

GENEALOGICAL REPORT

The Lismore MacGillivrays and Their Mull Origins

A simplified family tree and evidence summary

Conclusion

The MacGillivrays of Achuaran on Lismore are documented descendants of a MacGillivray family at Shiaba on Mull. The direct line is supported by original statutory records, parish registers and censuses. The proposed extension to the 1779 Beach and Scoor households is probable, but not proved by a parent-child record.

Evidence labels

Status	Meaning
Verified by record	An original statutory or parish record explicitly states the event or relationship.
Verified by document	A census or other contemporary document establishes the household, identity or residence.
Probable by inference	Several facts align, but no surviving record explicitly states the identity or relationship.

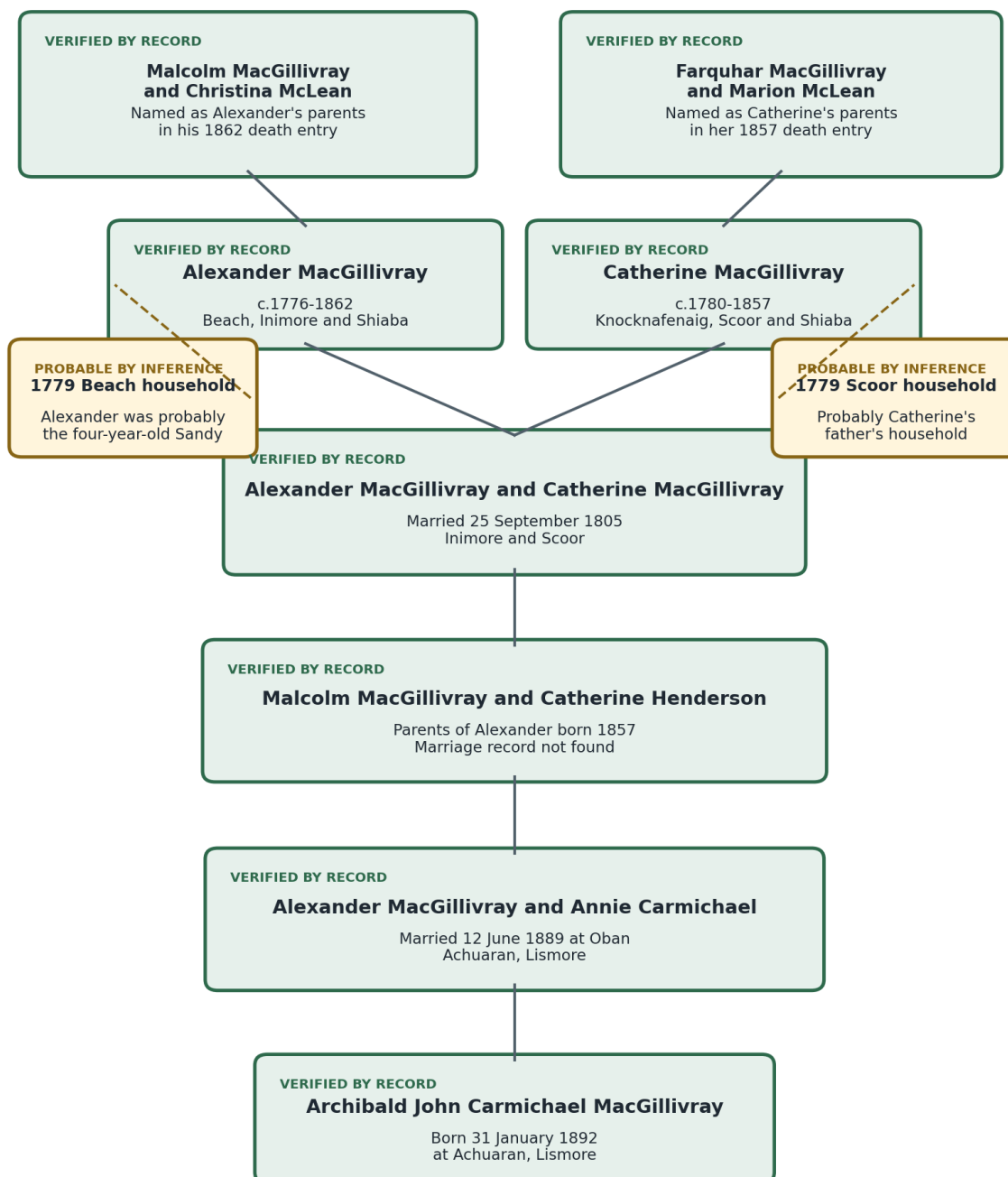
No birth or marriage record has been found for Malcolm MacGillivray, husband of Catherine Henderson. His precise birth year and the exact date and place of that marriage remain unproved.

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Family tree

The proved line is shown with solid connectors. The two 1779 identifications are shown separately because they depend on inference.

MacGillivray line from Mull to Lismore



Evidence by stage

Each stage is assessed once. The status reflects the strongest surviving evidence for the stated relationship or event.

