

## Duncan SINCLAIR

Married	16 Feb 1793 Dull, Perthshire, Scotland	Isabel McLAREN
Died	Before 14 May 1840 (marriage of youngest daughter)	
Father	Duncan SINCLAIR	

<i>Isabel McLAREN</i>		
Baptised	13 Nov 1768 Dull, Perthshire	
Died	4pm on 5 Feb 1855 at Farrichiel, Fortingall, Perthshire aged 88 years	
Buried	Kenmore, Perthshire	
Father	John McLAREN	
Mother	Christian McNABB	

<i>Children</i>			
Elspit	bp 13 Apr 1794 Dull*		
John	bp 10 Oct 1795 Dull*	m 1821 Ann STEWART	d 1835
Christian	bp 1 Feb 1797 Dull*	m 1831 Gregor McGREGOR	d 23 Dec 1857 Comrie, Perthshire
Janet	bp 6 Nov 1798 Dull*	m 1821 Donald MENZIES	
Elizabeth	b c1800		d 1825
Donald	bp 13 Feb 1801 Dull*	m 1832 Catherine ANDERSON	d 5 Jul 1858 Perthshire
Isabel	bp 24 Oct 1802 Dull*		d 20 Feb 1882 Wainuiomata, NZ
Duncan	bp 11 Mar 1805 Dull*	m 1831 Margaret McDONALD	
Margaret	bp 7 Mar 1808 Dull*		
Ewen	bp 2 Mar 1810 Dull*	m 1836 Agnes SPIERS	d 11 Nov 1871 Wainuiomata, NZ
Catherine	b c1813	m 1840 John McDONALD	
* Tullichuil, Dull			

*The Lairds and Lands of Loch Tayside (1892) by John Christie - pages 20*

Four years previous to the excambion of Easter Stix, the adjoining property of Tullichuil was purchased by the third Earl from Sir Robert Menzies, Baronet, of Weem, who at the same time sold the lands of Borlick, Aberfelybeg, Aberfeldy, Duntaylor, and Duntium. Bolfracks was then in the possession of a cadet of the house of Weem; so that, prior to 1771, the whole stretch of country, from the Grandtully march to Croftmoraig burn, was, with the exception of the estate of Moness, in the hands of the Menzieses. Moness was for long owned by the Flemyngs, and in 1787 was sold by James Stewart Flemyng, W.S., who also then possessed the estate of Killiechassie, to the fourth Earl of Breadalbane.

*Marriage Register, Dull Parish – OPR 346/00 0040 0369*

16 Feb 1793 Dun Sinclair & Ispel McLaren both in this Parish give up their names to be Proclaimed in order to marriage.

*Records of the 90<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Perthshire Light Infantry), with Roll of Officers from 1795 to 1880 by Alex M. Delavoye (1880) page 61*

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1805 orders were received from London directing that a second battalion of the Royal Perthshire Volunteers should be formed from the men to be raised under the Defence Act, in place of that drafted into the Navy as marines in 1796.

*Perthshire Militia Certifications 1802-1810 – Friends of Perth and Kinross - <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/archive-local-family-history/searchable-databases/>*

The certificates provide details of families who were claiming assistance from the Crown while the father was away on militia duty.

Reference PE66/Bundle 28: Duncan Sinclair, wife Isobel McLaren, Parish Dull, Tullichuill, five children under 10 years of age

Regiment: Breadalbane or 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Royal Perthshire Volunteers 1805 – Captain William F. Kennedy's Company

Also under the same reference with the same date and regiment: Peter Sinclair, wife Isobel Anderson, Parish Dull, Croftmoraig, one child under 10yrs of age

*Globe 28 Nov 1805*

On Tuesday last, the Strathmore, Stormont and Dunkeld battalion of Royal Perthshire Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie, were inspected by Colonel Smyth, in presence of his Grace the Duke of Athol, and his amiable family, and received that approbation, which their correct manoeuvres and uniform steady conduct have entitled them to. His Grace and Colonel Smyth afterwards honoured Sir Alexander and his Officers with their company to a dinner ordered at Inver, to afford them an opportunity of testifying their unfeigned joy for our late most glorious victories over the combined fleets. The evening was spent with that harmony and demonstration of patriotism which the true friend and lover of his country must always feel in such an association.

