d. 30 Dec 1987
 - l. William J Spehrs b. 1896 Albury d.1908 Albury NSW.
2. **James Macleod** b. 5 April 1855 Benalla Victoria – died ? not known if he married
 3. **John MacLeod** b.1857 Mansfield Victoria – d. 21 Sep 1914 Melbourne Victoria (did not marry)
 4. **Hugh MacLeod** b.1860 Mansfield Victoria – died 1 Sep 1933 Beechworth Victoria (did not marry)
 5. **Angus MacLeod** b.1861 Mansfield Victoria – died. 20 Nov 18916 Mansfield Victoria – married Catherine **MacNamara** nee **Sheehan**. Children:- John Angus MacLeod & Catherine Margaret MacLeod.
 6. **William MacLeod** b. 9 Sep 1864 Mansfield Victoria – died 27.2.1871 Mansfield Victoria.
 7. **Margaret MacLeod** b. 14 Apr 1867 Mansfield Victoria – died 3 June 1942 Mansfield. – married William **Hutchinson** (1872-1937). Children:- Catherine Margaret Hutchinson, Florence Mary Hutchinson, & William Hutchinson