

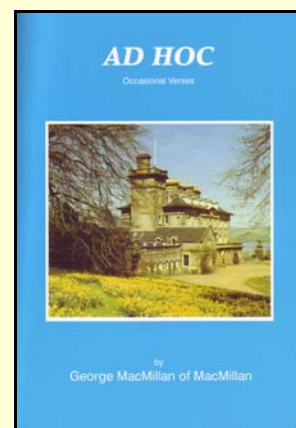
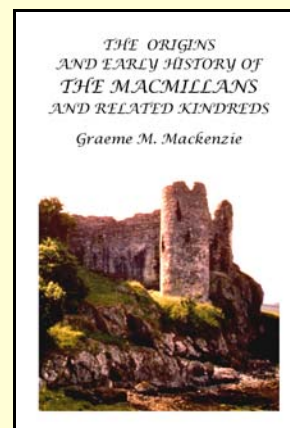
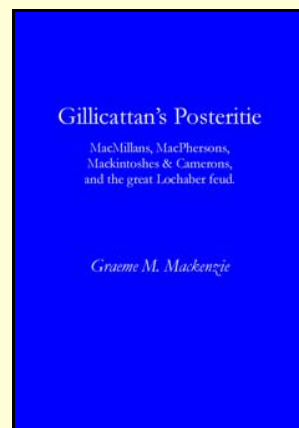


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wife Chris, who hails  
from Argentina



## Clan MacMillan's 'Community of the Tonsured Servant' (CTS)

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

### CTS IS CELEBRATING 15 YEARS SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK, USA, IN 1995.

In September 1994 Rev. Canon A. Malcolm MacMillan (d. 9 Sept '08) his wife Sally (d. 1 Mar '99), their three children, Dr. Alexander, Rev. David and Elizabeth (Liz) Miller and their spouses and children visited Scotland and Finlaystone. While at Finlaystone, Malcolm was impressed with the amount of work - both physical and genealogical - that had been done at the Clan MacMillan Centre, but he was also concerned about the amount of work that remained and the pressing lack of funds. When he returned home to Chautauqua, NY, he thought that one way to raise money and to also educate MacMillans about their history and to make them aware of the Clan MacMillan Centre, was to set up an organization similar to but not the same as the chivalry orders that exist in the British Isles. Tied into that would be a fund-raising element whereby memberships into the organization could be bought or bestowed. All this would help to foster Clan sentiment and to raise money to assist the Clan MacMillan Centre. Thus was formed the 'Community of the Tonsured Servant' - patterned after a Celtic religious community - with Malcolm as Abbot. In September 1995, at Chautauqua Institute, New York State, USA, Malcolm hosted a Clan MacMillan Gathering that launched CTS.

In 1997 Malcolm retired for health reasons and was honoured as Founding Abbot Emeritus of CTS. In 1997, Blanche (Marshall) McMillan (Mrs. John B.) of Burlington, ON, Canada, was chosen by Chief George G. MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap to succeed Malcolm as Abbot of CTS. This was confirmed by a vote. CTS meets in conjunction with Clan MacMillan Gatherings around the world. There has been a CTS investiture service at least once each year since the founding in 1995, with the exception of 2004 and 2006. There were three investitures in 1997 and 2001. CTS has held investitures in several historic buildings in Scotland. For example: Dunkeld Cathedral (c.1114), Perthshire, in 1996; Finlaystone House (c.1393) Renfrewshire, in 1996; St. Ninian's Priory Church of Scotland (1822), adjacent to Whithorn Cathedral – Priory (c.397) at Whithorn, Wigtownshire, in 2000; and in Iona Abbey (c.563), Isle of Iona, in 2002. To date (May 2010) there are 124 members that have joined CTS in 5 countries.



### FOUNDING OF CTS, CHAUTAUQUA, NY, USA, 9 SEPTEMBER 1995

**L to R:** John B. McMillan, CTS, then President of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA), Burlington, ON, Canada; Rev. Canon A. Malcolm MacMillan, CTS, Chautauqua, NY, USA; George G. MacMillan of MacMillan & Knap, CTS, Finlaystone, Scotland; F. Lamar McMillin Jr. M.D., CTS, of the McMillins & Related Families, Vicksburg, MS, USA; Robert G. Bell, CTS, then President of the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan, Greensboro, NC, USA.

The next CTS Investiture Service will be held in Kingston, ON, Sunday 27 June 2010 in Morgan Memorial Chapel, Theological Hall, Queens University. It is being held in conjunction with the CMSNA Gathering, 24-29 June 2010.

Birthdays: George Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap, CTS, of Finlaystone Estate, Renfrewshire, Scotland, will celebrate his 80th Birthday on 20 June 2010. Willie Logan McMillan, CTS, of Jasper, TN, USA, wife of the late Dr. James McMillan, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 16 February 2010. Lillian DeGiacomo, CTS, formerly of Barnard now of Cavendish, VT, USA, will celebrate her 93rd Birthday on 17 August 2010.

F. Lamar McMillin Jr., M.D., of Vicksburg, MS, will retire on 30 June 2010 after exactly 35 years as a family physician at The Vicksburg Clinic. He started on 1 July 1975. Because his retirement, and the last minute details that go with it, coincide with the CMSNA Gathering in Kingston, he is unlikely to be able to attend the gathering.

Edward K. and Emily McMullen Williams CTS of Culpeper, VA, celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 15 March 2010. Emily and Ed were founders in 1994/1995 of the *Descendants of John McMullen (1740-1817) of Virginia*.

Robert G. and Susan Bell of Greensboro, NC, both CTS members, have announced that after nearly 25 years they will not stand for re-election at the Appalachian Branch AGM in 2010. Through their dedication the Appalachian Branch has grown to be the largest in Clan MacMillan, with the greatest number of members of CTS. Jobs well done!

