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CECILIA JANE SPURGIN: We regret to report that the chief's wife, Jane MacMillan, who's pictured on the cover, died on 27th June 2005 after a protracted fight against the cancer diagnosed last year. A full appreciation of her life and her immense contribution to the clan will be published in the next edition of the magazine.

Alexander Ross Macmillan 1922-2004: We're grateful to Alick's sister Betty Macdonald for sending us the obituary published in the Clydesdale Bank's "Pensioner's Magazine" which highlights our late Treasurer's key role in the expansion of the bank for which he worked from 1938, when he entered the then "North of Scotland Bank" as a trainee in his hometown of Tain (Ross and Cromarty), until his retirement after 11 years as the Clydesdale's Chief Executive in 1982 (which was followed by a further six years service on the Board of Directors). This informative piece alludes to his service in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War, in the course of which he was twice "Mentioned in Dispatches", and the wide range of his business interests at the height of his career, when he served on the boards of John Laing plc, Radio Clyde plc, Highland North Sea Ltd., Scottish Development Finance Ltd., and First Northern Corporate Finance Ltd. He was also Chairman of the Committee of Scottish Clearing Bankers from 1973 to 1975 and from 1979 to 1981; a Fellow and Past President of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland (1975-77); a Companion of the British Institute of Management; a board member of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Court of the University of Glasgow (for which service he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of the University). His dry wit and common sense are greatly missed by the Clan MacMillan Centre's Board of Trustees.

The Trustees of the Clan Centre welcomed new member Peter MacMillan on 30th April 2005 to his first Executive Committee meeting which took place in the Living Room of the chief's "Apple House Flat" at Finlaystone. Peter has taken it upon himself to compile for future publication as complete a collection as possible of music and songs relating to the clan. If you have any rare pieces please send copies to: 25 Fairfield Road, Clitheroe, BB7 2PE, England or email him via PMacMil@aol.com.

The picture (right) of the trustees' meeting includes, from the left: Peter MacMillan, David Brown, Chief George MacMillan, and Clan Centre curator Pauline Simpson.



Angus Macmillan is reported in his son Alexander's memorandum to have died on 8th January 1835 at Camusunary, the farm on Sky which he held the tack (tenancy) of from Macdonald of Strathaird. He is said to have died at the age of "nearly 73 years", which would put his birth at 1762, and to have come to Skye in about 1800 from Glencoe. Apparently in 1814 Angus met Sir Walter Scott and various other distinguished men of the time – including Robert Stevenson, grandfather of Robert Louis Stevenson the author, who then held the position of "Surveyor Vice Roy of the Commissioners of the Northern Lights" (i.e. lighthouses) – who sailed into Camusunary Bay by mistake when looking for Loch Coruisg, which even then was famous for the magnificence of its scenery.

The wildness of this part of Skye which makes it so wonderful to look at makes it also very difficult to farm, and it seems the Macmillans were in the forefront of efforts to introduce progressive agricultural techniques. Angus's brother Ewen – father of Angus the explorer – had a tack from Macleod of Dunvegan of part of Glen Brittle from at least 1802 when he attended a meeting in Broadford to discuss the necessity of improving the Customs Services. He's reported to have been the first on Skye to breed Cheviot sheep, and to have been one of those involved in setting up a Wool Market in Inverness in 1812. He became manager of nearby *Rubh an Dunain* in 1813 while its hereditary tacksman, Kenneth Macaskill, was away in the Carolinas; and in 1820, when Macaskill returned, Ewen took over the neighbouring farm of Cracknish. In 1825, when his lease there ran out, he crossed to the island of South Uist, got the tack of Kilbride, and lived in the mansion previously occupied by Hugh Macdonald of Boisdale. His final move was to Barra where he farmed Eoligarry and Vaslan and once again lived in some style, this time in Barra House – where his widow and children are to be found in the 1841 census.

The ruined farm of Camusunary, where Angus Macmillan – uncle of the explorer of Gippsland – farmed in the early 19th century. Though these buildings may not have been there when Angus Macmillan was the tacksman, the picture shows the sort of wild surroundings in which the future explorer of Gippsland would have grown up across the mountains in the neighbouring valley of Glen Brittle.



Though Ewen Macmillan was clearly something of an entrepreneur he probably owed his initial ability to get important tacks from being a well-connected man, as the stories about his wife Marion confirm – for with her we come to the second of the three "Generals": her brother Norman Macleod. Unfortunately, as Alasdair Maclean discovered, there were four General Norman Macleods associated with Skye during the late 18th and early 19th century, and it's impossible to say which of them may have been the brother of Marion Macleod Macmillan. She died between 1851 and 1854, presumably at Ardtua in Appin where she was living with some of her children at the time of the 1851 census. Ewen Macmillan and Marion Macleod's full family is reported to have consisted of fourteen sons and two daughters, some of whose births/baptisms on Skye can be found in the OPR for Bracadale – though not sadly that of Angus, the future explorer of Gippsland. It's interesting to see that at least two of their other sons ended up emigrating as well: Norman to South America, where he's said to have drowned in the Amazon; and Donald, who became a coffee planter in Jamaica – a significant destination in the light of a story that came down from other cousins in Scotland about the fate of Ewen's father.

Angus and Ewen's father was a John Macmillan – unfortunately it's not known who their mother was – and according to descendants in the Hebrides this entry in the Bracadale parish register for 26th June 1803 relates to a misdemeanour by the old man that forced his flight from the island: "*John, a bastard child, said to be the son of John MacMillan from Lochaber (who emigrated to Jamaica previous to the birth of the said child) and Effy MacDermid at Crackinish*". The absconding father is said to have instructed his legitimate sons to look after their half-brother, and John Macdermid Macmillan later went to work for Ewen at Kilbride on South Uist – before settling on the neighbouring island of Eriskay where some of his descendants still reside. It was the family on Eriskay in the late 19th century who introduced the third "General" into the story – claiming that was the rank of their errant grandfather John Macmillan, the father of Angus, Ewen and the illegitimate John. Though this is clearly not true – there are no recorded Macmillan generals before the present chief's father Sir Gordon MacMillan – it may nonetheless reflect the fact that their 18th century ancestors were important and well-connected people, as the career of Angus of Gippsland's father Ewen Macmillan would seem to suggest. It's to be hoped that further research – perhaps in the Macleod papers at Dunvegan – will go some way to discovering exactly who they were.

My thanks to Joan Burns in Langley, BC, and Richard Shiel in Fredonia, New York, descendants of Alexander Macmillan the emigrant to Canada, for providing information and pictures used in this article.

Graeme Mackenzie

Ancestors of Angus Macmillan, explorer in Australia



The story of the Macmillan who opened up the Gippsland area of Victoria in the 1840s is well known, but his origins in Scotland have remained obscure – beyond the fact that he was born in Glenbrittle on Skye and emigrated from Greenock in 1837 on the “Minerva” [Angus Macmillan is pictured left in the prosperous years after his explorations].

Some years ago Hugh Barron of the Gaelic Society of Inverness gave me a copy of an unpublished paper on Angus written by the late Alasdair Maclean, a well known local historian in the Hebrides (and brother of the famous Gaelic bard Sorley Maclean). Alasdair knew something of the Gippsland explorer since he was married to a great grand-daughter of Angus’s cousin Jane Macmillan [see the family tree on the back page], and his interest was further stirred by being consulted in the late 1970s by another historian who was researching the role of the Scots in the exploration and exploitation of Gippsland – some modern views of which portray Angus Macmillan as a man evicted from his own country who proceeded to do the same to the natives of his adopted home. Though Angus Macmillan kept a diary which tells us much about his journey to Australia and his subsequent adventures there, it has little to say about his background in Scotland.

We’re fortunate however also to have a “memorandum” about his family left by another cousin – Alexander, the brother of Jane Macmillan – who emigrated to Canada in 1832. The fact that both of these men could write, though born in the largely illiterate highlands of the early 19th century, and could afford to pay for their own passages abroad, shows that the family in question were a cut-above the ordinary tenants and cottars who were later subject to clearance in the Hebrides (a process that certainly never happened to Angus Macmillan whatever he may have done to the aboriginal Australians in Gippsland). The rather tall tales that have been passed around in the family left back in Scotland – involving no less than three “Generals” – are clearly intent on making the same point, though how true any of them are is another matter.

