

PART OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Showing places of interest to the family: Kincardine, birthplace of Donald Ross;
Rogart (Knockarthur), birthplace of Johanna Urquhart Sutherland and Golspie, where
Donald and Johanna were married.



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HIGHLANDS

N O R T H

ISLANDS

***The
Ross Family
from
Kincardine, Scotland***

Donald Ross

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Johanna Urquhart Sutherland

THE FAMILY OF DONALD ROSS

Thomas Ross and Catherine McLeod

of Kincardine, Ross shire, Scotland

In Kincardine in 1828, the year we believe Donald Ross to have been born, according to his death certificate, three Ross children named Donald were born. We can only go on probability in trying to determine which is our Donald. The Scots have a traditional 'naming pattern', as did the Irish. The first son was named for his father's father, the first daughter for the mother's mother, and so on, zig zagging down. Look at the children of Donald and Johanna. The first child, a girl, Christina, named for Johanna's mother, Christian, followed by Catherine, named for Catherine McLeod, Donald's mother. The first and only boy, Thomas, for Donald's father, the fourth girl Johanna, for Johanna herself, and the fifth child, Alexandrina, presumably named for Johanna's father Alexander, in case no more boys arrived. You will see the name Alexander carrying down the family in later generations. I think it is reasonable to assume that of the three pairs of available Ross parents in Kincardine in 1828, this pair fits pretty well.

Children of Thomas and Catherine:

1. Bassiel, b. 29.9.1821

2. Ann, b. 12.2.1826

3. Donald, b. 14.7.1828, came to Australia in 1854,
with his wife, Johanna Urquhart Sutherland.

4. Mary, b. 9.1.1831

5. John, b. 18.8.1833

6. Margaret, b. 13.12.1835

7. William, b. 3.11.1839

8. Catharine, b. 18.6.1842

(this information from the International Genealogical Index)

From the Parish records of 1841 we find the family of Thomas Ross, aged 45, farmer, living at Crockner, Longland, parish of Kincardine, with his wife Catharine, 40, Bassy, 19, Alexander (IGI has Ann, these things happen), Donald, 12, Mary, 10, John, 7, Margaret, 5, and William, 1. Good enough, I would say.

Family History:

Family Name: ROSS

Family Member: Donald

Born: 14.7.1828

Where: Kincardine, Ross shire, Scotland

Father: Thomas

Mother: Catherine McLeod

Number on charts:

Came to Australia: 1854

Name of ship: Wanata

Date of embarkation: October 1853 From Southampton

Date of arrival: 22 January 1854

Immediately went to Deep Creek where he and Johanna had six months employment with Mr. Soman, for 70 pounds plus keep. Donald gave his profession as Agricultural Labourer.

Married: Johanna Urquhart Sutherland Chart number:

Date: July 1853 Where: Golspie Church, Sutherlandshire

Children:

Name	born	date:	where:	died:
1. Christina	1855	at Bulla	died 1909 at Bulla	M. PATRICK BURKE. 1875
2. Catherine (Aunty Kate)	1856	at Bulla	- NEVER MARRIED	
3. Thomas	1859	at Bulla	M. ? - SONS RONALD, COLIN & STANLEY.	
4. Johanna	1860	at Bulla	M. WILLIAM MALLOWES	
5. Alexandrina	1863	at Bulla	M. JAMES HEAGNEY. SONS WILLIE & ALEX. (BUS). 1888	

Died: 23.5.1902 at Bulla, Buried Bulla Cemetery with Johanna

Aged 74 Cause of death: Stroke

Occupations: Farmer, Stonemason

Councillor with the Shire of Bulla 1873-1884, Shire President

In 1876. Founder and Elder of Bulla Presbyterian Church,

At one time connected with the Inverness Hotel, and his family with the Oaklands Hunt.

