

Land Petitions - originals at Public Archives of Nova Scotia  
copies at the Mabou Archives, An Drochaid

All three dated 9 Nov. 1819 for approval  
All three dated 20 Oct. 1819 for submission  
All three contained in Vol 91, Series A, RG 20 at PANS

All three follow the same pattern and each gives a name to the piece of property - Donald Rankin wishes his to be called "Bolyynn"  
John Rankin Jr. wishes his to be called "Annet" or "~~Ann~~"  
John Rankin Sr. wishes his to be called "Glencee"

Donald Rankin's petition abstract -

Petitioner emigrated from Scotland in August last to Nova Scotia and came to this Island with his Father and Brother "a few days ago" Age 23; unmarried; "no other relatives in this Island except his Father and family - never served His Majesty in any capacity but is ready. Never received any land from government. Wants lot of 200 acres on East Br. of Mabou River #4 2nd range in rear of lands once occupied by Wm. Manning but not belonging to Mr. Smith. Signed his own name; John Cameron JP is the witness

John Rankin Mr.'s Petition

The information is the same except that he says he is 22. His Lot to be located at # 1 in the same range in the rear of James Whitehead. He also is single. He signs his name

John Rankin Sr.'s Petition

says he is a native of Invernessshire in Scotland and is "upwards of sixty years of age." Emigrated to Nova Scotia in August last with his wife and six children and came to this island "a few days ago." Never had any land from government. Has taken the oath of allegiance and supremacy to His Majesty's Government, "having served some time in the local militia and has no relatives whatever in the Island except his own family above mentioned. "Petitioner has followed the occupation of farmer from the early part of his life and therefore wishes to make this application for lot 5 in 2nd range of lots in rear of land possessed by Benjamin Smith "to be called Glencee." Has no intent to sell or transfer this land. He signs with an X

In petitions dated 14 Dec. 1821, the three (plus Alexander and Donald Beaton) apply for final confirmation of their lots noted above.

John Rankin Sr. says a native of "North Britain" and is 50; with 4 children.

Donald says he is 24 and unmarried

John Jr. says he is 23 and unmarried.

(the Beaton men are sons of widow Catherine Beaton, apparently recently deceased)