*Caledonian Mercury 01 Nov 1806*

On Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth, or Stormont, Strathmore, and Dunkeld Battalion of Royal Perthshire Volunteers, had a field-day at Delvine. Notwithstanding the wetness of the day they went through various manoeuvres with their usual spirit and correctness. Lieutenant-Colonel Murray then advanced, and in the name of the officers and men, presented to Colonel Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie an elegant sword, and a superb piece of plate, as a testimony of their respect and esteem for him as an officer and a gentleman, and a lasting expression of their sense of his unremitting exertions, to which they are indebted for the progress they have made in military discipline. To this the Colonel made a most appropriate and energetic reply. The privates afterwards partook of a refreshment on the lawn before Delvine-House, and the officers were entertained by the Colonel, and the evening was spent with the most cordial satisfaction and hilarity.

*Caledonian Mercury 10 Jan 1807*

The Officers of the Meigle Company of the 4<sup>th</sup> or Strathmore Battalion of Royal Perthshire Volunteers have presented Patrick Murray, Esq., of Simprim, their Major, with a very elegant sabre.

*Caledonian Mercury 26 May 1808 Local Militia*

We hear that the 4<sup>th</sup> battalion Royal Perthshire volunteers, under the command of Sir Alex Muir McKenzie of Delvine, Bart., have made offer of their services as local militia; and that when this was proposed by the officers to the different companies, the proposal was received with the most hearty concurrence on the part of the men, and with repeated cheers.

*Perthshire Advertiser 03 Apr 1834 Taymouth &c*

The Ploughing Competition for the premiums given by the Marquis of Breadalbane to the district of Aberfeldy, took place upon the farm of Moness, on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834; the day proving uncommonly fine, the scene was highly interesting. Twenty-five ploughs started, and made excellent work. The prizes were awarded to the following persons:- 1<sup>st</sup>, Peter Cameron, servant to W. J. L. Campbell, Esq., Moness; 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Duncan Sinclair, tenant, Duntuim**; 3<sup>rd</sup>, James Cameron, Aberfeldy; 4<sup>th</sup>, John McDonald, Brae of Murthly.

*Perthshire Advertiser 04 Apr 1839*

A Ploughing Match took place at Comrie, near Taymouth, the Marquess of Breadalbane's home farm, on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> ult., when nineteen ploughs started. There could not have been a more suitable field, or one in better state, chosen for such an occasion; and the manner in which the work was executed was highly creditable to the different districts from which the ploughmen assembled. The Judges, Messrs William McLagan, Borlick; **Duncan Sinclair, Duntuim**; Peter Carmichael, Tullochuil; James Campbell, Borland, Fearnan; Daniel Dewar, Portbane Cottage, after a very careful examination of the work, awarded the prizes as follows:- Robert Cameron, Dunskiag, 1st prize; John McDonald, Dunacree, 2nd prize; John Scott, farm servant, Comrie, 3rd prize; John McDonald, Braes of Murthly, 4th prize; Robert Menzies, Soilary, 5th prize. The day was most favourable for field work, and it was pleasing to see the interest taken in the proceedings by the large assemblage of persons present. No less pleasing is it to observe the great improvement of late years in the description of ploughs, harness, and even the horses, of this district.

