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Sgìr a Bhac

BACK

Old School Canteen
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Isle-of-Lewis
PA86 OLT
Tel. - Back 610

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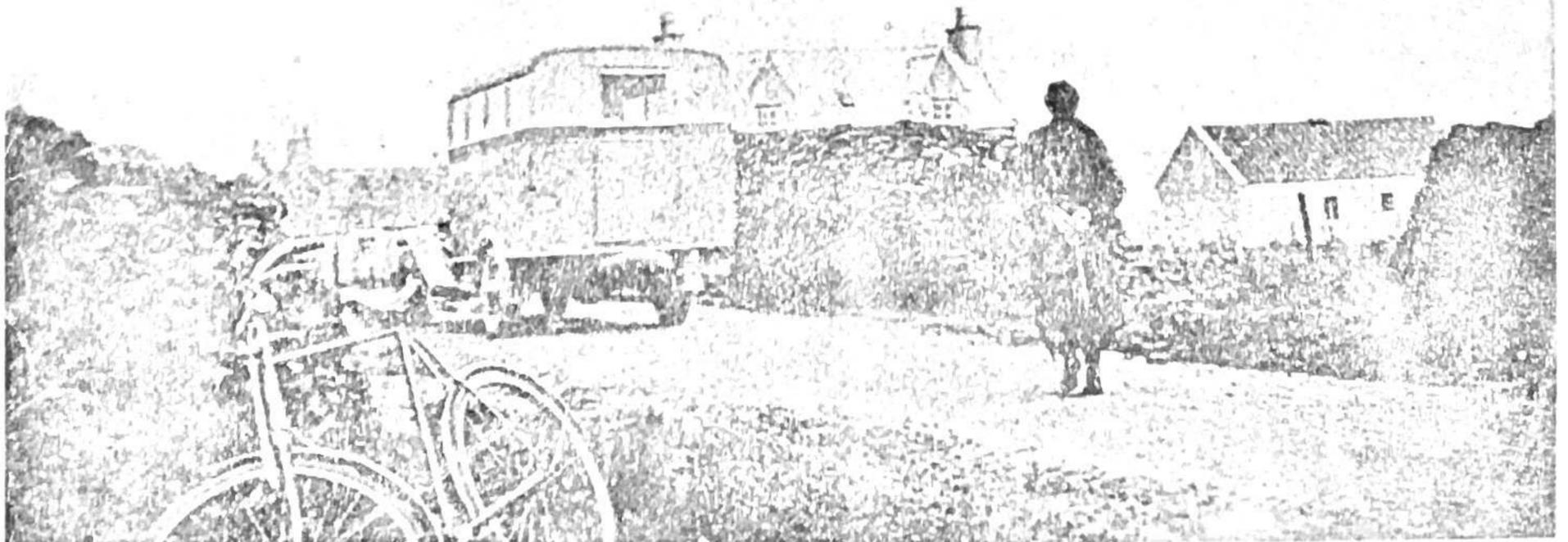
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VILLAGE

1700 - 1990

HISTORY OF CROFTS

**Every home
deserves its
own
pedigree.** DOG



G. Stewart



ANNA DHOMNUILL AN CHUILL * ALEX AONGHAIS AN BHAIN
CALUM CHOINNICH SHAOIR AGUS A ' BHEAN (ANNA)
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BACK VILLAGE

It is not easy to visualise what Back was like before it was divided into crofts. Any history relating to it is very scant but by examining old maps you will come across names of places and old ruins which can give us an insight into its few settlements.

Back was part of Gress Farm, and from what we can gather from the maps, it was divided into four fields. The south field, bordering Vatisker, was called 'Buaile Reisge' (the peat field).

This field extended as far as No 13. There was a track from west to east, leading to the shore, where No 13 is today.

There was another field on the west side of 'Rathad Mor Tobhta Caile' and it was called 'Buaile na Ceardaich' (the smithy field). The smithy was situated where the house at 27 Back is today. It was overlooking the field. It makes you wonder why the smithy was so far away from the main farm at Gress, but there was a good reason for it.

There were no peats within a reasonable distance from Gress Farm for the purpose of heating the iron for the smith (Angus Ferguson, who came from Uig).

From some reliable information we have concerning the peats which the blacksmith was using, we are told that Murdo Macaskill's (Bridie's grandfather) job was to cart peats from the bottom of the croft of 47 Vatisker to the smithy at Back.

You can still see the old road from Back, joining the Lighthill Road, near the place where they obtained this black peat. We cannot be sure of the exact date of this period, but according to the 1841 census, Angus Ferguson's widow was over 80 years old.

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You can see by the petition that Lewis Maciver mentioned the building of a house for the minister and people, not the building of a church, so we are almost certain that the house mentioned is Reay Cottage which is still lived in and in fairly good condition.

It was a number of years after this that a church was built at Back. It was in the same place as the present church. This church was called 'An Eaglais Bheag'.

We can gather from Lewis Maciver's petition that Reay Cottage was built before 1832, but how long before that date we failed to find out. It was used as a school and for religious meetings up to the time the school at Back was built in 1878. Shortly after this date, it was bought by Duncan Mackay, a Joiner from Vatisker. He named it 'Reay Cottage' after the district where his forefathers came from. The Mackays came from the Reay district in Caithness.

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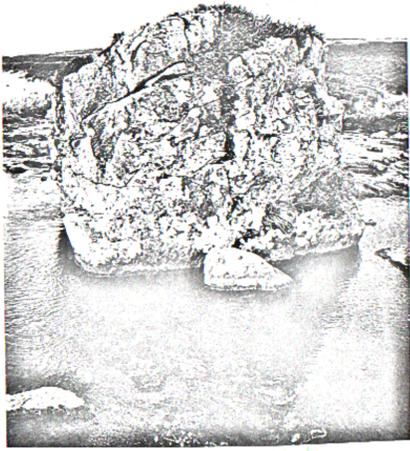
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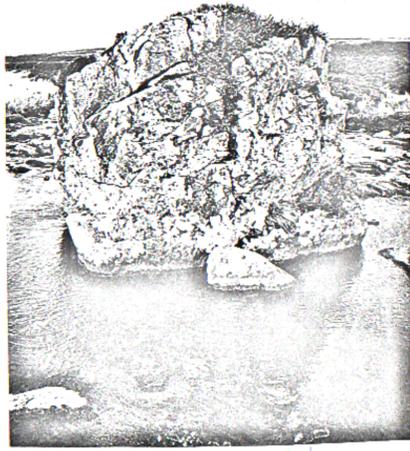