Alexander Macmillan and his sister Jane were the children of the explorer’s uncle and namesake Angus and his wife Margaret Cameron, and it’s through Margaret that the first “General” enters the lists – in the shape of General Sir Alexander Cameron of Inverailort who family tradition asserts was her brother. This may well be true since the origins of this undoubtedly genuine, and indeed very distinguished general are rather obscure. His descendants the Cameron-Heads at one time claimed [see Burke’s Landed Gentry] that they came from the Camerons of Erracht, and that Sir Alexander’s parents were Donald Cameron “of Glendessary” and Helen, daughter of Alexander Macdonald of Achtrichatan, with the said Donald being born in 1725 at Murlagan (though this was not a place generally associated with Camerons - being in fact the seat of the Lochaber Macmillans). Donald Cameron of Glendessary is not known to history, and Rev. Somerled Macmillan thought Inverailort may instead have been the son of an un-named Cameron who was Tacksman of Scamadale in South Morar. Since many of the Camerons in Morar belonged to the Glendessary branch of the clan that might make sense, though Somerled doesn’t say why he thought it was so. On the other hand, accounts of the MacLains of Achtrichatan, a branch of the Macdonalds of Glencoe, show a Mary, daughter of Angus of Achtrichatan, married to a Donald Cameron “of Glenpean” – and the “Camerons” of Glenpean were either Macgillionies (Glenpean Beg) or Macmillans (Glenpean Mor) – while the death certificate of Margaret Cameron Macmillan, who passed away at Rhu in Arisaig in 1855, says her parents were Duncan Cameron and Jane Macdonald. The certificate was signed by her son Lieutenant John Macmillan who is said to have owed his commission in the 82nd Regiment to his uncle the general (which if true would suggest that he’d probably have known who his uncle’s parents – and his own grandparents – were).

John Macmillan himself is associated with some very strange tales. He’s said to have had his commission as Ensign purchased for him by his uncle at the age of 13 or 14, and to have been promoted to Lieutenant two years later, before “retiring” on half-pay the next year – never in fact having served a day in uniform! He’s then said to have agreed to swap identities with an un-named brother who wanted to avoid being pressed into the army, and subsequently emigrated to Canada, like their other brother Alexander (perhaps to join an uncle called Hugh Cameron who’s supposed to have been a member of the Upper Canadian Legislative Assembly). Support for this fabulous tale is supposedly available in the form of the brother at home never having used his given name on official documents – e.g. the census of 1851 when he appears as Lieutenant Macmillan and the death certificate of his mother which he is said to have signed as Mister MacMillan (though in fact a careful examination of the handwriting on the latter shows that he signed it not as “M.”, as alleged, but as “Jn.” – which was the common abbreviation for John at the time).



Gravestone of Alexander Macmillan’s daughter in Ontario, Canada

CLAN NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Robert McMillan-Kay, who helped establish the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia in 1982, recently made his first visit to Scotland – and is pictured left in Edinburgh with his wife Roslyn. Rob, who served in the Australian army, is now Curator of the Maryborough Military & Colonial Museum in Queensland.

June Danks, President of the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia – and Clan Centre Trustee – is planning to be in the UK in the third week of September, and as well as visiting Finlaystone will be looking for clues to her own family’s history in County Down in Northern Ireland.

Margaret Pool, Clan Centre Trustee, has been busy giving classes on Scottish family history research in her new role as Official Tutor on Scottish Research for the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

The Mississippi McMillins will hold their 55th reunion on August 6-7 at Lake Tiak-O’Khata, Louisville, MS. Events will begin 5:30pm Saturday 6th with a complimentary cook-out/fellowship under the pines at the lakeside. Program and lunch will be on Sunday 7th from 10:30am to 3 pm.

Nellie Blue Greene, Treasurer of the Sept of Blue, and her husband Paul Greene celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 14th May with a pig picking at their home in Carthage, North Carolina, USA. The annual Moore County Blue Reunion was held on 12th June at the Lakeview Presbyterian Church – Moore County was one of the parts of North Carolina most heavily settled by Highland Scots following the establishment of the “Argyll Colony” in 1739. The Sept of Blue’s AGM will be held as usual at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – where the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan also hold their AGM – which takes place this year on the weekend of 9/10 July. The Blues will be celebrating the successful compilation of their family history which is due to be published in book form in April or May of 2006. The “Blue Family History Book” will contain about 1000 pages and will feature a cover in the Blue Tartan (a sample of which can be seen in the Clan Centre at Finlaystone).

Margaret MacMillan (pictured right), Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, is to become Warden of St. Anthony’s – her old college – at Oxford University in July 2007. The current Warden, Sir Marrack Goulding, expressed his pleasure at the appointment and said that “Professor MacMillan is an outstanding scholar and manager.... Her command of modern history and contemporary international relations make her an ideal head of this College.” Dr. MacMillan, author of the prize-winning *Peacemakers: the Paris Peace Conference of 1919* made a memorable presentation at the clan’s “Liberty Gathering” in New York in 2003.



A MacMillan Clan Society in Texas? A number of M’millans from the Lone Star State have recently expressed an interest in starting a new branch of the clan there. Any other Texans who’d be interested in exploring the possibility of such a venture are asked to contact us (clancentre@clanmacmillan.org) so we can put you in touch. It’s something the late Dr. Charles McMillan and Bill Vineyard had considered taking on, but clan contacts in the state were limited then – as may have been Highland Games where AGMs could be held. things may be better now.



The Glenurquhart Macmillan Society will meet on the weekend of 26/28 August with the AGM on Friday evening, and a visit for supper the next day – after the Highland Games in Drumnadrochit – to the Bogroy Inn at Kirkhill. For more details of events – open to M’millans from all branches – please contact Hazel Murie by phone (01382-320493) or email: david.murie@virgin.net

Anne Neuman has been elected Vice President of the Glengarry & Ottawa Valley Branch of Clan MacMillan, and is looking forward to a busy summer as they join the Clan MacMillan Society of North America at the Fergus Highland Games on August 13th – in addition to their usual participation at the Maxville Games the previous weekend.

Maureen Moffat – sister of branch past presidents Susan Drinkwater and Diane Wood – who on her last trip to Scotland walked the West Highland Way in aid of *Macmillan Cancer Relief*, is pictured left on a return visit with her husband David at Howards Inn, Luncarty, in Perthshire.

The First Macmillans in Pictou

Graeme Mackenzie



The MacMillan graves pictured on the left lie in the peaceful surroundings of the Bridgeville burial ground in Pictou County, Nova Scotia – the ornate gates to which (shown below) were also made by one of the many members of the clan who chose to settle in this particular part of Canada. It was a favoured destination in the 19th century for MacMillans from Glen Urquhart, and the story of how the first of the clan came to settle here in the late 18th century is a particularly interesting one about which new documentation has come to light in recent years.

The American Revolution in 1775 created a sudden and acute interest by the British government in the gathering pace of emigration from the Scottish Highlands to the trans-Atlantic colonies. The first settlement of Inverness-shire men in Georgia in the 1730s, and the rapid growth of the Argyll colonies in the Carolinas and New York in the 1740s and '50s, had been a matter of little importance to His Majesty's ministers. However, once the colonists had had the cheek to object to royal taxation and the gall to take up arms against the Lord's Anointed, then the influx of able-bodied men from the traditionally warlike Gaidhealtachd became a matter of acute concern. So the order went out from London that emigration was to be discouraged, and that all those who insisted on going were to be questioned as to their destination and their motives.



Thus it is that we have, for a few years in the mid-to-late 1770s, a collection of ships' passenger lists and accompanying information that was not to be replicated on this side of the Atlantic until the mid-19th century when British bureaucracy finally began to take a long-term note of who was going where from these shores. Most of the actual passenger lists that have survived from this period have already been published, but new information about the emigrants on other ships at this time is still being uncovered, and a few years ago an English genealogist, Dennis Bateman, working for Douglas F. MacMillan from California, found this letter to their superiors written on the 3rd September 1775 by the Customs Officers at Fort William:

We wrote your honors on the 19th of June last that a Clyde vessel was expected here to ship off emigrants for North America. We now beg leave to acquaint you that the above vessel arrived at this port some time ago called the Glasgow, Solomon Townshend master, for New York, North America, John and George Buchanans at Greenock owners, that they shipt here on board the above vessel for New York sixty five men above twenty years of age, seventeen youths from ten to twenty years, forty boys under ten years, being one hundred and twenty two males. Seventy women above twenty years, twenty four girls from ten to twenty years, and thirty five female children under ten years of age, being one hundred and twenty nine females - in all two hundred and fifty one souls. These poor people were mostly all from the northern parts of the shire of Strathglass on the land of Chisolms country - none of them had the appearance of gentlemen but a Mr Fraser and a Mr Chisholm. The rest seemed to be very poor people at least they had that appearance - they however all made shift to pay (as we were told) for their passage, but about twenty of them that indented with the owners of the vessel and Mr Fraser and Chisholm who freighted the vessel for them. They would give us no proper cause for leaving their country but the raked rents exacted by the proprietors of lands, that they found themselves poor and were determined to go abroad while they had any remains of their subject to carry them, and though they were repeated times told of the rebellion in some of the colonies in North America they did not seem to be moved by that, saying they were assured New York and the parts they were bound to were not in rebellion and that they did not think themselves in any danger of being forced to serve either in His Majestys troops, or the provincials - and this morning they sailed with a fair wind in very good spirits - these are all the circumstances we know of these people which we think it our duty to give your honors the earliest intelligence thereof, and we are with much respect

