

Quite and occasion! The year was 1890. The place was London, Ontario.

Samuel Munro had left Inverness in the Scottish Highlands in 1876 at the age of 22 to try his chances in London, England. After three years as a civil servant, he was off to the new world and settled in London, Ontario. Sophia Ellen Sickel whom he had known in England left her home in Lambeth and joined him, and they were married in London, Ontario on May 12, 1879.

Sam prospered and before long arranged for his parents Christopher and Isabella (née Macdonald) and his sisters, May Isabella, and Annie, to join the Canadian scene. Annie remained a spinster, while May Isabella married George Jackson and settled in Detroit.

In the meantime, Sam's older brother, George had done well in India, becoming a bank manager. In 1890 most of the family were in Canada, so George and his wife and two children (Ronald and Iseth - not in the picture) used their furlough to travel from India to Canada. And the Jacksons travelled from Detroit. Hence the opportunity for this picture. (Another of Sam's brothers, Christopher William settled in Narbett, Pennsylvania, but is not in this picture.)

Here we see Christopher and Isabella surrounded by four of their children and respective spouses, and seven grandchildren.