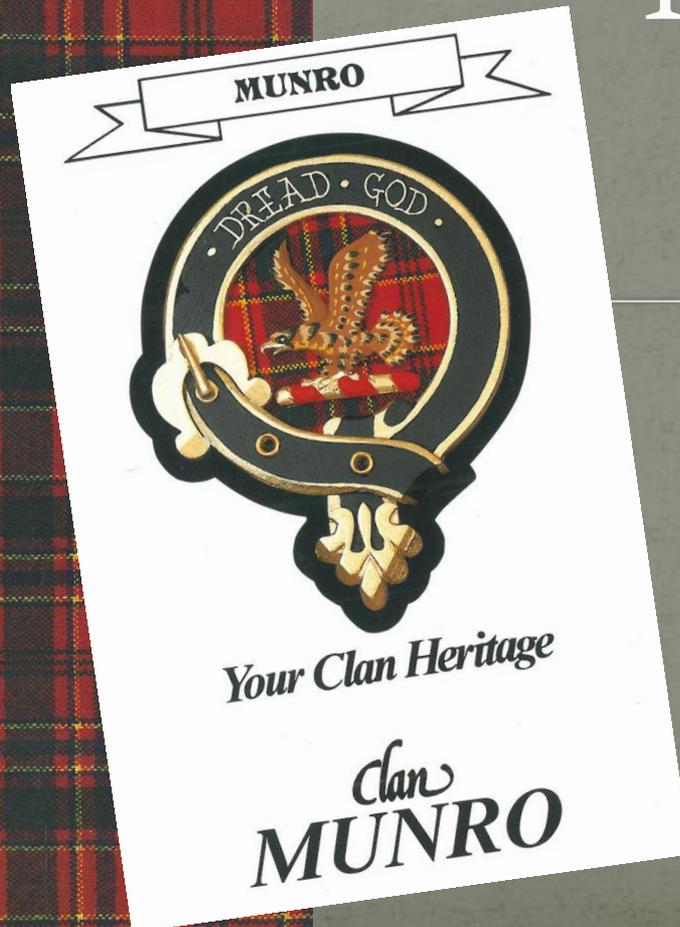


In the footsteps of Alexander Munro

Munro



THE ORIGINS
OF THE CLAN
MUNRO
AND THEIR
PLACE IN
HISTORY



Visit to Scotland
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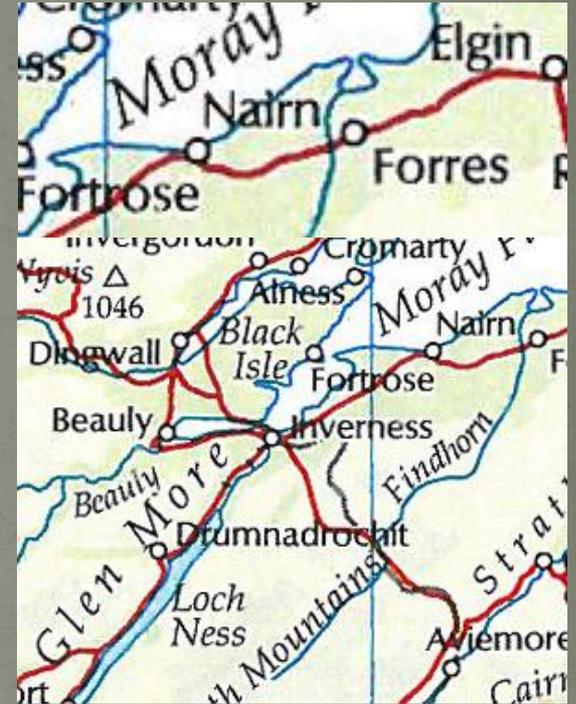
Abrie de Swardt.

Why research? Tina Munro, my mother-in-law

- Granddaughter of Alexander Munro, pioneer of Mossel Bay - Munro Bay
- Petina (Tina) Daughter of Louis Jacobus Munro son of Alexander
- Tina & Abri de Swardt grandson in 1989



Research took me to Scotland, home of the Munro-clan (map of Scotland)



Research to Foulis Castle near Dingwall,- Seat of the Clan Munro



Research to Edinburgh – Castle history of Scotland

- National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh



Research to Nairn/Nairn Museum



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Abrie de Swardt with head
Of Nairn Museum

Front Row :
Bert & Sammy Munro
Nairn County first division
football team 1957 Winners
of West Scotland League



Research to Fishertown, Nairn - origin of Alexander Munro

Nairn Harbour – Modern
Photo of today



A fisher family engaged at
reddin and baiting lines
with mussels at Nairn. C.
1902

The Nairn Fishertown Walk

- a tour through
Nairn's Maritime
Past

discover the people,
buildings and stories
from the Fishertown.

