

MACEACHERN FAMILY INFORMATION

1. Donald and Christian

Alexander
Archibald
John
Laughlin
Ronald
Elizabeth

Donald McEichan received a crown land grant of 350 acres in 1817. Two Hundred and fifty acres at the point of Cape George and 100 acres at Lakevale, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Donald was deceased at this time and the grant went to his heirs - his wife and children. "Know ye that we of our fpecial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have given and granted, and by thefe prefents, for us, our heirs, and fucceffors, do give and grated unto Christian McEichan, Alexander McEichan, Archibald McEichan, John McEichan, Lauchlin McEichan, Ronald McEichan and Elixabeth McEichan beins the ? heirs of the late Donald McEichaan of Cape George." *See NS archives, Halifax, N.S. Grants book G, pg 111, Map 103*

"Donald MacEachern, son of Ronald came out from Scotland with his wife, Christian and settled at Cape George Point." *See excerpts from 'The First Century at Cape George' by Wilena MacInnis Penny, April 1980. Pg 19.*

"All of the sons of Donald and Christina settled at Cape George, each raising large families who are noted for their ambition and industry with many of them becoming successful sea captains, teachers, businessmen and construction foremen on the building of the Canadian Pacific railways. These MacEachern's were noted for having kept their Gaelic Language well into the twentieth century." *See 'The First Century at Cape George', pg 19*

"Donald McEachern, son of Ronald McEachern, came from Arisaig, Scotland and settled on the farm at the point of the Cape; some of his grandsons are there now." (1890) *See 'History of Antigonish' edited by Raymond A. MacLean, pg 124.*

1822 Ronald received the 100 acres of the brown land grant in Lakevale. 1822 Ronald sold this to Hector MacDonald. The deed lists Catherine McEachern as his wife. Ronald is listed as Trader. *See Registrar of Deeds, Book 5, pg 38*

1823 Alexander received 100 acres of the crown land grant at the point of Cape George, His wife is listed as Margaret. *See Registrar of Deeds, book 6, pg 213*

1823 Laughlan and Archibald received the final 150 acres from the crown land grant at the point of Cape George. They are to share it equally. *See Registrar of Deed, book 6, pg 214.*

2. Alexander married Margaret

Lewis
Donald
Duncan
Catherine
Christina
Margaret

-“Alexander the pioneer and his wife, Margaret, had three sons and three daughters, namely Lewis, Donald, Duncan, Christina, Margaret and Catherine. Catherine was married to Alex Boy of Lakevale while Margaret and Catherine never married. Little is known of sons Donald and Duncan, but son Lewis (1818-1905), married Isobella MacInnis (1827-1919), daughter of Donald the pioneer, and they were the parents of a large family, one of whom, Ranald, was the father of the present MacEachern's at the Point today and are known as the 'Ranald Lewis'” See *“Excerpt from ‘The First Century at Cape George by Wilena MacInnis Penny. 1980 pg 19.*

-Nova Scotia Census, 1817, Cape St. George - MacEachern, Alexander: 3 men (ages 16-19), 1 boy, 1 woman, total 5. One born in Scotland, four in Acadia.

1861: Deed selling lighthouse road to government. “Margaret McEachern senior of Cape George in the County of Sydney widow, Donald McEachern of the same place yeoman and Isabella McEachern his wife, Alex Boyd of the same place yeomen and Catherine Boyd his wife, Duncan McEachern of the same place yeomen and Christian McEachern and Margaret McEachern both of the same place spinsters which said Margaret McEachern senior is the widow and which said Donald McEachern, Lewis McEachern Catherine Boyd, Duncan McEachern Christian McEachern and Margaret McEachern senior are the children and heirs of Alexander McEachern. See *Registrar of Deeds , book 17, pg 159*

-1865, Alexander, Laughlin's son, sold the land to the government for the lighthouse. See *Registrar of Deeds, book 17, pg 909*

3. Lewis (12 May, 1818 - 1905) married Isabell McInnis (1827-1916)

Alexander - 1851

Annie - 1854

Angus - 1856

Mary - 1858

1860 Census - death of baby girl

Ronald - 1860

Donald - 1862

Laughlin - 1864

George - 1866

John - 1868

Emilia - 1870

Hugh - 1872

-McEachern, Lewis, 86, Cape George, son of Alexander. 1905 obituary, *Casket Family History Library* 1378643.

-McEachern, Isabell, 89, Cape George, nee McInnis, 1916 obituary, *Casket Family History Library* 1378643

*Please note all birth dates are best guesses.

-The first available census with listed family members is in 1871. Alexander, the oldest listed was 19 at the time. It is possible there were older children but had moved out of the house. The census only lists residence of those living in the house at that time

-Built a house across the road from the house c. 1870. See *Antigonish Heritage Museum, ref 44-56-706. A.F. Church Map, 1879.*

-1861 census Cape George - Lewis, 4 male, 4 female, total 8. 1 death under one year of age since March, 1860. www.rootsweb.com Musst have lost a baby girl. See 1871 census.

-1871 census - Cape George - family 004 - Lewis - 45

m. Isabella - 32

Alexander - 19

Annie - 16

Angus - 14

Mary - 12

Ronald - 10

Donald - 8

Laughlin - 6

George - 4

John - 2

-1881 census - Dist 21, Cape George, McEachern, pg 26, house 92. www.familysearch.org.

