The information presented here was extracted from ship lists of assisted immigrants in the State Archives of Victoria in the southern spring of 1988, Australia’s bicentennial year. It covers the period from 1840 to 1865 during which fifty-six ships (fifty-seven voyages) deposited 303 men, women and children of the name — most frequently ‘McPherson’ — on the shores of Victoria. Thirty-four of the voyages originated in Liverpool (60%), with Plymouth and Southampton sending three ships each, London and Greenock two each, Glasgow, Birkenhead and Queenstown (Cork) one each, and ten ships listed with no point of departure. Those ten ships — plus one from Greenock — arrived in the early years of immigration in Port Phillip, the bay which includes Melbourne and Geelong. Melbourne received twenty-one ships, Geelong fourteen, Portland Bay in western Victoria seven, Hobson’s Bay (Melbourne) two, and Belfast (Port Fairy) one.

The age profile of these immigrants peaked in the 21-25 year cohort (48), and diminished steadily thereafter, the oldest being Murdoch McPherson, the only man to proclaim himself to be an Inverness-shire crofter, aged sixty-five. The profile is as follows:

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<td>Infants</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>16-20</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>56-60</td>
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<td>1-5</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>21-25</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>41-45</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>61-65</td>
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<td>6-10</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>26-30</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>46-50</td>
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<td>11-15</td>
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<td>31-35</td>
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The immigrant Macphersons came from diverse geographical origins: the vast majority from Scotland and from Highland counties and parishes, but a family of five came from Leigh in Kent, three sisters from Ipswich, Suffolk, three individuals from Middlesex (London), and one from Sussex. Small numbers came from Lowland sources: the Stirlingshire parish of Dunblane provided nine, Edinburgh and Aberdeen shire (Glenmuick) supplied seven each, ten came from Paisley and Greenock in Renfrewshire (although six were born in Campbeltown, Argyll), six were from Perthshire (Comrie), four came from Lanarkshire (Glasgow), and two from Ayrshire. The contributions of the Highland shires and parishes were as listed in Table 1. From this it is evident that the meagre contribution of the Clann Mhuirich Macphersons from the Badenoch parishes of Laggan, Kingussie and Alvie and from the Clan Chattan parishes of Daviot & Dunlichitie, Moy & Dalarossie, Kilmonivaig, and Edinkillie (50) was eclipsed by the Clann a Phearsain Ruaidh of Skye (98). The large number of families leaving the Parish of Sleat were evidently part of a major out-migration and emigration from the Isle of Skye in the 1850s. The annotations attached to many of their names on the ship lists indicate that they were bound to particular employers on arrival at Geelong, suggesting that they were dispersed.
Table 1: Numbers of Macphersons emigrating from the traditional clanlands

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Inverness-shire</th>
<th>46 (parishes unknown)</th>
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<td>Skye</td>
<td>32 (parishes unspecified)</td>
<td>Aharacle</td>
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<td>Sleat</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>Morven</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Duirinish</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>Appin</td>
<td>7 (Balachulish)</td>
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<td>Snizort</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Campbelltown</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Portree</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Ross &amp;</td>
<td>Cromartie</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kilmonivaig</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Kilmallie</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Kingussie</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Kingussie</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Alvie</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Urquhart &amp;</td>
<td>Logie 2</td>
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<td>Laggan</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Gairloch</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Moy &amp;</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>Morayshire</td>
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<td>Dalarossie</td>
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<td>Edinkillie</td>
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<td>Daviot &amp;</td>
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<td>Dunlichitie</td>
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The shiplist extracts are listed under the individual ship’s name and information about dates of departure and arrival. The entries for individual immigrants follow *in italic script*. The entry generally provides the immigrant’s name and number on the shiplist, his or her former occupation, place of origin, religious affiliation – the great majority were Presbyterian of either the Church of Scotland or, in the case of those who cannot be traced in the IGIIndex, the Free Church of Scotland following the Disruption of 1843 – his or her level of literacy, and the individual’s age: ‘literate’ indicates that the person could both read and write English; ‘read(s)’ means that he or she could read but not write; ‘illiterate’ indicates that the person could neither read nor write. The entry usually ends with a note referring to the resident willing to employ the immigrant for a specified period of time and at a specified wage.

Entries for individuals or family groups are followed by annotations in smaller print. The annotations represent attempts to identify the individual or family in church records of baptisms and marriages using the medium of the International Genealogical Index (IGIIndex) on the Mormon (LDS) website [http://www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). The IGIIndex is a highly useful and versatile instrument which allows one to trace dates of births (b.), and baptisms (ba.), and marriages (m.) in specific counties and parishes. Once parentage has been determined, a filter permits calling up all siblings by entering the parents’ names. In this respect it is important to understand that wives and mothers retained their maiden surnames after marriage in the old Scots practice and appear as such in their children’s baptismal entries. It is also important to remember that the IGIIndex is only an index and omits much valuable information in the original entry: indications of social status (titles), occupations, names of fathers of the bride, specific residence of the bride and groom at marriage and location of the family at each baptism. It also omits any reference to illegitimacy. Reference to the original entries in the parish registers is recommended as these were not available to this researcher for the most part while annotating the shiplist extracts. The example of what can be achieved by looking at the original source is the case of Angus McPherson and Margaret McPherson arriving at Geelong on the *Clifton* on the 30th January 1852.
Of the 303 individuals ship listed, some 186 are identified by association through the IGIndex. A few others have tentative identifications. The rest remain unidentified, and unidentifiable.

The Glenhuntly Emigrants
The Glenhuntly sailed from Greenock and arrived in Port Phillip on the 17th April 1840, with a Macpherson family aboard.

Duncan McPherson, shepherd 33; Engaged by Mr McPherson, Melbourne: “not known”
Isabella “ daughter 8
Isabella, b/ba. 23/25 Mar. 1832, Parish of Kilmonivaig, Inveness-shire, to Duncan McPherson and Mary Cameron; an only child.

The Ariadne Emigrants
The Ariadne reached Port Phillip on the 8th January 1841, with a Macpherson couple on board.

Donald McPherson, labourer Argyle 33
Mary “ housemaid “ 24
Not identifiable in the IGIndex.

The Cornwall Emigrant
The Cornwall reached Port Phillip on the 11th August 1848, with one Macpherson aboard.

Lachlan McPherson, agric. labourer Balgair (?), Inverness 23
Probably Lachlan McPherson, b/ba. 9/21 Jan. 1823, son of Andrew McPherson and Ann McPherson in Balgown, Parish of Laggan, whose children were:
Alexander, b/ba 12/15 Apr. 1815 in Achduchellaig
Ewen b. 29 Sept. 1816 in Balgown
James b. 4 Oct. 1818, Balgown
Angus b/ba. 7/12 Mar. 1820, Balgown
Lachlan
Isobel b. 29 Nov./3 Dec. 1825, Balgown; m. John MacGregor, Balgown, 18 Feb. 1850
Janet ba. 24 Oct. 1827, Balgown
Margaret b/ba. 6/29 Sept. 1830, Balgown
Andrew McPherson (b. 1780/81; d. 3 Sept. 1856 at Balgown), carpenter, was a son of Alexander McPherson, house carpenter, and Isabella Munro (no record except Andrew’s death registration).
Ann McPherson (b.c. 1785; d. before 1841) was a younger daughter of Alexander McPherson in Achduchil and Florence (Flory) McPherson of the Strathmashie family.
The Berkshire Emigrant

The Berkshire reached Port Phillip on the 3rd October 1848, with one woman of the name aboard.