Relationship: Great great grandfather of Allen

Family Name: ROSS

Family Member: Johanna Urquhart Sutherland

Born: 1825

Where: Knockarthur, Parish of Rogart, Sutherlandshire, Scotland

Father: Alexander Sutherland

Mother: Christian Murray

Number on charts:

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2. Catherine (Aunty Kate) 1856 at Bulla

3. Thomas 1859 at Bulla

4. Johanna 1860 at Bulla

5. Alexandrina 1863 at Bulla

Died at Bulla, 1895 aged 70. Buried with Donald at Bulla cemetery

Johanna was born at Knockarthur in the parish of Rogart, the fifth of six children born to Alexander and Christian Sutherland. Knockarthur is a bleak, windswept hillside outside the township of Rogart, which itself is in the hills inland from the east coast of the Scottish Highlands, north west of Golspie, well to the north of Inverness. To the east is the north sea, to the north John O' Groats. On the hillside are the remains of about a dozen crofts, each 5 acres or less, divided up by dry stone walls. The ruins of two roomed stone cottages stand on several still. By the time the youngest child of the family, Alexander, was born, his father had died. It is hard to see how Christian could have brought up six children under 13 alone on the croft. Maybe at this time she moved down to Golspie in search of employment. Johanna and Donald were married in July 1853, at the Parish church in Golspie, just near to Dunrobin Castle, the seat of the Dukes of Sutherland, which was being rebuilt at this time. We wonder if Donald could have been involved as a stonemason on this job.

We understand that he was involved here as a stonemason on the Bulla bridge and the Presbyterian Church. Note that Johanna's mother's name, Christian, becomes Christina in the next two generations. Christian is a commonly occurring name for a woman in Highland Scotland in these times.

Family History:

Family Name: SUTHERLAND

Family Member: Alexander

Born:

Where: Probably Knockarthur, Sutherlandshire

Father:

Mother:

Number on charts:

Married: Christian Murray

Children:

Name

born

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| 1. Robert | 7 April 1814 at Rogart |
| 2. Donald | 24.12.1817 at Rogart |
| 3. William | 15.9.1819 at Rogart |
| 4. Elizabeth | 6.11.1821 at Rogart |
| 5. Johanna Urquhart | c. February 1825 at Rogart |
| 6. Alexander | 20.11.1826 at Rogart |

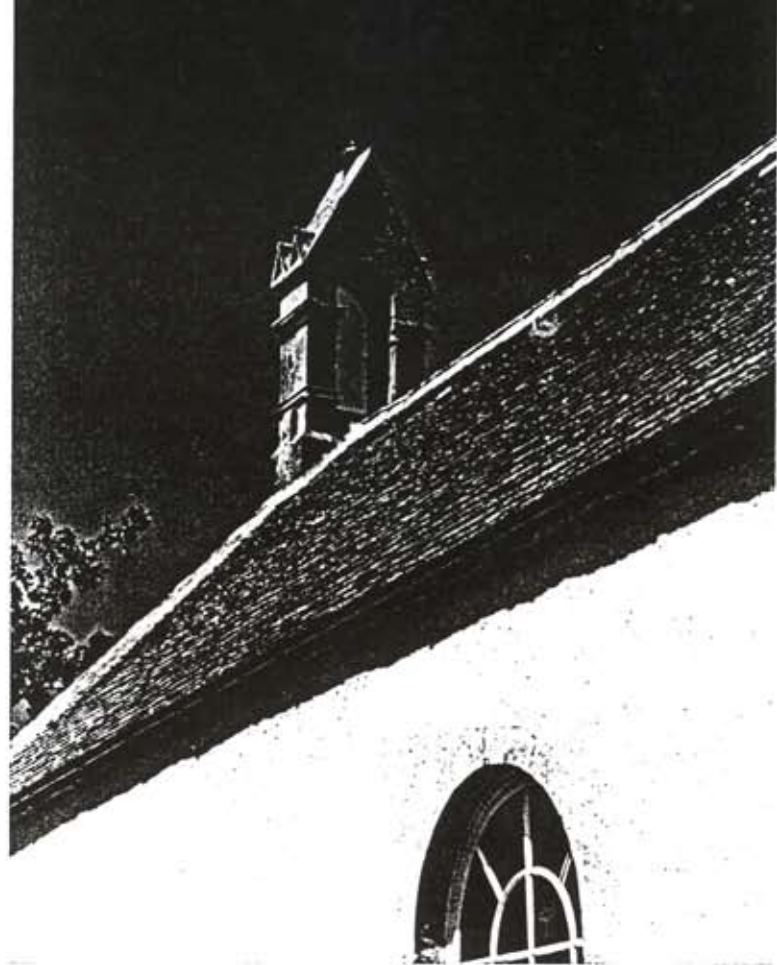
Note that somewhere between the births of Johanna and Alexander, the father, Alexander dies.