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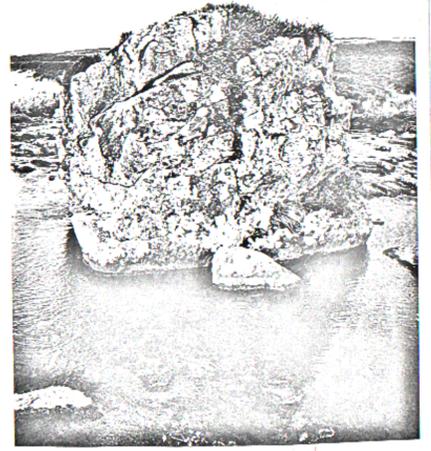


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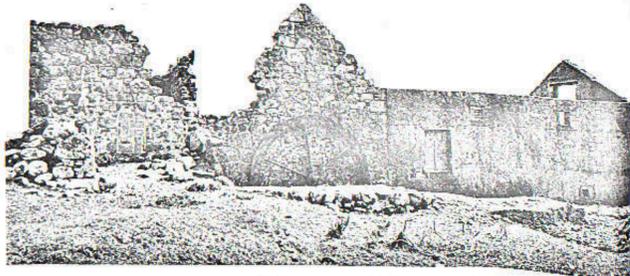
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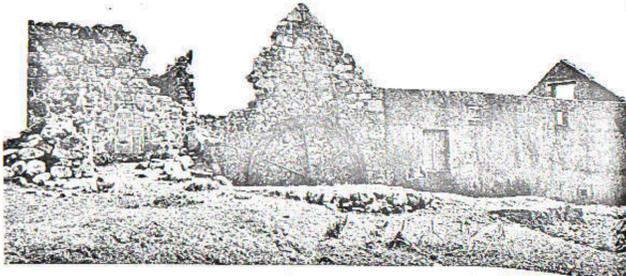
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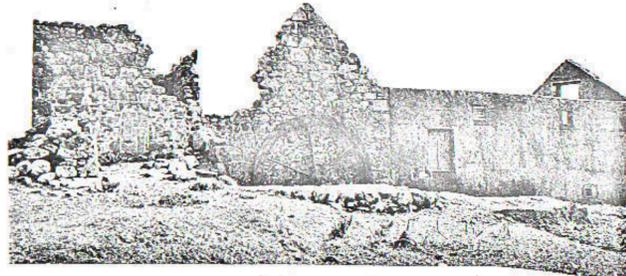
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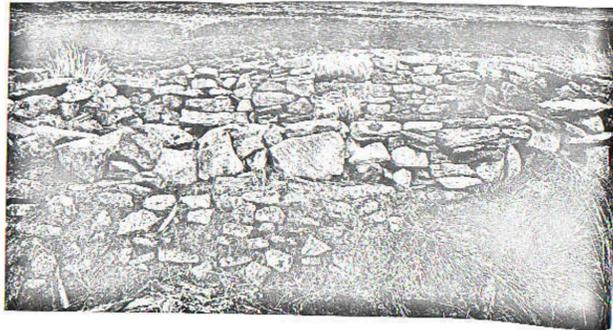
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(1835) Murdo Murray (Mac Aonghais) from Eoropie, Ness. He was married to Catherine Ferguson (Nighean Aonghais a' Ghobha) of Gress. The croft then went to Angus, their son, who was married to Isabella Macleod (Nighean Mhurchaidh Alasdair) of 4 Back. Part of the croft was used by another son, John, who was married to Mary MacIver (Nighean Mhurchaidh) of 28 Back. The whole croft then went to Angus's son, Murdo, who was married to Isabella Mackenzie of 51 Back (Nighean Iain Alasdair). Following them, it went to their son, Angus, who was married to Jane Macdonald (Nighean Aonghais Neill) of 17 Coll. The croft then went to their daughter, Mary Jane, who was married to Angus Macleod (Aonghas Mhurchaidh Dhomhnuill) of 32 Back. The croft is at present in the possession of their son, Angus Murdo.



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(1844) Norman Stewart (Mac Mhurch' Chreill) of Coll. He was first married to Kirsty Macdonald (Nighean Dhomhnuill Uilleim) of Coll - her father came from the Uig parish. His second wife was Mary Morrison of Tolsta whose father came from Back (Nighean Dhomhnuill Sheorais). The croft then went to William from the first marriage. He left no issue and the croft passed to his sister, Anne, who was married to Alex Graham of 27 Back (Mac Alasdair Ruaidh). It then passed to their daughter, Kirsty, who was married to William Macleod of 44 Back (Mac Choinnich Aonghais). The croft then went to their son Kenneth who died recently and left no issue.

21 Back

(1835) Murdo Murray (Mac Aonghais) from Eoropie, Ness. He was married to Catherine Ferguson (Nighean Aonghais a' Ghobha) of Gress. The croft then went to Angus, their son, who was married to Isabella Macleod (Nighean Mhurchaidh Alasdair) of 4 Back. Part of the croft was used by another son, John, who was married to Mary MacIver (Nighean Mhurchaidh) of 28 Back. The whole croft then went to Angus's son, Murdo, who was married to Isabella Mackenzie of 51 Back (Nighean Iain Alasdair). Following them, it went to their son, Angus, who was married to Jane Macdonald (Nighean Aonghais Neill) of 17 Coll. The croft then went to their daughter, Mary Jane, who was married to Angus Macleod (Aonghas Mhurchaidh Dhomhnuill) of 32 Back. The croft is at present in the possession of their son, Angus Murdo.



ALEX MURRAY 62 BACK * JOHN MACKENZIE 26 BACK
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22 Back

(1834) John Ferguson (Mac Aonghais 'Ghobha) of Gress and Uig. He was married to Isabella Morrison (Nighean Aonghais) of Vatisker. After their death, the croft was split and one half was taken over by John Macmillan (Mac Iain Dhomhnuill Bhain) of 26 Back and this half was known as 22½ Back. The remaining half went to John Ferguson's son, Angus, who was married to Annie Martin (Nighean Thormoid Buachaille) of 59 Back. It then went to their daughter, Isabella, who left no issue. This half then went to John Macmillan, a son of the above-mentioned John Macmillan, who obtained 22½ and he gave it to his nephew, Neil Ferguson (Mac Niall Iomhair) of 19 Gress who was married to Kirsty Macleod of 32 Back (Nighean Mhurchaidh Dhomhnuill). It then went to their daughter, Peggy Mairi, who is married to William Fraser of Cawdor. They are the present tenants.

22½ Back

John Macmillan (Mac Iain Dhomhnuill Bhard) who was married to Isabella Mackenzie (Nighean Choinnich Alasdair) of Vatisker. The croft then went to their son, John, who was married to Annie Mackenzie (Nighean Aonghais Mhurchaidh Thearlaich) of Ness. They left no issue and the croft passed to their niece, Bellann Graham (Nighean Mhurchaidh Alasdair), New Street, Back.

