

DUNCAN MACPHERSON, CHEMIST, KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Duncan Macpherson was the chemist in Kyle of Lochalsh, he was also a keen photographer who for over 30 years produced an annual Vest Pocket Guide to Kyle of

Lochalsh and the Isle of Skye, printed his own postcards and wrote three books on the area.

Duncan was born in Glenquithal, Aberdeenshire in 1882. After graduating from Edinburgh University as a pharmacist he spent some time in England before he opened his own shop in Kyle of Lochalsh.







In 1916, he married a local girl Margaret Maciver and they had two children, Mary and Neil who featured in many of their fathers photographs.



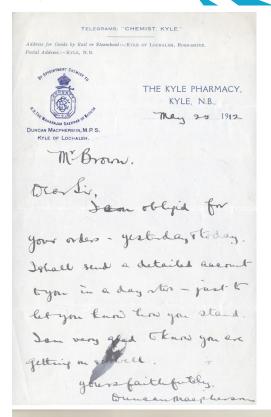








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The Kyle Pharmacy Collection which is kept at the Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre contains papers from the chemist's shop including orders for medical, veterinary and household goods, invoices, prescriptions and dispensary records.

It holds a wealth of information from a time when much of the business was done by post.



The Duncan Macpherson Collection of photographs, also held by Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre, is a treasure trove of over 1500 images spanning over 50 years and is a priceless record of Highland life in the last century







