

Clan MURRAY - from a printed booklet
Arms - Azure, 3 star-or within a double treasure, flory, Country flory or
Crest- A demi-savage proper - in dexter hand a dirk, in sinister a key.
Motto- Furth fortune and fill the fetters.

Head of the Clanj Moraidh - Murray, Moray or De Moray, is the Duke of Atholl. Their Flemish ancestors settled in the eastern district of Scotland in the reign of King David. The peerage conferred on Sir John Murray in 1604. Thomas Murray of Aberdeenshire married Jean Tindell in 1750. Moved to Edinburgh. Their son Hugh married about 1780. Anne, daughter of Thomas Young, Writer, of Edinburgh. They were connected with the families of Stair, Scott, Young, Carmichael, Cross and Imlach. Hugh was to the Duke of Atholl and to the Duke of Buccleugh. He died in Edinburgh and his widow married John Thomson, lawyer. David Murray, second son of Hugh, travelled to London and back by ship during the winter of 1814. Thomas the eldest son, was a Captain in the Argyll Highlanders, the 91st. He died in Jamaica in 1826. David Murray married Jean Carmichael and his brother Hugh married her sister Marion. In 1822 Hugh with his brother-in-law chartered the brig "Urania" for V.D.L. and the H.T. gazette of 18 Jan. 1823 records her arrival in the Derwent: Hugh Murray and family, and family, Robert Young, W. Paton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Macqueen and family, John Thomson, Miss Ann Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott and Mrs. Hume. David Murray decided to follow the next year with his family. He sailed on the 'Portland in April 1824: Thomas' son David, Tom Young and family, Jessie Ritchie and her husband, Claud Thomson, and two young gentlemen of fortune Messers. Pitcairn, a carpenter, a cooper and a maid. Arr. in Hobart in Sept. 10, 1824.

Their first settlement was on the Macquarie River, Hugh Murray at St. Leonards and James Reid at Green Hill. St. Leonards is now Baskerville, owned by Mr. Finlay. David set out from Hobart in October 1824 in a bullock cart and arrived at the Macquarie, was loaned a hut until a house which he called Twickenham, taking up residence in May 1825. The Youngs were at Pisa and Beverley. Mr. Hugh Murray laid the foundation stone of the new church at Kirklands, built by a committee set up in Jan. 1826. The natives called a chief 'Eumarrah' after Hugh Murray whom they respected. A number of black women in 1829, during the war with blacks, came to him for protection and camped near his house. (see Fenton).

He did not long remain at St. Leonards, but moved to Hobart Town for the education of his family; he lived there until 1845 and took a leading part in the

His letters show him to have been a shrewd man of business, of true scottish caution. After some years James Reid from Green Hill to Richmond Hill, West Tamar. He was instrumental in building the church at Sydmouth and in securing the Rev. James Garrett as the first minister. Reid was convinced that copper was to be found at Richmond Hill, but it never was.

Extracts from David Murray's Diary

These show the keen social side of the writer and also the difficulties facing such pioneers.

Nov. 1824. 2nd. Arrived Macquarie River, having left Hobart Town in Smith's cart with the family and some packages; on 29 Oct. lodged with Hugh for 8 days-

3. Mr. Reid having begun reploting the field at Fergussons hut which I have taken from him for 6 months, I sowed today 1 and a quarter acres of barley which I bought from Underwood.

Jan.12. 1825. Mr. Reid returned to Corney's yesterday.

16. Gave Dr. Landale 20/6.

17. Saw Mr. Buist. Mr. Reid returned from Corney's. Wrote Champion and Co. to sort, pack and press my wood and ship it by the first vessel, addressed to W. Purves.
Wrote Marsh about sundries. Wrote J. Clark to give me my own saw in lieu of the old one he gave me. Wrote the governor for two sawyers, also another letter about my land. Settled with McRobie about the sheep and received from him 14 of the largest of his wethers, 18 ewes. My sheep now are 91 ewes. 39 wethers, exclusive of that killed today, besides 3 ewes of Petrie's, all sent to the farm with William, Torn and Henry.

