

The MacDonald's of Goff's Bridge, Lot 10 Prince Edward Island *Updated September 25, 2003*

Introduction:

This summary has the objective of collating and eventually, web publishing, all the known information about who the progenitor was of the MacDonald's of Lot 10 on PEI .

Land in Prince Edward Island was divided up in its early days into lots of 20,000 acres. These lots were later sold with subdivided sales. For about 150 years now, the family has owned a farm of about 80 acres in lot 10 which borders the Trout River spanned by what for generations was called the Goff's Bridge. (The name of the road which crosses the bridge was apparently changed in the last year to be the Cascumpec Road).

I have retained the services of a Mr. Lou Daley, a professional genealogist with certification by one of the genealogical professional organizations, and based in Charlottetown, to try to sift through the data, cross check his own resources, and see what turns up. This work will proceed in two phases, an initial assessment phase to cross check databases, review our own information, and see how far we get. If additional research is warranted to develop new data, there will be a second, follow on phase of effort.

The goal of the research is to identify who it was that left Scotland for Canada, and if possible, to ascertain where he is buried.

The purpose of this document is to maintain a summary of all known data, information maintained, and source of same, held by the family for the researcher's use. This document is under constant revision as new data, stories and material is found.

Notes on Sources of Information

A number of stories have been handed down through the family on both sides of the Canada and US border over the years as oral history. In the narrative that follows, a number of names are mentioned in connection with "oral tradition". To keep these straight, these are :

Kay Keefe, Ontario. She is the daughter of Adrian Eugene (1913-1990) MacDonald whose father was Alexander MacDonald (see next section "point of beginning"). Kay as been collecting bits and peices of stories, and some documentary sources for perhaps 30 years.

"Uncle Leo", is the son of Alexander MacDonald and brother of Adrian MacDonald

"Velma" is Uncle Leo's daughter.

"Inez" is the sister of Velma, daughter of Uncle Leo, son of Alexander MacDonald.

Ed Cahoon of New Brunswick, has likewise been at this task for 30 years or more has written a very detailed paper on the descendants of my Great Grandfather Alexander MacDonald.

My Grandfather is George Henry MacDonald, son of Alexander MacDonald, who left PEI for Boston and eventually settled in New York, married to Kathleen Kennedy, of Cork, Ireland. (It appears that he was originally called Henry George MacDonald. Upon emigrating to the US, he apparently dropped the “a” in Mac and reversed the order of his first and middle name).

My father is George Bernard McDonald, his brother is Joseph, and sister is Kathleen.

My brother Daniel John McDonald, Norwood, MA, has made a mighty effort to assemble all the known information in a Family Tree Maker data file

I have no original research to contribute, but have sought to compile all the available information of how it is we know what we think we know about our family’s origins into a single narrative.

Where we have copies of various documents I have scanned them and posted them to a project web site - at this writing strictly as a working directory. This is found at :

<http://www.mcdonaldgroup.com/familyhistory/>

Point of Beginning

I have elected to start the project going backwards in time from my great grandfather, Alexander MacDonald, of Lot 10, PEI. Many of us are directly descended from him, some facts about his life are reasonably well known, and what has happened since then is well known. The mystery deepens as we press back in time from his birth to learn who his parents, grandparents, and great grandparents were.

Alexander MacDonald

Born in 1857 in lot 10 of Prince Edward Island, he died in , and is buried with his wife Flora McIntyre in the cemetery of Bloomfield’s St Anthony’s Catholic Church. Alexander was also called, per oral tradition, “Sandy Mac”.

PEI conducted a census periodically throughout the historical period of interest. Alexander MacDonald shows up in the 1881 “online” census of lot 10 as being 22 years old and a Calvin Baptist. The actual written transcript identifies him as catholic, however, which is accurate. The 1891 census indicates an Alexander MacDonald 32 years old and Roman Catholic. The 1901 census shows an Alexander MacDonald aged 40 years old and Roman Catholic.

Flora MacIntyre was the daughter of James MacIntyre & Ellen White, born in Tignish 1869. She married Alexander (Sandy Mac) in 1894. She is thought to have given birth to Uncle Leo in Tignish rather than at Goffs Bridge Lot 10. It is thought Flora was staying with her sisters at her ancestral home and that may have been where the midwife was.

I will refer to Ed Cahoon’s paper which has been scanned and made available on the web site for the list of children of Alexander and Flora,. I will say one of his children was George H. MacDonald, my grandfather, whose son was George Bernard MacDonald (my Dad).

We are reasonably certain his parents were Donald (or Daniel as he was sometimes called) MacDonald and Martha Goff.

Kay Keefe has supplied the following story about Alexander, as told to her by her mother. In the winter of 1941, Alexander MacDonald was approaching his life's end. The call went out that family members needed to come gather one last time before he left.

