

MACPHERSONS ARRIVING IN VICTORIA, 1840-1865

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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:

Age Cohort	No.	Age Cohort	No.	Age Cohort	No.	Age Cohort	No.
Infants	12	16-20	43	36-40	18	56-60	2
1- 5	30	21-25	48	41-45	16	61-65	1
6- 10	28	26-30	37	46-50	4		
11-15	39	31-35	32	51-55	5		

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 Campbelltown, 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

Inverness-shire	46 (parishes unknown)	Argyllshire	14 (parishes unknown)
Skye	32 (parishes unspecified)	Aharacle	20
Sleat	45	Morven	2
Duirinish	18	Appin	7 (Balachulish)
Snizort	2	Campbelltown	7
Portree	1	Ross &	
Kilmonivaig	12	Cromartie	
Kilmallie	1	Applecross	4
Kingussie	20	Urquhart &	
Alvie	4	Logie	2
Laggan	3	Gairloch	1
Moy &		Morayshire	
Dalarossie	9	Edinkillie	6
Daviot &			
Dunlichitie	2		

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 IGIndex, 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 (IGIndex) on the Mormon (LDS) website <http://www.familysearch.org>. The IGIndex 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 IGIndex 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.

Ewen McPherson, shepherd Lochaber 33; travelling with William McMaster and Samuel

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 IGIndex 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 IGIndex.

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 IGIndex.

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 Kingussie 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./1828/14 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.

<i>Donald McPherson, farm labourer, Argyll</i>	<i>Presbt. illiterate</i>				45
<i>Flora</i>	<i>wife</i>	“	”		40
<i>Allan</i>	<i>son</i>	“	”	<i>literate</i>	24
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>house servant, dau.</i>	“	“		22
<i>Archibald</i>	<i>shepherd, son</i>		<i>R.C.</i>	“	20
<i>Mary</i>	<i>farm servant, dau.</i>	<i>Presbt.</i>		“	19
<i>Katherine</i>	<i>house servant, dau.</i>	“	”		15

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	“	

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*]

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):

<i>578 John McPherson,</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>To G.F. Head, Leigh,</i>	<i>£40 each</i>
<i>579 Roderick McPherson,</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>do do</i>	

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.

185	John McPherson	I. of Skye	Presb. reads	33;	To Mr Leach, £60, 6 months
186	Catherine		do	35	
187	Sarah		illit.	10	
188	Ann		do	7	
189	Donald		do	4	
	Alexander			1	Died 28 July at sea

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:

166	John McPherson, shepherd	Skye	Literate	46;	To Mr Armstrong, Geelong
167	Janet	do	do	44	
168	Malcolm	do	do	13	
169	Marion	do	do	7	
292	James, agric. labourer	Presb	do	illit	19; To Hosset. Moore St., £50, 6 months
293	Archibald, agric. labourer			lit	15; with his parents, 166

The IGIndex provides no record of this family, other than James, b/ba. 12 Jan./24 July 1832, Sleat.

170	Niel McPherson, shepherd	Skye	literate	32;	To G.B. Levin, Geelong
171	Catherine		do	21	

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	

356 Ann McPherson, dom. servt Presb. illit. 17

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 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; “
 278 Sarah Cameron, farm servant “ ” illit. 43; with 5 children ag.3-12; to
 A. Cameron, Mt. Gambier,
 £85, 12 months

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 IGIndex)

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,
575 Angus	" " "	13 (628, 629, and
576 Christina	" " literate	11)	630
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 8 th Jan. 1852, prior to sailing
Thomas	b/ba. 19/28 Aug. 1825; he married Mary McDonald on the 18 th 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*)

222 George McPherson, agric. labourer Moray Presb. literate 35
 223 Jessie " " 35
 224 William " " 6
 225 Anne " " 5
 Jessie " " 2; 33rd death at sea
 Isabella " " Infant; 3rd death at sea

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, " " 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.

226 William McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. 38; Hodgekinson, Woodstock,
 227 Sarah " 29 £60. 6 months
 228 Janet " 3
 229 Christina " Infant

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.

343 Hannah McPherson Edinburgh Presb. literate 33; both hired illegally
 344 Anne " " " " 13

This couple may be 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.

387 Thomas McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. literate 17
 The IGIndex provides no record of birth/baptism.

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.

230 James McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. literate 42
 231 Janet " " 38
 232 Elspet " illiterate 5
 233 Donald " " 1
 234 Janet " " 3

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

613 Emma McPherson

“ reads 19

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 illiterate 28

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 Inch (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, Lupanriach (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, Lubanriach [Penelope]

James 29 Apr./4 May 1817, Lubriach

Alexander 19/30 May 1819, Lubrianach, Parish of Inch

Angus 26 Dec. 1821/2 Jan. 1822, Luibriach, Parish of Inch; father “Tennant”

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 & Inch

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 " " 22
95 John " 2

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

635 John McPherson	“	”	10
Unidentifiable.			
843 Catherine McPherson, domestic servant	Inverness	R.C.	illiterate 24
844 Jane McPherson	“	”	Presb. reads 19
845 Sarah McPherson	“	”	“ ” 21
846 Anne McPherson	“	Stirling	R.C. “ 32
847 Catherine McPherson	“	Inverness	Presb. literate 27; O’hearn, Nerri Ck., £30, 3 months

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	Argyle	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

148 James McPherson “ “ Infant
 This family cannot be identified in the IGIndex

297 Ann McPherson, domestic servant “ ” illiterate 17)
 298 Janet “ ” “ “ 27(All hired
 299 Anne “ ” “ ” “ 29(
 300 Mary “ ” “ ” “ 24)

None of these young women is identifiable in the IGIndex

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.