Grant by CTS to CMIC: In April 2010 CTS granted \$2,000.00 US to CMIC. The total CTS grants to CMIC is \$34,643US since 1996 (average of \$2,309 US per year over the last 15 years)

For further information about CTS or to make a donation to the *'Father Mac' Tribute Endowment Fund* (2003) or the *Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund* (2005), or a bequest, please contact Blanche McMillan, Abbot CTS, 5364 Salem Rd, Burlington, ON, L7L 3X3 Canada. Tel: 905-637-3395; e-mail: jbmcmillan@sympatico.ca; Skype: j\_b\_mcmillan

*This page was submitted by Blanche McMillan, 6 May 2010*

Clan MacMillan International Accounts for 2009

	UK	US		UK	US
INCOME			OUTGOINGS		
Subscriptions	665.00	890.00	Telephone	236.80	
Donations	295.76	955.00	Stamps/Printing	1524.76	
Project MAOL/Origins	210.00	135.00	Secretarial	1800.00	
Conclave	1854.43	6430.00	Graeme	6999.96	
Calendars	771.05	110.05	Utilities	0.00	
Other	314.92	759.41	Misc.	397.86	313.00
2009 Gathering	1775.00	1608.00	2009 Gathering	2390.70	
Transfer from US	8830.48				
			Transfer from US		14000.00
TOTAL	14716.64	10887.41		13350.08	14313.00
Excess of outgoings/income	1366.56	-3425.59			
Opening bank balance	1845.80	10614.39			
Excess of outgoings/income	1366.56	-3425.59			
Closing bank balance	3212.36	7188.80			

Donations to Clan MacMillan International in 2009

During 2009 CMI received “Conclave Challenge “ contributions from the following Branches and Societies:  
The Mississippi McMillins; The Sept of Blue; Clan MacMillan Pacific Branch; Clan MacMillan Arizona; Clan MacMillan Appalachian Branch; Clan MacMillan Utah; Clan MacMillan North Central States; Clan MacMillan Society of Australia; Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand.  
The Community of the Tonsured Servant also donated generously – see page 15 and accounts below.  
In addition CTS funded the printing of the 2010 Clan MacMillan Calendar.

A considerable number of individuals also gave generously to CMI funds and they are:  
K. K. McMillan, Monifieth, UK; D. MacMillan, Knutsford, UK; E. Heath, ON, Canada; R. Baxter, Salisbury, UK; S. Drinkwater, ON, Canada; W. D. MacMillan, ON, Canada; R. Baxter, Victoria, Australia; D. McMillen, MI, USA; L. McMillin, MS, USA; J. H. Stuart, FL, USA; Dr. D. B. MacMillan, FL, USA; H. P. MacMillan, ON, Canada; H. D. McMillan, TN, USA; G. McMillian, TX, USA; W. A. Howard, TX, USA; D. Mather, OH, USA; R. C. McMillan, WA, USA; A. F. Macmillan, Wolverhampton, UK; A. Linholm, Estonia; W. G. MacMillan, Edinburgh, UK

THE COMMUNITY OF THE TONSURED SERVANT FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2009

	CAN	USA	UK
Honoris Causa			
Sir Graham Macmillan (Honoris Causa)			
Regular Companions			
Janie Macmillan-Howell	\$500		
Merilee MacMoyle		\$250	
Ishtar Bell Hunter		\$250	
Arthur Gordon MacMillan			250
Barbara MacMillan			250
Malcolm James MacMillan			250
Amanda MacMillan			250
Hubert S. McMillan		\$500	
Grants to CMIC		\$2000	1000

Submitted by **W. Dugal MacMillan, CTS**, Almoner for CTS, May 2010.  
The complete Financial Statement will be presented at the CTS business meeting during the Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Gathering in Kingston, ON, Canada 2010.

News from the Clan around the World



Prince Edward Island Gathering

Margaret Bell, President of the PEI Society reports on their 2009 gathering.

Fifty people registered for the PEI Clan MacMillan Gathering 2009 on August 16 at the Robert Cotton Memorial Park in Stratford, PEI. Local clan members were delighted to have Anne Neuman, President of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America, in its midst. Anne brought greetings and updated everyone on the 2010 Gathering in June in Kingston, Ontario.

It was a wonderful afternoon of renewing acquaintances and friendships and an opportunity to meet new clanspeople and friends. Our membership fee remains at \$5. Members brought items for our silent auction table and bidding progressed throughout the afternoon. Genealogy of MacMillan Family of Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island, by Frank MacMillan (first Pres. of Clan MacMillan PEI) was

available for \$20 as well as family tree charts at \$2. Tickets were sold on a "basket of goods" draw.

After remembering our departed Clan and Clan friends, a brief business meeting was conducted. Our PEI Clan MacMillan Cookbook will be reprinted for a third time. Members were updated on the Clan MacMillan website and genealogy searching.

A light supper buffet was served at 5 pm. Silent auction proceeds and fees are used to offset expenses of the gathering including our newsletter, hall rental, lunch and refreshments, and, as well, the Clan provides financial donations to two or three charitable causes.

Pictured above: PEI Executive and Anne Neuman with North American Society's presidential targe & cromach.

Back Row, l to r: Marie Wood & Gladys MacMillan, Past Presidents; Joyce Peacock, Treasurer. Front Row, l to r: Margaret Bell, President; Anne Neuman; Marjorie MacMillan, Secretary

Jim & Heather McMillan

I was sad to hear recently that both Heather and Jim McMillan have died. They were highly gifted people, who enriched the cultural life of the clan over many years. Heather, who had been a Primary School Head, put her musical and organisational gifts to good use in 'producing' several events here at

Finlaystone. Jim was a multi-faceted figure - a leading clothing designer, an accomplished flautist, a good linguist the meeting-point of many interesting circles of friends. We got a hint of their extent when Malcolm (our youngest son) fell ill while working in Athens, and discovered that he was being helped to recovery by a Greek doctor friend of Jim's.

