

CAMPBELL

Donald Campbell was born in Arnisdale, Glenelg, Inverness-shire Scotland around 1785. His parents were Ewen Campbell and Mary McAskill¹. In 1826, he married Marion Campbell.² and their first child Ann was born on 8 May 1827 in Glenelg. Ewen followed in 1828, then Allan (1829), Alexander (1831), Donald (1832), John (1835), Christina (16 May 1837), Angus (1839), Mary (1842) and finally Ewan (1844)³.

Donald and Marion and their family sailed from Plymouth in October 1848 with their nine children on the *Harbinger*. The 750 ton vessel was a new ship having 7 ft 6 in between decks 'fitted throughout with swinging stoves, and all modern improvements'. She was inspected on 17 October having brought 161 immigrants from London: 'A dietary scale (was) stuck against the mainmast. Adults had ½ pound of beef or pork, and three quarts of water daily'. The 'medical comforts, at the discretion of Mr Barnes, her surgeon' included 'arrowroot, sago, lemon juice, brandy, wine, porter (beer) and preserved milk.'⁴

The journey from England took 119 days and the ship docked in Sydney on 12 February 1849. There were 288 immigrants on board, three deaths of infants on the journey and five births.⁵ The immigration record shows that Donald was a farm labourer and that he could read. Marion could not read or write but the five eldest children could do both. They gave their religion as Church of Scotland.

6	Campbell	Donald	50							Farm labourer	Glenelg, Inverness	Ch. of Scot.	Read
		Marion	42							Wife	do	do	Neither
		Ewen	22							Farm labourer	do	do	Both
		Allan	20							Shepherd	do	do	do
		Alexander	18							Farm labourer	do	do	do
		Donald	16							Shepherd	do	do	do
		John	14							do	do	do	do
		Christina						12		daughter	do	do	Read

No.		NAME.		AGE.										CALLING.	NATIVE PLACE AND COUNTY.	RELIGION.	READ OR WRITE.	REMARKS.		
				MARRIED.		SINGLE.														
						14 years and upwards.		7 and under 14 years.		4 and under 7 years.		1 and under 4 years.		Under 1 year.						
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
		Campbell	Angus				10										Son	Glenelg, Cornwall	Ch. of Scot.	Read
			Mary				7										daughter	do	do	do
			Ewen					5									Son	do	do	Neither

Pages 252 and 253 from the 'LIST of Immigrants per ship "Harbinger" arrived (in Port Jackson) on 12th February 1849'. Note that the second page with details of Angus, Mary and Ewen Campbell shows the 'native place and county' (birth place) as Glenell, Cornwall, presumably a copying error as many migrants came from Gwinder and Gwenap, Cornwall.

On 22 February 1849, the Campbell's left Sydney aboard the 45 ton coastal schooner *Swift* 'with eleven children.'⁶ By the time they arrived on 26 February, the size of the family had shrunk to 'twelve in the steerage'⁷. Having arrived in Moreton Bay, they set off for Glenelg Station, near Warwick. Glenelg Station was held by

McLeod and Ewan Campbell. From Glenelg the family moved to Bin Bin near Dalby. Eventually they settled permanently in Moggill in March 1852 on portion 5, a 20 acre block on Lather Road.⁸

Little is known about the Campbell family in Moggill. Donald died on 1 August 1858 and Marion was left with nine children to manage the farm. Some of the children became land owners: John took up a 67 acre block situated at the end of Lather Road and bounded by Pullen Pullen Creek (Portion 38). Donald and Alexander are said to have owned the land on which the Moggill Cemetery is sited until it was resumed by the Crown.⁹ None of their sons married but Christina married to James Low, a fellow Scot from Aberdeen, on 9 May 1861 and descendants of Christine and James still live in Queensland. Mary married John Gunn and they settled in the Laidley area.¹⁰



20-chain map of land holdings in the Parish on Moggill, ca. 1885. Portion 38 is just above Pullen Pullen Creek. Part of portions 7 and 8 were resumed for the cemetery on 22 March 1851. This map shows them held by Joseph Lewis

Sadly, Marion saw the death of her eldest son, Ewen, in 1864. Marion died in 1893 at the ripe of age of 98 and Allan Campbell died on 27 December 1904. Donald, Marion and Allan are all buried in Moggill Cemetery but no grave inscription remains. A street in Bellbowrie Chase bears their name as a reminder of the family.

¹ Queensland Births Deaths and Marriages, record 1858/B259

² <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search/oprmarriage/index.aspx>

³ Birth dates approximate, taken from shipping record

⁴ *Shipping Gazette and Sydney General Trade List*, Saturday 17 February 1849

⁵ *The Sydney Morning Herald*, Tuesday 13 February 1849

⁶ *The Sydney Morning Herald*, Thursday 22 February 1849,

⁷ *The Moreton Bay Courier*, Saturday 3 March 1849

⁸ Bruce Sugars & Mabel Kelly, *A Time to Remember: Descendants of Moggill Pioneers Souvenir Booklet*, 1988

⁹ Sugars & Kelly contains a document referring to possible ownership of the cemetery land by 'A and D Campbell'

¹⁰ Audienne Blyth, *Celebrating 150 Years: James and Christina Low's Story*, pub. October 2014