

1841 Census – Isle of Coll

The note below in the 1841 census results sheets was written by Alexander Stewart, the local schoolmaster, who was appointed to manage the 1841 census in Coll. There is no date on the note, but the previous page in the Parish of Tyree & Coll census file at the General Register Office refers to Mr Stewart's letter of 19 March 1842. It is not known if the underlining of some sections was done by Mr Stewart or by a later person.

Remarks of Schoolmaster or other Person appointed to divide the Parish by the Sheriff or Provost

As far as I can ascertain there were about 50 persons absent from the Island at the time of taking the Census; chiefly young people that have gone to the Lowlands in quest of service. As may be seen from the Enumerators Schedule books, few people in this Island have any trade, the greater part of them have no fixed employment whatever.

There is no great decrease from extemporary causes; neither is there any unusual influx of inhabitants; with the exception of a number of people from the neighbouring Island (Tyree) that are at present carting peats for back in this Island, which accounts for the number of inhabited houses being greater than the number originally sent to the Sheriff, as many of these sleep in out-houses: out-houses where people sleep not being included in their number set down in the Schedule for the Division of Districts. None have emigrated from this Island for the Colonies or for Foreign Countries within the last six months.

[signed] *Alexander Stewart*