Rainy Ringwood again for Australian Clan

Report from the Australian Society Newsletter edited by Mick McMillan:

The Clan was again represented at the Ringwood Highland Games, with the tent very busy after lunch. The day started out like it did last year, fine at home but showers forecast. However before the gates were opened there was a heavy downpour resulting in quite a lot of water trapped in the roof of our tent, which had sagged under the weight, consequently it was a very wet beginning to the day. After resetting the tent we proceeded to prepare for the day ahead. It was almost a complete re-run of last year, the showers turned up as if pre-ordained at the commencement of the “Parade of Clans”. I guess it could be considered typical Scottish weather. The numbers attending the Games were well down on last year and maybe this was because of the inconsistent weather. It was good to catch up with all those that did brave the elements.

The Society’s Clan Luncheon was held on Sunday 28 February. Future events include: National Celtic Festival at Portarlinton, 11 - 14 June; The Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan at the Scots Church, Melbourne, on Sunday 4 July; SCAC Annual Luncheon of Clans at Ringwood East on 10 October; the Society’s AGM at Soroptomist House, South Yarra, on Sunday 24 October.

Mick McMillan is pictured below at the Ringwood Games with Australian Soc. President June Danks



Even when they had ceased to be closely involved with the Clan, reports of their doings persisted. For example, the Glasgow Herald carried a picture of Jim retrieving a supermarket trolley from the Clyde-Forth canal. My last sighting of him occurred as I was waiting to cross a Glasgow street. A bearded man came up beside me and escorted me across.

George MacMillan

# Washington State Branch's Busy First Year

As we reported in the last issue, the Washington State branch of the clan kicked off their 2009 activities with sheep rearing at the Tartan Day events in Puyallup. The following report on the rest of their year comes from their own newsletter which is edited by Jean Cole.

The Bellingham Games were held June 7-8 at Hovander Homestead Park in Ferndale, just north of Bellingham. Unfortunately, a month before this event, Adhania passed away – leaving us wondering what the heck to do now!!

Jean Cole and Marlene Epp agreed to be the primary hosts of the clan tent. So the first thing they had to do was get a tent! That done, they had to put their heads together, along with other council members, and figure out what they needed to have at the tent.

After stopping at Staples to get supplies, they headed to Bellingham to set up the tent. They had no sooner taken it out of the canvas carrier than about three men showed up to help. The tent was up in about 5 minutes. It was just amazing how helpful and friendly everyone was.

Fortunately, the weather cooled off and it wasn't so hot. Marlene and Jean hosted the tent on Saturday. Doug Macmillan and Charley & Betsy McMillen and their family joined them on Sunday. There were lots of visitors to the tent and the clan gained five new members – a gentleman from Oak Harbor and a family of four from Bellingham.

The Pacific Northwest Highland Games and Clan Gathering took place on July 25-26 at the Expo Center in Enumclaw. There were lots of visitors to the clan tent. It became quite evident that we had a sales person extraordinaire in our midst. I don't know where Richard McMillan found all these folks, but our tent was overflowing. It was great. And I'm sure the Topsy Laird that Doug Macmillan served attracted a lot of interest, also. We added at least one new member, but there will probably be more. Good job, guys.

In addition to the tent hosting festivities, we also had our second



New branch President Doug Macmillan is pictured here dishing out one of his delicious desserts at the branch's inaugural meeting in August 2008

annual general meeting and elected new officers for 2009-2010.

Our new officers are: Doug Macmillan, president; Richard McMillan, vice president; Jean Cole, secretary; Marlene Epp, treasurer.

We also passed a change to our by-laws so that membership dues are due on the anniversary of a member's joining rather than all memberships expiring at the same time. We shared some fundraising ideas that we will be pursuing. And we decided the games in Enumclaw are the appropriate time for the annual general meeting, but we need to find a place to meet that's out of the weather.

On August 8, Richard McMillan, Roberto Minghetti, and Byron and Susan McMillan hosted the tent at the Whidbey Island Games at Greenbank Farm. Richard reported they had a great time, with lots of visitors signing in and who knows – we may have some new members as a result. The last event of the year was the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Heather Tartan Ball, November 7, 2009 at the Northgate Community Center, 10510 - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle. Against hosted by Richard, Byron and Doug.

## Events the clan will attend in 2010 include:

5-6 June: Bellingham Games

26 June: Tacoma Games

14 August: Whidbey Island Games

The branch website is currently under development at:

[www.clanmacmillanwashington.org](http://www.clanmacmillanwashington.org)

# Blues long-serving treasurer steps down

Nellie Blue Green has retired as Treasurer of the Sept of Blue.

Born in 1918, she's the daughter of Arpus Lewis and Belle McCaskill Blue of Carthage in Moore County, NC. She worked for the US Postal Service for ten years, and in 1942 married Paul Greene of Shelby, NC. She went on to work as a secretary and teacher's assistant at Farm Life School before enrolling in the Nursing Program at Sandhills Community College, where she graduated with honours in 1975. She then nursed for twelve years in the paediatric unit at Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. She also volunteered, along with Paul, as tutor in maths and reading at Farm Life School and the Prison Camp at Carthage, NC; and in 1994 and 1996 they jointly received the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award which recognised their time spent tutoring as well as distributing food for the social services of Moore County. Nellie has also served as a Hospice Volunteer nurse for twelve years.

Nellie has been instrumental in the publication and selling of Douglas Kelly's history of the Blues, and she and Paul have attended every Blue gathering for the last 15 years; a great record of service fully appreciated by the sept.

Nellie's replacement as Treasurer is Becky Blue Bowen (Carthage, NC) who was elected at the sept's gathering in September last, along with Vice Presidents Mary Hobbs and Alan Blue Edmonds. Patti Blue Burke is the current President, and plans to hold the sept's 2010 gathering in her River Daniel Blue home in the course of the Malcolm Blue Festival in the last weekend of September.



Schoolchildren visiting the Malcolm Blue Farm Museum in Aberdeen, NC.