The easy walk is
described in an
illustrated booklet which
is available to purchase
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The Chiefs of Clan Munro

- Hector W. Munro present chief of Munro Clan

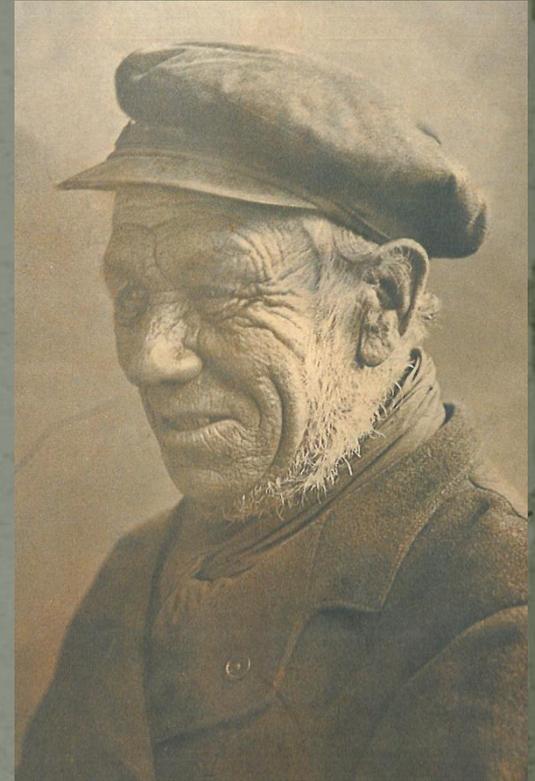


First Chief was Donald Munro 1039, founder of Ancient house of Munro.



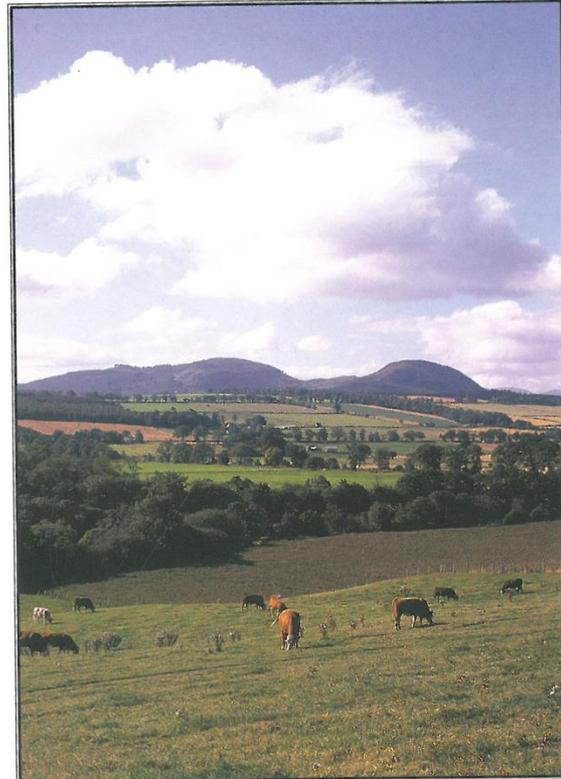
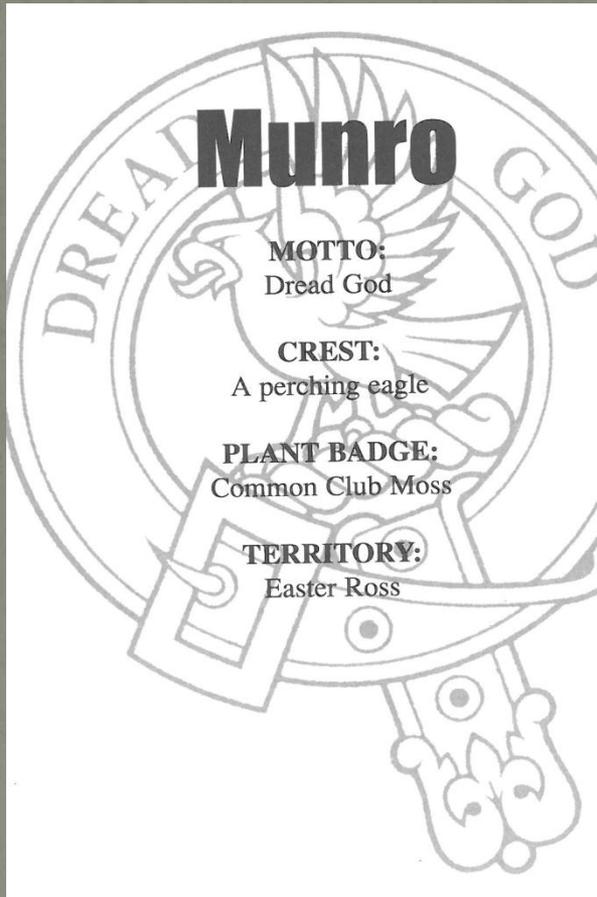
Nairn-home/origin Alexander Munro

