

The MacFadyen – McPhadden Family in Coll and Tiree

Part 2: Genealogy Reports

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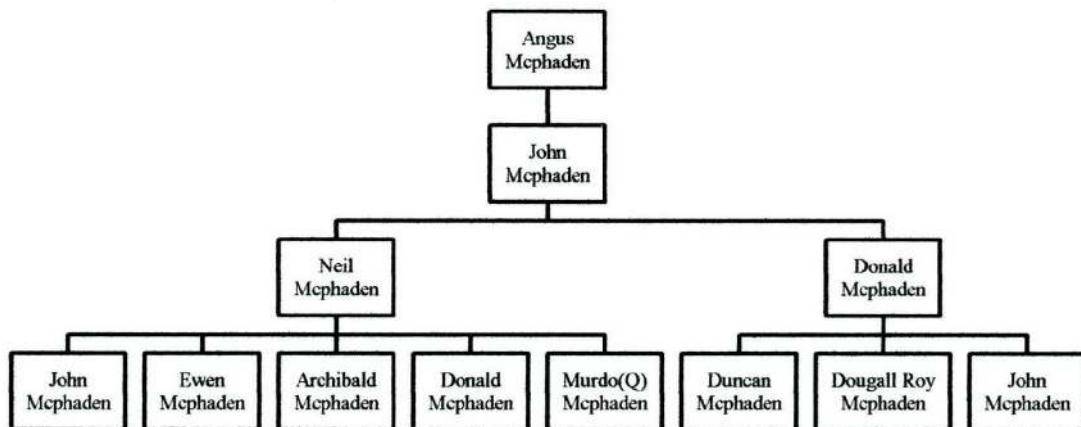
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1. THE EARLY MCPHADENS IN COLL

DESCENDANTS OF ANGUS MCPHADEN FOUR GENERATIONS



Generation No. 1

1. ANGUS¹ MCPHADEN

It is believed that our Mcphaden ancestors originated in Lochbuie in Mull, before they were replaced by Hector Reaganach, founder of the Macleans of Lochbuie, in the 14th century. It is not known when they first came to Coll, but they were certainly there in the 1500s. Angus, progenitor of our MacFadyen-McPhadden line, was probably born near the middle of that century, but whether his birthplace was Coll is not known. His great grandsons, Dougald, Duncan, John, and Donald were members of the household men of Maclean of Coll. They lived in Ardness (Ardnish) in close proximity to Breacachadh Castle and served as its guard. Another individual by the name of Murdo McNeill Vc Eane also served in Maclean's household, but did not live in Ardnish, and whether he was another great grandson of Angus is open to question.

Men of the '*luchd tìghe*', or men serving as soldiers in the household of a Highland chief, were usually members of the tacksmen class, or men of quality, and as posts such as this were often hereditary it is tempting to think that Angus might have served in that same capacity.

Child of Angus Mcphaden is:

- + 2 i. John² Mcphaden, born in Coll.

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN² MCPHADEN (Angus¹) was born in Coll.

John Mcphaden was named the son of Angus and the father of Neil and Donald Mcphaden by Nicholas Maclean-Bristol in a genealogical chart he prepared of the MacFadyens in Coll. It is estimated that he was born in the latter part of the 16th century.

Children of John Mcphaden are:

- + 3 i. Neil³ Mcphaden, born in Ardnish, Coll.
- + 4 ii. Donald Mcphaden

Generation No. 3

3. NEIL³ MCPHADEN (John², Angus¹) was born in Ardnish, Coll.

Neil Mcphaden was named the son of John and the father of John Mcphaden by Nicholas Maclean-Bristol in a genealogical chart he prepared of the MacFadyens in Coll. It is estimated that he was born in the first part of the 17th century.

Since two of his sons were serving in the '*luchd tighe*' of Maclean of Coll at Breacachadh Castle in 1679, it is very possible he had served in a similar capacity earlier.

Children of Neil Mcphaden are:

- 5 i. John⁴ Mcphaden.
 John was one of the 24 men, who served under Donald Maclean at Breacachadh Castle in 1679. He and his family were living in Ardnish at that time
- 6 ii. Ewen Mcphaden.
 Ewen lived in Ardnish in 1679.
- 7 iii. Archibald Mcphaden.
 Archibald lived in Ardnish in 1679.
- 8 iv. Donald Mcphaden.
 Donald was one of the 24 men, who served under Donald Maclean at Breacachadh Castle in 1679. He lived in Ardnish at that time.
- 9 v. Murdo(Q) Mcphaden.
 Murdo was one of the 24 men, who served under Donald Maclean at Breacachadh Castle in 1679. Although he carried the appropriate patrynomic, it is unclear whether he was a Mcphaden.

4. DONALD³ MCPHADEN (John², Angus¹)

Donald was named the son of John and the father of Duncan, Dougall Roy, and John by their patronymics, which appeared in various Coll documents. Since two of his sons were members of the household troops of the castle, it is very possible he had also served in a similar capacity earlier.

Children of Donald Mcphaden are:

- 10 i. Duncan⁴ Mcphaden.
 Duncan was one of the 24 men, who served under Donald Maclean at Breacachadh Castle in 1679.
- 11 ii. Dougall Roy Mcphaden, born Abt. 1655.
 It is estimated that the birthdate of Dougall Roy, aka Red Dugald of Coll, was about 1655±5. He did not appear on the 1716 List of Men Capable of Bearing Arms in Tیره, although his son Donald and two other McPhadens were so listed in Ruaig, and he may well have been dead by that date.

The MacFadyen Pedigree compiled by Sarah MacDonald named Dougall Roy as the progenitor of her line and referred to him as "Red Dugald of Coll", inferring that he was the first of her MacFadyen line to have come to Tiree from that neighboring island. This was confirmed by Nicholas Maclean-Bristol in the genealogical chart he prepared showing the descent of the MacFadyens in Coll. This showed Dougall Roy living in Ardnish in 1679 and later in Tiree.

Dougall was shown as Dougall McDonald Vc Eane in a list of all the men and soldiers that served under Donald McLeane in the House of Breackaich (Breacachadh Castle), in July 3, 1679, as was his brother Duncan and cousins, John, and Donald. A Murdo McLain Vc Eane was also listed among these household me, but whether he was a Mcphaden is open to question. This group of 24 comprised the castle guard, or household men, of Maclean of Coll, who were given land near the castle to defend it if necessary. They were known in Gaelic as his '*luchd tìghe*'.

12 iii. John Mcphaden.