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Grandfather Mountain**

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Right: Late lunch with Bert & Peggy's neighbours



With Fr Allan MacMillan



Commemoration of Hon. John McMillan in Saint John, New Brunswick



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From the Chief

Elsewhere in this issue you will read a full account of the highlight of my year - the pilgrimage to eastern North America made by Graeme and me. So I shan't dwell on that - except to say that, besides their wonderful hospitality, many of our host(ess)s gave us generous contributions to travel costs or anything else. We both felt we'd been given such a wonderful holiday that the cash went to the Clan Centre. So its funds are in pretty good shape, at least for the time being.

That's something for which we're extremely grateful, because I, for one, feel that the Centre (which is entirely sustained by Graeme), is doing superb work for the Clan at large. The website, in particular, which now contains a mass of genealogical material, has been attracting plenty of interest. So thank you, dear supporters, for past blessings - and future ones too, I hope!

Soon after our return, Pauline (who has formally retired as Curator of the Clan Centre) kindly helped me to put on a tea party for local kinspeople. We'd hoped that John and Kari (our Norwegian cousins) might be with us; but they couldn't find anyone to mind the farm in their absence: their sons were fully employed elsewhere - a reason for which I suppose one ought to be grateful these days. In spite of that, we had a good re-union.

There's a lot of chat about 2014 as a Year of Homecoming, like 2009. Unfortunately, we still have no information about key events (if any) in the national programme with which clans will be encouraged to co-ordinate their efforts. So I can't tell you much about timing, but we are thinking of a trip to the Outer Hebrides. As transport and accommodation are severe constraints, we may have a job to fulfil our promises to general satisfaction. Meanwhile, though, it would be useful to know how many people might be interested in a trip, and, perhaps, which islands would interest them most.

This year has seen a steady trickle of visitors to the Clan Centre from both Britain and elsewhere. I very much enjoy these contacts. I find that advancing years produce an interesting, but frustrating, effect: however enjoyable the visit, I forget details all too quickly. The second visit, however, ensures almost perfect recall. So please persist - and don't wait too long.

Next summer (21-26 June) I hope to be in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Barry's team (Mike and Jack) have maintained the high tradition of organisation in the CMSNA, and I'm sure the atmosphere of the gathering will be as good as ever. If you've not attended one of these events before, why not break fresh ground?

George.

News from the Clan around the World



Clan MacMillan honoured on new trophy donated to Waipu Highland Games in New Zealand

The MacMillans are the fourth clan listed on the glass background to this handsome figurine created by local craftsman Jamie MacGregor and donated by Wayne and Anthea Lawrence “to honour the clans who attend the Waipu Highland Games annually to promote the Scottish culture in New Zealand and the history of the clans they represent”.

Appalachian Branch enjoy successful games at Stone Mountain and make plans for the coming year

President Rob Jones has recently sent the following report to Chief George

Stone Mountain Highland Games went well this year. We registered 70 visitors to our tent and signed up 4 or 5 new members. It was a beautiful weekend with exceptional weather and the attendance was larger than last year. Encouraging given the current state of economic affairs.

Laura Mancin won first in the Ladies Kilted Mile. Claire MacMillan, placed first in the Highland Dancing Competition as well as selection as Outstanding Dancer of the Day. Claire will be featured in a forthcoming Chatterbox where I will highlight her significant achievements. She is a rising star among Highland Dancers and has won a number of championships in the USA and has been placed well in the Scotdance Canada-North American Open Highland Dancing Championship.

Robert Bell and I collaborated on our effort to win the McKenzie Award but was unsuccessful. We shall try again next year.

Fran and I have scheduled participation in the Highland Games held near Richmond, Virginia. This is a new event for us so I'm curious what the outcome will be. Hopefully a good turnout with a lot of new members.

During the winter months, we will be turning our attention to completely revising the Appalachian Branch website. A careful undertaking which I hope will provide a significant boost to our presence as an organization and capture the interest of the thousands of MacMillan and Septs who never attend Highland Games.

I plan to provide a special focus on Scots and Scots-Irish influence on Appalachian history.

New team for the Sept of Blue

Mary Hobbs, of Greensboro, NC, has just taken over from Patti Burke as President of Clan MacMillan's Sept of Blue; and Becky Brown, of Carthage, NC, is the Sept's new Treasurer.

Mary outlined her family history in the July edition of the Sept's newsletter, “Out of the Blue”. She's descended from Dougald Blue and Agnes MacColl who emigrated to America as adults in the 1700s - with Mary's great-great-grandfather John Kerr Blue coming into this world on board ship in the mid-Atlantic.

John K. Blue was the father of Dougald M. Blue, whose daughter Leta V. Blue married Peyton H. Squires. Their son, Peyton H. Squires Jr. was the father of the present Secretary of the Sept of Blue, Gale Squires Duque; while their daughter Lillian Blue Squires - wife of John Dixon Peterson - was Mary Hobbs's mother. Mary's husband W. Randall Hobbs died in 2002, and Mary has two daughters, Teresa Jackson and Sybill Wehrhahn.

Canadian Clan Veterans celebrate 60th Anniversary

Glengarry Branch gather to celebrate a founding father's family milestone



<https://picasaweb.google.com/100551636975017035324/HughPAndMurielS60thAnniversary#>

Hugh P. and Muriel MacMillan have seen it all as far as Clan MacMillan are concerned, having been married in the year that George's father, Sir Gordon MacMillan, was recognised as the first chief of the clan for at least 150 years.

Hugh has also held most of the leading clan positions in his native land, having been President of both the Glengarry branch and the Clan MacMillan Society of North America.

In a varied career and an adventurous life he's worked for the Provincial Archives of Ontario - in a sort of Indiana Jones role, seeking out rare documents - whilst devoting much of his spare time to researching, and re-enacting, the history of the Highland Fur Traders who opened up so much of Canada in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Muriel, who may often in their 60 years together have

wondered what she got herself into, has brought up their family and catered with great generosity for many passing MacMillans over the decades. If she looks a little surprised in the above picture it's probably more to do with the agility of the step-dancers who were entertaining the party than with anything that her husband may have said; and if you want to see pictures of the step-dancers in action, they can be found at the URL given above.



Australian Society Lunch

Clan members Patricia Stanton, her daughter Sally Anne Clarke, Mick & Mary-Anne McMillan and President Dr. June Danks enjoying pleasant company and a meal at 'The Berth' at Melbourne's Dockland precinct in February.

Project MAOL

The 21,084th individual, and the 11,542nd "M'millan", was recently entered into Project MAOL. Robert McMillen (c.1758-1834), is the 4xGt-Grandfather of Pamela K. McMillen of Surprise, Arizona, who joined Clan MacMillan International in August, just prior to a visit to Scotland.

Pamela's ancestors are a family with branches already entered into MAOL, on the basis of information previously supplied by descendants Neil Elvick of Fulsom, California, and John Doudna of Baldwin City, Kansas. It looks therefore as if we may once again be able to link up hitherto unknown cousins - which is one of the main aims of MAOL.

Pacific Branch AGM elects new officers

The Pacific Branch held their AGM on 14 May at the *Olde British Pub* in Santa Ana. Michelle Mullins was elected President; Ralph "Mac" McMillan, Vice President; Jerry Pilkington, Treasurer; and David Eddy, Newsletter Editor. Ron Mullins continues as Webmaster, and Judy Young as Secretary - and thanks to her for news of these changes.

