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I am writing to congratulate everyone involved in the Our Houses: Their Stories project.
What a fantastic way of bringing an area alive!

I must confess to having a great interest as my great grandparents James Pender (1860-1936) and his wife Janet (1869-1948) farmed Ardno – and also Pole, near Lochgoilhead - from 1889 until at least 1915.

Their four children Inez (1890-1974), James “Hamish”(1892-1915), Thomas (1894-1895) and my grandfather John (1897-1971) were all born there.

My father, Hamish Gordon Geils Pender, was born in 1925 and was brought up in Wigtownshire by his grandparents James and Janet as his parents were in Nigeria from 1924-1948 where his father/their son, Capt. John Pender, was in the colonial service.

There were several links with the Nobles of Ardkinglas:
The oldest son, Hamish Granger Geils Pender (on the Cairndow war memorial), finished his engineering apprenticeship at Armstrongs in Elswick before he joined up.
Janet Pender née Geils was a 4th cousin of Sir Andrew Noble.
Her mother had inherited the Ardmore and Ardardan estate of his title at the age of two.

My father has a few pre-1915 photographs of Ardno and the family that still exist.
Do let me know if you would like me to send some.
What else might you be interested in?

With best wishes to all involved in the project, and I look forward to hearing from you,

Anthea Pender