My father was ten years old at the time, he and my grandparents were living in New York, but they made the trip up to Prince Edward Island.

His memories of it are limited, but Kay has filled in some gaps. At that time the family was gathered in the sitting room, it was very cold, light was by kerosene lamp and heat by a wood burning stove. (My Dad remembers going to the old Church in a horse drawn sleigh.)

In 1941, Alexander was very old, having been born in 1857, and was sitting in a chair, wrapped in a blanket. While he was physically weak, his mind was still sharp.

The visitors to the house included several Bishops and an Arch Bishop. (My father remembers kissing the ring on the hand of the Archbishop.)

While they were all gathered, Alexander preceded to recite to them a long poem - in Gaelic. At the moment, it is not known what this poem was.

He died a few weeks later.

It is an intriguing story. (How is it that a poor farmer on PEI in 1941 know a long poem in Gaelic? Why does he recite it to Bishops of all people? Indeed, why are Roman Catholic Bishops (and an Archbishop too) visiting this poor farmer (as opposed to the Parish Priest). Why does he recite this particular poem right before he dies? Who taught him the poem or the language, was it his parents? Were people surprised to hear it? Did they know what it was about or understand it?).

Children Of Alexander and Flora

According to oral family history collected by my brother Dan McDonald and placed in a Family Tree Maker data file, Alexander and Flora had 14 children. The source of the information is mostly oral history from my Grandfather, however, it has corroborated in large measure also by Ed Cohoon . It appears that five of the children died as adolescents or young adults:

The children who lived to old age were:

Leo (1895-1988), James Ignatius, (1896-1967), Eva Ellen, (1898 to 1992), Mary Pauline (1906 to 1992), Paulinus Gabriel (1912 - 1987), Adrian (1913 to 1990), Henry George (my grandfather, 1902 - 1997), and Francis Berniece (born 1914, is still living at this writing).

Bernard Joseph (born 1909, died as an infant)

The following children all died as young adults between 1915 and 1921. None appear to have been married:

Loretta, (1899-1916), Annie Rufina (1901-1921), Angus Wilfred (1903-1917), Adeline Beatrice (1905 to 1919), Martha May, (1897 - 1915). (Their deaths appear to have occurred during the great influenza flu pandemic that claimed the lives of an estimated 40 million people during these same years). According to Kay Keefe, Aunt Pauline told her once that seven of them died within seven years. She thought it was T.B. or consumption as they called it. It may well have been the flu epidemic though.

Annie Rufina and her Flora (wife of Alexander) died the same day in 1921. The story is they sent for one casket then called them back and told them to order two!!

Donald MacDonald (born 1830? 1819?, died 1896)

The following is supplied by Kay Keefe, the St Anthony Bloomfield church records have listed Donald McDonald married Martha Goff June 1853.

Their attendants were Angus McDonald & Margaret Goff. 1881 census Lot 10 shows Ellen Goff living there and that is quite likely Martha's mother. However the church records for the Goffs doesn't show a Martha or a Margaret in Bloomfield.

According to family oral history, Donald MacDonald was also called Daniel. (Why we don't know. Research on line found an uncited general explanation that Daniel is a Christianized version of Donald. It reads:

“Donald, Donnell, or more properly, Domhnall (pronounced Dhonal), has practically almost disappeared as a Christian name among the Irish Gaels, having been lost in its supposed equivalent, "Daniel," with which Biblical name it has, of course, not the slightest connection- merely a remote resemblance in sound”

The 1881 "online" census for lot 10 shows a Daniel MacDonald, age 51, Martha MacDonald age 48, both Calvin Baptists. The actual written transcript shows them to be Catholic. The 1891 Census shows a Daniel MacDonald in lot 10 age 60 and Roman Catholic. We do not find him listed in the 1901 census.

This census data puts his birthdate around 1830+/- . Ed Cohoon's paper places his birth around 1818, at the present time we believe this is incorrect.

Family oral history has it that Donald was born at sea. This does not necessarily mean he was born on a boat coming from Scotland, but this is a subject for some research. However, handwritten notes by Velma from about 20 years ago state that he was born on the boat coming from Skye.

In referring to a copy of the 1881 census transcript, not the on line census, Kay says that it

apparently is stated that our MacDonalds were Catholic and that Donald(Daniel) was born in Nova Scotia. Where in N.S. we don't know but if he was born on a boat coming over here, perhaps they registered him in N.S. If he grew up in N.S. perhaps he went to Tracadie where his relatives were. He may have come from N.S as a young child and grew up in Tracadie or perhaps he arrived as infant.

It is longstanding family tradition that after being in Tracadie for a time he and a brother took a "long walk" one day to Lot 10 Goffs Bridge where Donald Daniel settled.

