

## Making family connections

It is believed that the original connection between the Penny and Muirden families is between my paternal grandmother (Maggie Buchan 1881 - 1969) and maternal great grandmother (Marjory Laing 1863 - 1944 who was called "Grandie"). Whether that original connection was in Aberdeen or in Argentina is speculative but there was a butcher's shop at 27 Bedford Place, Kittybrewster owned by Reuben Laing who is my great grandmother's brother; from the 1901 Census my Penny grandparents lived at No 55. I recall my mother saying she had holidays with Grandie in Inverurie and also in Muchalls (about 12 miles south of Aberdeen).

It looks as if the Pennys went to the Argentine around 1907. By that time Alexander and Marjory Muirden could have been in the Argentine 14 years (leaving Australia in 1893) but Norman Hadley Muirden was born in 1898 in London. Although I was told the families met in the Argentine I thought that might have been Buenos Aires but my father was born in Bahia Blanca and I think my grandfather may have emigrated there from Aberdeen, later to move to Mendoza. The only time slot I can see my father and mother having met as children was in Aberdeen between 1919 and 1924 when she was 7 to 12 and he 10 to 15. My big assumption is that when my mother was at school in Aberdeen she may have stayed with her grandmother (Marjory Muirden i.e. Grandie) and my father was with his parents in Kittybrewster. Back to the addresses and a very speculative connection - all home addresses are in the area of Kittybrewster near the railway and a number of Reuben Laing's butcher shops.



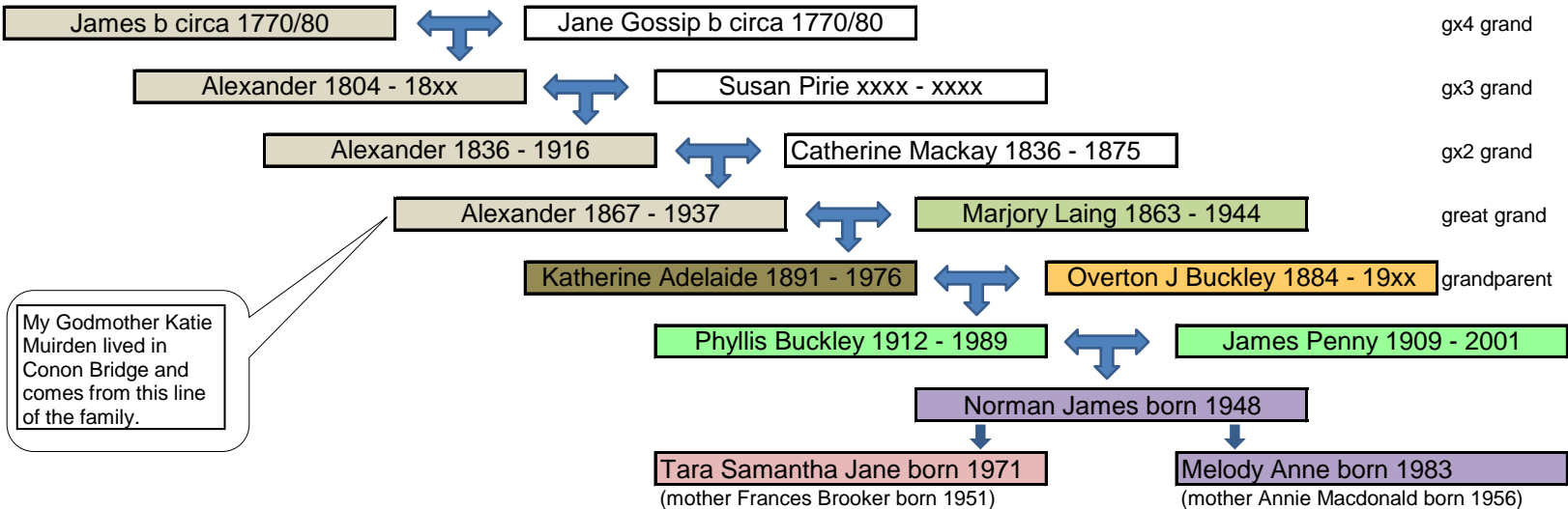
← A Muirden connection - a Muirden who I met, my godmother Auntie Katie.  
Picture - Mum (Phyllis), Auntie Muirden and Melody (my sister). Taken in May 1954 at 19 Glenburn Drive, Inverness.

Discovering the formal relationships turned out to be more straightforward than unearthing who met whom and when! Still work in progress.

The next three pages show 1) my Muirden family direct line back to my great x 4 grandfather - James born circa 1770/80, 2) my Buckley family direct line back to my great x 2 grandfather - James born 1821 and 3) a widened, combined

Muirden family line back to my great x 4 grandfather - James born circa 1770/80.