KINCARDINE

In 1846 the Parish
of Kincardine held
2000 inhabitants.

The church was
built in 1799, and
seated 650.

In the graveyard
are many ROSSES.





The word KNOCK
means 'hill' -
presumably
Arthur's Hill.

Knockarthur is an
outlying settlement
of the Parish of
Rogart, which at
one time numbered
1500 inhabitants.

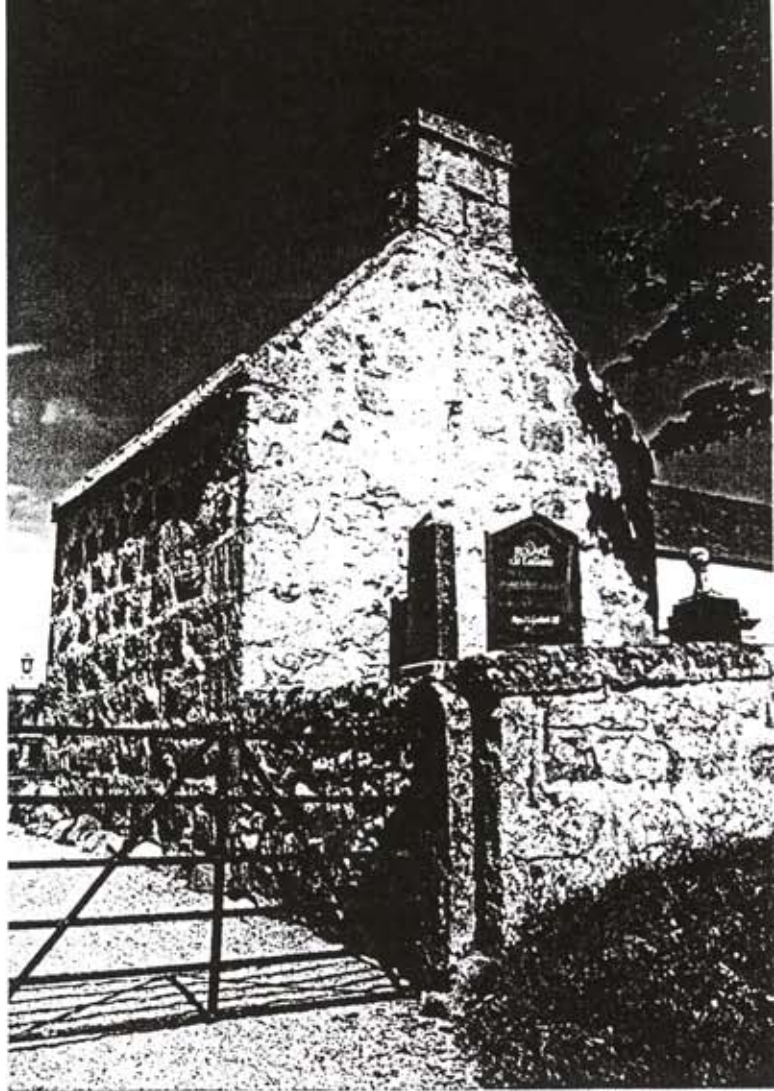
In Johanna's time,
the principal language
spoken was the Gaelic,
though by 1846 it was
giving way to English.



ROGART

We believe that this is the church where Johanna Sutherland would have been Christened.

It was built in 1777, with a manse nearby.



GOLSPIE

In 1846 there were
491 people in the
village of Golspie.

The church was
built in 1738, and
enlarged in 1751.
It seated 565 people.

Golspie is the seat
of the Dukes of
Sutherland, Dunrobin
Castle is about
a mile from the
church, right at
the sea shore.

