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**Clan MacMillan International Magazine Issue No. 10, May/June 2008**

The Clan MacMillan International Magazine is published twice a year, and sent to all members of Clan MacMillan International (CMI), the worldwide organisation based at the home of Clan Chief George MacMillan.

Subscriptions to CMI – which is open to all MacMillans and septname bearers – help fund the work of the Clan Centre "...to collect, preserve, display and disseminate material about Clan MacMillan and its descendants, and to assist the chief, clan societies and individual clanspeople around the world in the promotion of the clan and its ideals." (Clan Centre Mission Statement drawn up at Clan MacMillan Conclave in June 2000).

The annual subscription for 1st January to 31st December 2008 is UK £15 or US $30. Cheques – in UK pounds or US dollars only please – should be made out to Clan MacMillan International and sent to:

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Tel: 01475-140711

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**COVER PICTURE:** Chris Wittenburg & Mike Drost at the April 6th Tartan Day celebrations in Concord, NH, USA

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**Come to Scotland next year for the**

All-Clan Gathering in Edinburgh, Fri 24 - Sun 26 July


Though Clan MacMillan may organise a PAYG pub social evening in Edinburgh on Friday 24 (details of which will be sent to all those who have registered for the Clan MacMillan Gathering) and will have a tent at the Highland Games in Holyrood Park on Saturday 25 & Sunday 26, we have no more information about this event in Edinburgh than is available on its website. We cannot make bookings in relation to it for travel, accommodation, or any other aspect of it.

MacMillans wishing to participate in it must therefore make your own arrangements.

For prices and booking go to www.clangathering.org or phone: +44 (0)131 561 1323

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**Clan MacMillan Gathering in Greenock, Mon 27 - Wed 29 July**

Organised by the Clan MacMillan International Centre

**Monday:**
- Evening - Barbecue at Finlaystone. Arrive anytime during the day to enjoy the gardens & woods and take the chance to see the Clan Centre displays & MacMillan Memorial Wall.

**Tuesday:**
- All Day: Bus Tour to Knapdale (previous seat of the chiefs) or Lorn (cradle of the clan) with CTS Investiture Service either at Kilmore Knap (site of MacMillan Cross) or Polnalloch Church, Lorn (seat of MacMillans' cousins Clan Malcolm) - Choice of venue for the Investiture will depend on numbers - the chapel at Kilmore being small - but both tours will visit other sites connected with the clan and its septs. Stops will be made for morning and afternoon refreshments, and lunch - all on a PAYG basis. Places on the bus must however be booked and paid for in advance as part of the MacMillan Homecoming 2009 Package.

**Wednesday:**
- Daytime: PAYG boat-trip "Doon the Watter" to the Isle of Bute to visit the medieval Rothesay Castle [www.mountstuart.com] and the Victorian gothic mansion Mount Stewart & 300 acres of gardens [www.mountstuart.com] - Evening: Clan Banquet in the historic Tontine Hotel, Greenock [www.tontinehotel.co.uk]

For full details & registration forms see www.clanmacmillan.org/Greenock2009.html

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**Clan Cameron Gathering in Fort William, Fri 31 July - Sun 2 August**

Organised by the Clan Cameron Association of Scotland - see www.clancameron.org.uk

Members of Clan MacMillan - the Lochaber branch of which were followers of Lochiel, the Cameron Chief - have been invited to participate in the Cameron Gathering. If enough MacMillans register an interest in so-doing we may organise a visit to and ceremony at the 1802 Emigration Monument at Murlagan, the home of the MacMillan chiefs in Lochaber, on Friday 31 July.

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**The MacMillan Homecoming 2009 Package** will cover the barbecue at Finlaystone on Monday evening; the bus for the Tuesday tour; and the Wednesday evening banquet. Any other transport & meals, all other event & attraction participation & entrance charges, and all accommodation will be the responsibility of individual participants - though the Clan Centre will provide as much advice and useful information as possible.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the website (as above) or requested by post from Clan MacMillan Centre, Finlaystone, Langbank, PA14 6TJ. Tel. 01475-540713. Fax. 01475-540285.
Toni Macmillan Moffat 1923-2008

Clan Macmillan has lost one of its great characters and enthusiastic supporters with the passing of Toni Moffat. Toni’s death, shortly after her 85th birthday in February, was unexpected but it was as she would have wished: she was found at home in Bed. Toni would never have wished to be a burden to anyone.