The original owner of all of Lot 10 was named David Stewart. We are reasonably sure that our Donald (or Daniel) rented the land in Lot ten from David Stewart and when the land purchase act came into effect Donald was able to buy the land in 1878. Oral history from Hilda Gillis (or Alexander's neice) is that Donald (Daniel) was the first to settle in Lot 10. Kay Keefe says that his name is on the deed as "Donald", and Martha's name is on there as well.

The Church is an important source of records , so some discussion on the church Donald (Daniel) would have attended is warranted. There is reported a book entitled, "Preserving the Past", a history of Cascumpec-Fortune Cove. According to Kay Keefe, this book mentions the pastors of the first log church and wood frame church in Cascumpec. This would have been the first church Donald(Daniel) and family would have attended. Kay Keefe reports the priest was, in 1823-28, Rev.Bernard, D.McDonald (later second Bishop of Ch'town), but it is said he is not supposed to be related to our family. (a matter which may warrant a closer look). In the referenced book, speaking of St. Anthony's in Bloomfield. " In the autumn of 1874, Rev.James Aeneas MacDonald,then pastor of Cascumpec, bought the farm on which the present church stands,and in the spring of 1875 building operations were begun. The exterior of the building was completed by Father MacDonald in 1876 ".

The connection of this story is that in another book about Bloomfield Kay states that the book says Daniel McDonald worked on the windows. (Note: the documentary source for Daniel & John MacDonald working on the Bloomfield Church 1876 is from "History of St. Anthony Parish" 1803-1980 edited by Aveline Peters) Plastering was done by John McDonald We are pretty sure this is our Donald(Daniel) and probably is the John that is on the 1881 census records.

(Note: in the Bloomfield Church (St Anthony's) near the entrance there is a copy of a listing of parishoners who helped in varioys ways with the construction of the church there. Daniel is listed there. My second cousin George Edward said it was help with plastering also).

Donald(Daniel) died at Goffs Bridge April 1896. Family oral history has it that Alexander found him dead in the barn. It was said that it was storming and Alexander had to follow a rope to get to the barn. Kay reports that she can't find a written Church record of his death and there are no headstones for he & Martha.

In fact, we have learned (See Lou Daley's report of 9/2003) that he is buried at St Andrews, which is located near Tracadie. We do not know at this writing why he was brought there, except that it is quite possible that he went back to where his parents were.

Kay reports that there was another binder of old Cascumpec records in Alberton . This had death records of people in Cascumpec. She says she noted that there was a Donald McDonald who died in 1876, although she wonders if this was our Donald, and if it was a misprint (as we know, (see below) that our Donald Daniel purchased the land in Lot 10 in 1878 - prior to that it was rented).

Kay did report that she found Martha's baptism recorded at St. Dunstons in Ch'town. Kay also provides that Martha's parents were John Goff, Ellen Doyle from county Wexford Ireland Kay also reports she found Martha's obituary in the S'Side journal Dec. 1896. It states that she and Donald had twelve children one of which was Alexander. Kay states that Martha's obituary states that Donald(Daniel) died before she did.

Children of Donald (Daniel) MacDonald

Oral tradition recorded by Ed Cohoon holds that Donald Daniel MacDonald had the following children: Bernard Joseph,(believed to have been born prior to Dec 31, 1898, Paulinus, (possibly born around 1870, as reported by others - see discussion under "theory three"). Alexander ("Sandy Mac") in November 1857 , John, Agnes (who married Peter Gilles), Caroline (who married James(Jim) Gillis), Mary Jane (who married Pat Dillon), and Minnie, (who later became a Reverend Sister. St Rufina Mother Superior, St Patrick's Academy in the 1940s, and died about 1961 and 62.) These names are mostly found in the various PEI census.

According to Kay Keefe, the census records from 1881 shows Martha&Donald and all the children. The George (age 6) is the George whom Kay says my Grandfather,(and then my father, myself, and now my son) , are all called after. He is the one who Inez says died in 1897. (" Uncle Leo" says he remembers being carried in to see his remains in the casket.).

According to Kay Keefe, there was also a Mary Jane ,child of Martha& Donald. She was second youngest before Aunt Minnie(Melinda) Mary Jane married Pat Dillon ,lived in Pittsfield Mass.

From a paper written 20 years ago by Velma, it is also said there was a Daughter- married Cornelius Campbell Brae, another daughter- Married Philip Gain Brae, and another daughter-married John Doyle Brae

Who was Donald(Daniel's) Brothers and Sisters?

In a paper written about twenty years ago by Velma, "Uncle Leo's" daughter, Kay Keefe reports it is written:

Decendents of John MacDonald (father of Donald Daniel?)(this was before Velma reported finding an obituary of a Fr. Dougald which may corroborate some of this information - see "theory three" below):

Daniel- Farmer magistrate, Roxbury P.E.I

Dougald- Priest in Tignish

William- Bute (sic) Montana. His son William was said to have built a bus company in Chicago, but drowned in Florida.

