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honour guard at
the funeral of
Pamela McMillan
in Silverstream,
New Zealand,
in February*



Above Right: Gordon Macmillan with his father Nigel and the Camerons at the Culloden Commemoration in April



*Left:
The Pacific
Branch
at the
Queen Mary
Scottish Festival
in February*



Above Right: The Washington State Northwest Chapter at the Bellingham Highland Games in June



Members of the Appalachian Branch Executive relaxing on the Friday evening of what turned out to be a rather wet Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina in July.



The EH Gospel Sound at St Columba's Church, Glengarry County, Ontario, on 27 October. The band includes sisters descended from a MacMillan. Photo by Carlyle MacMillan.



*Left:
Clan tent at the
Salado Games
in Texas on the
9 November.*

*Right:
The Wellington
City Pipe Band
perform in New
Zealand's
capital on St
Andrew's Day*



The cover picture is the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand tent at the Auckland Highland Games on 23 November.



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Editorial

I must start by apologising for the tardiness of this edition of the magazine. This is due to a number of things; one of which is the need to have the details of the Hebridean Homecoming Gathering finalised for when the magazine goes out.

Organising any gathering is, as those of you that have had to do it over the years will appreciate, time-consuming and trying even for the most patient soul; and most of us grow less patient as we grow older (not least yours truly). This gathering is proving even more problematic, due to the decline of the Clan Centre's back-up, the distance of the organisers from the islands, and the nature of life and the tourist industry on the islands (laid-back is lovely, but not always easy when it comes to getting quotes and making decisions).

Despite all that - indeed, in part because of it - the Outer Hebrides are a unique and very special part of Scotland, that everyone should visit at least once. There is no better time to do so than in June when the *machair* (the wild grasslands fringing the huge sandy beaches on the west coast) are covered in wild flowers and alive with the song of birds rarely found these days elsewhere in the British Isles. It won't be the most luxurious of gatherings, but it will be one of the most memorable.

2014 is not only the "Year of Homecoming", with the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup, as well as assorted clan gatherings and the anniversary of Bannockburn; but by a strange coincidence (of course) it will also see the referendum on Scottish Independence. There are those up here in the Highlands and Islands who might prefer to be independent of Edinburgh rather than London. In a way the clans took the opportunity to make that point in 2013 when we founded the Association of Highland Clans and Societies [AHCS], who'll be taking a leading part this year in September's "Highland Homecoming".

2014 starts with a bang for me however, when my mother, who lives with me, celebrates her 90th birthday, days before I set off for a three week visit to New Zealand and a week in Australia. What started as a mainly MacMillan venture has blossomed into a full-blown lecture tour, with 8 talks to genealogy groups, and 5 to branches of clan societies - and a book to promote (see page 20). I'll enjoy all that as a break from the strain of caring, and of chairing societies; but I have to admit that, as a sufferer from the winter blues in the dark north, it's the sun that I'm looking forward to most of all.

News from the Clan around the World

Pacific Branch spreads its wings from California into Oregon

Report from
Branch Secretary
Judy Young



Clan parade at the Scotsfest in Costa Mesa, CA, in May 2013.

In September we lost a dear member of our branch, Charlie Cooke. His wife, Linda, is a former president and active member. He is sorely missed!

In spite of the economy our membership remains quite steady for which we are grateful.

The Seaside Games in Ventura was held in October and was well attended. After the games on Saturday we held a ceilidh with several members of Clan Donald attending. We look forward to doing it again next year.

In January several MacMillans will fill a table at the annual Rabbie Burns Supper in Carlsbad, CA. In lieu of attending the Queen Mary Festival in February we are planning a joint activity with the Donald Clan, possibly a Pub Crawl.

We awarded two Jane MacMillan Scholarships this year, one to Amanda Mullins and one to Emily MacMillan. Although the scholarship fund is somewhat small we are making plans to increase the amount through some new fund raising ideas.