She had been a keen supporter of the clan since the early 1990s when she first attended an international clan gathering at Finlaystone. Being of Glenurquhart stock, she was in the Glen for the inaugural meeting of the Glenurquhart Macmillan Society. Much to her surprise and no little amusement, she was given the role of Treasurer, which she held until the society linked with Clan Macmillan UK a few years ago.

It is as the Treasurer that most of us will remember Toni. She was always there to meet you with her money box open, taking in the moh and the money for lunch or dinner. How many cold meals do you have to eat before you can have earned as much as Toni did in her lifetime?

She continued her involvement by organising and supporting ladies golf throughout the country. Last year her contribution was marked when she was made a Vice President of the Scottish Ladies Golfing Association. She was truly delighted. Tributes to Toni from ladies golf clubs around the country have appeared on their web pages. You may wish to read further on the web at blogs.blackandwhitescot.com/2008_03_01_archive.html, or find other golfing obituaries with pictures of Toni by doing a Google search for “Toni Moffat.”

Toni was proud of her Glenurquhart roots and of being an Aberdonian. Her grandfather, who grew up in the Glen, had come to work in Aberdeen as an architect. There he left his mark especially with some fine churches. Toni too has left her mark on all of us who were fortunate enough to have known her. She was a dear friend and will be greatly missed.

* Guene MacKenzie adds:
If you are searching the web as I was today and suggest then you should be aware that Mr Macmillan is Tonys’ s DEFINE preferred spelling of her adopted name was “Toni” (she was baptised Doris Stuart Macmillan). This meant of course that new contacts inevitably thought at first she was a man (your present correspondent included). This was a misconception I suspect she, with her mischievous sense of humour, always enjoyed - perhaps more never more so than in their meetings in the world that golf was when she first started playing.

I initially came into contact with Toni through the invaluable manuscript history of her Macmillan ancestors, compiled by her grandfather Duncan “the Architect”, which had been deposited in the Macmillan archives in Inverness. As soon as she was back in Aberdeen, Toni contacted me and told me that I absolutely must go to Finlaystone as soon as possible to see the new Clan Macmillan Centre, and to meet those “super people” George and Jane Macmillan - and she was right about that of course.

Toni and Jane in particular made a formidable pair of jokers and motivators who together lit up many a clan gathering. I know therefore that many of you will miss Toni Moffat as much as we all do, and I am sure she will.

Our experiment with colour in the last issue of the magazine has been widely welcomed and we will do it again for the next issue if we can raise sufficient revenue from advertising to pay the extra costs of colour printing (which are considerable). You may be able to help with this by buying advertising space in offices or businesses that sell to Scots around the world with the suggestion that they take an ad in our international magazine.

We are conscious of the fact that the full Directory previously published served not simply as a means of providing contact details, but also as a way of recognising all those who volunteer their time and skills to help keep our branches going. However even the full list of named officers doesn’t tell the whole story - our Chief, above all others, recognises.

From the Chief:
Dull would be of soul who, having travelled the world for Clan business, did not become aware of the vast army of dedicated people on the life of this family depends. In these days of mass entertainment, many organisations rely on support of people prepared to commit the time required to maintain them - the “Office-bearers”.

Their are, or ought to be, well-known, because their names are often listed. But think of all the others - those who travel long distances to sit in a tent at Highland Games; those who organise events, and often wonder, till almost the last moment, whether anyone will show up; those who put their hands in their pockets to give financial support, often unnoticed; those who support the work of the Clan Centre without ever having seen it or received any personal benefit; and those who care for other members of our extended family in unobtrusive ways. Then there are the rest of us, almost the last moment, whether anyone will show up; those who put their hands in their pockets to give financial support, often unnoticed; those who support the work of the Clan Centre without ever having seen it or received any personal benefit; and those who care for other members of our extended family in unobtrusive ways. Then there are the rest of us, almost the last moment, whether anyone will show up; those who put their hands in their pockets to give financial support, often unnoticed; those who support the work of the Clan Centre without ever having seen it or received any personal benefit; and those who care for other members of our extended family in unobtrusive ways. Then there are the rest of us, almost the last moment, whether anyone will show up; those who put their hands in their pockets to give financial support, often unnoticed; those who support the work of the Clan Centre without ever having seen it or received any personal benefit; and those who care for other members of our extended family in unobtrusive ways. Then there are the rest of us, almost the last moment, whether anyone will show up; those who put their hands in their pockets to give financial support, often unnoticed; those who support the work...
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North Central States Branch win “Best Tent” at Minnesota Games

