

Family Research

Are you trying to find out about your family members or people in your neighbourhood who lived in the Parish of Gairloch?

If so Gairloch Museum might be able to help. Things to think about:

- Have you some names? The more you can provide the easier it may be.
- Do you know any dates? We are likely to hold more information for queries dated between 1841 and 1921.
- What about the actual area? We cover Second Coast (Laide area) through to Diabaig.

The resources we use that are most helpful are:

- The census forms (1841 to 1921).
- The Gairloch Rental Records (1707 to 1864) – these are computerised but rarely provide more than men's names, the area in which they lived & sometimes their occupations.

Gairloch Rental for Year 1800			
Farms.	Tenants' Names	Charge	Paid
Diabaig -	Kenneth Mackenzie	10..	10..
	Hector Mackenzie	10..	10..
	John Mackenzie	8..	8..
	Murdo Mackenzie	8..	.
	Hectorsson	8..	.
	Murdo Mackenzie	8..	8..
	Hector Mackenzie	1..	1..

- Birth, marriage & death information
- OPRs (Old Parochial Records) for baptisms and marriages from around 1800. If these help then there might be other pieces of information that can help (such as Valuation Rolls).

Mary	1908.	St.	George Mackenzie	George Mackenzie	1908.
Mackenzie	September	Croftor		Father	October 16 th
	Twenty Fifth			(Present)	At Gairloch
	On 30m P.M.	Mary Mackenzie			John Ross
	19. Strath	M. S. Mackenzie			Registrar.
	South				
	Gairloch	1903 December 17 th			
		South Gairloch			

Are you wanting to know about a particular croft, crofting township or building?

Again Gairloch Museum might be able to help.

- For the Gairloch area (not the Aultbea area) there are crofting township maps – often these tie up well with information from the Gairloch Rental Records. We hold the hard copies in the Museum and have digital copies available as well.
- Some crofting townships, individual crofts and buildings have been researched and reports written up. These can be found as hard copies in the Museum and most are also available digitally.



Just let us know any details you have and we'll see what we can do. We do not charge for any research we undertake on your behalf, but donations to help support the Museum are very welcome.