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Chat

This Month

Congratulations to our Chief, Hector, his family and all of the Clan Munro (Association) committee for organising a truly wonderful 70th Anniversary Gathering

The Clan Munro (Association) New Zealand held a joint Ceilidh with Clan Campbell. It was a great success and in spite of a freezing cold wild windy rainy winter afternoon, there was a good attendance and all went very well.

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Next Newsletter

In our last newsletter I promised the couple of stories noted below but I had to move them to the next issue to make way for the Gathering report.

So your ancestors spoke Gaelic and they emigrated to the American Southern States? In the next issue you will read how they influenced black Gospel music.

Just in time for Burns Night, we will have the "true" story of the haggis.

And there will be more!

Don

Bet & I are not long back from our trip to a very wet Scotland and we did enjoy ourselves in spite of the weather. One very bright ray of sunshine was the Clan Munro Gathering – everyone who was there just had have enjoyed themselves and we might have won some new members into the bargain. I will say no more, just a have a look at the photos and Ray Munro's Gathering Report.

We did have a disappointment in that a couple of people contacted me to let me know that they could not get onto our website. On our return, I contacted Peter Tibbett to find out what had happened. Peter tells me that our site as well as others that he runs, had been hacked into and all but a couple were not recoverable – including ours. This was devastating for Peter as he puts his heart & soul into the websites. However, the good news is that Peter is now rebuilding our site and it should be up and running very soon.

I hope those of you who receive the Sydney Morning Herald were as observant as Graham Gates who sent me a copy showing that one of our well known members had received an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Check that out in our congratulations section.

In this newsletter we have the story of Mary Jane Munro and Imlay McLaren. This is from Mary Lidbetter who is the genealogist & historian of the Shoalhaven Munros. Mary & others like Jillian Oppenheimer, who has written books on the history of both sides of her family, do a wonderful job of keeping their family history alive. If any others have family history stories that they would like to share, please contact me so that we can get them into print.

How observant are you? As a result of our "Can we Help" section in the April issue I received an email from a lady from America to say that she had just received our newsletter and was amazed to see that the query above hers was from an Australian looking for the same family. If you did not pick that, what is your excuse? Mine is that I insert these queries as I get them and the first went in in December and the second in February – had I typed them in one after the other I probably would have noticed!

Welcome To Our New Members

Not really a new member but we welcome back Patricia Cotter & her husband Ken, who is a new member. We had hoped to meet up with Patricia and Ken in Inverness but we were late in returning North & missed them by a day. Unfortunately their schedule did not allow them attend the Gathering.

There should have been another couple of names to report but I have not been able to contact them since returning home. So if Darren Webster from Darwin or Robyn Munro from Tasmania just happen to read this, please contact me

Clan Munro International Gathering, 29th July, 2007

As Ray Munro had given us reports on two previous gatherings I asked him to do this one for us. He has not disappointed and has once again produced an excellent report. It is interesting to note that Ray signed up for the Munro DNA Project, joining up with the three other members who have done so. For those of us who have come up against that brick wall, the project offers a chance to find our long lost cousins. We will have an update on that project soon.

My wife, Helen, and I planned to attend the gathering which would occupy two days plus travelling time. This blew out to eight weeks in the UK and Europe via Hong Kong. After spending time in London and Cumbria we made our way to the Isle of Skye via Oban on the west coast of Scotland.

On the Isle of Skye we stayed, as on previous occasions, at Viewfield House a Manor House owned by the MacDonalDs and which operates as an hotel in the warmer months. The proprietor, Hugh MacDonald, is a friend of our Chief Hector and other members of the Munro family. After five days relaxing on Skye we ventured East toward Inverness and the Gathering. We arrived at the Novar Estate where we were to stay at Ardtalla during the Gathering.



On arrival we promptly got lost in this magnificent estate of some 20,000 acres. We were found by Erica Munro-Ferguson who guided us to Ardtalla and explained

that the building was originally stables built by General Sir Hector Munro in 1770 upon his return from India where he was the ninth Commander in Chief.

Over the years the building fell into disrepair and recently has been transformed into a beautiful lodge operated by Ronald and Erica Munro-Ferguson and used mainly for corporate events, weddings and other gatherings. The Estate offers hunting, fishing, tennis court and even a croquet lawn in the adjacent walled garden. Guests are welcomed to use all facilities and explore the State on foot or bicycle.