# The Clan MacMillan Forum

The idea of a Clan MacMillan Forum emerged in 2008 as a way to engage the many young clanspeople around the world who were used to chatting and researching online. Initially launched by Adhania Olson, it's been administered since her untimely death by Tessa Szczepanik, who's compiled the following introduction to it

Welcome to the new Clan MacMillan forum!

by Admin » Wed Jul 23, 2008 7:41 pm

Welcome to this Clan MacMillan International Forum. We all hope it will help you to meet people with your kind of interests in a friendly, trouble-free atmosphere.

I know you can help us to improve it!

George MacMillan (Chief of Clan MacMillan).

Posted on behalf of Chief George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap

Admin

Posts: 8

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Where MacMillans and friends congregate online.

The Clan MacMillan Forum website was placed on the internet in 2008 for clan members and friends worldwide:


- To could communicate with each other online
- To keep up to date with news about the clan
- To share information and stories about themselves and their own MacMillan heritage

The message-board format allows users to navigate around the website easily to see the various sections and topics on the website. You can access the forum via the web address <http://forum.clanmacmillan.org> or click on the first search result after typing 'Clan MacMillan Forum' into a search engine (e.g. Google). To become a member of the forum, just click on 'Register' and follow the instructions. Then you can use the 'Login' page (or the Login section at the bottom of the Board Index) before contributing your own messages. We hope that you enjoy using the Forum that Malcolm MacMillan and Mike McMillen have kindly designed for us!

Tessa C. P. Szczepanik, Forum Administrator. Email: [info@genealogy-researcher.co.uk](mailto:info@genealogy-researcher.co.uk)

The main homepage on <http://forum.clanmacmillan.org> shows the message board index and illustrates the subjects currently being discussed:

View unanswered posts • View active topics

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	Canadian genealogy	3	6	by mauvehawk@yahoo.com  Sun Mar 28, 2010 8:46 pm
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	DNA Studies	2	2	by DMac  Sun Jun 28, 2009 9:34 pm

# A Journey to Campbeltown

Mark McMillan (TX, USA)



Because 2009 was the year designated as “The Homecoming” year in Scotland, I set about using the Scottish Government’s year long effort to bring descendants of emigrant families back to their homeland as an excuse to plan a late summer trip to Glasgow, Stirling, and Campbeltown (with a day at “Finlaystone” thrown in). The fact that my son Alexander had just enlisted in the US Navy gave me an additional sense of urgency, knowing that this would likely be the last major trip that we would take together as a family (Alexander is 22, my daughter Ellen is 19). Although the economy has been a little unstable of late, I decided to seize the opportunity to go back to Scotland with the focus of our trip being Campbeltown (the former Royal Burgh in Kintyre, located near the Mull of Kintyre), the town my father’s family emigrated from when they sailed for North Carolina in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

We arrived in Glasgow on August 16 and had a look around the area we were staying on Renfrew Street, near the center of town. After partially recovering from jetlag, we were able to take the train to Port Glasgow and get a cab to Finlaystone, where we spent a wonderful afternoon with Chief George, one of several great events on this trip. Spending time with Chief George is always a pleasure.

The next day we went to the Glasgow Airport and picked up our rental car (a Volkswagen Passat) and we spent the most nerve

wrecking and stressful afternoon of the entire vacation. Having my steering wheel on the right, my gear shift on the left, and family members giving me strongly worded commentary on my UK driving skills made me temporarily regret my decision to wander out on the highway (Glasgow Airport had three roundabouts at the exit). By the time we made it to Stirling I was feeling stressed. Judy and I walked from our B&B at Bridge of Allan up to the “William Wallace Monument” and climbed to the top of the tower.

The following morning we drove around Loch Lomond up to Inverary, and down the Kintyre peninsula, stopping for lunch in a pretty little town called Lochgilphead. From there we drove down a treacherous one lane road to Castle Sween, then Kilmory Chapel. Robert Bell had warned me that the drive to both of these landmarks would be challenging, and truer words were never spoken. But I found the effort to get there was more than offset by the spiritual experience of walking into and exploring these two magical structures. Without venturing out in our rental car I see no way that we could have visited either landmark. I was more confident driving by the second day.

We arrived in Campbeltown late in the afternoon, just in time for the beginning of the “Mull of Kintyre Music Festival”. We met many local people there who had MacMillans in their families, including the

former mayor George McMillan (whom Chief George suggested we seek out). George put us in touch with John Smith, present day owner of Drumalea farm, birthplace of my gr-gr-gr-grandmother Agnes Hunter. John picked us up at the B&B and took us also to Tangy (birthplace of my gr-gr-gr-grandfather Alexander McMillan) and Kilkenzie Cemetery, where I have McMillan and Hunter relatives interred. We also drove by Paul McCartney’s Hyde Park Farm, about a mile away from Tangy, and a mile north of Campbeltown. Being a dedicated Beatles fan all my life, I found this a very exciting turn of events.

That evening we attended the “Young Person’s of South Kintyre Folk Concert” at the Heritage Center in Campbeltown, and were introduced by George McMillan as special guests from Texas. We received applause from the crowd. After the concert George gave me a pair of whisky shot glasses commemorating Campbeltown’s 300 year anniversary of being named a Royal Burgh. I felt honored. We also met a relative named Barbara Wilke who was kind enough to meet us in town. She is a keen genealogist, related to me through the Hunters and McMillans. George McMillan and John Smith were very kind to us, and I will always remember their hospitality (and repay it if either of them ever visit Texas).

Campbeltown is a lovely place, and my family roots are deep there (I have McMillan, Fleming, Langwill, and Hunter ancestors from there). From the A-82 highway that runs from Inverary to Campbeltown (which was the inspiration for the Beatle’s “Long and Winding Road”), to the lovely beach at Southend, Kintyre is one of the most beautiful locations I have ever visited. I was sad when leaving, and dream of the day when I can return there. Anyone with McMillan roots must make a visit to Kintyre, a magical place and my family’s ancestral home.

