

CENSUS 1841

Parish of Jura and Collonsay (part of), District of Islay and Jura, County of Argyll

Enumeration District No. 6 “So much of the Parish of Jura and Collonsay as lies between the Island of Oronsay and Scallasaig in Collonsay (inclusive).”

District No. 6 includes:

61 inhabited houses with 148 males and 197 females, a total of 345 persons with “Total number of distinct Families” given as 62

Enumeration District No. 7 “So much of the Parish of Jura and Collonsay as lies between Scallasaig and Urgaig in the Island of Collonsay.”

District No. 7 includes:

108 inhabited houses with 332 males and 302 females, a total of 634 persons with “Total number of distinct Families” given as 109

[Therefore, total houses: 169; males: 480; females: 499; population: 979; families: 171]

“Collonsay June 14th 1841

Sir, Yours of the 1st Ult. did not arrive here until the 6th prior to which I proceeded according to Mr. Muns’ orders, and delivered schedules to all the householders in the Island not knowing your wishes - and I thought proper to finish the work upon the days following which I hope you wil find correct. “Collonsay looked over the enumeration schedules and desired me to send them direct to you as in former cases.

“When you are settling with others you’l please remit me for the work. I am with much respect, Sir, your very humble servant Alexr. McNeill, parish schoolmaster” - sent to “ J Maclaurin Esq, Sheriff Subt. of Argyle”

Both schedules were certified 10 June 1841 by Daniel McNeill, Enumerator and approved by Alexr. McNeill “person appointed by Sheriff or Provost to divide the Parish” on 14 June 1841, being accepted on 21 June by J Maclaurin, “Sheriff Subt.” with “Note: Alexr. McNeill is an Enumerator only and the schedule has not been signed by the Divider. I however consider it to be perfectly accurate.”

The schedules for the entire parish of Jura and Colonsay were signed for on 17 June 1841 by “Alexr. Kennedy, Minister of Jura and Collonsay”, subject to “Note - the remaining schedules being 6 & 7 and which comprehend the distant island of Collonsay and Oronsay were not attested by the clegyman who lives in the Island of Jura but I have examined them and consider them to be perfectly accurate - Maclaurin, Sheriff Subte. of Argyllshire”

Note: the above information and the census information were transcribed by Kevin Byrne, Colonsay Hotel, Argyll PA61 7YP in September and October 1997; no attempt has been made to change spellings etc. It is thought to be accurate but detailed entries should be checked against the original documents. This transcribed information is intended for private research and is not for publication. Information on Colonsay and Oronsay emigration will be welcomed by Kevin Byrne.

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