

ALEXANDER MCINNES & ISABELLA MCQUEEN

Alexander McINNES and Isabella McQUEEN are my 4th Great Grandparents.

Their son, Alexander McINNES is my 3rd Great Grandfather who married Mary ROBERTSON. Alexander & Mary McINNES' daughter, Jessie McINNES is my 2nd Great Grandmother who married Alexander LANG.

McINNES: *Anglicized variation of the Gaelic name Mag Aonghuis, meaning "descendant of Aonghus" whose name was comprised of the Gaelic elements aon = one + ghus = choice. An 8th century Pictish king bore the name and he was popularly portrayed as being the son of Daghdha, the chief god of the Irish, and Boann who have her name to the River Boyne. Angus was a county named for the king, and is still a popular name among Scots -- the early occurrences in honor of Mag Aonghuis . McGuinness is the most commonly found form of this Irish name, with variations McGinnis, McEnnesse, McEnnis, McInnes, Maguinness, Maginness, Maginnis, Magennis, Meginniss , and Guinness, Guinness .*

Alexander McINNES Senior

Alexander McINNES

Snr was born c1788 in Sleat, Isle of Skye, Scotland. He married Isabella McQUEEN c1823 in Scotland. Alexander McINNES Snr parents were Jonathon McINNES & Mary McDONALD.

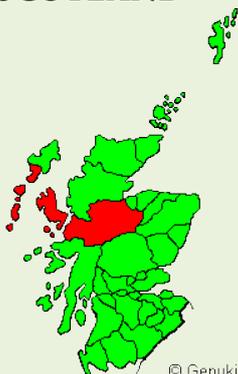
Alexander came out to Australia aboard the ship "William Nicol" and arrived in Sydney, Australia on 27th Oct 1837. The ship left Ornsay, Isle of Skye, Scotland on Thursday 6th July 1837 with 321 passengers aboard, including their son, Alexander (my 3rd Great Grandfather).

One of their children, Donald, was born on the voyage. The ship made one call on the way out at the Cape of Good Hope for water. They were assisted immigrants under the care of Dr Dunmore LANG.

Their son, Alexander, could remember the cannons from Lord McDonald's castle roaring a farewell as the ship weighed anchor. During the trip a member of each family on board had to make his way to the gallery with the measured rations and prepare the meals. After landing the family made their way to the Illawarra district and Alexander was a farm labourer to a Mr Brown for £30 per annum.



Isle of Skye,
SCOTLAND



Alexander McINNES died on 22nd Oct 1872 at Numbaa NSW Australia and he's also buried there. (Source: NSW Death Reg. 6594/1872). He had been a farmer. At this stage, I cannot find a NSW Death registry entry for his wife, Isabella (nee McQUEEN)'s death in Australia. She did not die aboard the ship "William Nicol" (no record of her death), so Isabella must have arrived in Australia after giving birth to son, Donald, aboard the ship.

Numbaa Cemetery: Old Numbaa Cemetery developed in association with the private township of Numbaa on Alexander Berry's Coolangatta Estate. Burials began pre-1856 when the civil register of Births, Deaths and Marriages was established. Located on the levee bank on the south side of the Shoalhaven River the cemetery survived the disastrous floods of 1862 and 1870 which demolished much of Terara.

Alexander McINNES Jnr & Mary ROBERTSON

Alexander McINNES Jnr was born c1825 Ornsay, Sleat, Isle

Mary ROBERTSON was born c1832 Strath, Scotland. Mary

of Skye, Scotland. He died 5th Aug 1907 at South Woodburn NSW Australia. (source: NSW Death Reg. 8560/1907)

Alexander married Mary ROBERTSON on 22nd Apr 1851 in Sydney. (Source: NSW Marriage Reg. V185192 80/1851) He had come out to Australia with his parents, Alexander McINNES & Isabella McQUEEN aboard the ship "William Nicol" in 1837. Alexander was also a farmer.

died in 7th Jul 1919 at Casino NSW. (Source: NSW Death Reg. 20849/1919)

Both Alexander & Mary are buried at the Presbyterian Cemetery. Mary's parents are Alexander ROBERTSON & Janet McKINNON. They came out to Australia aboard the ship "Henry Porcher" which arrived 4th Oct 1840 in Sydney, Australia.