22. My first birthday in V.D.L. Hugh, Jane and Mrs. Reid at dinner. Mr. Reid came later.

Feb. 7. Laid foundation stone of my house at my own land, to be 30 feet by 20 feet clear. the wall to be 2 feet thick. Barney Trainer, builder, as written agreement.

11. Mr. Reid tried to set my razors, but could not for want of a stone.

13. A letter from the Governor increasing my grant of land to 1,000 acres. William arrived from Norfolk Plains with 25 bus. of wheat for which he gave a small black trunk, 15/- 12 pair of blue trousers 1/13/-, three waistcoats 9/- 1 pair breeches (moth eaten), 10/-, 1 cotton and linen shirt 14/- each, 2 neck-cloths 4/-, 1 cotton handkerchief 6d., 2 bars soap 4/-, 1 lb. tobacco 8/-, Wheat 6/4/6, or five shillings abs. Recd. from Mr. Corney order on Bethune and Grant R6/5/6d,A

16. Hugh ret'd. from New Town. Packets of letters for me, one from Thomas.

19. William and I began our harvest, which wld have yielded a fair crop, but for the thousands of paraquets which have almost consumed it. We reaped 14 sheafs •.

1825. 21st March arrived with box of books.

Mar. 7. Opened box of private books, list given 145 volumes.

10. Mrs. M. and children with Hugh went to farm with Mr. and Mrs. Reid, who were on their way to New Town. Dined in the tent.

23. William today picked off 23 best ewes for his years wages. ending 10 Sep. next earmarked them and pitched M. on the hip.

29. Cart went to the tier yesterday for weatherboards, returned today with 173.

William the sawyer went with Tom. Rode to Mr. Horne-dined with him; he promised me one of his fine sows. He wrote "a long protest against Jno. Clark leaving the colony, to which I gave my oath and I sent it to Capt. Montague to show the Gov. also to ask the Governor for the loan of a carpenter. Underwood and T. Young see copies: and to get me a jar of preserved ginger, some papper, ginger and saltpetre etc. (For curing bacon)

30. Sent to farm some potatoes and 5 bush. of wheat, also Robert's, William's and Henry's trunks. Got loan of four bullocks from Hugh, one cart from Mr. Reid, to assist in driving wood from the tiers.

April 6. Thomas's birthday, dined with all the family in Hugh's.

8. Hugh, Jean and McRobie at dinner. A severe frost last night which blackened all the potato straws.

10. Dined at Hugh's. Marion walked to and from it.

12. Very rainy day. Cart came to take down our things to farm. He staid all night with Bill the sawyer; he took down two loads.

14. Journeyed to our own land with one loaded cart, the servant and two elder children on top, Mrs. M Walking and myself carrying Andrew.

15. We rose today all well, though our humble apartment was very damp. I went to Mr. Robertson's (Riccarton) today. Got some' .. more plants, put them in with some swedish turnips.

18. Newspaper announced the arrival of the City of Edinburgh on the 13th with William Young etc.

24. Mr. Robertson at dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Foster at tea.

26. set out for Hobart Town in Marsh's 10 bullock cart, with Hugh and R.Young. First night at Cobb's (Blackman's River) the second at Weeding's (Macquarie Springs) where I slept with all my clothes on. Hugh and R. lay down by the fire, and in the morning we took the horse cart and were all night at Green Water Ponds. Left the horse cart 14 miles from New Town and

walked to town by Morris' ferry which we reached by 7 in the evening of the 29th. Stayed with William Young all night. Next morning visited our friends. And the weather was very good until Friday.

26 April 1825. I could make nothing of Underwood and the Aus. Co. told me that their orders from Sydney were that an engagement made at home must be completed and insisted on here. I paid my bill to C. Young~25/10/- loss on 12 sovereigns 12/-. Our journey in was all on joint credit. - 20/-, 30/-, 14/-, of which each is due an equal part, but 12/- goes to my credit. Homeward all was paid, but a bill at Ross Bridge, and Hugh owes me 6/9. Got home in the forenoon of 14 May and found all well - the house far advanced in inside work. Roof all weatherboarded but one end - does not exclude the rain.

16. Government carpenter arrived.

23. Cart went to the tier for shingles.

24. Returned with 2550 shingles. Wrote to the governor about constableness.

Leake and Gatenby at tea.

