

1st Generation

1. **Thomas Ferguson** was born on Feb. 3, 1732 in Bendochy Perthshire Scotland and died on Nov. 21, 1806 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland. He married **Christian Paton** in 1763 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland. **Christian**, daughter of **James Paton** and **Christian Miller**, was born on Mar. 27, 1743 in Perth Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



Other events in the life of Thomas Ferguson

Occupation Baker

Children of **Thomas Ferguson** and **Christian Paton**

- i. 2. **Agnes Ferguson** was born on Jul. 19, 1763 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- ii. 3. **Ellin Ferguson** was born on Feb. 17, 1765 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- iii. 4. **Joseph Fergusson** was born on May 17, 1767 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.

2nd Generation (Children)

2. **Agnes Ferguson (Thomas₁)** was born on Jul. 19, 1763 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



3. **Ellin Ferguson (Thomas₁)** was born on Feb. 17, 1765 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



4. **Joseph Fergusson (Thomas₁)** was born on May 17, 1767 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date. He married **Jannet Bullians** in 1795. **Jannet**, daughter of **Andrew Bullians** and **Jannet Dow**, was born on Mar. 11, 1770 in Auchtergaven Perth Scotland and died on an unknown date.



Other events in the life of Joseph Fergusson

Occupation Mason

Children of **Joseph Fergusson** and **Jannet Bullians**

- i. 5. **Andrew Ferguson** was born on Dec. 21, 1795 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- ii. 6. **Allan Ferguson** was born on Jul. 10, 1798 in Little Dunkeld Perth Perthshire Scotland¹ and died in 1876 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland.
- iii. 7. **James Ferguson** was born on Jun. 23, 1801 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- iv. 8. **Joseph Ferguson** was born on Jul. 21, 1803 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- v. 9. **Samuel Ferguson** was born on Feb. 2, 1811 in Little Dunkeld Perth Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.

^{1,2,3}Scotland's People Register for Dunkeld Perthshire

3rd Generation (Grandchildren)

5. **Andrew Ferguson (Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Dec. 21, 1795 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



6. **Allan Ferguson (Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Jul. 10, 1798 in Little Dunkeld Perth Perthshire Scotland² and died in 1876 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland. He married **Mary (May) Donaldson** on Jan. 1, 1824 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland. **Mary (May)**, daughter of **George Donaldson** and **Ann Paton**, was born on Jan. 20, 1803 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on Aug. 31, 1881 in St Mary Dundee Scotland.



Other events in the life of Allan Ferguson

Occupation Master Mason

Children of **Allan Ferguson** and **Mary (May) Donaldson**

- i. 10. **George Ferguson** was born on Feb. 16, 1824 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on Mar. 8, 1911 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland.
- ii. 11. **Joseph Ferguson** was born on Oct. 21, 1825 in StairDam Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland³ and died on Jan. 31, 1865 in South Brisbane Queensland Australia..
- iii. 12. **Janet Ferguson** was born on Jul. 29, 1827 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- iv. 13. **Mary Ferguson** was born on Feb. 28, 1831 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- v. 14. **Anne Ferguson** was born on Jul. 30, 1833 in Little Dunkeld Perth Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- vi. 15. **Andrew Ferguson** was born on May 14, 1838 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- vii. 16. **Elisabeth Ferguson** was born on Feb. 14, 1844 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- viii. 17. **Sarah Ferguson** was born on Oct. 6, 1847 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.

7. **James Ferguson (Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Jun. 23, 1801 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date. He married **Janet Haggart** on Feb. 27, 1824 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland.



8. **Joseph Ferguson (Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Jul. 21, 1803 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



9. **Samuel Ferguson (Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Feb. 2, 1811 in Little Dunkeld Perth Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



4th Generation (Great-grandchildren)

10. **George Ferguson** (**Allan**³, **Joseph**², **Thomas**¹) was born on Feb. 16, 1824 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland and died on Mar. 8, 1911 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland. He married **Mary Ann Eadie**. **Mary Ann**, daughter of **James Eadie** and **Barbara R**, was born on Feb. 13, 1820 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on Jan. 29, 1893 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland.



Other events in the life of **George Ferguson**
Occupation Millwright

Children of **George Ferguson** and **Mary Ann Eadie**

- i. 18. **Barbara R Ferguson** was born in 1848 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- ii. 19. **George Ferguson** was born on Jul. 11, 1850 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- iii. 20. **Mary Ann Ferguson** was born in 1853 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- iv. 21. **William Ferguson** was born in 1856 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- v. 22. **Paton Ferguson** was born in 1858 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- vi. 23. **Andrew Ferguson** was born in 1861 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.

