



Early Police Constable Moves to Life on the Land

Alexander, wife Jean MacDonald and son Donald arrived on the *Rajasthan* on 16 November 1838. Other passengers included Thomas O'Halloran, who later became Commissioner of Police, James Stewart and William Baker Ashton who were appointed the first Deputy Inspectors of Police, and six others who became Police Constables. It was not surprising that two days after arrival, Alexander was appointed to the first Police Force in the colony as one of nine Police Constables.

Among other duties he was employed to walk to and from Port Adelaide to collect the mail as each ship anchored. Later he was thrown from a horse and sustained a broken leg that wasn't set properly. As a result, he spent the rest of his life with the disability of a crooked foot.

He resigned from the Police Force and spent the remainder of his life farming first at Ardtornish, Houghton, then at Tea Tree Gully until he eventually bought his own 80 acres around the South Para River.

The family attended Uleybury Baptist Church near One Tree Hill where Alexander was an office holder. Here the two MacIntyre sisters Mary Ellen and Alexya May met two Bowman brothers James and Jonathan, whom they later married. Sadly this Church and its accompanying graveyard were later vandalised. Some historic graves with headstones are still intact, a poignant reminder of the intrepid pioneers who first colonised this State.

Alexander and Jean's son Donald was the owner of the Pichi Richi Inn and later worked a bullock team from Mintaro and their other son Duncan became a watch maker, owning a business at Kapunda. Alexander died at his home when aged in his eighties.

Eldest daughter Mary Ellen MacIntyre was born in a wattle and daub hut on North Terrace (where the Myer Centre now stands) on 19 November 1839. Her birth was not officially recorded, as registration of births began in 1841. She married James Bowman at the Pichi Richi Inn in 1866. She died aged 93 having reared a family of nine children in the northern areas of the State. Alexya May who had married Jonathan Bowman sadly died at the age of 23 in Port Augusta.



**Alexander
MacINTYRE [1802-1887]**
&
**Jean
MacDONALD [1812-1864]**
Married on 24 May 1835
at Glenelg, Inverness Scotland

Departed 26 July 1838
Arrived 16 November 1838 on the

Rajasthan

Children of Alexander & Jean:

Donald (1837-1917)

Mary Ellen (1839-1932) m James BOWMAN

Duncan (1844-1898)

Alexya May (1847-1872) m Jonathan BOWMAN

From information provided by Judi Stephens,
Alexander & Jean's great-great granddaughter
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