

## The Bounty Ships Scheme to Australia

### *British King*

The *British King* (William Paton, Master; Alexander Arbuckle, Surgeon) sailed from Tobermory on 28th October and arrived in Sydney on 28th February 1839. It embarked 252 adult and 74 child passengers. During the voyage 6 children were born, and 1 adult and 9 children died. For accounts of the voyage, transcript of the Captain's Log, and transcripts of newspaper reports on arrival in Sydney, [click here](#)

#### Passengers from Tiree or Coll on the *British King* [from transcriptions by Irene Kerr, Anne Maye, Brian Wills-Johnson & Joe Moore]

[Family groups are colour-shaded]

| Native Place | Surname                  | Given name         | Age | Marital Status | Occupation    | R&W | Engaged by              | Wages | Passenger List Notes & [Researcher's Comments]   | Refs |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|---------------|-----|-------------------------|-------|--|------|
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Helen              | 49  | W              |               | Yes | Capt. McLean, Lane Cove |       | Daughter of Archibald Campbell & Ann McColl; Widow of Duncan Campbell, Tacksman of the Reef, who died c.1835 [ <i>drowned in boat accident</i> ] |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Grace              | 24  | U              |               | Yes |                         |       | Married (1)1845 Alexander Holmes, (2)1862 Joseph Ambler, died 1889   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Jessie             | 23  | U              |               | Yes |                         |       | Married 1843 Archibald Lamont, Merchant  |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | John               | 21  | U              | Farmer        | Yes |                         |       | Went to Victoria & set up a farm at Sale, married 1849 Susan Jane Graham McNaughton  |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Malcolm            | 18  | U              | Farmer        | Yes |                         |       | Went to Victoria with brother John; in 1856 was a Government Surveyor; never married, died Sale aged 80  |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Louisa             | 16  | U              | House Servant | Yes |                         |       | Married 1847 George Coulson & moved to Victoria. In 1864 George was Town Clerk, Sale.  |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Helen              | 15  | U              | House Servant | Yes |                         |       | Married 1854 Archie Turnbull, settled S. Coast NSW   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Eliza              | 13  | U              |               | Yes |                         |       | Married 1846 William Wells, licensee & civil servant   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Giles              | 10  | U              |               | Yes |                         |       | Married 1853 Thomas Webster  |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Mary Bell          | 9   | U              |               | Yes |                         |       | Married 1857 James Munro McKenzie, merchant.   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Archibald          | 7   | U              |               | Yes |                         |       | Drowned in boating accident, Victoria, aged 37   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                 | Duncan/<br>Barbara | 3   | U              |               | Yes |                         |       | No definite trace after landing in Australia.  |      |
| Tiree        | McDonald<br>née Campbell | Ann                |     | M              |               | Yes |                         |       | Daughter of Duncan Campbell & Helen Campbell and wife of Dr Donald Rankin McDonald also on the ship.   |      |

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| Tiree        | Campbell                | Alexander                    | 32        | U              | Stockman      | Yes |                                |                         | Son of Archibald Campbell, tacksman in Tiree, and Ann McColl, Archibald brother to Helen Campbell above   | 1    |
| Tiree        | Campbell                | Archibald                    | 45        | M              | Crofter       | Yes |                                |                         | The family lived at Scarinish, where OPR's show Archibald as a Turner and later as a crofter  |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                | Mary/<br>Margaret            | 31        | M              |               |     |                                |                         |   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                | Jean/Jane                    | 10        |                |               |     |                                |                         |   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                | Duncan                       | 8         |                |               |     |                                |                         |   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                | Neil                         | 7         |                |               |     |                                |                         |   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                | Jessie                       | 4         |                |               |     |                                |                         |   |      |
| Tiree        | Campbell                | Mary                         | 2         |                |               |     |                                |                         |   |      |
| Tiree        | McDonald                | Janet                        | 23        | U              | Farm Servant  |     |                                |                         | [Unmarried mother – see entry below]  | 1    |
| Tiree        | McKinnon or<br>McDonald | Mary                         | 1         |                |               |     |                                |                         | Illegitimate child of Janet McDonald [probably the Mary McKinnon or McDona;ld, dau of Charles McKinnon & Janet McDonald born 7 Feb 1838 and baptised 28 Mar 1838]   | 1,2  |
| Tiree        | McKinnon                | Malcolm                      | 25        | M              | Farm Labourer |     | Mr Rothery,<br>Concord         | £45,<br>with<br>rations | Son of Allan McKinnon & Catherine McKinnon, Balefuil. Malcolm bap 25 Oct 1810   | 1,3  |
| Tiree        | McKinnon                | Mary<br>(wife of<br>Malcolm) | 27        | M              | House Servant |     | [Engaged with<br>her husband/] |                         | Née McDonald. Dau of Alexander McDonald & Grace "Girse" McFarlane. Mary bap 28 Sep 1806   | 1,2  |
| At sea       | McKinnon                | -                            | 12<br>dys | -              | -             |     | -                              | -                       | Male child [son of Malcolm McKinnon & Mary McDonald] born at sea and died aged 12 days  | 1    |
| Tiree        | McArthur                | Hector                       | 30        | U              | Mason         | Yes | Capt.<br>Nicholson,<br>Sydney  |                         | Bap 30 Oct 1808 Helipol, son of John McArthur & Janet McFarlane. Hector's future wife Catherine McDonald born 1818 Penmore Mull was also on board the ship with her parents Duncan McDonald & Ann McDougall [McLucais]. | 6    |
| Coll         | McKinnon                | John                         | 28        | U              | Farm Servant  | Yes | Mr Leburn,<br>Sydney           | £26<br>with<br>rations  | Son of Neil McKinnon, Farmer, & Catherine McFadyen (daughter of John McFadyen) of Coll  | 1,3  |
| Coll         | McKinnon                | Lachlan                      | 29        | -              | Shepherd      |     | -                              | -                       | Died in the hospital  | 3    |
| Coll         | McEachern [?]           | John/Ian                     | 42        | M              | Smith         | Yes |                                |                         | Son of Ian...[?] and of Mary McQuarie, daughter of John McQuarie farm [sic] in the Island of Rum. [No OPR entry]  | 1    |
| Coll         | McDonald                | Donald                       | 47        | M              | Farm Service  | Yes |                                |                         | Son of Neil McDonald, farmer & Margaret Campbell (dau of John Campbell, farmer) of Coll. [Donald underestimated his age : he was at least 51]   | 1,4  |