## New Zealand Clan On Parade

Reports by branch President Avon McMillan  
and Newsletter Editor Jim McMillan

On October the 3rd, Secretary Carrol travelled with me to Huntly for the Gathering of The Clans arranged by the Bay of Plenty/ Waikato Combined Clans where about a dozen clans attended. The day commenced with a clan march down the main street to the town hall. The indoor function commenced with a representative from each clan being individually piped into the hall and giving a talk about their clan. Carrol did us proud. This was followed by a Haggis Ceremony and a shared lunch. The afternoon featured an excellent variety of entertainment. - *Avon*

Clan MacMillan was also prominent at the Upper Hutt Gathering on the 17th of October. This year the events were held at the wet weather venue in the Heretaunga College Assembly Hall and the clan stalls were in the foyer. Events included Highland dancing; Solo Piping & Drumming Competitions with The Paraparaumu & Districts Pipe Band giving a demonstration over the lunch hour. Marilyn enrolled our new clan member Heather. - *Jim*

In Auckland, the St Andrew’s Day Celebrations were held on Saturday the 28th of November in conjunction with the Auckland Highland Games, these having reverted back to the nearest

Saturday to St Andrew’s Day. Although there were 16 clan tents, attendance appeared to be down this year, possibly due to a damp weather forecast and other attractions clashing. However, the rain held off until 3.30pm and was fortunately light. There was the usual piping, highland and country dancing, heavy events and mock battle enactments. An increase in the number of pipe bands competing was a big plus. - *Avon*

In Wellington, the St Andrew’s Day Celebrations were held on a sunny mild spring day at Waitangi Park on the Waterfront with Clan MacMillan proudly displaying our new tent. We were fortunate to have a brilliant sunny & calm late spring day, sandwiched in-between some (very) wet & wintry days, for the second successive annual St. Andrew’s Day event held in Wellington. Good crowds, participation by other clans, also the Wellington branch of the Scottish Interest group, the Wellington Ceildih Club and several Pipe Pipe Bands plus Scottish dancers who put on an excellent display, made for an excellent and happy meeting. Pam, Duncan, Heather, Marilyn & Jim McMillan and Dawn Hudson manned the Clan Tent throughout the afternoon. - *Jim*

## MacMillans the “honored clan” at the 2009 Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival & Highland Games in Buffalo

Following this honour, Robert McMillan, MO Convener for the

North Central States branch, was invited to join the Buffalo city Christmas parade which took place on 12 December. He and his wife Charlotte are pictured left with the carriage they drove for the parade. It was drawn by a roan Clydesdale horse called “Cebe”, and decorated with the Clan MacMillan flag and a banner publicising this year’s Celtic Festival which will take place on 11-12 September.



## Pacific Branch News

Judy Young reports

Our Jane MacMillan Scholarship Fund has more than 1000 dollars in it at this time. The Scholarship Committee is at work determining the criteria for dispersal of funds for children of clan members. A report will be given at our AGM which will be held this May.

Our branch was represented at the Queen Mary Festival in Feb. and will be at the Bakersfield Games April 10, and at the Costa Mesa Games May 29-30, and again at the San Diego Games in June.

Our MacMillan shirt sales seem to be going quite well and we’ve sold many of them all over the U.S. from Hawaii to Alaska to New York. The profits from these help keep our branch afloat.

## Project MAOL

The Project MAOL Search Index has recently been updated, and now contains basic details of 10,665 M’millans. To access it go to: [www.clanmacmillan.org/MAOL.htm](http://www.clanmacmillan.org/MAOL.htm)

## Happy Birthday Nigel

Nigel S. C. Macmillan CTS, a past Trustee and the first Secretary of the Clan MacMillan Centre, will be 80 on the 5th of June 2010. Nigel was previously President of The Clan MacMillan Society, an office also held by his father, Major Cameron Macmillan, and his son Gordon Macmillan.

## William MacMillan of Murlaggan PhD, 1913-2010

We regret to report the recent death of Dr. William George McKelvie MacMillan of Murlaggan, the second son of Andrew Harkness MacMillan — who in 1957 matriculated arms as “MacMillan of Murlaggan” — and Mary McKelvie.

He was descended from John MacMillan in Sallachan, Ardgour — a great-grandson, according to family accounts, of “Old John” MacMillan of Murlagan, the chief of the Lochaber MacMillans at the time of the 1745 Jacobite rebellion.

# The Bells of Appalachia

Robert and Susan Bell have announced their intention to step down this year as President and Secretary/Treasurer of Clan MacMillan’s Appalachian Branch. **Judge Walter MacMillan** looks back at their hugely successful twenty three year tenure

How do you express appreciation to a wonderful couple who have given so much of their life for the enjoyment of all of us? You know, Robert and Susan had other things to do, but they always seem to put the Appalachian Branch first!!

Robert & Susan Bell arrived in North Carolina from New Zealand in late 1980 and attended their first Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain in 1983. Despite the fact they visited the MacMillan tent they did not join the Appalachian Branch at that point in time. In 1986 Robert joined under the Presidency of David McMillan.

The following year President David McMillan approached him about being his VP and Robert accepted with a degree of trepidation. To his surprise during the course of that year the President resigned for employment reasons and Robert became President of the Branch.

Robert and Sue took over the Branch at a very awkward time. The Branch seemed financially strapped and the registration for various Games could not be financed on time. During this period Robert & Sue carried the Branch recovering their outlay as and when money was available. They soon discovered that the previous secretary/treasurer had been siphoning off cash from the Clan’s account. After a lot of heavy persuasion that person sent the files to former president and Branch co-founder Jim Bell. It was then discovered an enormous embezzlement had taken place. At the AGM that year Robert’s wife became the Secretary/treasurer and I became VP. This opened the way to a Court action that was ruled in favor of the Branch.



Not all the money was recovered but the amount was substantial.

