

## Genealogy of Croft 12 Calbost

Donald Mackenzie 'Domhnuill Thormoid', 1819-1889, was the first crofting tenant on croft 12 Calbost. He was the son of Norman 'Buidhe' Mackenzie who resided on croft 3 Calbost. Croft 12 was one of the crofts created when the village was extended during the second lotting of the Island about 1852. Donald Mackenzie's wife, Ann Chisholm, 1823-1895, was the stepdaughter of Malcolm Finlayson 'Calum Dhomhnuill Goll Ruadh', 14 Calbost. She was the daughter of Angus Chisholm, 29 Gravir, who was married to Catriona Macarthur, daughter of John Macarthur, 20 Cromore.

Angus Chisholm died early and his widow, Catriona Macarthur or Chisholm, married Malcolm Finlayson, 14 Calbost, as his second wife. Two of her three daughters from Angus Chisholm came to Calbost with her - Ann Chisholm who married Donald Mackenzie as above; Margaret Chisholm who married Duncan Macleod 'Donnachadh Alastair', 1 Calbost, and went to live at 14 Calbost; and Catriona, the third daughter, married Donald Macleod 'Domhnuill Aonghais ic Iain', 14 Cromore, who was drowned in Stornoway in 1867, and in due course the family of four boys and four girls moved to Stornoway.

Ann Chisholm, wife of 'Domhnuill Thormoid', 12 Calbost, was a first cousin of Mary Macmillan 'Bean an Sheoc', 'Clann an dà Pheathair', 8 Calbost. Ann Chisholm's two uncles in Cromore were 'Aonghais Bàn', 20 Cromore, and 'Murchadh Ruadh', 10 Cromore, also Aunt Barabal, wife of Angus Macleod, Crobeg and Torostay, and whose son 'Domhnuill Aonghais' settled at 5 Garyvard. Angus Macarthur 'Aonghais Bàn', 20 Cromore, was one of the Cromore groups of saintly 'men' referred to by Rev. Norman C Macfarlane in his book, 'The Men of Lewis'. Angus was a great favourite of the Lochs congregational Minister, Rev. John Macrae 'Macrath Mor'.

Angus' friend Murdo Macleod, the Catechist at Leurbost, called on Aonghais Ban one day and noticing that one of Angus' sheep had dropped two lambs, he said in banter, "The Bible says that if you have two coats you should part with one", shortly after that Angus came to the Catechist with a lamb in his arms, saying "I have brought a lamb for you, it is yours according to the Bible".

### 12 Calbost - 1<sup>st</sup> Tenant

		<b>'Domhnuill Thormoid'</b>
Donald Mackenzie	1819-1889	Son of Norman Mackenzie, 3 Calbost
Ann Chisholm	1823-1895	Daughter of Angus Chisholm, stepdaughter of Malcolm Finlayson
Donald	1848	Tenant at 12 Calbost
Catherine	1851	Mrs K Mackenzie, 26 Crossbost
Peggy	1853	Mrs John Maclean, 3 Marvig/Stornoway
Angus	1855	Cottar on croft 12 Calbost
Murdo	1857	Died as a child
Christy	1860	Mrs Roddy Kennedy (Jun), 2 Calbost
Ann	1861	Died as a child
Mary	1862	Infant
John	1864	Infant

### 12 Calbost

		<b>'Domhnuill Beag Dhomhnuill Thormoid'</b>
Donald 'Beag' Mackenzie	1848	Son of Donald Mackenzie, 12 Calbost
Christy Smith	1854	Daughter of Roderick Smith, 5 Calbost
Alastair	1875	Settled at 11, 4, moved to 12 Calbost, 1933
Ann 'Ruadh'	1877	Spinster at 12 Calbost
Christy 'Ban'	1879	Died in childbirth aged 24
Roderick	1881	Married in Boston-C Finlayson, Barvas
Murdo	1884	Baker, married in Glasgow
Catriona	1886	Mrs Logan, New York
Donald 'Loons'	1888	Bachelor at 12 Calbost
Peggy	1891	Died young
Peggy 'Bhàn'	1894	Married in Winnipeg - J Macleod, Balallan
Anna	1896	Mrs Armstrong, New York
Infant		
Dolina, granddaughter	1901	Married in Glasgow
Angus, grandson	1903	Settled in Calbost, then Inverness

The new family white house was built in the late 1890s. The stonemason was Donald Macdonald, 'An Clachair', 2/4 Kershader. Sons, Alastair, 1875, and Donald, 1888, served in the Royal Navy in the First World War. The other sons had moved away from home.