NEWSPAPER OBITUARY - DEATH OF MR. ALEXANDER MCINNES (Junior)

"Mr. Alexander McInnes, an old resident of South Woodburn, passed peacefully away at 11 a.m. on Monday last, without suffering and in full possession of his faculties. The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, was a very large one, extending from the Public School to the cemetery. The pioneers of Shoalhaven and Richmond rivers were well represented in the cortege, a notable feature of which was the presence of a very large number of hardy old residents who had already passed the allocated span, and who showed, by the general tone of their remarks, that they were taking the death of their old friend, following, as it did, so closely on that of many others, as a serious intimation that the evening of their lives was also fast approaching. The late Mr. McInnes was, at the time of his death, in his 86th year, and a native of the Isle of Skye. He, together with his parents, five sisters and a younger brother, came to Sydney in the year 1837, direct from their native place, in the sailing vessel William Nicol. The ship made one call on the way out, at Cape of Good Hope, for water. They were assisted immigrants under the care and direction of the late Dr. Lang, Presbyterian minister, politician and patriot. Young Alexander McInnes was then between 15 and 16 years of age, and in later years could always give a graphic description of the feelings of those on board as the cannon from Lord MacDonald's castle roared a farewell to the ship as she weighed anchor, spread her sails and started on her voyage round Africa's shores to the Land of the Southern Cross. During that long trip through fair weather or foul, a member of each family on board had to make his way to the galley with the measured rations and prepares the meals.

People who had the pluck and endurance to move from one end of the world to the other under such circumstances- which were common at the

time- might be relied on to fight well the battle of life in a new country, and fight well the grand old pioneers did. After landing in the country, 70 years ago, the subject of this sketch proceeded to Dapto, Shellharbour, and other places, but soon found his way on to one of Mr. Berry's farms in Numbaa, where 57 years ago, he married Mary Robertson, who survives him. During the rush for gold at Braidwood, Major's Creek and Araluen the late Mr. McInnes took many valuable loads of produce from Shoalhaven to diggers, with bullock and horse teams, under great difficulties, in troublesome times, and through country infested with bushrangers and their friends, but was never molested by them. At this period of his life he had many a mouth full of damper and a cup of tea at Sassafras with Mr. Donald McKinnon, the present Mayor of Coraki. Later on, deceased spent some years dairying and labouring at Milton, and in the employ of Messrs. Goodlet and Smith, Sydney. He subsequently moved to South Woodburn, where he has remained. worked hard, and lived happily for the past 30 years. The late Mr. William Gollan and deceased were life long friends and strongly attached to each other. A striking feature at the former's funeral, about eight days previous to his own, was old Mr. McInnes on the roadside, seated in a chair, acknowledging the salutes of good old friends in that cortege, and in a silent and saddened mood paying his last tribute of respect to the remains of one he was to follow so soon. During his 70 years in Australia, which was a period of constant hard work, the deceased gentleman cleared many an acre of land, made hundreds of friends and no enemies, was noted for his muscular power, strength and will and commonsense. He leaves a widow, six sons and five daughters to cherish his memory. The daughters are Mrs. Loutit, Balmain, Mesdames John and Alex Lang, Ballina: and Misses Flora and Catherine McInnes, Woodburn. The oldest son, Alexander, is in North Queensland, and Donald at Milton: Hector, Marble Bar (W.A.): Robert, Jonathan and Neil of this district, to whom we extend profound sympathy in their sad bereavement. A solemn service was conducted at the house and again at the graveside by Rev. J.A.R. Perkins. The coffin was borne from the hearse to the grave by four of his grandsons, viz., Arthur, Alex and Phillip Lang and David McInnes. There is now left one surviving member of the family which emigrated to Australia in 1837-- Mrs Flora Watson of Isle Ormsey, Waverley, the other brother, Donald, having died in Braidwood about six years ago."



NEWSPAPER OBITUARY - DEATH OF MRS. ALEXANDER MCINNES (Mary ROBERTSON)

"There passed away at South Woodburn on 7th. one of the oldest and most respected residents of the district, in the person of Mrs. Alexander McInnes, of South Woodburn, aged 81 years. A native of the Isle of Skye, Scotland, she came to Australia 74 years ago, at the age of seven years, in the ship Henry Porcher. Though so young in leaving Scotland, she never forgot the

language of her childhood days (Gaelic) of which she was fond, and in which could converse till the last.