From then on everything began to run smoothly, and with Sue’s guidance as spare money became available the Branch bought essential items that made the Games tent comfortable and more appealing. The sponsorships to varying Games were extended. The news letter changed in format as well as name. It became the “Chatterbox” with the idea of opening it to all members to send in their personal bits and pieces and published quarterly.

Sue and Robert began touring the various Highland Games “waving the MacMillan flag” so as to speak and the membership began to grow. So did the Clan spirit and for really the first time the Branch had competitors in most events at the varying Games. The Branch relay team was unbeatable at Grandfather Mountain for thirteen times, eleven of these wins were consecutive. At the Stone Mountain Games Chief George even ran in the mile along with other Branch “oldies.” Branch members compete each year in the Highland Dancing events, and the younger children in the toddler events. Robert resumed

his bagpiping and won the Open 50+ march and took a second place in the Open 50+ Piobaireachd at Grandfather.

But the greatest claim the Branch can boast of is winning the “Outstanding Clan of the Year” on five occasions in the past ten years at Stone Mountain, Ga. The rule being that no clan may win that trophy in consecutive years. It's certainly a huge feather in Robert's and Sue's respective caps.

Now with an active twenty-five year membership covering some member’s age span from literally the cradle to adults both Robert and Sue consider it’s time to step aside for fresh blood, a new direction and a fresh outlook at the top for the Branch.

This tribute started with a question: How do we express our appreciation? You do it for Robert and Susan by being a better member of the Branch; you continue with the example they have set; you back Chief George as they have done; and, maintain the tradition they have set for us to follow!!! And, the least we can do is give them a loving hug and a gracious “Thank You”, because you in fact do appreciate what they have done for all of us.

## The MACMILLAN and MCMILLAN surnames

At first glance the distribution of MACMILLAN and MCMILLAN looks similar as the five countries with the highest number of people with that surname are the same.

However, there are variations in the ratios of MACMILLANS to MCMILLANS between countries:

USA has 5x more MCMILLANS than MACMILLANS, whereas CANADA has about 2x and SCOTLAND about 3x.

There are also differences at regional level within countries.

### Surname distribution in the USA and Canada

40 of the 47 M’MILLAN surnames occur in the USA, and 16

of the 40 occur in Canada.

For most of the surnames there are more people in the USA than in Canada with a particular surname. The exceptions to this rule seem to be: MACMULLIN, MCILMOYLE, MCMULLON, MACMILAN.

The table below ranks the surnames by the number of people with that surname for the USA and then Canada.

Numbers of people with surname	Less than 100	100 to less than 500	500 to less than 1,000	1,000 to less than 5,000	5,000 to less than 10,000	10,000 to less than 50,000
<b>USA</b>	MCMULLIAN	MCEMLLON	MACMULLEN	MCMILLION	MCMILLIAN	MCMILLAN
	MCILMOYLE	MCELMEEL		MCMULLAN	MACMILLAN	MCMULLEN
	MCMULLENS	MACMILLEN		MCMILLON	MCMILLIN	MCMILLEN
	MCMILLAM	MACMULLIN			MCMULLIN	
	MCMULLON	MACMILLIAN				
	MCMILAN	MCHOUL				
	MCHOWELL	MCMILLIAM				
	MCILMOIL	MCMELLEN				
	MCMELLION	MCMULLINS				
	MCMILION	MCILMAIL				
	MACKMULL					
	MACMILAN					
	MCMILLAIN					
	MCMILLAND					
	MCMILLEAN					
	MCMOLLIN					
	MCMULAN					
<b>CANADA</b>	MACMILAN	MCMILLEN	MCMULLAN	MACMILLAN		MCMILLAN
	MACMULLEN	MCMILLIN	MACMULLIN	MCMULLEN		
	MCMULLIAN	MCMILLIAN		MCMULLIN		
	MACMILLEN	MACMILLIAN				
		MCMULLON				
		MCILMOYLE				

The four surnames with the largest numbers of people in the USA are MCMILLAN, MCMULLEN, MCMILLEN, MCMILLIAN, and the four surnames in Canada are MCMILLAN, MACMILLAN, MCMULLEN, MCMULLIN.

For each of the six surnames I have included the frequency distribution map for Canada and the USA as Appendix E [see our website - Ed] and provided some comments of the frequencies [to be included in following part of this article - Ed].

**Appendix A – Countries Covered**  
**Americas:** USA, Canada, Argentina  
**Asia:** India, Japan  
**Europe:** Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Swtizerland, UK  
**Oceania:** Australia, New Zealand

# M'MILLANS ACROSS THE WORLD

## Duncan J. McMillan (Wellington, NZ)

*This is the first part of a detailed analysis, and some of the Appendices referred to here will be published in a future issue. In the meantime the whole article, with table and coloured maps, will in due course be put on our website*

### Introduction

Have you ever wondered how many M'Millans there are in the world or which countries or parts of countries have the highest density of them? Or perhaps, which M'Millan surnames exist and where they are?

There is now a website [www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames/](http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames/) which allows you to enter a surname and it will then tell you the frequency per million people of that surname in 26 countries (see Appendix A for the countries), covering the equivalent of approximately 1 billion people. It will also tell you the top regions and cities in which the surname occurs and the top first names for those surnames. For some surnames, information on the frequency of the surname in Scotland is available.

This article provides information obtained from a set of searches covering each of the 210 versions of the surname M'Millan as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2001 listed in "The Origins and Early History of the MacMillans and Related Kindreds" by Graeme M. Mackenzie. The approximate number of people in those countries with the relevant surname has then been calculated by taking the frequency of the surname in a country and multiplying it by the number of people in that country. The results have then been commented on.

Information on the source of the frequency data and some comments on the uncertainty of the numbers of people and regional frequencies are in Appendix B.