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| Coll         | McDonald | Mary [wife of Donald] | 38  | M              | House Servant | No  |            |       | Daughter of Neil McLean, farmer, & Margaret McDonald (daughter of Donald McDonald) of Coll. [Mary underestimated her age: she was at least 48] | 1,4  |
| Coll         | McDonald | Flora                 | 24  | U              | House Servant |     |            |       | Dau of Donald & Mary McDonald on this ship [recorded as accommodated with parents & younger siblings]  | 1,4  |
| Coll         | McDonald | John                  | 22  | U              | Farm Servant  | Yes |            |       | Son of Donald & Mary McDonald on this ship [recorded as accommodated in the single men's cabin]  | 1,4  |
| Coll         | McDonald | Neil                  | 20  | U              | Farm Servant  | Yes |            |       | Son of Donald & Mary McDonald on this ship [recorded as accommodated in the single men's cabin]  | 1,4  |
| Coll         | McDonald | Norman                | 15  |                |               |     |            |       | Son of Donald & Mary McDonald [and recorded as accommodated with them]   | 1,4  |
| Coll         | McDonald | Donald                | 12  |                |               |     |            |       | Son of Donald & Mary McDonald [and recorded as accommodated with them]   | 1,4  |
| Coll         | McDonald | Marion                | 10  |                |               |     |            |       | Dau of Donald & Mary McDonald [and recorded as accommodated with them]   | 1,4  |
| Coll         | McDonald | Catherine             | 10  |                |               |     |            |       | Dau of Donald & Mary McDonald [and recorded as accommodated with them]   | 1,4  |
| Coll         | McDonald | Isabella              | 5   |                |               |     |            |       | Dau of Donald & Mary McDonald [and recorded as accommodated with them]   | 1,4  |

*Simon & John Fraser (below) sons of Alexander Fraser & Mary McQuarrie, had lived in Coll (John was born there) but they were residing with their families in Mull before emigration*

|      |        |           |    |   |  |  |  |  |                       |   |
|------|--------|-----------|----|---|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|---|
| ?    | Fraser | Simon     | 44 | W |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
|      | Fraser | Duncan    | 18 |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
|      | Fraser | Isabella  | 17 |   |  |  |  |  | <i>Died on voyage</i> | 5 |
|      | Fraser | Flora     | 16 |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
|      | Fraser | Grace     | 14 |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
|      | Fraser | Alexander | 12 |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
|      | Fraser | Ellen     | 10 |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
|      | Fraser | Hector    | 8  |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | John      |    | M |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Catherine |    | M |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Elizabeth | 16 |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Alexander | 14 |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Lachlan   | 12 |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Mary      | 8  |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Betsy     | 5  |   |  |  |  |  | <i>Died on voyage</i> | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Catherine | 3  |   |  |  |  |  | <i>Died on voyage</i> | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Hector    | 2  |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |
| Coll | Fraser | Anne      | 6m |   |  |  |  |  |                       | 5 |

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