

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Robert Murray
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1027
<i>Your name:</i> Neiliann McIntyre
<i>U3A group:</i> Scotland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
Robert Murray was born in Dornoch, Sutherland on 21 May 1835
2: Who were your pensioner's parents? Record any details you can find out about them here (e.g. occupation, religious affiliation, whether they could read or write)
<p>Father: George Murray, Shoe Maker/Tailor: Born in Dornoch around 1781 Died 6 November 1857</p> <p>Mother: Barbara MacKay: Born around 1794 Died 19 March 1864</p> <p>Married in Church of Scotland in Dornoch, Sutherland on 12 December 1818</p> <p>[Both parties were resident in Dornoch at the time of the marriage]</p>

3: Did your pensioner have any siblings? What were their names, and how old were they in relation to your pensioner? Use this space to record anything else you have found out about them (e.g. occupation, later life)

Elizabeth Murray born 5 March 1820 in Dornoch

William Murray born [around 1825]

Barbara Murray: Born on 12 Jan 1826 in Dornoch

Christy Murray: Born 30 June 1928 in Dornoch

Elsapie Murry: Born on 10 May 1831 in Dornoch

Part Two: Marriage and children/ boarders

1: Did your pensioner marry? What was their spouse's name, and when and where did they marry them? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about their spouse (e.g. when/where they were born, their occupation). **Note:** *You can also use this space to record any details about people your pensioner boarded with.*

Married Catherine MacKay in Dornoch, Sutherland on 18 February 1870

Catherine MacKay:

Father: James McKay

Mother: Margaret Gunn

Born: 16 January 1838 in Dornoch, Sutherland

Died: 21 November 1920 in Dornoch, Sutherland

1841 Census recorded as living with Parents: Father's occupation given as Sawyer

1851 Census recorded as living with Parents: Father still a Sawyer: Catherine recorded as Scholar

1861 Census recorded as living with parents and her occupation given: Domestic Servant

2: Did your pensioner have any children? What were their names, and when they were born? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about them (e.g. occupation, where they lived later in life)

Jamesina MacKay Murray [also known as Ina*]: Born in Dornoch 13 February 1874, Married to to Pierce George Jones, Died in Edinburgh on 4 August 1939

George Murray: Born in Dornoch in 1872 – Died in Dornoch at 11 months in 1873 from unknown cause

George Murray: Born in Dornoch in 1876. 1901 Census shows him working as a House Carpenter in Dornoch – Occupation: Carpenter. At time of father's death although present, his address is given as 14 Frederick Street, Edinburgh

Alexandrina Murray [known as Lexie*]: Born in Dornoch around 1878

Barbara Murray: Born in Dornoch around 1880 – Single - Died from Phthisis on 23 December 1900 in Dornoch

*Shown in 1891 Census

Part Three: Work

1: What occupation was your pensioner recorded as doing in census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

1841 Census recorded – nothing recorded

1851 Census recorded as Scholar

1861 Census recorded as Post Runner [Address given as Court House, Dornoch]

1871 Census recorded as Letter Carrier [Address given as Police Station, Dornoch]

1881 Census recorded as Letter Carrier

1891 Census recorded as Letter Carrier [Address given as The Square, Dornoch]

1901 Census recorded as Rural Postman [Address given as 17 Bridge Street, Dornoch]

2: What occupations were people living with your pensioner (e.g. spouse, children, boarders) doing in the census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

1841 Census:

Father: George Murray – Occupation – Tailor
No other occupations noted on sheet

1851 Census:

Father: Tailor
Mother: Tailor's wife
William: Tailor's son
Robert: Scholar and shows him to be around 15. [For the time this is quite old to still be a Scholar?].

1861 Census shows him as a Postal Runner and original PO Records estimate year he started work around 1862 aged around 26. *Address given as Court House, Dornoch! What was he doing from leaving school to when he joined the PO?*

1871 Census: *Address given as Police Station, Dornoch!*

*Lodger – James Connolly [Born in Ireland, Age 33] – Civil Assistance Ordinance Survey
Lodger – Norman Mackenzie [Born in Assynt, Sutherland, Age 22] – Labourer, Ordinance Survey*

1881 Census:

Lodger – George Ross [Born Dornoch, Sutherland, Age 19] – Apprent. Druggist

1901 Census:

George Murray [son] Aged 25 – House Carpenter

Part Four: Anything Else/Later Life

Please use this space to record anything else you have found out about your pensioner. For example: what do we know about their life after retirement?