Honorable Sirs,

Your Very Obedient

Humble Servants

Colin Campbell, Duncan Mcphaile

Project MAOL (Macmillan Ancestry On Line)

We have finally reached the point where our website (www.clanmacmillan.org) contains the sort of On-Line information about clan ancestors that makes it an indispensable resource for all M'millan descendants researching their family history. This has been possible because of the flexible nature of the reports that can be generated by the RootsMagic software – used to produce the M'millan Search Index as a series of PDFs – along with fully functioning on-line family trees for some families (which we hope will eventually include all families with more than three or four generations bearing one of the clan surnames). Obviously it will be some time before all the genealogical material we have in the Clan Centre in books and paper files can be transferred to the computer and put on-line in this way, but at least we now have a format that does what we have always wanted the Project MAOL Search Indices to do – as follows:

Access the indices directly by going to www.clanmacmillan.org/MAOL/MAOLintro-intro.htm or go to the homepage of the website and click on the Project MAOL logo at the top right of the page, then select the clan surname that you wish to search for (please note that most of the present small sept-name indices have yet to be converted to the new system). As the Project MAOL homepage makes clear all spellings of the clan surname are included in the one "M'millan" Search Index, and when you click on the link to it you will arrive at the Key-Page showing this:

MacMillan Search Index Pages:

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If the entry in the above pages for the person you're looking for includes a three digit number in the last column you can view an on-line genealogy for his/her family by clicking the relevant number below:

[001](#) | [002](#) | [003](#) | [004](#) | [005](#) | [006](#)

If you were looking, for example, for the ancestors of the late Robert H. McMillan of Tifton, Georgia, you would click on the letter "R" above and a PDF page would open (if you had Acrobat Reader installed on your computer – which is free to download from www.adobe.com) showing seven pages of M'millans whose given names began with "R" all displayed in alphabetical order sorted by their dates of birth. Robert H.'s entry reads (as a line across the page too long to give here as a single line):

**Robert Henderson 6 Jan 1912 Berrien Co., GA, USA Gladys A. Green author of RMAF Robert Henderson M'millan
Martha I. Connell [006]**

The columns are: Given name, date of birth, place of birth, spouse, additional info (which can help differentiate individuals bearing the same given names), father's name, mother's name, reference number for on-line tree [if available for that family – otherwise blank]. If there was no on-line family tree available for the family in question, one would then look for the entry for RH's father – who of course, in this case, bears the same given name, but is distinguished from his son (and indeed grandson) of the same name by their wives' names; so we would find (in this case on the same PDF page):

**Robert Henderson 24 Sep 1887 Berrien Co., GA, USA Martha I. Connell "Bob" Malcolm L. M'millan
Narcissa Henderson [006]**

The search would continue by looking on the "M" pages for Malcolm L., etc. etc., and eventually one would arrive at RH's great-great-great-grandparents Malcolm M'millan (born c. 1716 in the Mull of Kintyre, Scotland) and Catherine M'arthur, who both emigrated to NC, USA, in 1774.

As it happens the whole process can be short-circuited in this case because we have already put RH's complete family tree On-Line [as indicated by the number in square brackets at the end of each entry] and it can be accessed on the key-page by clicking on the relevant number [in this case, 006]. This family, incidentally, is the largest yet entered into Project MAOL – though not of course the oldest (the chief's – 001 – being that), and we are delighted to use it as an example here to remember the great work done by Robert H. McMillan Jr. (who's recent death is reported on the CTS page) in compiling all that information in his monumental family history "Record of McMillan And Allied Families" (RMAF).

The total number of people so far entered into the Project MAOL Master Files (currently only for M'millans and Bells) is over 15,000 – of whom just over a half are individuals bearing one of the clan surnames (and therefore appearing in the On-Line Search Indices). Please have a look for yourselves.

CLAN MACMILLAN RALLYING SONG

MacMillan men from hill and glen,
MacMillan men, prepare ye;
Come from your woods
And solitudes...
Across the rolling prairie.

O, send the fiery-cross around,
The glad news carry;
Three lusty cheers;
Your Chief appears!
Now, clansmen, do not tarry.

Put on your kilt and belted plaid,
The wine-red, green, and yellow;
You'll look real trig
With holly sprig,
And silver crest, my fellows.

Bring out the targe and old claymore
Grown rusty, blunt, and hoary;
With shouts proclaim
His worthy name,
Sir Gordon stands before ye.

Come, pledge the health of one so dear,
Of Knapdale chiefs most glorious;
By land or sea
Where'er he be,
God send him home victorious.

Somerled MacMillan

(Composed for the Gathering at Hamilton, Ontario, in July 1958 and published in Clan MacMillan Magazine of North America, Vol. 1, No. 1).

THE WORLD BOOK OF THE MCMILLANS

Dear **Hugh McMillan**,
you have been selected by our clan computer
to receive a copy of
The World Book of the McMillans \$149.95
(including unique hand painted coat of arms).
have you ever considered, **Hugh McMillan**,
your family ties and heritage?
In these pages, **Hugh**,
you will bear witness to the heroism
and industriousness of your ancestors
and learn about the forebears
who shaped the history of the world,
like **Fergus McMillan, the 8th Man of Moidart,**
Hector ‘Steamboats’ McMillan,
the inventor of the 12 Bore Scrotal Pump Beam,
Brian ‘Big Shuggie’ McMillan, Golf Caddie to the Stars,
and many many others,
Though probably not **Archie McMillan**
who died of silicosis
or **James and Colin** who drowned in the Minch,
or **Struan** who drank himself to death
in that corner of the Central Bar.
To bear witness to that kind of thing,
Hugh McMillan,
it costs a bit more.

*Hugh McMillan from “Horridge”
(Chapman Publishing, Edinburgh, 1994)*

OSSIAN

The misty years speed on with fleeting wings
Like dreams that vanish in the spectral night,
Yet, o’er the trackless wastes of time there light
Soul-lingering lyrics, sensuous uttered things.

Still thro’ the gloom a Voice we hear which sings
Of gleaming spears like shooting stars in flight
When frowning monsters sallied for the fight
And love-lorn maidens wept for fallen kings.

Grief-stricken Bard! How sad they harp and lay
Which wail thy lonely fate and clouded sight;
For kith departed in thy mature day –
When thou in darkness groped for Life’s true light.

Thy breath is fragrant with the moors and hills,
Thy music mingles with the streams and rills.

Somerled MacMillan

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WILLIE

“Drunk or sober,
yon man can pit a carpet boul
or a keystone right oan the button.”
Willie is nodding modestly
in the Fleshers’ arms,
70 proof, if he’s a day.

Willie doesn’t age.
Like his dykes he weathers.
He hasn’t lost his hair,
but mislaid it in an absent way:
it’s strung up there somewhere
on the rich topography of scalp
as thick as ever
but vitrified,
as impenetrable as his handiwork.

Below it, creases run
through the skin
like dry river beds.
There are hard callouses
round the smile
that defines and defies his history.

His face is a map
and like all landscapes
is variable.
Willie hasn’t always been good.
I think he predates such concepts.
He is both sides of a very old coin.
The man *is* Galloway.

Hugh McMillan

*from “Aphrodite’s Anorak”
(Peterloo Poets, Calstock, Cornwall, 1996).*

It seems that many of the emigrants on the “Glasgow” were hoping to join relatives already settled in upstate New York, from whom they’d probably received assurances that their coming would be unhindered by the developing rebellion; but in the months that such correspondence and their passage across the Atlantic had taken, events had moved on. This is reflected in the attitude of the British naval C-in-C Admiral Graves who wrote that “...*it surely can never be right to continue to people a country in absolute rebellion against us...*”, and it was upon his orders that the “Glasgow” was intercepted and boarded upon its arrival off New York by the battleship “HMS Asia”. Its commander, Captain Vandeput, immediately took all the emigrants into custody, and after transporting them to the British headquarters at Boston the able-bodied men amongst them emerged from their detention as British soldiers; but the circumstances of their recruitment remain controversial.

It’s clear that the emigrant men had little choice about fighting in the war, but while official British accounts tell of an offer warmly accepted by them to serve as a body in the recently formed Royal Highland Emigrants regiment – as an alternative to being pressed separately into other (and probably English) units – according to the rebel “Constitutional Gazette” in New York their decisions were hastened by “...*the greatest tortures, such as their being chained down on their backs to the ring bolts, and fed with bread and water. Several of them suffered this torture for three days before they could be brought to yield and sign the paper of their enlistment*”. The truth probably lies somewhere between the two accounts, but a considerable incentive to accepting the British “offer” was the promise that if they agreed their families would be kept together and provided with the regular dependents’ subsistence for the duration of the war, and that upon demobilisation they would be granted 200 acres of land for each man, and a further 50 acres for each member of their families. All served, and after eight years in the RHE (later the 84th Regiment of Foot) the survivors were settled as promised on government land – though it was in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, rather than their original destination, New York.