<b>12 Calbost</b>		<b>'Aonghais Dhomhnuill Thormoid'</b>
Angus Mackenzie	1855	Son of Donald Mackenzie 'Jun', 12 Calbost
Ann Macleod 1 <sup>st</sup> wife	1863-1898	Daughter of Angus Macleod, 1 Calbost
Donald	1894-1963	Medical doctor, Skye and Park
Angus	1896	Mary Finlayson, No 10, at Stornoway
Infant	1898	
P. Macleod 2 <sup>nd</sup> wife	1861	Daughter of Donald Macleod, 13 Calbost
No issue		

Both sons of the above family, Donald and Angus, served in the Armed Forces in the First World War.

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Alastair Mackenzie	1875-1952	Son of D. 'Beag' Mackenzie, 12 Calbost
Christy Nicolson 1 <sup>st</sup> wife	1877-1915	Daughter of Kenneth Nicolson, 11 Calbost
John	1904	Settled W.E. Calbost/moved to Leurbost
Annabella	1905	Unmarried in U.S.A.
Christy	1908	Mrs A. Macfarlane, P.O., 10 Marvig
Katie Mary	1911	Mrs Paterson, U.S.A.
M. Mackenzie 2 <sup>nd</sup> wife	1892	Daughter of Roderick Mackenzie, 4 Calbost
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Roderick twin of above	1924	Married Christy A. Matheson, Shader/Glasgow
Christy 'Bheag'	1926-1991	Mrs Johnnie Nicolson, Glasgow

All the sons of the above family of Alastair Mackenzie - John, 1904; Donald and Roddy, 1924, served in the Navy during the Second World War.

Alastair Mackenzie, 1875, the head of the family, was discharged from the Royal Navy in the First World War on medical grounds in 1916. In 1918 he married Matilda Mackenzie in the school at Marvig as there was no prayer-house in Marvig or Calbost at that time. Prayer and Gospel meetings were held in the school buildings. Rev. Donald MacCallum, Keose, officiated at the wedding. Alastair became the village postman when he was discharged from the Navy. He succeeded John Macleod 'Iain an Choinneach', 3 Calbost,.

<b>12 Calbost</b>		<b>'Sobartach'</b>
Angus Mackenzie	1903	Grandson of D. 'Beag' Mackenzie, 12 Calbost
Mary Macleod		From Point
Infant girl		
Donald Murdo	1950	Married in Inverkeithing
Donald	1952	Married in London
Willie John	1955	Baker in Inverness

The above family of Angus Mackenzie moved to Stornoway in the 1950s and subsequently they moved to Inverness.



Left: The wedding photo of Roderick Mackenzie 'Ruaraidh Dhomhnuill Bhig', 1881, 12 Calbost, and Christy Finlayson, Barvas.

After serving his time as a baker in Stornoway, Roddy emigrated to North America in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and opened a baker's business of his own in Boston, U.S.A.



Right: Dolina Mackenzie 'Dollag Glady', 12 Calbost (Mrs Agnew) and her uncle Roderick Mackenzie, 12 Calbost, who emigrated to North America early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and opened his own bakery business in Boston; Dolina's two children, William Alastair and Catriona.

Below: Rhoda Mackenzie, daughter of Roderick Mackenzie, 12 Calbost and Boston (and child). Rhoda was never able to return to Lewis to see her parents.



Right: Catriona Mackenzie 'Catriona Domhnuill Bhig', 12 Calbost, 1886-1931, aged 45 years. Catriona emigrated to North America before the First World War and subsequently married Ernest Logan.



Catriona Mackenzie (Mrs Logan), born at 12 Calbost; Mr Logan, her husband; and Dolina Mackenzie, daughter of Alastair Mackenzie, 12 Calbost, in New York.



