

Peter MCARTHUR 1805 – 1892

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Peter's grandfather grew up in Kilbarchan, near Glasgow, marked 1 in the map.



Peter's probable grandfather was Edward MCARTHUR, born in 1745 in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire. His is the only record that fits with time and place, but I am only moderately confident with it. Edward grew up near Glasgow. He married Anne HOUSTOUN in 1761 in the parish of Kilbarchan, just west of Glasgow. One of their children was Edward McARTHUR, baptised in 1771 in Kilbarchan.

Edward married Janet MCEACHERN by 1805. She lived close to, or on, the Isle of Mull in Argyllshire, and they were on the Island when they married and when Peter was born on the Isle of Mull, in March 1805.

Peter married three times, but sadly his first two wives died early. His first wife was Cirsty LIVINGSTONE, and they married in 1827. Two children followed, but I cannot discover what happened to Cirsty. Peter married again in 1833, to Mary MORISON, and had five more children, the fourth being Christina MCARTHUR. Again, I cannot discover what happened to Mary, but Peter has all the children when he marries Isabella MCLEAN in 1842. This couple have four children in Scotland, making a total of eleven children when Peter and Isabella leave Liverpool for Australia.

They arrived in Portland, Victoria in December 1852, and at once headed to Mt Gambier. Peter worked for the pastoralist Dr WEHL for three years at Compton, before buying land and farming on his own account on the property he called 'Greenvale'. At his death, Peter had more than 120 living descendants. His daughter Christina married Duncan BUCHANAN, and they did very well farming at Square Mile, south of Mt Gambier.

You can read about the BUCHANAN family in my BUCHANAN narrative previously published.

Related Surnames Through Marriage

Christina LIVINGSTON

Peter MCARTHUR's first wife was Cirsty LIVINGSTON. She was born in 1809, in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, and her parents were Angus LIVINGSTON and Margaret HALL. They lived on the Isle of MULL.

Mary MCCORMACK

Peter's second wife was Mary MCCORMACK. She was born in 1813 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, on the Isle of Mull. Her parents were Donald MCCORMACK and Betty POLLOCK.

Isabella MCLEAN

Both Cirsty/Christina and Mary died young, leaving Peter with young children. His third wife was Isabella MCLEAN, born in 1813, in Kilvinver and Kilmerfort. This was on the mainland, but not far away. Her parents were Donald MCLEAN and Peggy MCDUGALL.

Janet MCEACHERN

Peter's mother and the wife of Edward MCARTHUR was Janet MCEACHERN, born in 1813 in Kilninian and Kilmore. Her parents were Niel MCEACHERN and Catharine MCQUARY.

Anne HOUSTOUN

Edward MCARTHUR senior's wife was Anne HOUSTOUN, born about 1740. She married Edward in 1761 in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland

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Peter is Anne SQUIRE's 3 x great grandfather. The ancestral line is as follows:

Anne's mother was Joan LANGDON, changed from MIENCKE in 1915. She was born in Adelaide in 1915, and married Raymond KEIGHTLEY in 1944.

Anne's grandmother was Effie BARRETT, born in 1884 in Mt Gambier. She married Gordon MEINCKE in 1911, and they changed their surname to LANGDON in 1915.

Anne's great grandmother was Flora BUCHANAN, born in 1860 in Mt Gambier. She married Hugh BARRETT in 1880, in Mt Gambier.

Anne's great x 2 grandmother was Christina MCARTHUR, born in 1838 on the Isle of Mull, Scotland. She married Duncan BUCHANAN in 1857 in Mt Gambier.

Anne's great x 3 grandfather was Peter MCARTHUR, born in 1805 on the Isle of Mull, Scotland. He married Cirsty LIVINGSTON in 1827, on Mull.

Anne's great x 4 grandfather was Edward MCARTHUR, born in 1771, near Glasgow. He married Janet MCEACHERN around 1804.

Anne's great x 5 grandfather was also an Edward, born in 1745, near Glasgow. He married Anne HOUSTOUN in 1761.

Peter MCARTHUR

♂ 1805 - 1892 (87 years)

Generation: 1

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1. Peter MCARTHUR was born on 26 Mar 1805 in Isle of Mull, Argyllshire, Scotland (son of [Edward MCARTHUR](#) and [Janet MCEACHERN](#)); died on 26 Aug 1892 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.

Peter married Christina LIVINGSTON on 18 Dec 1827 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland. Christina (daughter of [Angus LIVINGSTON](#) and [Margaret HALL](#)) was born in 1809 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 29 Oct 1809 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland. [[Group Sheet](#)]

Children:

- i. Ann MCARTHUR was born on 12 Oct 1829 in Isle of Mull, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 17 Oct 1829 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland; died on 11 Sep 1894 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. John MCARTHUR was born in 1831 in Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 18 Sep 1831, in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland; died on 26 May 1885 in Millicent, South Australia, Australia.