*1841 Census Lower Farrochel, Fortingall, Perthshire, Scotland*

Isabel SINCLAIR	70yrs		b Perthshire
John McDONALD	35yrs	Farmer	b Perthshire
Catherine McDONALD	25yrs		b Perthshire
Ann McLEAN	65yrs	Female servant	b Perthshire
Angel McKENZIE	20yrs	Ag Lab	b Perthshire
Alexander McGREGOR	15yrs	Ag Lab	b Perthshire
John McCALLUM	10yrs	Ag Lab	b Perthshire

*Perthshire Courier 25 Mar 1841 Aberfeldy Ploughing Match*

On Saturday last, the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., a ploughing match took place at Moness, on a lea field belonging to W. J. L. Campbell, Esq., of Glenfalloch. Seventeen ploughs started to compete for prizes, the first of which was given by the Agricultural Society of Scotland, and the rest by the Breadalbane Agricultural Association. The judges were Messrs P. Carmichael, Tullchuill, D. Sinclair, Duntuim, and D. Stewart, Lag, Grandtully, who awarded prizes to the following ploughmen:- 1<sup>st</sup> John Cameron, servant to Mr McDonald, Breadalbane Arms, Aberfeldy; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Alexander McLean, foreman to W. J. L. Campbell, Esq., of Glenfalloch, Moness-House; 3<sup>rd</sup>, John Carmichael, servant to Mr Campbell, Croftness; 4<sup>th</sup> James McLean, Croftantoulaish. This decision afforded general satisfaction to all parties concerned. After which the judges, ploughmen, and a few friends, enjoyed a most substantial dinner, prepared for them at Moness-House.

*Perthshire Advertiser 07 Apr 1842 The Highlands – Breadalbane Ploughing Matches*

The competition for the Taymouth district took place on James Kippen's farm, in Upper Acharn, on the 29th ultimo. The weather, which has for some time last been generally boisterous, was, on this occasion, such as to keep back several who intended to compete. Only 15 competitors came forward – whose rivalry, however, caused great interest and anxiety to the numerous spectators from the surrounding neighbourhood who had assembled to witness the contest. The judges – Messrs James McDonald, Comrie Farm; **Duncan Sinclair, Duntuim**; and John Sinclair, Aberfeldy – adjudged the prizes to the following:- 1. Peter Anderson, Upper Balnlaggan; 2. James Haggart, Balmdenaughton; 3. Dougal McDougal, Balmdenaughton; 4. Peter Campbell, Acharn; 5. Duncan McArthur, Croftmartay. Refreshment was liberally supplied by the tenant to both ploughmen and horses after the close of the business.

*Perth Advertiser and Strathmore Journal 10 Nov 1842 Extensive Grazing Farms and Inn on the Breadalbane Estates to Let*

For such term of years as may be agreed on, Entry at Whitsunday, 1843. Argyllshire [1] Soccoch Arrivain, Bochoils, Auchnafaundich, &c., presently possessed by John McKay, senior and junior. [2] Gleno and Dua presently possessed by the Heirs of the late Duncan Sinclair. [3] Barran, presently possessed by Mrs Fletcher. Perthshire [4] Morenish, presently possessed by the Creditors of Patrick J. Maxwell [5] Tyndrum Inn and Farm, Auchtertyre, &c., presently possessed by Mrs & Archibald Fletcher. [6] Urlar and Part of the Braes of Moness, presently possessed by John Sinclair and others. [7] Wester Turrerich, as last possessed by Peter McTavish and others. [6] Castrans, presently possessed by John McCallum...

*Perthshire Advertiser 11 Apr 1844 Ploughing Competition*

The competition for prizes, furnished by the Breadalbane Agricultural Association to the Kenmore district this season, took place on the 2d current on one of the fields of the farm of Ruvucky, belonging to Mr John McNaughton, manufacturer. Eighteen anxious competitors were betimes on the ground – men and cattle in prime order – and, after the usual preliminaries, each entered upon his allotted task with serious earnestness. The morning was drizzly, and, by a little past noon, the wind and rain increased considerably; but the ardour of the parties was too intense to be damped the least thereby, for the whole of the work was executed in a very excellent manner, and gave general satisfaction both to the Judges, who had some difficulty in deciding the prizes, and to the spectators. The Judges appointed were Messrs Alexander McLean, Borlick; **Duncan Sinclair, Duntuim**; and John Campbell, Boreland, who awarded the prizes as follows:- 1. Donald Forbes, servant to Mr McNaughton, Ruvucky; 2. Alexander Kippen, servant to Mr Dewar, Portban Cottage; 3. Robert Kippen, servant to Mr James Kippen, Acharn; 4. Donald McArthur, servant to Mr McArthur, Aleckach; 5. James Baillie, servant to Mr Walker, Kenmore Inn. My Wyllie, factor to the Marquess of Breadalbane, and a numerous body of people from the neighbourhood, and even from distant districts, attended, notwithstanding the inclemency of the day, and seemed to take much interest in the contest. During the progress of the work, the ploughmen had refreshments served out to them by their host, and, after the business was all over, they were treated to an excellent and substantial dinner, with a good libation of mountain dew after. Mr McNaughton invited the Judges also, and a party of his friends, to partake of the well-known hospitality of his board; and the sumptuous preparations made by Mrs McNaughton for their due entertainment were every way worthy of herself. The elegant music discoursed at intervals by Miss McNaughton enhanced not a little the gusto of the excellent dinner, and the reaming, flowing howls that followed the same, till a somewhat late hour of the evening.