23 Back

Alexander Mackay (Mac Dhonnachaidh) from Vatisker. He was married to Isabella Martin (Nighean Dhomhnuill Buachail) from Gress. The croft then went to their son, Duncan, who was married to Catherine Morrison (Nighean Dhomhnuill Mhic Sheorais) of Tolsta. Another son, Donald, had the use of part of the croft and he was married to Mary Morrison (Nighean Choinnich Sheorais) of 2 Back. Their daughter Isabella, who was married to Donald Macaskill, stayed on the croft until their death. They left no issue. The whole croft then went to Duncan's son, Alexander, who was married to Annabella Macleod (Nighean Dhomhnuill a' Chaptainn) from Tong. It then went to their son John, who was married to Kirsty Morrison (Nighean Aonghais) of Lionel, Ness. They are at present living on the croft (1990).

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(1844) Alexander Mackenzie, son of Alexander Mackenzie of 46 Back. He was married to Bess Macleod. They emigrated to Canada with their family. The croft then passed to Donald Maciver (Mac Aonghais Iain) from 2 Vatisker. He was married to Mary Morrison (Nighean Dhomhnuill) of Garrabost, Point. The croft then went to their daughter, Mary, who was married to Murdo Macleod (Mac Dhomhnuill Mhurchaidh Alasdair) of 26 Back. It then went to their daughter, Mary Ann, who left the croft to her grandniece Peggy Mairi Macdonald (Nighean Mhurchaidh Choinnich) of 20 Upper Coll. She is married to Alasdair Nicolson of Argyll and they are at present living on the croft (1990).

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(1844) Neil Macmillan (Mac Dhomhnuill Bhard) of 26 Back. He was married to Rachel Graham of 16 Back. They moved from this croft to 13 Back. The croft was then taken over by Neil MacIennan (Mac a Bhreabadair) of Brevig. He was married to Mary Maciver of 2 Vatisker (Nighean Aonghais 'ic Iain). The croft then passed to their daughter, Isabella, who left no issue. This croft is now part of croft No 24 (1990).

26 Back

(1832) Donald Macmillan of Lochs was married to Mary Morrison (Nighean Neill) from Vatisker. The croft then went to his son, John, who was married to Margaret Gunn (Nighean Dhomhnuill) of Eorpie, Ness. After their death, the croft was split. Two thirds of the croft went to their son Murdo who was married to Kirsty Maciver (Nighean Dhomhnuill Bhain) of 36 Coll. Murdo was killed in Gress Mill and the croft went to his widow, Kirsty. The croft then went to their granddaughter, Murdina Macmillan, who is married to Kenneth Campbell (Mac Iain Choinnich 'an Bhreabadair) of 11 Vatisker. The croft now belongs to their son Malcolm, married to Janice from Ayrshire. They are at present living on the croft (1990).

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26b Back

(1860) This croft is one third of the original No 26 and it was given to Margaret (Nighean Iain Dhomhnuill Bhard) of No 26. She was married to Donald Macleod (Mac Mhurchaidh Alasdair) of 4 Back. The croft then went to their daughter Kirsty who was married to John Mackenzie (Mac Thormoid an t-Sithein) of 51 Vatisker. The croft then went to their son, Donald, who is married to Bell Ann Murray (Nighean Aonghais Mhurchaidh) of 21 Back. They are at present living on the croft (1990).

27 Back

(1844) Alexander Graham, son of John Graham of Back, married to Isabella Macrae, daughter of John Macrae of 33 Back. The croft then went to their son John who was married to Margaret Mackay (Nighean Aonghais Chiobair) of 19 Back. The croft then went to their son, Alexander, who was married to Isabella Murray (Nighean Aonghais Mhurchaidh) of 21 Back. It then went to their son, Alexander, who is married to Catherine Ann Macdonald (Nighean Mhurchaidh Raonailt) of 40 Gress. The croft has remained in the same family name to the present day (1990).

28 Back

(1844-50) This croft was originally part of croft No 27. It was given to the widow of Murdo Maciver of Back. She was the daughter of Kenneth Macleod of 25 Vatisker. The croft then went to their son Murdo who was married to Anne Ferguson (Nighean Iomhair 'Ghobha) of Back and Gress. It then went to their daughter, Mary, who was married to Angus Maciver (Mac Aonghais Mhurch 'c Iain) of 17 Back. It was then sold to Murdo Macleod of 16 Laxay who was married to Henrietta Macgregor (Nighean Thormoid Eachainn) of 54 Back. The widow of Murdo Macleod, Henrietta, is at present living on the croft (1990).

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(1832) Murdo Macdonald (Mac Dhomnuill Mhicphail) who was of the Macphails of Carloway. He was married to Isabella Mackenzie (Nighean Uilleim) of Back. The croft then went to their son, John, who was married to Mary Smith (Nighean Choinnich) of Laxdale. It then went to their son Murdo who was married to Mary Stewart (Nighean Dhomnuill Mhurch' Chreill) of 23 Vatisker. All their family emigrated to Australia and the croft then passed to their cousin Murdo Morrison of 2 Back who passed it on to his nephew, George Stewart, of Back. Part of the croft is now feued to Donald Macdonald (Mac Dhonnachaidh 'ic Ruairidh) of Shawbost who is married to Mary (Nighean Iain Aonghais Ruairidh) of Bragar. They are at present living on the croft (1990).

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(1846-50) John Macleod (Mac Thormoid Bhig). His father Norman came from the Parish of Uig and his mother Mary Mackay from Garrynahine and Achmore. John was married to Isabella Macdonald, daughter of Murdo Macdonald of 29 Back. This croft was part of No 29 and it was split at the time of John's marriage to Murdo Macdonald's daughter. The croft then went to their daughter, Isabella, who married Angus Morrison (Mac Neill Mhor) from 12 Vatisker. It then went to their son, John, who was married to Mary Mackenzie of Ullapool. The croft then went to their cousin Murdo Morrison of 2 Back who passed it on to his nephew, George Stewart, of 2 Back who passed it on to his son, Finlay Stewart, married to Mary Macdonald of 6 Cross, Ness. They are now living on the croft (1990).

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(1844) Roderick Macleod, son of Kenneth Macleod of 6 Back. He was married to Kirsty Mackenzie (Nighean Iain Tailleir) of 3 Back. They emigrated to Canada in 1855 and sold the croft to John Maciver (Mac Iain Chalum) of 45 Back. He was married to Margaret Macleod (Nighean Alasdair Uilleim) of 29 Vatisker. The croft then passed to their daughter, Johanna, who was married to Angus Graham (Mac Iain Mhic Iain) of 56 Back. It then went to their daughter, Margaret, who passed the croft on to her cousin Malcolm Maciver of 15 Gress who is married to Catherine Murray of 7 Tolsta. They are now living on the croft (1990).