Saturday evening, the 28th July, was the night of the Association dinner. The grounds and gardens were opened at 1800 hrs. to the 360 guests and drinks were consumed whilst taking in the picturesque walled gardens next to Ardtalla and the courtyard of Ardtalla itself. We were greeted by the pipes of Douglas Kane. At 1900hrs we were greeted in the dinner Marquee by Ronald Munro-Ferguson. Guests from all over the world, including a large contingent from France, enjoyed an excellent buffet dinner and mixed well. Australia was represented by eighteen vociferous people who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our Clan Chief, Hector, gave his usual informative speech after dinner. If there was an award for the most unusual sporrán it would have gone to the skunk pelts worn by two Americans from Texas. After a great night we were farewelled by the pipes.

Sunday morning the 29th July was, for a change, fine and sunny, just for the Gathering. We had breakfast at Ardtalla with two other Munro families then drove to Foulis Castle for the day's proceedings. At 1130hrs

Hector gave his welcome address followed a Prayer of Dedication by the Reverend James Munro.

The first activity for me was the Malt Whisky Tasting and Nosing conducted by representatives of the Glen Ord Distillery in the Castle dining room. I tried all six single malts plus a couple of additional Taliskers, my favourite. Next was a visit to the Golden Eagle display in the courtyard to renew our acquaintance with the Munro crest.

In the Castle ballroom we were entertained by George W MacPherson, a Story Teller from the Isle of Skye. Among other stories George gave an account of how the Munro Clan originated. During the day lunch boxes were available to all from the Marquee. Over lunch we were able to enjoy the Ceilidh arranged by Sarah

Munro. Performances went for about four hours and included the pipes, clarsach, fiddle and accordion as well as Gaelic singing and dancing. The Kiltearn Fiddlers and Feis Rois



Trail Musicians featured as well as our own Elizabeth Munro Young, who gave an exhibition of highland dancing. Elizabeth is President of the Scottish Dancing Association of Australia; is a highland dance teacher and has travelled to Scotland on many occasions as a judge at highland gatherings. See the article "The Things We Do" in Issue 11, April 2006 of our newsletter. During the afternoon a shuttle bus ran between the Castle and the Storehouse of Foulis for those wishing to visit the Clan Munro Exhibition. Of great popular interest was the Chainsaw Sculpture demonstration using timber from the great storm of 2006 in the Castle arboretum. I next visit the DNA desk in the Castle to sign up to have myself tested in the near future. This, I feel is a worthwhile cause and I am quite excited about the outcome.

During the day the children were entertained with a jumping castle and merry-go-round as well as a mini Highland Games organised by Hector's daughter. Also during the afternoon the Saltire Society re-enacted the Clan's history.

Set out in the Castle Front Hall was a display on the part played by President James Monroe in the abolition of slavery.

Late in the afternoon we were sadly farewelled by the pipes.

Footnote: After the Gathering we toured Russia and Scandinavia. During our stay in Oslo we visited a museum of historic Norwegian national dress. We were told that when Sweden was at odds with Norway, Sweden used many Scots as virtual soldiers of fortune. Additionally, many Munros fought on the side of the Swedish King. The story goes that with any Scot who was killed in battle had their tartan taken away and used by Norwegians as part of their dress. There is a figure in

the museum that I am sure has an under garment of Munro tartan.

Sydney, 10th September, 2007.



Bet, Chief Hector & Don



Elizabeth Munro young was missing for the group photo



Wendy Hoskin, Gail, Anne & Bet Munro



Our whole happy group except Elizabeth Munro Young see Elizabeth above



Gaye, Dave, Ray & Helen Munro



The Fyrish Monument



Edwina & Doug Munro Saunders



Our Chief Hector & his Family by webmaster Ian Munro

Clan Munro

Mary Jane Munro & Imlay McLaren

In Newsletter No 2, I gave you the story of William Munro & Ann MacKay who came to Australia on the James Moran in 1839. This was by courtesy of Mary Lidbetter who has done such a good job of collecting the Shoalhaven Munro's family history. This time we have the story of William & Anne's Granddaughter Mary Jane Munro who married (Peter) Imlay McLaren in 1866 in Bolong, Shoalhaven. And they had thirteen children. The first part of the story is about Imlay McLaren followed by the memories of the family by their Granddaughter Jean Bryson & was written in 1983 and she "tells it as it is"