Robert Murray retired in 1901 and no further information available from records until his death in 1907.

1903 Valuation rolls reveals that he resided at 17 Bridge Street, Dornoch and that he had owned property from around 1882 onwards in Dornoch.

[Brief History of Dornoch during the life of Robert Murray - Life within the parish of Dornoch in the 19th century was a period of great change. Around the time he was born Cholera briefly threatened the community and there was an outbreak of smallpox in the town. Poverty and poor housing were widespread and well-intentioned attempts were made by the Parochial Board to alleviate the suffering – to little avail. However, the latter half of the century saw the local council assume a greater responsibility for social and economic conditions within Dornoch, and by the beginning of the 20th century health, housing and sanitation had improved considerably.] [Taken from History Links.](#)

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

ScotlandsPeople: Source Citation

1857 Death Certificate for father: George Murray:

https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/view-image/nrs_stat_deaths/124222?destination=user/3090787/timelines/186175&image=1

1864 Death Certificate for mother: Barbara Murray:

https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/view-image/nrs_stat_deaths/736384?return_row=1

1873 Death of George Murray: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/view-image/nrs_stat_deaths/1513240?return_row=2

1882 Valuation Roll for Robert Murray: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/view-image/nrs_valuation_rolls/26634344?image=58&return_row=6

1900 Death of Barbara Murray: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/view-image/nrs_stat_deaths/5330810?return_row=0

1903 Valuation Roll for Robert Murray: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/view-image/nrs_valuation_rolls/26640034?destination=user/3090787/timelines/186175&image=30

1907 Death of Robert Murray: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/view-image/nrs_stat_deaths/6004318?destination=user/3090787/timelines/186175&image=1

1920 Death of Catherine Murry [wife]: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/view-image/nrs_stat_deaths/7467966?return_row=3

Ancestry: Source Citation

1818 Marriage of George Murray and Barbara MacKay: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Marriages, 1561-1910 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1820 Birth of Elizabeth Murray: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1826 Birth of Barbara Murray: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1828 Birth of Christy Murray: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1831 Birth of Elspie Murray: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1835 Birth of Robert Murray: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1838 Birth of Catherine MacKay: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1841 Census for Robert Murray: *Parish: Dornock; ED: 1; Page: 17; Line: 950; Year: 1841*

1841 Census for Catherine MacKay: *Parish: Dornock; ED: 1; Page: 6; Line: 750; Year: 1841*

1851 Census for Robert Murray: *Parish: Dornoch; ED: 1; Page: 11; Line: 4; Roll:*

CSSCT1851_11; Year: 1851

1851 Census for Catherine MacKay: *Parish: Dornoch; ED: 1; Page: 26; Line: 21; Roll:*

CSSCT1851_11; Year: 1851

1861 Census for Robert Murray: *Parish: Dornoch; ED: 7; Page: 17; Line: 17; Roll:*

CSSCT1861_7

1861 Census for Catherine MacKay: *Parish: Dornoch; ED: 7; Page: 13; Line: 12; Roll: CSSCT1861_7*

1870 Marriage of Robert Murray and Catherine MacKay: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Marriages, 1561-1910 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1871 Census for Robert Murray *Parish: Dornoch; ED: 1; Page: 18; Line: 2; Roll: CSSCT1871_9*

1872 Birth of George Murray: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1874 Birth of Jamesina MacKay Murray: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.*

1876 Birth of George Murray: *Ancestry.com. Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014*

1881 Census for Robert Murray: *Parish: Dornoch; ED: 1; Page: 9; Line: 5; Roll: cssct1881_13*

1891 Census for Robert Murray: *Parish: Dornoch; ED: 1; Page: 16; Line: 4; Roll: CSSCT1901_*

1901 Census for Robert Murray: *Parish: Dornoch; ED: 1; Page: 16; Line: 4; Roll: CSSCT1901_13*

1939 Death of Jamesina MacKay Murray Noble: *Ancestry.com. England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.*

Brief History: <https://www.historylinks.org.uk/19th-century>