Stage	Conclusion	Evidence	Status
1	Archibald was the son of Alexander MacGillivray and Annie Carmichael.	1892 Lismore birth entry; corroborated by the 1901 census and Alexander's 1936 death.	Verified by record
2	Alexander was the son of Malcolm MacGillivray and Catherine Henderson.	1857 Iona birth entry; also named in Alexander's 1889 marriage and 1936 death.	Verified by record
3	Alexander married Annie Carmichael and established the Achuaran household.	1889 Oban marriage entry; 1901 census; Annie's 1919 and Alexander's 1936 deaths.	Verified by record
4	Malcolm was the son of Alexander and Catherine MacGillivray of Shiaba.	Malcolm's 1910 death names his parents; the 1851 and 1861 censuses show the same family together.	Verified by record
5	Malcolm and Catherine Henderson were the parents of the younger Alexander.	Alexander's 1857 birth and the 1861 Shiaba census.	Verified by record
6	Malcolm and Catherine were a married couple by 1853.	Children's registrations and the 1861 census. Christina's 1869 birth reports May 1853 at Shiaba, but no marriage entry survives.	Verified by document

Evidence by stage — continued

Stage	Conclusion	Evidence	Status
7	Alexander of Shiaba was the son of Malcolm MacGillivray and Christina McLean.	Alexander's 1862 death entry explicitly names both parents.	Verified by record
8	Catherine of Shiaba was the daughter of Farquhar MacGillivray and Marion McLean.	Catherine's 1857 death entry explicitly names both parents.	Verified by record
9	Alexander and Catherine married on 25 September 1805.	Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon Old Parish Register: Alexander in Inimore and Catherine in Scour.	Verified by record
10	Alexander of Shiaba was the four-year-old Sandy in Malcolm's 1779 Beach household.	Age, birthplace, father's name and Malcolm's documented presence at Beach in 1786 align.	Probable by inference
11	Farquhar's 1779 Scoor household was Catherine's family.	Name, place, age and occupation align; no record names Catherine in that household.	Probable by inference

What remains unproved

- Malcolm MacGillivray's exact birth date and year. No birth entry has been found, and his recorded ages conflict.
- Malcolm's marriage date and place. A child's later birth entry reports May 1853 at Shiaba, but no marriage entry has been found.
- The two 1779 identifications: Alexander as Sandy at Beach, and the Scoor household as Catherine's family. Both are probable by inference.
- The father of the elder Malcolm, and any shared paternal ancestry with the other Mull MacGillivray branches.

Records still worth pursuing

- The original or authoritative 1779 Beach and Scoor household pages.
- Argyll Papers rentals and Broloss or MacLean subtenancy papers for Malcolm at Beach.
- The 1766 Mull Museum letter to Malcolm MacGilvra, reference CURRIE 08-005/042.

The missing birth and marriage entries for Malcolm should not be presented to the client as records that merely await ordering. They have not been found and may not survive.

Reference register

- [1] Statutory birth, Archibald John Carmichael McGillivray, Lismore, 31 January 1892, entry 1, NRS reference 525/1 1.
- [2] Statutory marriage, Alexander McGilvray and Annie Carmichael, Kilmore and Kilbride, 12 June 1889, entry 11, NRS reference 523/11.
- [3] Statutory birth, Alexander McGilvray, Iona, 20 March 1857, entry 6, NRS reference 538/6.
- [4] Statutory death, Alexander MacGillivray, Achuaran, Lismore, 2 June 1936, entry 3.
- [5] Statutory death, Annie MacGillivray, Achuaran, Lismore, 7 June 1919, entry 5.
- [6] 1901 census, Lismore and Appin, enumeration district 11, page 3, Achuaran household.
- [7] Statutory death, Malcolm MacGillivray, Tobermory, 17 December 1910, entry 25.
- [8] Statutory death, Catherine MacGillivray, Tobermory, 19 March 1912, entry 7, NRS reference 549/7.
- [9] 1851 census, Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, enumeration district 4, page 7, Shiaba household.
- [10] 1861 census, Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, enumeration district 4, page 5, Shiaba household.
- [11] Statutory birth, Christina MacGillivray, Shiaba, 20 May 1869, entry 17.
- [12] Statutory death, Alexander McGilvray, Shiaba, 13 August 1862, entry 20.
- [13] Statutory death, Catherine McGilvray, Shiaba, 12 December 1857.
- [14] Old Parish Register marriage, Alexander McGilvra and Catherine McGilvra, Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, 25 September 1805.
- [15] Eric R Cregeen, editor, Inhabitants of the Argyll Estate in 1779. Household details require direct page confirmation.
- [16] Eric R Cregeen, editor, Argyll Estate Instructions Mull Morvern Tiree 1771-1805, pages 140-141, 1786 Beach-Shiaba boundary evidence.
- [17] Argyll Papers, Mull Morvern and Lismore accounts and rentals, ARG-06-M-03 series, 1749-1787.
- [18] Mull Museum archive catalogue, CURRIE 08-005/042, 1766 copy letter to Malcolm MacGilvra.
- [19] Roy McGilvray family reconstructions for the Ken, Farquhar and Archibald lines. Used as finding aids, not as substitutes for original records.

Final Conclusion

The Achuaran MacGillivrays of Lismore descend from a documented MacGillivray family at Shiaba on Mull. Original records prove the line through Alexander MacGillivray and Catherine Henderson to Alexander and Catherine of Shiaba, and identify the parents of the Shiaba couple. The proposed link from Alexander of Shiaba to the 1779 Beach household is probable by inference. Earlier ancestry and wider links to other Mull MacGillivray branches remain unproved.