Imlay McLaren left Shoalhaven in 1869 and travelled with Alexander and Donald Munro and William Ballantyne by SS Grafton from Sydney to Lawrence on Clarence River, thence overland to Coraki. He took up a selection near Coraki. Imlay later entered the Education Department, taught first at Coraki, then Lower Southgate, Wombah, Palmer's Channel, Woodford Leigh and Broadwater. He retired to Lismore. Imlay McLaren was a teacher at Palmers Channel School (then known as Taloumbi) Jan 1890 to April 1891 and at the Woodford Leigh Public School, Clarence River, in 1891. Imlay's grave is in Tucki cemetery near Lismore bearing the inscription "Imlay, beloved husband of M.J. McLaren, born 6 June 1839 died 1 January 1924."

Now we have Jean Bryson's memories of the family. "I probably knew Imlay and Mary Jane better than most of the grandchildren. My Uncle Walter had two daughters, Jessie and Kate, who were much older than myself and were young adults, so I never really knew them. However I was the eldest of all the other grandchildren. Grandfather had retired to Lismore and lived in a pleasant weatherboard house in Molesworth Street - away from all the shops. There a spare paddock beside the house where Creamy the pony could graze. I remember the grandparents best when I visited at the age of about seven, and stayed for several weeks. Aunt Vi had taken me over from my other grand mother's place on the Clarence River. We crossed over on the punt at Maclean and had a thrilling ride to the rail-head at Lawrence on what I am certain was a Cobb & Co. coach. From there we picked up a train to Lismore. I adored all my aunts and uncles on both sides of the family and I was never homesick whilst in the wider family. The McLarens remained friendly with the Camerons. Grandmother Mary Jane was over 70 at that stage (1913) but she was still a very active housekeeper, serving up the meals and running the home. Aunty Vi worked in Malean's store, among other things demonstrating a knitting machine. Aunty Gladys also worked at Maclean's, in the toy department I think. These two used to take me down to the river to swim, in a wired-in pool. I fancy it was near the bacon factory. A North Coast Steamer was tied up there. One morning a dead pig floated down the river.

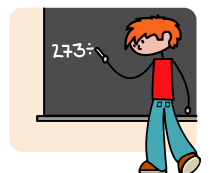
"..... one morning a dead pig floated down the river....."

"Quick, let's get out of here" Vi said. Aunt Olive also lived at home and did dressmaking in a big spare room at the end of a big verandah. Grandmother helped her with all the finishing steps - pulling out tacking, oversewing and putting on fasteners, etc. When the war came and teachers were in short supply, Aunt Olive was employed in the

kindergarten at South Lismore and loved it. Uncle Sid, a bachelor also, lived at home. He worked in Brown and Jolley's timber mills, where later he lost several fingers in an accident. Uncle Sid took me to the pictures and was generous with sixpenny and threepenny bits - greatly prized by me who had been given only pennies before that. Grandfather was busy around the place, and always well supplied with clean white shirts - no coloured or aloha shirts for the gentlemen then. He had good book shelves but I can remember them saying he was fond of reading sermons, some of the by a Dr. Witt, I think. At night someone would strum a few tunes on the piano, a Broadwood, and there'd be some singing. Imlay was even tempered and always amiable to me. He gave me a book, My Cat and Dog Book, inscribed "This is for my bonny Jean" Once we went out 12 miles in the sulky to Dunoon to the marriage of Grandmother's niece Amy



Munro to Ross Tindall. The wedding seemed very beautiful to me and a beautiful banquet followed. On the way home Grandfather let me hold the reins all the way. Of course the pony knew the road, no traffic hazards then, but at least that showed Grandfather in a very kindly mood, free from fuss and understanding a child's aspirations and ability. That is about all I genuinely remember except that one morning, probably not long after that wedding, we noticed Creamy the pony lingering near the fence in the one spot. When, after a little while, Grandfather went over to look at him, he found poor old Creamy was dead and only standing supported by the fence. Grandmother was just a little more strict, scolding me when I picked a lot of trumpet lilies and floated them in the bath! Again she didn't want me to play with a little girl named Honey because Honey had wrung the neck of one of Gran's treasured French Hens. We sailed back to Sydney on the ORARA from Byron Bay Jetty. Earlier memories had come to me from my mother, born Christina Cameron at Palmer's Channel, Clarence River, who first met my father at school. Grandfather had been teacher in charge from January 1890 to April 1891. He taught the pupils well and truly and often had breaks for music lessons, singing from Tonic-Sol-Fa and tuning in with the tuning fork on the edge of the blackboard. He had lots of cricket for the boys. The family lived in the school-house and one of the younger children, Aunt Vi then small, would wander in unannounced. Grandfather had a hobby of making violins. They were very good, marked Stradivarius Copy Imlay McLaren fecit anno-- There was one in my family but when my sister's house was flooded (in Croydon, Sydney, no less) the violin was