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(1844) William Morrison (Mac Aonghais) from Vatisker. He was married to Catherine Mackenzie (Nighean Allan Tailleir) of 50 Back. The croft then passed to their son Murdo who was married to Jessie Lamont (Nighean Aonghais) of Kilmallie, Isle of Skye. Murdo was drowned in 1885 and the croft went to his widow, Jessie, who passed it on to their daughter, Margaret, who was married to Murdo Macleod (Mac Dhomhnull 'ic urchaidh) of 37 Back. It then went to their daughter, Christina, who was married to Neil Ferguson (Mac Iomhair Niall Iomhair) of 19 Gress. It was then passed to their daughter who is married to Kenneth Maciver (Mac Mhurchaidh Thormoid) of Tolsta. They are now living on the croft (1990). Part of this croft and the old family house is now feued to Donald Nicolson, son of Murdina Nicolson of 55 Back and Loch Lomond Side.

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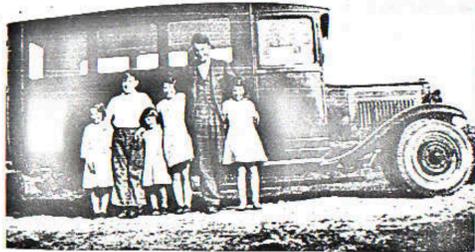
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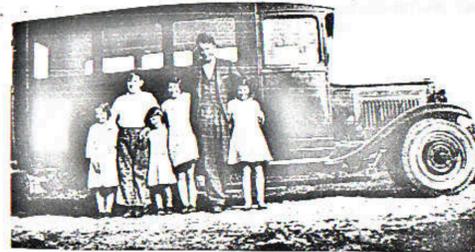
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(1832) Murdo Mackenzie (Mac Iain) from Gress and Back was married to Margaret Macrae (Nighean Dhomhuill) of Gress and Vatisker. The croft then passed to their son Donald who was married to Effie Murray (Nighean Iain Og) of 9 Back. It then went to their son, Donald, who was married to Effie Mackenzie of 51 Vatisker. It then went to their son Donald who was married to Kirst Macdonald of 25 Gress. The croft then went to their daughter Dolina who is married to John Macdonald of 1 Tolsta. They are at present living on the croft (1990).

47a Back

(1832) Hugh Morrison (Mac Sheorais) from Gress. He was married to Kirsty Mackenzie (Nighean Iain). The croft then went to their son George who was married to Margaret Macleod (Nighean Dhomhuill Iain) of Upper Barvas. It then went to their daughter Kirsty who was married to John Maciver (Mac Iain Dhomhuill Mhor) of 41 Coll. The croft was then split and part was given to their son John and the rest of the croft went to their daughter, Kirsty Mary, who passed it to her grandniece Joan Tough who is married to Murdo Murray (Mac Aonghais Mhurchaidh Uisdein) of Lighthill, Vatisker. They are at present living on the croft (1990).

47b Back

John Maciver, son of John Maciver of 47a Back. He was married to Murdina Macrae (Nighean Thearlaich Iomhair) of Upper Bayble. This croft has now passed to their son, John Charles, who is at present living on the croft (1990).



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48 Back

(1832) John Maciver (Mac Chaluim) of the Parish of Uig. He was married to Barbara Maciver (Nighean Dhomhnuill) of Back and Gress. The croft then went to their son, Murdo, who was married to Anne Mackenzie (Nighean Iain Alasdair) of 51 Back. Murdo died of exposure on the Back moor as a young man and the croft was left to his widow. It then went to their son, Murdo, who was married to Margaret Macrae (Nighean Aonghais Mhurchaidh) of Vatisker. The croft then passed to their son, Angus. He left no issue and it passed to Angus's sister Kirsty Ann who is married to George Macleod of New Tolsta. They are at present living in Glasgow and the croft is empty (1990).

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(1832) Donald Maclean (Mac Aonghais) from Gress. He was married to Catherine Stewart (Nighean Sheorais) of Gearraidh Ghuirm and Bayble. Her father came from the Moray Firth area. They left no issue and the croft passed to Norman Macleod (Mac Alasdair Mhurchaidh) of 38 Back. He was married to Catherine Mackenzie (Nighean Choinnich Uilleim) of 13 Back who was a close relative of Catherine Stewart. The croft then went to Donald Macleod (Mac Uilleim Alasdair) of 29 Vatisker. It then went to their daughter, Catherine, who was married to Murdo Murray (Mac Dhomhnuill Iain Sheorais) of Gress and Tolsta. The croft has now passed to their daughter, Catherine Ina, who is at present living with her father on the croft (1990).

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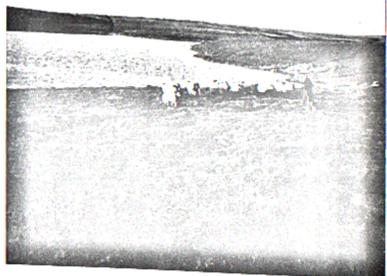
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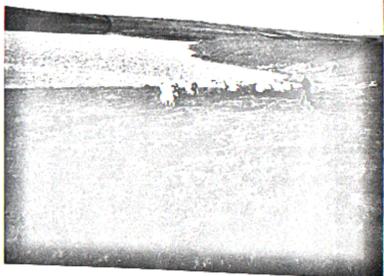
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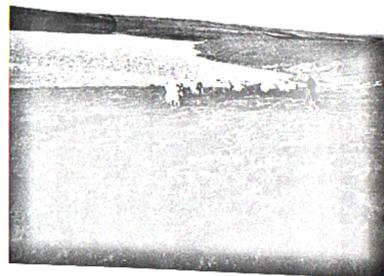
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 (1858) (A Ghead a Glas) Roderick Morrison (Mac Choinnich Mhic Sheorais) from 2 Back. He was married to Flora Macleod (Nighean Dhomhnuill Mhurchaidh) of 37 Back. The croft then went to their daughter Mary who married John Ferguson (Mac Alasdair Uilleim) from Portvoller. She was his second wife and they left no issue. It then went to Donald Macleod (Mac Peigi Iain Dhomhnuill Mhurchaidh) of 37 Back. He was married to Agnes Ferguson (Nighean Choinnich Neill Iomhair) of 2 Gress. The croft then passed to their son, Alex Murdo. He is married to Donella Campbell, Parkend, Stornoway. They live in Sandwickhill. His brother Kenny Don is at present living on the croft (1990).

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 Murdo Macdonald (Mac Raonailt Iain Alasdair) who was married to Annie Macleod (Nighean Dhomhnuill Thormoid) of 47 Vatisker. They later moved to Outend Back.