Mary K. McPherson, nursemaid Ipswich, Suffolk Wesleyan 19
Mary Catharine McPherson, b/ba. 30 May/13 Sept. 1829, at Nicholas New Chapel Independent, Ipswich, eldest daughter of Donald McPherson and Mary Campbell. Her middle sister, Sarah Harriett, arrived on the James T. Foord [q.v.] at Geelong on the 22nd December 1852, while their youngest sister, Ellen Lydia, arrived on the British Empire [q.v.] at Geelong on the 8th March 1853.

The Andromache Emigrants

The Andromache reached Port Phillip on the 8th November 1848, with one Macpherson family among the passengers.

Even McPherson, shepherd Lochaber 33; travelling with William McMaster and Samuel McNaughton and families from Lochaber
Sarah 33 McNaughton and families from Lochaber
Archibald “ son 4
Janet “ daughter 3
Donald “ son Infant
Ewen McPherson and Mor [Sarah] Cameron were married 8 Mar. 1843 in Kilmonivaig Parish, Lochaber. Their children listed in the IGIIndex were:
Archibald, b. 5 Jan. 1843, Kilmonivaig
Janet b/ba. 27 Sept./13 Oct. 1845, Kilmonivaig
The infant Donald was not listed, and was presumably christened elsewhere.

The Aurora migrants

The Aurora arrived in Port Phillip on the 7th December 1848, with two Macphersons among the male passengers.

Alexander McPherson, labourer Edinburgh 28
Alexander McPherson, labourer Kilmally, Inverness-shire 29
Neither is identifiable in the IGIIndex.

The Maitland Emigrant

The Maitland arrived in Port Phillip on the 7th January 1849, with one Macpherson aboard.

Duncan McPherson, farm labourer Inverness 20
Not identifiable in the IGIIndex.
The *Manchester* Emigrant

The *Manchester* arrived in Port Phillip on the 12th January 1849, with one Macpherson aboard.

*Emma McPherson, dressmaker*  
*Sussex*  
20  
No record on the IGIndex.

The *Medway* Emigrant

The *Medway* arrived in Port Phillip on the 9th August 1849, with one Macpherson aboard.

*Oscar McPherson, irondresser*  
*Middlesex Free Presbt.*  
18  
No record on the IGIndex.

The *Courier* Emigrants

The *Courier* arrived in Port Phillip on the 11th September 1849, with one family of Macphersons among the passengers.

*Duncan McPherson, farm labourer*  
*Kinguisse*  
55  
*Georgiana*  
*wife*  
42  
*Georgiana*  
*dressmaker*  
22  
*Margaret*  
“”  
20  
*Maria*  
“”  
18  
*John*  
*labourer*  
17  
*Donald*  
“”  
12  
*Duncan*  
*son*  
10  
*Eliza*  
*daughter*  
8

“Mr Duncan McPherson, Merchant in Kingussie, married Miss Georgina McKinnon, residing at Kingussie”, 27 Dec. 1825 (Kingussie Parish Register). Their family consisted of the following:

- Georgina, b/ba. 2 Oct./30 Dec. 1826, Kingussie
- Margaret b/ba. 25 Sept./14 Apr. 1829
- Maria b/ba. 12 July/17 Dec. 1830
- John Russell, b/ba. 25 Jan./18 Apr. 1832
- Ann ba. 7 May 1834 [Died in infancy or early childhood]
- Donald b/ba. 20 Apr./28 June 1836
- Duncan b.c. 1838 [Omitted from Parish register and IGIndex]
- Eliza b/ba. 10 June c1840/14 Apr. 1841
The **Bussorah Merchant** Emigrants

The *Bussorah Merchant* arrived at Port Phillip on the 26th June 1850, carrying one Macpherson family.

*Donald McPherson, farm labourer, Argyll  Presbt.  illiterate 45*

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<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Donald</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Farm labourer</td>
<td></td>
<td>1805</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flora</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>Wife</td>
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<tr>
<td>Allan</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Son, House servant, dau.</td>
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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>House servant, dau.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Archibald</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Shepherd, son</td>
<td>R.C.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Mary</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Farm servant, dau.</td>
<td>Presbt.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Katherine</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>House servant, dau.</td>
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Donald McPherson, b.c. 1805 according to his age on the shiplist, is reported in the IGIndex to have been born about 1894 at Gorteneorn, Argyll. He married Flora Cameron 18 Jan. 1819 in the parishes of Aharacle and Ardnamurchan, which makes the earlier date of birth more appropriate.

Their family consisted of the following:

- Archibald, ba. 31 Mar. 1822, Aharacle [died in infancy]
- Allan ba. 29 Dec. 1823
- Sarah ba. 4 Dec. 1825
- Archibald ba. 23 Dec. 1827
- Mary b. 20 Jan. 1830
- Anne b. 12 Sept. 1832
- Catherine b. 6 Oct. 1834

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The **James T. Foord** Emigrant

The *James T. Foord* left Liverpool on the 17th August 1852 and arrived at Geelong on the 22nd December 1852, with one Macpherson aboard.

*Sarah McPherson, house servant  Ipswich, Suffolk  Independent  [no age given]*

Although no age was recorded on the shiplist, she was almost certainly Sarah Harriett McPherson, 4 Feb./13 Mar. 1831, the middle daughter of Donald McPherson and Mary Campbell who worshipped at the Nicholas New Chapel in Ipswich. [See the *Berkshire* and the *British Empire*]

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The **Bonneuf** Emigrants

The *Bonneuf* sailed from Liverpool on the 26th May 1852 and arrived at Geelong, Victoria, on the 3rd September 1852, carrying two McPhersons as passengers. The ship’s list provides the following information (in italics), to which is added information identifying them from Church of Scotland registers of their parishes of origin (in small roman):

578 John McPherson, 30 To G.F. Head, Leigh, £40 each

579 Roderick McPherson, 23 do do

The ship carried many families emigrating from Co. Antrim; these young men may have been among them. But if they were Scots, John cannot be identified in the IGIndex, while Roderick may have been the second son of George McPherson and Ann Mackenzie in Applecross, Ross & Cromarty:
Murdoch  b/ba. 7/17 Dec. 1815, Gairloch Parish, Ross & Cromarty
Roderick  8/21 Oct. 1829, Urquhart & Logie Wester, R & C.
Winewood (f)  15 May/8 June 1832, Urquhart & Logie Wester
Ann  5 Dec. 1834/ 10 Mar. 1835, Applecross, R & C.
Catherine  15 Feb./13 May 1839, Applecross

The *Araminta* Emigrants

The *Araminta* sailed from Liverpool on the 20th June 1852 and arrived at Geelong on the 4th October 1852 carrying one family of McPhersons from Skye.

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<tr>
<td>185</td>
<td>John McPherson</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>Presb.</td>
<td>I. of Skye</td>
<td>Mr Leach, £60, 6 months</td>
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<td>186</td>
<td>Catherine</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>do</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>187</td>
<td>Sarah</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>illit.</td>
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<td>188</td>
<td>Ann</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>do</td>
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<td>189</td>
<td>Donald</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>do</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Died 28 July at sea</td>
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<td>Alexander</td>
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It cannot be identified in the IGIndex.