dampened and fell to pieces, most regrettably. Some of the other nephews and nieces may still possess one. Grandfather had a band organised whilst in the Maclean area and all the family and friends took part. My Dad could play the euphonium and also a little silvery-toned flute called the piccolo. Stanley played the fiddle and later used it when he was a country schoolmaster. It must have been difficult to raise a family of twelve. They said that Grandmother Mary Jane planted fruit trees everywhere she went and the family always had a good vegetable garden; the sons kept up this practice even in Sydney suburbs like Stanmore where we lived. At Palmer's Channel school and at many other schools, Grandmother came over once a week to teach the girls sewing. My mother said Mrs. McLaren would hurry over, often looking hot in her black dress fastened to the neck. Anyway the lessons must have been good as my mother continued to sew all her life. My dad Fred and Sid his brother were free to roam the scrub after school, trapping birds, rabbits and fishing. Dad always loved the wild things and the staghorns, ferns and birds-nest ferns. When working on the railway fixing signalling up Dorrigo-Glenreagh way, he would bring us home a few finds for our little fernery at Stanmore. Later whilst working at Broken Hill, he posted me home a box of Sturt's Desert Pea - packed in damp moss. It was a sensation when I



took it to my botany teacher at Petersham Inter. High School. Grandmother visited us several times in Stanmore. She used to ask my young brother Freddy "what shall I bake for you?" He would say "Bunloaf and wedges (oranges).

Grandmother came to Sydney for good some time after Grandfather died in 1917.

“.....trapping birds, rabbits and fishing....”

They always went to camp at Byron Bay around Christmas time. One morning Grandpa got up early, went and sat in a deck-chair outside the tent, gave a groan and dropped dead of a heart attack. He was buried in Tucki cemetery. 1919 was the year of the influenza epidemic. The soldiers returned from the war and Gladys Marion McLaren was married to Arthur Slatyer of AIF Light Horse. Gran was very happy when a son was born, Alan Imlay Francis Slatyer. One day in winter 1920 I think, Gran was sitting by the fire at Gladys's home in Croydon, I think baby Alan was in his pram and that Gladys had gone shopping. Granny dozed, fell asleep and slumped forward into the fire. She was burned, perhaps not terribly seriously but she was taken to Western Suburbs Hospital where she died from shock. When my parents visited her, she said "I've come through the droughts and the floods - only to meet the fire" So that was a sad end to a very fine person. (Written in 1983)

HELLEN MUNRO

This short story is about Hellen Munro, one of the ancestors of Peter Tibbet, our webmaster



Hellen's parents were George Munro and Elizabeth Munro. Hellen told Edith (now Mrs. Aylward) that her Grandfather could trace his family back to the Stuart Kings.

George Munro was a Crofter (joint tenant of Scottish farm) they were married at Kiltarn on the 9th of December 1815. Hellen was born at Assynt, Ross & Cromarty in 1838.

As a little girl living in Inverness-shire she had cousins, Leslies living in Ross & Cromarty. They left Scotland for Australia while Hellen was still young and they were the ones who did the exploring of the Darling Downs. Patrick Leslie (25 September 1815-1881) was born at Warhill, Aberdeenshire, the 2nd son of William Leslie (9th Laird of Warhill {estate known as Wartle} and 8th of Folla) and Jane Davidson (sister of W.S. Davidson).

Patrick and his brothers Walter and George were at their Uncle Davidson's property on the Krui River at Collaroi in 1836. The Leslies were first on the Downs in 1840 and took up "North Toolburra" for Patrick on 2 July 1840 and 'Canning Downs' for Walter on the 7th July 1840. North Toolburra today is still a unique property and includes the districts' most desirable country which was acquired by early selection and has extensive Condamine River frontage. Some 1,000 acres of prime alluvial Condamine River flats as well as grazing country, is watered by a large lagoon, bores and dams.

