



About Colonsay

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MacPhee Family (by any spelling)

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Further details on the above family are on the P.E.I. website (Google: "The Island Register PEI) and go to Family Lineages, then go to McPhee section.

Donald McPhee, "The Descendants of Donald and Sarah (McNeil) McPhee "by Bruce Nicholson Levis , blevis#adelphia.net See: The Island Register, P.E.I. Family Lineages, Mc Phee.

McGilvary

While tracking down some of my wife's ancestors we discovered that her ancestor Archibald McGilvary hailed originally from Colonsay. Thanks to your BDM pages we were able to link him to his parents Archibald McGilvra and Peggy McNeill. We had been searching for nearly two years and your research put the last pieces of the puzzle into place. We had great difficulty piecing together Archies' life but have now established that he was married 4 times with my wife's line stemming from his first marriage through Mary Ann McGilvary as shown on the attached .pdf file of a couple of generations. Please feel free to put as much or as little of the information on your genealogy site as you think appropriate - Russell Young cloth3@ntlworld.com

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Paterson / **McNeill**

Ann **McNEILL** born 1826 in Colonsay was daughter of Alexander **McNEILL** & Mary Paterson. [Note: no sign of this in O.P.R.? - Editor]

Ann **McNeill** married Malcolm Mc Eachern of Kilfinichen (Mull) - they had 9 children ^{**}(names & dates available) he was a quarrier at Iona, where the children were born; they moved to Glasgow between 1871-1881 where two of their children were living - Malcolm McKechnie (a.k.a. McEachern) died at Glasgow age 65 in July 1891, Ann also died in 1891 March age 65... Their son Neil Mc Kechnie born 1866 at Tormore, Iona was my grandfather... when they moved to Glasgow the name Mc Eachern became Mc Kechnie.

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McNeill names of interest:

1) **Archibald McNeill**: (born approx 1782 - 1786 Colonsay) married Annie McEwen (McEwing) (born approx 1787 daughter of Dugald McEwing and Mary Smith) Dec 15, 1808

2) **Duncan McNeill**: (born ? son of ?) married Mary Bell (McMillian)(born approx 1788-1801 Colonsay) Feb 17, 1809 or 1810

3) **John McNeill**: (born Feb 12, 1815 Colonsay son of Duncan McNeill and Mary Bell(McMillan) married **Mirron(Sarah) McNeill** (born Feb 3, 1811 Colonsay daughter of Archibald McNeill and Annie McEwen(McEwing) Feb 16, 1839 Colonsay

4) **Hugh McNeill**: (born approx 1843 Colonsay son of John McNeill and Mirron(Sarah) McNeill) married Sarah McGillivray (born Feb 18, 1862 Elderslie, Ontario, Canada daughter of Malcolm McGillivray and Christina Reid) May 30, 1883 Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada

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Shaw

There were about 3 Shaws who were active Catholics in Colonsay in 1625 (Vatican records, Giblin), and about 9 adult Shaws who appear in Church of Scotland records c. 1800. The family is closely associated with Jura and in tradition seems to have had some links (or confusion) with the McPhee family ò DNA tests may clarify the matter.

Neil Shaw of Colonsay 1788 . 1875. Sailed from Tobermory to Pictou , Nova Scotia aboard the **%Economy+** in August 1819, with other Colonsay folk. His payment of £5.5s.0d (full passenger) was made at Tobermory on 29 July 1819, and receipted by **%S.Fraser+**. An interesting document survives from the same sailing, in which the poet John MacLean agreed the terms of his passage with Simon Fraser as follows:

%Tobermory 29 July 1819

%It is agreed between John Maclean, Bard to MacLean of Coll, and S. Fraser of Pictou as follows:

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John MacLean will, with his wife and three children, be accommodated with a passage to North America, which amounts to Twenty-seven pounds, six shillings, and in addition S. Fraser will endorse the said John MacLean's bill for Thirty-three pounds, six shillings due to Mr. Robert Menzies, Printer, Edinburgh; for all which the said John MacLean will now pay Twenty-three pounds, twelve shillings in cash and assign over to the said S. Fraser three hundred and eighty Gaelic song books in security of the balance.

