

**Emigrants
and
Their Ancestors**

**named in
Alexander MacRae's 1899
History of the Clan Macrae
and his
*1910 Supplement to the History***

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**About the
History of the Clan MacRae
and the
*1910 Supplement***

Written by Alexander MacRae and published in 1899, the *History* concentrates heavily upon the Kintail descendants of the Rev. Farquhar Macrae, Constable of Eileen Donan Castle from 1618 until 1656, and therefore cannot be considered as a complete source of emigrant information.

The *History* provides limited listings about descendants of Rev. Farquhar's brother Finlay and mentions that his brothers Maurice and Christopher had children, but furnishes no additional data. Farquhar's brother John's three sons are identified by name, but nothing is included about subsequent progeny. No information is provided related to possible emigrants from Strathglass, even though descendants of at least one North Carolina McRae family believed their ancestors came from that region of Scotland.

Even within the listings of Rev. Farquhar's lineage, more than half of those named descend from his son, Alexander Macrae of Inverinate, with less attention given to descendants of his other five sons.

Therefore, failure to find an ancestor's name in the listings included herein should not infer that such a person did not emigrate. It means merely that researchers must turn elsewhere in order to connect with their Scottish ancestors.

The *1910 Supplement* includes additions and corrections to the original *History* as well as listings of some of the descendants of the Clann Ian Charrich, the Killearnan Macraes, the Macraes of Corriedhomain and descendants of Maurice Macrae, the Generous.

Explanation of Listings

In order to avoid the confusion caused by the numerous Macraes with the same given names listed in the *History of the Clan MacRae* and its *Supplement*, a numerical index of emigrants and their ancestors has been created, beginning with “Black Finlay” Macrae as number 1. The descendant numbers for the McCreas of Guernsey and the McCraes of Galloway are prefixed with “Gu” and “Ga” respectively. Descendant numbers and page numbers included in the *Supplement* are prefixed with “S”.

1. Column A lists the name of the ancestor or emigrant. With the exception of the Guernsey and Galloway families, the *History* spells the name “Macrae.” Therefore, that convention has been followed in this index. The abbreviation (GNU) means “Given Name Unknown”.

2. Column B names a parent or spouse, with the parent or spouse’s descendant number in parenthesis behind the name. Wives are indicated by the suffix “w” beside the number, while husbands are identified by the suffix “h”. Numerals beside the suffix indicate multiple spouses. Because of space limitations, the following abbreviations are used in Column B:

Macrae - McR	Garrett - Garr	Mackinnon - McKin	Moncreiff - Monc
McCrea - McCr	Gourlay - Gour	Maclennan - McLen	Munro - Mun
Chisolm - Chis	Macdonald - McDon	Macqueen - McQn	Russell - Russ
Currie - Curr	Mackenzie - McKnz	Matheson - Math	

3. Column C lists the generation number, beginning with “Black Finlay” Macrae as generation 1. The generation numbers for the McCreas of Guernsey, the McCraes of Galloway, the Clann Ian Charrich and the Killearnan Macraes each begin with the earliest ancestor named in the *History* or the *Supplement*.

4. Column D provides a descendant number for each person included in the listings.

5. Column E lists the page number in the *History of the Clan MacRae* or the *Supplement* (prefixed with “S”) where information about the individual can be found.

6. Column F presents a brief notation concerning each listee, if such information is available.

Example of Usage

The following illustrates how the listings can be utilized to learn about emigrants and their ancestors.

Jeanie Ahlagee of Brisbane, Australia seeks information about the ancestors of her maternal great-grandfather, Roderick Tolmie. She has been told his wife was a McRae.

Searching the listings of Australian emigrants, she finds a Roderick Tolmie as descendant 468-h. She locates that number in the Descendants of Black Finlay Macrae and identifies his wife as Helen Macrae, number 468. Jeanie learns information about her family can be found on page 150 of the *History of the Clan MacRae*. The preceding pages describe her earlier ancestors. If she doesn't have access to the *History*, she notes that Helen's parent was Angus Macrae, descendant 332. Using the Black Finlay Descendant's listings again, she turns to descendant 332 and traces the following ancestry for Angus Macrae.

Father	Donald Macrae, descendant 215
Grandfather	Finlay Macrae, descendant 148
Great-Grandfather	Donald Macrae, descendant 100
GG-Grandfather	Murdoch Macrae, descendant 61
GGG-Grandfather	John Macrae, descendant 29
GGGG-Grandfather	Rev. John Macrae of Dingwall, 13
GGGGG-Grandfather	Farquhar Macrae, descendant 9, Constable of Eileen Donan Castle

If desired, she can continue using the index to trace her ancestry back to "Black Finlay" Macrae. From the listings in Column F, she learns a snippet of information about each ancestor in each generation.