Vice President Ralph McMillan and his wife were in Scotland this summer. As well as visiting the Chief at Finlaystone, they enjoyed supper and a pint or two of Scottish beer in the Castle Tavern in Inverness with Clan Historian Graeme Mackenzie. There was much discussion about driving on the left along our single track Highland roads; but they seemed to be enjoying the challenge.

On the Road Again: The Chief & Genealogist's Three Weeks in North America

In the words of Graeme (**in bold**), Chief George (*in italics*) other clanspeople, & contributors that we met on our travels.

See inside cover pages for additional photos in colour.



With Maureen & David in their garden

We flew from Glasgow, via London Gatwick, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 23rd of June. We were met at the airport there by Maureen Moffat - whose original invitation to Canada had inspired the tour - and her partner David. Maureen summarises the events of the first few days - which she, David, Susan MacMillan and Roger Shaw had organised brilliantly:



With Susan MacMillan & Lunenburg Rector, the Rev. Michael Mitchell

“From 24-26 June, 2011 George MacMillan and Graeme MacKenzie visited Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Although originally settled by Swiss, French and German settlers in 1753, today there is a respectable representation of Scots, including a number of MacMillans.

Events started with a talk given by Graeme MacKenzie at the historic Lunenburg Academy, “From Gilchrist to George: A Brief History of the MacMillans”. The talk attracted many local residents as well as MacMillans, and provided invaluable information on the Clan and the Chief’s lineage.

Following the talk the formal gathering party was held at the home of Susan MacMillan and Roger Shaw on Corkum’s Island. The dinner along with the music provided by Eilidh and Paul Buchanan created the perfect environment to meet George as well as pick Graeme’s brain on all matters MacMillan. There were about fifty in attendance, among whom were Don and Marlene MacMillan, from Antigonish and Sandy MacMillan, from Wolfville who generously agreed to be the official gathering piper.

A church service was held the following day at St. John’s Anglican Church in honour of the visit. The congregation was treated to a warm welcome from the chief and wonderful piping from Sandy MacMillan. After the service everyone had an opportunity to meet George and Graeme and then say goodbye as they headed up to New Glasgow and PEI to continue their tour.”

George himself takes up the tale on the Sunday afternoon - heading north to New Glasgow to meet Mayor Barrie Macmillan, whose ancestors belonged, like mine to the Glenurquhart branch of the clan:

We had a smooth drive with Donald and Marlene, who dropped us at a comfortable motel on the edge of New Glasgow. Within fifteen minutes of arriving we'd been picked up by Mayor Barrie and his wife Caroline to have dinner in an attractive restaurant run by the people who have taken over sponsorship of the “Hector”. Several of Graeme's long-standing contacts were lying in wait for him there. As some of us were a bit deaf, the noise was prodigious.

Next day was a round of civic sight-seeing, ending with a party in a simple but attractive church in the hills above New Glasgow. By then, we'd been joined by Rev. Chris McMullen while we were visiting a superb industrial museum at Stellerton.



Sandy with Don & Marlene MacMillan



Graeme with Bob MacPhee, who had initially put us in touch with Mayor Barrie MacMillan and helped organise our visit

The civic sight-seeing included the re-dedication by George of a garden commemorating the historic links between New and Old Scotland; a visit to the recently opened home of the Pictou County Roots Society, tours of the fascinating Carmichael Stewart House Heritage Museum (with its singing curators), and the replica of the 18th century immigrant ship the “Hector”. The evening’s party at MacLellan’s Mountain was organised by Deputy Mayor Troy MacCulloch and the local St. Andrews Society.

The next morning Chris McMullen took up his role as chauffeur, taking us first to the Gut of Canso Museum in pursuit of the Ferry Macmillans [see the feature on pages 10 to 14], and then on to lunch on the shores of Lake Ainslie with Verna MacMillan, her son Allan, and other descendants of the MacMillan siblings from Muck.



With Verna MacMillan at Lake Ainslie

After lunch we visited the Museum in the county town of Inverness, and settled into the local motel. It was owned by another descendant of the seven siblings from Muck, as is the historic house where we were due to dine with the 93 year-old Mrs Robie MacMillan Cameron. It was a memorable occasion, as George recalls - before speeding us on our way to Judique & PEI:

We ended that day with a large family lobster dinner in the Cameron-MacMillan show house, which is a lovely period piece cherished by her [Robie’s] son and daughter-in-law. This time the main source of noise was the cracking of lobsters. They’d been kind enough to prepare mine for me; but Graeme was put through the process from start to finish.



Robie MacMillan Cameron

After a delightful impromptu breakfast with Father Allan MacMillan at Judique, Chris managed to get us across the ferry to Charlottetown in good time for dinner in a comfortable down-town hotel.

Father Allan is Chris’s cousin - though fairly distant - and only learnt that we would be expecting breakfast at about 8 o’clock the previous evening. The ladies of his parish rallied round however, and a wonderful spread awaited us in his house on edge of the Judique village green and its tartan gardens [www.tartangardens.com/].

Sadly we had no time to visit the Celtic Music Centre and to dwell on the genius of local fiddling hero Buddy MacMaster, as we had an appointment back in Port Hastings with journalist Adam Scott, who subsequently wrote us up in the local paper:

MacMillan descendants visit museum and archives

PORT HASTINGS - A delegation from Scotland that is piecing together the Cape Breton side of the Clan MacMillan family tree got a warm welcome on a recent swing through Inverness County.

Clan Chief George MacMillan and family historian Graeme MacKenzie, who is also chair of the Highland Family History Society, dropped into the Port Hastings Historical Society Museum and also renewed acquaintances with distant MacMillan relatives in Judique, Inverness and East Lake Ainslie last week.

Making their third research trip to the Maritimes, the duo had a special interest in tracking down descendants of Hugh MacMillan, a native of Scotland’s Inverness-shire who purchased a portion of land that now serves as the Cape Breton landfall for the Canso Causeway...and launched a ferry service between this location and Auld’s Cove in 1819.

While their visit to the Port Hastings museum saw volunteers “hauling files out here, there and everywhere” and resulted in a conversation with Historical Society volunteer - and MacMillan relative - George Fox, MacKenzie and Chief MacMillan were also pleasantly surprised to make family connections during their visit to the nearby Visitor Information Centre.

“We came across a couple of sympathizers right away, and were able to tell one of them, who was called Belle, that she was really a MacMillan, and that was something that she didn’t even know,” Chief MacMillan smiled. “So it was a two-way swap of information - it wasn’t a routine visit to the information centre at all.”

A sprint up Route 19 connected the pair with the descendants of a six-brother MacMillan contingent from Scotland’s Isle of Muck that had settled along Lake Ainslie, and gave them a chance to renew acquaintances with Fr. Allan MacMillan at St. Andrew’s Parish in Judique....

Throughout their journey, MacKenzie and Chief MacMillan have reacquainted themselves with the qualities of Cape Breton that reflect the Scottish roots of their ancestors from the Hebridean Islands.

“You can see when you come here why people from the islands in Scotland would feel at home in this particular part of Canada, with the islands and the

sea,” MacKenzie enthused. “The people have typical Hebridean traits - what they eat and drink, where they socialize, and of course the music, which is just fabulous here.”

MacKenzie and Chief MacMillan are already looking ahead to future research trips and vowing to return the favour to their Cape Breton relatives in 2014, which has been decreed as the next Year of Homecoming by the Scottish government. “For any MacMillans that want to come over, we’ll certainly be having some sort of gathering in 2014, but they’re welcome to come before that - we’ll always have something for them,” MacKenzie declared. “The tea will be on and the dram will be poured.”