Clan MacMillan won the award for the “Best Tent” at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games on May 17 at Farmington, MN. Branch President Mike McMillen - who’s produced a CD with advice on how to dress a clan tent - tells us that though the sun shone the conditions were not ideal, with two unsecured tents being blown away by the strong winds.

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BANK: Alexander McMillen, Agnes McMillen.

KNOCKENGARROCH: John McMillen.

NETHER KNOCKENGARROCH: Alexander McMillen, Margaret McMillen, James McMillen, the sonne.

MURDOCKSHOLM: William McMillen.

LONGFOORDS: James McMillen.

DRUMJOHN: Jannet McMillen, Jannet McMillen, James McMillen, Marion McMillen.

BRACKLOCH: John McMillen, Marion McMillen (Jun.), Marion McMillen.

HOLM: James McMillen, Jannet McMillen, George McMillen, William McMillen, Andrew McMillen, Katherin McMillen.

UPPER CULLENOCH: Thomas McMillen.

WOODHEAD: James McMillen, Agnes McMillen.

CASTLEMADIE: Christen McMillen, John McTurk, her sonne; Jannet McMillen, John McMillen.

SHIELD OF CASTLEMADIE: Janet McMillen, Robert McMillen, Agnes McMillen.

HOLMHEAD: Roger McMillen, Jannet McMillen, William McMillen, the sonne.

BREDENOCH: James McMillen, Roger McMillen, Jane McMillen.

DRUMNESS: James McMillen, Jannet McMillen, John McMillen, Marie McMillen.

SHIELD: Margaret McMillen, elder.

BARLEA: James McMillen, Katherin McMillen.

NETHER KERMINNOCH: William McMillen.

“Clandestine and phanatical baptisms:

“James McMillan of Nether Smeaton christened a child about Mertimes last, 1683. (Signed) Peter Petison, Rector of Carsfern, 1684.”

“A list of all the persons and families within the paroch of Carsfern above twelve years of age, male and female:

GLENNIS: Bessie McMillen, John McMillen, the father.

MARRLOCK: John McMillen.

SHIELD OF SMEATON: Robert McMillen, Katherin McMillen, a widow.

NETHER SMEATOWN: James McMillen, Margaret McMillen.

MARRLOCKET: William McMillen.

DINDEUGH: Isobell McMillen.

MARSCKALLACH: William McMillen, Agnes McMillen, Elizabeth McMillen, a servant.

FIRMISTOWN: Elizabeth McMillen, a servant.

MARRBRECK: William McMillen. Grave of John McMillan of Brokloch - one of the “disorderly persons” listed top left - in the kirkyard at Carsphairn. The inscription is given on the next page.

Virginia McMullans represent clan at First Laurel Hill Highland Games

by Sharon West Stoneman & Ginny Kaye West

The Virginia Clan manned a tent at the First Annual Laurel Hill Highland Games and Festival in Ararat, VA, on April 27, 2008.

We had four people sign in, though only one that had direct ties to the McMillans. We enjoyed our time at Ararat. It was a very small festival, but the organisers worked hard to make a success of it and were so appreciative of the clans who participated.

We recognised familiar faces from the Radford Festival - Clans Buchanan, Gordon, Douglas, and Donald. We didn't recognise the folks from the MacTavish Clan, but Ginny thinks she may have seen the Walls. Ararat has lovely scenery. The festival was held at the birthplace of J. E. B. Stuart, who was a well known officer who served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War (1861-65). All the organisers and the attendees we met were very friendly and helpful.