John- lighthouse keeper Tignish . (Her notes say that his son was Angus L, Premier of N.S., Henry, Wm chief Justice AB

Michael(Mick) Portage

Apart from this, separate family oral history has it that the following were Donald(Daniel's brothers):Mick(Michael) from Portage (as above), George died in 1897, (which raises a question if he was a brother or a son of Donald Daniel) . There was a Tom who was jailhouse keeper in S'side, John was lighthousekeeper at North Cape P.E.I. See below, there is a question about whether he was a brother of Donald Daniel or a son.

Kay Keefe adds that the names of Donald(Daniel) brothers and sisters as told to her by Inez& Uncle Leo:

Thomas:

Thomas name does not appear in Velmas's list. There is a Thomas McDonald headstone in the United church in West Devon dates 1835-1853. Not showing any family. Little is known about Thomas except that he was jailhousekeeper in S'side.

Kay also says there is a Thomas McDonald birth record in Bloomfield born 1854 parents Martha Goff & Donald McDonald. This Thomas married a MaryAnne McArthur In 1876. Kay speculates that this Thomas might have been the jailhousekeeper in S'side, except that this Thomas was thus a son of Donald and Martha and not a brother of a Donald.

Annie

Annie does not appear in Velma's list. According to tradition by "Uncle Leo", she is buried in Souris. Kay Keefe says that "Uncle Leo said he thought her name was Annie, and described her as this sister of Donald(Daniel) who "danced with the king."

Some years later Kay Keefe went to Souris and found a headstone that has Elizabeth MacDonald At the bottom of the headstone it says "Native of Locckaber Scotland- was honored to have the first dance with King George III ". According to the headstone, she died Dec,15 1852. Her husband was a McInnis. The co-incidence of the family story from Uncle Leo, the death date putting her in the same generation as Donald Daniel, and the inscription on the head stone makes it seem likely that they are the same person, although the first names are different. Possibly the complete name was Annie Elizabeth or Annie was a nick name.

John or (JohnLouis)

John's name appears on Velma's list. Again, tradition holds that a John or Lewis or John Lewis walked from Tracadie with Donald Daniel.

Kay states that there is a notice on the 1881 records Lot 10 at the bottom of the list of a John age 27. That would make his birthday 1854 and there is a birth record of John born 1854 son of Martha & Donald(Donald). Again, that would make him a son of Donald and Martha, not brother, but he perhaps he was named after a brother of Donald named John. .

Kay says she thinks this John (the one born in 1854) went to Boston manager of Blue Hill farms and ran a flower shop. Kay says "Uncle Bernard" worked for him, and says that this John could be buried there in Dorchester.

Michael (Mick)

Mick's name does appear on Velma's list. Mick's name is on the census of 1891 ,and tradition has it he was married to a Eliza. He is thought to be a brother to Donald(Daniel) .Names on census records of 1891 show him in lot 10. . He &Eliza are buried in old cemetery in Lot 11.For this reason it is thought he lived in Portage. Oral tradition has it that Mick MacDonald ran a hotel. Lot 10 includes Portage. They lived there. Kay says her mother knew the daughter Annie Lidstone. Kay states her son Edward Lidstone drowned in a boating accident in lot 11. Kay states that there was a huge family of MacDonald's in Lot11. Kay says that her mother was of the opinion that Michael was not a family relation.

Angus(?)

Angus does not appear on Velma's list. Kay Keefe wonders who the Angus McDonald was that stood for Martha&Donald at their wedding in1853. Kay found the following clues.

According to Kay's mother, (Anna Isabel Lynch, wife of Adrian MacDonald, who is a son of Alexander MacDonald) there was a Catherine MacDonald who was Kay's mother's Grandmother, who married a John James Lynch in 1873 and was said to have been born about 1850. Catherine married John James Lynch 1873. Kay's mother said she thought Catherine's father was Angus . Kay's mother claimed the two families were related, and that Angus was a brother to Donald(Daniel)'s father.

Dougald

Dougald's name appears on Velma's list. See the section below entitled "Theory Three". There may also have been a brother named Dougald who became a priest in Tignish

According to Kay Keefe, who found Dougald McDonald's headstone in Tignish, she reports the following information was recorded on the headstone. He was born St Andrews July 21,1838 ordained Nov. 21st 1917?? Died Dec.15 1925 (We think the 1917 date is wrong). Separate tradition holds he officiated at the marriage of Lewis McDonald& Veronica Perry 1875

Where was Donald before he acquired the land in lot 10

Family oral history also has it that Donald(Daniel) was a Magistrate in Roxbury. (Note: Roxbury is about a mile from Goffs Bridge in lot 6, sort of the dividing line between Lot 6&Lot 10.).

Family oral history also has it that he was also called Captain Dan, and may have been a sea captain.

Family oral history also has it that this Donald walked from Tracadie in lot 36 with his brother John, or Lewis, or possibly even John Lewis, to Lot 10.

