

Donald Angus (McCloud) McLeod

To the Pacific Northwest in 1841

By Chalk Courchane

Donald McLeod was born about 1816 in the Orkney Islands, Scotland, (possibly near Dillmore, Barras, Lewis, Scotland.)

“A picture of Donald McLeod emerges from both record and oral tradition. Oral tradition indicates that he may have been born on the Isle of Skye, the seat of the McLeod, around 1815 and may have gone to sea as early as twelve for several years, touching at such places as San Francisco before returning to Scotland. HBC records, however, show his home parish to be Dillmore, Barras, when he joined the HBC in 1840, either in Lewis, or, according to oral tradition, in Canada.” “Lives Lived West of the Divide,” Bruce McIntyre Watson.

“HBC records show his home parish to be Dillmore when he joined the HBC in 1840, either in Lewis or Canada. After making his way overland to the Pacific slopes in 1841, he spent most of his time at Fort Colvile until in 1847 (or sometime later), he was assigned to Fort Connah, on Post Creek near St. Ignatius, Montana. There he was to be the post farmer and planted wheat on two cultivated acres. However it seems he was still at Fort Colvile at least part of the time, and was assigned to Thompson River [Kamloops], in 1852.” Nancy Anderson

He was a Middleman for the Hudson’s Bay Company on the Thompson River from 1841-1842. (middleman is in the middle of the canoe).

A middleman and laborer at Fort Colvile from 1842-1843.

A laborer (engage) in the Columbia Department (Old Oregon) from 1843-1844.

A Laborer, at Fort Colvile from 1844-1851.

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At Fort Colvile again from 1851-1852.

Then was sent to as a Labourer to Thompson River for the 1852-1853 season.

“After serving out his last year at Thompson River [Kamloops], the remaining story of his life relies on oral tradition. He purchased land near old Fort Colvile but sold it when gold in Montana drew him and his family there.” “Lives Lived West of the Divide,” Bruce McIntyre Watson.

"In 1847, Donald McLeod brought a herd of horses into the Lower Flathead Valley. The Hudson's Bay Company used the horses for pack trains to move supplies and furs in and out of the area.

"After leaving the Hudson's Bay Company he put down roots in Bearmouth, on the Missoula River, he ran a road house and ferry but was left bankrupt when his partner fled with all the assets. By 1870 the McLeod family was back in Stevens Country where Donald purchased a ranch one mile west of Chewelah." "Lives Lived West of the Divide," Bruce McIntyre Watson. He farmed at Colville in Washington before moving to the Flathead in 1885....." From "I Will Be Meat For My Salish" The Buffalo and Federal Writers Project Interviews Relating to the Flathead Reservation - edited by Robert Bigart - Biographical Glossary of Flathead Indian Reservation Names " by Eugene Mark Felsman and Robert Bigart (draft-1999) soon to be published. It had been published since I wrote this.

Talking about the early settlers of Colville Valley this was said, "The next settler was Donald McCloud, who at that time resided where the buildings of the Catholic Sisters are now located about two miles north of Chewelah. Mr. McCloud came here with the Hudson's Bay Co., as one of its employees. He was a native of the Orkney Island of Scotland. He married a native woman. To them a large family was born. The parents have passed away. The only member of the family now residing in the county is a daughter, Mrs. George McCrea of Chewelah. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCloud were splendid citizens as were all the members of their family." From STEVENS COUNTY FIFTY YEARS AGO-by Thomas Graham (1928) p19.

"Hudson's Bay Company From an Interview with Alex McLeod as told to William S. Lewis Stevens County

My father, Donald McLeod, was a Scotchman from the old country. He was engaged for service in the Hudson's Bay Company and sailed from Glasgow, came out to Fort Garry, later known as Winnipeg, and was soon transferred across the mountains to Fort Colville, where he became the post farmer in the early '40's.