*Perthshire Courier 19 Mar 1846 Ploughing Match*

A match came off on Friday last, the 13th curt., on Mr Peter McLean, farmer, Borlick's farm, when 19 ploughs appeared upon the ground. The Judges, Messrs John Cameron, Fisher's Hotel, Aberfeldy; **Mr Duncan Sinclair, farmer, Duntuim**; and Mr James McDonald, Comrie Farm; awarded the prizes to the following competitors:- 1. John McLean, junr., Dunskiag; 2. Alexander McLean, Pitillie; 3. James McLean, Duntuim; 4. William Stewart, Tomealdin; 5. James Cameron, Breadalbane Arms. Mr McLean supplied them with provision during the day, and when finished, they partook of an excellent dinner.

*Perthshire Advertiser 22 Oct 1846 Curious head of barley*

We had the pleasure of examining a very curious head of barley the other day from the farm of **Mr Sinclair, Duntuim**, near Aberfeldy. It was of the ordinary length, and followed the common order in the arrangement of its pickles or grains; but, unlike any other that ever came under our observation before, it threw out three branches from near the middle as well seeded, and in other respects similar to the parent stem. We believe the produce is to be preserved for the purpose of experiment, in the hope that the grains may produce an equally peculiar progeny.

*Perthshire Advertiser 25 Mar 1847 Ploughing Matches - Kenmore*

On the 19th current... took place on the farm of Mr Walker, of Kenmore Inn. Though without the advantage of such a level field as their friends of the west end, the competitors displayed as keen an eye, as firm a nerve, and as practiced a hand; and their performances, one and all, gave the highest satisfaction to the many spectators present. J. F. Wyllie, Esq., factor on the Breadalbane estates, was present as a member of the Highland Society; and on behalf of his noble constituent, and of the honourable society which he represented, expressed himself satisfied of the very beneficial results of such feats of friendly rivalry. The judges were – Messrs James Campbell, Boreland; Alexander McLean, Borlick; and **Duncan Sinclair, Duntuim**, Aberfeldy; and the successful competitors were – 1. Dugald McDougal, farmer, Balmaenaughton; 2. Robert Kippen, servant to Mr James Kippen, Acharn; 3. James Haggart, son of Mr John Haggart, Balmaenaughton; 4. Francis\_, servant to Mr John McNaughton, Ruvucky; 5. Alexander Kippen, Acharn; 6. James Baillie, servant to Mr Walker, Kenmore. In this, as in the foregoing instance, whilst the great feasted, the small were liberally attended to. At the dinner, given at the Inn by Mr Walker, in his usual excellent manner, Mr McLeish, Gannochy, presided; and the party, which consisted of the judges and a goodly number of other friends, spent a very pleasant and social evening.

*Perthshire Advertiser 15 Apr 1847 Aberfeldy – Ploughing Match*

The Aberfeldy District Annual Ploughing Match took place on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> current... After a keen contest of six hours' duration, the prizes (five in number) were awarded by the judges – Mr W. Menzies, farmer, Borlick, Killiechassie; Mr Peter Campbell, farmer, Tullichule; and Mr Duncan Sinclair, farmer, Duntium...