11. **Joseph Ferguson**^{4,5,6} (**Allan**³, **Joseph**², **Thomas**¹) was born on Oct. 21, 1825 in StairDam Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland⁷ and died on Jan. 31, 1865 in South Brisbane Queensland Australia.. He married **Margaret Hendry** on Nov. 26, 1854 in Little Dunkeld Perthshire Scotland. **Margaret**, daughter of **John Hendry** and **Margaret Dickie ((Unknown))**, was born on May 7, 1835 in Couper Angus Perthshire Scotland⁸ and died on an unknown date.



Other events in the life of **Joseph Ferguson**
Occupation House Carpenter
Burial Annerley Road Presbyterian Cemetary South Brisbane Australiaia

Children of **Joseph Ferguson** and **Margaret Hendry**

- i. 24. **Allan Ferguson** was born on Oct. 23, 1855 in Little Dunkeld Perth Perthshire Scotland⁹ and died on Jan. 10, 1915 in 103 Gerge Street Sydney Australia.
- ii. 25. **Joseph Hendry Ferguson** was born on May 11, 1857 in Bankhead Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on May 14, 1929 in Queensland Australia..
- iii. 26. **Janet Ferguson** was born on Dec. 28, 1858 in Bankhead Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on Dec. 24, 1863 in Bankhead Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland.
- iv. 27. **Elisabeth Ferguson** was born on Jun. 8, 1860 in Bankhead Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died in 1935 in Chatswood Sydney Australia.
- v. 28. **Thomas Ferguson** was born on Apr. 24, 1862 in Auchtergaven Perth Scotland and died in 1863 in Auchtergaven Perth Scotland.

12. **Janet Ferguson** (**Allan**³, **Joseph**², **Thomas**¹) was born on Jul. 29, 1827 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



13. **Mary Ferguson** (**Allan**³, **Joseph**², **Thomas**¹) was born on Feb. 28, 1831 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



^{4,5} Ancestry.com Census for Perthshire 1841

⁶ Queensland Birth Death and Marriage records

⁷⁻¹¹ Scotland's People Register for Dunkeld Perthshire

Descendants of: Thomas Ferguson

14. **Anne Ferguson** (**Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born on Jul. 30, 1833 in Little Dunkeld Perth Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



15. **Andrew Ferguson** (**Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born on May 14, 1838 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



16. **Elisabeth Ferguson** (**Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born on Feb. 14, 1844 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



17. **Sarah Ferguson** (**Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born on Oct. 6, 1847 in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



5th Generation (Great(2)-grandchildren)

18. **Barbara R Ferguson** (**George**₄, **Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born in 1848 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



19. **George Ferguson** (**George**₄, **Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born on Jul. 11, 1850 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date. He married **Mary**. **Mary** was born in 1846 and died on an unknown date.



Other events in the life of **George Ferguson**

Occupation Blacksmith

Children of **George Ferguson** and **Mary**

- i. 29. **Mary Ann Ferguson** was born in 1876 in Rutherglen Lanarkshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- ii. 30. **George Ferguson** was born in 1878 in Rutherglen Lanarkshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.
- iii. 31. **John Ferguson** was born in 1881 in Rutherglen Lanarkshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.

20. **Mary Ann Ferguson** (**George**₄, **Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born in 1853 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



Descendants of: Thomas Ferguson

21. **William Ferguson** (George₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁) was born in 1856 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



22. **Paton Ferguson** (George₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁) was born in 1858 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



23. **Andrew Ferguson** (George₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁) was born in 1861 in Dunning Perthshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



24. **Allan Ferguson** (Joseph₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁) was born on Oct. 23, 1855 in Little Dunkeld Perth Perthshire Scotland¹⁰ and died on Jan. 10, 1915 in 103 Geroge Street Sydney Australia. He married 1st **Clara Hamilton** on Jul. 4, 1887 in House of Fredric Hamilton Esq Melton Hill Townsville Queensland Australia. **Clara**, daughter of **Fredrick Hamilton** (**William**₁) and **Charlotte Atkins** (**James**₁), was born on Oct. 10, 1859 in Clunes Ballarat Victoria Australia and died on Jan. 11, 1934 in 96 Hopetown Ave Vaucluse Sydney Australia. He married 2nd **Nellie Victoria Gundersen** on Nov. 8, 1907 in St Stephens Sydney Australia. **Nellie Victoria**, daughter of **Peder Gundersen** (**Gunna**₁) and **Ingeborg Marie Fredricksen** (**Fredrick**₁), was born in 1879 in Wellington New Zealand and died on an unknown date.