Kay Keefe says that Donald(Daniel) came to Lot 10 Goffs Bridge because he was dating Martha Goff, and this may mean that they probably met “down east.” She says this may explain or otherwise be consistent with why her baptism is recorded at St. Dunstons Basilica in. Ch'town 1832

According to Kay Keefe, who looked at the deed for the property in lot 10 a few times, it is stated that Donald leased 80 acres of land from Proprietors David Stewart and Robert Bruce Stewart 1852. (Although she was not positive of this year). Donald purchased the land in 1878 . Total for land \$94.08 with a Deposit of \$8.88.

He later willed the farm to (Sandy Mac) 1887 on the condition that he would pay for his sister Minnie's education. (Sister ST. Rufina) office of Registrar- De-Brisay Nov 30, 1887

This condition is not on the deed but Kay's mother told Kay this.

It is quite possible, but unknown, if Donald(Daniel)'s father lived here before Donald(Daniel). However the legal documents have only Donald's name though, so we are reasonably sure that the original lease was Donald. It is long standing family oral tradition that Donald(Daniel) was the first to settle there.

Who the parents of Donald were is a source of diversion between oral history and what scarce documentary evidence is available.

Before Donald(Daniel)

We have three theories for who Donald(Daniel)'s father and mother were, as well as their predecessors:

Theory One - Donald MacDonald (possible father of Donald(Daniel) MacDonald)(1796-1885??)

Kay Keefe adds that the same Church record (see below)of Donald(Daniel)'s marriage in 1853 indicates that Donald(Daniel)'s parents were Donald McDonald and Elizabeth McIntyre. Some oral tradition suggests, but we are not sure, if she was from Indian River. Kay Keefe says she cannot find any record of their birth or death in St Anthony's in Bloomfield which includes what she calls the old Cascumpec records. The original church, now in Bloomfield, was just about two miles from where Kay's brother George Edward MacDonald, now lives near

Cascumpec).

(That may not be surprising if they never lived in lot 10)

According to Kay, this Donald may have lived in Tignish, and then moved to Souris. There was a sister named Annie who was known to have lived in Souris. (See discussion about Annie, sister of Donald Daniel). Kay says that she tracked down a cemetery there and found a headstone that reads Donald MacDonald, born 1796, died 1885, buried next to Elizabeth McIntyre (dates not available at the moment). The age fits for being Donald(Daniel)'s father, and the co-incidence of names is striking. The only glitch is that the same Bloomfield church record of the 1853 marriage that says that Donald and Elizabeth were Donald's parents also say that Donald was deceased, whereas Kay says the headstone in Souris says he died in 1885.

Kay has added that the information she has about Donald and Elizabeth parents of Donald Daniel come from information on cards in Alberton that are a transcription of original handwritten transcripts in Bloomfield. This creates the possibility that there is an error in the transcription, or that they had other names besides Donald and Elizabeth, or something else.(We think its important that this information be cross checked with the original records).

Theory Two - John, Lewis, or John Lewis MacDonald

This theory may either be considered a continuation of theory one or may be separate all together.

Family oral tradition strongly holds that Donald(Daniel) had several brothers John or Lewis, or maybe a John Lewis, and at least one sister, Annie. As mentioned above, the other brothers of Donald(Dan) were said to be Mick(Michael) from Portage, Dougald- Priest in Tignish, a William- Bute (sic) Montana,, a John- lighthouse keeper Tignish, a daughter- married John Doyle Brae, Michael(Mick) Portage George died in 1897 (and may actually have been a son), Tom was jailhouse keeper in S'side (may have been a son), John was lighthousekeeper at North Cape P.E.I. One of the brothers is supposed to have walked with Donald(Daniel) from Tracadie to Goff's Bridge in lot 10.

According to Kay Keefe, this brother who may have been called John, Lewis, or even John Lewis, went to Tignish and became keeper of the lighthouse there. Then, it is said he moved to Cape Breton and settled in Inverness County. It is said that the original home was Dunvegan farther up the coast of Cape Breton It is further said that when he moved to the town of Port Hood he became magistrate of that town. It is said that the family home still stands in Port Hood or Mabou.

Is also said that this John (or possibly another John) was lighthousekeeper at North Cape P.E.I. It is said that John moved back to N.S. when he gave up the job at North Cape. This John (or possibly another John's) wife was said to be a Chaisson from Tignish.

It is then further said that he became the father of Angus L MacDonald, who became premier of

Nova Scotia.

(It is well known that the mother of Angus L was Veronica Perry and not a Chaisson. However, the family tradition about who Chiasson was to which John she may have married is not at all clear. Other family oral tradition holds that it was a Perry).

Actual documentary evidence of this specific family relation is pretty thin and not altogether consistent with this theory. The circumstantial anecdotal material of such a family connection provided by Kay Keefe is as follows.

