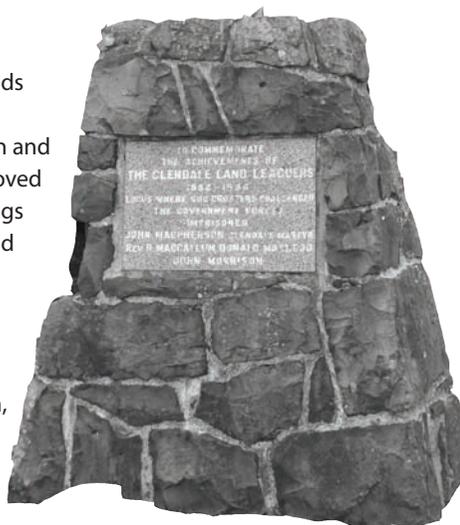


Amhreit an Fhearainn

The Land Struggle in Skye and Lewis

The 1880s marked a dramatic stage in the demand by crofters throughout the Highlands and Islands for land reform following the injustices of the Clearances. Crofters found a stronger voice, given greater confidence by the Highland Land Law Reform Association and developments in Ireland, and put pressure on landlords and the Government for improved rights and more land. A landmark development was the passing of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act of 1886, which gave security of tenure to existing crofters, although it did nothing for the thousands of families with no rights in land.

Many of the key episodes in this struggle took place in Skye and Lewis in areas such as Valtos, the Braes of Trotternish, Glendale, and Pairc. This event will look at the background to the struggle, the similarities and differences on either side of the Minch, and the impact of the 1880s on future developments. Following previous successful conferences in Skye, the Islands Book Trust (based in Lewis) are delighted to be arranging this further event in conjunction with the Glendale Trust and in the highly appropriate setting of Glendale.



This short conference, which takes place on the evening of Friday 15th April and all day on Saturday 16th April, brings together excellent speakers from both sides of the Minch, including Professor Jim Hunter who will give the keynote address. Some talks will be in Gaelic, with simultaneous translation into English. Time will be set aside for discussion, and it is hoped that local people and those with family links with the dramatic developments of the 1880s will be able to contribute. There will also be a ceilidh on the Friday evening and a visit on the Saturday afternoon to places associated with the Glendale Rising.

Like all Islands Book Trust events, we aim to bring together people from different backgrounds in the belief that the mix of various perspectives promotes both greater enjoyment and learning. The timing of the 2-day event has been organised to fit in with ferry services across the Minch, and overnight accommodation can be arranged in the Glendale area for those who wish this.

There will be a follow-up to the event in September 2012 when the Islands Book Trust plan a major 4-day conference in Lewis on the Clearances, Land Struggle, Re-settlement, and Community Land Ownership to mark the 125th anniversary of the Paic Deer Raid.

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Programme

FRIDAY 15 APRIL

Glendale Hall, Glendale, Skye

6.30pm Registration

7.00pm Evening Meal

8.00pm JIM HUNTER (Inverness-shire): 'Is treasa tuath na tighearna':
Why the Land Struggle Mattered and Still Matters

9.00pm Ceilidh

SATURDAY 16 APRIL

Borrodale School, Glendale

9.30am IAN BLACKFORD (Skye): Background to the Glendale Rising

9.45am NORMAN MACDONALD (Skye): The Glendale Evidence to the
Napier Commission – its Themes and Arguments

10.30am Coffee

11.00am JAMES MACDONALD: The Land Struggle in other parts of
Skye [G]

11.45am ANNE MACLEOD (Lewis): Creach Mhor na Pairce – the Pairc
Deer Raid [G]

12.15pm COLIN SHIELDS (Inverness): The Role of the Rev. Donald
MacCallum

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Visit to places in Glendale associated with the Glendale Rising
– led by BRIAN SMITH

3.45pm Tea and Close of Conference

[G]: Talk will be given in Gaelic with simultaneous translation into
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