Other events in the life of Allan Ferguson

Occupation	Merchant
Burial	Presbyterian Cemetary Waverly Sydney NSW Australia

Other events in the life of Clara Hamilton

Burial	Cremated 13 Jan 1934 at Rookwood Cemetary Sydney Australia
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Other events in the relationship of Allan Ferguson and Clara Hamilton

Divorce

Children of Allan Ferguson and Clara Hamilton

- i. 32. **Allan Hamilton Ferguson** was born on Jul. 1, 1888 in Cooktown Queensland Australia and died on an unknown date.
- ii. 33. **D'Arcy Stuart Ferguson** was born on Jul. 12, 1890 in 2 Campbellville Terrace Woollahra Sydney Australia and died on Aug. 21, 1973 in Weckert Court Henry Street Payneham St Adelaide South Australia.

Children of Allan Ferguson and Nellie Victoria Gundersen

- iii. 34. **Nellie Margaret Ferguson** was born on Jul. 15, 1908 in 103 Geroge Street Sydney and died on an unknown date.

25. **Joseph Hendry Ferguson**¹¹ (Joseph₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁) was born on May 11, 1857 in Bankhead Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on May 14, 1929 in Queensland Australia..



Other events in the life of Joseph Hendry Ferguson

Occupation	Carpenter
Burial	Toowong Cemetary Brisbane Queensland Australia (portion 24 section4 grave 30)

Descendants of: Thomas Ferguson

26. **Janet Ferguson (Joseph₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Dec. 28, 1858 in Bankhead Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died on Dec. 24, 1863 in Bankhead Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland.



27. **Elisabeth Ferguson (Joseph₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Jun. 8, 1860 in Bankhead Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland and died in 1935 in Chatswood Sydney Australia. She married **Thomas Phillip Adlam** on Jun. 8, 1888 in Queensland Australia.. **Thomas Phillip**, son of **Thomas Phillip Adlam** and **Jane**, died in 1941 in Chatswood Sydney Australia.



Children of **Elisabeth Ferguson** and **Thomas Phillip Adlam**

- i. 35. **Elizabeth Adlam** was born in 1889 in Queensland Australia. and died on an unknown date.
- ii. 36. **Phillis Adlam** was born on Mar. 4, 1894 in Queensland Australia. and died on Mar. 31, 1894 in Queensland Australia..

28. **Thomas Ferguson (Joseph₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Apr. 24, 1862 in Auchtergaven Perth Scotland and died in 1863 in Auchtergaven Perth Scotland.



6th Generation (Great(3)-grandchildren)

29. **Mary Ann Ferguson (George₅, George₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born in 1876 in Rutherglen Lanarkshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



30. **George Ferguson (George₅, George₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born in 1878 in Rutherglen Lanarkshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



31. **John Ferguson (George₅, George₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born in 1881 in Rutherglen Lanarkshire Scotland and died on an unknown date.



32. **Allan Hamilton Ferguson¹² (Allan₅, Joseph₄, Allan₃, Joseph₂, Thomas₁)** was born on Jul. 1, 1888 in Cooktown Queensland Australia and died on an unknown date.



Other events in the life of Allan Hamilton Ferguson
Occupation Turner

¹²Australian Electoral Rolls 1903-1955

Descendants of: Thomas Ferguson

33. **D'Arcy Stuart Ferguson**¹³ (**Allan**₅, **Joseph**₄, **Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born on Jul. 12, 1890 in 2 Campbellville Terrace Woollahra Sydney Australia and died on Aug. 21, 1973 in Weckert Court Henry Street Payneham St Adelaide South Australia. He married 1st **Ethel (Helen) May Rattray** on Aug. 31, 1916 in The Manse 84 Hill Street Wellington New Zealand. **Ethel (Helen) May**, daughter of **Ernest George Rattray**¹⁴ (**James**₄, **Alexander**₃, **Alexander**₂, **Alexander**₁) and **Laura Egidia Barrett**¹⁵ (**Thomas**₂, **Lorenz**₁), was born on May 11, 1893 in Beaumaris Victoria Australia and died on Oct. 30, 1958 in 91 Enoggera Rd Newmarket Brisbane Queensland Australia. He married 2nd **Olive Farquhar** on Mar. 21, 1928 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. **Olive**, daughter of **Donald Ogg Farquhar (George Bremer)**₁ and **Elizabeth Anne Ann Treloar**¹⁶ (**Thomas**₃, **William Henry**₂, **James**₁), was born on Mar. 25, 1884 in Allendale South Australia and died on Oct. 20, 1969 in Joslin Norwood Adelaide South Australia Australia.