- 11000 inhabitants
- 18 miles north of Inverness
- On the Scottish Highlands
- Nairn Fishertown
- Nairn 1821-photo
- Fishermen families
- Fishwives-photo
- Nairnshire Telegraph (14/5/1884)
- Mary Queen of the Scots(visit late 1500AD)
- High Street Nairn
- Nairn Museum



John Mackintosh a
typical Nairn
fisherman of the 18th
century

Munro-history



Strathconon Hills a few miles east of Dingwall in Ross and Cromarty. *Photo: Dennis Hardley*

The Scottish Highlands Origen of the
Munros

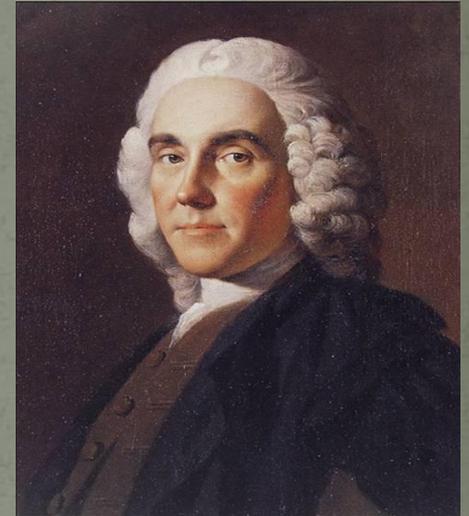
Munro-history

- Munro/Munroe/Monro/Monroe
- Most used Munro
- Derived from Mount of the river Roe(Mountroe)
- Clan Munro 1039AD
- Highest peaks of mountains-Munros
- Typical Scottish Highlanders
- Munro-man from Roe-river in Derry Ireland
- Celtic Origin-Scotland/Ireland/Scotland
- Romans/Danes influences history



Munros-important persons

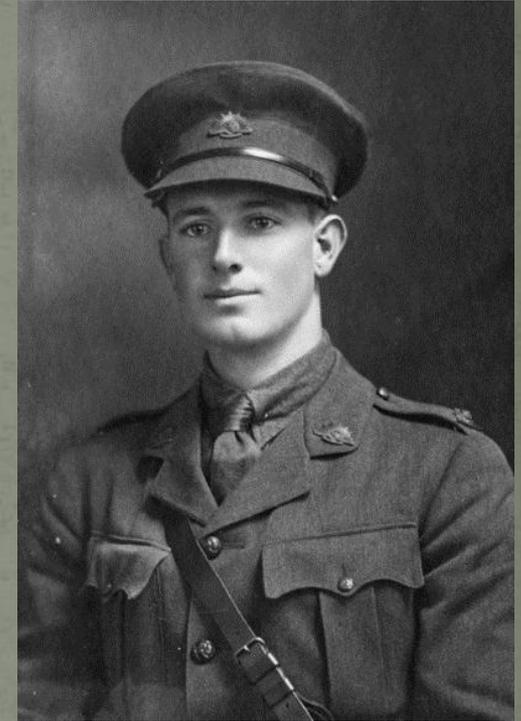
- First written record of a Munro
- Hugo Munro of Foulis-died 1126
- Got a charter of land from William, Earl of Sutherland.
- 1338-George Munro –charter of land
- 1364-Robert Munro-charter for more land near Foulis.
- Robert married, Jane Ross, niece of Robert 11's wife
- 1547-Robert Munro killed Battle of Pinkie
- 1617-Robert Munro-18th Clan Chief
- Munro's fighters-soldiers-Hector Munro-1634-Baronet
- Mostly Presbyterians in religion
- More than 200 years Deans of Medical Faculty, University of Edinburgh
- Rev Alexander Munro-Principal Edinburgh University-1680
- Travelled seas of the world-photo-p 27
- James Monroe- 5th president of United States-(1758-1831)
- William Munroe-fire first shot in American War of Independence(Lexington 1775)