Croft No 2 living on the same croft
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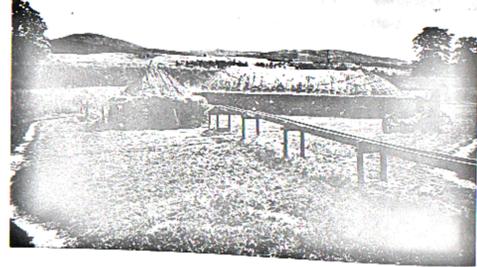
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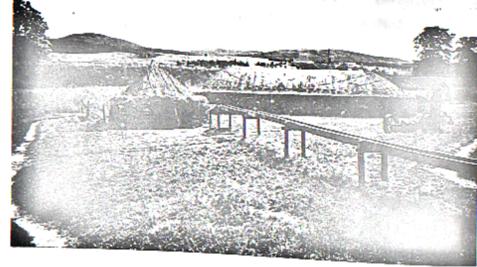
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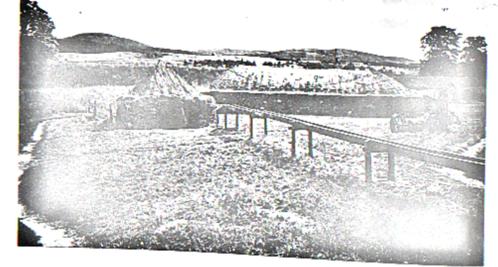
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 (1858) Malcolm Macdonald (Mac Iain Mhurchaidh) who was married to Catherine Morrison (Nighean Dhomhnuill of Stornoway). The croft then passed to Allan Maclean who was residing with the Martins at 59 Back. The croft then passed to their nephew, John Macdonald (Mac Choinnich Chaluis) of 5 Back. He was married to Janet Ferguson (Nighean Alasdair Uilleim) of Portvoller. After Janet's death he married Margaret Stewart (Nighean Mhurchaidh Dhonnachaidh) of 17 Back. The croft then passed to John's brother, Allan, who was married to Anne Mackay (Nighean Mhurchaidh Alasdair) of 43 Back. It then went to their daughter Kirsty Bell who is married to Donald John Maclellan (Mac Iain Dhomhnuill) of Scalpay, Harris. They are at present living on the croft (1990).

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64 Back

(1858) Kenneth Mackenzie (Mac Choinnich Alasdair) of Vatisker who was married to Isabella Mackenzie (Nighean Ruairidh Tallieir) of 11 Back. They left no issue. The croft then went to Kenneth's nephew, John Mackenzie (Mac Thormoid an t-Sithein) of 51 Vatisker who was married to Kirsty Macleod (Nighean Dhomhnuill Mhurchaidh Alasdair) of 26b Back. The croft is now in the possession of their son, John, who is married to Catherine Martin (Nighean Dhomhnuill) of 63 Back (1990).

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(1858) Duncan Macleod (Mac Iain Bhain) of 12 Back. He was married to Catherine Maciver (Nighean Choinnich Iain) of 33 Coll. The croft then passed to their son, Murdo, who left no issue. It then went to Murdo's nephew, Malcolm Macritchie, who was married to Peggy Maciver (Nighean Iain Mhic Dhomhnuill Mhoir) of 47 Back. The croft then passed to Peggy's nephew Norman Maciver of 47b Back. He is married to Katie Anne Macdonald of Flesherin, Point, and they are at present living on the croft (1990).

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(1874) Alexander Macleod (Mac Iain Alasdair) whose people came from Melbost. He was married to Catherine Morrison (Nighean Uisdean Mhic Sheorais) of 47 Back. The croft then passed to their son, Hugh, who was married to Mary Macdonald (Nighean Aonghais Mhic Alasdair) of 36 Back. It then went to their son, Alexander, who was married to Katie Anne Graham (Nighean Alasdair Mhic Alasdair Ruaidh) of 20 Back. The croft then went to their son, Alexander, and after his death it passed to his sister, Katie Mary Macleod, who is at present living on the croft (1990).

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During the 1870s and 1880s, the crofting land of the village of Back became insufficient to support the increase in the population. As a result, a number of young people with families emigrated to Manitoba, and others, mainly single men, went to Canada to work with the Hudson Bay Co. About this time, some people with young families were allotted small areas of common grazing land to enable them to house their families and prepare the land for cultivation. They were charged 10/- a year for peat and grazing rights to the township. Most of these people were classed by the landlord as "squatters". The first allotments were at the out end of Lighthill, Back.

1 Lighthill

Murdo Morrison (Mac Sheorais Choinnich) of 2 Back. He was married to Mary Stewart (Nighean Dhomhnuill Alasdair Ruaidh) of Coll. The site then went to their daughter, Flora, who was married to Alexander Ferguson (Mac Iain Sine). They moved to the adjoining site which was vacated by Alexander Graham (Mac Alasdair Aonghais) who was married to Catherine Stewart (Nighean Aonghais) of 35 Coll. Alexander was the son of the original holder, Alasdair Mac Aonghais Ghreum, of 16 Back, who was married to Isabella Murray (Nighean Iain Mac Iain Aonghais Ruaidh) of 9 Back. These two sites are now joined and the combined area is in the possession of Flora Ferguson, a widow (1990).

2 Lighthill

Malcolm Graham (Mac Dhomhnuill Iain Alasdair) of 55 Back, who was married to Margaret Macleod (Nighean Iain a Pharaig) of Tong. When he inherited his father's croft at 55 Back the site passed to George Stewart (Mac Mhurchaidh Dhonnachaidh) of 17 Back. He was married to Kirsty Macleod of 47 Vatisker (Nighean Dhomhnuill Thormoid Uilleim). The holding then went to their daughter, Catherine, who was married to Norman Macritchie (Mac Mhurchaidh Oig) of 16 Vatisker. It then went to their son, George, who left no issue. It is now in the possession of John Mackay (Mac Dhomhnuill Iain) of Achmore who is married to Erica from England. They are at present living on the holding (1990).

3 Lighthill

John Macleod (Mac Aonghais Mhurchaidh) of 44 Back. He was married to Mary Macleod (Nighean Dhomhnuill Thormoid) of Vatisker. The holding then went to their daughter, Kirsty, who was married to Angus Allan Macdonald, 17 Coll. It then went to their son, Angus, who is married to Murdina Murray (Nighean Dhomhnuill Chaluis) of 13 Coll. They are at present living on the holding (1990).

4 Lighthill

Norman Macgregor (Mac Eachainn Ruaidh) whose mother was Margaret Martin (Nighean Thormoid Buachaill) of 59 Back. The whole family lived on the holding and when Norman married he moved to his wife's croft at 54 Back. Norman passed the holding to his sister Mina who left no issue. It then went to Mina's niece, Peggy MacIver (Nighean Chaluis Choinnich Iain), of 6 New Street, Back. She was married to Malcolm Macleod (Mac Iain Chaluis) of 14 Coll. It has now passed to their daughter, Mary Joan. She is at present in possession of the holding (1990).

Rosehill, Lighthill

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John Macleod (Mac Aonghais Mhurchaidh) of 44 Back. He was married to Mary Macleod (Nighean Dhomhnuill Thormoid) of Vatisker. The holding then went to their daughter, Kirsty, who was married to Angus Allan Macdonald, 17 Coll. It then went to their son, Angus, who is married to Murdina Murray (Nighean Dhomhnuill Chaluis) of 13 Coll. They are at present living on the holding (1990).

