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## Chat

### This Month

**Bob Munro has done such a brilliant job of setting up and running our website that we have decided to make him a life member of the Clan Munro (Association) Australia. Visit our website & you will see what I mean – and he is going to do the same for New Zealand.**

**Congratulations & welcome, Bob.**

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### Next Newsletter

In the Anzac Day article I mentioned the Scottish Act of Remembrance but did not have space to include it, so it will be there.

I have been a bit slack this month and do not have a main story yet but there will be one.

And, hopefully, there will be more!

Don

First - our commiserations to our Canadian cousins on losing to Scotland in the World Curling championships but, as my nephew, Ewan MacDonald, was on the Scottish team I really don't feel too bad at all!!

By now those of you who sponsored a tree in memory of your ancestors should all have received your certificates. As a Clan, we have received two certificates. When the project started we sponsored four trees on behalf of the Clan Munro Australia. Then you will remember, I asked that the money we raised from our CD project be directed to the Trees at Foulis project. This was done and we have now received our second certificate which shows that we have donated six Betula Jacquemontii to be planted in the new avenue between the home farm and the castle to replace the trees destroyed in the storm. The avenue will consist of special birches and specialty rowans and should be quite spectacular. Our trees are the very beautiful white barked Himalayan Birch trees costing up to £100.00 each.

We had a success with the query that I sent to our email members regarding Roseanna Taylor's family tree. Unfortunately Roseanna has changed her email address since she first contacted me – so if you read this Roseanna, please get in touch. I get the "Can We Help?" section queries from all over the Internet but as I can only print a few in each newsletter it is often quite a while before they are printed and that is what has happened in this case.

Back in May, Bet & I watched the ABC's Cook & the Chef & saw the joy that Maggie Beer showed when she found that she had convict ancestors. What a difference to the attitude of not too many years ago when a convict ancestor was a skeleton to be kept hidden in the cupboard. Nowadays to have a convict ancestor is something to be celebrated. Back home they lived in such unbelievably squalid conditions that they were often driven by desperation to commit petty crimes just to feed their families and were punished out of all proportion to what they had done. Out here many of them made good as they revelled in the opportunities that they would never have had back home. So far I have only published two convict stories – Lydia Munro, our "First Fleeter" and Alexander Munro, so successful in his own right & also responsible for the migration of the ancestors of our very successful Munros of "Munros' Luck" fame. So, if you are lucky enough have convict ancestor, why not share their story with us, we would love to hear it.

## Welcome To Our New Members

Welcome to our new member Fiona Tulip, born in Sydney but now living in Queensland. Fiona is descended from Gilbert Munro & Catherine Ross from Creich in Sutherland and they had eight children before emigrating to Australia. Check out Fiona's full details in the "Can We Help" section.

## Nuffield Scholarship

*Annabelle Coppin is an amazing young lady who at the age of 23 already has her fixed wing pilot's licence and her private helicopter license. She received a young achiever award at Government House in December 2008 but she was overseas and her parents collected it for her. Annabelle grew on her family's 500,000-hectare property in the Pilbara, 220 kilometres east of Port Hedland and 90km north-east of Marble Bar. As she's grown older, Annabelle has become an integral part of the station, and along with her mother, father Lang, brother Lance and sister-in-law Anna, runs 5500 Droughtmaster cross breeding cattle, with 90 to 100 percent of their stock destined for live export. What follows is an email Annabelle sent to her friends on her return from overseas. Annabelle is one of the youngest ever Australians to win a Nuffield Scholarship. Annabelle is the granddaughter of our Pauline (Munro) Edwards & niece of Pauline Blake, two of our members. Annabelle completed her report for the presentation in Cairns in April this year.*

G'day,

I am back on Australian soil, so another update of my Nuffield travels is due. In the past six odd months I've covered 16 different countries, been on over 68 flights and able to build a very solid foundation for knowledge and opportunities into the future.



