

Genealogy of Croft 2 Calbost

Donald Kennedy born 1788 was the original crofting tenant on Croft 2 Calbost. He was one of the first seven crofters in the village at the time of the first lotting. He came via Southern Park and there is a suggestion that he may have been in Cromore for a while prior to coming to Calbost. The early Kennedys of Park in Balallan, Cromore, Calbost, Lemreway and Crossbost were thought to be the same Kennedys.

2 Calbost

Donald Kennedy	1788
Margaret Mackenzie	1782-1867
Christy Ann	1808
Ann	1811
Kenneth	1812
Murdo	1815
John	1816
Dugald	1821-1879
Roderick	1823-1895
Catherine	1826
Alastair	1821

'Domhnuill Ruadh'

Daughter Kenneth Mackenzie Gravir
Mrs. Donald Mackenzie 19 Crossbost
Mrs. Murdo Macdonald 41 Leurbost
Cottar at 2 Calbost/4 Marvig
Settled at 3 Calbost
died young
Crofter 2 Calbost
Cottar at 2 Calbost
Mrs. John Macleod 13 Calbost
Settled at 24 Cromore, died early

2 Calbost

Kenneth Kennedy	1812-1868
Catherine Mackenzie 1st wife	1825-1850
Alastair	1845
Ishbel 'Bellag'	1850
Christy Smith 2 nd wife	1826-1901
Alex Smith 'Geal'	1845
Catriona	1854
Anna	1857
Alastair 'Donn'	1863
Kenneth Kennedy Grandson	

'Coinneach Domhnuill Ruadh'

Son of Donald Kennedy 2 Calbost
Daughter Alex Mackenzie 13 Marvig
died young
Mrs. Donald Macleod 23 Marvig
Widow of Alex Smith 19 Marvig
widow's son, settled at 4 Marvig
Spinster at 4 Marvig
Spinster at 4 Marvig
Settled at 4 Marvig
Settled at 5 Orinsay

Christy Macleod or Smith, the second wife of Kenneth Kennedy was a daughter of John Macleod, 'Saighdear' 1 Garyvard. Kenneth Kennedy's family moved to 4 Marvig.

2 Calbost

Dugald Kennedy	1821-1879
Annabella Nicolson 1 st wife	1828-1853
Margaret Nicolson 2 nd wife	1825-1910
Christy	1858
John	1860
Annabella	1862
Donald	1864

Dougall 'Dhomhnuill Ruaidh'

Son of Donald Kennedy 2 Calbost
Daughter of Calum Nicolson 10 Gravir
Daughter Donald Nicolson 5 Kershader
Spinster
Cottar at 2 Calbost/moved to Stornoway
Mrs Alastair Macleod 13 Calbost
Crofter at 2 Calbost

Margaret, the second wife of Dugald Kennedy was an untrained midwife; she delivered a large number of children safely without assistance of a doctor.

2 Calbost 'Cottar'

Roderick Kennedy	1823-1895
Jessie Macmillan	1825-1903
Donald	1852
Christy	1853-1878
Ann	1856
Roderick	1858
John	1861-1901
Alexander	1863
Murdo	1865

Ruaraidh, 'Domhnuill Ruaidh'

Son Donald Kennedy 2 Calbost
Daughter John Macmillan 17 Crossbost
Married Catherine Macmillan at Back
died young
Mrs Murdo Mackenzie 4 Gravir
Cottar at 2 Calbost
Disabled
Shoemaker, emigrated to South America
Settled at 14 Calbost

2 Calbost 'Cottar'

Roderick Kennedy	1858
Christy Mackenzie	1860
Christy	1893-1985
Ann	1898-1945

2 Calbost 'Cottar'

John Kennedy	1860-1905
Anna Nicolson	1868
Dugald	1892

'Ruaraidh Beag' Ruaraidh Ceanneadach

Son of Roderick Kennedy 2 Calbost
Daughter Donald Mackenzie 12 Calbost
Spinster moved to Stornoway
Spinster moved to Stornoway

Iain Dhuill

Son of Dugald Kennedy 2 Calbost
Daughter Kenneth Nicolson 11 Calbost
died as a young man

Donald	1894	Killed in 1 st World War
Margaret	1896	Mrs Logan U.S.A. Nurse
John	1896	died as a child
Cathie	1900	Mrs Hutchison U.S.A./Stornoway
John	1902	Baillie at Stornoway
Kenny		infant
Murdo Dan		infant

The family of John Kennedy moved to Stornoway in the 20th century. The above John Kennedy was a prominent businessman in Stornoway and active in public affairs. He was a senior Baillie of the Burgh and a contender for the office of Provost.

2 Calbost

Donald Kennedy	1864-1952
Catherine Mackay	1869-1950
Dugald	1897-1915
Donald	1899
John Angus	1900-1927
Chrissie	1902
Margaret	1904-1994

Joan	1907
Dolina	1908-1969
Peter	1912-1962
Donald Alex	1914-1945
Norman	1916-1937

Domhnuill Dhuill

Son of Duguld Kennedy 2 Calbost
Grandchild John Chisholm 29 Gravir
Killed 1 st World War aged 17 years
died young
Emigrated U.S.A. died age 27 years
Mrs. Duguld Mackay Point/U.S.A
Mrs. M Macfarlane
Branahuie/Canada/Inverness
Mrs. John Macmillan 33 Gravir/Nairn
Married in Canada
Bachelor
killed in 2 nd World War age 31 years
died age 21 years

Donald Kennedy 1864 was a crofter/fisherman and he also operated a shoemakers business, drawing work from all the surrounding villages. As a senior citizen he and his wife moved to Nairn with their daughter Joan.