1. "Uncle Leo" - a son of Alexander MacDonald (the one born in 1857), is said to have known Angus L. MacDonald well, and "Inez" (Uncle Leo's daughter, now 87) knew him also. When Angus L. was Premier of N.S. He would go over to Ch'town on official business and Inez looked after his room. She worked at the Ch'town Hotel 1937-38.
2. Angus L's son (Also called Angus L.) lives in Pictou N.S. near Aunt Eva's daughter Margaret. Angus L and his wife have been on cruises with Margaret & her husband and with Margaret's sister Ruth and her husband Ed Cohoon. This Angus L is now in his seventies and is a lawyer.
3. A piece of the puzzle in family oral history holds that whoever it was that walked with Donald (Daniel) from Tracadie to Lot 10 ended up as a lighthouse keeper in Tignish.

Kaye Keefe has researched this clue and found the following:

The light house in North Cape is in Lot one, Tignish is in Lot 2 or on the border of the two lots. Kay went into the interpretive centre in North Cape a few years ago and noted that all the lighthouse keepers were listed. The history of the lighthouse is that in 1840 residents petitioned the Colonial govt. to build a light house, and again in 1852 residents of Tignish, Kildaire Cascumpec petitioned govt. In 1860 David Petrie placed a portable lamp. In 1865 2,000 set aside to build it. The lighthouse keepers were listed in the centre as:

Unknown MacDonald, R. Hogan, James McPhee, Louis (Lewis), Peter Perry
A. Hackett, Leo Shea, W. Brennan, Peter Morissey etc.

Kay speculates that the unknown McDonald may have been (John Lewis?) Lewis's father and perhaps the lighthouse was not built when he was looking after it. She reports that in the Tignish records it says that Lewis MacDonald married Veronica Perry in 1875. This is corroborated partially in the book *Life and Times of Angus L.* (1968, Hawkins) confirms that Veronica Perry was the Angus L's mother. The

book also speaks about her father Stanislaus F. Perry being the speaker of the house. Legislature in P.E.I.. (The book is reportedly silent about whether or not Lewis & Veronica ever lived in P.E.I. though.).

4. It is oral tradition that Angus L is first cousin of Alexander MacDonald (the one born in 1857).
5. Kay Keefe has found some research done by Arthur Hudson of Cascumpec who wrote a History of Cascumpec. What follows is not in the book but was a result of a conversation Kay had with Arthur Hudson's wife Lillian. Her notes when they were gathering material for the book stated: "Don Louis MacDonald's father married Stanislaus F. Perry's daughter from Tignish." Most records that we have seen indicate however that it was a Lewis MacDonald who married a Veronica Perry, the daughter of Stanislaus F Perry, who are the parents of Angus L MacDonald. Kay Keefe, who talked to Lillian Hudson, stated that maybe Lillian was referring to Donald Daniel & Louis's father whose name was also Donald (and this could be the one who is buried in Souris, Donald McDonald & Elizabeth McIntyre). Lillian continued, "after Don Louis and Angus L's parents married they moved to East Point where he kept the East Point lighthouse until boys were teenagers" She couldn't remember where she found this information.

While the precise relation of Don Louis to Donald Daniel is not altogether clear, this information does state that he was from Cascumpec, which places him geographically in the same neighborhood as our family.

6. According to Kay Keefe, Velma's list of who Donald Daniel's brother was from 20 years ago indicates "John- lighthouse keeper Tignish . (Her notes say that his son was Angus L, Premier of N.S)".

If it is correct that the father of Angus L MacDonald and Donald(Daniel) were brothers, then it may be easier to identify the lineage by looking at who Angus L. MacDonald parents, grandparents, etc. were.

Research into the parentage of Angus L MacDonald has been done by others. In research posted to the internet by a Donald Jack MacDonald, (<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=windwalker32&id=I02054>), it was presented that the parents of Agnes L were a Lewis MacDonald and Veronica Perry. The grandparents of Angus L. MacDonald was a James MacDonald and Margaret Gilles.

This is not consistent with the theory that these would have been our direct progenitors, as what was found in the Bloomfield records indicates that the parents of Donald were Elizabeth MacIntyre and Donald MacDonald.

Nonetheless, of the connection between the former premier of Nova Scotia and our family, the tradition is pretty emphatic. Additional research will be needed into this area to sort it out as to

exactly what it was.

If this connection is established however, then the research on Roots Web provides a clear path back to Scotland Assuming the parents of Donald(Daniel) MacDonald are Donald or James MacDonald and Margaret or Elizabeth MacIntyre or Gilles, from Scotland to Angus L, goes as follows:

1. Alexander (alastair og) MacDonald is born in Kinloch, Moidart Scotland. He has one spouse. he has at least one child, Angus
2. Angus MacDonald, not sure where he was born or died, had one spouse, fathered at least Alexander Alasdair Mor MacDonald in Broad Cove Nova Scotia
3. Alexander Alasdiar Mor MacDonald is born in Broad Cove Nova Scotia, dies in 1848. He marries Margaret "Peggy" (Lewis Loddy) . They have at least 7 kids, Angus Mor, Lewis, Alexander Alaisdar Og, James, Catherine, Anne, and Donald.