Hellen Munro's sister was married to a horse trader in New South Wales who travelled around buying horses for the forces in India. She had a number of miscarriages and Hellen was coming out to be with her for a birth. But her fiancé, James Fraser did not want her to go (wouldn't let her) so they got married at Alness on the 25th August 1864. The ship they came to Australia on was "The Charlie Palmer". They struck severe storms in the Bay of Biscay where the boat heaved and tossed over a period of several weeks.

They eventually reached Brisbane in January 1865 and the Frasers travelled to the Darling Downs to stay with Hellen's cousins the Leslie's. James & Hellen came to settle in Gympie two months after gold was found there. James came not to engage in mining, but to transport supplies from Maryborough to the new goldfield by horse and dray. With their young family they settled on a property at the Two Mile at the beginning of 1873 and soon acquired adjoining blocks to accommodate their teams of horses.

From an article in the Gympie Times, Saturday, April 15, by Stuart Doggrell we have a talk with Mrs. E. M. Aylward (nee Leslie) who as a young girl resided with James and Hellen, and others. She told the story of when Hellen Fraser was on the ship coming to Australia she discovered not long after they sailed, that she had lost her gold watch, which had been presented to her and engraved in the back.

Years later in Gympie, when her eldest son George Fraser had grown up, he went in for a raffle and won a gold watch. When he showed it to his mother she cried, "OH! MY WATCH! MY WATCH!" George laughed and said, "It couldn't be, I won it today in a raffle at a hotel". His mother said, "Open the back up and see if it's engraved with my name", and the engraving reads - From a Friend to Miss Jessie Munro 5 April 1878. It was Hellen's watch - Jessie is Hellen's nickname. The watch has been passed down to Gwen Chambers (now Mrs. Muhlbacher).

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Colin Alexander Peden (CAP) Munro who received an Order of Australia Medal in the General Division for his service to regional Australia through the promotion and preservation of rural culture, particularly through television and radio. Just to give you an idea of what took up Colin's time before he retired here are a few of his involvements. He was the ABC Manager Regional Liaison; President of the Australian Council of Agricultural Journalists; Deputy Chairman of the NSW Branch of the Stockman's Hall of Fame, Longreach, Queensland; Ambassador for the Year of the Outback 2006; Member of the Board of Australia's Open Garden Scheme; Vice President of the NSW Farmwriters; & judges Country Music at Tamworth. If that were not enough, Colin is also our Overseas Member of Council for the Clan Munro.

Congratulations Colin, a well deserved honour.



Congratulations also to Joycelyn Munro from Queensland

Just after their 85th birthdays (a month apart) Joycelyn & Ken took a trip to Gore in New Zealand to visit their family there and to celebrate Maclean Stuart Fleet Sharp's 2nd birthday & 6 month's old Connor Vincent Munro Sharp's baptism – Ken tells me that they are bonny great-grandsons.

As you can see from the photo, Ken never spoke a truer word.

Combined Clans Picnic - Perth

On May 6, I attended the Combined Clans Picnic in Kings Park in Perth and what an enjoyable day it was. The weather bureau promised us showers so it was a beautiful day with not a sight of rain! The clans involved were Mackay, MacLean, MacLeod, MacGillivray, Forsyth, Keith & Donnachaidh (the Robertsons, Duncans & Reids) & of course, Munro. It was well advertised and we had a lot of visitors, Scots on holiday, local Scots and Australians of Scottish descent. I had my Scottish Clans & Family Encyclopedia, Fraser's The Clan Munro as well as Scots Kith & Kin so my wee table attracted a lot of attention from visitors wanting to know to which clan they belonged – as well as, would you believe quite a few Munros! I will let you know if anything comes from the interest but even if not it was a pleasant day made all the more enjoyable by two excellent pipers from the Clan Mackay. Shirley Oliver from the Clan Donnachaidh must be congratulated for her efforts in organizing the picnic – the venue, the weather & the company were all excellent.

Anyone But A Munro!!

One of the people I visited while on holiday in Scotland was my good friend, John Finlayson from Skye who told me the following story "*I met my friend Murdo, the retired Gaelic School Inspector who answers all my Gaelic queries, and in the conversation he mentioned that he had to choose a new doctors practice when he came to Inverness and was asked who he wanted – he replied 'Anybody except a Munro' when asked why he replied 'Because there is an old Gaelic saying that the cure for shingles is to smear the blood of a Munro over the affected area; or the blood of a Blackcock killed at midnight'*"

So there you are - we Munros are good for something even if we do play second fiddle to a blackcock!