The process of capture and detention by the Royal Navy has left us with a unique partial passenger list for the “Glasgow” – the 74 men of military age (i.e. 15 and over) having been separated from their dependents and included in HMS Asia’s muster rolls for November 1775 as “Supernumeraries/Emigrants”. Amongst them were four Macmillans and six “Camerons”, some or all of whom may also have been Macmillans (the initial numbering gives their places in the whole list, and the numbers in brackets indicate individuals bearing the same name – I have recently published the full list, with an explanatory article, in the Highland Family History Society Journal, Vol. 23, No. 3, May 2005):

MEN FROM THE SHIP “GLASGOW” ON MUSTER ROLL OF HMS “ASIA” [PRO: ADM.36/8080]			
5.	Don ^d . Cameron (1)	42.	Finlay Cameron
13.	Finlay McMillan	44.	W ^m . McMillan (2)
14.	W ^m . McMillan (1)	45.	Don ^d . McMillan
16.	Don ^d . Cameron (2)	53.	Sam ^l . Cameron
		71.	Jn ^o . Cameron (1)
		73.	Jn ^o . Cameron (2)

Since there are few surviving records for the Royal Highland Emigrants regiment it’s difficult to follow the fortunes of these men in the early years of the war, but some can be found in the Muster Rolls of the 2nd Battalion of the 84th Regiment (as the RHE became following its full incorporation into the Regular British Army) from June 1782 to the end of 1783, when the battalion was disbanded [PRO now TNA: WO.12/8806]. The “Roll of Men Mustered Out” (i.e. paid off at the end of the war) was published in 1976 by G. Murray Logan – who had ancestors amongst the “Glasgow” emigrants – in his “Scottish Highlanders and the American Revolution”; and a number of the men and their families are referred to in “The Urquhart Settlement in Nova Scotia...” by Hugh Barron in Volume 53 of the *Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness*. Much more information – about their settlements and families, if not their war services – can be obtained from local histories of Pictou and Nova Scotia.

Finlay Macmillan (No. 13) is the ancestor of Douglas F. Macmillan, who also employed me some years ago to trace his family back in Scotland. Like most of the emigrants on the “Glasgow” Finlay was more associated with Glen Urquhart than Strathglass (though the two valleys adjoin each other, and the western part of Glen Urquhart – called Buntait – was then owned by the Chisholm chief who was also the laird of Strathglass). I deduced that his father was probably William “Ban” Macmillan in Lochletter (a beautiful spot on the shores of Loch Meiklie in mid-Glen Urquhart) who is remembered in local legend as the refugee from the battle of Culloden saved from death at the hands of an English trooper when fording the River Ness by *Alasdair an Claigh* (Alexander “the Swordsman”, the father of Charles Grant, a future MP who was christened in 1746 under swords just used at Culloden, and grandfather of Charles Grant, Lord Glenelg). William “Ban” is said to have been one of three brothers of Macmillan of Murlagan (the clan chieftain in Lochaber) who came from Loch Arkaiside to settle in Glen Urquhart – another of the brothers being Duncan “Ban” the father of the Finlay Macmillan recorded in the Buchanan society register in 1746 as *Lieutenant Finlay McGilvaile of Buntait* and mentioned in the Chevalier Johnstone’s memoir of Culloden as *Lieutenant Finlay Cameron* (Finlay was particularly remembered because he seemed to have saved Johnstone’s life).



The Macmillan House at "Finlay's" Mountain

Finlay the future emigrant was probably born in about 1730 and is reported to have lived in Fort Augustus before settling in The Glen. He was married in 1758 from Balmacaan, Glen Urquhart, to Mary Macdougall, and is known to have had at least four sons, three of whom also emigrated. He served in the 1st Company of the 2nd RHE/84th, which was commanded by Lt. Col. John Small himself, and can be found in the surviving regimental records on leave in "Pictoe" in the second half of 1782, and back on duty throughout 1783 until the battalion's disbandment in October of that year. Finlay's son Donald Macmillan – presumably No. 45 above – served in the 3rd Company, commanded by Captain Duncan Campbell, and survived the war only to die in Pictou in 1784.

The eldest of Finlay's sons was William who is said to have been wounded whilst serving with a cavalry regiment, which led to his repatriation to Scotland where he worked as a shoemaker in The Glen from 1783 until returning to Nova Scotia on the "Aurora" in 1802. Despite the general paucity of records of the RHE/84th regiment prior to 1782, there are some relating to the company commanded by Captain Murdoch Maclean to be found in the Maclean of Lochbuie papers in the National Archives of Scotland [NAS formerly SRO: GD.174]. A William and a Samuel McMillan are documented in the company accounts serving from 1777 to 1781, and against William McMillan's entry for April to October 1781 is noted "By Cavalry Pay - 30 days...". Since Finlay Macmillan is reported to have had an unnamed fourth son who served in the army in the Napoleonic Wars it's possible that Samuel Macmillan might be he, but at this stage nothing further is known about him.

William Macmillan married Isabella Mackenzie whilst in Scotland and had four children here before sailing back to Pictou, where he had a further six children at his home on "Finlay's Mountain" – later Finner's Mt. and now Irish Mt. (the Macmillan land viewed from which is pictured right). He was succeeded there by his eldest son Finlay (born 1795 in Shenval, a.k.a. Oldtown of Shewglie, Glen Urquhart), while another son – Donald – lived at Churchville. Two younger sons however moved to Ontario, and settled at Port Sarnia; and this branch of the family, like those descended from the emigrant Finlay's other sons, are now spread through many parts of Canada and the United States.



The last of Finlay Macmillan's sons was John, who was born at Escard of Balmacaan in 1772 and who was therefore too young to feature in the list of able-bodied men pressed into the army in 1775. He inherited his father's farm at Churchville on the East River of Pictou on Finlay's death in about 1806, and is the great-great-grandfather of Doug Macmillan. One of John's grandsons was the Rev. William Macmillan who returned to Scotland for education and in due course became the Minister at the West Branch of the East River in Pictou, where he died in 1889. Whether there are any descendants of the second William Macmillan on the "Glasgow" – who could well have been a brother of Finlay – is not known; but it's assumed that he may have been the William Macmillan who's death is noted in the muster rolls of Captain Alexander MacDonald's company of the 84th on the 24th September 1782.



Rev. William Macmillan's manse at the West Branch

The history of the Camerons on the "Glasgow" was recorded in 1927 by James M. Cameron in "Descendants of Donald Cameron". His ancestor was presumably No. 5 or No. 16 in the list, and was known in Pictou as *Domhnull Ruadh* – Donald "the Red". He was the brother of Finlay Cameron (No. 42) and of *Somhairle Ruadh* – who one might suppose was No. 53, except that the family history tells us *Somhairle Ruadh* was three years in Albany, New York, before enlisting in the 84th, and that he had a soldier son Samuel who also received a land grant in Pictou in 1784. The "Glasgow" emigrant was probably therefore the son on his way in 1775, with his uncles, to join his father in upstate New York, before being catapulted into a conflict they had hoped to avoid.

Battle of the Bards

Long ago when the history and doings of the Gaels were written and recited in verse the position of "Am Bard" was one of the most important in every clan. It's a tradition that the MacMillans continued in the twentieth century when both Douglas Macmillan MBE (founder of (Macmillan Cancer Relief) and Rev. Somerled MacMillan (the clan's first modern historian) bore the title with pride. Now it's been suggested that we need a new bard for the new century – an idea that appeals to our poetic chief – so we invite nominations with a view to holding a write-and-read-off at a "MacMillan Mod" somewhere in Scotland at a date to be announced in due course (probably next summer). Nominations should be sent to the Clan Centre, accompanied by two or more pieces of poetic work, at least one of which should be clan-connected. In the meantime here are some examples of verse from MacMillan poets past and present to set the bardic ball rolling:

MISERIS SUCCURERE DISCO

Seven hundred years have dawned and died
 Since last your Chief upstood
 Among his clan on Lawers' side,
 Mighty – where might was good.
 His double-handed sword was drawn
 Only to right men's wrongs:
 A gentle man – his peaceful clan
 Lovers of flowers and songs.

Though out beneath the western waves
 Your title-rock lies low,
 A heritage of honoured graves
 Is yours where'er ye go.
 Ye have a noble name to bear,
 Unadvertised, unstained,
 Each of your clan a gentleman,
 In simple goodness trained.

