MacEachern,Donald,Eigg Mountain

Donald MacEachern was born about 1816 the son of John son of John pioneer. See Rankin page 271. His mother was Isabella MacGillivray. Donald married Mary MacAdam born about 1829 on June 23, 1848. Mary was the daughter of Ronald MacAdam son of Ewan MacAdam pioneer. In 1871 he was living with his wife Mary and 7 children: Mary, Catherine (October 12, 1854), Angus, Stephen (December 26, 1857), Ann (February 17, 1860), John Allan (June 28, 1864), Isabella and Hugh.

In 1871 he owned 100 acres with 60 acres improved and 30 acres in pasture. They grew spring wheat, potatoes and flax. The farm had 3 horses, 6 milk cows, 6 horned cattle, 20 sheep and 4 pigs. They made butter, cheese and homemade cloth. The farm had a house, barn and plow.

Mary MacEachern died at the age of 54 years in 1883 while Donald died at age 83 years in 1898.

Fifty years later in 1921 three of the children – Mary, Catherine and Stephen were living on the mountain. All were unmarried. Mary died at age 73 years in 1927 at the home on the mountain. Catherine died in Antigonish at the age of 79 years on April 6, 1936 and buried at Arisaig and Stephen died at the age of 86 years in Lismore in 1947.