29. Macquarie River running on my land.

31. Bought of Mr. Jellicoe 6 lb. of whiting. 6/- WID. and I began to build brick divisions June 9. Borrowed from Mr. Robertson 2 bush. of wheat (received one) for which I am to pay 15/- or return it next week.

July 9. Visit from Mr. Jellicoe and Mr. Rankin.

Aug. 7. Visit from Hugh and Wm. Young for the first time. They staid all night. Said that this is the best house on the Macquarie. Marion not so well today. I am despairing of her life and in despair. In the afternoon she revived very much.

9. Marion much better.

12. David ill with sore mouth.

21. Went with Marion to the cart on a visit to Hugh. Made a narrow escape of ducking or drowning in river, as the bullocks had to swim, being deeper than we supposed. There to breakfast. The Turnbells there to dinner.

Aug. 23. Spent a very happy day, staid all night and ret. after breakfast, got from him some cabbages, pease for sowing, and a screwdriver, also a present of a fine young goat.

Sep. 2. Andrew understands "Where's the bullocks?" Where's nanny-pussy-Dickie.

8. Dr. Turnbull to dinner.

15. Paid Mrs. Leake, Mrs. Davidson a visit in the cart. Mrs. M. Marion, Andrew and self. Left David with William.

30. Visit from Mr. Hill and Capt. Briggs; they would not dine but took a glass of wine and lunch, saw the fence and thought a great deal of it. Praised the house very much. Oct. Call from Mr. Jellicoe.

26. A visit from Mr. Robert Pitcairn and Mr. Mackay.

Nov. 9. Hugh came to dinner and staid all night. Went off forenoon. I accompanied him to Mr. McLeod's, and was introduced to Mr. Willis.

20. Went to Hobart Town where I staid till the 30th., visiting and doing business. returned to Mrs. Morgan's on 1st Dec. left her along with Mrs. Turnbull and her two sons John and Alex. We had tents and bushed it, and Hugh and Lillie Murray with us.

Dec. 8. Reached home. They all staid with us till next forenoon.

Hugh and Lillie left us for home in my cart.

12. David beginning to pronounce words.

21. A call from Mr. Rankin and Mr. Lillie, one of the Robertsons called on us in the evening, and gave us the melancholy news of Mr. Scott's death on Sunday morning.

22. I never felt more distressed at any event - Sweet Betsey has lost her much-loved husband.

25. Walked to Hugh's to dinner.

26. To Mrs. Reid's in forenoon and dined with Dr. Turnbull.

27. Left Hugh's after breakfast, found the newspaper awaiting me. The following is the announcement of Mr. Scott's death; "Died on Sunday morning last of apoplexy, which seized him so suddenly that he instantly expired. Mr. M.S. Scott of Argyle St, much regretted by his

numerous friends and acquaintances. This gentleman had commenced tanning on a scale of considerable importance and at great risk and expense. We consider his death a public loss.

30- Visit of all Hugh's family and Mrs. Thomson.

1826. Jan.3. Set off for Hobart Town in bullock cart, reached on the 6th. Stayed in Mother's, where also was Betsey, who was very disconsolate, but cheered up a little before I left town. Mr. Macqueen was there. Mother was at New Norfolk and was very unwell John was with her - James went on the 8th. 14 men were executed on the 6th, and 7th Staid at Humes all night of the 14th and set off from there on 15th. I ought to have noted that on my visit (6th) Gen. Darling Gov. of N.S.W., landed at Hobart Town, there whom I saw.

22. Mrs. M. and I drank tea with Mrs. Foster.

Feb. 2B. I went to Young's to condole with Mrs. Wm. Young on the serious robbery she suffered from the bush rangers on Monday last. She had got up her spirits considerably since Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Leake had paid us a visit in our absence, and waited more than two hours for us.

5th. Received a note from Mr. Willis, summoning me to go to his house and pursue the bushrangers. I reached his house at 8., having lost my way. They thought I was a bushranger and received me under arms.

28. Went with Mr. Hume to Hobart Town; he had a horse and one rode and walked alternately.

April 3rd. Tom Young took me to see the bushrangers in jail; they conversed with me very freely and all save Jeffreys the Monster were at ease.