S. Fraser. John MacLean .+

Neil Shaw left behind in Colonsay his father and two brothers Malcolm (Calum) and Angus; also a sister, Catherine. Angus Shaw died in Greenock but was buried in MacFie's Burying Ground in Oronsay, as reported in 1933 by his grandson, Thomas Shaw, a joiner living in Cove, by Glasgow

Neil Shaw spent at least a year in River John N.S., apparently teaching in school, then moved on to Prince Edward Island, where he continued to teach. In 1833 he married Jane, daughter of William Dockendorff, York Point PEI, a farmer in the North River area and a member of the Legislative Assembly. In the same year, Neil purchased a farm on the Montague River in Lot 52 and became a farmer. Neil and Jane Shaw had four children, Flora, John, William and Jane. John died at 34 yrs (pneumonia) and William inherited the farm (which still remains in the family, 2006).

Other well-established Shaw relatives lived close by in the Brudenell district, having sailed from Colonsay in 1815; notably Donald Shaw (1766 . 1833) and his family. Donald's son, John Shaw (1796 . 1879) was known as the Parson+. although formerly a Presbyterian, John was instrumental in establishing the Baptist Church at Three Rivers, where Neil served many years as senior deacon. Neil brought a certificate from Colonsay, indicating his good standing in the Kirk, and signed on 2 August 1818 by Donald McNeill, Session Clerk. *[Note that the Baptist Faith first came to Colonsay in 1812, and that it was particularly well-established in Tobermory from 1810 onwards. Although a church was built in 1802, Colonsay did not get a resident Presbyterian minister until 1836].*

Neil died at 86yrs April 10 th 1875. ARGUS, April 20 1875 p.3: Mr Neil Shaw, a native of Colonsay, Argyleshire, Great Britain, resident of the Island for 55 years, senior deacon of the Baptist Church of Three Rivers for many years, loving and beloved. By the grace of God lived a good life, walked with God +

NEIL SHAW b. Colonsay c. 1789, went to Pictou PEI 1819 on the Economy

Ancestor of Robert Elwell Shaw [Documentation available]

Robert Elwell Shaw was born in 1910, the eldest of five children of Vernon Shaw and Priscilla Reilly Shaw. His siblings were Ellery, Dorothy, Verna and John. He was born at home on the family farm situated on the Montague River in Prince Edward Island. He was educated in the local schools and at Prince of Wales College, Acadia University and Vanderbilt University. In 1938, he was ordained to the Christian Ministry. In 1939, he married and fathered two daughters and one son. Robert died in 2003, and was buried in the Community Park Cemetery, Montague, PEI.

1. Vernon Shaw was born in 1876, the eldest of six children to William Dockendorff Shaw and Mary Hicken. His siblings were Ernest [died young], Bertha, William, George and Mary Jane. After a number of years working at the Burns Meat Packing Company in Calgary, Alberta, and travelling throughout the Canadian West, Vernon returned to the farm on PEI upon the death of his father. He married Priscilla Reilly of Montague in 1909, and to them were born three sons and two daughters. He died in 1940, and was buried in the Community Park Cemetery, Montague, PEI.
1. William Dockendorff Shaw was born in 1840, the second son of Neil Shaw and Jane Dockendorff. There were four children: Flora, John, William and Jane. William married twice. His first wife Ann Gillis died shortly after the birth of their daughter Nettie, who died in infancy. He married Mary Hicken of St. Mary's Bay in 1875, and inherited the farm upon the death of his father. William died in 1907 and was buried in the Brudenell Cemetery, PEI.
1. Neil Shaw was born abt. 1789 on the Isle of Colonsay, Argyle, Scotland. He was known to have had at least two brothers, Angus and Malcolm, and a sister, Catherine. It is believed that there were other siblings. Neil emigrated to Pictou, Nova Scotia, in 1819, aboard the Ship Economy. [Receipt] He taught school in River John for a short period before moving to Prince Edward Island. He was engaged as a school teacher at Dog River (name changed to Clyde River) and, later, as School Master at Cross Roads. Neil married Jane Dockendorff on April 8, 1833. Jane was the daughter of William Dockendorff, a farmer at York Pt., West

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This information was received from Donna MacKenzie who may be contacted at donmac22@hotmail.com

10th April 2007: Donna has sent this further file, with Colonsay references: [Thomas Shaw of Broomknowe](#)

ANGUS SHAW m. Mary Bell in Colonsay: [Angus Shaw](#)

Donna has a wealth of information and, with her permission, it is hoped that some fascinating correspondence between Colonsay and PEI may appear shortly elsewhere on this site.

Paterson

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