The *Georgiana* Emigrants

The *Georgiana* sailed from Glasgow on the 13th July 1852 and arrived at Geelong, Victoria, on the 16th October 1852, carrying eight emigrant McPhersons from Skye:

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<td>166</td>
<td>John McPherson, shepherd</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>Literate</td>
<td>Skye</td>
<td>Mr Armstrong, Geelong</td>
<td>£50, 6 months</td>
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<td>167</td>
<td>Janet</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>do</td>
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<td>168</td>
<td>Malcolm</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>do</td>
<td></td>
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<td>169</td>
<td>Marion</td>
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<td>do</td>
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<td>292</td>
<td>James, agric. labourer</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>illit.</td>
<td>Presb.</td>
<td>Hosset. Moore St., £50, 6 months</td>
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<td>293</td>
<td>Archibald, agric. labourer</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>lit</td>
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<td>with his parents, 166</td>
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The IGIndex provides no record of this family, other than James, b/ba. 12 Jan./24 July 1832, Sleat.

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<tr>
<td>170</td>
<td>Niel McPherson, shepherd</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>Literate</td>
<td>Skye</td>
<td>G.B. Levin, Geelong</td>
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<td>171</td>
<td>Catherine</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>do</td>
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Neil McPherson was the third son of the family of John McPherson and Barbara McKinnon in Ord, Parish of Sleat:

Donald, b.c.1809; married Catherine McDonald, aged 34, 27 Oct. 1859, P. of Sleat
Flora, b/ba. 10/30 Oct. 1815, Ord, Sleat
Charles, 10/15 Feb. 1818, Kilbeg, Sleat
Neil, 1/15 Sept. 1820, Kilbeg, Sleat

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<td>356</td>
<td>Ann McPherson, dom. servt Presb. illit.</td>
<td>17</td>
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She was a daughter of Kenneth McPherson and Ann McGilvray, born 25 Nov. 1835, Sleat. Her parents arrived on the *Hornet*, 23 October 1854.
The Marmion Emigrants

The Marmion sailed from Birkenhead on the 28th August 1852 and arrived at Portland Bay, Victoria, on the 4th December 1852. Aboard were members of two families of McPhersons from the Parish of Aharacle, Argyll.

212 Ewan McPherson, agric.labourer Argyll Presb. literate 32; John McIntyre, nr Glenelg
213 Janet do do 24 £54, 12 months
328 Donald McPherson do do do do 24; do
366 Ann McPherson do do reads 29; on own account

Ewan, Donald and Ann were children of John McPherson and Christina Livingston, born in the Parish of Aharacle, Argyll:

Ewan ba. 7 May 1820 (No record of marriage to Janet)
Anne 3 Mar. 1822
John 8 Feb. 1824 (No further record)
Donald 11 Feb. 1828

332 Duncan McPherson, agric. labourer Argyll Presb. literate 23; with mother No. 278
333 Alexander “ ” ” ” ” 18; “
334 Hugh “ ” ” ” ” 14; “
367 Anne “ ” ” ” reads 16; “

Sarah Cameron was married to Alexander McPherson (c.1805-1851); their children were all born in the Parish of Aharacle; she emigrated with them after his death in 1851:

Duncan ba. 19 Oct. 1828, Aharacle; d. 21 Feb. 1862
Mary 13 May 1830 “
Donald b/ba 3/3 May 1832 “ d. 12 June 1895
Alexander b. 1834 “ d. 1924
Annie 1836 “
Hugh 1838 “
John & Katharine ba. 19 Apr. 1840 (twins); Katharine died in 1866
Dougal b.c. 1851 “ (with two others who are not in the IGIIndex)

The Hope Emigrants

The Hope sailed from Liverpool on the 9th August 1852 and arrived at Melbourne, Victoria, on the 10th November 1852, carrying a newly married couple:

155 John McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. literate 21; on own account
156 Jessie “ ” ” 23

John McPherson and Jess Kennedy were married at Kingussie on the 27th May 1852. He was a son of John McPherson and Margaret Dawson or Davidson who were married on the 31st December 1829 in Kingussie; their daughter, Betty, was born on the 19th August 1835 and baptised at Nuide on the 21st December. John was later listed as a miner at Kangaroo Flats, Bendigo District, Victoria. His and Jessie’s daughter Elizabeth married Simon Brown at Bendigo on the 21st August 1892.
The **Wanata** Emigrants

The *Wanata* sailed from Liverpool on the 10th June, 1852 and reached Melbourne on the 4th October 1852. The ten McPhersons aboard evidently constituted a single family from Duirinish, Skye.

327 Thomas McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. literate 28; on own account
328 Mary " " " 17; "
329 Alexander McPherson, " " " 35; "
330 Amelia " " " 32; "
574 Mary McPherson, housewife " " reads 52; Referred to Nos 327, 628, 629, and 630
575 Angus " " literate 11 630
576 Christina " " " 13
628 Roderick " " " 24
629 James " " " 22
630 Donald " " " 19

Mary McPherson was Mary McCrimmon, widow of Donald McPherson in Flashader, Parish of Duirinish, Skye. The following were their children, all born in Duirinish:

Alexander b/ba. 20/29 Mar. 1819; he married Emily (Amelia) McPherson on the 8th Jan. 1852, prior to sailing

Thomas b/ba. 19/28 Aug. 1825; he married Mary McDonald on the 18th Feb. 1852

Roderick (no record)

James (no record)

Donald (no record)

Angus b/ba. 28 Mar./17 June 1838, Duirinish, Donald McPherson & Mary McCrimmon

Christina b/ba. 18 Feb./29 Mar. 1840, Duirinish,

The **Chance** Emigrants

The *Chance* left Liverpool on the 24th July 1852 and arrived at Melbourne on the 26th October 1852. There were 46 deaths at sea among the passengers, which probably accounts for her and her passengers and crew being placed in quarantine until the 11th November 1852. There were three families of Macphersons and three individuals aboard.

216 Donald McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. literate 39
217 Kate " " " 33
218 Ewan " " " 13
219 Kate " " " 11
220 Marsaly " " " 8
221 John " illit. Infant

Donald McPherson, baptised at Strone, Parish of Kingussie, on 9th August 1811, the only child of Evan McPherson and Margaret McPherson, married Catherine MacGregor from Kinloch Rannoch on the 15th June 1837. His occupation was that of a tailor. Their children were:

Evan b/ba. 1/30 Aug. 1838, Newtonmore

Kate 18/25 Feb. 1841, Newtonmore
Marsaly b. 1844 (*no record*); family probably adhered to the Free Kirk in 1843
John b. 1852 (*no record*)

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George McPherson and Jessie Reid were married in Elgin on the 21st June 1844; their children were:

William (*no record*)
Anne (*no record*)
Jessie ba. 6 Jan. 1849, Parish of Edinkillie, Morayshire
Isabella b. 24 Nov. 1852, Infant

But this was after they were in Melbourne and out of quarantine, so the year was probably 1851.

George cannot be identified by baptismal record or by parentage in the IGIndex.

The IGIndex provides no record of William and Sarah’s marriage, or of Janet and Christina’s births and baptisms. The family may have been Free Church of Scotland. A William McPherson married a Sally MacKinnon in the Parish of Kilmonivaig on the 29th December 1846, but their only child was Lachlan, born in the Parish of Boleskine on the 25th November and baptised in the Parish of Daviot & Dunlichity on the 10th December 1849; this does not match the ship’s list.

Hannah McPherson and Anne McPhail, widow of John McPherson, and her daughter Anne, b/ba. 12 January/20 February 1839 in the Parish of Aharacle, residing in Edinburgh. Older children were left in Scotland.

The Theodore Emigrants

The Theodore sailed from Liverpool on the 23rd August 1852 and arrived at Melbourne on the 8th December 1852. One family of Macphersons and two individuals of the name were among the passengers.

