

The Bounty Ships Scheme to Australia

Voyage of the *Brilliant* from Tobermory, Isle of Mull, to Sydney 1837-38

The *Brilliant*, a copper-sheathed wooden-hulled ship of 428 tons, was built in Montreal, Canada, in 1834. It made at least two voyages to Australia, the first as a Bounty Scheme ship under the command of Captain Gilkison departing from Tobermory, Isle of Mull, on 27 September 1837 and arriving in Sydney on 20 January 1838. In a [letter](#) to Sir Richard Bourke, Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, Lord Glenelg explained that the original intention had been to send the *Brilliant* to Van Dieman's Land (i.e. Tasmania), but because of reports of poor prospects for immigrants there the ship had been sent to Sydney instead. The departure of the *Brilliant* from Tobermory was reported in some detail in an [article](#) in the *Inverness Courier*, and after its arrival in Sydney a committee of passengers wrote a [letter of thanks](#) to Captain Gilkison.

Passenger List

[Transcribed and annotated by Wayne Cameron]

From	Surname	Family
Tiree	Cameron	Donald 35; Effey 33; Archibald 15, Effey 11, Neil 8, Mary 9, Duncan 5, Sarah 5, Alexander 1
	McEachern	John 32, Flora 30; Donald 9, Alexander 5, Neil 1
	MacLean	Charles 36, Mary 35; Anne 15, Alexander 14, Catherine 8, John 2 6/12, Mary 7 weeks
Coll	McFadyier	John 32, Mary 30; John 5, Catherine 3, Flora 1
	McKay	Lachlan 45, Anne, 49; John 20, Anne 20, George 18, Catherine 16, Isabella 14, Lachlan 12, Hugh 10
	McKinnon	Hector 32, Mary 30; Mary 6, John 4, Lachlan 2, Catherine 1
	McKinnon	Hugh 35, Agnes ⁱⁱ 34; John 15, Janett 13, George 11, Catherine 9, Mary 7, Anne 3, Flora 2
	McKinnon	Julia 27, single female
	McLaughlan	Hector 35, Ann 28; Mary 18, Flora 6, Allan 4, Catherine 2, John 1
	McLean	Allan 49, Janet ⁱ 40; Isabella 20, Anne 18, Archibald 16, Donald 14, John 12, Mary 8, Alexander 5, Hector 5 months
	McLean	Donald 30, Euphemia 28; Donald 3, John 2
	McLean	John 32, Catherine 28; Marion 5, Donald 4, John 2
	McLean	Roderick 30, Flora 22; Flora 3, Donald 1
	McLean	Marion 68, widow, two sons on board
	McLean	Dougald 30, single male
	McPhadin	Donald 35, Mary 30; Neil 9, Hector 7, Angus 3, Donald 1
McPhadin	Neil 35, Janet 30; Hugh 19, Donald 10, Christine 6, Mary 4	
Elsewhere	Cameron	Alex 32, Catherine 27; Donald 10, Allan 8, Ewan 6, Duncan 4, Alex 2
	Cameron	Alex 26; Mary 21; Mary 1
	Cameron	Angus 26, Anne 24; Duncan 2, Allan 1
	Cameron	Angus 30, Sarah 27; Dugald 3, Alexander 9 months
	Cameron	Archibald 30, Jane 30; Hugh 6, Alexander 4, John 3
	Cameron	Christine 22, single female
Cameron	Donald 28, single male	