Travelling began in June when a great dynamic of 'food producers' of wheat, cheese, oysters, wine grapes, apples, celery, milk, sheep and importantly beef (and all sorts of other titles too long to mention!) set off on our pre arranged six week global focus whirl of the world including NZ,

Ireland, France, US, China and the Philippines.

We roamed or more to the point galloped over a diverse mix of farm tours across the globe. From the 10,000 head grain fed dairies in Texas to the one of the most efficient grass operations in NZ; from the Maryland oysters and crabs to the New Zealand muscle farms and mountain cattle! From French tomatoes, strawberries, cut flowers and carrots and witnessing extremes of wheat yields from there to Oklahoma and perhaps the similarities of their piggeries! We saw Chinese peanuts and French chooks, Irish horses and Chinese lobsters. Plus rice and a little more rice, the diverse list goes on!

I then returned to Perth and finished my private helicopter license, went home and also worked for a mining exploration company as a field assistant to help bank balance. I really enjoyed my short time following the geologist through the bush chipping rocks and learning about the fascinating geology of the Pilbara, we also spent time in the Great Sandy Desert east of home, which is a very special part of the world.

Indonesia and Sabah were next on the agenda. With the assistance of Meat and Livestock Australia and some helpful industry members I was able to spend time in abattoirs, feedlots, supermarkets, local markets and breeding cattle operations through Java, Sumatra and Sabah. A special thanks to Jason Hatchett a consultant for the MLA who spends his life improving abattoirs, markets and generally monitoring the live export market in Indonesia, his industry knowledge invaluable and the time he took to show me about I appreciate to no end.

Finding Australian cattle (some of our own) throughout Indonesia is always rewarding, the value chain of this trade not only supports Australians, it is also an industry for the country of import. An excellent trip where I was able to meet many inspiring industry members, it has also sparked many ideas and questions around the Australian live export industry for this region. In very basic terms we have a productive desert full of cattle and a closest neighbour with 240 million mouths who values fresh beef for a healthy life. If these people have money, one of the first things they do is buy fresh beef. The only problems are - consistent supply, the economy and some political barriers.

A few days back at Yarrrie to reorganise the bag and rehabilitate myself with some rotor time before heading on my trip to the Middle East.

This trip would not have been possible without the help of Peter and Sharron Dundon who are based in Bahrain and work with the Meat and Livestock Australia and Livecorp joint livestock export program. I was very lucky to be able to stay in their home and spend time with their daily activities, a great way to learn the varied dynamics of the livestock export trade and their goals for the region. The program focuses on the sustainability of the trade by improving animal welfare practices and the general productivity of Australian live animals once they arrive in these countries. It still surprises me how many people in Australia, even those involved with this industry are unaware of all the improvements and hard work that is done in these countries by Australians through Australian livestock levies.

The 7 weeks I was able to spend time in Bahrain, Oman, Dubai, Qatar, Kuwait, Egypt and Jordan gave



Annabelle in Indonesia

me a small but fortunate taste of the livestock industry as well as the everyday life, culture, values and importantly food in these regions. On the first day of my arrival I was

informed by a local that my Arabic name was to be 'Zanib' and it seemed to stick!

I was genuinely overwhelmed by the welcoming and kind people in these countries, many will literally walk up to you and ask your name, where you are from and welcome you to their country. They seem to care about your general safety and quality of stay in their country.

I witnessed the discharge of two vessels in Bahrain and Oman, met an astronomical amount of colourful, inspirational characters and business operations. I'm still having withdrawals from not being able to visit a slaughterhouse or feedlot everyday or hearing the 5 prayers calling from the mosque and also practicing my very poor attempt of Arabic!

In Egypt I managed to trot (and for a very short time canter) a camel around the Pyramids and visit the Cairo museum, which I must say was major highlight of the trip, it just blew me away what the human race was doing 5000 years ago and makes my time on earth very short! We definitely get too hung up in the small things in life.