Thank goodness burly men abounded and were very kind in assisting us. As usual we had difficulty with the tent, even though we practiced setting it up and taking it down 3 times before we went!!! We believe that we had a senior moment after we arrived at the site.

This festival conflicts with the Sedalia Festival. We hope to attend this festival next year if the scheduling can be worked out.

The photo top right was taken from the Laurel Hill Games website, and quite by chance shows the Clan MacMillan Tent on the right of the picture.

Chlann an Taillear plan future activities

“Chlann an Taillear” is the alternative name used by the Virginia McMullans - in memory of their emigrant ancestor John the Tailor, whose history has been thoroughly researched over the years by Emily McMullen Williams. She and her husband Ed hosted a meeting of the Chlann’s committee in February at their home in Culpepper. Arrangements for covering games in Virginia on behalf of the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan were discussed.

While Sharon & Ginny deal with events - such as Laurel Hill (reported on left) - in South West Virginia, and the Swackhammers (Bill & Debbie) will continue to set up at Richmond, the Potomac Games in Leesburg and the “Virginia Scottish Games” in Delaplane have yet to be covered. This May’s visit to the Georgia branch of the CMSNA gathering in California which Sharon and Ginny will also be attending.

Pacific Branch Party & AGM Plans

Judy Young reports:

Our Wine Tasting Party on April 26th was very successful! We earned more than $300 for our fledgling Jane MacMillan Scholarship Fund. There were 19 members and friends joining in the festivities including a silent auction. We're looking forward to another next year. Many thanks go to vice-president Linda Harlow who along with Kathleen Nobe chaired the event.

Our first 'away from the games' AGM will be held May 10th at The Olde Ship Pub and Restaurant in Santa Ana, CA. From the number of members indicating they will be coming it looks as if we've made the correct decision. It has been difficult to locate an area quiet enough at the games to hold a meeting let alone an election. The only change to this year's slate of officers is the treasurer’s position.
Clan MacMillan’s “Community of the Tonsured Servant”

CTS was founded in 1995. It supports the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC) at Finlagstone, and provides educational materials and events for Clan MacMillan & Sept members around the world.

A CTS INVESTITURE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 918 NORTH EUCLID AVE., ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, AT 10:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2008: The investiture is being held in conjunction with the Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) 50th Anniversary Gathering at Pitzer College, Claremont (Los Angeles) CA, 2 to 7 August 2008. There will be at least four invested that day: two Honors Causa and two Regular Companions. The Honors Causa are: Col. Douglas B. MacMullen of Sherman Oaks, CA, USA, the 9th President of CMSNA and also the Founding President 1976 of the original Pacific Branch of Clan MacMillan; and Hugh P. MacMullen D. Litt of Ottawa, ON, Canada, 3rd President of CMSNA, who was the Chief’s Bodyguard at the Inauguration Ceremony of Gen. Sir Gordon H. A. MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap, Chief of Clan MacMillan, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on 23 May 1958. The Regular Companions are: Sunday Dawn Robinson of Vittoria, ON, Canada, and Jack L. Baxter of Morgan Hill, CA, USA. To date this investiture has raised approximately $1,000US for CTS and ultimately CMIC. Contact Blanche if you wish to join CTS and be invested by Chief George on 6 August 2008. See you in California!

THE REV. CANON A. MALCOLM MACMILLAN, FOUNDED ABBOT EMERITUS OF CTS: Known as “Father Mac,” he is 87 years old and holding his own in a care facility in Allentown, PA. In my call to Pat, his wife, I learned that Mac had had pneumonia in mid April but has rallied and carries on. He is taken to church every Sunday. Mac can be reached through Pat at revmacmillan@rcn.com

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CTS TRIBUTE FUNDS: Thank you for your continued support. The two CTS funds below remain open for your contributions. Donors names are published but not amounts given.


CTS is a fundraising wing of the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC). There are many ways you can help raise the money needed to continue the work of CTS and CMIC. 1. CTS memberships. 2. Tribute Funds (noted above). 3. Bequests in your will. 4. Branch and Society corporate donations.

PURCHASE OF CTS REGALIA: Another batch has been purchased from the original 1995 supplier in the USA. There are four parts to the regalia. The Badge and the pendant Medallion are purchased. The Sash is sewn by myself, and I also create the Letters Patent which are then printed professionally.