### Surnames & approx. numbers

Of the 210 surnames, 47 surnames were in the database, and of these MCMILLAN is the most frequent variant with over 50,000 people in the 26 countries likely to have their name spelt in that way, followed by MCMULLEN, MACMILLAN, MCMILLEN, MCMULLAN, with each having

between 10,000 and 50,000 people having their surname spelt that way. At the other end of the scale, 34 of the surnames had under 100 people with that surname, and of those 12 seemed to have less than 20 people. At these levels some of the data may be due to misspellings and other errors, as well as there being very small numbers of people with those spellings

Based on this information, there were approximately 200,000 people in the 26 countries with a variant of the surname M'Millan in 2005 (no account was taken of McGills as it was not possible to determine which of them had surnames related to M'Millan).

The approximate numbers per surname are given in Appendix C.

### Surnames by Country

The number of people and frequency of people per million with a given surname varies between countries.

The surnames can be found primarily in the USA, UK, CANADA, AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND, although some surnames are only found in a few rather than all of these. Some of the surnames are found in the Republic of Ireland.

Further information on the variations between countries for each surname are given in Appendix D.

### Surnames not occurring in UK

The vast majority of surnames (MACKMULL, MCHOWELL, MCILMOIL, MCMELLION, MCMILLION, MCMULLENS, MCMILEN, MCMILLEAN, MCMOLLIN, MCMULAN) which do not show for the UK have small numbers of people with that surname. The two exceptions to this rule are MACMULLIN, which occurs mostly in CANADA and the USA with small numbers in SWEDEN, and MCMILLIAM which only occurs in the USA.

### Surnames in Scotland

Of the remaining surnames which occur in the UK the highest frequencies compared to other areas are for MACMILAN, MACMILLAN, MCHOUL, MCHOULL, MCKMILLAN, MCMILLAM, MCMILLAN, MCMULLINS.

The following surnames that were in the UK didn't seem to be in Scotland: MCELMEEL, MCILMAIL, MCMELLEN, MCMILAM, MCMILLAIN, MCMILLAND, MCMILLANE, MCMILLIN, MCMILLION, MCMOLLEN, MCMULLAND, MCMULLIAN, MCMULLON.

Questions that come to mind are: When did families move from Scotland and how did the variation occur? Are some of them occurring because of people who came from Ulster to England, or even from the Ireland to England, Scotland and Wales?

### The Irish Connection

A number of surnames featured both in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland to various degrees: MACMULLEN, MCELMEEL, MCMILLAN, MCMILLEN, MCMULLAN, MCMULLEN, MCMULLIN.

Some featured in Northern Ireland and not in the Republic of Ireland (although numbers look small): MACMILLAN, MCHOUL, MCILMAIL, MCILMOYLE, MACMILLEN, MCMILLIN, MCMULLAND.

Some featured in the Republic of Ireland but not in Northern Ireland (again numbers look small): MCMILLIAN, MCMILLON, MCMULLINS, MCMULLON.

Questions that come to mind are: When did these M'Millans move from Scotland? Are all of these surname instances from families that came from Scotland or were they derived from different roots?

# Another MacMillan Inventor

*Kirkpatrick McMillan invented the bicycle in Scotland in the 1830s. Later in the century another McMillan trained as a blacksmith became an inventor in Australia. **Mick McMillan** tells the story of this remarkable man.*

Samuel McMillan (1859-1931), coachmaker, wheelwright, blacksmith and inventor, was born on 12 December 1859 at Mansfield, Victoria, eldest son of Thomas McMillan, farmer, and his wife Margaret, née Maclure; his grandparents Samuel and Janette McMillan had migrated to Victoria from Scotland in 1840 and eventually acquired the Logan Falls farm near Mansfield.

The young Samuel attended Mansfield Common School which his father, determined that his children should have the schooling which he himself had been denied, had helped to establish. A bright, inventive boy, Samuel used his spare time making tools and toys and, noting this, his father apprenticed him to William Carey, a skilled local blacksmith and coachbuilder; he continued his training under Michael Ridge of Jamieson and at Johnstone's Foundry, Melbourne, where he perfected his skill as a wheelwright.

Returning to Mansfield, McMillan joined William Rundel, blacksmith, wheelwright and coachbuilder, in his business. The

pair built a splendid reputation, winning over one hundred awards at country and town shows in Victoria. They early used a four-horse-power steam engine to increase production and they employed an artist, named Wells, to decorate their coaches, buggies and jinkers. When Rundel retired McMillan continued the business with increasing success.

He put his inventive ability to good purpose. Where the window-light was strongest in his big smithy in High Street, he set up a large blackboard and on this drew designs of possible inventions to the interest of customers, passers-by and children going home from school.

He invented a rabbit-poisoning machine known as 'The Ringer' which, though difficult to use in the hilly country of Mansfield, was most successful in New South Wales and Western Australia. In 1885 McMillan became the first Mansfield exporter when the machine was sold in the United States of America. He patented a self-closing spring gate fastener and designed an improved clothes peg.

In later years he spent much time designing an aeroplane. He was one of the first in Mansfield to fly as a passenger over Mount Buller; he was also one of the first to own and drive a motor car, an early model known as 'The Little'.

McMillan lent generous support to many public activities and despite increasing deafness never lost interest in his town. He was a member of the Mansfield Hospital committee and a commissioner of the waterworks trust. He was a Freemason and Oddfellow and won many competitions with the Mansfield Gun Club. A skilled horseman, he was famed for his fast but safe driving of his four-in-hand team.

He was unmarried. He suffered from diabetes and died at Mansfield on 22 March 1931 and was buried in the local cemetery. No man, it was said, had more true friends. Years before, at a dinner given by the people of Mansfield to honour McMillan, the chairman in proposing the toast had declaimed, "Longfellow wrote that men do not go to Paradise in coaches but I'd be proud to go in one of Sam's!"

## Jack Baxter founding father of the North Pacific Branch of Clan MacMillan



Shortly before going to press we learnt of the death of Jack Baxter. His children Jack and Bradley write:

"He had recently been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma but succumbed suddenly, and unexpectedly, to heart failure. In the end it was a blessing because it was relatively fast and painless and he was surrounded by his family who love him beyond measure. He had a great life. He enjoyed every minute of it, right up to the end. ... We will be celebrating his life at his annual 4th of July BBQ at his home in Morgan Hill." Jack was 91.