Lewis - 53, 1828

m. Isabella - 50, 1831

Angus - 23, 1858
Annie - 21, 1860
Mary - 18, 1863
Donald - 16, 1865
Ronald - 14, 1867
Laughlin - 14, 1869
George - 10, 1871
John - 8, 1873
Emilia - 6, 1875

-1886 List of Voters - MacEachern, Lewis, Alex's son. Owner of residence at Point of Cape George. *Antigonish Heritage Museum*.

-1891 Census - Dist. 27, Cape George, house 70, McEachern, www.rootsweb.com

Lewis - 69
m. Isabell - 63
Angus - 36
Daniel - 34
Ronald - 28
Lauchlin - 26
George - 24
Amelia - 22
John - 20
Hugh - 18

-1891 census indicates that both of Lewis's parents were born in Nova Scotia. Alexander and Margaret. Lewis was born in Nova Scotia.

-1891 census Isabell's parents Donald McInnis, (son of Hugh, Pioneer) and Flora MacDonell were both born in Scotland. Isabell was born in Nova Scotia. *First Century at Cape by Wilena MacInnis Penny*.

-1901 census, House 42, pg 5, line 32. Eighty acres, one 7 room house, 2 barns.

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Lewis - 82, May 12, 1818
m. Isabell - 76, June 13, 1824
Ronald - 32, May 1864
m. Bessie - 22, June 12, 1878
John - 26, Sept 12, 1874
Hugh - 24, May 12, 1876

-1901 census, though Lewis is living in the house, Ronald is listed as the head of house.

Lewis and Isabell

- Name has changed from McEichan to McEachirn to MacEachern. Not uncommon.
- In the census, Lewis is listed as a farmer, except 1881 census where he is listed as a farmer and fisherman.
- The family is catholic
- All were born in Nova Scotia
- 1891 census - 8 kids living at home - ages 18-36. Lauchlin, Ronald, George, Daniel all listed as fishermen. Hugh listed as banks fisherman, John listed as farmer. Amelia was a wage earner as a factory hand. Angus was a wage earner as a labourer.
- 1901 census - John and Hugh still living at home. Ronald took over as head of the household though his parents Lewis and Isabell still living in the home.
- Ronald married Elizabeth MacInnis and lived at the point of the Cape in the house his dad built. He raised his family and died there.
- George married Elizabeth Chisholm who died at 33. With issue Lewis, Mary B, Irene, Mary Amelia. He lived in Pinevale. Buried at Holy Rosary, Ballantynes Cove. Second wife Mary MacLean. *Source: census.*
- Mary married Frank McInnis. They lived in a house above Ballantynes Cove. They had seven children. All Mary's children and her husband died of TB. Her brother Hugh moved in with her. *Source: Mary Ray*
- Hugh never married. *Source: Mary Ray*
- Annie married Dan Carrigan. Lived in Springhill, NS. *Source: Mary Ray*
- Lauchlin worked for a pekin Mining Company. Coal miners he worked with could not pronounce his name, so they call him Jackie Smith. Jack Smith was a boarder with the Burress's in 1900. Lauchlin married the Burress's daughter Beulah Fern.
- Lauchlin lived until he was 102 (1864-1966).

4. Ronald (May 1861-1952) married Elizabeth MacInnis (June 12, 1878-1964)

Margaret Bell (Oct 25, 1906 - Sept 8, 1981)

Alex Ronald (Dec 7, 1904 - May 25th, 1968)

Colin (1909 - Oct 10th, 1975)

Tommy Joseph (Dec 27th, 1918 - Jan 26th, 1998)

Angus

John Dan (1914 - June 21st, 1998)

Lewis (died aged 7)

Elizabeth (Mary)

Hyacinth

Anna

-Ronald raised his family in the house his father, Lewis built at the Point of Cape George. It was passed to his son Thomas Joseph. Tommy was the last person to live in this house until his death in 1998. The house burnt down in 1999. *Antigonish Historical Museum*

-Ronald died in 1952 at the age of 91. Elizabeth died in 1964 at the age of 86. *FHL 1378643, card index*. Both are buried at Holy Rosary Church, Ballantyne's Cove.

-Elizabeth was the daughter of Colin MacInnis, Glendale. *FHL 1378643, card index*. Her mother's name was Elizabeth Gillis.

-Maggie Bell married Eustace MacEachern, Ballantyne's Cove. She lived in Ballantynes Cove and had ten children. Buried at Holy Rosary Church.

-Alex Ronald married Ruth Veronica Conrad. Buried at Holy Rosary Church.

-Colin never married. He was a private with the Cape Breton Highlanders in WWII. *Headstone*. Buried at Holy Rosary.

-Tommy never married. Buried at Holy Rosary.

-Angus married a Margaret MacEachern.

-John Dan never married. He fought in WWII and came home with a plate in his head. He drowned when fishing alone at the Point of the Cape. It is believed he may have had a seizure due to his injuries and fell over.

-Lewis died at age 7. He had an ulcerated tooth that became infected. *Pieria?*

-Elizabeth married Roderick McLean from Ohio, Antigonish. They lived in Ohio.

-Hyacinth married a Benjamin Jenner. They lived in Regina, SK.

-Anna married a James Bean, Boston MA.

-1901 census: Though Ronald's parents Lewis, age 82, and Isabell, age 76, are still living in the house, Ronald is listed as head of house. Ronald is 36 and married to Bessie, 22. Ronald's two brothers John, 26 and Hugh 24, are still living at home.

-1901 census: one house with seven rooms in total, two barns, 80 acres.

-1901 census: Ronald listed as Catholic. 1891 census has occupation listed as fisherman. 1901 census - farmer.

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