

## Alexander McGuffie, bomber pilot R.A.F.

*Thanks to Alex's daughter Angela Hutchieson for the information below.*

Alexander McGuffie (known as Alex) was born in 1920 at Kirkmabreck. His father William McGuffie and mother Georgina Bain married in 1918 and had six sons, Alex being the oldest.

The family lived at Carsluith Mill.

Alex was a pilot instructor in the R.A.F. when he married Sybil Maude Macadam at Girthon Church in 1943. He later became a pilot with Bomber Command flying Lancaster Bombers. His logs record 30 raids over Germany, including bombing raids over factories and canals in the Ruhr and missions to Aachen, Hamburg and Munich.

He flew Stirling bombers to Egypt and India with supplies for the troops. He also transported POWs from France.

After the war Alex and Sybil lived at 51 High Street (Macadam's grocery shop), where they looked after Maude's father Nathan (Nat) Macadam.

Alex's three brothers all served in World War 2, as did two of his cousins, Anton & Lex McGuffie from Bagbie Farm, Carsluith.

James Bain McGuffie (Jim) was in the army, stationed in the Hebrides.

William (Billy) McGuffie was also in the army serving in Italy (Monte Casino).

George Bain McGuffie was in the navy.

Alex's cousin Antony (Anton) McGuffie was a sapper with the Royal Engineers who was killed in Italy by a falling bridge just after hostilities ended in May 1945. Anton's brother Alexander (Lex) served with the army in Germany.