Floating in the Dead Sea in Jordan and discovering Petra were part of my small tourist days! I was able to spend time with Geoffrey Beere a consultant for over 20 years with MLA, primarily designing very practical, economical abattoir management to improve efficiency and animal welfare in just about every country we export into. He is a wealth of knowledge and an enormous asset to our industry and I was very privileged to spend a few days with him at his work.

I organised a visit to Princess Alia Hussein of Jordan in her home/palace (I did manage to polish my boots but seemed to have misplaced the lipstick at the time!). The leader of Animals Australia, Lyn White, was also in attendance. It was a very interesting evening and apart from sipping on tea and eating dates it importantly gave me the chance to try and understand the reasons for such opposed views of the Australia live trade. Clearly there is much misunderstanding from many of these people but there are also some valid points targeting our industry and it is something we should address in the future, more in my report!

I returned to Bahrain (to my new home and family!) in early December for the 3 days leading up to the Festival of the Sacrifice (Eid Al Adha). This is where Muslim people purchase a live animal for a home slaughter and give to the poor over Eid (a little like our Christmas period). Quite often the whole family will arrive at the feedlot to select their sheep. This is a special occasion to observe and it would be so valuable for our society to know about these customs.

It is on these three days of the year that the local feedlot sells sheep as 'private sales' and a proportion of them are taken home instead of being directly transported to their private abattoir for slaughter. These are the days where less than 10% of Australian sheep sales have caused much of the controversy over the years, mainly due to families putting sheep in their boot to take home. Bahrain Livestock Company with the support of Sharron, Peter and the rest of the Aussie livestock crew worked together this year and no sheep

were transported from the feedlot in a car boot. The campaign was 'Keep in Mind to Keep in Kind' and 'Ute It, Don't Boot it'. It was a busy couple of days with some interesting reactions from the public on the first day, however over the next two days there was little resistance and people accepted this practice remarkably quickly.

I then flew to the UK for a quick two week stint, it was my first trip, so the traditional London sight seeing was undertaken. The highlight though, was heading out to



Annabelle ready for the hunt

Shropshire and meeting retired farmer and cheese maker Jill Hutchinson Smith, one of the first women Nuffield scholars in the world. She is over 80 and has

attended every hunt for about the last forty years. I was privileged enough to join her and the family for a day. They dressed me in the coat, jodhpurs and jacket and I headed off with a sherry under my belt with a brilliant horse in the English saddle! A great experience and I have to say the size of ditches and hedges can be a bit disconcerting and the English mud is so soft and sticky!

My scholarship has given me the scope to witness global agriculture and indeed world trends in general. We try to predict our future influences and direction, which can be dangerous but comes naturally for people who are continually searching for answers! However I now believe that all major issues and influences that lead to the predictions of global agricultural outcomes are usually based on the basic factor of supply and demand, which is mainly influenced by climate, diseases, politics and the economy.

In spite of all of the hot issues in our industry, I'm excited in the future of Australian agriculture. We have created many advantages over our global counterparts and there have been many times during my travels where this has really hit home. Overall, feeding the South East Asian, Middle East and African nation population excites me far greater than supplying the developed western world. In particular, as an Australian livestock producer supplying animals to these people, I see that we must take advantage of having enough grass and area for our animals to happily breed and grow in order to supply the choice of fresh safe meat for people who value this in their life and culture, whilst hopefully making a comfortable profit and a consistent demand.

Annabelle Coppin.....January 2009

### *Vale Rita Munroe (Canada)*

It is with great sadness that I inform you that our beloved Rita Munroe passed away on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. Rita and Bud Munroe were the founders of the Clan Munro Association of Canada in 1975 and were the backbone of our organisation for many years. Bud and Rita were good friends with our past Chief, Captain Patrick Munro of Foulis and his wife Timmy. As a former pilot, I loved the fact that Bud and Rita met when they were both student pilots. Bud passed on in 2002 and now Rita will be joyfully reunited with her life-long companion. We will remember them with great fondness.....*Ian Angus Munro*



## Our Roots

Where do we come from? How many of our ancestors spoke Gaelic? How many of us speak it now? Not many I would imagine and that is the problem Ian (The Brae) Munro faced when reading his great grandmother's headstone at Yarrowonga, Victoria. This is the full inscription

In memory of Sarah,  
Born in Lochgilphead Argyllshire, Scotland.  
Wife of John Munro  
died 13th October, 1928.  
aged 73 years.

