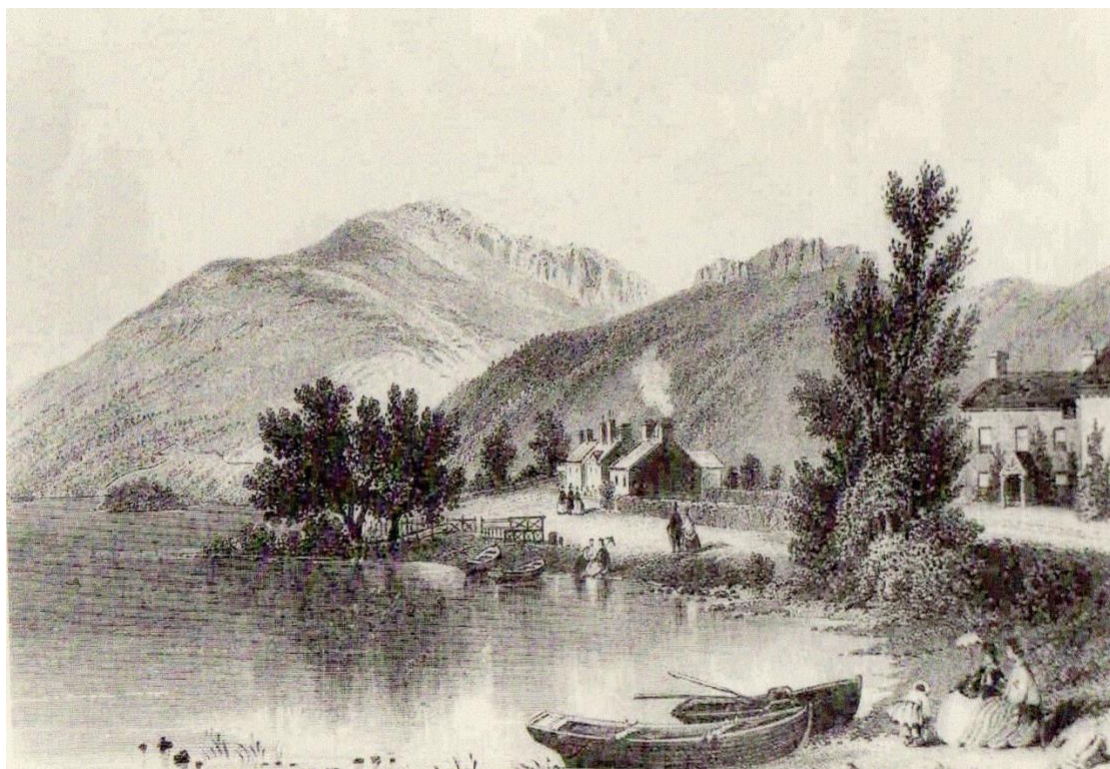




6th June 1841

*Census of Dundurn in the Parish of
Comrie*

Enumerator: Samuel McLaren

St Fillans 2017 project

I am not furnished with any data to compare the increase and decrease of each district with the population of former census records, all I can say is that there is a decrease of rather more than sixty percent compared with that of 1831. Since then, a considerable number have emigrated both to Canada and Australia – within the last six months however only one family has gone to America and one individual (a Mason) to Australia. Another cause of the decline and decrease in rural population is the enlargement of farms; the ejected tenants generally go abroad. Also, from the low wages of the Cotton Hand Loom Weavers, a number of them with their families left within the last years southward where there is a greater demand for woollen hand loom weavers.

*Samuel McLaren.
9th June 1841.*

From the bridge at Easter Dundurn to the water of Beich on the north side of Loch Earn excluding the village of St Fillans.