With local journalist Adam Scott

Our own advance press releases about the tour, and the assiduous work of Maureen, Chris and Margaret Bell (President of the PEI Branch of the clan) assured us of considerable press coverage in various local papers in the Maritimes - hence our being hailed in the street in Port Hawkesbury, and having so many turn up to events such as the gathering in Charlottetown.

The dinner there was a grand affair attended by about fifty and well organised by Margaret and her team. It gave George the chance to catch up with many old friends, and allowed me to put faces to a number of well-known names. The next stop was to be lunch with the President of the New Brunswick clan, Bert MacMillan; though as George narrates, we hit a snag:

The following day was somewhat disrupted by the collapse of a rear tyre on our way to Bert and Peggy's place at Sussex Corner. Fortunately, we weren't too far from Summerside, which seems to be the auto-repair centre of PEI; but we lost enough time to reach Bert and Peggy for lunch at about 3.30pm. Our



With Bert MacMillan in NB

fellow-guests, who, fortunately, were neighbours, had been sent home and were re-assembled on our arrival for an excellent lunch in their garage. Luckily one of the guests was the man from across the road: the high-volume noise was funnelled straight at his house through the garage doors

We eventually reached Chris and Valda's house in Saint John, after searching a huge cemetery for a monument to the Honourable John MacMillan, who helped to found the Dominion of Canada. We returned next morning to conduct a small commemorative ceremony, led, of course, by Chris. To my surprise, several other people turned up for it, having seen Chris's brief article in the local paper. We'd scarcely finished when a group that had been touring the cemetery under the guidance of a local historian rolled up at the



Chris shows George his photo of the Chief's inauguration at Stone Mt. in 1988

neighbouring memorial to the Hon. John's boss (Sir Leonard Tilley). Apparently, Sir L. was responsible for the word 'Dominion', because people were anxious not to annoy the Americans by using 'Kingdom' [see page 10 for more on the Hon. John]. After that dose of history we went down to 'up-town' Saint John to witness the Canada Day festivities and tour two or three of Chris's ex-churches.

Next day Chris took us on the five-hour journey across the frontier to Jane Strauss near Belfast, ME. We found we were almost the only people in the big customs building at Calais, where the atmosphere was leisurely and friendly. When they asked where we were going to stay and we were a bit vague in our answer, they suggested we put "1 Main Street". Other imprecise details were greeted with "We can work with that".



With Jane Strauss in Maine

Jane gave us a delicious lunch in her cliff-hanger of a house, and, while Chris set off on his return journey, drove us to a bus station on the edge of Portland, where we caught a speedy non-stop bus to Boston's Logan airport in comfortable time for an aeroplane to Baltimore/Washington.

Rev. David MacMillan (Father Mac's highly entertaining, if somewhat Bobemian, son) met us at the airport with a car run by a company that hired them out at a very reasonable hourly rate. As it happened, one of their stands was quite near his house, which made it extremely convenient.

Sunday was full of novel experiences. Dave took me to his 'Eighth Day Church', which was a train ride from his house. The accent was on a high level of social commitment and on congregational



Dave MacMillan waters his sidewalk garden in the suburbs of Washington DC

participation - though not of the traditional 'happy clappy' variety. I went in there blinded as usual, by the contrast between the sun outside and the relative darkness within. To my surprise, I 'woke up' to find myself sitting beside Dave's separated wife, Merilie, who kindly drove us back to Dave's home afterwards.

In the evening Dave had organised a supper for about a dozen MacMillans in a pub that was part of the very substantial old post office building across the road from Union Station. During supper I tried to needle my neighbour, a structural engineer, by suggesting that 19th-century builders left larger safety margins than their modern successors. She disputed that; but we both agreed that we couldn't be in a safer or more substantial building than this old post office - whereupon the building was struck by a mini-tornado and one of the windows fell to the floor with an almighty crash. It was a stroke of luck that nobody was extinguished.

The storm that so shook up the old PO was the second we experienced in DC, the first having rolled in very loudly overnight. The supper was attended by a mix of old friends,



With Alison MacMillan at the DC supper

such as Ralph & Alison MacMillan, and new acquaintances who came armed with family trees to add to Project MAOL.

Monday morning Dave picked up a 24-hour hire car and drove us to Greensboro via Ed and Emily [Williams], who gave us lunch at their home outside Culpepper. Even the thunder in Lunenburg and Washington hardly compared with one storm he drove through during that afternoon. But by the time we reached Robert and Sue it was steamy but dry.

We took to the hills on Tuesday, a day earlier than planned, partly to avoid the steam, and partly because Robert and Sue had hired a house for the week anyway. The house was a wooden palace perched on a steep mountainside with a lovely view over



The wooden palace over 4,000 feet up

the valley, not too far from Grandfather Mt. itself. The only snag was the water pipe that burst on our first night and would have flooded a bedroom if some of us hadn't been up quite late sampling whiskey. The wonder was that they heard the running water and were in a fit state to turn off a valve. Fortunately, too, the bedroom would not be occupied for two days, which just gave time for emergency repairs and desiccation.

In spite of threats of thunder showers, we hardly experienced a drop of rain while the games were on - AND one of the three MacMillan Relay teams won the four-lap kilted relay by one second AND Robert won his open piping competition. So we left on a high note.

The games were almost the least of it - though, as ever at Grandfather Mountain, they were spectacular and enjoyable - since Clan MacMillan were



Robert Bell with his piping trophy

busily engaged in various peripheral activities, all expertly organised by Appalachian President Rob Jones, his wife Fran, and their team of VPs.

Firstly there was the CTS Service at Banner Elk, ably conducted by Dave MacMillan - standing in for Blanche MacMillan who for the first time ever was unavoidably absent.

Then there was the banquet to honour the many years of service to the clan of Robert & Sue Bell. This attracted a large turnout, who, as well as being entertained by the banter about the Bells, witnessed David Pope's induction into the clan by "Bond of Manrent" (a historical device revived for the night by the ingenious Scott MacMillan).

I was delighted to find amongst the attendees some hitherto unknown descendants of the "Eloping MacMillans" [see Mag No. 15]; and this led on to our final flourish: lunch and a tour of the clan graves in Ashe County, and the perfect photo-op for our much travelled chief.



Hon. John McMillan - according to the Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online

McMillan, John, merchant, politician, and office-holder; b. 4 Aug. 1816 at Brodick, Arran, Scotland; m. in 1850 Mary Stewart McNutt, and they had five children; d. 12 Sept. 1886 at Saint John, N.B.

John McMillan came to northern New Brunswick in 1832 with his father, who settled at Campbellton. The younger McMillan was virtually self-educated and first worked in lumbering. He later became a successful merchant and with a partner, Jeremiah Travis, established the lumber firm of McMillan and Travis Company. The partners also had a general store in Campbellton. In addition to sending crews to cut timber on their own berths, they supplied goods on credit to other operators and purchased their timber when it came down the rivers. They shipped the product, chiefly in the form of deal, to Liverpool, England. Although they had competitors in nearby Dalhousie, N.B., McMillan claimed in 1858 that from Campbellton he and Travis controlled 80 per cent of the timber trade in Restigouche County.

McMillan was appointed a JP in 1845 and in 1857 was elected to the assembly for Restigouche County as a supporter of Charles Fisher and Samuel Leonard Tilley. He worked hard to build his support in the county and recommended to Tilley in 1858 that restraint be used in removing from minor government offices men who had engaged in political activities for the previous government of John Hamilton Gray and Robert Duncan Wilmot. When in Nov. 1858 John Mercer Johnson was forced to resign as Postmaster General because of a scandal in his department, McMillan opposed the appointment of Charles Connell, who subsequently embarrassed the government by issuing stamps bearing his own likeness rather than that of Queen Victoria. McMillan had suggested that Peter Mitchell, the member for Northumberland, be appointed because he was better qualified and his selection would have pleased the northern part of the province.