MO BHEANNACHD, LEAT, MOHR.

Now, of course the first part is quite clear, unless you don't know where Lochgilphead is! But what is the strange wording at the bottom? Ian knew of course that it was Gaelic, so off he went to his Gaelic dictionary to find the following. Mo = my; Bheannachd = blessings; Leat = with; Mohr = great or large. This combination did not seem to read quite right to Ian so, when at the Brigadoon Gathering, he asked a Gaelic speaking friend what he thought of his translation and found that mohr had more than one translation to English and one of those was "Sarah". So there we have the bottom line in the headstone – MY BLESSINGS WITH SARAH or as it would have read WITH MY BLESSINGS, SARAH. Now is that not a little piece of magic?

I wonder how many of us have ancestor's headstones in Gaelic. If you have & don't know the translation, just let me know & I will have it translated.

## Munro Banner



In the December Newsletter I mentioned that I could get our Munro crest printed and sent to anyone interested for \$25.00 including postage plus the dimensions if you wanted to make one.

Jim Munro from South Australia took up the offer and this is the excellent result on the right. On the left you can see Jim with the banner & a bevy of beauties – his wife Janice, member Colleen MacAllister and Pauline Fergusson. I have since received details from Jim so that the banner could also be carried while marching.



## A Very Discreet Man : James Monro and the Whitechapel Murders

*True to his word Don Munro set about searching for interesting Munros/Monros/Monroes and came up quite literally with a "ripper," for the Whitechapel Murders were of course the crimes of the infamous Jack the Ripper. Don came across this story in a Casebook website – it was written by Andrew L Morrison and I have been given permission by the site to reproduce the story. If the story interests you, visit the website where you will find all of the suspects as well as a lot of detail about the case. It is [http://www.casebook.org/police\\_officials/po-monro.html](http://www.casebook.org/police_officials/po-monro.html) . I wonder how many of you realised that a Monro was so involved in one of the most infamous British murder cases.*



Of all the senior police officials who were involved with the Jack the Ripper case, James Monro remains the most enigmatic. He alone amongst the high ranking policemen

did not publish any memoirs and yet it is possible that he was more informed about the case than most if not all his contemporaries. If anybody knew the truth about the events of 1888 it was him.

Before going over what he could have known, who he could have told, who could have provided him with information, etc., I will give a brief summary of his life and career.

**1838:** Born in Edinburgh. His father was George Monro, a solicitor. He was educated at Edinburgh High School and the Universities of Edinburgh and Berlin.

**1857:** Enters Indian Civil Service and holds post of Assistant Magistrate and later Collector.

**1863:** Married.

**1877:** Becomes District Judge and Inspector-General of the Police in Bengal.

**1881:** Meets and becomes friends with Melville Macnaghten after the latter is assaulted by natives.

**1883:** Appointed Commissioner of the Presidency Division (Bombay).

**1884:** Resigns his post and returns to England to become Assistant Commissioner Metropolitan Police (Criminal Investigation Department).

**1888:** *August* - Resigns after a struggle with Commissioner Charles Warren over the independence of the CID and Warren's blocking of the appointment of Melville Macnaghten. Monro is appointed "Head of the Detective Service" by Home Secretary Henry Matthews.

*November* - Charles Warren resigns as Commissioner and is replaced by Monro.

**1889:** *June* - Appoints Melville Macnaghten Assistant Chief Constable (CID).

*July* - Investigates the murder of Alice McKenzie.