Right: Peggy Bhan Mackenzie, 1894, daughter of 'Domhnuill Beag', 12 Calbost, with her husband John Macleod, Balallan, at Winnipeg where they lived.

During the severe economic recession of the 1920s, their two daughters, Chrissie and Kathleen, came to their grandparents at 12 Calbost and attended Planasker School at Marvig.

They learned Gaelic very quickly playing with the large group of children in Calbost at that time.



Peggy Bhan Mackenzie, born at 12 Calbost in 1894. Emigrated to North America early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and married John Macleod, Balallan, there.

Seen here (above) is Chrissie and Kathleen their two daughters who spent some time in the family home at 12 Calbost during the economic depression of the 1920s.



Seen here is Peggy Bhan the mother and her two daughters





The six young girls shown in these two photos are two herring fisher crews of three, from Calbost, taken at Fraserburgh, at the same time, before the First World War.

Left: Kate 'Bhàn' Macleod, 1894, daughter of Alastair Macleod 'Alastair an Choinneach', 13 Calbost; Christy Finlayson (Christy Betty), 1894-1919, daughter of Betty Finlayson, 10 Calbost; Peggy 'Bhàn' Mackenzie, 1894, daughter of Donald 'Beag' Mackenzie, 12 Calbost.

Peggy 'Bhàn' subsequently emigrated to North America and married John Macleod, Balallan, in Winnipeg, Canada. During the severe economic depression years in the 1920s in America, their two young daughters Kathleen and Chrissie came to their grandparents at 12 Calbost and played with us among the corn stacks on the bright moonlight evenings when they soon acquired the Gaelic as ten year old children. Nowadays, everybody defers to the English speaking newcomers. Peggy 'Bhàn' was one of three sisters and a brother that emigrated to North America during the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Right: Peggy 'Ruadh' Smith, 1893, daughter of Angus Smith, 5 Calbost, who married Donald Mackay, 28 Gravir; Matilda Mackenzie, 1892, daughter of Ruaraidh 'Ruadh' Mackenzie, 4 Calbost, who married Alastair 'Gladly' Mackenzie, 12 Calbost; Christy Kennedy, 1893, daughter of Roderick Kennedy, 2 Calbost. She remained unmarried and moved to Stornoway along with her sister Annie, 1898, in the 1930s.

Calbost was prosperous at the time the above girls were born. The average annual birth-rate in Calbost in the decade of the 1890s was seven births a year. There were ten births in 1896 and again in 1898. There were 69 births in the decade. Ninety years later there was only one old man in the village.



Donald Mackenzie 'Loons'  
son of Domhnuill Beag Mackenzie, 12 Calbost

The lady is thought to be one of his sisters

Christy 'Bhàn' Mackenzie 'Christy Domhnuill Bhig', 1879-1903, 12 Calbost, died in childbirth aged 24 years. The baby, Angus 'Sobartach', survived (see below). This photo was taken at the herring fishing at Lerwick. Christy Bhàn was said to have been outstandingly beautiful and her untimely death affected the whole community.



Angus Mackenzie, 1903, 'Sobartach', 12 Calbost. His mother, Christy 'Bhàn' Mackenzie (above) died at the time of his birth. Seen here in Army uniform at the time of the Second World War. In his youth, he was a piper, and in later years, he was a Church person in demand as an accomplished precentor of the Psalms.



The four members of the first marriage of Alastair Mackenzie 'Glady', 12 Calbost.

John Mackenzie 'Seonaidh Alastair', 1904-1967, Royal Naval Reserve Chief Petty Officer, minesweeping, Second World War - Married Mary Ann Smith, 5 Calbost.

Annabella, 1905-19? emigrated to U.S.A. 1920s, a nurse. Christy, 1908, married to Angus Macfarlane 'Samson', Post Office, 10 Marvig, munitions worker during Second World War. Katie Mary, 1911-19? emigrated to U.S.A. 1929, married Mr Peterson. A Red Cross nurse during Second World War.



The five members of the second family of Alastair Mackenzie 'Gladly', 12 Calbost.

