

ADDENDUM of McGilvray of Pennyghael information since publication.

It is probably safe to assume that a surname that included the name of a saint originally belonged to a family in some way connected with the service of that saint's church. Names compounded with gille (servant) offer particularly good evidence of this relationship.

(John MacQueen, "Scottish Studies" xvii 1973 1-19)

The status of men with such surnames (gille) was frequently far above the servile. Monasticism was a feature of the Celtic Ch.

(Prof John MacQueen "Scottish Studies 17" 1973 (1)p.19 in W HL Notes and Q, Nov'98)

These early hermits, monks and missionaries, became the first saints of the Celtic church. They inherited the status held by their pagan druid predecessors. They stood aloof from the normal controls and conventions of society. They were thus able to act as arbiters between rulers and ruled, between men and their God; as in theory these recluse's had nothing to gain or to lose. Such activity was practised on a hereditary basis.

They were not of themselves political leaders, but their prestige affected political decisions. In legal cases they were not judges but arbiters. The group as a whole remains separate from the surrounding tribes and thus physically on neutral territory. (Nov 1998 W HL Notes and Q)

MacGilvarry (Mac Giolla Bhearaigh; devotee of St Barry): a variant of the Scots MacGillivray, is peculiar in Ireland to north Connacht and Donegal.

("The Surnames of Ireland" 6th Ed 1997, by Edward MacLysaght; Irish Academic Press)

Unfortunately, much of the evidence of this early Scottish religion was lost due, in the main part, to the zeal (i.e. bigotry) of later religious reformers.

Another reason for the name spelling change in Mull in the later 1800's (McGilvray to McGillivray) was due to the influx of Inverness area preachers, etc.

On the death of Master Mertyne McGillemertyne in 1536 (my Martin was 1600-1687) the succession of the rectorship of Kilmuir of Trotternish devolved to Mr Roderic Farquhar Hectorisone, and the roll of appointments is continued in Roderic MacClane, Elect of the Isles, on whose demission (death) Queen Mary presented the rectory to Sir Archd McGillevray. After an interval of 10 years, it was filled by Sir David Lawsoun who, in 1575, was followed by John Fearquhayrson and he is turn by John MacLane.

("History of Skye" by Alex Nicolson. Glasgow. 1930 p.55)

Alex McG (1684-1778) (Hugh's dad)

Tack of Hough in Tiree from Dunc Forbes tenurial re-organization in 1737. Alex held mailing of P-gh and Carsaig from Duke and was in arrears £1097 Scots. (Argyll papers in NLS)

Alex McG in Mull; rentals= £146 c1770 (241p.37)

RD2/264/784 (Reg of Deeds – which didn't deal with land but rather other documents and bypassed the sheriff court)

Alex McGilvra of P-gh 27 Aug 1795 to Hugh, his only lawful son re. the;

½ p.land of Glenliddle;

3 farthing land of P-gh;

1 p.land of Carsaig (Carsaich);

3 f land of Finachy;

1 f land of Feorline; and

2 Inimores.

Also mentions Mary and Isa his lawful daughters; and Unna McLean, his wife.

RD3/313 p.1116 1795; Mrs McGilvra of Carsaig

Alex McG (1783-1864) (Hugh's son)

Jo Currie has seen Gillean McLaine's legal papers at Gloucester.

His illegit son Lachlan wrote diaries which I believe are in the Scottish Archives.

19 Aug'28 "I was much amused and edified with the conversion of my cousin **Alex McGilvra**, who has a **very retentive memory** and has read and absorbed a great deal."

1 June'31 "my cousin Mr Alex McGilvra breakfasted with me this morning all the way from Ardura. He proceeded for ..?" (Ardura is sw of Duart; assume Lachlan was at Scalcastle)

In 1851 I found Alex at P-x; age 68 and a tailor - but Jo thought it read Sailor.

Thus in 1861 Alex 78s (b.1783), seaman, b.Carsaig.Mariner's Asylum, Greenock W

Alex MacG likely d.6 Jan'64; age 81s (b.1783), parents ?, seaman; Wood's Mariners Asylum, Greenock W; paraysis 4 days; wit= Gov

GD174/1628 Jo Currie says this bundle contains letters from Don McLean, wadsetter, to the next in line; Murdoch McLean, in the 1830's. She says they have info re. the lengthy legal process of the 1820's where Alex McG tries to regain P-gh. 1814-1830's.