Easter Dundurn

James McLaren	75	farmer
Christina	60	wife
Christina	30	daughter
Elizabeth	28	daughter
John	26	son
Margaret	24	daughter
Elizabeth Stirling	35	Independent
Peter McIntyre	26	farm servant
Duncan Carmichael	18	farm servant
Philadelphia Thomson	17	farm servant
James McLaren	10	farm servant

Donald McIntyre	75
Margaret	50
Janet	30
Peter	25
John	20
Donald	12
Hugh	6

Tynreoch

Peter McLaren	80	spirit vendor
Catherine	75	wife
Janet	35	
Donald	30	

Cachladow

Jean McGregor	35	head
Isabella McIsacc	30	sister
John McIsacc	10	son
Christina	7	daughter
Janet	4	daughter
Isabella	2	daughter
Jean	2 months	daughter

Dundurn Toll

Peter McIntyre	35	shoemaker
Margaret	35	wife
John	11	son
Donald	8	son
Peter	3	son

Littleport

Duncan McWhannell	36	farmer
Jean	22	
Martha	70	independent
William Watterspoon	16	independent
John McBeath	25	farm servant
Robert McLaren	15	farm servant
Catherine McLaren	15	farm servant
Christina McRorie	15	farm servant
Gilbert McLaren	11	farm servant

Easter Glentarken

Catherine Robertson	55	head
Margaret	27	daughter
Catherine	25	daughter
Robert	25	farm servant
Duncan Stewart	52	
John Gray	15	farm servant
Donald McTavish	11	farm servant
John Robertson	25	farmer
Donald	20	brother

Woodhouse

Peter Robertson	25	tenant
Elizabeth	27	farm servant
John Duff	11	farm servant

Wester Glentarken

Peter Carmichael	25	farmer
Janet	60	mother
Helen	20	wife
Annie	3mths	daughter
John McMaster	15	farm servant
Janet McLaren	15	farm servant

Duncan McGregor	25	farm servant
Female	20	

Duncan Carmichael	45	farmer
Catherine	40	wife
Alexander	8	
Margaret	6	
John	3	
Donald Dewar	15	farm servant
Duncan Dewar	50	

Derry

Duncan McLaren	60	tenant
Margaret	50	wife
Mary	25	daughter
John	20	son
Grizel	15	daughter
Margaret	15	daughter
Catherine	11	daughter
Duncan	7	son
Susana Robertson	1	
Nicol McLaren	35	farm servant
Duncan McIntyre	20	farm servant

Easter Ardveich

John McArthur	35	labourer
Anne	30	wife
John	7	son
Catherine	5	daughter
Elizabeth	1	daughter

Mary McLaren	60	head
Janet	30	daughter
Duncan	25	farm servant

Wester Ardveich

Duncan McLaren	70	farmer
Janet	50	
Mary	15	
Catherine	15	
Janet	10	
Donald	75	independent
Catherine Campbell	75	
Malcolm McLaren	35	agricultural labourer
Donald	20	agricultural labourer

St. Fillans Village 1841

The census records compiled by Samuel McLaren the local Schoolmaster, on the 2nd of June 1841, show that there were only 43 properties situated between Little Port Farm and the Lime Kilns 2 of which were unoccupied In total there were 172 residents comprising 78 males and 94 females.

The report starts at the east end of the village and records the names, age and occupation of the residents where applicable, but unlike later census records does not show their place of birth.

<i>1</i>			
Janet McGregor	74		
<i>2</i>			
Duncan Fletcher	68	army half pay	
Elizabeth McWhannel	55	farm servant	
<i>3</i>			
Daniel McGregor	35	wright	
Dinah	25		
Janet	5		
Alexander	11mth		
<i>4</i>			
Peter Ferguson	35	labourer	
Helen	35		
Janet	7		
Peter	5		
Margery	2		
John	9mth		
<i>5</i>			
John Anderson	30	weaver	
<i>6</i>			
Peter McLaren	35	tailor	
Alexander Campbell	35	tailor journeyman	
<i>7</i>			
<i>White Cottage</i>			
George McWhannel	54	weaver	
Janet	40		
Janet	12		
Elizabeth	10		