**1890:** Resigns as Commissioner after an argument over the Police Pensions Bill and attempts to make civil servant Evelyn Ruggles-Brise Chief Constable (CID). Monro returns to India and sets up a medical mission at Rhanagat, 40 Miles from Calcutta.

**1905:** Returns to Scotland and then Cheltenham

**1920:** *January 28* - Dies age 81

The first thing that a researcher would point out is that during the period of the Ripper murders Monro was not actually a member of the police. However, officers involved in the case were encouraged by the Home Office to consult this "Head of the Detective Service" about the murders, much to the annoyance of Charles Warren.

Who were these men who consulted with Monro? One of them was his successor in the CID, Robert Anderson. Much of Monro's work had involved combating the threat from the Fenian terrorists. In this he had been assisted by Anderson who from 1876 to 1886 was the Home Office "Adviser to matters relating to political crime". Thus, the two men knew each other very well indeed and it is very likely that Anderson shared all the information he had about the Whitechapel murderer with Monro. Monro was also consulted by Chief Inspector Donald Swanson and Chief Inspector Reid.

The Special Branch or Special Irish Branch came under Monro's control when he was Assistant Commissioner (CID).

Monro was surrounded by sources of information about the murders and not all his information was necessarily second-hand. He investigated the murder of Alice McKenzie in Castle Alley, 1889 as at the time it was thought it could be the work of Jack the Ripper. There is even some evidence to suggest that he visited the site of Mary Kelly's murder. His grandson James recalls him saying "It was terrible, even the ceiling was splashed with blood."

Further evidence that Monro was deeply involved in the Ripper case exists in the form of a memo sent by Home Secretary Henry Matthews to his Private Secretary Evelyn Ruggles-Brise. It reads "Stimulate the police about the Whitechapel murders. Monro might be willing to give a hint to the CID people if necessary." This suggests that Monro had knowledge that the CID did not or at the very least had come to some very different conclusions.

So what did Monro know and what was his theory about the case? Here there is a problem because as mentioned before he did not publish memoirs or give much in the way of interviews. However, although there are no published memoirs there does exist some private, written memoirs that Monro wrote for his family. These were uncovered by Martin Howells and Keith Skinner. They do not contain anything about the Ripper case or even the Cleveland Street Scandal of 1889. What they do contain however gives us an idea of Monro's character. One passage shows his pride in his discretion. "But says the Times, 'Mr Monro albeit a strong man was not always discreet' ...But what does the Times mean by being discreet? I suppose it means that I did not always do as the Times thought I should have done. This may be so. But where is all the evidence of indiscretion on my part? Let me hear them and I shall be able to reply."

On December 2 1888, the day before Monro officially took up the post of Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, G R Sims (the journalist who was later to write about the Ripper being a man whose body was dragged from the Thames) wrote "It would be strange if the accession of Mr Monro to power were to be signalled by such a universally popular achievement as the arrest of Jack the Ripper. From information which has reached me I venture to prophesy that such will be the case."

It didn't happen but did James Monro know who the Whitechapel murderer was and if he did does this information still exist? It is possible that this very discreet man took the truth about the "Autumn of Terror" to his grave.

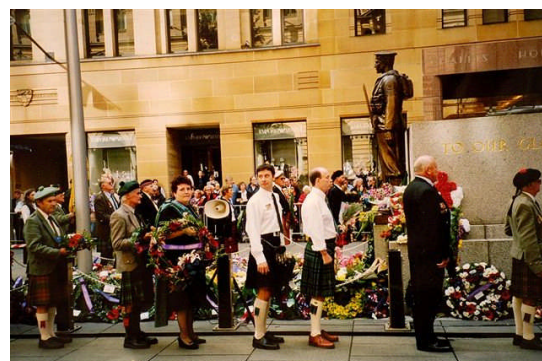
*There is a lot more to this article and I suggest that if it interests you, check out the website mentioned in my heading above, Ed*

## Anzac Day 2009

The Clan Munro Association was again represented by Andrew Gates at a wreath laying ceremony as an Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney, on the 25th April.