Come ye, foregather, ye alone,
 As in the misty past
 (Forget seven hundred years have flown!)
 Your fathers gathered last.
 Come talk, commune and sing of them,
 Their knightly aims and deeds;
 Your cousins meet, your vows repeat –
 To succour him that needs.

Douglas Macmillan from "The Recall"

BEANNACHD, A CHEANN ("Blessing O Chief")

For Gen. Sir Gordon MacMillan

Beannachd, a Cheann! In loyalty and love
 A humble Clansman offers you his bond:
 Humble, yet proud -- proud of the ancient Clann
 That bears your name, MacMillan; whose long annals
 Never knew stain; a Clann whose worthy sons
 Have earned esteem in many a distant land;
 Bearing their banner high in field and hall;
 Usurping none, to no man yielding thrall.

Had I a sword to give it would be yours.
 With kiss on biodag blade I set the seal
 Of fealty and affection for the Chief
 That binds the Clann one family, one kin;
 Strong-rooted as the holly in the glen;
 Brothers, MacMillan, and your loyal men!

Sidney Bell (1960)

THE SON-OF-MAN ON MENDIP

The Son-of-Man on Mendip He walked among the fern;
 Against the blackness of the down He saw the heather burn.
 The Son-of-Man from Mendip Gazed down the glistening tide
 Beyond the sprinkled islands Where the gray lagoons spread wide.

For Joseph was a tinman Who sailed the western sea,
 And brought his young companion Across to Eggarley
 Where, amid golden orchards, Whose scent the silence thrills,
 The Lamb of God in beauty trod Our Avalonian hills.

The Son-of-Man on Mendip He gave the folk no sign,
 But talked and walked with such as worked The lead and calamine.
 He knew the Old Nine Barrows, The swallets and the droves,
 As well as, on far southern slopes, He knew the orange groves.

As summer passed to autumn He marked the changing days,
 The blood-red wicken-berries In Ebbor Gorge ablaze;
 The crocus in the meadows, The gold upon the wheat;
 And the snow-white bog-cotton Bent to those gentle feet.

The Son-of-Man on Mendip He breathed the common air,
 And (so folk tell by word o' mouth) He played at Priddy Fair.
 For Joseph was a tinman Who dealt in dyes and ores,
 Trading from torrid Nazareth To Somerset's green shores.

Now, on an Easter morning When clouds be rolled away,
 And, climbing Masbury Beacon, The young sun brings the day,
 They that be simple-hearted, That nothing ill have done,
 A wondrous sign may witness - The Lamb against the Sun.

Douglas Macmillan

from an undated MS in the Clan MacMillan Centre Archives

BARRA

Her solitude is sacred.
 Perpetual peace profound,
 The sacramental silence
 Of consecrated ground

Broods on her blessed moorland;
 And o'er the surgent tide
 Of the blue waves of Barra
 The lone bird of Saint Bride

Sings one wild note for ever,
 A haunting monotone;
 Then claim great sea and silence
 The island for their own.

Malcolm K. MacMillan

from "The Heart is Highland" (Moray Press, Edinburgh, 1948)

Clan MacMillan Y-DNA Test Project Update

by Adhania Olson

How Is This Project Doing?

As you may recall from the last magazine article, Chief George has asked me to set up a genealogy DNA test project for Clan MacMillan, open to any man of any variation of the surname or any of the sept names, all listed on the Clan MacMillan home page. FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA) is hosting this project for us. I am delighted to announce that there are now twelve participants! The momentum seems to be building as we go along. A very special participant has joined the project Chief George! We are all very excited to have him join us. Thank you, George for volunteering to participate.

If you have thought about joining in, there's no time like the present. Browse to the Clan MacMillan Public Page at <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/MacMillan/> and read all about it. You'll see all the surnames listed, the results of some of the participants, a link to order your own Y-DNA test kit, Frequently Asked Questions page link, and a brand-new feature: the link to the General Fund especially for our own project! Anyone may contribute to the MacMillan General Fund and request that funds be applied to test kits for friends or relatives, upgrades to more specific test kits, or may just let the Fund wait there until someone who would really like to participate but needs a bit of help comes along. That link is <http://www.familytreedna.com/contribution.html>. Remember, your contribution is used only for the Clan MacMillan Y-DNA Surname Project!

Those men of the name who have well-documented research into their own family lines will be of inestimable assistance in determining the exact nature of the connections among the various lines and locations of descendants. The more you know about your own lines, the more you and the Clan will benefit from your participation in our Y-DNA project.

Women of the Clan may ask a close male relative of the surname to test, and will be able to determine their own relationship in this way. An uncle of the woman's MacM' ancestor, a male first cousin (son of the uncle), or an unbroken line male descending from a grandfather's brother or uncle would give useful results. Women might offer to fund the cost of the test, to encourage this relative to participate. This makes a fine gift, as well. This same condition applies to any man whose connection to the Clan comes through a grandmother.....look about to see if there are still some direct male line rellies who would agree to participate, and think about paying for it yourself.

There are three Y-DNA test kits offered, and the current project participants tell me the Y-DNA 37 marker is recommended because it has the best chance of discovering distinct differences among participants. There will often be near or perfect matches in the 12 marker test, especially in the relatively small gene pool found in descendants of Scots. The 25-marker test provides more ability to sort out differences between individuals than does the 12-marker test, but is not as useful as the 37-marker test. You will be able to see the costs for each test on the FTDNA site. And these costs are very reasonable. We receive great group rates at FTDNA, and the tests run are limited to those that give genealogical results. Tests at a local laboratory for all possible DNA results would cost many hundreds of dollars more. So, we're getting a pretty good deal.

Privacy is assured, and the only person who has access to all of your information is yourself. If you choose to have your results compared to those of others in the project, you may find new relationships you never suspected, or solve those annoying "brick walls" we all know and love. As they come in, FTDNA automatically compares all new project results to all existing project results, and if there are close matches, both you and the matching persons can choose to be put into contact by email so that you can discuss your connections privately. No other personal contact data is supplied by FTDNA.

The sample is a swab of the inner cheek tissue of the mouth, does not involve drawing blood or visiting a clinic, is sent to you by mail, completed in the privacy of your own home, and returned by mail. You can reside anywhere in the world.

Understanding what your test results actually mean can be confusing. FamilyTreeDNA can help you with this, and I have set up a very special private online community to discuss our test results or any other topic related to DNA testing and genealogy. This community is open only to participants in the Y-DNA Project, so that we may really focus on what matters to MacMs. You may choose to read and post messages on the website, or to receive emails delivered right to your email Inbox. I hope you enjoy using this convenient way to communicate! Just remember, you must first become a Clan MacMillan Y-DNA Test Project participant!

Please contact me for questions or concerns. Adhania Olson: skyspinner@cablespeed.com

Finlay Cameron is said to have drowned soon after settling on the East River in 1784, while his brothers both farmed nearby at Bridgeville. The list of men mustered-out of the 84th in 1783 includes, in addition to the above-mentioned Camerons, another Donald, a John Cameron (presumably one of the two from the "Glasgow"), a Duncan, and two Alexanders - all of whom may or may not have been related. It's the given name of Finlay however that suggests the possibility of some of these "Camerons" in fact being Macmillans - since it's a given name that was relatively common amongst Glen Urquhart Macmillans, but has thus far only ever been found amongst Camerons of that era and in that part of the highlands who can be proved to have been Macmillans (such as the family of a Finlay who had his children in The Glen in the late 1790s and early 1800s baptised alternately as Macmillan and Cameron, or the previously mentioned hero of Culloden, Lieutenant Finlay Macmillan/Cameron). The fact that the Red Camerons on the "Glasgow" can be found before emigrating living in Glen Urquhart alongside Macmillans related to Finlay Macmillan, and that there was a Samuel Macmillan in the 84th (who was probably therefore also a relative of the emigrant Finlay Macmillan) all goes to reinforce that possibility - though it seems unlikely that evidence can ever be found now to prove it either way.

The "Glasgow" emigrants had to endure a lot before finally reaching a promised land that was not the one they set out for; but it was one worth waiting for, as a local minister later reported:

The East River of Pictou, known in Gaelic as An Abhainn Mhor, is about thirty-five miles in length. It has its source about two miles from the Church at Blue Mountain. It enters the sea at New Glasgow. The distance from New Glasgow to Churchville is six miles, from Churchville to Springville four miles, from Springville to Bridgeville two miles, from Bridgeville to Sunny Brae six miles, from Sunny Brae to Kerrowgarr four miles and from Kerrowgarr (following the river) to the source of the river about thirteen miles. The valley of the river from Springville to Sunny Brae is very beautiful. There is not a lovelier spot in Nova Scotia. So lovely indeed that settlers named part of it the "Garden of Eden"



Road sign a few miles from Sunny Brae

McMullen the Texas "Empresario"

As well as the small town in Virginia referred to elsewhere in this issue the name "McMullen" is attached to a county in Texas - and it also takes its name from a John McMullen from Ireland. The "Empresario", as he was known (as one of the organisers of the first European settlement in that area of Texas - south of the modern city of San Antonio), was born in about 1785 to a family acknowledged at the time in newspaper accounts to be of Scots origin. The date of his emigration to the United States is not known, but he's believed to have arrived in Baltimore, before settling later in Savannah, Georgia. There in November 1810 he married a widow, Esther Espados, who moved with him in the early 1820s to Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico, where he set up business as a merchant. In 1828 he and James McGloin (who later married McMullen's step-daughter Eliza) contracted to settle 200 families along the left bank of the Nueces River in Texas. The first group of Irish settlers came by ship from New York with McMullen and McGloin in October of 1829 - and in 1831 they established the town of San Patricio.