Cameron	Donald 44, Catherine 27; Tibby 22, June 20, Mary 18, Anne McPherson 5, Donald ⁱⁱ 9
Cameron	Duncan 28, Mary 24; Angus 4, Dugald 3, Margaret 1
Cameron	Duncan 34, Isabella 30; Hugh 11, Dugald 9, Peggy 2
Cameron	Ewan 30, Jane 28; James 6, Mary 4, Dugald 1
Cameron	John 28, Anne 26; Anne 2 ½, Angus 1
Cameron	Isabella 37; Angus 21, Duncan 18, Mary 15, John 12, Peggy 9, Christina 5
Campbell	Catherine 25, single female
Campbell	Grace 24, single female
Campbell	Hector 29, Jane 18
Campbell	Hugh 33, Christina 30; Dugald 8, Donald 6, John 4
Campbell	Donald 35; Laughlan 15, John 12, Sarah 9, Hugh 5
Clydesdale	Gavin 35, Jane 27; Gavin 11, Mary 5, John 3½
Gillies	John 40, Margaret 40; Jessie 23, Margaret 20, Catherine 18, Flora 16, Clementina 14, Norman 12
Henderson	Mary 29; Mary 7
McDonald	Donald 30, Catherine 28; Mary 8, Marg 6, Anne 4, Ronald 1
McDonald	John 25, Marion 20
McDonald	Anne 33; Ewan 15, John 13 (or 15)
McDonald	Mary 22, single female
McDugall	Mary 40; Robert 16, Grace 11
McGregor	John 34, Betty 36; Ann 8, Margaret 6, Dugald 4
McKillop	Alex 26, single male
McKillop	Donald 30, Mary 30; Mary 6, Christy 1
McLaren	James 54, Mary 52; Archibald 22, Ellen 20, Janet 18, James 16, Alexander 14, Robert 11, Margaret 7
McLean	Allan 19, single male
McLean	Allan 28, Jannett 20
McLean	Bell 25, single female
McLean	Donald 28, Margery 30; Charles 3, John 2
McLean	Hugh 23, single male
McLean	Janet 29, single female
McLean	John 32, Grace 27; Mary 7, John 5, Jessy 3, Alexander 5/12
McLean	Mary 20, single female
McLean	Mary 27, single female
McLean	Roderick 35, Anne 35; John 12, Anne 11, Mary 5, Neil 2 6/12
McLeod	Angus 30, Christina 28; Rachael 8, Donald 6, infant in arms
McLure	John 25, single male
McMaster	Hugh 42, Jane 37; Christianna 16, Jane 14, Duncan 12, John 10, Jessy 7, Duncan McGregor ⁱⁱⁱ 15
McMaster	John 35, Jane 30; John 14, James 12, Donald 11, Angus 10, Jane 8, Robert 6, Ewan 5, Margaret 3
McMaster	Mary 18 ^{vi}
McMican	Peter 27, Catherine 24; Mary 3
McNiven	Archibald 21, single male
McPhail	Donald 35, Mary 30
McPhee	Donald 36, Catherine 30; Anne 16, Catherine 14, John 12, Hugh 10, Janett 8, Mary 3
McPherson	Archibald 36, Margaret 35; John 18, Anne 16 Mary 14, James 12, Hugh ^{iv} 10, Catherine 8, Lachlan 6, Sarah 4, Donald 2, infant boy
Patten	Andrew 28, Ruth 30; James 3, Andrew 12 months
Rankin	Duncan 34, Flora 30; Ann 9, Sarah 6, Donald 3, Charles 18 months

	Stuart	Peter 38 Isabella 36; Christianne 17, Margaret 15, John 12, Robert 8, Jannett 4, Cauriss ^{iv} 2, Carolin 8 mths
	Taylor	Nathan 27, Davida 26; Mary 12 months
Cuddy (i.e. 1 st Class or Cabin) Passengers: Mr Pinnock, Major North, Mrs North, Miss North, Mr Foot, Mrs Foot, Mr Kay, Mrs Kay, Mr Corkhill, Mrs Corkhill, Master Corkhill, Miss King, Mr Sandy McNabb, Mr Patrick McNabb, Mr William McNabb, Mr Durham, Mr Bacon, Mr Chalmers, Mr Elmsley		

ⁱ from Parish of Kilmore

ⁱⁱ grandson

ⁱⁱⁱ Hugh's nephew

^{iv} Writing unclear