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The IGIndex provides no record of birth/baptism.
235 Jane          "           literate  8
James McPherson was the second (or third) son of Alexander McPherson and Jean McLean after whom his eldest daughter Jane was named. His family of origin consisted of:
Alexander b/ba. 13 Jan. 1804/ 3 Feb, 1806 [?], Parish of Moy & Dalarossie
Ann        ba. 20 Feb. 1806  "  "
James      b/ba. 25/27 Mar. 1810  "  "
William    b. 19 Jan. 1819 [1809 ?]  "  "
James McPherson married Janet McDonald, 13 Jan. 1843 in Moy & Dalarossie. Their emigrant children, all born and baptised in Moy & Dalarossie, were as follows:
Jane        b. 7 July 1844
Elspet     b/ba. 13 Sept./13 Oct. 1846
Janet      b/ba 28 Sept./18 Oct. 1848
Donald     b. 12 Feb. 1850
Janet McDonald, ba. 15 March 1813, was the daughter of William McDonald and Margaret McIntosh in the Parish of Moy & Dalarossie.

350 Alexander McPherson, labourer Inverness Presb. literate 25
401 Mary McPherson, domestic servant "         "          "         25
Neither of these individuals can be identified in the IGIndex.

The Ticonderoga Emigrants

The Ticonderoga sailed from Liverpool on the 4th August 1852 and arrived at Melbourne on the 22nd December 1852. Among her passengers were three families of Macphersons from Inverness-shire.

205 Ewan McPherson, agric. labourer Presb. literate 44; Donald, Buningong, £160, 12 mos
206 Catherine          "        43
207 Angus              "        12; Malcolm McLean, Danton Cr.,
208 Duncan            10         £16: 6 months
This family cannot be identified in the IGIndex.

209 Duncan McPherson, carpenter Lanark literate 29
210 Jane               "        25
Duncan McPherson married Jane Loch on the 11th July 1852 in the Barony Parish, Lanarkshire. Neither can be traced to their families of origin in the IGIndex.

211 Lachlan McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness literate 21; McDonald, Buningong
212 Mary               "        22 £50, 12 months
Lachlan McPherson married Mary Melrose on the 8 June 1852 in the Parish of Aharacle, Argyll. Their individual identities are not traceable in the IGIndex.

535 Donald McPherson, shepherd Inverness Presb. illiterate 14 }
536 Charles McPherson, shepherd          literate 25 } all with parents
537 Peter McPherson, agric. labourer          23 }
538 Ewen McPherson, carter         "        17 }
612 Margaret McPherson Inverness Baptist illiterate 26; with parents
None of these individuals can be identified in the IGIndex as being related to any of the families aboard, despite the claim that their parents were aboard. Nor can they be identified as siblings.

**The Joshua Emigrants**

The *Joshua* sailed from Plymouth on the 5th November 1851 and arrived at Hobson’s Bay, Victoria, on the 30th January 1852 with one Inverness-shire family of Macphersons aboard.

126 Alexander McPherson*, agric. labourer Inverness Free Church literate 24; own account
127 Flora
128 Donald  Infant

*Parents: Ewen and Kate McPherson

Family not found in the IGIndex, probably because of its Free Church affiliation.

**The Clifton Emigrants**

The *Clifton* sailed from Plymouth on the 10th October 1851 and arrived at Geelong on the 30th January 1852, among its passengers one Macpherson family and one individual.

121 Angus McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. Literate 30; on own account
122 Margaret “ “ 29
123 Andrew “ “ 6

There is no parochial record of their marriage, but their son Andrew was born on the 22nd August and baptised in the Parish of Insh (Kingussie) on the 16th October 1845. Angus was the youngest son of Alexander McPherson in Lubriach who married Janet Martin, a daughter of James Martin and Eliza McPherson, on the 5th January 1808 “at Dell of Killihuntly”: their children as follows:

- Alexander ba. 16 Apr. 1809, Lubanriach (his mother entered as Janet Cameron)
- Elizabeth b/ba. 6/8 July 1810, Lubriach [died in infancy]
- Elspet 1/18 Oct. 1812, Lubbanriach
- Pennuel 7/19 Feb. 1815, Lubriach [Penelope]
- James 29 Apr./4 May 1817, Lubriach
- Alexander 19/30 May 1819, Lubriach, Parish of Insh

Janet Martin’s death registration indicates that she died at Killihuntly, aged 80, on 11th Dec. 1855, daughter of James Martin, farmer, and Eliza McPherson, and was born in Strathdoune. The IGIndex, however, shows no record of her parents or her birth. Angus died at Ballarat, Victoria, on the 8th March 1870, aged 49, his death registration indicating that he was a shoemaker.

Margaret McPherson was a daughter of Donald McPherson and Janet McPherson his second wife (*no marriage record*); their children:

- Graham b/ba. 1/16 Feb. 1820, Drimgalvie, Parish of Kingussie & Insh
- Margaret 20 June/29 Aug. 1822, Drumgalvie; father a “Tennant”
- Elizabeth 2 Apr./8 May 1824, Drumgalvie

Donald had a daughter May (Marjory or Marsali), b/ba 29 Aug/4 Nov. 1818 at Drumgalvie, by his first wife, Peggy McPherson, whom he married in March 1807. Margaret’s brother Graham was associated with the Inn of Dalwhinnie where he and Isabell McPherson had an illegitimate son Gillies, b/ba. 1 Feb./9 Apr. 1844, who emigrated to Australia in 1873-74 and became a famous gold prospector. Margaret died at Ballarat on the 1st July 1869, aged 47, leaving Andrew aged 22,
John aged 14, Annie aged 12, Jessie aged 10, and Alexander aged 4.

292 Margaret McPherson, general servant Inverness Presb. literate 19; with a relation
Cannot be identified.

**The Success Emigrants**

The *Success* left Plymouth on the 28th January 1852 and arrived at Geelong on the 1st June 1852, with one Macpherson family from Perthshire and two individuals.

93 John McPherson, agric. labourer Perthshire literate 27; Duncan Scott, Indented Head:
94 Janet
95 John
The parents may have been John McPherson and Janet McWhannel who married in Comrie Parish, Perthshire on the 15th November 1851; if so, their son John must have been born out of wedlock.

175 Donald McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. 21; James Williamson, Indented
213 Ann McPherson, general servant “ “ 24; Miss Dunsford, £22, 6 months
Neither of these individuals can be identified in the IGIndex.

**The Runnymede Emigrants**

The *Runnymede* left Liverpool on the 21st February 1852 and arrived at Portland, Victoria, on the 3rd June 1852, with two individuals of the name aboard.

145 Alexander McPherson, farm servant R.C. literate Hugh/Margaret 22
146 Donald McPherson, agric. labourer “ “ 30
Neither identifiable in the IGIndex.

**The Marco Polo Emigrants**

The *Marco Polo* sailed from Liverpool, on the 4th July 1852 and reached Hobson’s Bay on the 20th September 1852 with three families of Macphersons and five female individuals aboard.

423 Alexander McPherson, shepherd Renfrew reads 50; P. McArthur, Meningovall [?]
424 Catherine “ illiterate 49
Alexander McPherson, ba. 31 Oct. 1802, High Church, Paisley; Parents: Archibald McPherson & Christian Morrow
m. Katharine Bonnar, 7 Apr. 1838, Abbey, Paisley; No children.
Katharine Bonnar, ba. 21 Dec. 1802, St Cuthbert’s, Edinburgh

425 John McPherson, shepherd “ “ 37; on own account
426 Catherine “ “ 31
This couple may be John McPherson and Catherine McDougall who married in the Middle or New Parish, Greenock, on the 28th April 1843. No children.