Married to Alexander McInnes in 1851, in Sydney, by the late Dr. Fullarton, the young couple went to Shoalhaven, where they resided until coming to Richmond River, 39 years ago, and ever since the family has resided at South Woodburn. The deceased lived an exemplary and beautiful life, with an intense love for her husband and children, which was returned with deep devotion by her sons and daughters (her husband died many years ago) who attended their mother in her declining days and last illness with a devotion that touched all who new them. There are living six sons and five daughters, Alexander (single), Queensland; Donald (married), Casino; Hector (single), Queensland; Robert and Neill (single), Woodburn; Jonathan (married); Mrs Loutit (Sydney), Mrs A Lang (Ballina), Mrs John Lang (Queensland), Flora and Catherine (Woodburn). There are 30 grandsons and 20 great grandsons. Ten grandsons went to war, two made the supreme sacrifice-Lex Lang (Lismore) and Donald McInnes (Casino). The deceased was the fourth daughter of the late Captain Alexander Robertson, who was in the navy with Lord Nelson and Admiral Hardie. While in the navy he sustained a painful injury, after which he got his discharge, came to Australia and followed farming. The deceased passed away as if falling quietly asleep, after a tender farewell of her children leaving behind her memory of a long life well and nobly spent."



I have 8 children listed for Alexander & Isabella McINNES (nee McQUEEN):

- **Alexander** (born 5th Oct 1821 Camiscross, Sleat, Isle of Skye, Scotland. He died before 1825 in Scotland)
- **Mary** (born 4th Jan 1823 Sleat, Isle of Skye, Scotland. Died 9th Oct 1873 Greenwell Point, Shoalhaven NSW. She married Laurence NICHOLSON in 1848 who died in 1852, then married David BERRIE)
- **Alexander** (born 1825 Ornsay, Sleat, Isle of Skye, Scotland. Died 5th Aug 1907 South Woodburn NSW. He married Mary ROBERTSON)
- **Catherine** (born 2nd Feb 1827 Scotland, Died 1893 in Bendigo VIC. She married James KERR in 1847 Sydney NSW)
- **Flora** (born 1829 Isle Ornsay, Isle of Skye, Scotland. He died 2nd Jun 1911 Waverley, Sydney NSW. She married Robert Robertson WATSON in 1849 in Sydney)

- **Margaret** (born 24th Dec 1832 Camiscross, Isle of Skye, Scotland. Died 28th Nov 1884 Sandhurst VIC. She married Luke CRESSWELL on 31st Mar 1851 at Sydney)
- **Ann** (born 1833 Isle Of Skye, Scotland. Died 8th Oct 1889 Myrtle Creek, Bargo NSW. She married Angus McINNES in 1857 at Clifton, Picton NSW)
- **Donald** (born 1837 aboard the ship William Nicol. He died 26th Nov 1902 Braidwood NSW. He married Sarah Jane ALLSTAINS on 4th Mar 1874 at Braidwood NSW).



-  I have 14 children listed for Alexander & Mary McINNES (nee ROBERTSON):
- **Alexander I** (born 1852; died 19th Dec 1929 in Queensland)
 - **Ann** (born 1852)
 - **Isabella** (born 1853, died 1935 Woollahra NSW, married James LOUTTIT in 1876 in Sydney)
 - **Janet** (born 1854)
 - **Jessie** (born 1855 Shoalhaven NSW, died 15th Jun 1945 in Lismore NSW. Buried at Ballina, married Alexander LANG in 1882 in Sydney NSW)
 - **Donald** (born 11th Dec 1857 Numbaa NSW, died 26th Sep 1943 Milton NSW, married Frances WILMOTT in 1881 on the NSW south coast)

- **Hector** (born 2 Jul 1859 Numbaa NSW, died in Western Australia)
- **Robert Robertson** (born 22nd Jul 1861 Numbaa NSW, died 7th Aug 1944 Lismore NSW)
- **Flora Ann** (born 17 Jul 1863 Numbaa NSW, died 20 Sep 1946 Lismore NSW)
- **Jonathon** (born 1865, died 24th Jul 1939, married Elizabeth LANG in 1889 Lismore NSW)
- **Marion** (born 29th Aug 1867 Numbaa NSW, died 26th Feb 1938 in Queensland, married John LANG in 1892 in Lismore NSW)
- **Neil** (born 1870 Numbaa NSW, died 1933 Lismore NSW)
- **Mary** (born 1872 Ulladulla NSW, born 1926 Corowa NSW)
- **Catherine** (born 1874 Ulladulla, died 31 Jan 1933)



William Nicol ship passenger list:

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~heathsmith/maxwell/william_nicol_passenger_list.htm

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