

Farlane of the Highland Settlement, who in giving it to Muir had said, "She'll be a goot dau Maister Muir. She's got the right strain in her. She'll be as wise as a serpent and as brave as a she-lion. I brocht her mother ma'sel frae Scotland. She'll belong to her sister, Duncan, who'll carry on her pisness for mony years in Newfoundland. She'll be the same breed as was presented to the King of England for her boys. You'll keep her and you'll love her and you'll nefer need a truer friend to defend you so long as she'll not be dead. And, mind you, it's auld Hector MacFarlane, of the Highland Settlement, what's saying these words."