As well as setting up his branch of the clan, Jack commissioned the Baxter tartan - a sample of which can be seen in the Clan Centre.

Jack's zest for life and devotion to the clan is captured in our photo of him, taken two years ago at the Gala Dinner during the CMSNA International Gathering organised by Connall and Patricia Bell - who is pictured here with Jack.

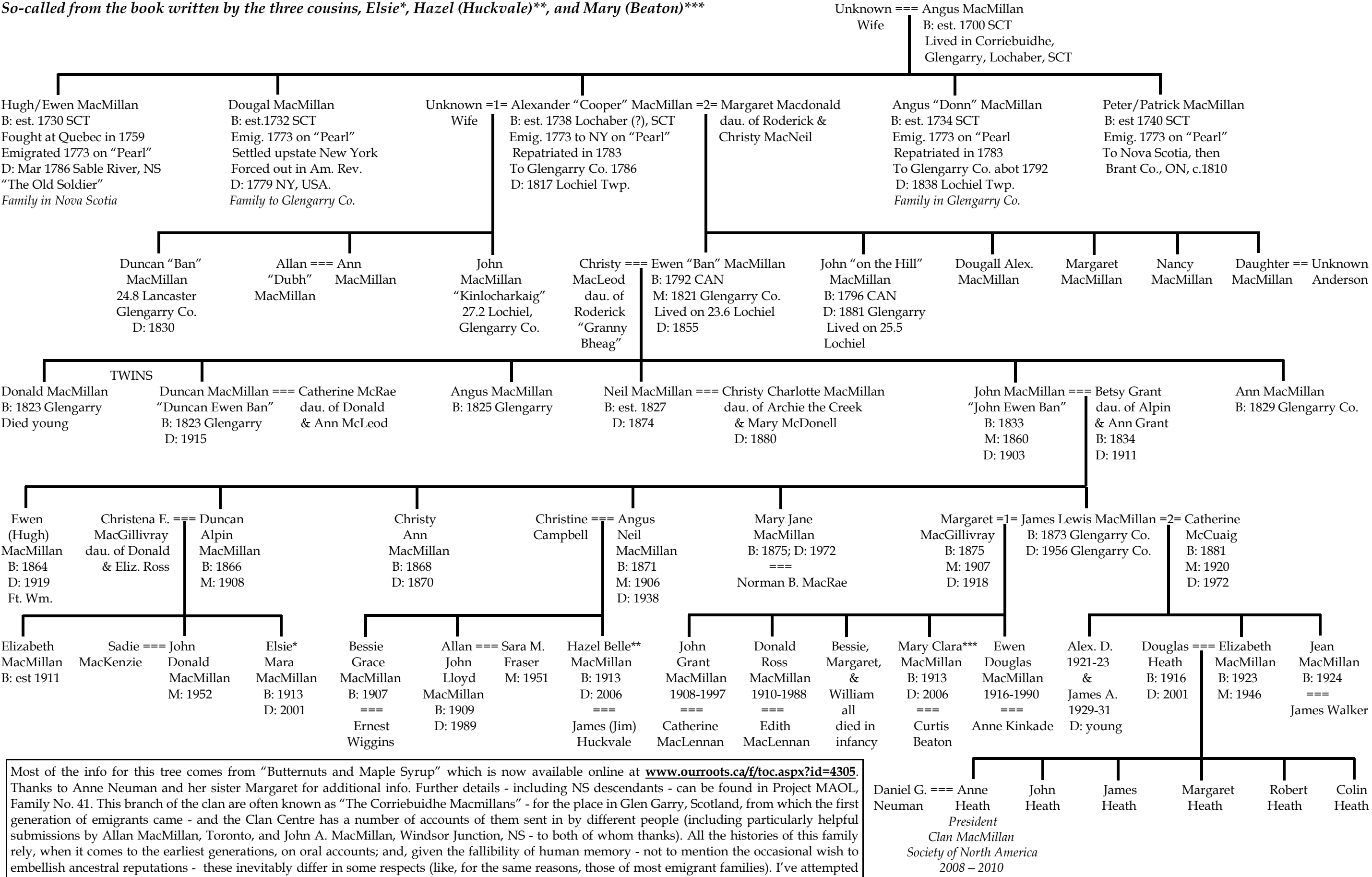


### Ethel Elizabeth MacMillan

We were sorry to hear too of the recent death in California of Ethel E. Miller, widow of Wallace Thayer MacMillan, and mother of Rowene MacMillan Conn.

The Butternuts and Maple Sugar MacMillans of Glengarry Co., ON.

So-called from the book written by the three cousins, Elsie\*, Hazel (Huckvale)\*\*, and Mary (Beaton)\*\*\*



Most of the info for this tree comes from "Butternuts and Maple Syrup" which is now available online at [www.ourroots.ca/f/toc.aspx?id=4305](http://www.ourroots.ca/f/toc.aspx?id=4305). Thanks to Anne Neuman and her sister Margaret for additional info. Further details - including NS descendants - can be found in Project MAOL, Family No. 41. This branch of the clan are often known as "The Corriebuidhe Macmillans" - for the place in Glen Garry, Scotland, from which the first generation of emigrants came - and the Clan Centre has a number of accounts of them sent in by different people (including particularly helpful submissions by Allan MacMillan, Toronto, and John A. MacMillan, Windsor Junction, NS - to both of whom thanks). All the histories of this family rely, when it comes to the earliest generations, on oral accounts; and, given the fallibility of human memory - not to mention the occasional wish to embellish ancestral reputations - these inevitably differ in some respects (like, for the same reasons, those of most emigrant families). I've attempted as best I can—using my 20 years experience as a professional genealogist, and my knowledge of the clan as a whole - to reconcile the contradictory elements in them; but given the scarcity of contemporary records to check them against, there can be no guarantee that my account is correct either.