## Marquis Ferrymen of Coulport, Rosneath

During my research into the history of the Marquis family I came across several clusters of Marquises in Argyll, including at least three generations of ferrymen in Coulport, Rosneath, Dunbartonshire, going back into the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Family of John Marquis** (ferryman) born 1772 died 1822. Wife Janet McKellar born 1781/2 died 1857; son, **Alexander Marquis** born 1802; son, **Archibald Marquis** (Ferryman in 1881 Census) born 1804; son Robert Marquis, born 1807; John Marquis born 1819, Carpenter (1841 Census).



#### In memory of

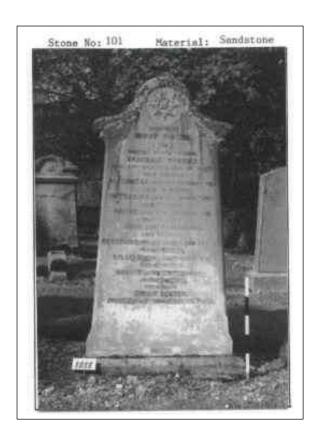
John Marquis, Coulport who died 23rd Dec 1822 aged 50 years

also his wife Janet McKellar, who died 27th Oct 1857 aged 79 years

their son Donald died 8th March 1835 aged 14 years

**1881 Census – Archibald Marquis** (mentioned above) still living in the Ferryman's House, Coulport, aged 77, with wife Janet Rodger, aged 73, son Donald Marquis, aged 35, and Elizabeth Marquis, aged 68 (possible sister or sister-in-law).

See family gravestone below, which reveals many early deaths showing how precarious life was back then.



**Erected by** Janet Rodger in memory of her husband **Archibald Marquis** died 27th May 1890 aged 86 years their children Alexander, died 18th February 1843, aged 14 months, Catherine, died 1st March 1843, aged 3 years Ninian, died 27th December 1857, aged 10 years John, died 9th March 1860, aged 22 years Archibald, died at Callao 25th Augt 1873, aged 24 years William, died 25th November 1877, aged 34 years Donald, 2nd April 1882, aged 36 years the above Janet Rodger died 25th June 1899 aged 90 years

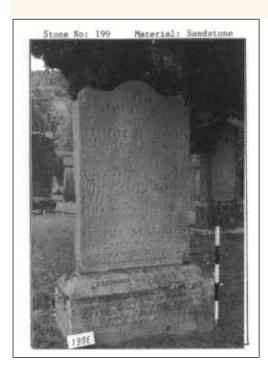
Alexander Marquis born 1677 died 1744 aged 67, earliest gravestone in local St Moden's Church graveyard.



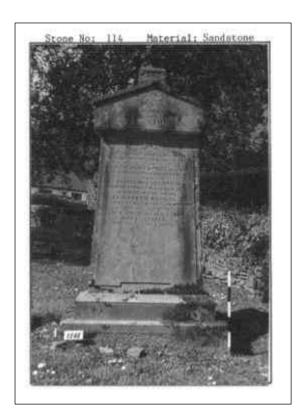
HERE LYS THE CORPSE
OF ALEXANDER MARQUIS
WEAVER IN ROSSNEITH WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE
17TH OF OCTOBER 1744
AGED 67 YEARS

THE BURIAL APPOINTED FOR ELIZABETH McKINNLY & THEIR CHILDREN 1745

### Other Marquis gravestones in St. Moden's Church Graveyard

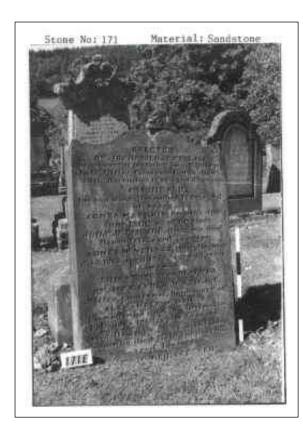


To the memory of **Hugh Marques** who died 20th Septr 1734 also of **Archd Marques** who died 19th Octr 1793 aged 81 years this stone repaired in 1831 by **Hugh Marques** Margaret Mackie wife of Alexander Marques died at Helensburgh 21st July 1846 aged 82 years Charlotte Marques his neice died at Helensburgh 10th March 1870 aged 92 years



**Erected** in Memory of Angus W. Campbell, who died at Knockderry, Cove August 30th 1883 aged 82 years also his son Alexander who died Janry 9th 1874 aged 42 years, also his brother Alexander who died April 17th 1862 aged 32 years also wife of above Elizabeth Marquis, who died 5th May 1896 aged 88 years Catherine Campbell, died Sepr 12th 1913 aged 76 years Janet Campbell died Sepr 20th 1915 aged 69 years

1883



**Erected** by Archibald McNeilage in memory of his father John McNeilage late Miller, Campsail, who died 20th December 1873 aged 66 years Archibald his son died December 1798 aged 56 years Agnes Marquis his wife died June 1800 aged 60 years John McNeilage their son died March 1812, aged 22 years Agnes McNeilage, their daughter died 13th April 1835, aged 40 years

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This Stone. was renewed by Alexander McNeilage Miller, Campsail, in memory of Alexander McNeilage his son who died in Australia February 1859 aged 35 years

# **Alexander Marquis**

### in the 1841 Scotland Census

Name: Alex Marquis

Age: 35

Estimated birth

abt 1806

year:

Gender: Male

Where born: Dunbartonshire, Scotland

Civil Parish: Rosneath

Address: Coulport

Occupation: Carpenter

Parish Number: 502

Household Members:

Name	Age
Janet Marquis	60
Alex Marquis	35
John Marquis	20
Hugh Mcarthur	20
John Cameron	20
Agness McGallss	15
Duncan Mckellar	80

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## **Archibald Marquis**

#### in the 1881 Scotland Census

Name: Archibald Marquis

Age: 77

Estimated birth

year:

abt 1804

Relationship: Head

Spouse's name: Janet Marquis

Gender: Male

Where born: Roseneath,

Dumbartonshire

Registration

district:

Kilcreggan and Cove

Civil Parish: Rosneath

County: Dumbartonshire

Address: Coulport Ferry House

Name

Occupation: Ferry Man

Household

Members: Archibald Marquis 77

Janet Marquis 73

Donald Marquis 35

Elizabeth Marquis 68

Catherine Docherty 18

Peter McLean 40

Age

32

Ellen Baird

John Farrie