8. Andrew walking.

24. David got breeches yesterday.

May 6. Wm. Young came from New Town from the trial of the bushrangers. I took bullock cart and went with him to R. Young's. Little Marion wishing to go with me waded the river after the cart, at the great danger of her life. Staid in R. Young's all night, went to Hugh's with Wm. and R. Young.

30. Went with all the family in the cart to Mr. Davidson's where we dined. June 7th. Heard R. Young (Beverley) was very ill. Died same night.

16th. Went to Beverley to his funeral. Dr. Turnbull read the service.

Oct. 30. Recd. in a note from Hugh enclosed a letter from Wm. Young. the distressing intelligence of my dear brother Thomas's death in Jamaica about Jan. last. Mr. Davidson for dinner.

26. Visit from Mr. Wm. Young and Mr. David Taylor who staid with us until after dinner, when I accompanied them to Hugh's.

Dec.3. Dined with all the family at st. Leonards, being the anniversary of their wedding. The Turnbills and Reids were there.

29. Attended a meeting for building a bridge over the Macquarie.

1827. Mar.6. Went in cart with Mrs. M. and Andrew to H.M.'s to meet Mr. Macarthur, who baptized him Andrew Carmichael, and his infant cousin Agnes Hunter Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Thomson were there.

April 3. Went to William Young to fair. A good show of stock and gentlemen and stock, but scarcely any sales. Old Mr. Taylor carne with us to dinner.

5th. Mr. Taylor and WID. Young left us for the races.

May 8. Set out for Launceston to see Mr. Bull, called at Mr. Reid and Gatenby and reached Wm. Young's at night (Pisa).

9th. Got Wm. Young's horse and made Launceston at 8.p.m. Called on Hull and dined with Mr. Corney.

10. Breakfasted with Dr. Landale. Dined and concluded with Mr. Hull.

11. Left Launceston at noon and arrived at Wm. Young's and saw the moon eclipsed.

22. Mr. Jellicoe at breakfast. Paid a visit to Capt. smith at Govt. House, Ross Bridge. Had lunch and a long chat.

Dec.29. Visit from Mr. Reid and Anne and Ann Thomson. Discovered that Andrew was born on St. Andrew's Day, Nov.30.

1828. June 14. A visit from Mr. Robertson, of the Creek, previous to John's departure for Scotland.

16th. Wrote Mrs. Carmichael, also Duncan by Mr. Robertson.

The three sons of Captain Thomas Murray also found their way to Australia. The eldest, Henry Thomas Fullarton, came with David Murray in the Portland in 1824. He is the Thomas's David mentioned earlier, in letter. He lived for some years with his uncles, then crossed to Victoria. After a long and useful life he died among friends in 1888.

William Wallace Fullarton, second son, was educated at Corpus Christi College Cambridge, took his M.A. degree, was ordained at Peterborough Cathedral, his first curacy was at South Brampton, Northamptonshire. He came to Van Diemen's Land as tutor to the sons of Sir William Denison, 1848, Governor. His first chaplaincy was Clarence Plains, and then New Norfolk, from 1854-93. In the church at New Norfolk a stained glass window has been erected to his memory. His wife was Louisa A. Schaw, daughter of Major Schaw, 21st. Fusiliers.

The third son, Henry Thomas Ayton Murray was educated by Dr. Ayton in England at his school. He came out to V.D.L. in the S.S. Derwent, arriving in Hobart 15 Dec. 1839 shortly after his arrival he received a letter addressed as follows--

H.T.A. Murray
To be found in some part of Tasmania,
Perhaps in a bush.

He married Mary, daughter of Frederick Wilbraham Ford, of Highfield, Circular Head, and a granddaughter of Rev. R.W. Ford of Gloucester, rural dean and canon. H.T.A. Murray was the police magistrate for the District, Latrobe to Circular Head, which he worked on horseback for many years. He was transferred to Launceston and was the second Senior P.M. of Tasmania. He died in 1890 and 40 years in office and was highly respected as a fearless and just Magistrate. His decisions were always upheld and he was a terror to evildoers. He once remarked that his sympathies leaned a little to youthful pilferers of orchards.