James	4	
John	1	
<i>8</i>		
Betty Dochart	35	
Janet	14	
Donald	11	
Margaret	8	
<i>9</i>		
Robert Stewart	65	army private
<i>10</i>		
Alexander McGregor	80	labourer
Margaret	75	
Margaret	35	female servant
Alexander Scriminger	15	
Alexander McGregor	8	
<i>11</i>		
Margaret McGregor	75	independent
Alexander	40	preacher of the gospel
<i>12</i>		
Donald Cameron	60	
Catherine	35	mantel maker
Betty	35	seamstress
<i>13</i>		
John Ferguson	35	gamekeeper
Catherine	35	
James	6	
Catherine	5	
Janet	3	
Margaret	8mth	
Margaret Stalker	25	
<i>14</i>		
Janet McIntyre	45	labourer
John	4	
Marion McLaren	15	
<i>15 Oakbank</i>		
John Carmichael	50	labourer
Ann	40	
John	13	
William	11	
Archibald	8	
Christina	6	
Janet	3	

16

John McLaren	48	shoemaker
Helen	47	
Margaret	20	
Mary	15	
Alexander	12	
Helen	10	
Janet	7	

17

Donald Robertson	50	weaver
Margaret	55	
Margaret	25	
Alexander Cameron	1	

18

Mary Montgomery	55	independent
Nancy	30	female servant
Janet Cameron	4	

19

Hugh Cameron	70	labourer
Janet	60	
John	25	labourer
Margaret McQueen	60	
Margaret McQueen	20	
Margaret McDonald	30	
Elizabeth McDonald	15	
Ann Stewart	30	seamstress
Duncan Rofs	7mth	

20

Mary Ferguson	70	
John	35	labourer

21

Robert Ferguson	40	labourer
Janet	40	
Grace	15	
Mary	15	

22

Mary Dochart	80	
Alexander	12	

Unoccupied Plot

23

John McLean	50	wood forester
Elizabeth	50	

John	20	shoemaker
George	15	

24 *The Inn*

David Walker	50	spirit dealer
Margaret	40	
Isabella	15	
John	12	
Andrew	7	
George	4	
Mary Drummond	25	female servant

25

John Carmichael	41	grocer
Peter	30	labourer
John	45	

26

Duncan Carmichael	50	labourer
Helen	13	
Duncan	12	
Elizabeth	10	
Andrew	8	
Janet McWhannel	55	female servant

27

William McKay	35	labourer
Jean	35	
Ann	9	
Margaret	7	
Alexander	2	
John	3mth	

28

Donald McLaren	50	weaver
Catherine	50	
Archibald	9	
Duncan McLaren	20	labourer

29

Alexander Anderson	62	labourer
Margaret	45	
Catherine	14	
Christina	8	
Joseph McDonald	5	

30

Janet McNab	60
Ann	45

31

Peter Ferguson	70	weaver
Christina	40	
Catherine	35	

32

Andrew Crearer	35	blacksmith
Margaret	35	
Jean	8	
Ann	6	
James	4	
Andrew	2	

33

Donald McLaren	45	labourer
Janet	40	
Samuel	15	
Elizabeth	14	
Duncan	10	
Ann	5	
Mary	3	
John	1	

34

Betty Menzies	30	
George Robertson	4	

35

Duncan Ferguson	70	labourer
Janet	70	

Unoccupied plot

36 *Rose Cottage*

John McNab	55	army half pay
Margarita	40	
James	17	
Margarita	16	
John	14	
Robert	12	
Janet	11	
Emma	7	
Maria	5	
Joseph	9	
Christina McEwen	25	female servant

37

Peter McLaren	70	
Mary	45	
Donald	14	

John	9	
Mary	5mth	

38

Peter McLaren	56	undertaker
Janet	45	

39

Beatrice Ferguson	90
Catherine	60

40

Catherine Ferguson	55	
John	35	labourer
Jean	35	
Duncan	15	
James Devineau	4	
Janet McTavish	2	

