

## 1892 plans for the Loch Maree to Aultbea railway

The beautifully detailed plans show the proposed routes of the Loch Maree and Aultbea railway. The plans are split into two routes. The first leaves the Kyle line at Achnasheen and runs down Glen Docherty, around the top of the village of Kinlochewe and along the southern shore of Loch Maree. After tunnelling through the cliffs at Loch Tollaidh, the railway terminates close to the mouth of the River Ewe - a total length of 29 miles, 4 furlongs, 8 chains and 5 yards. The second, much shorter railway runs through Poolewe and along the coast to Aultbea, terminating at the pier.

The plans and sections were drawn up in 1892 by Thomas Meik and Sons (Engineers) of Edinburgh. Thomas Meik (1812-1896) was a Scottish engineer particularly associated with ports and railways in Scotland and the North of England. His two sons Patrick and Charles were also respected engineers. Most of Thomas Meik's work in Scotland was in Fife and Angus. He designed an extension to the Forfar to Brechin line, the Newburgh and North Fife Railway, and the East Fife Central Railway. He also designed the ports of Burntisland and Bo'ness on the Firth of Forth. Thomas Meik retired from the firm in 1888, so this survey must have been undertaken by his sons. The firm Thomas Meik and Sons became part of the Halcrow Group, which is now one of the UK's largest engineering consultancies.



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