634 Susan McPherson, widow Inverness R.C. illiterate 60; on own account
None of these individuals can be identified without further documentation from Australia.

The Northumbria Emigrants

The Northumbria sailed from London on the 10th September 1852 and reached Melbourne on the 5th January 1853. On board were two families of Macphersons.

118 John McPherson, agric. labourer Kent C of E. literate 37; hired 119 Hannah “ ” “ 34
120 Sarah “ ” illiterate 6 121 William “ ” “ 4
122 Frederick “ ” “ 1

No record of marriage in either Scotland or England. The only record in the IGIndex is: Sarah Isabella ba. 29 May 1846, St Margaret’s, Lee, Kent.

123 William McPherson, agric. labourer Middlesex C of E. literate 29; on own account 124 Mary A. “ ” “ 28

No record of marriage in either Scotland or England.

The Allison Emigrants

The Allison sailed from Liverpool on the 13th September 1852 and arrived at Melbourne on the 8th February 1853, with three families of Macphersons aboard. There were eighteen deaths at sea and in quarantine, including Angus McPherson, aged 20 from Argyll, who succumbed to phthisis.

142 John McPherson, agric. labourer Argyll Presb. literate 38; James Robertson, Melbourne 143 Mary “ ” 38 £25

This couple cannot be identified in the IGIndex

144 John McPherson, agric. labourer “ ” 44; own account 145 Catherine “ ” 35
146 Archibald McPherson “ ” 11 147 Jane McPherson “ ” 5
The Priscilla Emigrants

The Priscilla sailed from Liverpool on the 13th October 1852 and reached Melbourne on the 24th February 1853. There were forty-one deaths aboard, the second being Donald McPherson, one year old.

The Ida Emigrants

The Ida left Liverpool on the 25 March 1853 and arrived in Melbourne on the 12th July 1853. There was one Macpherson family aboard.

Donald McPherson and Janet McArthur were married in the Parish of Kilmonivaig on the 9th April 1850. Their two sons were born and baptised in the parish:

Donald b/ba. 16/19 Apr. 1852
The H.M.S. Hercules Emigrants

H.M.S. Hercules sailed from Queenstown on the 14th April 1853 and arrived at Melbourne on the 3rd August 1853, carrying many families from Inverness-shire including three individual Macphersons.

131 John McPherson, agric. labourer  Inverness Presb.  illiterate 22; own account to Cullenmore
132 Allan McPherson           “                      “          “       literate 18; Mr Campbell, St Kilda
176 Mary McPherson, servant   “                      “          “     illiterate 16; Mrs Thatcher, Gt. Bourke Street

John and Mary cannot be identified in the IGIndex. Allan Macpherson was a son of John Macpherson and Christy MacDonald, b. 12 October 1835 in the Parish of Portree, Isle of Skye., where his father was chamberlain on Lord Macdonald’s estates. His grandfather was the Rev. Robert Macpherson, the famous Caipal Mor or Big Chaplain of the Fraser Highlanders during the Seven Years War. Allan’s mother, Christian Macdonald, was the daughter of Allan Macdonald of Gallovie, Parish of Laggan in Badenoch. His older brother Robert Alexander Wentworth Macpherson was the representative of the Macphersons of Banchor.

The Australia Emigrants

The Australia sailed from Liverpool on the 22nd August and arrived in Melbourne on the 18th November 1853, with one Macpherson family aboard.

194 Alexander McPherson, Sawyer  Renfrew  literate 30; own account
195 Marion                         “                      “          “       31
196 Duncan                       “                      “          read    7
197 Donald                       “                      “          illiterate  5
198 Mary                          “                      “          “            3
199 John                          “                      “          “            1

Alexander McPherson and Marion McNeill (maiden name misread as ‘Rellie’ on the IGIndex) were married on 14 July 1846 in the West or Old Parish of Greenock. Their children were all born and baptised in Campbelltown Parish, Argyll:
Duncan  b.ba. 14 May/12 June 1846
Donald  9 Feb./ 5 Mar. 1848
Mary   29 Dec.1849/ 13 Jan. 1850
John   16 Mar./ 4 Apr. 1852

The Boomerang Emigrants

The Boomerang Sailed from Liverpool on the 5th November 1853 and arrived at Melbourne on the 22nd January 1854, with one Macpherson family aboard.

156 Donald McPherson, agric. labourer  Aberdeen  Presbt.  literate 37; Mr McMillan,
157 Mary                                           “          “       38  Moonee Ponds,
158 Mary                                           “          read    11 £90: 12 months
Donald McPherson married Mary McIntosh 21 July 1844 in the Parish of Glenmuick, Aberdeenshire. Born c. 1816, he cannot be identified in the IGIndex. Their children were:

Maryb. 2 Apr. 1842, Glenmuick; ba. 5 Apr. 1842, R.C., Parish of Braemar & Glengairn

James b. 18 Nov. 1845, Glenmuick
Jane ba. 16 June 1849 “
Margaret b./ba. 3/17 Oct. 1852 “

The Tudor Emigrants

The *Tudor* sailed from Southampton on the 3rd November 1853 and docked in Melbourne on the 25th January 1854 with one McPherson couple aboard.

63 Alexander McPherson, carpenter  Ayr  Presbt.  literate  40; Duncan Campbell, Gippsland
64 Elizabeth “  “  “  30

This couple cannot be identified in the IGIndex.

The James Brown Emigrants

The *James Brown* sailed from Liverpool on the 16th September 1852 and arrived at Geelong on the 5th January 1853, with one couple and one Macpherson family aboard. 42 deaths on the voyage.

231 W. Macpherson, agric. labourer  Inverness Presbt.  literate 31; Mr Moyle, indented head:
232 Elizabeth “ “ “ 21 £55, 6 months

William Macpherson and Elizabeth McGillivray were married 12 June 1852 in the Parish of Daviot & Dunlichity. William cannot be identified in the IGIndex.

233 Alexander Macpherson “ Stirling “ “ 42; own account
234 Helen “ “ “ 43
377 Robert “ “ “ “ “ 16; own account, Geelong
378 Duncan “ “ “ “ “ 15; Mr Wade Ashy, £24, 3 months

235 Alexander “ “ illiterate 12
236 Jane “ 10
237 Margaret “ 7
238 Helen “ Infant

Alexander Macpherson married Helen Gow about the 16th Feb. 1833 in the Parish of Dunblane, Perthshire. The IGIndex only lists three children:

Ann b/ba. 4/12 June 1833, Dunblane
Robert 26/31 Aug. 1836, Dunblane
Alexander b. 2 Oct. 1839, Dunipace, Stirlingshire

The IGIndex offers no information on Duncan, Jane, Margaret and Helen
The British Empire Emigrants

The *British Empire* left London on the 26th October 1852 and arrived at Geelong on the 8th March 1853, with one young woman aboard.

212 Ellen McPherson, domestic servant Suffolk  Independent literate 18: Mr Robert Bosley, Fynan’s Ford, Father-in-law

Ellen Lydia McPherson was the youngest daughter of Donald Macpherson and Mary Campbell (m.28 Jan. 1825 at St Margaret’s, Ipswich, Suffolk) b/ba. 28 June/9 Nov. 1834 at Ebenezer Wesleyan, Ipswich. Her siblings, all born in Ipswich, were:

- Donald b/ba. 25 Mar./23 July 1826, Tacket Street Independent
- William Angus b/ba. 29 July 1827/12 Mar. 1828, Nicholas New Chapel Independent
- Mary Catharine b/ba. 30 May/13 Sept. 1829, Nicholas New Chapel [on the Berkshire]
- Sarah Harriet b/ba. 4 Feb./13 Mar. 1831, Nicholas New Chapel [on James T. Foord]
- Henry Pollack b/ba. 1 or 2 June/2 Sept. 1832, Nicholas New Chapel — d. 1888
- Angus Duncan ba. 12 Aug. 1836, Ebenezer Wesleyan

The Banker’s Daughter Emigrants

The *Banker’s Daughter* sailed from Liverpool on the 19th May 1853 and arrived at Geelong on the 3rd September 1853, with one Macpherson family aboard.