41 *School House*

Samuel McLaren	45	teacher
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From the bridge at Easter Dundurn to the western boundary of Ardvorlich on the south side of Loch Earn excluding the village of St Fillans

Wester Dundurn

Andrew McAra	80	
Jean	45	
Donald	35	farmer
James McArthur	30	farm servant
Catherine McLaren	25	farm servant
Mungo Farquharson	25	farm servant
John McGregor	20	farm servant
Margaret McLaren	15	farm servant
John Anderson	14	farm servant
Catherine McAra	84	independent

Dundurn Mill

Peter Morrison	50	miller
Annie	35	wife
Peter	7	son
James	3	son
Mary McGibbon	20	farm servant

Easter Ardrostan

John McGregor	25	labourer
Alexander Campbell	15	labourer
James Marshall	15	labourer
Jessie Clark	15	labourer
Mary McComish	65	labourer
Jean Black	45	labourer
Isabella Campbell	45	labourer
Elizabeth Gow	40	labourer
Anne McGregor	40	labourer
Robert Crawford	11	labourer

Ardrostan

John McFarlane	35	farmer
Isabella	25	wife
James	5	son
Beatrice	3	daughter
George	2	son
Alexander	1mth	son
George	30	agricultural labourer
John Smith	25	agricultural labourer
Archibald McIntyre	20	agricultural labourer
John McPherson	13	agricultural labourer
Margaret Drummond	20	farm servant
Mary McIsacc	15	farm servant
John MacLauchlan	40	independent

Findoglen

John Stewart	30	farmer
Catherine	70	
John McArthur	10	
Duncan Brown	20	agricultural labourer
Hugh Cameron	20	agricultural labourer
Mary Ferguson	20	farm servant
John McArter	70	
Janet Dochart	75	
Christina	73	
Catherine	70	
Barbara Danskine	72	

Coilmore

John McLaren	55	agricultural labourer
Mary	50	wife
James Stewart	60	agricultural labourer
Catherine	60	wife

Balmenoch

Dougal McDougal	70	farmer
John	20	
Christina	20	
Catherine	15	

Jean McAllum	10	farm servant
Donald McLaren	20	farm servant
John Campbell	20	farm servant

Balmauld

Archibald Campbell	35	farm servant
Margaret	35	wife
Duncan	10	son
John	8	son
Janet	5	daughter
Helen	1	daughter

Farm Offices

John Cameron	25	farm servant
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Ardvorlich House

Robert Stewart	40	independent
Helen	70	independent
Marjory	30	independent
Charlotte	10	
Helen Wilson	45	independent
Anne Dods	20	governess
Rachel Rolfs	40	farm servant
Catherine McLaren	30	farm servant
Anne Stewart	25	farm servant
Archibald McDearmid	16	farm servant

Coille Chrich

Duncan Ferguson	63	labourer
Mary	63	wife
John	25	
Isabel	21	wife
Duncan	7	son
Janet McTavish	26	
James	2	
John Stalker	70	labourer
Janet McEwan or Stalker	30	
Margaret McEwan	6	

Notes:-

The 1841 census also included a portion of the 'quo sancta' parish of Balquhidder which was formerly part of the parish of Comrie. I have not included these records, but should anyone wish a copy I can of course provide it.

The records show that in 1841 there was a total of 32 inhabited properties and 1 uninhabited property out-with the village - housing 187 people - comprising of 95 males and 92 females. The main source of their employment was as farm labourers or servants.

The average wage per year for male farm servant is 13 pounds Scots and for female workers 6 pounds 6 shillings Scots.

Hand loom cotton weavers are mainly employed by houses in Perth and on average receive 1 shilling a day for about 9 months of the year

Samuel McLaren the enumerator was the local school teacher from 1837 until 1862 he died at the Derry farm the home of his brother.

J.B