Top left: Donald Mackenzie and his twin brother Roderick, born 1924. On reaching military age both served in the Second World War; Donald in the Merchant Navy and Roderick in the Royal Navy. Subsequently they both married and settled in Glasgow.

Bottom left: Christy Bell, 1920, as war service she worked for six years in the Ardeer gunpowder factory. Subsequently she married David Lindsay and settled in Dalry, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Bottom Right: Dolina, 1922, munitions worker in David Carlow's Munitions Works, Glasgow, for the duration of the war. Subsequently she married David Agnew and emigrated to the U.S.A. where unfortunately she met her death in a house fire at an early age.

Centre: Christy 'Bheag', 1926, age only 18 years when the war ended. She was working in a textile mill in Stornoway. Subsequently she married Johnnie Nicolson, Stornoway, and settled in Glasgow.



Dolina Mackenzie, 12 Calbost, and her husband Mr Agnew





Dolina Mackenzie, 12 Calbost, with her daughter Catriona and son William Alastair



Alastair Mackenzie 'Gladly', 1875-1952, son of Donald Mackenzie, 12 Calbost, and his daughter Christy, 1908, later on married to Angus Macfarlane of the Post Office at Marvig. Alastair was the village foot postman since returning from naval service in the First World War. He walked to Cromore three times a week to collect the mail that was ferried across Loch Erisort from Crossbost Post Office. On his way home he delivered the Marvig and Calbost mails until a daily service was introduced when the road round the end of Loch Erisort was completed about 1928/29 and a sub Post Office was opened at Marvig and the mail van brought the mails to Marvig Post Office daily.

The dwelling house of Alastair Mackenzie, 'Gladly', 1875-1952, may be seen in the foreground near the road.





Roderick Mackenzie, son of Donald 'Beag' Mackenzie, 12 Calbost. Baker in Boston.



Group at East Coast Fishing Port.

Left: Calum Morrison 'Calum Alastair', 9 Calbost; Alastair Mackenzie 'Alastair Dhomhnuill Bhig', 12 Calbost; Chrissie Nicolson, 11 Calbost, wife of above Alastair Mackenzie; Kate Morrison, 9 Calbost, wife of John Mackay, 28 Gravir.

Alastair Mackenzie, Born 1875.  
Calbost foot postman collecting  
mail at Cromore Post Office  
and later on at Marvig Post Office  
Right: His daughter Chrissie Bell.  
Left: His daughter Dolina.





Left: A peat-cutting team - Ina Morrison 1906, daughter of Calum Morrison, 9 Calbost; Angus Morrison, 1895, son of 'Iain Beag' Morrison, 9 Calbost; Marion Mackay Morrison, 1878, mother of Ina; and Murdo Finlayson, 1889, son of Donald Finlayson, 10 Calbost.

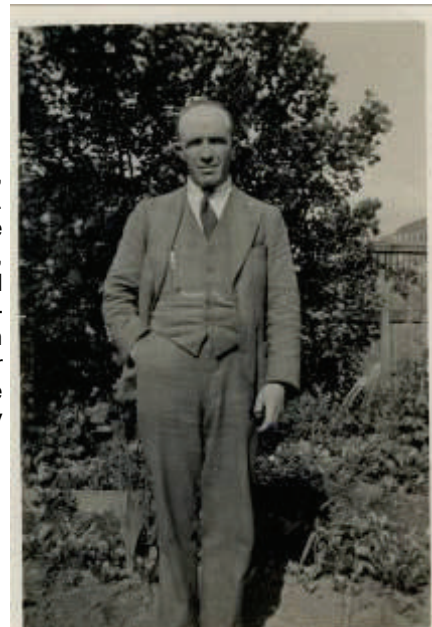


Right: Donald Kennedy, 1864, 2 Calbost, one of the village shoemakers relaxing with his friend, Calum Morrison 1875, 9 Calbost, a weaver.



Another peat-cutting team, Peggy 'Diry' Finlayson, Born 1911 at 13 Calbost; and her friend Matilda Mackenzie, born 1892, wife of Alastair Mackenzie, 'Glady', 12 Calbost

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