"I was born at Fort Colville on July 17, 1854. As a child I went to school with the children of Angus McDonald, the post trader. He had engaged a man known as "Doc" Perkins, to conduct the school in one of the trading post buildings. In later years this school teacher, Perkins, bought and settled on a ranch on Walker's prairie, near the old Haines place.

"In those days there were quite a number of 'sonapees' or white men employed about the trading post. I recall father's assistant, a Frenchman John Jabbot (Jean Baptiste Chabotte); Joe Matt, blacksmith; [James] McKenzie, the post clerk, who afterwards married McDonald's daughter, Christina; and Roderick McLeod, the Scotch herder who looked after the stock.

"The trading post proper was a square enclosure. The store and warehouses were on the north side and Chief Trader McDonald's house was on the east side. The married employees, like my father, lived outside the enclosed post yard on the south and west sides.

"As early as I can remember, white placer miners were mining gold long the Columbia river bars above and below the trading post. They traded principally with Marcus Oppenheimer, who opened a store in one of the old British boundary barrack buildings. The trade at the Hudson's Bay post was mostly with Indians.

"A man named 'Squaw' Brown also had a little store on this side of the present town of Marcus, some 300 or 400 yards from Marcus Oppenheimer's store. When the best part of the bars had been worked out some years later, Chinamen replaced the white miners." From TOLD BY THE PIONEERS, vol.1-3, 1937-1938, U.S. Water Projects Administration, Washington State. (note from Gene Felsman: "Found at Denver Public Library, Genealogy Section. Vol. 1, page 87-88, Vol. 3, pg. 144. This was obtained when I went to Graduate School at University of Denver.")

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Subject:

And Wm Creggie for Spokane Precinct, D. R. Doyle, Hill, Goslin

A new precinct is established and bounded as follows commencing at the mouth of Mill Creek running up said creek fifteen miles, then to a point on the Columbia River opposite Forlorn Hope Bar, thence up the Columbia River to place of beginning, and called Liberty Bar Precinct.

The following persons were appointed Grand Jurors for the next term of the district court: Magnus Flett, Thomas Brown, Chas Montgomery, John Campbell at Pend Oreille, Thomas Haller, John Duplissis, Joseph Lapray, Solomon Peltier, Patrick McKenzie, M. Hayden, Wm. Creggie, A. W. Compton, R. H. Douglass, Donald McCloud, John Inkster, Olin Lee, Henry Cook, Henry Lafleur. The Petit Jurors for the next term of the district court were appointed as follows: Henry Brown, Robert Lamphine, F. Wolff, James Kerr, John McDougald, Shepard Baley, H. Mills, Thos Leo, H. P. Stewart, George Taylor, Loui Peone, Henry Troutman. A. Charrette, John Campbell, Joseph Martin, Houston, Jacob Gillett, Thos Reeves, Edward Hesenger, and Edward Cook. The County Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay to the order of the District Clerk, Fifteen Dollars, if that much is required to buy stationary. It is hereby ordered that the value of grain in this county shall be assessed as follows: Wheat 1.50 per barrel, Oats, Barley, and Potatoes at 100 per barrel, Flour \$8.00 per hundred.

The taxes levied for county purposes shall be four mills on a dollar.

F. W. Perkins is hereby appointed of Probate Judge for Spokane County be commissioned by the Governor. The assessment will presented by assessor examined and ordered completed, and turned over of the County Auditor Delinquent Tax for 1861 ordered entered as delinquent and unable to be collected.

(Lined out: Joseph martin fined tax dollars for contempt of court). Sheriff L. T. Marshall called and assessment roll of 1862 examined and found \$116.15 in his hands, which was ordred to be paid over to the County Treasurer, the tax returned and ordered collected.

Sheriff ordered to go the Guard House to collect county property furnished prisoners.

Bills against the county were presented, all bills in the Susan O'Brien case indefinitely postponed. Return of Road District No. 2 was presented by the Supervisor Magnus Flett.