Relationship  
to author:-



<< Locations where born >>

Golspie	London
Aberdeen	Argentina
Australia	Inverness
Watford	

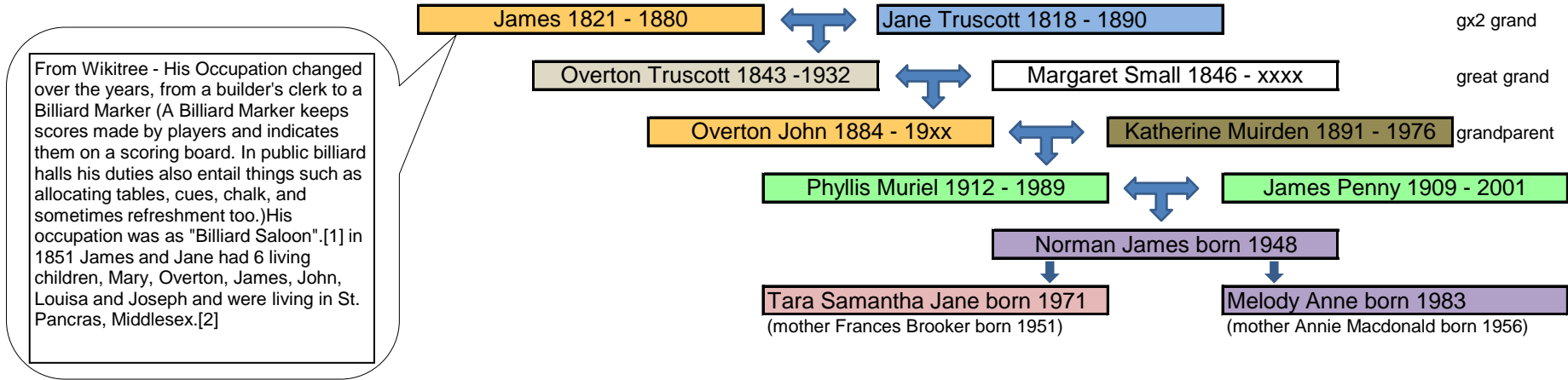
**Buckley** family line back to my great x 2 grandfather - James born 1821.