Following the Anzac Day Parade through the streets of Sydney a contingent of massed pipes and drums from eighteen pipe bands assembled and paraded down George Street from the Sydney Town Hall to the Cenotaph in Martin Place where wreaths were laid by representatives of the various Clans whilst the pipers played the lament "The Flowers of the Forest".

A large gathering of people assembled to witness the moving and stirring ceremony known as "The Scottish Act of Remembrance" under warm and sunny skies. I will tell you about this ceremony in our next newsletter.



## Research Pays Dividends

*Margaret Neyle sent me this piece about her research into her highland ancestry. Who knows, with a little more research, Margaret might prove that she is related to Don Munro from Queensland or to myself, for our ancestry is also rooted in Rosskeen. If you have some of your research you would like to share, please let me know*

### FROM MARY JANE MUNRO IN AUSTRALIA TO WILLIAM MUNRO IN THE HIGHLANDS

I first found out I was a Munro descendant when I ordered my great grandparents wedding certificate. It showed that Mary Jane Munro married George Armstrong (from Caven, Ireland) at the Presbyterian Church Palmer Street Woolloomooloo NSW on the 13 August 1870. The certificate showed that Mary Jane Munro was born at Bowenfels, Vale of the Clwyd NSW to George Munro Born Edinburgh Scotland and his wife Mary Thomson born Bute Scotland.

This led me to the shipping records. Reel AONSW1345 shows the "Margaret" coming out in 1841, sailing from Greenock and carrying Irish and Scotch settlers. Among the settlers were George Munro Labourer, Religion Church of Scotland, Native Place Edinburgh, Father Daniel (soldier) dead, Mother Jean Graham (dead). Could read and write. His wife Mary Jane, a son and two daughters accompanied him. George Munro was under contract to D. Riddle to be paid £30 a year with a contract for 1 year and rations provided.

This £30 a year intrigued me because all the other "labourers" who had contracts were being paid only £20 a year. The Scottish Marriage records were my next step and I found this couple were married in the Gorbals Glasgow in 1833. They very quickly went back to Edinburgh as their first daughter Catherine (married name Wenban) was born in Edinburgh in 1834. The 1841 census shows them living at 28 Jamaica St Edinburgh and George's occupation is given as Hackney Coachman.

Could this be why he was paid so much more per year than others on the ship? Was he employed as a coachman? Looking at the 1867 Sands Directory for NSW I found George Munro coachman living at Piper St Woolhara. This is definitely my George because that is the address at which my mother was born.

George's birth was my next quest. In the Edinburgh Records I found George being born in Edinburgh on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1807 to Daniel Munro and Jane Graham his spouse.

Going back another generation I found in the Edinburgh records a son Daniel born on the 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 1789 to William a soldier in the City Guard and Margaret McDonald his spouse. In the Edinburgh City Archives there are records of the City Guard. Who do we find but William for the Third Squad? It gives William Munro as a native of the parish of Roskein (now spelt Rosskeen not far from Alness on the Cromarty Firth). There is another form completed on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1789 that notes William as being a native of Skene in the shire of Ross.

So from working back from my great-grandmother I have proved my Munros came from the Highlands



## Combined Clans

The annual Combined Clans Picnic took place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May on a beautiful autumn day in Kings Park as can be seen by the picture on the left. Besides Munro (that's us second from the right) the clans represented were MacLeod, MacKay, MacLean, Keith and Donnachaidh. There were other clans there as individuals and I remember a Johnstone name being called out -



my mother's maiden name. The MacDonalds are likely to be there next year.

The MacLean pipers piped their hearts out as usual and Shirley Oliver sang beautifully in Gaelic followed by the English translation and a wonderful day was enjoyed by all. There was to be a haggis tossing competition but that did not eventuate. Perhaps an over indulgence of food from the lunch table groaning with goodies was responsible for this!!