Spokane & Stevens County Commissioner Journals (Mintutes) Book A and Book B 1860 to 1893 transcribed by Sue Richart (2012): Precinct No. 2, Kettle Falls Precinct, all that portion of Spokan County west of the west boundary line of Precinct No. 1.

That the judges of the next election shall be for Precinct No 1 as follows: L. J. Demars, Thos Stranger, and Thos Farrell , For Precinct No. 2, Wheelock, Donald McLeod, and J. W. Crow.

The board proceeded to divide the county into road districts which is as follows.

Road District No 1 all that portion of Spokan County lying north of a line running east and west through the government brick yard.

Road District No 2 all that portion of Spokan County lying south of said division line.

John Duplissis appointed Supervisor for District No. 1.

Charles Montgomery appointed Supervisor of District No. 2.

On settlement with T. J. Demarce assessor the board allowed him for services as assessor 20 days at five dollars per day \$100.00. Also a bill of eight dollars for hise(?) cattle on wad(?) and twelve dollars for services as late County Commissioner, total amount of bill \$120.

On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock am.m.

Geo Taylor, Chair Board of County Commissioners

J. R. Bates, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners

"After leaving the Hudson Bay Company, Donald Sr. ran a road house and ferry at Bearmouth near the Canadian settlement clustering around Deer Lodge on the eastern extremity of Washington Territory, now Montana. During most of this intervening period, however, Donald had farmed in the Colville valley before moving with children and grandchildren to the Flathead reservation in the mid-1880s, at the age of eighty." Washington Territory's Tale of a Few Frenchtowns: and resettlement of the French-Breeds onto nearby reservations Robert Foxcurran 2010
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According to one source "Probably in the late 1840's, he took as his wife, Therese, a woman from the Nez Perce or Spokane nations. They had two children, Pierre Paul (1849-?) and Martine

Marceal (?). Around 1850, Therese, fate unknown.” “Lives Lived West of the Divide,” Bruce McIntyre Watson.

He married Rosalie Morigeau on November 20, 1848 at St. Paul Mission, in Washington Territory. Rosalie was the daughter of Francois Morigeau dit Forgues (1793-1870) and Isabelle McTavish a Plains Cree. They had twelve children:

1. Alexander Morigeau (1838-1938) he married Sophie LaFleur, the daughter of Joseph LaFleur and Marie "Sil-chim-i-tah" McKenzie. They had four children, including Hector McLeod who married Christine "Mourning Dove" Quintasket. Alexander also married a woman named Annie.

2. Margaret M. McLeod (1855-) she married George F. C. McCrea.

3. Frank (Francis) McLeod (1859-1921) he married Julia Ann King (1862-1941), the daughter of Pierre Roi (Roy) (dit King) aka Peter King and Mary Anne Finley.

4. Elizabeth "Betsy" McLeod (1851-1891) she married Norbert Dupuis at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Colville, Stevens Co., Washington on January 2, 1865.

5. Malcolm McLeod (1870-1944) he had two children.

6. Alfred R. McLeod

7. Donald McLeod

8. Celeste M. McLeod (1861-) she married a man named Wolfe.

9. Richard A. McLeod (1869/71-1945) he married Mercaline (Marcelline) Matt (1877-1902) the daughter of Alexander Matt and Angelic Prudhomme (Perdum). He then married Lillian Elizabeth "Lilly" Couture (1885-1947) the daughter of Louis "Poo-quil-loos-toe" Couture and Cecille Marengo.

10. Colette McLeod

11. Sophie McLeod

12. Daniel McLeod (1866-1937) he married Ursula Gebeau (1879-1923) the daughter of Henry (Gibault) Gebeau and Cecille (Shaw) Neron.

“In 1893, then a widower of advancing age, he moved to Montana to be close to his sons, taking up residence at the Foot of the Lake, St. Ignatius. He died at his son’s home and was buried in the family plot at St. Ignatius Mission, Montana.” “Lives Lived West of the Divide,” Bruce McIntyre Watson.