CTS INVESTITURE SERVICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLAN MACMILLAN GATHERING IN SCOTLAND, 24 to 29 JULY 2009: Plans are underway for a CTS Investiture Service, likely on Tuesday 28th July 2009, in one of two possible venues: Kilnory Chapel, Knapdale, which houses the magnificent “MacMillan’s Cross” of circa 1400, or in the private Poltalloch Church near Kilmartin. It was Sir Ian Malcolm of Poltalloch who in 1938 wrote the “MacMillan’s Lament” which is read as part of each CTS service. The Malcolm of Poltalloch Stones are at Kilmartin Church. In April 2008, John B. and I visited Kilnory Chapel, Poltalloch Church and Kilmartin Church in preparation for CTS in 2009.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON JOINING CTS or make a donation to a Tribute Fund or any other donation, or for members to receive a financial statement, then please contact Blanche McMillan, 5364 Salem Road, Burlington, Ontario, L7L 3X3 Canada. Ph: 905-637-3395. Email: jenmcmillan@sympatico.ca


Galloway MacMillans in Covenanting Times - Part 2

This is the continuation of the article by the Rev. Somerled MacMillan - originally published in the Clan MacMillan Magazine of North America, Vol. 2, No. 1, July 1959 - the first part of which we reprinted in the last issue of the Clan MacMillan International Magazine

The government of Charles II were determined to enforce Episcopacy as the official religion of Scotland - as it was in England - but Presbyterians in Galloway were prepared to fight for their beliefs. Royal records list many MacMillans amongst them.

In the summer of 1684, the king’s forces were waylaid and attacked just as they were at Enterkin Pass with a number of prisoners. A strong band of Covenanters and relations and proved successful in the encounter. The royalists were furious and an all-out effort was made to track down those who had taken part in any way. A census was taken of the inhabitants of the surrounding district, particularly of those under suspicion. It is not surprising to find a pretty full census of the Galloway MacMillans from twelve years of age upward. Here are extracts from the Register of Council regarding the incident, also the names of the MacMillans in Galloway during 1684:

“I interrogator be the Commissioners anent the late attack at that time: 1. If any of the deponents knew any of the rebels quho assaulted the Kings forces at Enterkin upon Tuesday, the 29 July last.
2. If they knew quhart number the rebels wer upon that place or in pairties theerabout, and from whence they came, or if any of them wer resset in the houses that day or night or the preceding dayes or nights or wer suppore to be any of them or any in ther nam with meat, drink or armes.
3. If any of the prisoners who wer carried amongst be the kings forces came or wer brought to the houses after the skirmish, wounded, or if they did see any of them dead or wounded upon the place, and what of the prisoners should be wounded or killed, or if killed wher they wer buried.
4. To interrogot wher any of the rebells, ther wives and children, duell and are resett.
5. That each master of family be called upon oath to give up his informatione or otheruays that wher they wer buried.
6. To interrogot wher any of the rebells informatione of the rebells, ther wiffes and childring, duell and are resett.
7. That each master of family be called upon oath to give up his wiffes name with the list of his and his servands who are corned to the years of descration and ther names.
8. If they, either be informatione or otheruays (otherwise), heard who gave the rebels informatione of the approach of the kings forces Enterkin way.
(Signed) T. Kerpt, Closeburne; J. Alexander, sher. dept.”

“A list of propells names in the paroch of Anwoth, viz. Above the age of twelve or therabouts:

WHYTSYD: George McMilland and his wife; Marry McMilland, his servant.
ARCHLAND: Ja. Bell and his wyfe; Andrew McMilland, servant.”

“A list of the parohners of Balmaghie:
LOCHMEREAK: Beatrix McMollene, ab, and her family.
TEN FUND LAND OF LEVESTONE: James McMollene, ab; Barbara McMollene, Thomas McMollene.

“A list of recusants in the paroch of Partan, Perpetual absents, phanatics (fanatics):
Alexander McMillane, his wife, and familie in Marthonie, all at present fled to escape justices; Thomas McMillane in Markland Burnysde.”