Re-elected in 1861, McMillan became Surveyor General in Tilley's administration on 26 July.

McMillan's business partner, Jeremiah Travis, objected to his involvement in politics because it took too much of his time. Travis had been residing in Liverpool for several months each year to handle all the company's business outside the province, and he relied on McMillan to carry on the business in N.B. This disagreement led to the breakup of their partnership in 1862 and was followed by charges from Travis that McMillan had hired men to cut timber illegally since he had become Surveyor General. Travis asked Tilley to dismiss McMillan, but Tilley refused and McMillan continued in office till 1865. He improved the efficiency of his department by changing operating procedures and clarifying the duties of its employees, though opponents accused him of neglecting his duties in Fredericton to tend to his own business interests in the north of the province.

In March 1865 Tilley's government was defeated by Albert James Smith and the opponents of N.B.'s entry into confederation. One of only six pro-confederates elected in 1865 and the only member of Tilley's government to be re-elected, McMillan offered to resign his Restigouche seat and permit his defeated party leader to run in a by-election there. Tilley declined the offer. With Abner Reid McClelan, McMillan then led the small opposition in the assembly and defended confederation against its opponents in the Smith government.

The French-speaking Roman Catholic voters in Westmorland, Kent, and Gloucester counties had voted against confederation in the March 1865 election, and the following October McMillan encouraged Tilley to seek allies in Canada who might influence the French-speaking clergy in N.B. to support union. McMillan felt there was more hope of turning them from their opposition than there would be of changing the views of Irish Catholics, who had also opposed confederation in 1865. His analysis, however, proved

faulty. Tilley was able to win over the Irish clergy, especially Bishop James Rogers of Chatham, and in the election of May–June 1866 many Irish Catholics supported the pro-confederates. The Fenian raids and the resignation from the Smith government of the Irish Catholic spokesman, Timothy W. Anglin, also aided the Irish switch. French-speaking voters, however, maintained their opposition to confederation. In this 1866 election McMillan's immense popularity assured his personal success in Restigouche, which had a majority of English-speaking voters.

McMillan became Postmaster General in the administration of Tilley and Peter Mitchell which succeeded Smith's government. Like many leading N.B. politicians, however, he withdrew from the provincial scene after 1 July 1867 and in September was chosen by acclamation as the first representative of Restigouche County in the House of Commons. His decision to run caused confusion because in August he had been appointed federal Post Office Inspector of N.B. Alexander Campbell, the Postmaster General in the government of Sir John A. Macdonald, felt that he could not hold this office and simultaneously sit in parliament. McMillan therefore resigned the office, but after spending only one session as an MP he vacated his seat and in 1868 again took up the position of Post Office Inspector, living in Saint John. Until his death in 1886 he supervised the operation of all post offices in the province, checked accounts, investigated complaints, and hired all employees.

John McMillan was described as a Liberal in politics. Although a firm supporter of Tilley and confederation, his career was not marked by any major achievement. A capable businessman, he served the province well as Surveyor General and Postmaster General and he appears to have been a competent administrator.

William A. Spray, Prof. of History, St Thomas University, Fredericton.



Looking west on Loch Eil, from Blaich near Garvan

Ferryman and Shipbuilders from Loch Eil, Scotland, to Victoria, Australia via Cape Breton, Canada *by Graeme Mackenzie*

Early this year the Clan Centre received a Project MAOL submission which contained a fascinating account of a McMillan family's emigration from Garvan, on the shores of Loch Eil in Lochaber, Scotland, to Port Hastings, on the shores of the Gut of Canso - the straits that separate Cape Breton island from the mainland of Nova Scotia in Canada.

It came from Morag Huggins in Merton, Victoria, the great-great-granddaughter of John Alexander McMillan, who had made that journey from Scotland to Canada as a one year old child; and who, fifty years later, took his family from Canada to Australia on a ship he had built himself in New Brunswick.



Morag Huggins on the steps of the old McMillan homestead at Port Hastings

Since Chief George and I were in Nova Scotia in June, we called in at the Gut of Canso Museum in Port Hastings to see what more we could discover about these remarkable McMillans. This enabled us to add a little more detail to the history sent us by Morag Huggins, which forms the basis of the account that follows.

The family claim descent from a Donald McMillan and his wife Ann Dallas, about whom nothing has so far been found in Scotland - though there is a gravestone in the old burial ground at Kilmallie commemorating the death of a Donald MacMillan at Garvan in 1792, who could very well be the man in question. The two sons of Donald and Ann who emigrated to Nova Scotia in the early 1800s are the only children of the couple known at the present time.

The younger son John is said by the historian of Inverness County, Nova Scotia (J. L. Macdougall), to have married "A lady of considerable refinement" - though it's not known whether the match was made in Scotland or Canada. In 1817, as we discovered in the local archives at Port Hastings, John applied for land on the Gut of Canso, saying that he had lived in Cape Breton for four years, was

aged 30, and married with one child. His application was granted, and he named his new home "Garvan" after the family farm back in Lochaber. Later John settled in Harbour au Bouche, Tracadie, Antigonish, which is on the mainland of Nova Scotia, though not far from the Gut. Three of his children are said to have gone to Gloucester, Massachusetts, in the USA. Three of his other children were apparently buried in the Port Hastings cemetery - though there are no stones extant for them - including the eldest Donald (c.1821-1877) who worked on the ferry.

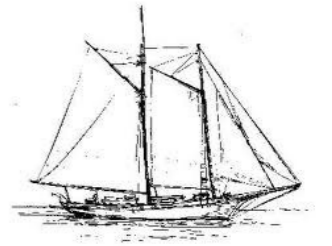
Donald's uncle is recorded in Canada and the family histories both as Ewen and as Hugh, which means that the name by which he would have been known in Scotland was *Eoghan*. He was married in about 1803 to Christiana Cumming, and in his account in "Bygone Lochaber" of the Cummings of Achdaluie, Somerled MacMillan quotes a letter of 1st July 1803 from Allan Cameron of Meoble to Archibald MacMillan of Murlagan who had recently settled in Montreal:

"What think you, your friend John (Ewen) McMillan at Garvan went off with Miss Cumming and got married at Callander; the father has not countenanced them as yet."

The Gut of Canso Ferry MacMillans

From Lochaber to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia,
Canada, and Victoria, Australia