103 Donald McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presb. 35; hired, Williams
 104 Ann 30
 105 Donald McPherson, “ 28; on account
 106 Ann 29
 107 Margaret 5
 108 Martin 3
 150 Peggy McPherson 40; Mrs Evans, 138 Queen St.
 151 Christina 11; A. Dogherty, 1 Collins St.
 152 William 9; with mother
 190 John McPherson reads 16; hired
 245 Fanny McPherson 20; hired
 246 Catherine McPherson 14; hired

None of these families and individuals can be identified in the IGIndex.

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.

188 Donald McPherson, shepherd Inverness Presb. literate 25; P. McMillan, Glen Villa,
 189 Janet “ ” “ 30 £45, 12 months
 190 Alexander “ ” illiterate 2
 191 Donald “ ” “ Infant

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:

Alexander b/ba. 6/30 June 1850
 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 MacDonal, 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

159 James	“	”	7
160 Jane	“	illiterate	4
161 Margaret	“	”	1

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 Macpherson 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:
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232 Elizabeth	“	“	”	21	£55, 6 months
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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
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234 Helen	“	“	“	”	43
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377 Robert	“	”	“	”	“	16; own account, Geelong
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378 Duncan	“	”	“	”	“	15; Mr Wade Ashy, £24, 3 months
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235 Alexander	“	“	illiterate	12
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236 Jane	“	“	“	10
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237 Margaret	“	“	“	7
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238 Helen	“	“	Infant
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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,*
192 *Mary* " 32 £60, 6 months
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

Jess b. 5 Oct. 1829, “
 Elizabeth b. 3 July 1831, “
 Farquhar b. 26 Mar. 1835 “

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, Wannan,
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] 25

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 " " " " " 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,

78 Janet “ 23 £50, 2 months

79 Angus “ illiterate 2

80 Mary “ ” Infant

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 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,*

172 Margaret *do do do 21 £85 1 month
Pt. Henry,*

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*

175 John do do illiterate 5
 176 Mary do do do 3

Duncan McPherson and Mary McDonald were married 24 Jan. 1848 in the Parish of Sleat. Their children were: John ba. 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

177 Kenneth McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presbt illit. 45; own account,
 178 Ann do do do 41 Geelong 322
 Flora McPherson, domestic servant, Inverness literate 20; N.Nicholson,
 323 Mary do do do do 18; Irishtown
 324 Catherine do do do do 16; with parents
 422 Dougald do agric. labourer do do 14; own account,
 Geelong

Kenneth McPherson and Ann McGilvray were married 21 Jan. 1830 in the Parish of Sleat. Their children were:

Marian b. 1831, Sleat Family not listed in 1841
 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.

179 Martin McPherson, agric. labourer Inverness Presbt literate 37; own account,
 180 Janet do do do 42 Geelong
 181 Mary do do do 3
 182 Alexander do do do Infant
 325 Isabella do do do illiterate 40; with brother
 Martin

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 1st October 1854 and into Portland on the 21st January 1855, with one Macpherson family aboard.

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

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 18th May 1854 and reached Melbourne on the 21st 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 28th December 1854 and reached Melbourne on the 22nd 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.

96 *Dugald McPherson, farm labourer Argyle Presbt. read 35; Wilmott, Nerri Creek,*
97 *Agnes* “ 39 £70, 6 months
215 *Duncan* “ *Carter* “ ” “ 15; with parents
98 *Donald* “ *illiterate* 10
99 *Janet* “ ” 7
100 *Mary* “ ” 4
101 *son b.o.b.* “ ” *Infant*

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.

355 *Isabella McPherson, general servant Edinburgh Presbt. literate 26; Mrs Jos. Pearce,*
Gambia, £25, 3 months

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.

358 *Isabella McPherson, general servant Aberdeen Presbt. literate 26; with sister Mrs Stewart*
to Belfast

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 Forteach 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 “ 19

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 Yarrowonga District, Victoria

Isobel b/ba. 13/29 Dec. 1823 “

Ewen b/ba. 10/14 June 1826 “ ; settled Ovie in Yarrowonga District, 1846

James b. 15 July 1830 “ ; settled Auchmore in Yarrowonga, 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,
Not identifiable on the IGIndex 6 months

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
Not identifiable on the IGIndex £25, 6 months

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.

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.