

MacMarquis Family Recorded before 1800.

The Mac Mharcuis Bardic Family

- 1506** - John MacMarkische, awarded tenancies on Kintyre by James IV.
- 1541** - Gilnow MacMarkische (McMarcus), held lands in Laggan and Kerranmore. Possibly the poet Giolla na Naomh Mac Mharcuis.
- 1596** - Donald Makmarkie, tenant of Laggan. Donald M'Varchis, tenant of Kerranmore. Probably the same person.
- 1597** - John Oig McMarcuis acted as a witness to a bond between Sir James MacDonald of Dunnyveg (see Chapter Three) and Donald MacDuffie, Prior of Oronsay, and signed at Smerby, Kintyre.
- 1600** - John Oig was also a witness to a submission by five members of the MacAlasdair of Loup family 'to Sir James M'Donill of Knokrmsay, knight'.
- 1610** - 'Donald mcmarcus recorded as renting land in Teiraphoir' (Kerra Jour), near Kerranmore.
- 1636** - 'Mac Marquis the poet' (John Oig) recorded as renting the 3 merklands of land in Laggane .
- 1658** - John mc Marques "ane old man and able in Irish language", likely to be the John Oig McMarcuis mentioned above.
- 1669** - Bond of £168 9sh was granted by J. Angus MacDonald, Laird of Largie, to John & James MacMarqueis , children to Donald Marqueis in Locheid' (Campbeltown).
- 1685** - Neil M'Marqueis of 'Keillibill' (Callyburn) accused of robbing Robert Colvill of Crossibeg.
- 1694** - Donald McMarcuhis in Glenadall, Mull of Kintyre, (1694 Hearth Tax).
- 1697** - Domhnall Mac Mharcuis, poet, employed by Synod of Argyll.

The Cara Marquises

- 1770s** - Alexander McMarcus, tacksman for MacDonalds of Largie Estate, trader and smuggler. Married to a cousin of Flora MacDonald of 'Bonny Prince Charlie' fame.
- 1790s** - Donald McMarcus, tacksman for MacDonalds of Largie Estate, trader and smuggler.
- 1790s** - Alexander Marquis, son of Donald, married Catherine McCaog in Tarbert, in 1818.
- 1793** - John MacMarquis married Margaret MacDonald, daughter of Angus MacDonald of Milton, South Uist, and Flora MacDonald's niece. Other links between the McMarcus family on Cara and the MacDonalds of South Uist, plus their shared association with the MacDonalds of Largie, would suggest that this marriage was probably another example of that long-term relationship.
- 1811** - Ann Marquis, a daughter Donald McMarcus, married Rev. John Mackeich, a minister in Southend. After he died, Ann took on the tenancy of a large sheep farm at Lochorodale in the Mull of Kintyre. In 1829, she married Murdoch Morrison and moved to South Uist.