### Can You Help?

Our first one is from our new member Fiona Tulip & I know we have a few members whose ancestors came from Creich so let's see if we can help. **Gilbert Munro** was born circa 1799-1801, Creich, Sutherland-shire and in December 1825 he married Catherine (Kett) Ross born 26/05/1805 in Creich parish.

They had 8 children all born in Creich; William b1827 – d1904 (died in Victoria); David b1830 – d1900 (died in Warren, NSW); George b 1834 – d1851; Thomas b 1836 – d1872 (Victoria); Isabella b 1829 – died 1881 (Victoria); Alexander (Sandy) b 1840 d 1925; Mary b1840 – d 1870 (Victoria); and Johanna b1843- d1917

Between 1852-1860, all the family emigrated to Victoria, Australia, and most are buried at the Newstead or Maldon cemeteries.

Fiona says - It is Gilbert's siblings and mother and father that I am trying to find out more information about, as I seem to have covered most of Gilbert and Catherine's life together but maybe there is someone out there who knows a bit more about them. I found Gilbert in the 1841 census, listed as being 40 years so maybe his DOB was 1801. He was listed as an Ag. Labourer. 7 of his children were listed. I found David aged 10 years listed under a Thomas Ross, and so am assuming that Thomas was Catherine's father. David born 1830 was my great grandfather

Hi, I am looking for information on Duncan Munro, b.22 June 1815 in Ross and Cromarty, Scotland. His daughter, Charlotte b.1852 in Invernesshire, Scotland, was my g/grandmother. Charlotte married Westley Bouchier in Ballarat Victoria in 1874, with the marriage certificate naming her mother as Margaret Farquhar, b.1810 in Scotland. Duncan had a second daughter, Mary Jane, born in 1862 in Ballarat to Margaret Falconer b.1824 in Nairnshire Scotland, the name also on her marriage certificate. I can find no record of Duncan's marriage(s) or his or his wif(v)e's death. Duncan was a 'victualler' and hotel keeper. Charlotte and Westley were married at the Caledonian Hotel at Dowling Forest, Ballarat, which I presume was Duncan's hotel. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thanks Clare

This one came from Jacquie Creedon through our website. I'm looking for descendants of **James Munro**, believed born Westray & Papa Westray, Orkney, Scotland in 1831. He married Isabella Cameron Drever c1852.

They emigrated to South Australia in the 1850's and had four children, all born in Australia; James jnr, John Alexander Munro (married Elizabeth Colyer), William Tulloch Munro and Jemima Whitford Munro (married Andrew Oliver). James snr died September 1862, just prior to Jemima's birth. At least two of James and Isabella's children had children of their own (I'm from Jemima's line). Isabella remarried William Jones in 1872. Jemima spent some time with family, possibly cousins, at Cape Jervis SA, called Foulis or Fowlis.

I'm hoping someone out there might be able to help out with some of the other lines.

John Alexander Munro and Elizabeth Colyer had children: George Alexander Munro 1885; Henrietta Gibson Munro 1887; Jane Colyer Munro 1889; Walter James Drever Munro 1891; Edwin Colyer Munro 1894; Isabella Colyer Munro 1899.

You can get in touch with Jacquie on [jac\\_creedon1@hotmail.com](mailto:jac_creedon1@hotmail.com)

Nancy Potter sent this one. Thanks for responding to my enquiry re **Hugh Charles Boon Munro**. Here is a summary of what I know so far about Hugh and his family:

I believe Hugh Munro migrated from Scotland to Australia with Mary Peacock before 1848. I am not sure when or where they married but they had ten children.

