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### KINLOCHMOIDART AND THE STEWARTS

Robert Stewart acquired the Kinlochmoidart Estate in 1883 and rebuilt the main house. His descendants have lived there ever since.



Kinlochmoidart 1890

#### Robert Stewart's father



Looking at archive papers, the Robert Stewart who built Kinlochmoidart had a father, also called Robert, who married Jane Pott in 1816.

He became a partner in Stewart Pott & Company, Wine Merchants in Old Post Office Court, Glasgow. He lived at Horn Bank and had a carriage and pair.

He had three sons, John, Robert and Frank and three daughters, Elizabeth, Catherine and Jane.

His second son, Robert, was born in 1825.

....."quite calm outside Oban, so the Capt asked steam yacht, when passing, to take us in".

...."Left Fort William, quite a hard time getting through Corran Ferry before tide turned. Landed at Kilmalen to see a property that was for sale and drove on to Glengalmadale where we rejoined the yacht and anchored in Loch Corrie for the night".

...."We got to Loch Aylort about seven o'clock. Mrs Blackburn came out to call with her son. Went to see the vitrified fort on Goat Island and then we all went to lunch at Roshven. After tea, we all called on Mrs Hamilton, Mr H having first come across to see us."



Loch Moidart in the evening light, where Robert Stewart bought his estate

As a result of his search and his knowledge of cruising the area, Robert bought the Kinlochmoidart Estate from William Frederick Robertson-MacDonald, in 1882/3. The property had been in the Macdonald family for the previous 300 years. The estate included a house in which Robert took immediate occupation whilst preparing plans for a far grander building. He employed the fashionable architect William Leiper. One of the first things to be done was to build a new pier to allow them to import stone and other raw materials from Glasgow and elsewhere. Stephen Jefferson (a cousin within the family) subsequently wrote,

"Kinlochmoidart House was completed in 1884 at a cost of £9,048.00 and was described in an article at the time as"...mansion house with electric light laid on...with five public rooms...ten family bedrooms...ample accommodation for servants...outbuildings...shooting over 15,000\* acres of which about 1,000 are of wood, 3,000 acres arable, 6,000 acres grouse ground, clear of sheep and the rest hill pasture without heather." \*This figure actually includes Glenmoidart, acquired two years later.

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