

Inhabitants of St Kilda, 1841

The following is a footnote in "A voyage round the coasts of Scotland and the Isles" by James Wilson (Edinburgh 1842), Vol. II, page 18

We were surprised to find that although the census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the whole kingdom had been recently taken up, poor St Kilda had not even been regarded as belonging to the British dominions. No one there had ever heard of the census, and no schedule had been sent to the minister from any quarter. We shall supply the deficiency by the following list of inhabitants up to August 1841. We shall merely premise that, in addition to whatever slight knowledge a few of them may possess of certain handicrafts, the whole of the male sex who have attained to and have not passed the prime of life, are what we may call practical ornithologists, or cragsmen.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number in Family</u>
Finlay Gillies	6
Neil Mackinnon	3
Angus Macdonald	3
Finlay MacQueen	5
John Gillies	6
Malcolm MacDonald	5
Finlay MacQueen	6
Donald MacQueen	3
John Gillies	4
Anne MacQueen, a widow	2
Malcolm MacDonald	3
John MacDonald	3
Mary Morrison, a widow	2
Catherine Ferguson, old maid of 83	1
Mary MacDonald and her natural daughter	2
Roderick Gillies	4
John Ferguson	4
Donald Macrimmon	2
Neil Ferguson	4
Finlay Gillies	5
John MacDonald	4
Margaret MacLeod, a widow	2
Lachlan MacKinnon	5
Euphemia Macrimmon, an old maid, and her niece	2
Mary MacKinnon, a widow	1
Roderick MacDonald	6
Finlay Ferguson	2
Finlay MacLeod, aged 83	1

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Mr Mackenzie and family	9

Total population of St Kilda	105
