A Pittsburgh resident, Mr. Robert Munro was a charter member of ASHVE when the society was formed in New York City, September 10, 1894. His address at that time was listed as 68 Conestoga Building. According to the records of the society, Mr. Munro did not maintain his membership after 1897. In the 1897 records his address is listed as 25 Wood Street.

A search of the Allegheny County Prothonotory's records did not turn up any record of the death of Robert Munro. Either his estate was not large enough to require a probate or he may have moved from Allegheny County prior to his death.

In an effort to locate any one who is a descendent of Mr. Munro, an number of calls were made to the Munro listings in the Bell Atlantic telephone book. Unfortunately, many of the current Munro listings are related and well acquainted with each other. None of them had any knowledge of the Robert Munro whom we are seeking to learn more about.

At the Carnegie Library we were able to find a listing of a Mr. Robert Munro who was vice president of a firm called Reineke, Wilson & Company.(1) This firm was located at 200 Smithfield Street and dates back to 1870.(2) The Company was a plumbing and gas fitting supply house. In addition they maintained a skilled crew of workmen and took contracts for the installation of all types of plumbing systems, steam heating and natural gas piping in buildings. The company was also the local distributer for the Goulds Manufacturing Co. a manufacturer of water well pumps. We do not know if this is the same Robert Munro who was a Charter Member of the ASHVE. We believe that it may have been the same man since the steam heating and fitting business was a very large part of the business of the Company for whom he serves as a vice president.

(1) Smith, Notable Men of Pittsburgh, page 411  
(2) Pittsburgh Historical Review, Pittsburgh's Leading Industries, page 167