The Thomsons remained in Hobart Town. Mrs. Thomson took part with Sir John Franklin in laying the foundation stone of St. Andrews when the new building was erected in 1837.

James Thomson who received his M.A. degree from the Edinburgh University in 1835 for services to the Presbyterian Church in Australia, opened the first Grammar School in Hobart Town on 3 February 1823. His advertisement in the Hobart Town Gazette (Supplement) of 1st February 1823 is of interest.

"Mr. Thomson, teacher, from Edinburgh begs to intimate that he has taken the house at present possessed by Mr. Ogilvie, Liverpool Street, Hospital Hill, where on Monday next the 3rd instant he will open a school for the instruction of youth in the following branches of education etc. Fees were 4 gns. a quarter, payable in advance, and hours of attendance were 9-11 and 2-4. A private class for girls was held 12 - 2.

William was an artist and painter of portraits. In the same supplement 1st Feb. 1823 he offers to give instruction either privately or in classes.

Anne married William McRobie.

John came to Victoria about 1837 and settled in the Western District at Keilambete. He built a Presbyterian church and manse at Terang and left large sums of money to Melbourne University for scholarships.

A granddaughter of Anne McRobie married a son of Capt. Forth who proved of great service to the young government. He is recorded as 'a plucky fellow. Was shot by bushrangers. A cairn monument is erected to his memory at Wanstead.

From Gloucestershire Notes and Queries:-

John Lyne of Little Compton and Cambend, Elkstone (second son of Thomas Lyne, senr. Of Syde) and Betty Curtis of Colesburn were married by license at Little Compton (Stoke-on-Tyne) 5th July 1775. Their fifth child-William (born 15th March 1782) m. Sarah Bishop, came with his wife and children to Van Diemen's Land, by the "Hugh Crawford" in 1826. His son John represented Glamorgan for many years and was called the G.O.M. of the Tas. Parl. He was twice married, first to Lillias Hume, then to Martha Murray (daughter of David Murray and Marion Carmichael). William, second son of John Lyne and Lillias Hume, married Martha Coates, daughter of Edward Carr Shaw Esq. of Dublin. He was knighted for his work in connection with the Federation of the states. Carmichael, the youngest son married Alice Walch, daughter of the leading bookseller of early Hobart, and their eldest daughter, Gladys married Norman Nicolson of Egleston, Campbell Town, a grandson of Walter Davidson. N. Nicolson is descended from the Nicolsons of Scoribreac House on the moors above Portree in the Isle of Skye. The Nicolsons have lived there since the eleventh century. Today the line is direct to Norman Nicolson of Egleston, Tas.

One of the leaders of public life in V.D.L. was Adam Turnbull, M.D. of Edinburgh, who came to Tas. in 1825. He was connected with the Murray family through his marriage with Margaret Young, niece of Mrs. Thomson. He was private secretary to Sir George Arthur, Clerk of the Exec. Council and Treas. during Sir John Franklin's term as Governor. In 1852 he refused to support the Govt. in the continuance of transportation and was forced to retire, and lost the large pension to which he was entitled after twenty years of public service. He became in 1854 a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Tas. and lived in Ivy Cottage, Campbell Town, till his death. A fine Presb. Church at Campbell Town with its hall, is his monument. Dr. Turnbull brought his mother and brother Frank whose daughter Margaret married Alex. Reid of West Tamar. Frank Turnbull through his marriage was closely connected with the Hepburns and Fletchers.

David Murray, eldest son of David and Marion, was educated at James Thomson's academy at Hobart Town. He then went to Launceston and entered actively into commercial life. For some years he represented Scottsdale in the House of Assembly. He married his cousin Clara Ried, one who to the close of a long had a passion for flowers. She knew each by its technical name. Andrew Carmichael, second son, after his father's death lived with his uncle Hugh in Hobart and also attended Thomson's academy. He gave up medicine and went to Longford to work in a flour mill. After his marriage to Elizabeth Reid he followed Commerce and removed to Victoria in 1875. Clara and Elizabeth Murray were women of strong personality, widely respected. Hugh Murray died in Hobart in 1846. He left two sons and six daughters.