Other events in the life of D'Arcy Stuart Ferguson

Military Service	Mar 7 1917	New Zealand Expeditionary Force
Occupation		Shipping Manager for Burns Philp Coy Ltd
Burial		Enfield Cemetary Adelaide South Australia

Other events in the life of Ethel (Helen) May Rattray

Occupation	NZ Executive Colonial Mutual Life Insurance Company
Burial	Mt Thompson Crematorium Brisbane Australia

Other events in the relationship of D'Arcy Stuart Ferguson and Ethel (Helen) May Rattray

Divorce

Other events in the life of Olive Farquhar

Burial

Children of **D'Arcy Stuart Ferguson** and **Ethel (Helen) May Rattray**

- i. 37. **Ian Bruce Ferguson DSO MC MID** was born on Apr. 13, 1917 in Wellington, New Zealand and died on Dec. 21, 1988 in Australian Capital Territory, Australia.

34. **Nellie Margaret Ferguson** (**Allan**₅, **Joseph**₄, **Allan**₃, **Joseph**₂, **Thomas**₁) was born on Jul. 15, 1908 in 103 Geroge Street Sydney and died on an unknown date. She married **Charles Dominic Narone** in 1937 in Granville Sydney Australia.



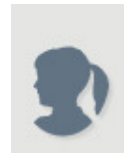
35. **Elizabeth Adlam (Thomas Phillip**₂, **Thomas Phillip**₁) was born in 1889 in Queensland Australia. and died on an unknown date. She married **Thomas James Furnell** on Nov. 15, 1923 in Queensland Australia..



Other events in the life of Thomas James Furnell

Occupation	Journalist
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36. **Phillis Adlam (Thomas Phillip**₂, **Thomas Phillip**₁) was born on Mar. 4, 1894 in Queensland Australia. and died on Mar. 31, 1894 in Queensland Australia..



¹³New Zealand Births Deaths and Marriages

^{14,15}Victorian Births Deaths and Marriages

¹⁶RAMPLING Web Site

7th Generation (Great(4)-grandchildren)

37. **Ian Bruce Ferguson DSO MC MID^{17,18,19}** (D'Arcy Stuart⁶, Allan⁵, Joseph⁴, Allan³, Joseph², Thomas¹) was born on Apr. 13, 1917 in Wellington, New Zealand and died on Dec. 21, 1988 in Australian Capital Territory, Australia. He married **Alice Elizabeth Browne** on Jun. 26, 1948 in Tokyo Metropolis, Japan (Chapel of St Lukes Hospital). **Alice Elizabeth**, daughter of **Cecil Jasper Browne (William⁴, Ebenezer³, James Alexander², James Coates¹)** and **Alice Henrietta Hill (John Richard², John¹)**, was born on Apr. 21, 1922 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada and died on Dec. 7, 1999 in Australian Capital Territory, Australia.



Other events in the life of **Ian Bruce Ferguson DSO MC MID**

Occupation	1933	Sydney Australia Cadet Journalist
Occupation	Nov 13 1939	Australia Professional Soldier
Military Cross	Oct 20 1942	Templetons Crossing New Guinea For gallantry in attack against overwhelming odds
Mentioned In Dispatches	Mar 6 1947	Borneo For work done with POW's and Japanese surrender negotiations
Distinguished Service Order	Apr 23 1951	Korea Defence and counter attacks against overwhelming Chinese attacks at Kapyong
Burial	Dec 23 1988	Korea Cremated Australian Capital Territory Australia

Other events in the life of **Alice Elizabeth Browne**

Occupation	Canadian Government Employee
Burial	Cremated Australian Capital Territory Australia

Notes

Notes on Thomas Ferguson

Thomas wrote his last will and Testament on the 5th Nov 1806 in the presence of Robert Stewart.

