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39, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
RICHMOND, SURREY.

2nd December, 1970.

Miss K. J. Lyon,  
12 Castle Street,  
Dornoch,  
Sutherland.

Dear Miss Lyon,

I was very sorry not to run into you this last summer although I gather that you did meet some of my family.

I believe you will have heard that I have bought Airdens. After some research I am beginning to find out where the various houses on it are and roughly who else has croft holdings.

One thing I did not expect, however, was to be applied to as a kind of historian of the property. I have recently had a letter from a retired Dr. Mackay who is extremely eager to know more about the history of Lonachuan. I do not, of course, know whether there will be much more of this sort of enquiry but it did occur to me that you must be the only person with a real knowledge of where one might look these things up. I would be most grateful indeed if you could let me know anything about it, particularly of course if you know where there is any collection of papers on the subject which I could in due course look up.

I do not, of course, want to suggest that you should waste any time on writing unless this is convenient to you.

I hope that all will go well for you.

Yours sincerely,



Rent book . 1825 - 39

Andrew Mackay entered 1824.

Rent and Customs & labour  
£1 7 4d

same up to and including 1839

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Sheet 18 58. Andrew Mackay pays £2 - 3.0  
1st lease of 21 missing.

1859. rent sheet. Andrew Mackay pays £6 0. 0  
another croft probably added ~~increase~~ of rent £3. 17. 0

~~1860 - 61~~ - 64 - 65. Same tenant and same rent.

2nd lease to Andrew Mackay 19 years from 1880  
rent £6. 0. 0.

Tenant in 1902 W Mackay

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Andrew Mackay died 1879. croft let to William Mackay  
William Mackay died April 7th 1907.  
Croft let to Mrs Walsh (daughter of William Mackay.)

Tenant 1914 Mrs Walsh

Mrs Walsh died and her son by a first marriage,  
William Black, took on the croft. But Donald Black  
who was in the Lovat Scouts, went missing in 1st World war.

His widow took the croft

A G. Fleming, apparently a son-in-law of Mrs Walsh  
took the croft 1921 Fleming gave up the croft  
which was taken by J Carruthers married to Mrs Walsh's  
granddaughter. He went to America 1924 and the  
next tenant was James Sutherland. He died but I have not  
the date.