191 Alexander McPherson, shepherd Skye Presbt. Read 30; A. Robertson, Mt. Eliphant, £60, 6 months
192 Mary “ “ “ 32
193 John “ “ 6
194 Anne “ illiterate 4
195 Donald “ 2
196 Archibald “ 1

This family cannot be identified on the IGIndex. It probably adhered to the Free Kirk of Scotland.

The Utopia Emigrants

The *Utopia* sailed from Liverpool on the 3rd November 1853 and arrived at Portland, Victoria, on the 25th January 1854, carrying two young women of the name.

355 Elizabeth McPherson, domestic servant Edinburgh Presbt. literate 22; Duncan McIntyre, Glencoe, £40, 12 months
356 Isabella “ Presbt. literate 34; own account, Portland

These appear to be two sisters, daughters of John McPherson and Elizabeth Grant who married on 9 July 1825 in the parish of Innerwick, East Lothian, and on 25 July 1825 at St Cuthbert’s, Edinburgh, the earlier entry listing John’s father as James McPherson. Their children were as follows:

- James b. 23 Mar. 1826, St Cuthbert’s
- Isabella b. 3 Nov. 1827, - not 1819 as suggested by her age on shiplist
The **Conway Emigrants**

The *Conway* sailed from Greenock on the 18th March 1854 and reached Geelong on the 17 June 1854. Aboard her was a Macpherson family from Argyll and single woman from Inverness-shire.

280 *Mary McPherson, housekeeper*  Argyll Presbt. literate 42; to brother Donald Stuart,
281 John “ illiterate 12 Melbourne
282 Jane “ 10
307 Duncan “ agric. labourer “ literate 22; with mother to D. Stuart
308 Dugald “ “ 20
387 Anne “ domestic servant “ 18; John Wood, Newton Hill
388 Mary “ reads 14

The mother of this family was Mary Stewart, one of nine children born to James Stewart of Ballachulish, Parish of Appin, Argyll, and Christina McIntyre. She was born, according to the IGIndex, in 1805 or 1807 and not in 1812 suggested in the shiplist. She married Duncan McPherson about 1826; he died 31 Jan. 1845, leaving her a widow with eight children:

Duncan b.c. 1829, Ballachulish; d. 13 Jan. 1904
Christina b.c. 1831, ; d.12 Sept. 1916
Dugald b.c. 1833 “ ; d. Oct. 1896
Ann b.c. 1835 “ ; d. Feb. 1912
James b.c. 1837 “ ; d. Feb. 1854
John b.c. 1841 “ ; d. 1 July 1923
Jane b.c. 1844 “ ; d. 17 June 1925

Missing from the shiplist were Christina and James (who died a month before they sailed); Mary (on the shiplist) is not listed on the IGIndex.

386 *Jane McPherson, laundress*  Inverness Presbt. literate 32; Mrs Thomas, Marrabool Street
Not identifiable in the IGIndex.

The **Bride of the Sea Emigrants**

The *Bride of the Sea* left Liverpool on the 26th May 1854 and arrived at Geelong on the 11th August 1854, with three Macpherson women aboard.

404 *Ellen McPherson, domestic servant* Inverness Presbt. literate 21: Alexr Cumming, Collins
405 Jessie “ “ “ “ 20 Street
406 Mary “ “ “ “ 30 “

Ellen and Jessie were daughters of John McPherson and Janet Cattanach; Mary cannot be identified in the IGIndex, but was probably an older cousin. The two sisters appear as:

Helen b/ba. 21/22 Apr. 1832, Parish of Moy & Dalarossie
Janet b. 23 June 1834,
The Edward Johnston Emigrants

The Edward Johnston sailed from Liverpool on the 17th June 1854 and arrived at Portland, Victoria, on the 3rd September 1854, with two couples and two families of Macphersons aboard.

134 Angus McPherson, agric. labourer  Argyle Presbt. literate 27; J.H. Knowlan, Wannon,  
135 Betsy  “  “  “  “  “  23  £60, 6 months  
Angus McPherson was the younger son of Donald McPherson and Mary McLean; he was baptised 22 Oct. 1825 (not 1827 as suggested by his age on the shiplist) in the Parish of Morven. He married Betty Riddell 4 June 1854 in Morven, two weeks before they sailed from Liverpool. His older brother Alexander was baptised in Morven 22 Nov. 1817. Their parents were married in Morven 31 Dec. 1816

136 Donald McPherson, agric. labourer  Skye Presbt. literate 26  
137 Mary  “  “  “  25  
Donald McPherson was probably a son of Archibald McPherson and Mary MacDonald [Nos.141 and 142], b/ba. 25 May/8 June 1828, Parish of Sleat; there is no record of his marriage.

138 Malcolm McPherson, agric. labourer Skye Presbt. literate 35; own account  
139 Peggy [Margaret]  
140 Donald  Infant  
The IGIndex does not record birth or baptismal entries for Malcolm or Donald; nor does it list Malcolm’s marriage to Peggy. The family probably adhered to the Free Kirk.

141 Archibald McPherson, agric. labourer  Skye Presbt. reads 52  
142 Mary  48  

344 Kate  “  “  “  “  “  “  “  14; J.M. Knight, Belfast  
143 John  “  “  “  “  “  Inf 12  
The IGIndex does not provide birth or marriage records for Archibald; nor does it record a birth entry for John [possibly a grandson]. It does list two of Archibald and Mary’s children:  
Catharine b/ba. 23 July/6 Aug. 1726, Parish of Sleat  
Donald [see No. 136]

345 Kate McPherson, domestic servant  Skye literate 24; with friends, Portland  
Catharine McPherson is listed in the IGIndex as born in Sleat in 1830, but no parents are named; she died 8 Dec. 1895, location unstated

346 Peggy McPherson, domestic servant  “  “  “  22; G. Stewart, Belfast, £20,  
1 month  
343 Mary  “  “  “  “  literate 16; G. Stuart, Belfast, £20,  
1 month  
Peggy McPherson was probably a daughter of Ewen McPherson and Mary Robertson whose children are listed as follows:  
John  b/ba. 7 Nov./4 Dec. 1814, Sleat  
Janet  24 Sept./16 Oct. 1819, Sleat  
Marion  22 Nov./12 Dec. 1822, Sleat  
Catharine  1 Feb. 1827/16 May 1831, Strath
Margaret 31 Mar./16 May 1831, Strath [Peggy]
Mary was probably a member of this family and may have been a younger daughter, as she accompanied Peggy to work for G. Stewart, Belfast.

The New Zealander Emigrants

The New Zealander sailed out of Liverpool on the 23rd August 1853 and into Portland, Victoria, on the 30th November 1853, her passengers including two young men and six young women of the name, all from Inverness-shire.

