



UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM of RURAL LIFE Inc

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**NEWSLETTER**

May 2017

The Aberdeen Quilt Affair was proclaimed a wonderful day by those who attended. The weather was kind and people travelled up to three and a half hours to get here. There was great interest in the Viewers Choice selection and there were many wonderful creations to choose from. Mrs Helen Saunder's quilt (pictured below) was declared the winner. Congratulations Helen.

The Local History Studies Group had a display in the Library and caught the interest of quite a few. Our showcase still has antique sewing items on display for a while longer.



The UHMRL Mother's Day raffle has lots of great prizes, thanks to those people and local businesses that generously donated. Tickets will be on sale until drawn at the Golden Oldies Movie Day on 9th May.



Tuesday 13th June 11.30am  
for Lunch \$10 donation

**Bookings Daphne 65438356 Jan 65437150**

by previous Friday if possible to help the caterers

#### Next Meeting UHMRL

**Wednesday, 24th May, 2017  
4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.**

**New members and volunteers always  
welcome.**

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**Next scanning afternoon for the  
Aberdeen Local Study Group**

**Friday, 26th May, 2017  
2pm - 4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.**

We will be there to scan your photos or you can have a look through the collection of Aberdeen memories we have collected so far.

Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc. raising funds to establish a Museum and Cultural Centre in Aberdeen.

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The settlement of Segenhoe Estate by Thomas Potter Macqueen caused a road to be traced from the south through St. Helier's Estate to the reserve at the Hunter River ford, near Segenhoe Estate, and on to the St. Aubin's property to the north.

Half way between both estates teamsters regularly camped near the river ford. Macqueen recognised the future potential of the area and construction of an inn soon began adjacent to the Main North Road. He made repeated requests for the laying out of a town adjacent to his estate.

In April, 1838, surveyor G.W. Rusden made a detailed survey of land west of Segenhoe Estate and by October plans were approved for the Village of Aberdeen. These are the street marked on his original map.

#### Streets running in a North-South direction:

**Abercairney Terrace:** "Abercairney Estate", Perthshire, Scotland has been the ancestral home of the Moray (or Murray) Clans since the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

From the Gaelic *aber* - confluence, flowing together of streams and *cain/carn* - a rough heap of stones as a landmark.

**Segenhoe Street:** "Segenhoe Manor" at Ridgemont, Bedfordshire in England was the ancestral home of TP Macqueen's family and Segenhoe Estate was the name given to his land grant of 1825.

**Macqueen Street:** This road almost follows the original line of the Old North Road of the early 1800's and was named after the first settler of the area, Thomas Potter Macqueen. (Today it is also known as the New England Highway).

**Mount Street:** (Origin unknown. At the time of naming it was the highest street in the village.)

#### Streets Running in an East-West direction:

**Gordon Street:** In 1838 the village was named Aberdeen to honour TP Macqueen's friend, George Gordon, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Aberdeen, Knight of the Garter and distinguished British statesman and scholar.

**St. Heliers Street:** This street is in the region of the boundary of the Aberdeen village and the land grant of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Dumaresq Esq., "St. Helier's Estate".

**Perth Street:** For the City of Perth in Perthshire, Scotland.

**St. Andrew Street:** Possibly named for Saint Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland. St. Andrew is also a borough of Fife County on St. Andrews Bay, Scotland.

**Bedford Street:** Macqueen's home "Segenhoe Estate" was at Ridgemont, Bedfordshire, England.

**Graeme Street:** Graham is a clan name from Perthshire, Scotland. Graeme is the English spelling.

**Moray Street:** Moray (or Murray) is one of the oldest clan names in Scotland. Since the 13<sup>th</sup> century the Moray Clan's ancestral homeland in Scotland had been in Abercairney, Morayshire, Scotland.

**Fisher Street.** Named for Francis Fisher, The Crown Solicitor of NSW and the trustee of "Segenhoe Estate" after the departure of Macqueen in 1837. The first town allotments were sold in Fisher Street in 1841 and one of Aberdeen's first stores was opened in Fisher Street in the early 1840's. Today Fisher Street is an unformed road between The Commercial Hotel and Taylor Park.

GW Rusden's original map shows plans for **Ford Street** running in a north-west direction off Abercairney Terrace and following the original track to the ford. Today this road would run along the boundary of Jefferson Park and beside the access road to FitzGerald Bridge. [JS]