Four members of the above family emigrated to the America's in the 1920's and they lost a son in each of the two world wars.

Because of the lack of living space there were four families living on Croft No 2 in the 1850s and there were never less than two families on the croft for the subsequent 100 years, until depopulation set in because of lack of work.



A view of Crofts 2 and 3 Calbost in the early 1940s shortly after the new vehicular road leading to Crofts 8 and 9 was constructed. In the foreground is 'tigh Domhnuill Dhuill' Donald Kennedy, 2 Calbost house.

Note the felt or canvas covered roof, which was treated with an annual coat of tar. The addition of two storm windows upstairs is an unusual feature of this house and that provided much needed extra space upstairs. Another unusual feature of the Kennedy house was the fact that it was constructed of two stone and clay gable ends and thin poured concrete front and back walls. The front corrugated iron porch is a later addition. The house was built about the turn of the 20th century.

On the other side of the road is the joint dwelling house of 'Iain an Choinnich' and Rob his son. John Macleod and Robert Macleod, 3 Calbost. This was the only Department House ever in Calbost and it was built in 1922 just after the First World War when building material was very expensive. Extensions were added to each end of the main house and Neil Macleod built a garage at the north end.

In front of Donald Kennedy's dwelling house may be seen the ruins of Roderick 'Jun' Kennedy's old house and to the right and near the road may be seen the ruins of Roderick 'Jun' Kennedy's new house.



Above are the four daughters, of the family of nine, of Donald Kennedy, 1864-1952, and Catherine Mackay Kennedy, 1869-1950, 2 Calbost, 'Domhnull Dhuill'.

Top Left - Christie, 1902, emigrated to Canada on the 'Marloch' in the early 1920s in her very early 20s. There she married Duguld Mackay from Broker in Point who was a policeman. In the course of his duties as a policeman Duguld was involved in a shoot-out and he barely survived his injuries. They are both buried in Canada.

2nd From Left - Margaret, 1904, emigrated to Canada on the 'Metagama' in 1923 along with her brother John Angus and others from Calbost. There, she married Murdo Macfarlane, a builder from Melbost, Stornoway. They retired subsequently to Inverness where members of their family are resident.

2nd From Right - Joan, 1907, married Army Captain John Macmillan, 33 Gravir. When John retired from the Army after the Second World War, they settled in Nairn where John was a local businessman as well as a Local Authority Councillor.

Right - Dolina 1908-1969 also emigrated to Canada in the late 1920s at a very early age. There, she married Mr Taylor. They were both killed in 1969 when their own private plane, piloted by Mr Taylor himself, crashed in severe weather conditions in a remote area.

Domhnuill Dhuill, the family's father operated one of the two shoemaker's businesses in the village. In the summer months he pursued the herring fishing. Latterly he was skipper/part owner of a medium sized motorboat called 'Elsie'.

The five sons of Donald Kennedy, 2 Calbost, two of which were lost in the wars.

Dugald, 1897-1915, below left, was lost on the 'Clan MacNaughton' which was sunk during enemy action in 1915 when he was only 18 years old.



John Angus 1900-1927, above right, served in the army and later emigrated on the 'Metagama' to Canada. He was an accomplished lightweight boxer. He died in Canada at the early age of 27 years.

Peter, 1912-1962, below left, was a Royal Naval Reservist and Merchant seaman where he sustained a serious accident.



Donald Alex, 1914-1945, above right, served in the Second World War in North Atlantic on 'HMS Asturias'. He was medically discharged and died at home in 1945, aged 29 years.

Norman, 1916-1937, right, a pre-war Naval Reservist. Died early at the age of 21 years.





Roderick Kennedy (Junior) 1858. Landless cottar living on Croft 2 Calbost all his life like his father Roderick (Sen) before him. Annie Kennedy 1898-1945, daughter of Roderick Kennedy (Junior).



Catherine 1869-1950, wife of Donald Kennedy 1864-1952, 2 Calbost. Donald was a shoemaker servicing the surrounding district. He was also the skipper of a medium-sized motor herring fishing boat. Four of Donald's family, John Angus, Chrissie, Margaret and Dolina emigrated to North America and two others were lost in the wars. Dugald in the First World War and Donald Alex in the Second World War. Joan was married to Captain John Macmillan, 33 Gravir. Peter, a bachelor, died age 50 and Norman the youngest died age 21. His family was the last resident family on Croft No. 2.



Dolina Kennedy 1908-1969, daughter of Donald Kennedy, 2 Calbost. Dolina emigrated to America in the 1920s and she married Mr Taylor. In due course, both of them met their death in their own plane, which was piloted by Mr Taylor.



Left back - Catherine Mackay Kennedy, wife of Donald Kennedy 'Bean Dhomhnuill Dhuill', 2 Calbost.

Norman Kennedy 'Tormod Dhomhnuill Dhuill', 2 Calbost, son of Donald and Catherine Kennedy

Middle row - Donald Kennedy, 2 Calbost, 'Domhnuill Dhuill'

Margaret Kennedy or Macfarlane 'Maggie Dhomhnuill Dhuill', daughter of Donald Kennedy, 2 Calbost.

Christy-Ann Macleod 'Christyanna Iain Aonghais', daughter of John Macleod, 2 Calbost.

Donald Alex Kennedy, son of Donald Kennedy, 2 Calbost. His brother Dugald was killed in the First World War shortly after Donald was born and the family referred to him as Dugald although his name as Donald was already registered. He himself was a war casualty in the Second World War.

Front row - Peggy Macfarlane or Mulholland, daughter of 'Maggie Dhomhnuill Dhuill', 2 Calbost.

Seonag Bheag Chisholm, Gravir.