311 Donald McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presbt. read 28; own account
312 William “ " " " " " " 20; own account
422 Catherine “ domestic servant " " " 57; with family
423 Christina “ " " " " 16; J.H. Craig, Belfast
424 Isabella “ " " " " 19; McConachie, Spring Vale
425 Mary “ " " " " 27; G. Stewart, Belfast
426 Jane “ " " " " 14; Dr Allison, Portland
427 Mary “ " " " " 23; with family

Assuming that these single passengers were from Skye, William, Catherine and Isabella cannot be identified in the IGIndex. Donald was probably b/ba. 1 Oct./5 Nov. 1825, Sleat, to Martin McPherson & Catherine Beaton Christina was probably b. 28 Sept. 1827, Portree, to Alexander McPherson & Christy McKinnon Mary was b/ba. either 9 Jan./14 Feb. 1826, Sleat, to Norman McPherson & Janet Cameron or on 17 Apr./22 May 1826, Sleat, to Malcolm McPherson & Janet MacInnes Jane was b. 14 Apr. 1839, Kilmonivaig, to Archibald McPherson & Janet Cameron Mary was b/ba. June 1829/23 Feb. 1830, Snizort, to Norman McPherson & Marion Campbell.

The Arabian Emigrants

The Arabian sailed from Liverpool on the 3rd June 1854 and reached Portland on the 19 September 1854, with three Macpherson families and one unattached woman.

74 Angus McPherson, labourer Skye Presbt. read 34; Lead & Lewis, Bangor; £45, 12 months
75 Christy " " " illiterate 29
76 Infant born on board

77 Alexander McPherson " " " read 31; J. Robertson, Robertson’s Plains, £50, 2 months
78 Janet " " " illiterate 2
79 Angus " " " Infant
80 Mary " " "

81 John McPherson, labourer " " " literate 27; J. Cunningham, Mount Gambia,
82 Marion " " " illiterate 37 £40. 12 months
83 John " " " literate 10
84 Jessie " " " reads 8
85 Norman " illiterate 6

None of these families can be identified in the IGIndex. Probably Free Church adherents.

153 Catherine "  house-keeper Skye Presbt. 54; with son-in-law, Hamilton

Possibly Catherine/Catherina McPherson, b. 1799, Parish of Snizort, Skye; no parents named; d. 5 Aug. 1869.

The Hornet Emigrants

The Hornet sailed from Liverpool on the 29th July 1854 and arrived at Geelong, Victoria, on the 23rd October 1854, carrying among her passengers some twenty-five Macphersons emigrating to Australia.

168 Charles McPherson, agric. labourer, Inverness, Presbyterian, illiterate, 52; own acct.,
169 Nancy do do do 42 Geelong
417 Donald McPherson, carpenter do do literate 23; own acct., Geelong
418 John do do do illiterate 21; Chas. Denny Breakwater
419 Hector do agric. labourer do do do 19; Connor Power, Warren Ponds
420 Malcolm do shepherd do do do 17; Geo. Hope, Darruvile
421 Duncan do agric. labourer do do reads 15; own acct., Geelong

170 Ewen do do do 12

Charles McPherson and Anne McDonald were married 6 Feb. 1827 in the Parish of Sleat, Isle of Skye. Their children were:

Anne  b/ba. 1/13 Nov. 1827, Ferindonald  The family was in Knock at the
Donald  15 Sept./1 Nov. 1829, Ferindonald  1841 Census, with Hector in
John  25 Nov./19 Dec. 1831  place of John; Ewen not yet born
Malcolm  24 Apr./21 May 1837
Duncan  18 Sept./20 Oct. 1839
Ewen  14 Aug./17 Nov. 1842

Donald and John McPherson were the older sons of Charles McPherson, two years older than stated on the ship’s list. Charles is not listed in the IGIndex for births/baptisms.

171 David McPherson, ploughman  Ross Presb. literate 34; W.T. Smith, Pt.Henry,
172 Margaret do do do 21 £85 1 month

David McPherson and Margaret Macdonald were married 9 Feb. 1854 in the Parish of Applecross, Ross & Cromarty, almost six months prior to emigrating. The IGIndex cannot provide a birth/baptismal entry for David.

173 Duncan McPherson, agric. labourer  Inverness Presbt reads 36; own acct.,
174 Mary do do do 33 Geelong
Duncan McPherson and Mary McDonald were married 24 Jan. 1848 in the Parish of Sleat. Their children were: John b. 22 Oct. 1848
Mary b/ba. 4/27 Dec. 1850, Ferindonald
Duncan b/ba. 30 Aug./28 Sept. 1817, Sleat, was the second son of Malcolm McPherson and Flora McPherson (maiden surname); their children were as follows:
- a boy b/ba 3/28 Mar. 1813, Sleat
- Donald, b/ba. 4/26 Mar. 1816, Sleat.
- Duncan b/ba. 30 Aug./28 Sept. 1817, Sleat
- John b/ba. 10 Dec. 1819/10 Jan. 1820, Sleat
- Hector b/ba. 16 June/17 July 1822, Sleat
- Margaret 24/31 Dec. 1825, Sleat

Kenneth McPherson and Ann McGilvray were married 21 Jan. 1830 in the Parish of Sleat. Their children were:
- Marian b. 1831, Sleat
- Flora b/ba. 25 Mar./6 July 1833, Sleat. Census of Sleat
- Ann b. 25 Nov. 1835, Sleat She arrived on the Georgiana, 16 Oct. 1852
- Mary b. 1836, Sleat
- Kate b. 2 Aug. 1838, Sleat
- Dougald b. 25 July 1841, Sleat

The IGIndex provides no record of Kenneth’s birth or baptism.

Martin McPherson and Janet Buchanan were married 15 Mar. 1842 in the Parish of Sleat. Their children were:
- Mary b/ba. 26/28 July 1851, Sleat See Martin’s sister Isabella below.
- Alexander no record; possibly born at sea

The IGIndex fails to provide a birth/baptismal record for Martin, but his sister Isabella was b/ba. 1/22 Aug. 1815 to Malcolm McPherson and Mary McPherson (maiden surname).
The **Derry Castle* Emigrants**

The *Derry Castle* sailed out of Liverpool on the 1\textsuperscript{st} October 1854 and into Portland on the 21\textsuperscript{st} January 1855, with one Macpherson family aboard.

138 Donald McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presbt. literate 45; own account, Portland
139 Flora reads 40
313 Johanna " domestic servant " 14; with father
140 Christy " " 12
141 Donald " " 10
142 Peter " " 8
143 Ann " illiterate 6
144 Dugald " 3

Donald McPherson married Flora McSween, 1 Jan. 1839, Parish of Duirinish, Skye. The IGIndex provides no information on their children: probably adherents of the Free Church of Scotland.

The **Stamboul Emigrant**

The *Stamboul* left Liverpool on the 18\textsuperscript{th} May 1854 and reached Melbourne on the 21\textsuperscript{st} August 1854, with one Macpherson aboard.

381 Catherine McPherson, domestic servant Lanark Presbt. literate 27; hired

Not identifiable in the IGIndex.

The **Gambia Emigrants**

The *Gambia* sailed from Liverpool on the 28\textsuperscript{th} December 1854 and reached Melbourne on the 22\textsuperscript{nd} April 1855, with two men and two women of the name aboard.

