

Marquis Ferrymen of Coulport, Rosneath

During my research into the history of the Marquis family I came across several clusters of Marquises in Argyll, including at least three generations of ferrymen in Coulport, Rosneath, Dunbartonshire, going back into the 18th century.

Family of John Marquis (ferryman) born 1772 died 1822. Wife Janet McKellar born 1781/2 died 1857; son, **Alexander Marquis** born 1802; son, **Archibald Marquis** (Ferryman in 1881 Census) born 1804; son Robert Marquis, born 1807; John Marquis born 1819, Carpenter (1841 Census).



In memory of

**John Marquis, Coulport
who died 23rd Dec 1822
aged 50 years**

**also his wife Janet McKellar,
who died 27th Oct 1857
aged 79 years**

**their son Donald died 8th March
1835
aged 14 years**

1881 Census – Archibald Marquis (mentioned above) still living in the Ferryman's House, Coulport, aged 77, with wife Janet Rodger, aged 73, son Donald Marquis, aged 35, and Elizabeth Marquis, aged 68 (possible sister or sister-in-law).

See family gravestone below, which reveals many early deaths showing how precarious life was back then.

Stone No: 101

Material: Sandstone



Erected by
Janet Rodger
in
memory of her husband
Archibald Marquis
died 27th May 1890
aged 86 years
their children
Alexander, died 18th February 1843,
aged 14 months,
Catherine, died 1st March 1843,
aged 3 years
Ninian, died 27th December 1857,
aged 10 years
John, died 9th March 1860,
aged 22 years
Archibald, died at Callao 25th
Augt 1873,
aged 24 years
William, died 25th November 1877,
aged 34 years
Donald, 2nd April 1882,
aged 36 years
the above
Janet Rodger
died 25th June 1899
aged 90 years

Alexander Marquis born 1677 died 1744 aged 67, earliest gravestone in local St Moden's Church graveyard.



HERE LYS THE CORPSE
OF ALEXANDER MARQUIS
WEAVER IN ROSSNEITH WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE
17TH OF OCTOBER 1744
AGED 67 YEARS

THE BURIAL APPOINTED FOR
ELIZABETH MCKINNLY & THEIR
CHILDREN 1745

Other Marquis gravestones in St. Moden's Church Graveyard



To the memory
of
Hugh Marques
who died 20th Sepr 1734
also of
Archd Marques
who died 19th Octr 1793
aged 81 years
this stone repaired
in 1831 by
Hugh Marques
Margaret Mackie wife of
Alexander Marques
died at Helensburgh
21st July 1846 aged 82 years
Charlotte Marques his neice
died at Helensburgh
10th March 1870 aged 92 years



Erected
in
Memory
of
Angus W. Campbell,
who died at Knockderry, Cove
August 30th 1883
aged 82 years
also
his son Alexander who died
Janry 9th 1874
aged 42 years,
also
his brother Alexander
who died April 17th 1862
aged 32 years
also wife of above
Elizabeth Marquis,
who died 5th May 1896
aged 88 years
Catherine Campbell,
died Sepr 12th 1913
aged 76 years
Janet Campbell
died Sepr 20th 1915
aged 69 years
1883

Stone No: 171 Material: Sandstone



Erected
by Archibald McNeilage
in memory of his father
John McNeilage
late Miller, Campsail, who died
20th December 1873
aged 66 years
Archibald
his son died December 1798
aged 56 years
Agnes Marquis his wife died
June 1800
aged 60 years
John McNeilage their son died
March 1812,
aged 22 years
Agnes McNeilage, their daughter
died 13th April 1835,
aged 40 years

This Stone. was renewed
by Alexander McNeilage
Miller, Campsail, in memory of
Alexander McNeilage
his son who died in Australia
February 1859
aged 35 years

Alexander Marquis

in the 1841 Scotland Census

Name: Alex Marquis
Age: 35
Estimated birth year: abt 1806
Gender: Male
Where born: Dunbartonshire, Scotland
Civil Parish: Rosneath
Address: Coulport
Occupation: Carpenter
Parish Number: 502

Household Members:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
	Janet Marquis	60
	Alex Marquis	35
	John Marquis	20
	Hugh Mcarthur	20
	John Cameron	20
	Agness McGallss	15
	Duncan Mckellar	80

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Archibald Marquis

in the 1881 Scotland Census

Name: Archibald Marquis

Age: 77

Estimated birth
year: abt 1804

Relationship: Head

Spouse's name : Janet Marquis

Gender: Male

Where born: Roseneath,
Dumbartonshire

Registration
district: Kilcreggan and Cove

Civil Parish: Rosneath

County: Dumbartonshire

Address: Coulport Ferry House

Occupation: Ferry Man

Household Members:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
	Archibald Marquis	77
	Janet Marquis	73
	Donald Marquis	35
	Elizabeth Marquis	68
	Catherine Docherty	18
	Peter McLean	40
	John Farrie	32
	Ellen Baird	