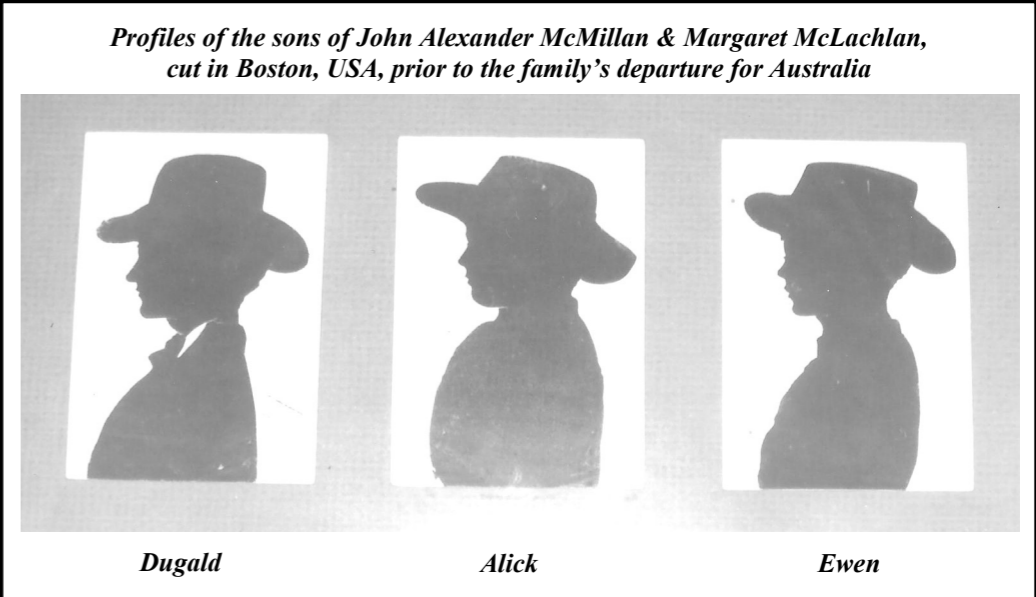
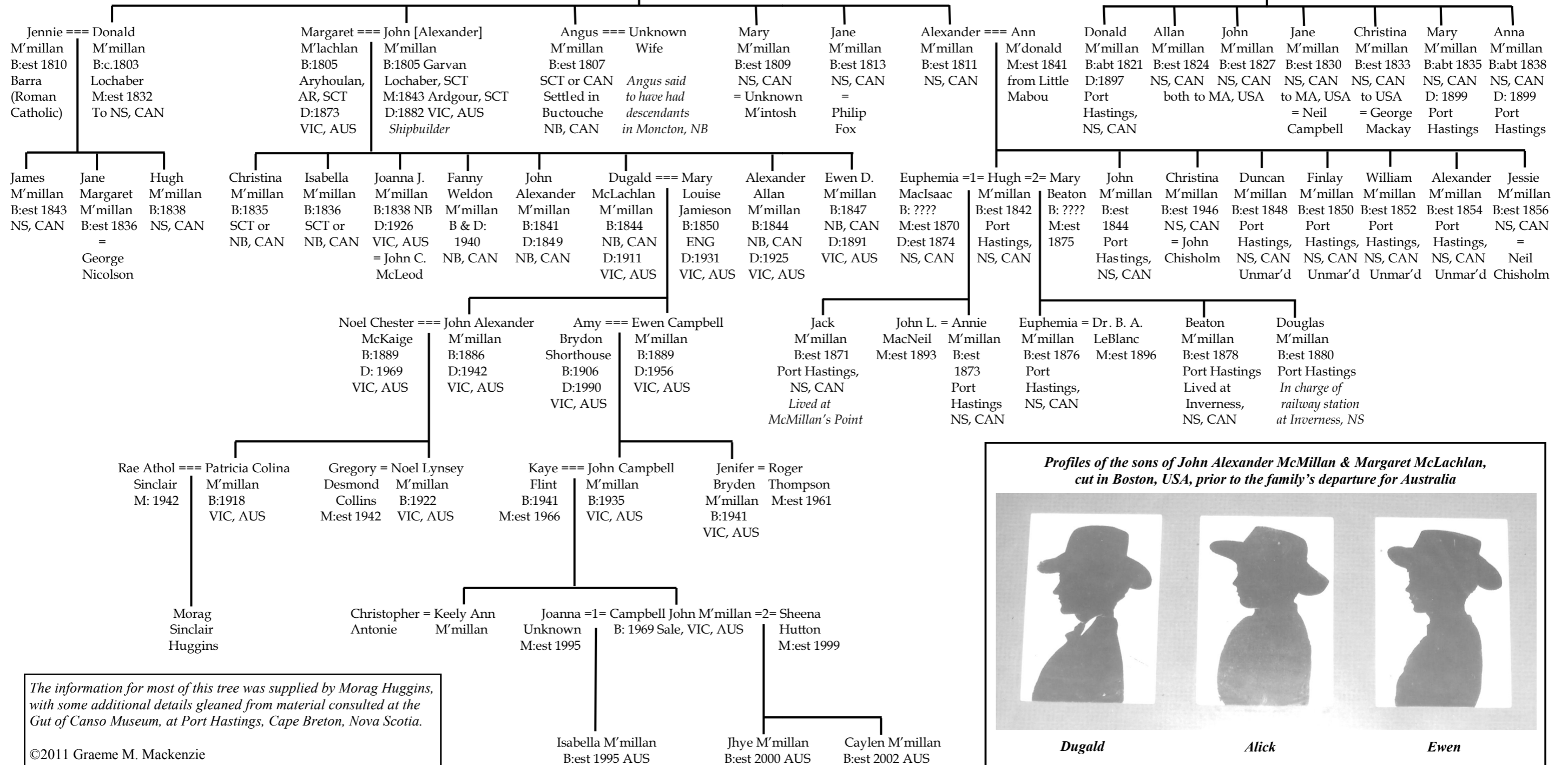
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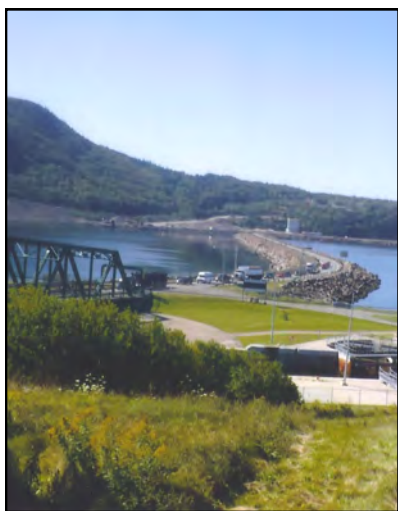
Ann === Donald M'millan
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son of a Duncan M'millan

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B:c.1780 Lochaber or
Isle of Skye, SCT
Daughter of John
Cumming of Achdaliu
& Mary Ann M'lachlan
B:c.1780 Lochaber, SCT
M:c.1803 Callander, PE, SCT
Emigrated to Canada in 1806
D: 1833 Port Hastings, NS, CAN
Ferryman & Shipbuilder

John M'millan === Unknown Wife
B:est 1787
Lochaber, SCT
Emig. to NS c.1813
Eventually settled at
Harbour au Bouche,
Antigonish, NS, CAN
"A Lady of considerable refinement"
M: Unknown date & place



The information for most of this tree was supplied by Morag Huggins, with some additional details gleaned from material consulted at the Gut of Canso Museum, at Port Hastings, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.
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The Canso Causeway at McMillan's Point

This account of the runaway marriage was not handed down in the family, and came as news to Morag when I told her about it in response to her initial MAOL submission. It's interesting not only as a titbit of transatlantic gossip, but also as illustrating further the confusion surrounding the Gaelic names *Eoghan* (Ewen or Hugh) and *Eoin* (Ewen or John).

Though there's no record of the birth or baptism of Eoghan and Christiana's eldest son Donald, their second son's birth is recorded in the Kilmallie Old Parish Register for 23rd November 1805 at Garvan. He was baptised John on the 8th of December, with his father being recorded then as Ewen McMillan. The following year the young family set sail for Canada, where they soon made their mark - as recalled by the local historian in the 1920s:

"One of the leading pioneers at the Strait of Canso in the early days was Hugh MacMillan..... He soon established at MacMillan's Point the largest business at the Strait of Canso. To give profitable employment to many of the people and to help his own business at the same time he undertook to do some shipbuilding. Without much delay he built and equipped a respectable schooner. A government ferry between the Point and Auld's Cove was secured for the benefit of the public as well as his own, and was operated by the MacMillans for some eighty years."