Relationship  
to author:-

gx2 grand

great grand

grandparent



<< Locations where born >>

- Cornwall
- London
- Dublin
- Australia

- Argentina
- Inverness
- Watford

## Buckley, Muirden, Penny Family Tree

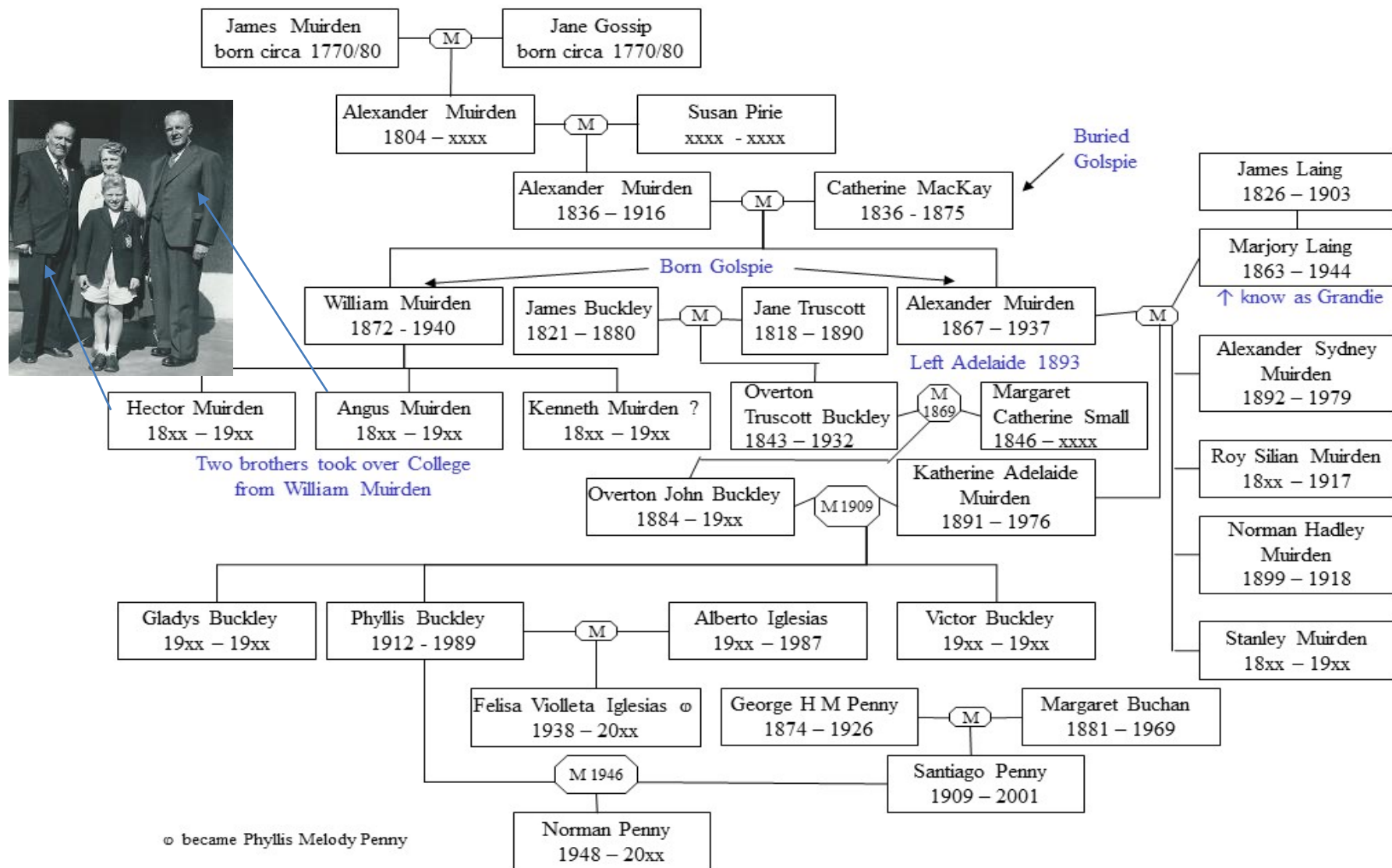


Photo above - Hector and Angus Muirden + Phyllis and Norman, Inverness - 19 June 1957.

This is an extract from the 1901 Census for Hadley Road, New Barnet:-

Administrative County <u>Hertford</u>																
Civil Parish			Ecclesiastical Parish			County Borough Municipal Borough or Urban District			Ward of Municipal Borough or Urban District			Parliamentary Borough or Division			Town or Village or Hamlet	
<u>of Barnet (old part)</u>			<u>of Barnet (old part)</u>			<u>of Barnet (old part)</u>			<u>of Hadley</u>			<u>of Hadley</u>			<u>of New Barnet</u>	
No. of HOUSE	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. of HOUSE	No. of Inhabited Houses	No. of Uninhabited Houses	No. of Houses in Tenements	No. of Houses in Cottages	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Sex	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION		Employer, Workman, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN		(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded
										Males	Females					
208	1 Hadley Rd	1				John Muir	Head	M	48	<del>Self-employed</del>		Worker		Barrow Langley		
						Emily	Wife	F	47					Middle Whitehead		
						Ruth M.	Daughter	F	19	<del>Self-employed</del>		Worker		North New Barnet		
						James P.	Son	M	18	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						James P.	Son	M	17	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						James P. Jr.	Son	M	14	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						John	Son	M	12	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						Frank	Son	M	10	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						John	Son	M	6	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
209	2 Hadley Rd	1				John Muir	Head	M	40	<del>Self-employed</del>				Scotland		
						Marjory	Wife	F	39	<del>Self-employed</del>				Wiltshire		
						John	Son	M	16	<del>Self-employed</del>				London Battersea		
210	3 Hadley Rd	1				John Muir	Head	M	30	<del>Self-employed</del>				Wiltshire		
						John	Son	M	26	<del>Self-employed</del>				Middle New Barnet		
211	4 Hadley Rd	1				Marjory Muir	Head	F	34	<del>Self-employed</del>		Employer		Scotland		
						Marjory	Wife	F	37	<del>Self-employed</del>				Scotland		
						Catherine	Daughter	F	11	<del>Self-employed</del>				South Australia		
						Alexander P.	Son	M	9	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						Roy	Son	M	7	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						Victor	Son	M	5	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						Norman	Son	M	2	<del>Self-employed</del>				North New Barnet		
						Marjory	Son	M	9 mos	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
212	Hadley Rd	1				William Muir	Head	M	40	<del>Self-employed</del>				Scotland		
						James	Son	M	38	<del>Self-employed</del>				Glasgow		
						Charles	Son	M	14	<del>Self-employed</del>				Wales Liverpool		
						William	Son	M	13	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						Constance	Daughter	F	10	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						Elizabeth	Daughter	F	8	<del>Self-employed</del>				Middle New Barnet		
						Freda	Daughter	F	7	<del>Self-employed</del>				do do		
						John	Son	M	6 mos	<del>Self-employed</del>				North New Barnet		
						Marjory	Son	M	5 mos	<del>Self-employed</del>				Wiltshire		
5	Total of Schedule of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms	5	2	5	1	Total of Males and of Females...			13	18	31					

NOTE—Draw your pen through such words of the headings as are inapplicable.

The Muir family at No 4 are	Age	Notes
Alexander	39 or 34	Born 1867 so age 34 in 1901.
Marjory	37	Known as "Grandie".
Catherine	11	My Grandma Kitty - middle name Adelaide.
Alexander S	9	The "S" was Sydney - he sent a postcard to Phyllis in Aberdeen.
Roy	7	Killed in WW1. Middle name Silian.
Victor	5	No information.
Norman	2	Killed in WW1. Middle name Hadley.
Marjorie	9 months	No information.

Middle names of Alexander & Marjory Muir's children are their birthplaces. Family movement appears to be UK, Australia, UK, Argentine?