McMullen was a member of the General Council during the Texas Revolution, and in early 1836 served as it's temporary President. After the Revolution he moved his business to San Antonio - serving there as an Alderman from 1840 to 1844. He was murdered in 1853 by an unknown assassin, and after his death a dispute arose about his inheritance between his step-children (he had no children of his own) and the children of his brother Neil/Neal who had lived in Pennsylvania (they were John - in Philadelphia in 1853 - Anthony, Margaret, James, and Ann). Sadly nothing more seems to be known about this family at the moment. The county where he had established his colony was named for him in 1858 - with its capital at Tilden. The county courthouse there is shown in this picture.



A Visit to the Clan Centre, Kintyre, and Knapdale

Reg McMillan

Our trip to Scotland in May 2005 started off with a visit to the MacMillan International Clan Centre at Finlaystone. There Chief George MacMillan and Pauline the curator greeted us very warmly. We spent a pleasant couple of hours walking and chatting in the beautiful gardens with George and Pauline and another hour in the Centre & Archive room. Wouldn't I like to spend a few days in that room? Then there was the famous Bike – after hearing about it all my life here I was touching it. After getting fed & watered we travelled to the cottage we had planned to stay in at Bellochantuy near Campbeltown, a three-hour drive. What wonderful scenery, we (my wife Ann, granddaughter Linzie and her partner Steve) were in high spirits, especially me, for I had been planning for over a year and had waited nearly 60 years to make this trip! For from a very early age I had been told many stories of the family's history by my Grandfather:

Kirkpatrick and his Bike, Margaret & Rachel Nursery Schools, the Macmillan Publishers and Harold the Prime Minister, plus many more. Then there were the place names, Knapdale, Kintyre, Kilberry, Campbeltown, and the Crosses at Kilmory. All these stories, were they true or just a very colourful Grandfathers tales? Colourful, I read his service records.



My Grandfather, Alexander McMillan, 1878-1954 (pictured left) was born in Plaistow London. His father John McMillan and mother Mary Dunn, both born in Glasgow, moved to Devonport, England, around 1864 because John was a Blacksmith in the Royal Navy. When John was pensioned out of the navy in 1876, the family (now six children) moved to Plaistow and started an Engineering and Corn Chandlers business. Alexander himself was in the Royal Marine Light Infantry from 1896-1906 & 1914-1919, and he also served for some time in the Royal Bedfordshire Regiment from 1909. He was employed in varied occupations after the First World War, at the Victoria & Albert Museum, and as a Schoolteacher, Musician, and Singer/Songwriter.

He was awarded the Royal Humane Bronze Medal in 1898: His Citation read:
On the 21st June 1898, while HMS Albion was being launched from the yard of the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company at Blackwall, London, a huge wave was raised which carried away a platform on which about 150 persons were gathered to witness the launch. The depth of water was about 14 feet, and there was great risk of being struck by baulks of floating timber. McMillan sprang in to action with others and saved six persons who were struggling in the water.

A couple of years ago when I started thinking about making a family tree, I mentioned this to my Aunties, Maggie (Alexander's daughter) & Margaret, wife of my late uncle Deryck (son of Alexander). Auntie Margaret asked me if I would be interested in an old tatty looking book, which she said was my grandfather's and thought may be helpful to me! What an understatement. It turned out to be my Grandfather's journal containing his memoirs of H.M.S Illustrious second commissioning at Malta 10th October 1901 and his service on the ship from 1901-1904 during its Mediterranean Tour. The hair stood up on the back of my neck, not just reading his words or seeing his handwriting, but the book also held a couple of dozen photographs of the crew and the marine detachments attending their duties and at their leisure times, on board and ashore in several countries. The only problem was there were not many names attached to the photos!

It seemed Alexander, although a marine, was something to do with the ships re-fuelling (coaling), for in his handwriting the book detailed the dates and every place and ship they loaded coal from and the tonnage from 1901 until returning to England in 1904. In addition he had made notes on every port visited and the reason for being there, he even logged the mileage between ports. It was a strange but most enlightening reading the thoughts of your Grandfather when he was a young man in his early twenties and especially knowing where and what he was doing practically every day for a period of four years! During the couple of years researching the Family's History along with cousin Edwin McMillan (another story) most of Grandfather's stories are turning out to be basically true! So now let's discover the places and try to get more facts on the family from Campbeltown and Kintyre where our research said we came from back in the 1600s!

“Shocked and disappointed” do not really describe my feelings with the scene that greeted us when we arrived at the cottage! What a Welcome. We were greeted with the sight of several workmen with spades digging up the backyard. This was bad enough, but when we walked into the cottage we were greeted with the smell of sewage! They had a major problem with the sewage, so much so we had to be transferred to another property. The only problem with this was the agency could only offer us accommodation that was some 35+ miles away! Needless to say this put a spanner in the works of all my planning.

Summary of Clan Macmillan International Centre Accounts for 1st January to 31st December 2004

	Income		Expenditure		
	£	\$	£	\$	
Subscriptions	1,003.45	980.00	Telephone	265.07	
Donations	5,317.70	5,656.00	Postage/Printing	583.89	
Project MAOL	242.36	335.00	Secretary	1,200.00	
Interest	7.24	7.12	Curator/Editor	5,200.00	
Miscellaneous	906.83	1,254.10	Utilities	47.97	
			ISP	310.20	
			Plaques	173.91	
			Miscellaneous	248.49	110.00
			Transfer to UK		8,500.00
			A/C		
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Notes:

1. UK opening balance £1385.23, closing balance £826.04.
2. US A/C opening balance \$1,748.68, closing balance \$1,491.96.
3. Miscellaneous includes sale of Graeme's book and Keith Farr contributions.
4. No bank charges for either account.

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Our thanks to Canadian Trustee John B. McMillan for arranging this.

The Trustees would like to thank the following branches/societies for their annual donations towards the Conclave Challenge: Clan MacMillan Society of Australia, Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand; North Central States Branch; Pacific Branch; Clan MacMillan Society of Arizona; Clan MacMillan Society of North America.

The Trustees would also like to thank CTS for their recent very generous donation.

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Since the beginning of 2005 several families have visited the Clan Centre and the following signed the Visitor's Book: Rob McMillan-Kay and his partner Roslyn from Queensland, Australia; Lillian de Giacomo and her son Christopher from Vermont, USA; Reg and Ann McMillan with their grand-daughter Linzie from Hampshire, UK; Mary E. Bell Haefner, Arizona, USA; Robert J. Bell from Texas, USA; Mark and Judy McMillan, Texas, USA; John, John, Amanda and Ashley McMillan and Mary McMullan from Georgia, USA.

The editor is always pleased to get news from the branches and societies around the world for inclusion in the magazine – and better still, articles telling everyone else about your group of M'millans and what you do. Features on any subject likely to be of interest to clanspeople are also welcome – there's lots of room now to fill up, so please get writing!

Community of the Tonsured Servant (CTS)

Supporting the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC) at Finlaystone, Scotland, and providing educational materials and events for Clan MacMillan and Sept members around the world.

NEXT INVESTITURE SERVICE: SUNDAY 14 AUGUST, 2005 10AM

At the Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Gathering in London, Ontario, Canada, 12-19 August 2005, we will be investing seven candidates: **Rev. Andrew K. Moore** (by proxy. See CMIC Magazine #2), **Neil Johnson**, **Dr. Susan MacMillan Kains**, **Deborah (Dee Dee) Terrell and Thompson (Chip) Terrell IV**. CTS' Fundraising Co-ordinator **Glenn MacMillan and his wife Flower** will be reinvested. They joined CTS in 2002 but were unable to attend the Iona Investiture. The service will take place in the rural Kintyre Presbyterian Church, which was built on a McMillan farm in Aldborough Township, near London, Ontario.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Neil Johnson from Roseville, MN, is President of the Clan MacMillan North Central States. He is a consultant specializing in Biometrics, the science of identification. He was a Senior Sales Manager for Printrak and Motorola. Neil has spent the majority of his career in training and identification services in the criminal justice system.