Donald is of particular interest to us, as perhaps the connection to Angus L.'s family is one generation further back. This Donald is born in 1821 in Cape Breton, dies in 1848 in Cape Breton in an "August Gale". The Bloomfield church records are supposed to indicate that the father of Donald(Daniel) died prior to 1853. Unfortunately for us, this rootsweb record indicates this Donald is married to a Jane MacDonald (her father was a Ronald MacDonald, mother was a MacLean). Also she is born around 1821, which makes her too young to give birth to a Donald(Daniel) in 1831. .

4. James MacDonald is also born in Broad Cove, and marries Margaret Gillis. He has at least two kids, Lewis and Mary
5. Lewis MacDonald is reportedly born in Broad Cove and marries Veronica Perry from Tignish PEI. They have at least 10 kids, one of which is Angus L. The others are Jim Francis, Daniel Lewis, Stanley, William, Alexander, Oswin, Mary Veronica, Margaret, John Lewis, Joseph.

Theory Three - (John MacDonald from Scotland, Father or Grandfather of Donald Daniel)

There is a separate oral tradition recorded by Ed Cohoon, that the original settler from Scotland was a John MacDonald. It is said he was a sea Captain that came from Bannock to Skye, Scotland, went to Marion Bridge, Nova Scotia, and then to Tracadie, PEI. His birth date or death year are unknown, may have died in either lot 6 or 10. In this tradition, he married an Ellen Goff. Ellen was said to have been born in Waterford Ireland in 1803. Then it is said she gave birth to Donald(Daniel) around 1818 (presumably at the age of 15?). She is said by Ed to have died in 1891 in lot 10.

According however to Kay Keefe, Ed may be getting confused with the Goff's. John may have married an Ellen Goff but there is no record of this in Bloomfield.

The Ellen Goff he is referring to is probably Ellen Doyle who married John Goff also spelled (Gough). This John Gough is buried in the old Cascumpec cemetery. In the 1881 census records it shows Ellen Goff age 78. Ellen Doyle & John Goff are Martha's parents. If there is another Ellen it doesn't say this in the Bloomfield records.

The tradition taught to me by my Grandfather was that there were two John MacDonalds before Donald Daniel, and there may be a missing generation between the two Johns. Among our family members, this is the most commonly held tradition.

This tradition also holds that this John had a brother William (or perhaps his father was named John and the father had a brother William) who came to Canada earlier with Wolfe's army and somehow helped facilitate the capture of Quebec. It is said by Ed Cohoon this was by speaking French to the guards there, by other sources by saying he knew something about scaling cliffs, that the ones before the plains of Quebec were not as difficult as where he came from. My Grandfather used to say that it was he assisted in some way that was forgotten.

In terms of independent documentary support for this theory, Kay Keefe contributed the following information from "Velma": Velma is Uncle Leo's daughter & Inez's sister.

Velma stated that the father of Donald (Daniel) may have been John J. McDonald. According to Velma, they left Skye in 1830 and settled in Pisquid (near Tracadie Cross). She's basing this info on the Obituary of Priest Fr. Dougald McDonald son of John J. & Mary McDonald. St. Bonaventure Catholic church is in Tracadie Cross and John J. & Mary may be buried there.

Oral tradition, supplied by Velma, is that the route they took on coming to Canada was "from Bannockburn Scotland to Glencoe to Skye To Marion Bridge, Mira Bay near Glace Bay in Cape Breton then to Tracadie.

Kay Keefe adds that it says on the census records of 1881 that Donald (Daniel)'s father was born in Scotland

It is noted that in the book "A very fine class of Immigrants", that on 8/6/1830 (arrival or departure date, not sure), the Corsair, of Greenock, brig 276 tons, built in 1823 in New Brunswick took a group of 206 persons led by a Reverend John MacDonald of mostly Roman Catholics from Skye to PEI. It is known that 40 persons disembarked at Canso Cape Breton. . Most PEI settled near Johnston's River lot 35.