*Perthshire Advertiser 14 Nov 1850 Aberfeldy – Subsoiling Ploughing Match*

A ploughing match of this unusual kind, in this district, took place here on Tuesday, the 5th current, on a field of stubble belonging to Mr Peter McLean, Borlick. The day was very unfavourable in every respect, both for men and horses; still, long before the appointed hour, twenty-two competitors appeared on the ground. At nine o'clock the work commenced with such earnestness as made it evident that each was determined, if not to carry off a prize, at least to do his very best; and not withstanding the disagreeable state of the weather, the allotted task was completed by four o'clock in such a superior manner that the judges – Messrs Peter Carmichael, Tullichule; **Duncan Sinclair, Duntuim**; and John McDonald, Dalrawer – had considerable difficulty in deciding the prizes; which were at last awarded to the following competitors:- 1st George Stewart, son to Alexander Stewart, farmer, Arrichal; 2nd Alexander McDougall, servant, Comrie Farm; 3rd Alexander McLean, son to Archibald McLean, farmer, Pitillie; 4th John McFarlane, servant to Thomas Campbell, farmer, Croftness. An extra prize was given to Peter McDougal, servant to Mr John Campbell, farmer, Duniskiag, the best ploughman in the district, who gained last season the Highland Society's silver medal. A considerable number of farmers and others, from a distance, were present during the day, and seemed to take great interest in the proceedings. Liberal supplies of refreshments were furnished during the work; and when the prizes were awarded, the judges, ploughmen, and friends, were invited to partake of a good dinner furnished by Mr McLean. When ample justice had been done to the more substantial part of the entertainment, and the cloth removed, a copious supply of mountain dew was circulated; and after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, the host craved a full bumper to the healths of the lads that had lost and the lads that had won, which was drunk with Highland honours. Toast, song, and speech followed each other in rapid succession until ten o'clock; when the deoch-an-darus was handed round, and all separated highly delighted with the whole proceedings.

*1851 Census 3 Upper Faricle, Balfracks, Fortingall, Perthshire, Scotland*

John McDONALD	Head	47yrs	Farmer	b Fortingall, Perthshire
Catherine McDONALD	Wife	36yrs		b Dull, Perthshire
John McDONALD	Son	9yrs	Scholar	b Fortingall, Perthshire
Duncan McDONALD	Son	8yrs	Scholar	b Fortingall, Perthshire
Alexander McDONALD	Son	6yrs	Scholar	b Fortingall, Perthshire
Isabella SINCLAIR	Visitor	82yrs		b Dull, Perthshire
Isabella ROBERTSON	Servt	25yrs		b Blair Atholl, Perthshire
Peter LAMMOND	Servt	19yrs	Ploughman	b Blair Atholl, Perthshire

*Perthshire Advertiser 15 Feb 1855 Death*

At Farrochill, Balfracks on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, Isabella McLaren, eighty eight years of age, relict of Duncan Sinclair, junior, late... Duntuim.

*Deaths in the District of Aberfeldy 1855*

No.8 Isabella Sinclair maiden name McLaren, Female, 88 years. Died 05 Feb 1855 at 4pm at Farrichiel in the parish of Fortingall of "Old Age". No medical attendant. Buried at Kenmore as certified by William Stewart, Undertaker. Isabella was born Aberfeldy and spent her lifetime there. Father John McLaren, Soldier. Mother Christian McLaren maiden name McNab. Married Duncan Sinclair, Farmer. Issue in order of Birth, their Names and Ages: [1] John deceased aged 40yrs in 1835 [2] Janet aged 58yrs [3] Elizabeth deceased aged 25 in 1835 [4] Christian aged 56yrs [5] Isabella aged 52yrs [6] Margaret aged 48yrs [7] Catherine aged 42yrs [8] Donald aged 54yrs [9] Duncan aged 49yrs [10] Hugh aged 46yrs. Signature of Informants: John McDonald and Sonin Caw. Registered 15 Feb 1855 at Aberfeldy – Charles W. L. Forbes, Registrar