The ferry was replaced by a road and rail causeway in the 1950s, which comes ashore on Cape Breton Island at the bottom of the hill on which stood the old MacMillan homestead.

The family were still occupying it 1922, and the building itself survived into the 1970s - though only the steps up to it now remain (Morag is sitting on them in the picture on the bottom left of page eleven). The pioneer died in 1833 and his death was noted in the local newspaper:

"Suddenly, on the 4th inst. at Judique, near Port Hood, after a few minutes illness, Hugh McMillan, Esq. of Gut of Canso. He has left a large family and a numerous circle of friends to deplore his loss."

Hugh/Ewen McMillan and Christiana Cumming had four sons and two daughters. Their son Donald married another MacMillan (Jennie) who was a Roman Catholic from the island of Barra, and they had at least three children - one of whom (Hugh) drowned in the Straits. Their daughter Jane and her husband George Nicolson are known to have lived at McMillan's Point, and to have raised a large family in the Catholic faith.

Hugh/Ewen's youngest son Alexander was running the ferry ("from McMillan's Cove to Auld's Cove") in 1843, when he applied for an increase in the government grant "to enable him to keep suitable boats...". He married Ann McDonald from Little Mabou, and most of their children seem to have stayed in the Port Hastings area. Their daughter Christina married a John Chisholm, and they ran a private hotel in the building now known as "Hastings House" (pictured below with Morag in 2006).



Douglas McMillan, a grandson of Alexander and Ann McDonald, ran both the Shipping Pier at Port Hastings and the Railway Station at Inverness in the 1920s. The latter is now a very interesting museum, which George and I and Chris McMullen visited during our trip to Cape Breton.

Alexander's third son Angus is said to have had descendants in Moncton, New Brunswick, in 1922, but nothing further is known of them. New Brunswick however was also the initial home of Hugh/Ewen's second son John, who later in life took the additional forename Alexander.

John Alexander McMillan followed his father into the boat-building business; but went further and started constructing ocean-going ships. In the early 1830s he built a vessel that he named the "Greenock" which he took command of himself to cross the Atlantic on a visit to Scotland. Whether he had set out in search of a bride we don't know, but when he returned to New Brunswick it was with a wife who belonged - like his mother - to another important Lochaber clan; in this case the MacLachlans, who were the hereditary standard-bearers to the Camerons of Lochiel.

The marriage took place in Lochaber on 26 April 1834. The parties were named thus in the Ardgour Old Parish Register: "Mr. John McMillan, N. America, and Miss Margaret McLachlan, Ardgour"; and once home in Buctouche, NB, they raised a family of eight (4 sons and 4 daughters).



In 1855 John A. McMillan (who's pictured above) decided to uproot himself and his whole family, and take them halfway round the world to Australia. Why?

The family's own accounts provide no definitive answer to this question; but stories about the severity of the winters in New Brunswick, in letters written in the 1930s by his grand-daughter Colina MacLeod (daughter of Joanna J. McMillan) to Morag's mother Trish (Patricia C. McMillan), suggest one possible motive. Another must have been the Gold Rush in Victoria, which had recently made the fortune of John's nephew Donald Cameron - the son of his wife's sister Jane McLachlan and Allan Cameron of Clunes. Apparently other members of the MacLachlan family had also settled in Australia, and Colina's letters mention in particular her grandmother's sister Hughina and her favourite brother Captain Dugald McLachlan of the Rifle Brigade. Sadly Captain Dugald died shortly before Margaret and her

family arrived in Australia, and Hughina died on board ship whilst returning to Scotland with her nephew Donald Cameron (whose gold allowed the fortunes of the Clunes family to be re-established back in their native land). Captain Dugald however left a considerable legacy to his nephews and nieces, and the McMillan children used their share to build their new home at Stratford in Gippsland, Victoria. They called it Strathavon, and it's pictured below, as painted in the 19th century (left) & photographed in the early 21st century (right).

Initially the McMillans lived in Melbourne, with the boys attending "Scotch College"; and the story in the family is that they chose to live in Gippsland (to the east of Melbourne) rather than in the vicinity of Clunes (to the west of Melbourne) which had been founded by their cousin, because of advice from another Cameron who had been with Angus McMillan when he had opened up Gippsland. The family account states that they were not related to the explorer Angus; but the names in the family, and the marriage of John's elder brother Donald to a McMillan from Barra - the island on which Angus's father Eoghan died - might suggest otherwise. There is however absolutely no firm evidence on the matter either way.

Though John A. McMillan no longer sailed the high seas after he settled at Stratford, he did keep a yacht on the local lakes on which he would disappear for weeks at a time - coming home with plentiful supplies of fat mullet to feed the many guests who always filled the house. "Captain McMillan", as he was known in Gippsland, eventually died in 1882 after his remarkable life on three continents



Morag Huggins with her mother Trish and their cousin John Campbell McMillan, standing beneath a portrait at Strathavon of John A. McMillan as a young man

In 2006 Morag retraced her great-great-grandfather's journey back to Nova Scotia, and was disappointed to find only one descendant of his siblings still living in Port Hastings - who turned out to be totally uninterested in the history of the family. Unfortunately George and I fared no better on our visit in that respect, though we were told that the well known CBC News anchor Carole McNeil was a descendant. Maybe some others will see this article and get in touch.

Thanks in the meantime to Morag for the story and for most of the photographs used to illustrate it.



Benjamin Franklin McMillan 1845-1918

**Lumberman and founder, with his
brother Charles, of McMillan, WI,**



Benjamin Franklin McMillan was a great-grandson of John McMillan and Mary Arnott who migrated from Ulster to Salem NY in the 1760s [Project MAOL Family 030]. He was born at Fort Covington, New York, where his grandfather David McMillan (1770-1848) and father David Stiles McMillan (1812-1883) both farmed. In 1851 his father set up the McMillan Woollen Mills at Malone, New York - which were still producing under the same name in 1905, though their founder had moved west in 1864 to start a lumber business at Sharon, near Steven's Point, in Portage County, Wisconsin.

Though David S. McMillan and his wife Harriet N. Barbour had thirteen children, only six survived to make the move to Wisconsin; and when David died, three more had pre-deceased him. The lumber business had been taken over ten years before by his surviving sons Benjamin F. and Charles V., who decided to relocate it to the virgin forests on the western

frontier of Wisconsin; so they set up a plant in the wilderness five miles north of the present city of Marshfield in Marathon County, where B. F. McMillan & Bro. were to operate into the early 1900s. They built a nine mile logging road north east to the Wisconsin River at Eau Pleine; and when the railways arrived in the 1870s their timber had to be hauled by sleds or wagons south west to the nearest station (at Mannville) since no line came through McMillan itself until 1893.

In 1885 Charles McMillan set up a cold storage business at Ashland WI, as the McMillan Brothers Co.; and when that ceased trading in 1890, the brothers bought an old sash and door company in Fond du Lac, WI, and used the factory there to manufacture furniture as the Winnebago Furniture Co. They also set up another lumber mill at Ontonagon, Michigan, which traded as C. V. McMillan & Bro.

By the 1890s the McMillans' business was booming, and their settlement growing. The surrounding area was chartered as a township in 1888, and in 1893 the village of McMillan was incorporated - and was unique. It was the only incorporated village in the United States, at the time, with neither a saloon nor a church within its limits; but it did have a post office, with Benjamin F. McMillan serving as its postmaster. He was still holding that office in 1905 when he featured in a book published in Chicago (no author credited) called "American Lumbermen: the Personal History and Public and Business Achievements of One Hundred Eminent Lumbermen of the United States". It describes the little Eden that McMillan was (or was claimed to be) at the time of writing:

"Every year a police justice is elected as a matter of form, but he never qualifies, and in the twelve years since its incorporation the village has never had a civil or criminal law suit. It is governed by a president and board of six trustees, and since its establishment Mr McMillan has been its president.... When the village was incorporated a poor fund of \$100 was raised, but it has not yet been expended, for there has never been a pauper within the limits of the village nor has it paid a cent of pauper tax."