96 Murdoch McPherson, crofter Inverness Presbt. literate 65; own account, Collingwood
97 William " " 21

182 Jane McPherson, domestic servant Middlesex Presbt. literate 27; gone with brother to
183 Margaret McPherson, dressmaker Inverness Presbt. literate 20 Bald Hill Station, Rocky Waterholes

There is no record of a birth/baptism or marriage record for Murdoch McPherson in the IGIndex. Margaret McPherson, however, was one of the twin youngest daughters of Murdoch McPherson and Jane Grant. Jane McPherson was probably their eldest child, aged thirty-four rather than twenty-seven on the shiplist. The family was as follows:

Jane b./ba. 30 Sept. 1820/1 Jan. 1821, Parish of Alvie
Janet 26/29 Aug. 1821 "
Christian 15 Oct. 1824/6 Jan. 1825 "
Mary 16 Sept. 1826/26 Feb. 1827 "
Alexander Gibson b/ba. 20 Mar./6 Apr. 1829 "
Margaret 1 Feb./27 Mar. 1834, Duthil & Rothiemurchus
Louisa (Margaret’s twin)
The IGIndex provides no record of William, although he appears to have been accompanied by Jane and Margaret to Bald Hill Station. Murdoch was evidently a widower. Jane had been in London prior to their emigration.

**The Almora Emigrants**

The *Almora* sailed from Liverpool on the 3rd July 1856 and entered Melbourne on the 13th September 1856, with one Macpherson family aboard.

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<td>Dugald McPherson</td>
<td>farm labourer</td>
<td>Argyle Presbt.</td>
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<td>Wilmott, Nerri Creek</td>
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Dugald McPherson married Agnes Sinclair, 30 June 1842, Campbelltown. Only Donald and Duncan appear in the IGIndex:

- Duncan b/ba. 24 Nov. 1842/11 Apr. 1843, Campbelltown
- Donald b/ba. 20/30 Apr. 1845, Campbelltown

**The Herald of the Morning Emigrant**

The *Herald of the Morning* left Liverpool on the 19th November 1856 and reached Melbourne on the 1st March 1857, with one woman of the name among the passengers.

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<td>Edinburgh Presbt.</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>Gambia, £25, 3 months</td>
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Perhaps Isabella Sawers McPherson, the daughter of John McPherson and Isabella Sawers (no record of marriage), in the following family:

- John Sawers McPherson, b. 3 Apr. 1826, St Cuthbert’s, Edinburgh
- Mary Sawers b. 9 Oct. 1827
- Edward Sawers b. 9 Feb. 1829
- Isabella Sawers b. 7 June 1831

**The Star of the South Emigrant**

The *Star of the South* left Liverpool on the 24th April 1857 and reached Melbourne on the 5th August 1857, with one woman of the name aboard.

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<td>general servant</td>
<td>Aberdeen Presbt.</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>with sister Mrs Stewart to Belfast</td>
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Isabella McPherson was born 20 Jan. 1831 at Aberdeen to Donald McPherson and Margaret McKay. Their older daughter Elizabeth was born 30 Mar. 1828; she may have been Elizabeth McPherson who married Donald Stewart, 10 Mar. 1848 at Elgin, Moray. If so, Mrs Stewart would have been accompanied by a daughter, Jane Robertson Forteath Stuart, b/ba. 29 Dec. 1848/29 Jan.
1849 in the Parish of Alves, Morayshire. This requires confirmation by consulting other documentation in Australia and Scotland: the shiplist, death registration, and the Alves Parish register.

The *Covenanter* Emigrants

The *Covenanter* sailed out of Liverpool on the 28th September 1854 and entered Geelong on the 25th January 1855, with one couple of the name aboard.

182 James McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presbt. literate 23; own account, Geelong 183 Janet

James McPherson, shoemaker at Achmore, married Janet MacGregor, Balgown, 13 Apr. 1854, Parish of Laggan. James was the fifth son of Donald McPherson and Beatrix MacGregor in Uvie, Parish of Laggan. Donald was shepherd to Mr McBarnet of Invernahavon, Kingussie, when he married Beatrix MacGregor, Achmore, 15 Apr. 1813, Kingussie. Their family were:

- John b/ba. 12/18 Nov. 1813, Uvie
- Malcolm b. 19 Mar. 1815, " [in Uvie, 1843; in Ardverikie, 1848]
- Margaret b/ba. 2/9 Oct. 1819 ; m. William Davidson, Gaskmore: 1850, 1851
- Alexander b/ba. 1/15 Nov. 1821 " ; m. 19 June 1851 Elizabeth McDonald, Kingussie; emigrated to the Yarrawonga District, Victoria
- Isobel b/ba. 13/29 Dec. 1823 "
- Ewen b/ba. 10/14 June 1826 " ; settled Ovie in Yarrawonga District, 1846
- James b. 15 July 1830 " ; settled Auchmore in Yarrawonga, 1855

Janet MacGregor was a daughter of Andrew MacGregor and Margaret McPherson in Balgown, Parish of Laggan, who married 30 August 1832. Their family were:

- Ann b/ba 25 June/11 July 1833, Balgown; died in infancy
- Janet b/ba. 15/15 Jan. 1835 "
- John b/ba. 25/28 Nov. 1836 " ; died in infancy
- John b/ba. 30 Aug./8 Nov. 1838 " ; died 14 Dec. 1911
- Alexander b/ba, 28 May/26 June 1842 " ; died in infancy

The family gravestone is in Laggan Churchyard; Andrew MacGregor d. 15 July 1896, at Catlodge, aged 66; Margaret McPherson d. 3 Oct. 1863.

The *Echunga* Emigrant

The *Echunga* left Liverpool on the 30th May 1857 and reached Geelong on the 19th August 1857, with one woman of the name among the passengers.

299 Margaret McPherson, housemaid Lanark Presbt. literate 28; Alexander McPhail, Kilgour Street, £12, 3 months

Probably Margaret McPherson, b. 3 Apr. 1829, Glasgow, to Allan McPherson and Mary McLachlan.
The *Chance* Emigrants

The *Chance* left Liverpool on the 6th June 1857 and reached Belfast on the 12th September 1857, with one Macpherson family aboard.

150 Robert H. McPherson, labourer Perth Presbt. literate 26; George Stewart, Rosebrook
151 Isabella “ 24
152 Isabella “ illiterate Infant

This couple may be Robert Burns McPherson, b/ba. 3/20 Mar. 1831, Lecropt, and Isabella Cameron, who married 2/12 June 1855, at Lecropt. The infant Isabella is not on the IGIndex.

The *Shackamaxon* Emigrant

The *Shackamaxon* left Liverpool on the 21st December 1861 and entered ...... on the 16th March 1862, with one woman of the name among the passengers.

263 Eliza McPherson, table maid, Edinburgh Presbt. literate 18; George Taylor, Main Street, Clunes, £25, 6 months

Not identifiable on the IGIndex

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The *Ivanhoe* Emigrant

The *Ivanhoe* sailed from Southampton on the 18th November 1862 and reached Melbourne on the 26th February 1863, with one woman of the name among the passengers.

227 Margaret McPherson, domestic servant Inverness Presbt. literate 22; Lloyd Jones, Avenel

£25, 6 months

Not identifiable on the IGIndex

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The *Caduceus* Emigrant

The *Caduceus* sailed from Southampton on the 5th May 1863 and entered Melbourne on the 1st July [August ?] 1863, with one woman of the name among the passengers.

313 Elizabeth McPherson, dairymaid, Inverness Presbt. literate 20

Not identifiable on the IGIndex.

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The *Arabian* Emigrants

The *Arabian* sailed from Liverpool on the 1st December 1864 and reached Melbourne on the 12th March 1865, with two women of the name among the passengers.

135 Catherine McPherson, cook, Scotland C.o.E. literate 35; Mrs Hislop, St Kilda
136 Mary “ “ Presbt. “ 28; Mrs Nicoll, Ern Hill, £25 each, 3 months and 1 month

Neither is identifiable on the IGIndex.