Notes on Joseph Fergusson

1841 Scottish Census shows Joseph a Mason and Jannet his spouse living in Little Dunkeld Pethshire Scotland

Notes on Allan Ferguson

1851 and 1861 Scottish Census shows Allan living with his wife Mary and their children in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland. His occupation is "Stone Mason" employing 6 men

Notes on George Ferguson

Born in Little Dunkeld, but birth registered in Auchtergaven Perthshire Scotland
1841 Census shows George living with his father Allan : "George 15 yrs old Millwright"

Notes on Joseph Ferguson

1841 Scottish Census shows Joseph 15 Yrs old living with Mr & Mrs Cameron, listed occupation as apprentice Wright

Joseph and his wife Margaret with their children, Elizabeth, Thomas, Joseph Jr and Allan emigrated to Queensland Australia on the 27th Jan 1864 on board the clipper Ship "Light of the Age"

Notes on George Ferguson

George was the informant upon the death of Allan Ferguson (his Grandfather)

Name: George Ferguson
Age: 30
Estimated birth year: abt 1851
Relationship: Head
Spouse's name : Mary
Gender: Male
Where born: Dunning, Perthshire
Registration Number: 654
Registration district: Rutherglen
Civil parish: Rutherglen
County: Lanarkshire
Address: 8 High St
Occupation: Blacksmith

¹⁷Department of Defence

¹⁸Australian National Archives

¹⁹New Zealand Births Deaths and Marriages

Descendants of: Thomas Ferguson

ED: 20
Household schedule number: 113
Line: 23
Roll: cssct1881_268
Household Members:
Name Age
George Ferguson 30
Mary Ferguson 35
Mary Ann C Ferguson 5
George Ferguson 3
Baby Ferguson 3 Days

Notes on Allan Ferguson

Emigrated to Queensland Australia on the 27th Jan 1864 on board the Clipper Ship "Light of the Age" with mother. Father and siblings

Allan moved from Townsville in Qld to NSW date unknown.

His Death Certificate states he lived in Queensland for 27 years and 20 years in NSW, presumably Sydney. The certificate also states his brother in law was the informant, his name was Thomas Phillip Adlam (his sister Elizabeth's husband).

Notes on D'Arcy Stuart Ferguson

D'arcy Stuart Ferguson (Grandfather of Ian Bruce, Barry Scott and D'arcy Stuart Ferguson)
D'arcy Stuart Ferguson was Born 12 July 1890 at 2 Campbellville Terrace, Woollahra Sydney Australia to Allan Ferguson (Merchant Born in 1856 Perth Perthshire Scotland D 1915 Australia) and Clara Hamilton (B 1861 Clunes Ballarat Victoria Australia D 1934). He was the second son of Allan and Clara (his brother Allan Hamilton Ferguson was born on 1 July 1888 in Cooktown Queensland Australia).

It appears Allan and Clara met in Townsville where they married (4 Jul 1887) and had their first child (Allan Hamilton Ferguson 1888). The family then moved to Sydney sometime between July 1888 and July 1890, where D'arcy Stuart was born.

D'arcy traveled to New Zealand at an unknown date, He was employed by Burns Philp Co Ltd as a Shipping Manager (it is not known if he gained this position in Australia before his departure or not, I suggest that as Burns Philp was an Australian Company he may have been employed by them in Australia and sent to NZ).

D'arcy met and subsequently married Ethel May Rattray (B 11 May 1893 in Beaumaris Victoria Australia) on 31 Aug 1916 In "The Manse" 84 Hill Street Wellington. They had an only son Ian Bruce Ferguson Born 13th April 1917.

On the 7th of March 1917 D'arcy joined the New Zealand Army (Army number 558844) and after his New Zealand Service embarked on "SS Willochra" for the commencement of his foreign service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEF) on the 22nd Nov 1917. Disembarked in Liverpool England on the 7th Jan 1918 and was sent to Sling in Gloucestershire England (Sling was a training/holding area for soldiers of both world wars) as a member of the 4th Wellington Reserve Battery. He remained in Sling until after the end of hostilities and embarked for his return to New Zealand on the "SS Cordoba" on the 18th July 1919. He was discharged on the 29th Oct 1919.

The marriage between D'arcy and Ethel was dissolved by order dated 11/10/1923 at Supreme Court Wellington New Zealand. Ethel met Sydney Wren whom she later married and had a daughter Phillipa Rose (B 1927 in Berlin Germany).

D'arcy returned to Australia from New Zealand after the marriage breakup, the contact address that is listed on his discharge from the NZEF was "Burnleigh" Carabella St Kirribilli NSW Australia.

