

The Glen Farm, Skyreburn

A Historical summary by Margaret Wright for Christopher Bond

c.14th Century	An estate or barony existed called Glen or Glenskyreburn which belonged to the Carson family, who lived at Rusco Tower in the Fleet Valley. This estate would seem to cover all of Skyreburn Glen, Glen Farm not existing as such.
1494	John Acarsan gifted “ Glenskireburn ” to his daughter Mariota on her marriage to Robert Gordon of Lochinvar provided she retained the name Acarsan.
16th Century	Skyreburn was part of Lochinvar Estates owned by the Gordon family.
1734	<p>It is not clear when the Murray family bought or inherited the lands of Skyreburn, but it is reported that in 1734 Alexander Murray of Cally & Broughton built a “pavilion” which is now the farmhouse at Glen Farm. This was a house that may have been built as 'a shooting box'. It was typically Georgian, being 5 windows wide on 2 floors, plus attics and a central entry on the ground floor.</p> <p>There is a foundation stone which reads 'Founded 22 June 1734 by I. McD'.</p> <p>The McDowel family rented and managed the 3 farms at the head of the Skyreburn valley, Meikle Glen, Glenend and Little Glen which were part of the neighbouring Pibble Farm that was owned by John Murray of Hornby Hall in Lancashire.</p> <p>Alexander Murray was born in 1680. He married Lady Euphemia Stewart, daughter of the Earl of Galloway. Alexander died in 1751 when his son James Murray (born 1727) inherited the estate.</p>



Alexander Murray’s ‘pavilion’ that is now Glen Farmhouse

1799	<p>It is likely that parts, if not all, of Skyreburn were sold in the late 1700s to become part of Glenquicken Estate.</p> <p>When James Murray of Cally & Broughton died in 1799 there was no mention of Glenquicken, Pibble or Glen in the will so presumably they were not part of the Cally Estates at that time.</p>
1855	<p>It is not clear for how long Skyreburn was part of the Glenquicken Estate, but the 1855 Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll says that Andrew Clement was tenant of land at The Glen, including the farm, woodlands and shootings which were owned by Alexander McCulloch, owner of the Kirkclaugh Estate.</p> <p>Alexander McCulloch (1814 - 1887) was the 3rd son of James Murray McCulloch of Ardwall and Christian Robison. He went to China in 1832 and made a fortune as a merchant in Shanghai, returning home in 1855. He increased the size of the Kirkclaugh Estate by buying various</p>

	<p>adjacent farms including Pibble Farm from John Murray of Hornby Hall, Lancashire. This included Meikle Glen, Glenend and Little Glen and also a 'fine pavilion'. He combined the 3 small farms into a new farm called Glen. So maybe we can assume that Glen Farm as such has existed since 1855.</p> <p><i>Alexander took over Kirkclaugh estate in 1857 when his elder brother Walter McCulloch (1807 - 1892) inherited Ardwall Estate and made over Kirkclaugh to his younger brother. Perhaps Alexander had been running, but not owning, the estate from 1855 to 1857.</i></p>
1861	<i>Kirkmabreck Census</i> : At Glen, Kirkmabreck: Andrew Clement (35, born Kirkmabreck) with his mother Grace Clement (61, born Ayrshire). The Glen was 1349 acres and Andrew Clement employed 5 men and 1 woman.
1865	<i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : Glen owned by Alexander McCulloch and occupied by Andrew Clement.
1871	<i>Kirkmabreck Census</i> : At Glen, Kirkmabreck: Andrew Clement (45), born Gatehouse (<i>sic</i>), with mother Grace (71), born Auchinleck, Ayrshire + 5 servants & workmen.
1875	<i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : Glen owned by Alexander McCulloch and occupied by Andrew Clement. The Glen 'shootings' were let to Edgar Appleby.
1881	<i>Kirkmabreck Census</i> : At Glen Farmhouse, Kirkmabreck: Andrew Clement (55), born Kirkmabreck, with wife Isabella (37), daughter Jessie (3) + 6 servants & workmen. Also in census, David Clement (7) living in Kirkcudbright with grandmother Jessie McQueen. Glen Farm was 1300 acres of which 350 acres were arable. 4 men, 3 girls and 1 boy were employed.
1885	<i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : Glen owned by Alexander McCulloch and occupied by David Anderson Clement . William Haugh & James MacClymont occupied 2 other houses at Glen.
1887	Alexander McCulloch died . The estate was inherited by his sister Penelope Elizabeth McCulloch .
1891	<i>Kirkmabreck Census</i> : At Glen, Kirkmabreck: Andrew Clement (65, born Kirkmabreck) with his wife Isabella (47, born Kirkcudbright), son David Clement (17), daughters Jessie (age 13) & Grace (age 8) + mother-in-law Jessie McQueen (79, born Urr) + 8 servants & workmen.
1892	Andrew Clement died at Kirkmabreck aged 66.
1895	<i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : Glen owned by Penelope E. McCulloch (1825 - 1896) and David Anderson Clement was the tenant/occupier the farm and house. Other houses were occupied by William Haugh, John Johnston & James McClymont. The shootings were let to Andrew Jameson. The Kirkclaugh Estate was left to Penelope for her lifetime by her brother Alexander McCulloch of Kirkclaugh when he died in 1887. Alexander never married and had no direct heirs. Penelope Elizabeth McCulloch was born in Edinburgh in 1825.
1896	Penelope E. McCulloch died - registered at Anwoth. Penelope died at Kirkclaugh, aged 70. She was single. Her parents were James Murray McCulloch and Christian Robison. She was a landed proprietress.
1901	<i>Kirkmabreck Census</i> : At Glen, Kirkmabreck: The Glen seems to have been empty apart from 5 domestic and farm servants. Isabella Clement and her 2 daughters had moved to Castle Douglas. David Clement and his wife and family were now at Finniness Farm, Balmaghie.
1905	<i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : The Glen was owned by Janet Cliff-McCulloch , as part of the Kirkclaugh Estate