BUT; there are 600 very hard to read letters in this and I didn't have time to check them.

(Could this be where the P-gh \$\$ went: to lawyers?)

DI8 Gen'l Reg'r of Inhibitions

25 Mar'18 194 Alex at P-x

26 Aug'05 732 Cath, widow

DI14 Abbreviations of Adjudications

Hugh of P-gh 24 Mar 1796 258 and 340 and lots more

Feb 12 1805 **Hugh McGilvra** Esq, Isle of Mull, from the house of ____ Cameron, #5 St Annes St, died of a Decline; buried at the north side of Kinghorn's ground. Aged 60

(Edinburgh Calton Cemetery film 692/2 /31 vol c p.469 EPL)

(St Annes was approx where the stairs to Waverly Stn are now). Hugh's d. is not on any Ed OPR.

1804/05 Ed/Leith Dir has A. Cameron, shoemkr in St Ann's. No Kinghorn listed.

(Calton Cem is 100 yds E of there. Now operated by city's Mortonhall crematorium TT 01-44-131-664-4314 nothing on Hugh McG but Hugh Kinghorn, mason in Leith, bought plot in Jan 1805. It is 6yds N of Alex Reid's tomb (which I couldn't find).

It is unknown how Hugh McG knew these men; related; friends?

Hugh Kinghorn + Allison Henderson 18/25 Sept 1798; N Leith; he this par;

she DO Alex, smith in S Leith. (no Kinghorn's in '05 Dir)

he mason when wed and for 1st 3 b.'s; and no wits for marr and 1st 3 b.'s

=Helen 14 Sept/4 Oct 1799 2677 (all b.N Leith)

=Wm 22/31 Jan'02 2696

=Alex 14/27 Oct'03 2715

=Margt 20 Nov'06 2750

=Helen/Sibbald 25 Oct'08 2772 (no Sibbald link)

Maybe rewed Susan Oddie 22 Jan'17 N Leith 2889

=Hugh 12 Sept'17 2889
=Susanna 1 Aug'21 3521
=Janet 28 June'23 3551 (Addy)

Jo Currie also found (but can't remember where) that Hugh's other daughter's wed--
Mary/Ann + Wm Grant OPR x '51x
Cath + Robt Malcom wed 25 May'28; Glas (he weaver in Glasgow; she residing there)
(she b.c1788 and unwed in 1813 sasine)
'51 33 Backland, Milton; Cath Malcolm 56w, Idging house kpr, b.Mull;
with a ldgr Geo Bell.
Dhew (welfare) 10/6/3 p.384 Cath Malcolm ms McG, admitted at age 62
She d.28 Feb'68; Central Glas poorhouse; 77w, pauper (no job
listed for him); DO ? McG; wit= gov. can't find her '61
Hanna + Allan McKinnon wed 26 Nov'11; Glas #3174 (he boatman in Glasgow; she
residing there; min= John McLaurin, Gaelic Chapel, Glas)
= John 8 Apr'23; Tobermory, Kilninian
'51 Minster Close, Greenock, Allan McK 55s, quay porter; and sister Flora 38s
both b.Skivens, Argyll
(Una b.c1785 BUT said to be unwed 1813 sasine) '51 Una McK x

Murdoch McL of Lochbuie d.5 July'04, there. Glas Courier 14 July

Darian Settlement in Panama (really spelt Darien) 1698-1707

"Iona; the living memory of a crofting community; 1750-1914" by E.Mairi MacArthur. Ed. 1990
p.85 Campbell increased rents 50% in 1847; the year of the potatoe famine.

Skene, Wm/Forbes "HL'rs of Scot" 1837. XDA921
p.286 Two tribes of Clan Chattan deserted King Alex in 1429.

Values (Inflation) increased 70x between 1872 and 1901

Mull picture sites;
www.pbase.com/gallery?gallery_id=1043253
www.iona.mull.com