On his mothers death certificate (11 Jan 1934) his address was listed as 10 Staunton Ave Fullarton Ave Adelaide SA. A letter from D'arcy at 3 Scolia St Groydon South Australia (dated 22nd October 1950) to the New Zealand Army records office shows he applied for a copy of his service record for the purposes of obtaining a house (presumably in Adelaide) as there was a "very acute housing shortage". It would appear by being a returned soldier it would grant him the ability to obtain a house more easily.

A search of the National Archives of Australia shows Darcy also served in WW2, He signed on at Keswick South Australia, his service number S825 and was appointed the rank of Lt

A search of the South Australian Births, Deaths and Marriage records show that D'arcy remarried. He married Olive Farquar (Born 1890 Died 20 Oct 1969 Joslin Norwood Adelaide) on the 21st Mar 1928. A search of the cemetery records of South Australia doesn't show the burial of Olive.

D'arcy died on the 20th Aug 1973, aged 83, his address on his death Certificate shows he lived at Flat 12 Weckert Court Henry St Payneham SA

Notes on Nellie Margaret Ferguson

1936 Electoral Roll shows Nellie Margaret living in Rose Bay in the electorate of Wentworth NSW Australia

Notes on Ian Bruce Ferguson DSO MC MID

Ethel May (mother) left D'Arcy Stuart (father) and went to England with Sidney Wren, who IBF believes was New Zealand representative at the Peace talks in Brussels in 1918. Sidney was posted to the N.Z. High Commission in London.

Parents divorced and his mother married Sidney Wren. When his mother and Sidney Wren left New Zealand, IBF was sent to Australia to stay with an uncle, Gordon Rattray, and his wife. Gordon was in the oil refining business. IBF was about ten years of age at the time.

IBF joined the Wrens in London and went to Germany with his mother and setp-father when Wren posted to Berlin. Half-sister, Phillipa, was born there (interestingly on Phillipa's attestation papers when joining the WRAN's she put her birthplace as England, presumably to negate any possible discrimination). He remembers seeing and hearing Hitler haranguing the crowd from the balcony of his headquarters in Berlin.

The family returned to London where IBF attended Westminster School (of the Abbey) as a boarder and spent "three miserable years" there. I felt the divorce of his parents very keenly and subsequent periods in boarding schools appears to have alienated him from his mother.

Following the family's second stay in London they moved to Paris and lived in the suburb of Versailles. IBF attended the Lycee Hoche at Versailles for about a year. He didn't learn anything as he was used as a speaker of English to assist the French-speaking students in learning English.

While they were in Paris his step-father sent him to the various cafes in Paris to sample the food and report back to him. Following their stay in Paris the family sailed to Australia on the Orient Line's S.S. "Oronsay" en route to New Zealand. They settled in Dunedin. IBF got a job answering the telephone for a taxi company for a few months. The family moved to Wellington and IBF was sent to Sydney by ship - the S.S. "Weetangera", with an introduction to the newspaper, the Sydney Sun, and was taken on as a copy boy.

World War II intervened. IBF enlisted and underwent initial training at Ingleburn Camp. He enlisted against the advice of his step-father, who felt the only way to enter the Army was through Duntroon. IBF was afraid the war would be over before he graduated from Duntroon and chose instead to enlist as a regular soldier. Years later he realized his step-father's advice was right.

IBF has said very little about his life before he joined the Army, but vividly remembers Peter Dawson, the renowned Australian baritone, as a guest of his parents in London, singing the "Volga Boat Song" at the dining table and swinging the shade of the light hanging over the table in time to his song.

FERGUSON, IAN BRUCE (1917-1988), soldier, was born on 13 April 1917 in Wellington, New Zealand, only child of D'Arcy Stuart Ferguson, a Sydney-born manager, and his Melbourne-born wife Ethel May (later known as Helen), née Rattray. His parents divorced when he was about 10 and his mother married Sydney Wren, a journalist with Reuters Ltd.

Educated in Wellington, Melbourne, London, Paris and Dunedin, New Zealand, Bruce began his working life as a cadet journalist in Wellington and was with the Sydney Sun when World War II was declared. On 3 November 1939 he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force Service Number NX2654. Allotted to the 2/1st Battalion, he was soon transferred to the intelligence section of headquarters, 16th Brigade. In February 1940 he arrived in the Middle East and was promoted to sergeant. He was commissioned probationary lieutenant on 27 June. As brigade intelligence officer, he was active in the capture of Bardia and Tobruk, Libya, in January 1941. He joined the 2/2nd Battalion in May and served with it in Egypt and Syria.