Peter married Mary MCCORMACK. Mary was born in 1813 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 19 Dec 1813 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland. [[Group Sheet](#)]

Children:

- i. Dugald MCARTHUR was born on 10 Feb 1833 in Isle of Mull, Argyllshire, Scotland; died on 21 Apr 1908 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. Archibald MCARTHUR was born on 25 Nov 1834 in Isle of Mull, Argyllshire, Scotland; died on 10 Jul 1911 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia; was buried in Cemetery, Mt Gambier, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. Neil MCARTHUR was born on 24 Dec 1836 in Iona, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 8 Apr 1837 in Iona, Argyllshire, Scotland; died on 2 Jan 1878 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 4 Jan 1878 in Lake Terrace Cemetery, Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Christina MCARTHUR was born on 3 Dec 1838 in Iona, Skye, Scotland; died on 11 Aug 1923 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.
- v. Marrion Flora MCARTHUR was born on 17 Oct 1840 in Iona, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 20 Nov 1840 in Iona, Argyllshire, Scotland; died on 20 Feb 1924 in Prospect, South Australia, Australia.
- vi. Donald MCARTHUR was born on 18 Dec 1842 in Scotland; died on 22 Oct 1912 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.

Peter married Isabella MCLEAN. Isabella was born in 1813 in Kilninver and Kilmerfort, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 13 Feb 1813 in Kilninver and Kilmerfort, Argyllshire, Scotland; died on 19 May 1887 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 21 May 1887 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia. [[Group Sheet](#)]

Children:

- i. Mary MCARTHUR was born on 26 Feb 1845 in Iona, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 28 Feb 1845 in Iona, Argyllshire, Scotland.
- ii. [Eliza MCARTHUR](#) was born on 10 Jun 1847 in Scotland.
- iii. James MCARTHUR was born on 3 Aug 1849 in Scotland; died on 29 Oct 1903 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Charles MCARTHUR was born on 14 Jul 1855 in Square Mile, Mt Gambier, South Australia, Australia; died on 16 Oct 1932 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 17 Oct 1932 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.

Generation: 2

2. Edward MCARTHUR was born in 1771 (son of [Edward ARTHUR](#) and [Anne HOUSTOUN](#)).

Edward married [Janet MCEACHERN](#). Janet (daughter of [Niel MCEACHERN](#) and [Catharine MCQUARY](#)) was born in 1782 in Kilninian and Kilmore, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 27 Jan 1782 in Kilninian and Kilmore, Argyllshire, Scotland. [[Group Sheet](#)]

3. Janet MCEACHERN was born in 1782 in Kilninian and Kilmore, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 27 Jan 1782 in Kilninian and Kilmore, Argyllshire, Scotland (daughter of [Niel MCEACHERN](#) and [Catharine MCQUARY](#)).

Children:

- i. 1. [Peter MCARTHUR](#) was born on 26 Mar 1805 in Isle of Mull, Argyllshire, Scotland; died on 26 Aug 1892 in Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. Archibald MCARTHUR was born in 1806 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 20 Apr 1806 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland.

- iii. Mary MCARTHUR was born in 1807 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland, ; was christened on 5 Jul 1807 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland, .
- iv. Charles MCARTHUR was born in 1815 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland, ; was christened on 21 Jul 1815 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland.
- v. Ann MCARTHUR was born in 1818 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland, ; was christened on 6 Sep 1818 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland, .
- vi. Janet MCARTHUR was born in 1821 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland, ; was christened on 6 Jun 1821 in Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon, Argyllshire, Scotland, .

Generation: 3

4. Edward ARTHUR was born in 1745 in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland; was christened on 14 Oct 1745 in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

Edward married **Anne HOUSTOUN** on 28 Mar 1761 in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Anne was born in 1740. [[Group Sheet](#)]

5. Anne HOUSTOUN was born in 1740.

Children:

- i. **Robert MCARTHUR** was born in 1762.
- ii. Elizabeth MCARTHUR was born in 1764.
- iii. David MCARTHUR was born in 1766.
- iv. David MCARTHUR was born in 1768.
- v. **Robert MCARTHUR** was born in 1770.
- vi. 2. **Edward MCARTHUR** was born in 1771.
- vii. **William MCARTHUR** was born in 1773.
- viii. **Archibald MCARTHUR** was born in 1775.

6. **Niel MCEACHERN**

Niel married **Catharine MCQUARY**. [[Group Sheet](#)]

7. **Catharine MCQUARY**

Children:

- i. 3. **Janet MCEACHERN** was born in 1782 in Kilninian and Kilmore, Argyllshire, Scotland; was christened on 27 Jan 1782 in Kilninian and Kilmore, Argyllshire, Scotland.