[](http://arcg.is/0HfHa)[MacIsaac](MacIsaac_Family.doc), Archie the Widow ([Eigg Mountain Settlement History](Introduction.docx))

This was an especially large well-defined basement when Lame Angus saw it as a youngster (19 teens/ 20s). The first occupant at this site was the son of [Old John](MacIsaac_John.doc) [MacIsaac](MacIsaac_John.doc), Archie “the Widow.” The house was probably abandoned in the late 1800s.[[1]](#footnote-0) Kenton later indicated that Archie the widow was a first generation settler who left early, perhaps around 1840 to settle in Fairmont.[[2]](#footnote-1) This fits with the state of decay of the foundation and the difficulty in discerning fields from the aerial photographs. The land was originally granted to a Malcolm MacKinnon (from Grants Index, 1953).

We finally found the house site August 9, 2015. It was one of those cases where I walked straight to it. It is very overgrown with almost no rock showing in the cellar walls. It measures 24 X 25 feet and is oriented 41º. The cellar steps appear to be on the south side facing the stream. The extent of Archie’s [fiel](MacIsaac_Archie_Field.doc)[ds](MacIsaac_Archie_Field.doc) is still unclear.



Figure 1 – Cellar Looking North. It is difficult to get the camera to show what the eyes can see when a cellar is overgrown like this. The depression becomes just a jumble of logs and foliage. So I have resorted to using stereo pairs, which if you can [freeview](https://adcnj3d.wordpress.com/free-viewing-3d-parallel-view/), heighten the 3-D effect. This pair is designed for [cross-viewing](https://adcnj3d.wordpress.com/free-viewing-3d-cross/) – that is the image for the left eye is on the right and vice versa.

1. Kenton Teasdale, Eigg Mountain, November 4, 2005. [↑](#footnote-ref-0)
2. Kenton Teasdale, 12 August 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)