Dr. Susan MacMillan Kains is from Hingham, Massachusetts. In May 2005 she completed her Master of Divinity Degree at Andover Newton Theological School, Boston, MA. She is a teacher, conservation biologist, who is deeply committed to social justice. Her summers find her working with the Lakota Sioux Indians supporting them to restore their traditional religion and encouraging the reestablishment of a native prairie. Susan also did some field education in Romanian villages unearthing ancient bear rituals of Orthodox Christians. She has ancestors in the vicinity of the Kintyre Church near London, Ontario. She has 2 sons, Ian and Andrew.

Deborah (Dee Dee) Terrell & Thompson (Chip) Terrell IV are from Dawsonville, Georgia. They have been married for 16 years and have 2 daughters Morgan & Chelsea. This year they have taken on the challenge of becoming guardians for their niece Hannah and nephew Gabriel. Dee Dee works for Siemens Energy and Automation but prefers working at home and church and travelling. Chip is an exterminator, a musician and an artist. He has researched his MacMillan family in Scotland and North America. He is of the same line as **Robert H. McMillan Jr.** CTS and continues his representation of their family line in the CTS.

CTS GRANT TO CMIC: In May 2005, CTS granted US \$2,000 to CMIC.

THE REV. CANON A. MALCOLM & SALLY MACMILAN TRIBUTE ENDOWMENT FUND

The interest from this Tribute Fund, initiated in 2003, will be used as the brochure indicated, for programs and projects designed to enhance interest and activities in our Scottish heritage. It probably will help put together MacMillan information packets to help the Branches and Societies promote Clan MacMillan.

CTS MEMORIALS

Robert Henderson McMillan Jr., CTS, joined CTS in 1995 in Chautauqua, New York. He died 18 June 2004

Robert Cutter, CTS of Lima, Ohio, died 11 January 2005. He joined CTS in 1997 at the CMSNA Gathering in Ottawa, ON. He was a very faithful member. He was also a member of the Appalachian Branch. Robert was 79 years old and according to his son Andrew, his body just wore out. A piper played at the graveside.

Alexander (Alick) Ross Macmillan, CTS of Milngavie, Scotland died 20 November 2005 leaving his wife Ursula and 3 children. He joined CTS in 1996 at Finlaystone, Scotland and was re-invested at Iona Abbey, Scotland in 2002.

CTS MARRIAGE

Ashley Elizabeth McMillin CTS of Vicksburg, Mississippi, married Charles Joseph Moomaw on 9 April 2005 at Holy Trinity Church, Vicksburg, MS. They will be living in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Ashley joined CTS in 1999 in Louisville, MS in conjunction with the CMSNA Gathering in Vicksburg, MS.

TRIBUTE FUND FOR JANE (SPURGIN) MACMILLAN

Our Chief George's wife Jane is ill with cancer. CTS wanted to find a way to let Jane know how much her Clan MacMillan family cares for her and her great accomplishments. It was Jane's idea to set up CMIC and her legacy is found there and in the gardens at Finlaystone. You will be hearing more about this Tribute very soon. It will have two parts: a "Special Projects Fund" for research, genealogy, displays etc. and an "Endowment Fund" with income used for projects supporting the mission of Clan MacMillan. If you wish to help her legacy continue, please make cheques payable to **Clan MacMillan** and send to Blanche McMillan, 5364 Salem Road, Burlington, Ontario, L7L 3X3, Canada. Phone: 905-637-3395. E-mail: jbmcmillan@sympatico.ca

Prepared by Blanche McMillan, Abbot CTS, June 2005

We were only able to spend just half of one day in Campbeltown. We visited the Cemetery at Kilkerran to find the oldest part is not now available to the public due to many of the stones collapsing, but the attendant kindly gave us the key. Also he let us look through his inventory of the gravesite. To be honest the strange feelings that came over me were a bit overwhelming: they were feeling of warmth and peace being in the company of so many relatives. Plus I had so much information coming at me from everywhere, I gathered as much up as possible, hopefully I can sort it all out now we have returned home.

From Campbeltown we took the Carradale road back to Tarbert – stunning views across to Arran! – stopped at the Kilchousland cemetery, then at the farms at High & Low Smerby, which had past McMillan connections (the Porters). Then we made stops at Peninver, Sadell, Claonaig & Skipness! All along that road I came across the McMillan name or family names associated with the McMillans; even the plumber at the Bellochantuy cottage had us on his tree! I was surprised how Kintyre & Knapdale are sparsely populated even to this day. I was told the area was more populated in the 1800's than it is today, but every tiny hamlet had McMillans living or working there.

At least we were now based in Knapdale, the original home of the McMillans. We went to Dunmore house, which was just a couple of miles from Torinturk, sadly it is now derelict [only part of it – Ed.]. We visited some more remote cemeteries along the Kilbery road that contained many McMillan gravestones. I was given the name of the Argyll & Bute Archivist; a very nice guy called Murdo MacDonald who is based in Lochgilphead. I paid him a visit on Thursday – but again too much information to try to absorb in just a couple of hours.

Although we did hardly anything we had planned to, we met some very kind, friendly and interesting people; but most of all, the feeling I got just walking around that beautiful land our Ancestors came from was worth all the hassle! I am already planning another visit, hopefully later this year.

To sum up – always believe your Grandfather's stories!



Steve, Linzie, Ann, & Reg. McMillan with Chief George MacMillan

Focus on Finlaystone

Estate handyman Billy Miller has continued thinking up imaginative ways to use the piles of fallen timber generated by the gales of recent years. Following the train and galleon which have been delighting the many children who visit Finlaystone for some time now, he is just completing the tram pictured below left. Our other photo shows the John Knox Tree after the recent surgery which has left it looking a great deal healthier than it has for some years.





The Clan MacMillan Society of North America
invite all MacMillans to join them in
London, Ontario, Canada
for their biennial international gathering
between 12th and 19th August 2005.

PROGRAMME AS OF JUNE 2005:

Fri 12 Aug:

Registration after 12 noon and Meet and Greet at Fanshawe College (7pm)

Sat 13 Aug:

Bus Trip to Fergus Celtic Festival and Highland Games (all day)*

Sun 14 Aug:

A drive in the country - Dunwich and Aldborough Townships, Elgin County
Morning Service at Knox Presbyterian Church Kintyre (10 am)
Lunch and talk at Duff Presbyterian Church, Largie*

Mon 15 Aug:

Society Annual General Meeting followed by Lectures and Seminars
Ceilidh in evening (8pm) (all at Fanshawe College)

Tue 16 Aug:

Bus trip to Stratford Festival (all day)*

Wed 17 Aug:

City of London Tours followed by informal BBQ at Wolseley Barracks (6pm)

Thu 18 Aug:

Dance Workshop in AM / Spare Time in PM (Planning Meeting for selected individuals)
Evening Gala Dinner at the Great Hall of the University of Western Ontario (6.30 for 7pm)

Fri 19 Aug:

Goodbye Brunch at Fanshawe College and Farewells

* Space on these bus trips is limited to those registered and confirmed. Anyone however is encouraged to join us independently at the destination (up to the limit allowed by the Fire Marshall for indoor venues).

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To top it off we had two gorgeous days. The weather could not have been more beautiful. It was sunny but not hot.

Reunions always bring memories of those whom could not be with us. Some that were with us two years ago were just not able to be here this time. We had two ninety-one year old ladies, Mamie Runkle who attends South River Church every Sunday and Clare Mae Ready from Charlottesville. Ashby Rider, who is ten years old and was here in 1995 when he was just two weeks old, has attended every reunion.

From beginning to end we had about a hundred people involved. Ed and I are grateful to the many folks that made our 2005 reunion such a successful event for all.



