

Munn, John 1788-1859

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## JOHN MUNN

Born in Irvine, Scotland, 1788.  
Emigrated to Canada about 1802 (?)

Prominent Shipbuilder in St. Rochs at  
Munn's Cove. (~~see attached map~~  
~~about 1830~~)

Prominent citizen of Quebec City.  
Founded Quebec Mercantile Bank and  
the Board of Trade.

Prominent member of St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church, Quebec City,  
Canada's oldest Presbyterian Church.

In answer to his minister's (Dr. Cook)  
appeal for funds to build a College to  
train Canadian men for the Presbyterian  
Ministry (see Queen's University  
Doomsday Book, page 40) John Munn  
gave £ 250 for the founding of  
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.  
(see Queen's Doomsday Book, page 135.)

John Munn was a shareholder in the  
Quebec and Halifax Navigation Company  
for whom the "Royal William" was built.

The "Royal William" was the first  
ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean under  
steam.

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(continued)

It is said Captain Samuel Cernand was also a shareholder in that Company and that he and Captain Alexander Allan were both captains on John Munn's ships. When Munn died in 1859 both Captains, being at sea in his ships, remained at sea did NOT return to the home port of Quebec City and that this was the start of the Allan and the Cernand Steamship Lines. This is family legend.