In March 1942 Ferguson arrived with his unit in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and was promoted to temporary captain (substantive in September). He took over command of 'B' Company from Major Charles Green and returned to Australia in August. The battalion sailed to Port Moresby in September and Ferguson led his company across the Owen Stanley Range to Sanananda in October-December. The 2/2nd began the crossing with 550 all ranks and mustered only eighty-eight when it came out of the line. Ferguson spent the next nine months in and out of hospitals due to malaria and dengue fever. He was awarded the Military Cross for his leadership in the hard-fought action at Templeton's Crossing on 20 October.

Appointed liaison officer at headquarters, 6th Division, in September 1943, Ferguson was promoted to temporary major that month (substantive May 1945). He attended the junior wing of the Staff School (Australia) at Cabarlah, Queensland, and in October 1944 was posted to the 1st Australian Combined Operations Section. Attached to headquarters, 7th Division, to assist in the planning of amphibious landings, he served on Morotai and was at Balikpapan, Borneo, (where he was awarded a Mentioned In Dispatches for his actions) when the war ended in August 1945, Volunteering for service in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, Japan, (Service number 237507) he commanded a company of the 67th Battalion at Kaitaichi, near Hiroshima, and then on Eta Jima island. In 1947 he was appointed second-in-command of the battalion. He was attached to headquarters, BCOF, in 1948. On 26 June that year he married Alice Elizabeth (Betty) Browne, from the staff of the Canadian Legation, Tokyo.

Ferguson displayed his organisational skills when the battalion, now designated the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, was ordered to the Republic of (South) Korea in 1950 to join what was later to be the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade. That there was a structured unit re-equipped and organised for war when Green, the new commanding officer, arrived only a fortnight before the battalion embarked for Korea in September was mainly due to Ferguson's drive.

On 8 November Ferguson was appointed to command 3RAR as a temporary lieutenant colonel (substantive October 1957) after Green was mortally wounded in the Democratic People's Republic of (North) Korea. During his command he led the battalion through all the phases of war, beginning with the withdrawal from North Korea to south of Seoul during the bitter winter months, the advances and attacks across the 38th Parallel and the battle of Kapyong in April 1951, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and his battalion a United States Presidential Unit Citation. Then followed a further withdrawal to the Han River and another arduous advance across mountains and in rain, and finally a move north-west to the Imjin River. His command of 3RAR officially ceased on 5 July.

Ferguson had a good eye for terrain and was an excellent map reader. His orders were clear and concise. He was invariably close to the action, with his tactical headquarters behind the leading company. The battalion was always balanced and ready for the next orders from brigade headquarters. Those close to him in the field knew that his somewhat brusque manner was a mask for a sensitive nature. He cared deeply for the battalion that had been his home for more than five years.

After Korea, Ferguson commanded the 1st Battalion, RAR, and the 13th National Service Training Battalion, served (1952-53) in Japan, instructed (1959-62) at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Canberra, and performed (1963-66) staff duties with the South-East Asia Treaty Organization in Bangkok. On 14 April 1967 he retired from the army and was granted the rank of colonel. He was secretary of the Union Club, Sydney, in 1969-74. Survived by his wife and their three sons, he died on 21 December 1988 in Canberra and was cremated with Anglican rites.

Areas of Service:

2/1 Battalion Western Desert Bardia and Tobruk
2/2 Battalion Greece
2/2 Battalion Celon
2/2 Battalion New Guinea (Awarded the Military Cross for his actions at Templeton's Crossing)
2/2 Battalion Balikpapan (Morotai Landings Borneo, awarded MID for his actions in the SWP Area))
67 Battalion BCOF Japan
3 RAR Korea Kapyong (Awarded the DSO for his command during the battle)

Descendants of: Thomas Ferguson

The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, was awarded the United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation-Kapyong, Korea, 23-24 April 1951:

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BATTLE HONOURS-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9396 (Sec I, WD Bul. 22, 1943) Superceding Executive Order 9075 (SecIII, WD Bul. 16, 1942) and pursuant to authority in AR 260-15, the following units are cited as public evidence of deserved honour and distinction.

