Land Tenure – Lot 186 ([Eigg Mountain Settlement History](file:///C:\\Users\\Rod\\Dropbox\\GIS\\Antigonish\\Texts\\Eigg\\Introduction.docx))

This land was originally granted to John Tobin in 1816 ([see file](G_G_50.doc) for more). The MacEacherns farmed the northwest corner from the mid-19th century to the 1920s. [Ronald MacEachern](file:///C:\Users\Rod\Dropbox\GIS\Antigonish\Texts\Eigg\MacEachern_Bell.doc)’s [will of 1918](W_A-1772.docx) suggests that he had title. It was sold at auction to an unknown buyer.

[Lame Angus](MacEachern_Lame_Angus.doc) is said to have inherited the farm on this lot from his uncle Hugh in 1920, but that is not consistent with other evidence so far.

[Plan B-11-1](file:///C:\Users\Rod\Dropbox\GIS\Antigonish\Texts\Eigg\G_P_B-11-1.doc) still shows the land as belonging to Michael Tobin in 1912 – Hugh, John and Ranald are listed as “occupants” implying that they were squatters (see Figure 2). In a land description of 1914 ([Escheat 88](file:///C:\Users\Rod\Dropbox\GIS\Antigonish\Texts\Browns\Escheat-88.docx)), the lot is again described as 500 acres “granted to Michael Tobin.” Apparently there were conflicting ideas about ownership here.

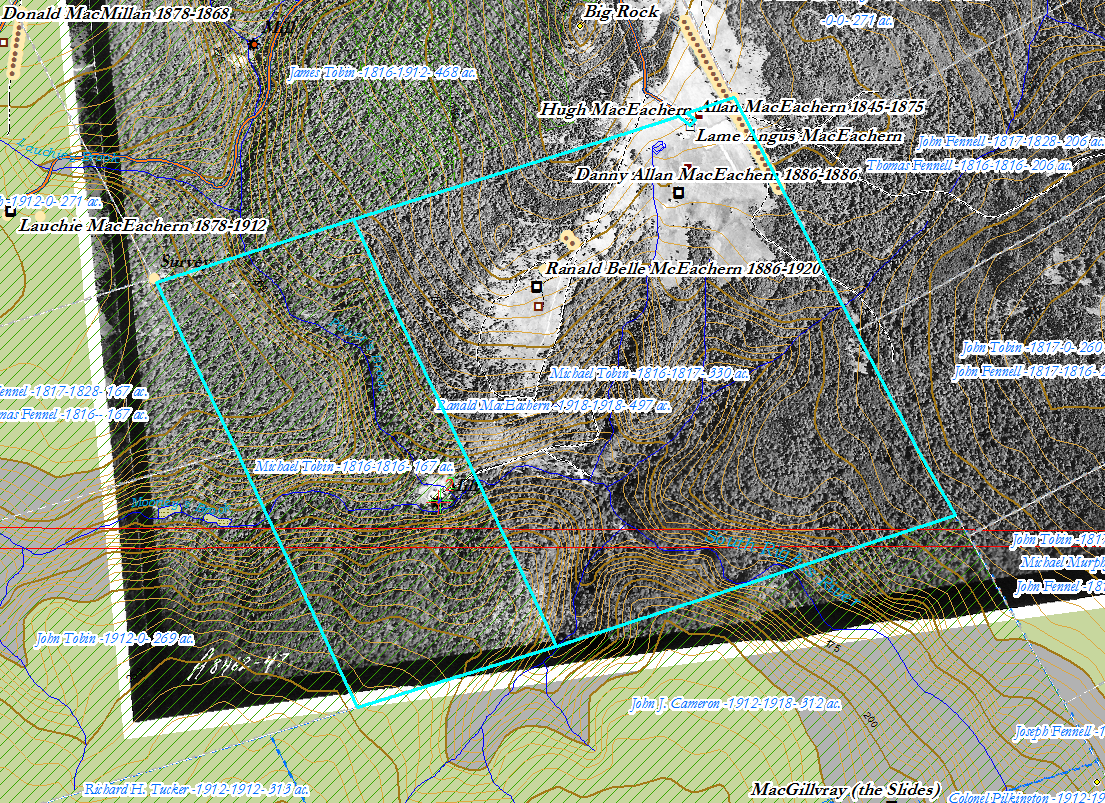


Figure 1 – Lot 186 in the ArcView map, 2018, with georeferenced 1945 aerial photo.

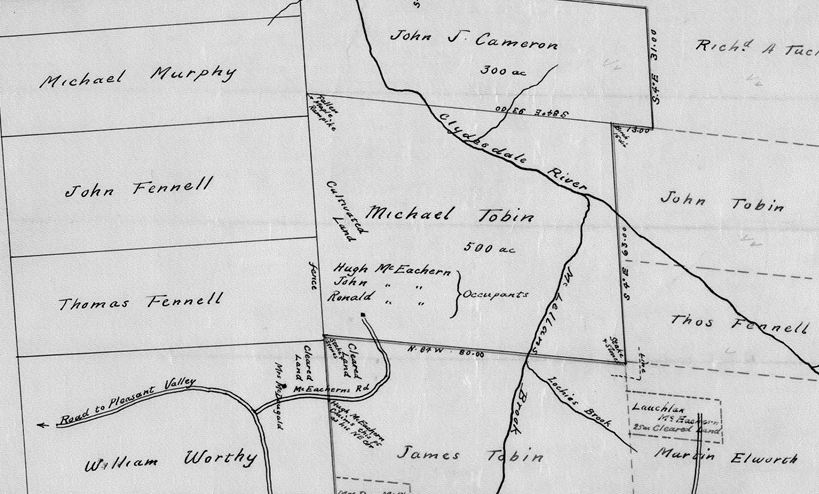


Figure 2 – Detail of Plan B-11-1 (1912) (with south at the top of the sheet – inverting normal orientation)