	<p>Janet Brown was the niece of the above siblings Alexander and Penelope McCulloch. They had a sister Janet (1817 - 1883) whose daughter Janet inherited the Kirkclaugh estate after her aunt Penelope died.</p> <p>Janet McCulloch Brown was born in Liverpool in 1853, father John Gordon Brown, landed proprietor, mother Janet McCulloch. She married Edward Adam Cliff in 1878. The entail on Penelope's will required that the holder of Kirkclaugh used the surname McCulloch so she and her husband became Cliff-McCulloch.</p> <p>Henry Corrie occupied the farm and house. [In the <i>1901 Borgue census</i>, <i>Henry Corrie was farming at Southpark with his parents, Adam and Jane Corrie</i>].</p> <p>John Ballantyne, Duncan Cameron and Robert Hyslop were occupiers in other houses. The shootings were let to James Alexander Caird.</p>
1911	<p>Janet McCulloch Cliff-McCulloch died at Kirkclaugh.</p> <p>Janet died on 28th March 1911, age 58. She was married to Edward Cliff McCulloch and she was the proprietrix of the Kirkclaugh Estate. Her parents were John Gordon Brown and Janet McCulloch.</p>
1911	<p><i>Kirkmabreck Census</i> : At Glen, Kirkmabreck: Henry Corrie (age 43. born Borgue) (<i>father Adam Corrie, mother Jane Smith</i>) with wife Marie Louise Ernestine Viel (age 41, born Kiev, Russia). (<i>Her father was French, her mother was from Kirkcudbright.</i>) and son Harry Corrie age 9, born Kirkcudbright + 2 house servants, a governess and 2 farm servants.</p> <p>Glen Cothouse was occupied by Donald Murray, cotman</p>
1915	<p><i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> :</p> <p>William Edward Cliff- McCulloch was proprietor and occupier of the woods and shootings. Henry Corrie was the tenant and occupier of the farm and house.</p> <p>Robert Hyslop and Donald Murray were occupiers in 2 other houses.</p> <p>William Edward Cliff- McCulloch (1880 -1957) was the son of Edward Adam Cliff and Janet Brown. He was a cotton broker in Liverpool where he made a fortune. He retired to Kirkclaugh. He was known as Willy Cliff.</p>
1920	<p><i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> :</p> <p>William Edward Cliff- McCulloch was proprietor and occupier of the woods and shootings. Andrew Robertson was tenant occupier of the farm and house.</p> <p>Robert Hyslop and Alexander Telfer occupied 2 other houses.</p> <p>Andrew Robertson married Agnes T. C. Cruikshanks in 1906 at Twynholm. Had sons James Robertson Robertson born at Twynholm in 1910 and John Cruikshanks Robertson born Twynholm in 1914.</p>
1925	<p><i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : as 1920 above.</p>
1930	<p><i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : as 1920 above except James Houston and Robert Hyslop occupied 2 other houses.</p>
1935	<p><i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : as 1930 above.</p>
1940	<p><i>Kirkmabreck Valuation Roll</i> : as 1935 above but no other houses noted.</p>
1951	<p>Ownership of Kirkclaugh Estate transferred to Edward Michael Werge Cliff-McCulloch. Edward was the son of William E Cliff-McCulloch & Eveline Howie. He fought in WW2 but contracted polio which left him in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. He was unmarried and died in 1981.</p>
1952	<p>Andrew Robertson died. Grave at Anwoth.</p>
1960	<p>Edward Cliff-McCulloch sold Glen Farm to sons of Andrew Robertson, i.e. James R & John C Robertson.</p>
1973	<p>Glen Farm bought by Ian R S Bond.</p>



The Glen farm buildings