

ANGUS SHAW born in Colonsay c.1791 (brother of Neil Shaw, c.1789) was the father of John Shaw, christened April 12, 1827, and the grandfather of Thomas Shaw [c.1863]. Angus died "a few years" before Thomas was born. John resided in Rosneath, Dunbarton at the time of the 1881 Census. Thomas, a joiner by trade, was living in Cove, by Glasgow, (Rosneath peninsula) in 1933.

It is probable that Angus and Neil were the sons of Angus Shaw and Flory McDuffie. We know that Neil had two brothers, Malcolm and Angus, and a sister Catherine. A letter from Malcolm Munn, Colonsay, to Neil Shaw, Prince Edward Island, in 1830, refers to Neil's brothers and sisters, although only three were named.

We may speculate that Angus (the elder) was left a widower after the birth of Duncan in 1796 and that he remarried and had a second family. Or, in the alternative, that Angus (the younger) was older than Neil, perhaps born by or before 1780, that he married relatively young and had two families.

It was reported in the Malcolm Munn letter to Neil Shaw dated March 18, 1828, that "your father is aging this last year or two. He has failed this last year."

Angus appeared in the 1851 Census for Colonsay at age 60, a carpenter, married, lodger in Scalasaig at the home of Isabell Bell, widow and midwife. Angus's wife was not present for the census.

Angus did not appear in the 1841 Colonsay Census so it is probable that he was living in Greenock or environs at that time. Only Neil Shaw, 65, and his family at Riskbuie, Malcolm Shaw, 40, and his family at Balevurich and Catherine Shaw, 25, a servant in Oronsay appear in the 1841 Census under the name of Shaw. By the 1861 Census, there were no Shaw families left on Colonsay.

In the 1881 Census of Colonsay Natives in the Highlands, we find John Shaw, 1828, in Rosneath, head of household. In the 1881 Census of Colonsay Natives in the Lowlands, we find Annabella Shaw, head, 1825, in Govan; and, Neil Shaw, head, 1818, in West Greenock. Note that their birth dates in the Census do not correspond exactly with their christening dates in the Colonsay OPRs. We must assume that the dates of birth were estimated in the Census.

THE COLONSAY OLD PARISH RECORDS show:

ANGUS SHAW and FLORY McDUFFIE

Christening Register,

1796, June 12 DUNCAN

ANGUS SHAW and MARY BELL, married Colonsay, Dec.28, 1796.

Christening Register,

1799, Feb. 26 ANNIE

1801, Oct. 16 MALCOLM

1803, July 17 CATHERINE

1805, July 22 EFFIE

Malcolm Munn's letter of 1830 also mentioned the fact that the eldest son of Angus Og had gone to Greenock to learn to be a ship's carpenter, and that Catherine's eldest son had been sent to school in Edinburgh along with Archibald Gilchrist's son " ... money was left by a gentleman through his wife that the orphan might be educated. Your nephew had a double reason for going to this school, for the sake of his father and of his mother. But his mother's people take precedence."

Are we left with the presumption that Catherine was left a widow, or was the school inclusive of categories other than orphans? What was the meaning behind the enigmatic phrase "a double reason ... mother's people take precedence."

We see one Catherine Shaw married to Duncan McNeill in 1817 with two children, Christian, 1818, and Angus, 1820. However, if this Catherine was the daughter of Angus Shaw and Mary Bell she married at a very early age. The family does not appear in the 1841 Census.

In 1823, Catherine Shaw married Donald McMillan. Their son Donald was born in 1827, the eldest of six children. This family was still present in Colonsay during the 1841 Census living in Urigaig. Donald MacMillan's family had received specific mention in the Munn letter as being "well."

ANGUS SHAW AND MARY CAMPBELL (no marriage record found)

Christening Register,

1813, Feb. 12 ANGUS

1816, Feb. 26 NIEL

1819, May 22 DONALD

1824, April 4 ANNABELLA

1827, April 12 JOHN (m. Margaret Kidd; 2d, Mary Robertson) The 1881 Census shows John born c. 1828 living in Rosneath, Dunbarton.

1828, Nov. 2 DUNCAN

Angus died in Greenock and was buried in Oronsay, according to a letter dated April 10, 1933, in which Thomas Shaw wrote "... the Shaws were or I should say are the direct descendants of the Chief Macfie of Colonsay, hence my grandfather's right to be buried in the Chiefs' Burying ground. Malcolm, a son of Angus, and one of my uncles, is also buried there."

OTHER SHAW FAMILY RECORDS (COLONSAY OPR)

Annie Shaw married Alexander Campbell Mar.29, 1827 Children: Marion,1828, Mary, 1830, Peggy 1831, Patrick, Aug.12,1839 and Archibald [June 7,1841/42]

Catherine Shaw married Duncan McNeill Mar 14, 1817. Children: Christian 1818 and Angus 1820.

Catherine Shaw married Donald McMillan Feb.13, 1823. Children: Donald 1827, John 1829, Isabel 1831, Catherine 1832, Malcolm 1835 and Anne 1838. [Isabel and Catherine are missing from the 1841 Census, Urigaig]

Effie Shaw married Donald McLugash May 22, 1830. Children: Annie 1833, John 1835, Donald 1844 and Marion 1852.

Janet Shaw married Malcolm Blue, June 1839. Children: Peggy 1844, Catherine 1849, Janet 1851 and Donald 1854.

Marrion Shaw married Hugh McLugash. Children: Margarat 1813.

Peggy Shaw married Alexander McNeill, May 14,1842. Children: Archibald 1843, Catherine 1845, Malcolm 1847 and Alexander 1852.
[Peggy may have been the Margaret Shaw who died 1881, who had two sisters Catherine and Janet; and who may have been the grandmother of Janet M'Neill who replied on April 10, 1933 to a letter of enquiry about Shaw relatives made by Robert E. Shaw, great grandson of Neil Shaw c. 1789]

Donald Shaw and Christian Amos. Children: John, Jan.11, 1797, Flory, July 17, 1803, Donald, Oct. 14, 1804, Margaret, Jan. 3, 1807 and Archibald, June 29,

1812. [This family removed to Nova Scotia in 1815 and thence to Prince Edward Island in 1819. They were close neighbors of Neil Shaw [c.1789] in the Brudenell District (Montague River)) and John and Neil were thought to have been cousins.]

Duncan Shaw and Flory McNeill. Children: Donald 1796, John 1799 and Mary 1801.

Duncan Shaw married Mary McDuffie in 1809.

Archibald Shaw and Peggy Brown. Children: Catherine 1798 and Christian 1800.

Archibald Shaw and Catherine Bell. Children: John and Donald, 1807, Neil 1810, Marrion 1815 and Margaret, 1818.

Donald Shaw and Mary McEachern. Children: Malcolm 1807 and Angus 1812.

James Shaw married Effie McNeill Feb 8, 1813. Children: Lucy, 1815.

John Shaw and Flory McMillan. Children: Margarat 1810.

John Shaw and Catherine McMillan married in 1809. Children: Catherine, 1812 and Jeny 1815.

John Shaw married Lucy McNeill Apr 13 1839. Children: Donald b. Mar 6, 1846, d. Dec 12, 1848.

Malcolm Shaw married Jean Currie in 1837. Children: John, 1838 and Maron 1845. [Malcolm, b.1801, who would appear to be the son of Angus Shaw and Mary Bell, lived at Balevurich in the 1841 Census]

Neil Shaw married Sally McGilvray, Apr. 30, 1842.