The glowing account of Port Phillip as a sheep run attracted his eldest son Hugh who came over in 1837 with four friends Anstey, Carter, Morris and Lloyd. They landed their sheep at Pt. Henry on 2nd April. He first settled on the Barwon calling his home St. Leonards. He secured an estate of 6,000 on Lake Corangamite. There he built the first house in Colac. He was known as the King of Colac, arranged for its first medico Dr. Stodart. He was first president of the shire. A letter to his sister in 1837:- I can bake a damper, wash a shirt, put on a patch or grease a pair of boots and cook a dinner with any man. In landing the sheep all hands had to go into the water One old ewe swam out to sea. She and I made an interesting regatta of it ... Found a sheep down, it died on the saddle, so skinned it and divided the spoils ... Hand hung some pork in a tree but the dogs got at it .. two good dogs, very much prized; they kept the natives and dingoes away.

Dr. Cotter, Mr. Nailer, C.O. Parsons, young Gellibrand and some others, forming a party looking for Gellibrand and Hesse came here I wish that you would send us over the day of the month and the time, as we are not sure if this is the 7th or the 14th., as the only account of time we have is breakfast and supper time.

Hugh M. to his father 23 May, 1837. 'Do you think of coming over here? Things must alter strangely to render it comfortable for you ... every person has come with the intention of roughing it for a long time ... We five, Anstey, Augustus Morris, Lloyd, Carter and Murray, live together on our first run, St. Leonards, in great friendship. We have a splendid view of a lake 20 miles long and eight or nine wide, abounding in game. Anstey sold all his sheep to Learmonth Bros. 1,000 Merino ewes, first introduced into Victoria, for about 2 and 3 pounds a head. Murray bought the first land and built the first house at Colac.

Hugh's brother Andrew came over to Victoria soon after and settled near Hugh. James Reid, grandson of J. Reid of Richmond Hill lived for many years on Robbins Island. The Youngs, after some years in Tasmania and owning some of the finest estates, moved to Victoria. Mr. Russel Young still lives in Hobart and on the site of land granted by the Government to the Mother of Mrs. Thomas Young - Mrs. McTavish who arrived in 1824 in the ship Portland (10th Sep). Many relics of the past are preserved by the Murray family.

George Young married Miss Beverley. Their son an early settler in V.D.L. (Thomas) Also Alexander, Margaret (m. Dr. Turnbull) and William, who came to V.D.L. in 1825.

Henry Gray, a teacher in Tas. m. Margaret Macqueen (nee Murray).

Thomas Murray m. Frances Wallace and secondly Clara Childe, dter.of Capt. Childe, 26th Regt. His sons were Henry D.F., William W.F., and Henry Thomas Ayton.

Andrew Murray m. Elizabeth Murray.

James Ried m. Annabella Murray in 1817.

Martha Carmichael m.m. J. Hume who arr. in V.D.L. 1822.

William Wallace Fullarton Murray m. Luoisia Schaw.

H.T.A. Murray m. Mary Ford.

David Murray m. Clara Reid in 1848, His son Trevor m. Minna Lyne. dau. of Henry Lyne.

Hugh Murray m. Elizabeth Young, dau. of T.F. Young, Solicitor, of Hobart 1841.

Their son Thomas C. m. Eleanor Murray of Langloh Park.

Anne Reid m. Thomas Scott, surveyor of V.D.L. and Earlstone, Scotland 1835.

Their sons were George (Capt) Imperial Army.

James who m. E. Cameron.

Alexander Reid m. Margaret Turnbull, dau. of Frank Turnbull, settler in V.D.L.

Carmichael Lyne m. Alice Walch. Their dau. Gladys m. Norman Nicolson. Son Crosby 1844

Henry Reid m. Eleanor Barrett. Issue: James, Annabella (m. Hugh

Murray) William, Henry, Thomas who m. Maud Amos.

Lillias Hume m. John Lyne M.H.A. Glamorgan.

Issue: Bishop, William, Charles, Clarence m. Lillias C. Murray, Carmichael J
1878. David High Murray m. Annabella Ried. Issue: Alexander, Annabella, High.