

Colin McKenzie, was born in Glenmuick between 1774 and 1780; I have never found a birth record, and his age in various records varies over a 6-year span. His father, Peter, was a farmer, and there is no record of how Colin learned the miller's trade, or how he came to be at the Mill of Inver. There may be some information in the Monaltry Estate records, but I have been unable to gain access to them. In the absence of solid information, I speculate that Colin became an apprentice to the previous miller, Alexander "Sandy" Davidson, in his teen years and was in a good position to take over when Sandy died about 1800.

Colin married Janet Grant from the parish of Glenmuick, Tullich, and Glengairn in October 1811. Their children were :

Elizabeth - April 7, 1813 (baptism date)

Alexander - December 24, 1815 (baptism date)

Jane – November 3, 1816 (baptism date) [probably died as an infant]

John – December 5, 1818 (baptism date)

Margaret – August 19, 1820 (baptism date)

Peter – April 9, 1824 (baptism date)

Janet – August 4, 1826 (birth date)

Jane (Jessie) – June 7, 1829 (birth date)

Anne – December 12, 1831 (birth date)

William – July 18, 1834 (birth date)

The census of 1841 shows Coll. McKenzie as Miller, his eldest son Alexander as Miller Journeyman, and son John as Labourer. Janet, Jane, Anne, and William are also living with their parents.

The census of 1851 lists Coll. McKenzie as Miller, Alexander as Barley Miller, and Peter as Labourer. Also living in the household were Coll's wife Janet, their children Margaret (married), Peter, Jessie, and William plus a grand-daughter, a male servant (dryster) and a lodger.

The census of 1861 lists Coll. McKenzie as Meal Miller, Alexander as Miller, William as Meal Miller, and a grand-daughter now acting as a Domestic Servant.

Colin died on February 27, 1866.

- Alexander McKenzie (2021)