“A list of disorderly persons, families and baptisms in Carnsern for years 1683 and 84: MARBROCK: John McMillen and his family.
SHIELD OF SMEATON: Robert, Catherin McMillen and their families; James McMillen of Nether Smeaton, William McMillen and their families; William McMillen in Marskalloch and his family. MARBRECK: William McMillen.
KNOCKENGARROCH: John McMillen and his family; Alexander McMillen and his family; William McMillen in Murdokshelm and his family.

More News from the Clan Around the World

New Zealand Clan MacMillan Society at Waipu Games

by Jim McMillan, Editor of the Newsletter of the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand.

On New Year’s Day, Secretary Carrol Elliot, Marilyn and I attended the 13th Waipu Highland Games, representing the clan at this very popular annual event. Marching proudly behind Carrol carrying our new clan banner and then manning our clan tent situated prominently in “The Avenue of the Clans” with 14 other tents, we were glad that the magnificent summer weather provided just sufficient cloud and a breeze to keep the temperature manageable.

The Whangarei Advocate reported a gate attendance of 7,000 — an increase from 4,000 in 2007. The Canadian High Commissioner to New Zealand, Penny Reedie from Wellington, opened the games and there was something for everybody.

Events included the March of the Clans at 9.30am and a Massed Parade & Salute at 12.30pm, plus throughout the day, dancing, piping & drumming, as well as the Highland Stone Putt, the Caledonian Hammer throw, Tossing the Caber and Tossing the Sheaf. There was also a full Athletics program from the 100m to the 1500m in all grades (pre-schoolers, children by age, Women, Men & Seniors). We received many enquiries, enrolling five new members and one renewal on the day and were kept so busy that we were only able to grab lunch and refreshment as we fielded questions.

The games concluded with a Ceilidh in the Coronation Hall from 7pm until late. I’ve attended these games (as a pure spectator) once before but this was most certainly a wonderful if somewhat exhausting day.

Celebrating CMSNA


Many people were involved in the founding of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America, but if anyone can be considered the key “founding fathers” they would probably be Edward B. McMillan of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and Lt. Col. Allister M. MacMillan of Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

As Hugh P. MacMillan notes in his memoir printed elsewhere in this magazine, the two of them had started canvassing support for such a body as early as 1954. Edward B. McMillan in particular — a scientist and businessman, born 1910 in Michigan — played a vital role as the publisher and an editor of “The Clan MacMillan Magazine (and Newsletter) of North America”, the first issue of which appeared in July 1958 with Edward’s own explanation of the genesis of the society.
At the present time five area organizations and nine organized ancestor groups exist. In addition to this, there are at least forty genealogical branches too scattered to continue to hold reunions but maintaining their records by correspondence and from time to time publishing very substantial family books. In many cases, the descendants of brothers or uncles of the first ancestor on this continent have not been identified. However, the correlation of genealogical records by the editors of the Clan MacMillan Magazine is likely to locate a number of these...

There are quite a number of "MacMillans" for whom affiliation with organized genealogical or area groups would at present be out of the question. Direct attachment to the projected North American Society will provide them with an adequate affiliation...

Affiliation should not require disipation of all interest in a burst of ardour, intense participation over a short period of time. A very substantial number of our clansmen are already occupied with heavy civic and similar obligations. Correspondence, publications and yearly or other occasional get-togethers have characterized the clan branch organizations which have survived for generations. This is as it should be, as we seek organized perpetuation of ideals for many more generations to come for this clan family of ours, which has had its own separate identity since the 1100s.

The main groups mentioned by the editors at the time were: The descendants of Duncan Alex (Big Angus) McMillan in MB and BC – a Lochaber family that had come west from the Glengarry, ON, settlement. The Dougal MacMillan descendants of Meaford and Hamilton, ON – another family from the Glengarry settlement. Groups in the Lucknow district of Western Ontario, and Campbellford, Eastern Ontario. The Glengarry and District Clan MacMillan Society. The descendants of Myles McMillan in New Brunswick – Lt. Col. Allister’s family. The “Knapdale Group” – descendants of John MacMillan & Sarah MacGilph – in the Carolinas.