The population of the village shortly after incorporation was over 200, which was larger than the community of Marshfield (which hadn't even existed when the McMillans settled in the county). This number gradually declined thereafter, especially following the closure of the lumber plant in 1911.





The McMillan Mill - picture from the website www.townofmcmillan.com

The village and the original saw-mill were located where the current subdivision known as Sugarbush lies. It later spread further south, and the present Town Hall and Fire Department are located to the southeast of Sugarbush.

The original Benjamin McMillan mansion [pictured bottom left on the opposite page - from the town's website], is situated on what is now Sugarbush Lane. In the late 1800s, it was said to have housed one of the finest libraries in Central Wisconsin. Benjamin McMillan also maintained a stable of over 100 of the best trotting horses in the state, and his development of a herd of registered Holstein milk cows was the foundation of the dairy industry upon which the area later came to depend.

The McMillans originally owned upwards of a thousand acres of land surrounding the village, and over the years much of it was sold to employees of the brothers who settled around McMillan as farmers.

Benjamin Franklin McMillan died at his home in McMillan on the 12th of November 1918, from influenza, at the age of 73. His wife, Ada N. Beebee, who he'd married in 1873 in Constable NY, lived until 29 August 1924. They're both buried, along with Benjamin's parents, in Forest Cemetery in Stevens Point, WI.

Benjamin and Ada only had one child - Laura Bell McMillan - and she died young. However, they brought up their nephew Frederick Stiles McMillan (son of Benjamin's

brother, Richard, who had died when his son was still a child) - as Frederick's son Richard F. McMillan told Edward B. McMillan in a letter of 1958 now in the Clan Centre.

Richard McMillan's letter enclosed a copy of his grand-uncle's entry in the book "American Lumbermen...", and having described how the mill and town of McMillan came into being, it ends thus:

"During all this development B. F. McMillan has lived at the mill - the presiding genius of the village and of the surrounding country - in almost feudal fashion, for he is the father of all his people, their guide, counsellor and friend, and yet he maintains a democratic simplicity which makes his position more secure than could any assumption of importance."

Graeme Mackenzie

My thanks to Chris McMullen for drawing my attention to Richard McMillan's letter and the entry from the Lumbermen's book.



Fire Department sign at McMillan

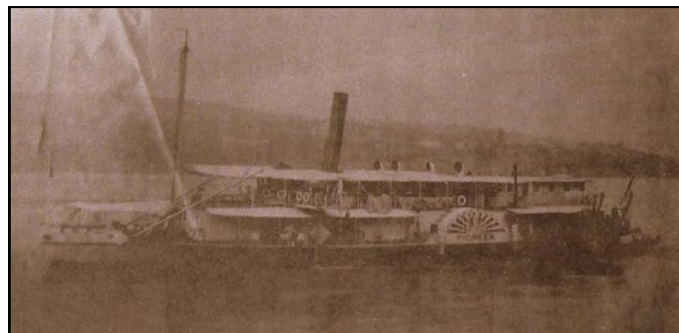
The Pioneer, the McMillan and the Yangtze River

This is a brief extract from a family history by Mary Lynne Scott nee McMillan being serialised in the New Zealand Society's Newsletter, and recounts a famous exploit by her great-grandfather James McMillan.

The modern era of Yangtze River travel started in 1900 when the British paddle-steamer *S.S. Pioneer*, with James McMillan as Chief Engineer, managed the upstream trip to Chungking (formerly transliterated as Chungking) without the use of oars. The voyage was still not without danger as a German passenger steamer was smashed to pieces on the rocks the same year.

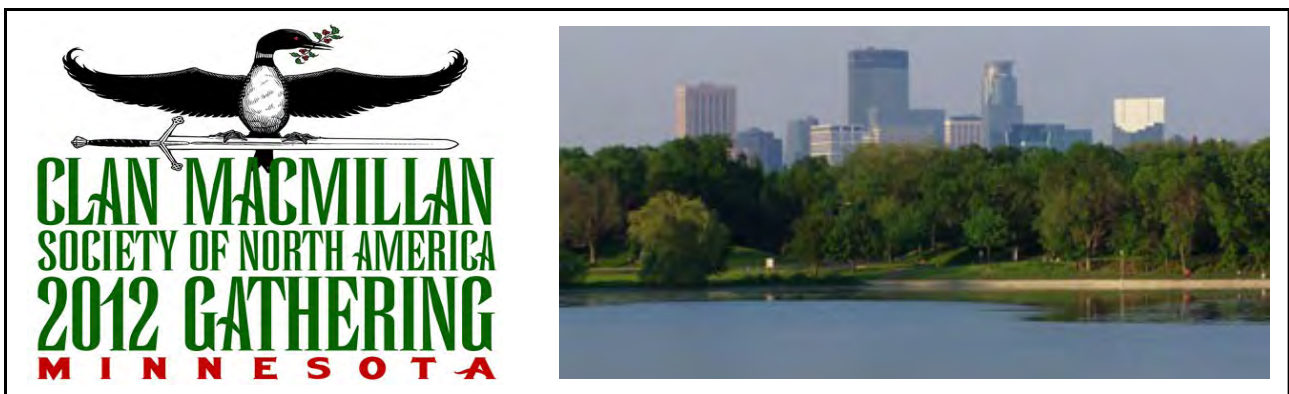
The *Pioneer* was built at Denny's [shipyard at Dumbarton in Scotland], shipped in pieces to Shanghai and re-built to go up the Yangtze River. The

The paddle-steamer S.S. Pioneer



Germans had got to Shanghai first but their boat was wrecked on the river. The *Pioneer* had steamed up to Chungking with U.S. correspondents on board when the Boxer Rebellion of June 1900 broke out, slaughtering Europeans. The *Pioneer* escaped down the Yangtze and an account of the voyage appears in the *Celestial Empire* magazine, July 2, 1900, P.797, by an American passenger, Mrs Archibald Little, where a special tribute is paid

to the engineers, "Mr MacMillan and Mr Gatson who remained the 'coolest and most collected men on the ship'". A second report July 11, 1900, P.12 "The P.S. *Pioneer* arrived here (Chungking) on June 20 at noon, having left Inchang at 9.30 am on Tuesday, June 12. She did the 500 miles in 72 steaming hours." The Chinese gave them a medal, the citation reading "...for navigating the Yangtze River 1000 miles into the interior ... to J. P. McMillan..."



The Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) 2012 Gathering is to be held from June 21–26, 2012, in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.

Room and board will be provided for those that require it at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the following schedule and costs are for those choosing to stay at the college. If you wish to attend some or all of the activities but will be staying elsewhere, an alternate registration form titled Local Attendee Form is available at: www.mcmillen-design.com/clan/pages/gathering/registration.html

GATHERING SCHEDULE

(Subject to change. Alterations will be noted on the website.)