Anzac Day Wreath Laying



Once again the families descended from the Munros of Elgin, Moray-shire, Scotland represented the Clan Munro at the wreath laying ceremony in Sydney. Andrew Gates laid the wreath and he was supported by Noel & Graham Gates

But they were not the only Munros there as Elizabeth Munro was playing the tenor drum in the Sydney Police pipe band. Also there were Shirley & Martin Munro and granddaughter Tabitha - with Martin, another drummer, playing in the Sydney Thistle pipe band as he has done for 28 years – that's him on the left.

Martin Munro

Can You Help

As usual, if you are not on the internet and can help any of those below, just contact me, Don Munro & I will pass on the information – my address is on the last page.

One of the ways I get the queries for this page is by checking Munro pages on the internet & on the Munro Scotland site I found one from Ian Munro from Balnarring Vic. I contacted Ian & sent him Newsletter No 14 and this was the reply I received. "Don, thanks for the newsletter, read the part about Snowy Munro, well he was my grandfather's brother & the story is well known to me, my grandfather was Hercules & my father Harry were champion bike riders as well as Snowy's son Allan, I am off on a caravan holiday & when I get back I would like to join the Clan Munro Association."

Not only that I had another email from someone else who had received our newsletter to say that in the Snowy Munro story, one of the cyclists, Charlie Piercey, was in his tree. He won the Melbourne to Warrnambool in 1910, raced all over the world and finally married and settled in the USA - great feedback.

These are another couple of those coincidences that makes my job so interesting & enjoyable.

This is Ian Munro's story - he is tracing a George Munro who was born in the Orkney Scotland on the 14-1-1824, he married Elizabeth Gow from Caithness on 10-10-1853 in Edinburgh, they lived in the Gorbals Glasgow after they were married & then came to Australia, his father was Robert Munro a Carpenter according to family stories was lost at sea, his mother was Suphemia Mowatt & his wife's parents were Donald Gow & Catherine Mills. Ian can trace back to a Robert Munro to 1766 at Stromness, Orkney & you can contact him at ian.munro8@bigpond.com

One of our members, Lydia Batchelder, would love to find a little more about her ancestors. Donald Munro was born in Ross-shire but moved to Moray where he married Helen Bain. Their children were Helen, Alexander, William, Jane, John, Christina, James & David – they were all born in Dyke. Lydia's grandfather William Munro was born in 1837 & he married Catherine Cameron. Their children were Ellen, George, Alexandrina, James, Ethel, William Peter & John. Let me know if you recognise any of those.

Nancy Milne-Fowler sent this one. "I am trying to find a record of my great grandmother's early days in Inverness Scotland - especially her father's name and her mother's maiden name. These are the details I have. Margaret (or Margret) Munro, born 1818/1819 Inverness, died Kapunda, South Australia 9 June 1903 aged 85 years. She was the widow of Donald Barron b. 23 Sep 1818 d.19 Feb 1886. They were married 22 Jan 1847 in Inverness both of Huntly Street Inverness.

Children of the marriage were - Catherine b.17 Oct 1847 Inverness; Duncan b.1 July 1851 Inverness d.14 Apr 1935 S Australia; Margaret b.20 Dec 1852 Inverness d.26 Dec 1916 S Australia; Thomas John b. 5 Mar 1857 Kapunda S Australia d. 9 Apr 1905 S Australia; Jane b.29 Oct 1861 Kapunda d.12 Jul 1869 Kapunda S Australia.

Donald Barron (age 37) and Margaret Munro (age 36) Left Liverpool U K in October 1854 by ship "William Stevenson" and arrived in Port Adelaide on 1st February 1855. They settled in Kapunda South Australia and Donald Barron worked as an agricultural labourer. They were both buried in Kapunda Cemetery."

You can contact Nancy on nanfowler@netspace.net.au

This one will be difficult – Jo Lockwood wrote "The Munro I have in my tree is Alec Munro (though my aunt also spelt the family name as MONROE). Alec was married to Ivy May PIERCE (b. 10 Sept. 1918). They had a daughter, Margaret Helen (b. 1946). This is all the information I have." If this rings a bell, contact Jo on lockwoodsji@yahoo.com

From Suzi Reilly we have - Richard MUNRO was born about 1861 in Ballarat, Vic Australia and died 26 November 1948 at home in Undercliffe, NSW Australia, on 6 November 1883 at The Wesleyan Church, Deniliquin, NSW Australia he married Caroline Susan HANCOX born 21 July 1864 Collingwood, Vic Australia. They had 11 Children and only one died young.