3RD BATTALION, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT
2ND BATTALION, PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY A,
72ND HEAVY TANK BATTALION (UNITED STATES)

are cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of combat duties in action against the armed enemy near Kapyong, Korea, on the 24 and 25 April 1951. The enemy had broken through the main line of resistance and penetrated to the area north of Kapyong. The units listed above were deployed to stem the assault. The 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, moved to the right flank of the sector and took up defensive positions north of the Pukham River. The 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, defended in the vicinity of Hill 677 on the left flank. Company A, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, supported all units to the full extent of its capacity and, in addition, kept the main roads open and assisted in evacuating the wounded. Troops from a retreating division passed through the sector which enabled enemy troops to infiltrate with the withdrawing forces. The enemy attacked savagely under the clangor of bugles and trumpets. The forward elements were completely surrounded going through the first day and into the second. Again and again the enemy threw waves of troops at the gallant defenders, and many times succeeded in penetrating the outer defences, but each time the courageous, indomitable, and determined soldiers repulsed the fanatical attacks. Ammunition ran low and there was no time for food. Critical supplies were dropped by air to the encircled troops, and they stood their ground in resolute defiance of the enemy. With serene and indefatigable persistence, the gallant soldiers held their defensive positions and took heavy tolls of the enemy. In some instances when the enemy penetrated the defences, the commanders directed friendly artillery fire on their own positions in repelling the thrusts. Toward the close of 25 April, the enemy break-through had been stopped. The seriousness of the break-through on the central front had been changed from defeat to victory by the gallant stand of these heroic and courageous soldiers. The 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment; 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; and Company A, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, displayed such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing their missions under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set them apart and above other units participating in the campaign, and by their achievements they brought distinguished credit on themselves, their homelands, and all freedom-loving nations

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL VAN FLEET:

Leven C. Allen
Major General US Army
Chief of Staff

"At last I felt like an Anzac, and I imagine there were 600 others like me."
Captain Reg Saunders, Officer Commanding, C Company, 3 RAR

Kapyong came to be the most significant and important battle for Australian troops in Korea.

In April 1951 the Chinese launched their spring offensive with the aim of retaking the city of Seoul. They quickly overran South Korean forces defending one of the major approach routes, the valley of the Kapyong River. Thirty kilometres further south, the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade hastily occupied defensive positions in an attempt to halt the Chinese advance.

On 23 April, the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR), under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Ferguson, and the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, occupied prominent hills on either side of the seven-kilometre-wide valley, where a small tributary joined the Kapyong River. Also forward were headquarters units, tanks and artillery. The 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, were to the rear.

Early in the evening, retreating South Koreans streamed past the Commonwealth position, with Chinese forces closely intermingled. Soon afterwards a platoon of American tanks supporting 3 RAR was overrun. The Kapyong valley was too large an area to defend with the forces available, and the brigade was spread very thinly.

Throughout the night the Chinese repeatedly pressed the Australian positions, attacking in waves over their own dead and wounded.

At dawn, A Company, under the command of Major Bernard "Ben" O'Dowd, found that the Chinese had infiltrated its position, but a counter-attack was able to eject them. Meanwhile B Company, which had spent the night on a hill near the river, discovered Chinese occupying some old bunkers on a small knoll. Hand-to-hand fighting ensued with grenades and bayonets. C Company, under the command of Captain Reg Saunders, was in

position to reinforce both A and B Companies.

"Major O'Dowd then directed the radio operator to contact anyone. The American 1st Marine Division answered but their operator refused to believe who our operator was speaking for. Major O'Dowd took the phone and demanded to speak to the commanding officer. The general in charge of the [Marine] division came on the phone and told O'Dowd we didn't exist as we had been wiped out the night before. Major O'Dowd said, 'I've got news for you, we are still here and we are staying here.'"

Private Patrick Knowles, 3 RAR, on the morning of 24 April 1951

Fighting continued throughout the day with the Australians holding their positions, and the Chinese also engaging D Company. But late on 24 April, with their position now untenable, the Australians were forced into a fighting withdrawal down a ridge to the valley, where they rejoined the brigade. Their withdrawal was supported by New Zealand artillery from the 16th Field Regiment. Having found the Canadian position unassailable, the Chinese made no further attacks. By the afternoon of 25 April the road through to the Canadians had been cleared of Chinese and 2 PPCLI was relieved by US Army units. On Anzac Day 1951, the Australians rested after a long fight.

Thirty-two Australians were killed and 53 were wounded for their part in stalling the Chinese advance and preventing Seoul from falling into enemy hands.

Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Ferguson was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his skilful leadership, and the Australian and Canadian battalions both received United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations for their part in the battle.

Kapyong Map

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A view of the Kapyong valley, seen from the defensive positions held by 3 RAR during the battle of Kapyong. 147835

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A view of the Kapyong valley, showing the positions of C Company in the middle distance, D Company in the upper left, and A Company in the left foreground. 147838

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