For details see www.clanmacmillan.org/CA2008.html or write to CMSNA President Connall Bell at 2288 Casa Grande St., Pasadena, CA 91104, USA

Join the celebrations with the Chief in Los Angeles 2 - 7 August 2008

More Founding Fathers

Left to Right:
Edwin McMillan, Toronto, ON, First President of CMSNA
Rev. Somerled MacMillan, Paisley, Scotland, Clan MacMillan Bard & Shennachie
Hugh P. MacMillan, Alexandria, ON, President of the Glengarry Branch of the Clan
RECOLLECTIONS
1954-1962
by Hugh P. MacMillan

Hugh P. may be the only one of CMNS's founding fathers (i.e. members of the 1958 Clan MacMillan North American Family Council) still to be with us, so his recollections are of particular interest.

In 1952, Muriel and I left the Vancouver area, where we had been for the past five years. I had a romantic notion to return to the family farm. This was not my 'smartest' move as I was more interested in history than farming.

My great-great grandfather "John Roy" MacMillan came to Glengarry in 1793 with his older brother Captain Alexander MacMillan, a career soldier. He recruited his brother John as a yeoman into the Royal Canadian Volunteer Regiment. John left the regiment in 1802 to take up his 200 acre grant at Lochiel (Lot 24, 14th conc. Lanark), though he rejoined Alexander in the Glengarry Militia for the war of 1812. He had enough loot from helping capture Ft. Detroit to build the only stone house on the Lochiel Road, which became a meeting place for disbanded highlanders.

I became involved in helping found the Glengarry Historical Society and was elected its first President. I worked with the Glengarry Historical Society in south Glengarry now have thriving museums which grew from the 1950's initiative with the help of many people.

In 1954 I noted letters to the Glengarry News by Edward B. McMullan, Col. Ahlstrom (Lot 24, 14th conc. Lanark), the co-founders of the North American Society and the 1955 Centennial of the 1760's and Lorne was still alive in the 1960's.

In 1962, we had the chief and his wife stay at the Cornwallis Hotel. I deposited them there and returned later to go to the west was the "Howard Smith Pulp Mill", and to the east was "Courtaulds" huge rayon mill. Both plants gave off unpleasant odors which we just had to put up with. Lady MacMillan gave up spraying; and so ends a brief account of our first 50 years.

The "Carinthia" arriving in Montreal in July 1958

Committees were established to organise the Hamilton Events and to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for CMSNA, along with a 21 member "Family Council" – representing all the interested clan groups, branches and societies – to whom the committees would report.


Dr. Lamar McMillan, Little Rock, AR; Robert J. McMillan, Wilmington, OH; James C. McMillan, Fairborn, OH; C. Earl McMullen, Clearwater, FL; Robert L. McMillan, Raleigh, NC; John O. McMillan, Charleston, WV; Dr. Chandler B. McMillan, Beaver, PA; Archibald H. McMillan, Bay City, MI; George S. McMillan, New York, NY; Edward B. McMillan, Ipswich, MA (Exec. Sec. USA).

Added later as Deputy Councillors were Nancy McMullen Meador, FL; Prof. Montague MacMillan, SC; Edward B. McMillan chaired the Finance Committee, assisted by Dr. Robert J. MacMillan and Gordon McMullen. Dr. Chandler B. McMillan chaired the Constitution & By-Laws Committee, assisted by Allister M. MacMillan, Edward B. McMillan, Archibald W. McMillan (Dayton, OH) and Edwin McMillan. Edwin McMillan, a Toronto businessman whose grandfather William had emigrated from Glenurnquhart, Scotland in 1850.
On Wednesday 23rd July Sir Gordon and Lady Marian crossed the river from Montreal to Glengarry County (see Hugh P. MacMillan’s account), where they were greeted by the Rev. Donald Neil MacMillan, Honorary Chairman of the Glengarry and District Branch of the Clan. The chief visited St. Andrews Church in Williamstown, where many MacMillan pioneers are buried, before going on to Alexandria for a lunch at Glengarry District High School.

On Thursday they flew to Toronto where the chief was interviewed on a local TV news programme. A reception and luncheon on Friday preceded the car journey to Hamilton where a tattoo at the Civic Stadium provided the warm up for Clan MacMillan’s main event. The evening’s entertainment, put on by the Scottish Societies and Clans of Hamilton, included music and marching by the Canadian Argylls and Sutherland Highlanders - the regiment of which Sir Gordon was the Honorary Colonel.