1. Hugh C B Boon Munro, born Sydney 1848; 2.Hector W Munro, born Sydney 1848; 3.Frederick H Munro, born Sydney 1851; 4.Arthur William Munro, born Sydney 1853; 5.William K Munro, born Sydney 1853; 6.Kate E Munro, born Sydney 1855 - died in infancy; 7.un-named child, born Glebe NSW 1856; 8.Thomas H Munro, born Paddington NSW 1857; 9.Robert A Munro, born Woolloomooloo NSW 1858; 10.Isabella Munro born 1959

Arthur William Munro (Child No 4 above) married Mary Ann Easterbrook in 1874 at Patrick Plains NSW. They had three children:

1.William Charles Munro, born Scone NSW 1880; 2.Arthur Robert Munro, born Scone NSW 1885; He married Maud Pryor in 1917, and they had one child - Ronald Arthur Munro, born 1920; 3.Hildred A Munro, born Emmaville NSW 1888

Robert A Munro (Child No 9 above) Married Rose A Ashman (or Ashton) at Canterbury in 1885.They had seven children - Florence M, Ethel M, Leonard H A, Eric, Jessica M, Iseline V, and Reginald D

I am particularly seeking information on Hugh Charles Boon Munro and Mary Peacock, such as details of their ancestors and any siblings; where and when they left Scotland; where and when they arrived in Australia, and the name of their ship. Contact Nancy at [nancy.potter@bigpond.com](mailto:nancy.potter@bigpond.com)

This from Richard Skinner - **Catherine Munro** was born in1841, Sydney NSW & died in1901, Glebe NSW. She married Abraham George Swadling (1834-1906) in 1864, Sydney NSW. They had 7 children (according to my information)

Elizabeth Sarah (1865-1949); Sophia (1867-1949); Matilda (1870-1942); Hugh (1873-1876); Charles (1875-1916); Abraham George (1877-1964); William Thomas (1882-1926).

If you can find out any further information it will be greatly appreciated. You can contact Richard at [fossil5@bigpond.net.au](mailto:fossil5@bigpond.net.au)

This one is from Judy Munro via our internet site. She says - From a death transcript I sent for, here are the details: **Alexander Walter John Munro** - date of death: 1.6.1924 in Laurieton, Hastings Shire aged 92; Born: Montreal, Canada

Length of Time in Colony: 60 years ie came here in 1864. He married Ellen Hamilton in Tinonee near Taree, NSW, and they had 8 children. The address I have for Alexander was Laurieton near Port Macquarie. . Alexander W J didn't marry until he was 40. Alexander was a boat builder. One of his sons was a pilot with the boats at Laurieton. Before he (Alexander) came to Laurieton he lived in Tinonee near Taree. He must have been in Wingham too, as one of his sons was born there. I am not sure of the wife as my father-in-law (Claude Alexander Munro), who is his grandson always spoke of his grandmother as a Scot. Do you wonder why I am confused!!!! Anyway, I will stick with Ellen at the moment. In a death transcript I obtained it has Alexander Walter John Munro buried in the Laurieton cemetery, but there are no records of his grave. My husband's grandfather was David Thomas Claude Munro. That is as far as I can get and hit a brick wall. This is all I have, so if you could find anything, I would be most grateful. Contact Judy Munro at [chubaka1@bigpond.com](mailto:chubaka1@bigpond.com)

Stan Bliss is looking for the descendants of **John Munro** b 2 Jul 1859 Kilmure, Inverness, Scotland. d. 12 Melb, Vic. He married Margaret Buchanan b 1863 Lismore, Argyll, Scotland. d 14 Jan 1944 Foster, Vic Au. They were married in the Donald area, Vic. & they had ten {10} Children.

Samuel Peter b1885; Neil Gilbert b 1896; Donald Nicholas b 1888; Hugh Keith b 1889; Alexander b 1891; Mary b 1891; Amos Boston b 1893; Murdock b 1895; Angus b 1894 – all born in Donald, Vic Aus; and Catherine Grace b 1899. in Outtrum, Vic, Au

John Munro arrived Australia app 1863 with his father Donald and Mother Margaret {nee Nicholson} They had 6 children. Samuel, John, Margaret, Marion, Maryann, Anne Catherine. I am the youngest son of Catherine Grace Munro. Contact Stan at [brock36@tpg.com.au](mailto:brock36@tpg.com.au)

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