4 Lighthill

Norman Macgregor (Mac Eachainn Ruaidh) whose mother was Margaret Martin (Nighean Thormoid Buachaill) of 59 Back. The whole family lived on the holding and when Norman married he moved to his wife's croft at 54 Back. Norman passed the holding to his sister Mina who left no issue. It then went to Mina's niece, Peggy MacIver (Nighean Chaluis Choinnich Iain), of 6 New Street, Back. She was married to Malcolm Macleod (Mac Iain Chaluis) of 14 Coll. It has now passed to their daughter, Mary Joan. She is at present in possession of the holding (1990).

Rosehill, Lighthill

John Macdonald (Mac Aonghais Mhic Aonghais Dhomhnaill) of 35 Coll. He was married to Catherine Macleod (Nighean Choinnich Aonghais) of 44 Back. The holding then went to their son, John, who is resident at present (1990).

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2 New Street

Donald Macleod (Mac Iain Aonghais Bhain) of 43 Back and 16 Back. He was married to Margaret Morrison (Nighean Thormoid Choinnich Mhic Sheorais) of 2 Back. The holding is now in the possession of their son, Samuel, who is resident at present (1990).

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Donald Macleod (Mac Iain Dhomhnuill Mhurchaidh) of 37 Back who was married to Mary Macleod (Nighean Iain Alasdair) of 5 Lower Bayble, Point. They moved to 20 Gress and the holding went to widow Mary Macleod, who came from 4 Borve, Barvas. She was married to Murdo Macleod, a brother of the original holder. She was married again to John Morrison (Mac Alasdair Mhurchaidh Dhugail) of 1 Back. The holding then went to their son, Alex Murdo, who is at present in possession of it (1990).

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Kenneth Stewart (Mac Alasdair Dhonnachaidh) of 4 Vatisker. He was married to Anne Morrison (Nighean Uisdean Mhic Sheorais) of 47 Back. The holding then went to their son, Norman, who was married to Effie Macleod (Nighean Thormoid Chaluim) of 14 Tong. It then went to their daughter, Anne, who is married to Murdo Macleod (Mac Mhurchaidh Anghais Mhurchaidh Uilleim) of Tolsta. They sold the holding to Elizabeth Malcolm-Brown of Loch Carron. She is now living on the holding (1990).

6 New Street

Malcolm Maciver (Mac Choinnich Iain Chaluim) who was married to Margaret Macgregor (Nighean Eachainn Ruaidh). The holding then went to their son, Kenneth, who was married to Catherine Macleod (Nighean Chaluim Dhomhnuill) of 16 Upper Coll. His second marriage was to Isabella Macleod (Nighean Iseabail Aonghais Bhard) of 54 Coll. They are at present living on the holding (1990).

7 New Street

Murdo Graham (Mac Alasdair Iain Alasdair) of 58 Back. He was married to Kirsty Macmillan (Nighean Iain 'an Bhard) of 22 Back. The holding then went to their daughter, Jamesina, who was married to Donald Ferguson (Mac Choinnich Neill Iomhair) of 2 Gress. Widow Jamesina is now living on the holding (1990).

8 New Street

Murdo Gunn (Mac Dhomhnuill Chaluim) of Lower Shader and 35 Back. He was married to Isabella Macleod (Nighean Aonghais Mhurchaidh) of 44/45 Back. The holding then went to their son, John, who left no issue and it was sold to Mr Kennedy of Marivig, Lochs. His widow sold it to Roddy Macleod, who is at present living on the holding (1990).

9 New Street

Donald Graham (Mac Alasdair Dhomhnuill) of 8 Back. He was married to Kirsty Stewart (Nighean Choinnich Alasdair) from Lighthill and 47 Back. The holding then passed to his brother-in-law, Alexander Stewart, who left no issue. It then went to Alexander's nephew, John Stewart, of 29 Gress, who passed it on to Alex Maclean who came from Stornoway. He was married to Mary Beaton (Nighean Iain 'an Alasdair) of 51 Back. It then went to a Mr Bennett from England whose widow sold it to Phil Smith who is at present living on the holding (1990).

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Donald Martin (Mac Dhomhnuill Alasdair Buachaill) of 58 Back. He was married to Anne Macmillan (Nighean Eachainn Dhomhnuill) of Glen Tolsta. It has now passed to her daughter, Catherine Anne, who is married to Ray Smith from London. They are at present living on the holding (1990).

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13 New Street

Donald Macrae (Mac Dhomhnuill Iain) of 33 Back who was married to Isabella Macleod (Nighean Mhurchaidh Mhurch 'c Alasdair) of 4 Back. The holding then passed to their son, Donald, who left no issue and it is now in the possession of his cousin, Neil Stewart (Mac Choinnich Mhic Choinnich Dhomhnuill Ruaidh) of 26 Vatisker.

14 New Street

Donald Morrison (Mac Choinnich Mhic Choinnich Mhic Sheorais) of 35 Back. He was married to Catherine Macdonald (Nighean Aonghais Ruairidh Shidar) of 53 Back and 4 New Street, Back. The holding then went to their son, George, who is married to Daida Macdonald of Bayble, Point. They are at present living on the holding (1990).