Alexander Munro 4th Professor of
University of Edinburgh

Alexander Munro

- Came to Cape as member 93rd Sutherland Highlander Regiment of Foot
- Regiment established 1799
- Most solid/characteristic Highland of all Scottish regiments
- Wear Sutherland tartan
- Acts as a clan
- Commanding officer regarded as a chief
- Gazetted in Scottish Army October 1800
- Sailed July 1805 to recapture Cape from Dutch
- Won Battle of Blouberg-Jan 8, 1805
- Moved into Cape Castle as HQ
- Every member could read/write
- Almost every private own bible.



Lieutenant Alexander James Munro.
44th Battalion AIF

Alexander Munro- Munro Bay

- Resigned from Regiment/Army 1/7/1817(Pama)
- Started as shoemaker/soldier-Cape Town
- 1813 to Mossel Bay-started as seal and whale hunter
- Met and married Martha Maria Boshoff 6/12/1815(Pama)
- Martha from well-known Afrikaans Mosel Bay family
- Build Munro-houses/cottages(3)- 1830-historic spot/Diaz)
- Licence for seal/whale hunting 1831
- Leading role in fishing industry
- Respected citizens
- Started first tavern in town
- Had eleven children/extended family

First build 1830, rebuilt 1978.



Alexander Munro-family history (Petina Munro)

- Alexander-married to Martha Maria Boshoff (George 6 December 1815)
- Father of-Alexander, Lenie, Martha, Joseph, Hendrick, Willem, Louis Jacobus, Maria, Beatrice, Pieter and Gideon.
- Louis Jacobus Munro married to Petina Johanna le Roux
- Louis Jacobus /Petina le Roux had five children Hugo, Aletta, Maria, Petina, Louis and John
- Petina Johanna Munro(born 28/12/1924), married to Ronald Coetzee
- Ronald /Petina Coetzee had three children(John, Sharon, Hilton)
- Sharon Coetzee married to Abrie de Swardt(22/12/1984)
- Relationship Alexander Munro



Petina Munro grand
daughter of Alexander
and husband Ronald
Coetzee

Related-Timmy and Petina (Tina) Munro

Timmy Munro
Mother present Clan Chief , Hector W.

Matriarch of Munro clan

Friendship Queen Mother

Prince Charles-Clan Gathering 26/7/2014

Thanks to Munro Family

Regular visits to Foulis Castle(1745)

Tina Munro
Grand daughter of
Alexander
Daughter of Louis
Jacobus
Talked a lot of Scottish
heritage
Mother of Sharon de
Swardt
Mother-in law Abrie
de Swardt.
Married to Ronald
Coetzee

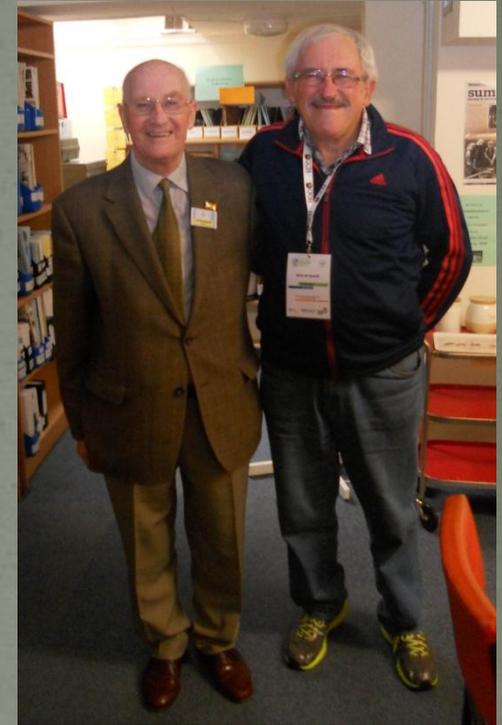


Timmy Munro shared stories of visits from the prince's late grandmother for afternoon tea, when she was travelling north to the Castle of May.



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- 1800 plus members
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- Own newsletter/magazine-monthly
- Members Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday research
- Relationship GSSA-Southern Cape



Famous Bond Girl of the Munro's Caroline Munro (Actress with James Bond)



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Conclusion

- Research into Genealogy is a lot of work but can take you around the world to find your family's roots.
- This is the monthly magazine of the Glasgow / West of Scotland family history Society.