Lot 272 John Red Gillis ([Eigg Mountain Settlement History](Introduction.docx))

According to the Land Grants Map, this lot was granted to **John (Red) Gillis** and that is confirmed by a record of a grant to John in 1859 ([plan 4612](G_4612.doc)). This was likely not John Gillis, [the pi](Gillis_John_Ban.doc)[oneer](Gillis_John_Ban.doc) who arrived in 1788 and settled on better land on the Arisaig shore. Local knowledge places the pioneer’s son, [John](Gillis_John_Red.doc) [Red Gillis](Gillis_John_Red.doc) here.

However, prior to that, **Duncan Gillis** is indicated as occupying the lot (in 1828, Plan [M\_64](G_M_064.doc)). This is confirmed by Plan [Q\_34](G_Q_034.doc), also 1838, which places Duncan and Lauchlan Gillis side by side on a lot which encompasses this lot and the one to the east (Duncan here, Lauchlan to the east).[[1]](#footnote-0) No-one is listed here on the Church map (1878).

Peter Gillis (pioneer) had sons Duncan and **Lauchlan** who are probably the ones named in 1838. Duncan moved to Inverness County. There is evidence of Lauchlan’s tenure as late as 1859 ([Grant 4576](C:\\Users\\Rod\\Dropbox\\GIS\\Antigonish\\Texts\\Eigg\\G_4576.doc) Figure 2). However, the Crown considered the land vacant and grantable in 1859 (i.e. to John Gillis).

**John Red Gillis** bequeathed the land to his son **Alexander** and daughter **Flora** in 1868(see [A-383](W_A-383.doc)). Alexander may have passed it on to his son **John Alexander**, since “John A. Gillis” is the name that appears on the [Escheat f](../Browns/Escheat-39.docx" \l "E39_14)[ile 39-14](../Browns/Escheat-39.docx" \l "E39_14) in 1940. I have left John Alexander off the map since it is too confusing already.

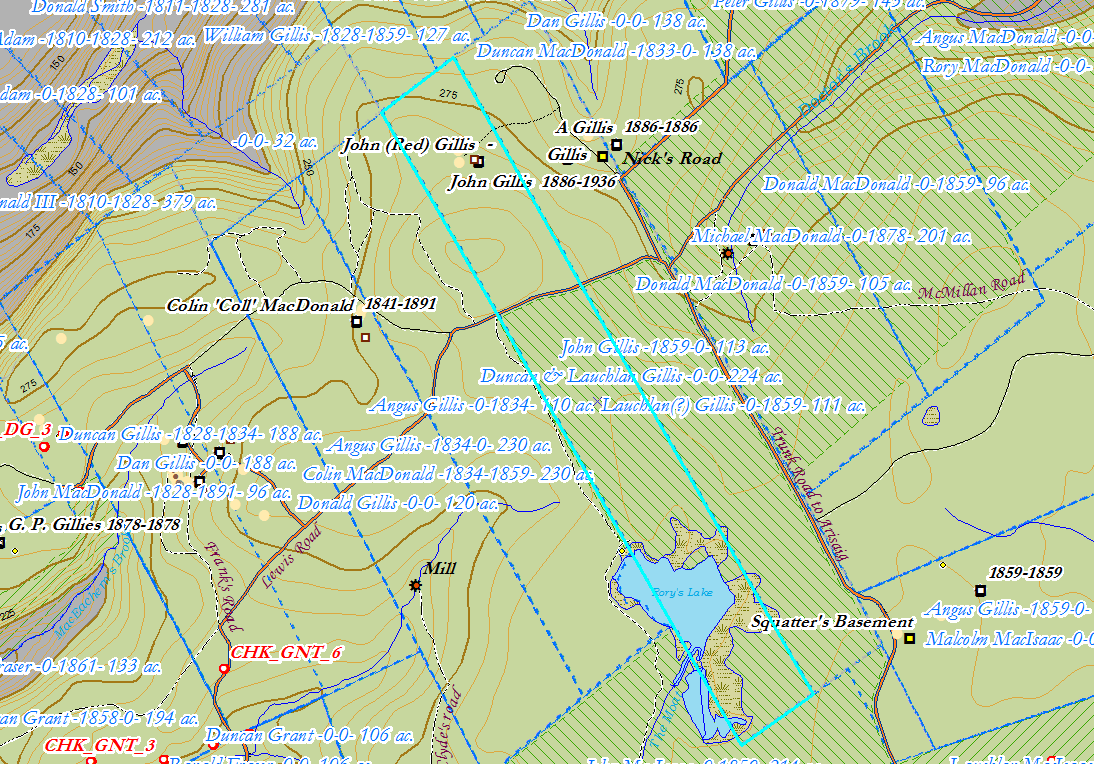


Figure 1 – Lot 272 on the ArcGIS map, 2018.

See also:

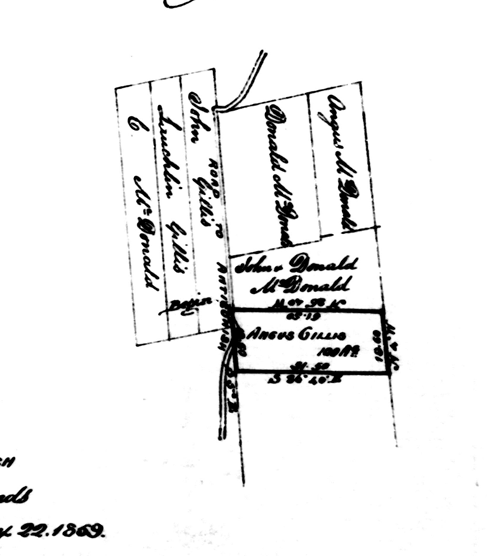


Figure 2 – [Grant 4576](G_4576.doc), 1859

1. Neither John the pioneer nor John Red had a son named Duncan. John the pioneer had a son Lauchlan who is not likely the one named in 1828. John Red had a son Lauchlan to whom he bequeathed land, but that was in 1868, long after this other Laughlan was listed as owner. [↑](#footnote-ref-0)