The Tailor's descendants gathered at McMullen in Virginia

M'MILLANS IN THE NEWS IN THE UK

Iain McMillan, Director of CBI Scotland, was the keynote speaker at a major conference that brought together Scotland's leading businessmen and politicians at the new Parliament Building in Edinburgh on Friday 22nd April. Iain, who's been at the helm of the Scottish branch of the Confederation of Businesses since November 1995, sits on the boards of a number of private and public sector organisations in the UK, and he's also a member of the Scottish North American Business Council. He's been involved with various Government task groups representing the views and interests of business in Scotland, and is the author and co-author of a number of publications on public policy as it relates to the business, economic and legislative environment. He's a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland; Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants; Companion of the Chartered Management Institute; and Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

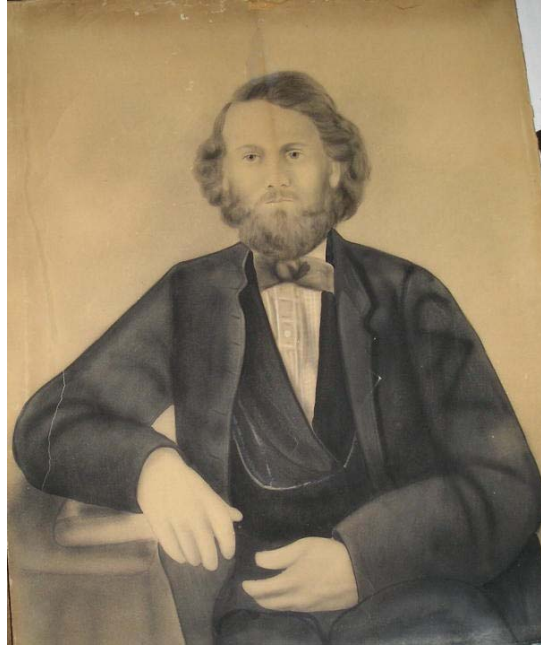
Shona McMillan is the new Highlands and Islands Area Manager for the Scottish Council for Development and Industry. According to the SCDI Press Release ...*For the last two years Ms McMillan (41) has been managing 'Highland 2007, the Scottish Year of Highland Culture' having successfully secured over £10 million from government for the project. She also has extensive experience of working in business, tourism and the public and voluntary sectors across Scotland.... SCDI's new Chairman Shonaig Macpherson ... said: "Shona has a wealth of business and public sector experience and a track-record of successfully influencing government. As SCDI's new Highlands and Islands Area Manager, Shona will represent a wide range of organisations. I am sure that she will be a powerful voice in promoting our shared vision of sustainable economic development in the Highlands and Islands."*

Dr. Tom MacMillan has recently co-authored (with Shaila Seshia) a report called "Farming and Food Research: Participation and the Public Good". Tom MacMillan is Executive Director of the Food Ethics Council, a charity that reports on ethical issues in food and agriculture. The Council develops tools to help make ethical thinking a standard practice in policy, in business and in everyday life. It is independent of government, industry and other organisations, and its members include scientists, philosophers, farmers and consumer advocates. Tom was previously an ESRC postdoctoral fellow at the University of Manchester, where his research focused on the politics of science in food regulation. He is an Honorary Fellow of the School of Geography at Manchester University.

Hammy and Janet McMillan, who kindly sponsored our June 2004 issue, have recently added the Peebles Hydro Hotel and the Park Hotel in Peebles to the roster of McMillan Hotels. This, along with the acquisition some time ago of a prestigious property in the Edinburgh area, spreads the family-run business out of their Galloway homeland.

Chlann an Taillear Reunion

Emily McMullen Williams



I am happy to report that the Virginia McMullan(en)s held their 6th reunion May 21st and 22nd in Madison, Stanardsville and "What Was" McMullen, Virginia. These events started in 1995 and take place every other year.

This year the Kemper Residence in the town of Madison, owned by Francis Marion McMullan and his wife, Virginia, from 1881 to 1905; was open for a tour Saturday. Today the building is leased, furnished and maintained by the Madison County Historical Society. This was followed by a tour of the two-room school in "What Was" McMullen, Virginia, which is now a small charming home owned by Terry Benshoff. It is located across the road from the one room school that is still standing.

The Lafayette Hotel in the town of Stanardsville was again the setting of our evening banquet. Under new ownership, with freshly painted walls and beautiful new china, McMullan(en)s from Missouri, Florida and New York City joined Virginians from around the state. Don and Jackie Pamenter were our guest speakers. They updated us on the plans for the Greene County Historical Society Museum and the Town of Stanardsville. Family members brought old

photos and memorabilia to share. A very old charcoal portrait of Isaac Newton McMullen, born 1837 and died 1864 was brought in by his great-granddaughter, Nancy McMullen Pauley [shown above left]. Others included photos of several generations. A newspaper copy of the 1929 Jarrell - Shelton Reunion included many McMullan(en)s including my dad, uncles and grandparents. Ed provided a genealogy chart (4 feet by 12 feet) of some of the Virginia line.

At the banquet one guest represented the Georgia line as her ancestor went from Virginia to Georgia as a child with his dad, John the Immigrant, in 1797. The rest of us descended from the older son of the Immigrant, James, who stayed in Virginia. However, two of this James' sons went to Indiana in the 1830's and they and their descendants were active in the Civil War against the South. We were so happy to welcome these family members back into the fold again this year. Of all of the great things that have meant so much to me in hosting these reunions; the fact that we have united family members from the North and South is an overwhelming thrill. After being separated five generations, here we are together.

Sunday drew a crowd and the church was filled. A local church family provided the music with the mother playing the piano, daughter playing the violin and son playing the drums. With this background music, Ed sang "The MacMillan Hymn" The new minister, Valerie Ritter's topic was, "And God said, 'Let There Be Light' ". She shared a quilt that she had made to interpret God's quote. Dark quilt pieces were used at the lower left with very bright colors in the middle moving to very light colors at the upper right.

The food included mutton, venison, ham, chicken, vegetables, salads and desserts of every kind. Ethyle Giuseppe and her many church helpers provided a beautiful and bountiful meal, living up to the usual South River Methodist Church reputation of good food.

In the early afternoon Leta and Kevin opened their weekend home to guests. This is located in the very heart of "What Was" McMullen, Virginia, just beyond the old post office. The original part of this home was where the Rev. Jeremiah McMullan lived and had a store. Since our last reunion in 2003 this home has been added to the State and National Register. Congratulations, Leta and Kevin, for this great accomplishment.

Another Sunday activity that proved very successful in drawing families with young children was an invitation by David and Betty McMullen to bring the children to their home after the O'Connor's Open House for fun on the outside playground equipment. About a dozen pre-teen agers were flying in the air on swings, a see saw and the trampoline while others were on scooters, tricycles, etc. This was a great way to draw some families back that had been missing the last several reunions. It was especially good for some of the children that had long car rides or others that had sat through church service. It made for a successful reunion in yet another way and we are so grateful to David and Betty for doing this.



Emily Williams making a point at the reunion

DISPLAY MATERIALS FOR CLAN TENTS & EVENTS



From time to time the Clan Centre gets asked if we can provide material for display at clan tents and events around the world. Our response is usually to encourage branches and societies to make up their own – since each has differing amounts of space available and approaches to layouts – but making use of the information about the clan, its history and symbols that we have made available on the website (and which we can, if necessary send hard copies of by post). No one does it better than the Appalachian Branch whose huge and extremely colourful display at the Glasgow KY Highland Games in 2002 is shown above (enhanced by the chief's long pennant to show that he was present too). There is no substitute of course for lots of real tartan/plaid, and cloth in most of the MacMillan patterns is generally available from Scottish suppliers around the world. Similarly proper flags and banners are better than pictures or posters of the same – and they can be made using the clan crest (but not, note, the chief's coat-of-arms which may only be flown when he is present) copied from the website or obtained from us.



The marching banner shown on the left was made by the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia, one of whose members is carrying it at a Highland Games down under. Mike McMullen, the first President of Clan MacMillan North Central States, is a professional graphic artist and he's designed a number of display items which his branch of the clan use for their tents. He's now working with the Clan Centre to offer some of these items to any other branches that would like to have them for their own use. So long as we're happy with the contents Mike will offer them as "authorised" items and provide them at cost price by whatever means is suitable (to be agreed between him and the branch in question). Two such items are the Clan Lands map shown in black and white overleaf (it's normally in colour) and the Tent Banner shown in full below left, and in part below right in the picture of Mike [right] with the new President of his branch, Neil Johnson. Mike will in due course be putting pictures of all the items he's offering onto his website – <http://www.mcmullen-design.com/clan/> - so keep an eye on that for the future.

The Clan Centre is also making available – probably free of charge to branches subscribing to the Conclave Challenge, though the details have yet to be finalised by the Clan Centre Trustees – Graeme Mackenzie's 20 page booklet "A Brief Introduction To Clan MacMillan". It's proposed to make it available electronically, so as to cut out any printing or postage costs for the Centre, by sending the pages as PDFs to any branches that wish to use it, who can then arrange to have as many copies as they need printed locally. The same could perhaps also be done for the Info Leaflets that we compile – see www.clanmacmillan.org/News/Products.htm – again subject to agreement on financial arrangements. The Trustees are keen to provide as many benefits as possible for the Conclave Challenge donations that most branches now make, and see the sale of such products by branches as one way in which they can raise funds for the challenge.





LÀN MACMILLAN

Clann an Mhaoil Meaning "Son of the Tonsured One." Tonsure most commonly refers to the manner in which the Catholic priests had the hair on top of their heads shaven. Crusaders of the Middle Ages also had tonsures.

The scattered lands once occupied by the MacMillans once constituted a single lordship united by the chief using his fleet of galleys.



- Lands occupied by Clan MacMillan at various times
- Lands occupied by MacMillan sept at various times
- The domain of the Lord of the Isles c. 1450