Once again the local press were on hand to record the events, and the Hamilton Spectator’s account was as colourful as the ceremony itself:

"Half an hour before midnight two lines of red flares burst into flame in the centre of the stadium. Fifteen members of the MacMillan family council from Canada and the United States flanked the high-backed "enthronement" chair and from the east entrance of the stadium came the soft mournful music of the bagpipes…. The ancient ceremony which followed lasted nothing by being held in Hamilton. Something of the savagery, of the lonesome wildness of Scotland’s moors and glens came to life as the flares reflected redly from the solemn faces of those taking part….

It was an impressive ceremony, skillfully produced and faultless in its presentation of the barbarous days when a clan chief was in a state of perpetual war with another and owed allegiance to none. It may be the last we shall see in Hamilton.

Proceedings closed with the pipes of the RCEME Squadron and the Argylls playing "The Clan MacMillan March", "Kiloran Bay", and "The Chief’s Welcome to North America" as Sir Gordon and his tail left the arena after what was the first ever inauguration of a Scottish clan chief in North America.

Finally the time came for the great floodlit extravaganza choreographed by Clan Bard and Shernachie the Reverend Somerled MacMillan. Attended by three pipers from the 28th Technical Squadron RCEME, six soldiers from the Canadian Argylls, and a "tail" of ten clansmen – and it appears they were all men – the chief was enthroned with a sword to protect his clan and a white wand with which to deliver justice.

Next morning saw the business meeting which brought the Clan MacMillan Society of North America into being, with Edwin McMillan being elected its first President; Chandler McMillan, Vice President; Gordon McMullin, Treasurer; Edward B. McMillan, USA Secretary; and Col. Allister Macmillan, Canada Secretary.

In the afternoon of Saturday Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan were the Honoured Guests at the Hamilton Highland Games. In the evening, while the General dined in the Mess with the Officers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Lady Marian was the special guest at a dinner in the Hamilton Armouries - where she was later joined by her husband for a grand clan ball.

Following the Hamilton events Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan embarked on a tour to visit clanspeople in other parts of North America.

In Clearwater, FL, they met the descendants of James (Eli) McMullen and Mary Nancy Vick - perhaps the clan’s largest single family group, who’ve been holding annual reunions since the 1920s. From Florida they travelled to Raleigh, NC, where they arrived on Tuesday 29th July to find nearly 150 MacMillans gathered for a banquet with their chief. On Wednesday they flew via Washington DC and Boston, MA, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they were Guests of Honour at the Lieutenant Governor’s Annual Garden Party.

The final portion of the chief’s tour was spent in the Maritime Provinces, where Sir Gordon and Lady Marian were reunited with their Bard - whose own tour took in Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and Ohio - for a series of events over four days. This culminated on Tuesday the 5th of August at St. Ann’s, Cape Breton, in a special Nova Scotia “Clan MacMillan Day”.

Thus the unique cross-border society, embodying many of the ideals held dear by MacMillans (co-operation, care for neighbours, and passing on the heritage of the clan – not to mention enjoying ourselves every other year!) got off to a flying start fifty years ago. Long may it last.

Graeme Mackenzie

St. Ann’s, Nova Scotia:

Sir Gordon MacMillan is flanked on his right by Somerled MacMillan, and on his left by Col. Allister Macmillan. Sir Ernest MacMillan stands behind the Chief bearing the White Wand of Justice. Col. Allister’s son Sandy stands in front of Sir Gordon as the Chief’s "An Gille-coise" (Footman).

Forty four years later Sandy was proud to serve his chief again when he acted as George MacMillan’s piper at “The Great Return 2002” gathering in Scotland.

Lady Marian MacMillan meets some of the ladies of the clan at the dinner given in her honour at The Armouries in Hamilton.

From left to right: Mrs F. L. Henderson Mrs P. J. Stephen Lady MacMillan Mrs D. A. T. MacFarlane

Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan pay their respects at the grave of Allan MacMillan of Glenearn during their visit to Glengarry County.