SHIELING ON BACK MOOR

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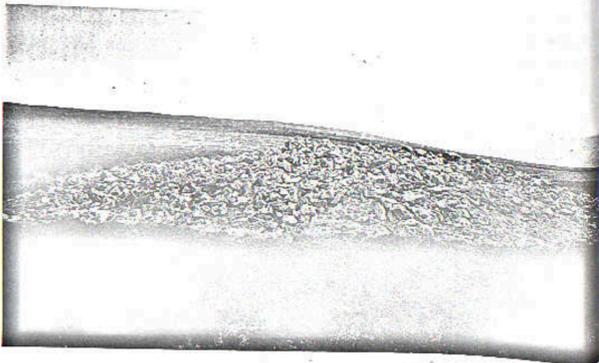
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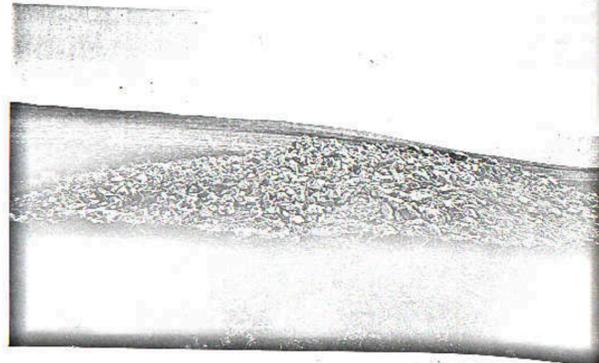
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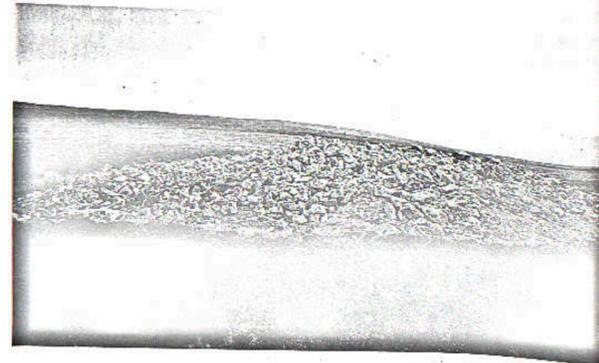
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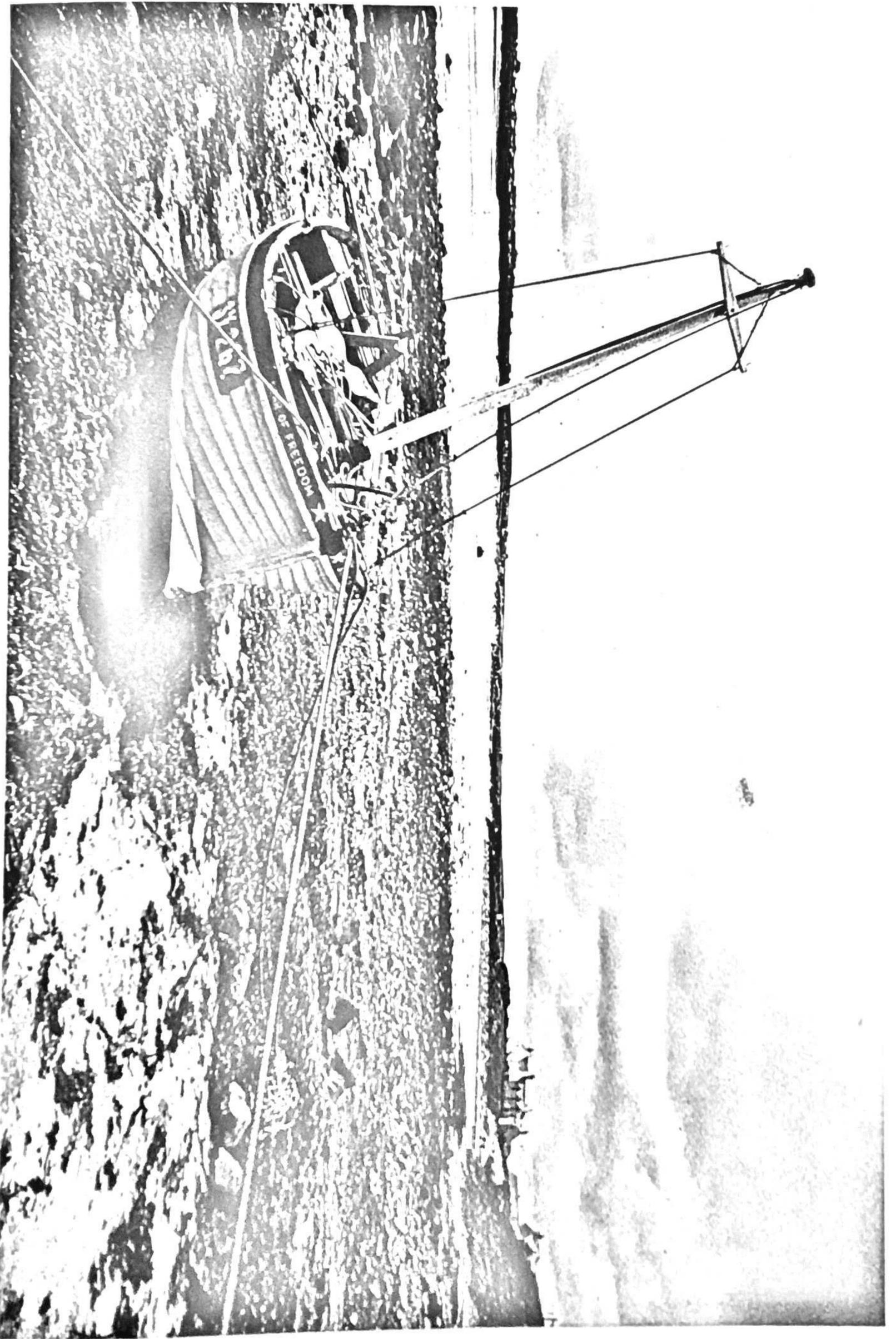
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 - 3 MACKAY—*DONALD, Gordon Highlanders; killed in action, 8th Jan, 1915. (Son of Mr Murdo Mackay).
 - 6 MACLEAN—DONALD (Sen.), R.N.R. JOHN, Canadians. *DONALD (Jun.), Seaforths; killed in action, 9th May, 1915. MURDO, R.N.R. (Sons of the late Mr John Maclean).
 - MACLEAN—MALCOLM, Australians. (Cousin of above).
 - 7 MURRAY—DONALD, Seaforths, wounded. (Son of Mr Kenneth Murray).
 - 8 GRAHAM—ALEXANDER, R.N.R.; ALEXANDER, Lce.-Corpl., Seaforths, awarded M.M. (wounded). MURDO, Seaforths, wounded (father and two sons).
 - GRAHAM—MURDO, Gordons; wounded.
 - 9 MURRAY—ALEX., R.N.R. (Son of Mr Roderick Murray).
 - 9 MURRAY—JOHN, R.N.R. RODERICK, R.N.R. (Sons of Mr Hugh Murray).
 - 10 STEWART—DONALD, R.N.R. (Son of Mr Donald Stewart).
 - FERGUSON—EVANDER, Canadians. (Son of Mr Donald Ferguson).
 - 11 MACDONALD—RODERICK, R.N.R.; one of only two survivors from H.M. Transport "Caithness," torpedoed in the Mediterranean. (Son of Mr Murdo Macdonald).
 - GRAHAM—RODERICK, Lieut., Seaforths. (Son of Mr George Graham).
 - MACDONALD—*DONALD; lost in "Iolaire" disaster. John, Seaforths. (Sons of Mr Roderick Macdonald).
 - 13 KENNEDY—ALEX. N., Seaforths; came through all the hardest fighting scatheless from the beginning. (Son of Mr Donald Kennedy).
 - 15 GRAHAM—DONALD, R.N.R. (Son of Mr Angus Graham).
 - 16 MACDONALD—ANGUS, Canadians.
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- 17 STEWART—GEORGE, R.N.R. (Son of Mr George Stewart).
 - MACDONALD—JOHN, R.N.R. *JOHN, R.N.R.; drowned at sea, 1919. (Father and Son).
 - 18 MURRAY—MURDO, Lieut., Seaforths; wounded. (Son of Mr Roderick Murray).
 - 20 MACLEOD—WILLIAM, R.N.R. (Son of Mr Kenneth Macleod).
 - 21 MURRAY—RODERICK, Gordons; invalided. (Son of Mr Murdo Murray).
 - 23 MACKAY—ALEX., R.N.R. (T.) (Son of Mr Duncan Mackay).
 - 24 MACLEOD—DONALD (Sen.), Canadians. Murdo, R.N.R. (T.). DONALD (Jun.), Canadians. (Sons of Mr Murdo Macleod).
 - 26a MACMILLAN—MALCOLM, R.N.R. JOHN, Canadians. (Sons of Mr Murdo Macmillan).
 - 26 MACKENZIE—JOHN (Sen.), R.N.R. (T.) JOHN (Jun.), R.N.R.
 - 27 GRAHAM—ALEX. R.N.R.
 - 29 MACDONALD—DONALD, Seaforths. (Son of Mr Murdo Macdonald).
 - 31 GRAHAM—JOHN, M.M., Canadians. (Son of Mr Angus Graham).
 - 32 MACLEOD—*MURDO, R.N.R. (T.); died on Hospital Ship, 14th November, 1918.
 - 33 MACRAE—ANGUS, R.N.R. MURDO, R.N.R. (T.) (Father and Son).
 - 34 MACIVER—DONALD, R.N.R. MALCOLM, R.N.R. (Father and Son).
 - 35 MORRISON—MALCOLM, R.N.R. DONALD, Sergt., Seaforths. (Sons of Mr Kenneth Morrison).
 - 36 MACKENZIE—*ANGUS, Canadians; killed in action, 9th May, 1915. JOHN, R.N.R. NORMAN, Canadians. (Sons of Mr Angus Mackenzie).
 - 37 MACLEOD—ALEX., R.N.R. (Son of Mr Donald Macleod).
 - 39 MACLEOD—*MURDO N., R.N.R.; accidentally killed by a revolver shot while on watch on board H.M.S. "Scarron," 7th July, 1918; aged 20. (Son of Mr Norman Macleod).
 - 40 MUNRO—WILLIAM, R.N.R. *DONALD, Canadians; killed in action, 16th June, 1918. (Sons of Mr Donald Munro).
 - 41 GRAHAM—ANGUS, R.N.R. (Son of Mr Alexander Graham).
 - 42 MACDONALD—ALEX., Seaforths; wounded. MURDO, R.N.R. (Sons of Mr Murdo Macdonald).
 - 43 MACLEOD—ALEX., Canadians.
 - 44 MACLEOD—RODERICK, P.O., G.I., R.N.R., H.M.S. "Orama," ANGUS, R.N.R. (Sons of Mr Angus Macleod).
 - MACLEOD—RODERICK, R.N.R. (Son of Mr Donald Macleod).