Thursday, June 21

Afternoon: attendee arrival and check-in at Macalester College
 Evening: meet & greet/dinner at O’Gara’s Irish Pub

Friday, June 22

Meals at Macalester College cafeteria: breakfast and lunch

Morning: orientation and presentation

Afternoon: St. Paul Science Museum and Minnesota Historical Society Museum in downtown St. Paul

Evening: St. Croix sternwheeler cruise/meal

Saturday, June 23

Meal at Macalester College cafeteria: breakfast

Morning–afternoon: Mall of America (MOA). Lunch at MOA

Evening: train from MOA to downtown Minneapolis for dinner at The Local, a Celtic restaurant

Sunday, June 24

Meals at Macalester College cafeteria: breakfast and lunch

Morning: Community of the Tonsured Servant (CTS) investiture at Macalester College chapel

Afternoon: meetings and presentations

Evening: formal dinner at MacMillan Ballroom of Rush Creek Golf Club

Monday, June 25

Meals at Macalester College cafeteria: breakfast and lunch

Morning: presentations and meetings

Afternoon: Minneapolis Art Institute, a Rembrandt exhibit and Sports photography are featured in addition to their excellent permanent collections

Evening: dinner at Merlin’s Rest Pub

Tuesday, June 26

Meal at Macalester College cafeteria: breakfast

Morning: check out, attendee departure



Right: The Macalester College Campus
 Left: A St. Croix Boat & Packet Co. paddle-steamer



Costs, Further Details, and Booking Info.

There is a base price of \$700 USD/Canadian (£450) for those staying at Macalester College (*includes \$15/£10 for 1 year's membership of the Society*)

This base gathering fee includes.

- ~ 5 nights at Macalester College (one bedroom per attendee, shared bathrooms)
- ~ 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches at Macalester cafeteria (as per schedule)
- ~ Bus transportation to and from scheduled events
- ~ Formal Gathering dinner at Rush Creek
- ~ Buffet meal and cruise on a St. Croix River riverboat
- ~ Dinner at The Local in downtown Minneapolis
- ~ Gathering tote bag or draw-string tote bag (your choice of which one)
- ~ Gathering pin
- ~ Free campus parking

NB: The following events not requiring reservations are excluded from the base fee.

- ~ Dinners at O'Gara's Pub (Fri evening) and any meals at Mall of America.
- ~ Admission to St. Paul Science Museum and Minnesota Historical Society Museum (Sat).
- ~ Admission to some exhibits at the Minneapolis Art Institute (Mon). Admission to the institute itself is free.
- ~ Train ticket from Mall of America to downtown Minneapolis (Sat).



Gathering tote bag



Gathering draw-string tote bag

Presentations

There will be a number of presentations and meetings, time slots noted on the schedule. The content of these is yet to be determined. There will be presentations by Clan MacMillan historian and genealogist Graeme Mackenzie, MA. Organizations such as the CTS will likely have their own meetings. Watch the website for more details.

Community of the Tonsured Servant (CTS)

As noted on the schedule, there will be a CTS investiture at the Macalester College chapel. For answers to questions about joining CTS contact Blanche McMillan by phone at 905-637-3395 or e-mail jbmcmillan@sympatico.ca

Fundraising for Clan MacMillan International Centre

There will be a silent auction at the formal dinner to raise funds for the Clan Centre. If you wish to donate items to the auction contact Judy MacMillan by e-mail at ButtsyMac@aol.com

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There is much more information on the twin cities, the venues for the gathering, and gathering products, to be found at the gathering website, from which Registration/Booking Forms can be downloaded.

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

CTS was founded in 1995: 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.

The 23rd CTS Investiture Service was held in **Banner Elk Presbyterian Church**, NC, in conjunction with the Appalachian Branch Gathering of Clan MacMillan at Grandfather Mountain, 7 to 10 July 2011. Below are the three candidates who were invested into CTS on Thursday 7 July. Chief George, Robert Jones CTS, President of the Appalachian Branch, and Rev. David J. MacMillan, Scribe of CTS, officiated at the service in my absence. Thanks!



(Photo courtesy of Trish Kyle)

L to R: Carol Morris, Seymour, TN, USA; Chief George; David Morris, Seymour, TN; Alexander Brown, Greenwood, SC, USA.

There will be a Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) International Gathering at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota 21 to 26 June, 2012. An Investiture Service will take place in the Chapel on Macalester Campus on Sunday, 24 June at 10:00 AM followed by the CTS business meeting and photos. Barry W. McMillen CTS, President of CMSNA and a former President of Clan MacMillan North Central States (CMNCS), Mike McMillen, former President of CMNCS, and Jack MacMillan, current President of CMNCS, have planned a comprehensive program for all. The details are on the Gathering website at: <http://www.mcmillen-design.com/klan/pages/gathering.html>

Lillian DeGiacomo CTS, of Cavendish, VT, celebrated her 94th Birthday on 17 August 2011. One of her birthday gifts – to CTS – was a **\$5,000USD donation to CTS's "The Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund"**. Lillian wanted to give her gift now while she can enjoy it. She is such a good example for all of us and perhaps her generosity may spur some of you to do likewise. Thank you, Lillian.

John S. Whitehead MD, CTS, husband of Patricia Whitehead CTS, of Birmingham, AL, USA, died 5 May 2011.

Norma McMillan CTS (now 92 years young), of Dutton, ON, fell in August and broke a vertebrae. She recovered from that and then was in hospital again recently with a chest infection. She moved to a condo in October and in talking with her today she is on the mend and feeling well. Norma joined CTS in Kingston in 2010 and sponsored CMI Magazine #6.

Robert G. Bell CTS won first prize in the "Over 50 Open Piping" at Grandfather Mountain Games in July. Congratulations!! He had not competed for 5 years but felt bound to enter playing a particularly difficult tune ("Sir Robert Gladstone Bell") recently composed in his honour by Pipe Major Donald Sargent, NZ, (aged 86) his former piping teacher. So it is fitting that he won. Well done.

Grants by CTS to CMIC: CTS has granted \$1,000USD to CMIC to date in 2011. The total CTS grant to CMIC is **\$36,643USD** since 1996 averaging \$2,290USD per year over the last 16 years. CTS has raised \$1,250USD this year through CTS memberships plus Lillian's gift of \$5,000.00USD.

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CTS memberships: Join CTS at the next Gathering in Minnesota in June, or consider an annual donation to CTS.

CTS Tribute Funds:

Rev. Canon A. Malcolm and Sally MacMillan Tribute Endowment Fund: Established March 2003.

Sally, Malcolm's wife, died 1 March 1999 and "Father Mac" died 9 September 2008.

Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund: Established June 2005. Jane, was the wife of Chief George, and died of cancer on 27 June 2005 at age 74 years. This is a fitting way to remember her tireless work, her wisdom and her friendship.

Donations are always welcome to help defray the cost of producing and sending the CMI Magazine.

Bequests: Remember Clan MacMillan in your will or a **Memorial Gift** in memory of those who have died.

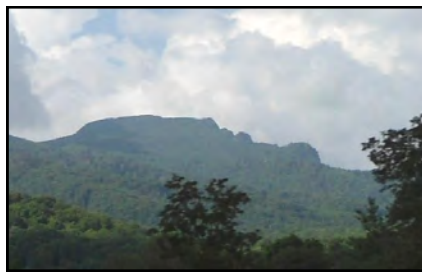
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Scenes from the Chief's tour in the USA



The family trees come out during supper in DC



Grandfather sleeps on in Appalachia



With Ed & Emily Williams in Culpeper VA



Outside the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church after the CTS Service



Alex Brown with his handmade sporran



Robert & Sue Bell with their sons Hamish (left) and Logan



The Chief with the victorious kilted mile team



With the descendants of John McMillan & Marion McLeamont - the Elopers



Preparing to say goodbye to the palace on the mountain



At the Elopers' grave in Ashe County



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