1 George HANCOX MUNRO Born 1882 Deniliquin, NSW Died 13 Oct 1965 Balmain, NSW Married 1905 Eliza Ellen Scott (1881 - 1938)

2 Caroline Susannah MUNRO born 24 August 1884 Collingwood, Vic Died 6 Sept 1969 Undercliffe, NSW married 1904 Frederick P BLAKENEY (1879 - 1928)

3 Margaret Jane MUNRO born 6 May 1886 Prahan, Melbourne, Vic died 7 June Fairfield, NSW married 1909 Ambrose (Bugg) BUDD (1888 - 1956)

4 Ellen MUNRO born 22 June 1888 Balmain, NSW Died 6 April 1972 Stanmore, NSW married 1912 Albert Lawson SIMMONS (1885 - 1943)

5 Elise May MUNRO born 1 July 1890 Leichhardt, NSW Died 29 July 1969 Undercliffe, NSW married Cecil Leo Frederick James BUGDEN (1890 - 1973) (there are no living members of this line)

6 Richard Alexander (Dick) MUNRO born 1892 Leichhardt, NSW died 30 May 1971 married 1916 Ethel M LLOYD (died before 1971)

7 Ruth MUNRO born 13 October 1894 Leichhardt, NSW Died 6 Jan 1985 Bexley, NSW married 11 Sept 1915 Herbert James (Jim) BENNETT (1892 - 1965)

8 Ruby Victoria MUNRO born 6 June 1896 Victoria Park, Perth, WA Australia died 12 dec 1957 Saint George Hospital, Kogarah, NSW married 1920 Samuel Livingstone WINE (1894 - 1942)

9 Mary MUNRO (1900 - 1900)

10 May Victoria MUNRO born 24 May 1901 Leichhardt, NSW Died 23 June 1989 Westmead Hospital, Westmead, NSW married 18 November 1922 Walter Arthur Gladstone PURSS (1899 - 1955)

11 Mary Robina (Beanie) MUNRO born 31 March 1904 Leichhardt, NSW died 14 August 1993 Seven Hills, NSW Australia married 10 Apr 1926 Warren Methodist Church, Marrickville, NSW Australia Leslie George BIDDLES born 18 August 1899 Marrickville, NSW Died 27 Feb 1991 Guildford, NSW

From Richard's Marriage Certificate we see that his parents were Alexander MUNRO and Johnanna McKAY. I do not know any more about them and we have been looking for a Birth certificate for Richard for many years. (have search Vic, NSW and SA). We think that Richard had a brother George but don't know for sure.

Contact Suzi on srei8710@bigpond.net.au if you know any of those people.

The Munro Tree 1734

I have just realised as I was printing this that I had not mentioned the result of our efforts in producing the Munro Tree 1734 on disk, so have managed to squeeze this in. We did extremely well and as a result of Australian sales & donations we were able to send a cheque for £500.00 to Scotland and we also took over 200 CDs to Scotland to be sold at the Gathering with the balance being added to the merchandise on sale at the Storehouse of Foulis. I received a letter of thanks from our treasurer, Mrs Isma Munro, & this also included the thanks of Mrs Munro of Foulis. Hector also expressed his pleasure at this addition to Munro history & genealogy in computer format. As for myself, I would like to thank all of you who so generously supported me in the project and helped make it profitable.

Membership

As requested, I have included our membership fees in case you would like to upgrade or perhaps give a prospective member an indication of our fees. This is not a request for fees, I will contact you when yours are due.

Annual Membership: \$25.00	Spouse or children of member under 18 years	\$8.00**
Three Years: \$55.00	Spouse or children of member under 18 years (3 years)	\$20.00**
Ten Years: \$160.00	Spouse or children of member under 18 years (10 years)	\$70.00**
Life Membership is calculated according to age as follows: -		
Up to Age 40:	3 X 10 Year Dues	\$480.00
Age 40 to 50:	2 X 10 Year Dues	\$320.00
Age 50 to 60:	1½ X 10 Year Dues	\$240.00
Age 60 and over:	Same as 10 Year Dues	\$160.00
Age 80 and over	Half Ten Year Dues	\$80.00

* The fees charged include membership of our parent organisation in Scotland

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