

"After the death of General MacNeill, in 1863, the chiefship for the MacNeills of Barra passed over to the lineal representative of Roderick MacNeill, of Brevaig, Roderick son of Gilleonan son of Roderick of Barra.

Roderick MacNeil, of Brevaig, married Margaret MacDonald, by whom he had five children, Rory Og, Gallion, Lachlan, Catherine and Margaret. He came to America in 1802. He landed at Pictou. He lived during the winter of 1802-3 at Pisquid, in Prince Edward Island. In 1803 he bought a farm of 300 acres at Vernon River in Prince Edward Island, and settled on it with his family. He divided the farm between Rory Og and Gaillon. He gave 200 acres to the former and 100 to the latter.

Rory Og came to Prince Edward Island with his father in 1802. He was an educated and intelligent man. He taught school in Cape Breton and other places during several years. He married, in 1811, Catherine McEachern, by whom he had eight children, Margaret, Roderick, Marjory, Lachlan, Catherine, Janet, Ann and Donald. He lived at Vernon River. He was for some time a member of the House of Assembly. He was very highly respected. He died in 1850. Roderick, his eldest son, was a merchant. He died unmarried. Lachlan, second son of Rory Og, married Isabel Macpherson, by whom he had four sons, Roderick, Angus, Lachlan and Donald. He died October 24th, 1802, in the 73rd year of his age. Roderick, eldest son of Lachlan, married Catherine Ann Campbell, and has six sons. He lives at Vernon River.

Gallion, son of Roderick of Brevaig, came to Prince Edward Island with his father in 1802. He married a daughter of Hector Og MacNeill, of Ersary, by whom he had two sons, James and Roderick. He died in 1861. James, his eldest son, was married and had three sons, Gaillon, Angus and Roderick. James died a few months ago. Gaillon, his eldest son, lives at Vernon River.

Lachlan, son of Roderick of Brevaig, enlisted in the army of Quebec. He died without issue. Catherine, daughter of Roderick of Brevaig, was married in Barra to Angus MacNeill. She came with her husband and family to Cape Breton. Margaret, daughter of Roderick of Brevaig, was married to Angus Chisholm, of Vernon River. Mr. Chisholm left Vernon River

and went to live at Keppoch, in the county of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Roderick MacNeill of Vernon River, Roderick, son of Lachlan, son of Rory Og, tells me that Rory Og was the eldest son of Roderick of Brevaig, that he was born in 1777, that he was four years older than Gallion his brother, that he died in 1850, and that he was at the time of his death, 73 years of age. Gaillon MacNeill, of Vernon River, Gaillon son of James son of Gaillon, tells me that Gaillon was the eldest son of Roderick of Brevaig. Of course I am not in a position to settle the point in dispute. I think, however, there must be some way of arriving at the truth. On the one hand, it is somewhat probable that Roderick, of Brevaig, would have named his eldest son Gaillon after his own father. On the other hand, I am informed by a disinterested person that Rory Og always maintained that in case General MacNeill should die without male issue he himself or his lineal representative would be chief of the MacNeill's of Barra. But guesses and rumors are no proofs. There must surely be some old persons who could give such evidence as would enable us to know which of the two brothers, Rory Og and Gaillon, was the elder. Until this point be determined I must bid farewell to the MacNeill's of Barra."

The MacNeill crest, motto, and arms are shown in the illustration. *Tartan*—1 white, 6 smalt, 6 black, 6 green, 2½ black, ½ yellow, 2½ black, 6 green, 6 black, 6 smalt, ½ white.