The Island Register's ship database indicates that the Corsair arrived on 5/19/1830. "Also: PEI Register 25 May, 1830, page 3 - "Corsair", Captain Hamilton, arrived 19 May from Greenock with 206 settlers; Corsair sailed from Greenock on 8 April." And somewhat more intriguing was the following: "206 Passengers, Catholic sent out by Rev. John MacDonald, Settled Johnston's River. These are further mentioned in "The Cradle of Confederation", by Lorne C. Callbeck, Pg. 136. Also referenced in Nat. Archives, R5846-O-X-E, Mary C. Brehaut. Prince Edward Island Register, Tuesday May 25th 1830 - Two hundred and six settlers arrived on the Corsair from Greenock on Wednesday last. The bulk of them have proceeded up the Hillsborough, about ten

miles, to be located on the south bank, above Johnston's River, on the property of the Rev. John M'Donald. They are chiefly natives of the North of Ireland, and apparently seem pleased with their change. Two births occurred on the passage and one since their arrival. One of the crew was lost off one of the yards in a gale." (We wonder if the two infants born at sea might have been our Donald)

It is reported that the obituary says that the father of Father Dougald was John J. MacDonald : his father William Godfrey MacDonald Armadale Skye. Mother was : Mary MacDonald (Ghernish Clan, Morar)

Children Of John J. & Mary

Daniel

Dougald (Priest)

daughter (the oral information is that she may have been a wife of J.P MacMillan Premier of P.E.I. 1934-35, but the dates make this hardly seem possible).

It is believed this was a large family but not all the names are mentioned in the obituary

Dougald was supposed to have been in Tignish for many years and is buried there. According to Kay Keefe, he baptized Uncle Leo(Uncle Leo was born in Tignish) Harpers Corner. According to Kay, Fr Dougald McDonald died in 1925.

His father was said to be, by oral tradition, John J. and his mother Mary MacDonald

An independant attestation to a Fr. Dougald MacDonald in Tignish is found in:

<http://personal.nbnet.nb.ca/brikwall/palmerroadhist.html>

There is also some French language discussion of the Church at Tignish and Father Dougald MacDonald in:

<http://collections.ic.gc.ca/acadie/acadienipe/paroisses.htm>

According to Kay, "Harper's corner is where Flora MacIntyre's home was. Flora MacIntyre is Alexander(SandyMacs wife), was Kay Keefe's grandmother, and my greatgrandmother. Flora was probably staying with her sisters after she had a baby.

Some additional attestation comes from a document prepared by a Gorman, 43 Charles Street, Amherst Nova Scotia, (christinegorman@ns.sympatico.ca) dated June 30, 2002, entitled Descendants of Paulinus McDonald (name is a son of Alexander MacDonald, however, we think it is supposed to mean a brother of Alexander, son of Donald Daniel).

In the footnotes to the document, Paulinus is said to have been born in 1870 (actually , a correction, the type written page initially read 12/29/1904) in Conway. Conway is located

partway between Cascumpec and West Devon. The source of the record is reported as the St Paul's Church Archives in Summerside. End Notes indicate that Paulinus is a cousin of a William MacDonald, ("Tobacco Willie") who is reported as having "started" McDonald College. An Uncle of Paulinus is said to be Dougald MacDonald, a Preist.

The document then states "Willies's grandfather started Glenaladale Farm, Tracadie, Capn. John McDonald). The source of this information is cited as "Velma Ross".

(Kay Keefe states that she got a copy of this Christine Gorman paper at the museum in Alberton last summer. Ed Cohoon said Christine was a Gillis)

Miscelleneaus Puzzle Peices We have Not Been able to make fit anywhere

Kay Keefe provided some research regarding Alaisdair, Ronald, Donald John MacDonald from a paper written by a MacDonald (doesn't give his first name). It is titled The MacDonalds of Red Banks and Broad Cove. Kay found it in a library (location not stated), the MacDonald author was someone in Cape Breton.

"The MacDonalds of Red Bank& Broad Cove"
Perhaps some of Angus L's family.

Alasdair married in Scotland about 1715-1720 for it is said that his oldest child Ronald was born circa 1720-25
Ronald
Angus
John

Children of John:

Ronald
Donald
John
Charles
Hector
James
Catherine
Mary
Ann
Jessie

Ronald MacDonald

The story goes that he was in the Fraser Highlanders in Donald's Company- Donald was a brother of young Clanrandald of the'45 and credited with leading the Highlanders up the cliffs to the Plains of Abraham 1759. It was Ronald's suggestion to Donald that the cliffs were not as bad as

the ones around Arisaig(Scotland) which he had often climbed as a boy with some rope and a few boys he could get up there. He later served with Colonel Grey's Regiment and later John MacDonald of Glenaladale in P.E.I. A vague tradition puts his birthdate between 1720-25. He died as a very old man shortly after 1812 and certainly before 1818. He was born in Tor-a-bheagh,Rhughe,Arisaig Invernesshire Scotland.

There are two petitions for land grants in the N.S. archives(1809-1811) which state he was a native of the north highlands has lived in P.E.I for 25 years. (We think this may be Significant for our research). He has a family of 5 boys and 4 girls. For four years he has been a captain of Milita. He asks for 400 acres in Broad Cove(Dunvegan) (Cape breton land grants Index 50&72