- MACIVER—MURDO, Gordons.
- 46 MACKENZIE—DONALD, (Sen.), R.N.R. ALEX., R.N.R. (T.) DONALD (Jun.), Seaforths; wounded. (Sons of Mr Donald Mackenzie)
- 46 MACLEOD—DONALD, Seaforths. MACLEOD—ALEX., Canadians.
- 47 MACIVER—JOHN, Seaforths; gas poisoned. GEORGE, R.N.R. (Sons of Mr John Maciver). MORRISON—ALEX., Canadians.
- 49 MACLEOD—DONALD, R.N.R. ANGUS, R.N.R. (T.) (Father and Son).
- 50 MACKENZIE—*DONALD, Seaforths; killed in action 9th May, 1915. (Son of Mr Angus Mackenzie).
- 52 MURRAY—JOHN ANGUS, Seaforths; wounded. KENNETH, Seaforths, wounded. MURDO, M.M., Pte., Seaforths. (Sons of Mr Donald Murray).
- 53 FERGUSON—*A., R.G.A., Canadians; killed in action, 1916. (Son of Mr Neil Ferguson).
- 53 MACKAY—KENNETH, R.N.R.
- 54 MACGREGOR—NORMAN, R.N.R. (Son of Mr Hector Macgregor).
- 58 MARTIN—DONALD, P.O., R.N.R. (Son of Mr Alexander Martin).
- 50 MARTIN—*DONALD, Australians; killed in action, 29th July, 1916. MALCOLM, Gordons. (Sons of Mr Allan Martin).
- 60 MACLEOD—MURDO, R.N.R. (Son of Mr John Macleod).
- 62 MURRAY—JOHN, 1st Class P.O., R.N. (Son of Mr Alexander Murray).
- 63 MARTIN—DONALD, R.N.R. (Son of Mr Donald Martin).
- 65 MACLEOD—*MURDO, Seaforths; killed in action, 7th May, 1916. (Son of Mr Duncan Macleod).
- 66 MACLEOD—ALEX., R.N.R. (Son of Mr Hugh Macleod). MACLEOD—ALEX., Gordons. DONALD, Gordons. MACKENZIE—ANGUS J., Canadians. GEORGE (JOHN), Canadians. MACARTHUR—DONALD, Police Station, R.M.B. (Son of Mr Archibald Macarthur).

New Street.

- FERGUSON—EVANDER (JOHN), R.N.R.
- GRAHAM—JOHN, R.N.R. ALEX., R.N.R. DONALD, Canadians. (Sons of Mr Murdo Graham).
- MACDONALD—*EVANDER, R.N.R., lost in "Bulgarian," 20th June, 1915. Was through the South African campaign with the Seaforths (son of Mr Angus Macdonald).
- MACLEOD—DONALD (JOHN), R.N.R.

Outend.

- MACDONALD—ALEX. J., Seaforths; seriously wounded. MURDO, R.N.R. (Sons of Mr Murdo Macdonald).
- FERGUSON—EVANDER, Canadians. (Son of Mr Neil Ferguson).
- MACDONALD—RODERICK (JOHN), R.N.R.
- GUNN—KENNETH, R.N.R.

IN MEMORIAM.

Cumha do Mhurchadh MacLeoid a Cnoc an t-soluis, sgìre Bhac, a thuit 'san arfhaich air a chiad là de 'n t-seachdeamh mìos, 1916.

Tha mi duilich, 'sinn tha duilich,
Tha sinn duilich mar na cairdean;
Ach ged' tha sinn uile duilich,
'S e tha muladach a bhàthair.

'N ioghnadh leat gu 'bheil i duilich
Air an tulaich s' air a fagail,
'S gun beach aice ris a' seall i
'N àm a teanntachd 's a cruaidh-chàsan.

Ach tha gealladh dhìth s'an Fhèrinn
Nach dean a dìbreadh n'a fagail,
'S rinn Muire roghainn de 'n an ni sin
Air nach d' thig cacohladh gu brath dìth.

'S ann an toiseach mìos July
A fhuair iad a' naigheachd chraiteach
Gun deach "Murchadh Beag" a chasgradh
San chiad "advance" a bh' aig na
h-armuinn.

MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF BACK DRAWN IN 1849,

2 YEARS BEFORE THE SECOND LOTTING AND THE DIVISION OF CROFTS