Ambassador, Connall Bell and Patricia, are representing our branch very ably in Oregon where they moved last year. He attended two events up there this summer with plans to attend more next year. A new member was signed up at the Portland Games.

At this time we know of at least four members of our branch who are planning to attend the June MacMillan Gathering in the Outer Hebrides and then on to the Bannockburn celebration.

New Zealand Society at the Auckland Games by Margaret Pool



A fine day dawned for the first Highland Games we have attended this summer season, on the 23rd November at the Three Kings Domain, Mt Roskill, Auckland.

There was an increase in the number of clan tents this year, with lots of information on display, and selling various items to raise funds. We find second hand books sell well. We are not allowed to run a raffle, which we and other clans are not happy about. Letters are to be written to the organisers to say we think it unreasonable.

Clan MacLeod was holding a World Gathering that weekend and their guests were the Bendigo Pipe Band from Victoria, Australia. Their uniform is the gold and black MacLeod tartan, and they looked very striking leading the Parade (the MacMillans on parade pictured left).

We had visits from clan members to the tent. Some renewed their subscriptions, and there were enquiries about the clan from prospective new members, who were all given membership forms and MacMillan information. There was also interest shown in the events we are holding as part of Clan MacMillan Genealogist and Historian Graeme Mackenzie's visit to NZ and Australia in February next year.

A lady from Visit Scotland called in to say hello and give us information about visiting Scotland. What a great job she has visiting New Zealand and Australia to promote Scotland and all its events in 2014.

It was an enjoyable day even though it was about 26 with very little breeze. The next Highland games we attend are at Waipu, 1st January 2014, where we are allowed raffles.



Massed pipes and drums at the Bellingham WA Highland Games, attended in June by the Clan MacMillan Washington Northwest Chapter

Piping for the clan in Texas

*by Branch President
Gary McMillan*



The Clan MacMillan Society of Texas hosted a tent at the Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games on Saturday November 9, 2013.

We had several MacMillans from the Central Texas area visit the tent and we welcomed them all to Clan MacMillan.

Mark McMillan [pictured above] has taken up the bagpipes, and I must attest that he has become quite good at playing them. On Saturday, Mark participated in his first competition, playing his bagpipes in front of a judge, and he did quite well for the first time out.

Mark stood in front of our clan tent and played the bagpipes while I recorded the concert on video. For those who would like to hear Mark play, please visit The Clan MacMillan Society of Texas' Facebook page (Facebook: Clan MacMillan Society of Texas).

Clan MacMillan Society of Prince Edward Island [PEI]

*Report from Branch President
Margaret Bell*

Greetings to Clan and friends here is a report of our PEI Gathering on the beautiful summer afternoon of August 11, 2013 at the Cotton Centre in Stratford, and a report of our wrap-up meeting which was held on October 22, 2013.

PEI MacMillan Gathering 2013

About 35 people gathered ... including visitors from Nova Scotia (daughter of Kenny MacMillan with family of 5). There is concern about declining numbers to the Gathering and although we have varied the summer dates in the past few years, it seems we cannot come up with the ideal date to attract greater numbers. Often we compete with Old Home Week also held in August.

Joyce Livingstone Kennedy and Jim MacMillan presented an interesting discussion on the life and times of Cyrus MacMillan, a

well-known Wood Islands MacMillan. We were also treated to a children's story written by Cyrus.

A very successful Silent Auction proved great fun as always ... \$369.50 was raised and bidding was hot and heavy on many food items and especially on Kenny MacMillan's homemade great surprise every year. This fundraiser has always been a major offset to our expenses.

Gathering Wrap-up Meeting

Receipts for the Gathering were \$569.50 and Expenses were \$703.48 ... and, as usual, we ordered too much food! Our other major fundraiser will soon end ... the sale of cookbooks will wrap up when the few books which remain are sold. We have had two publications of our cookbook (about 800) and believe we have saturated the market.

Below: Margaret Bell speaking during the Chief's visit to PEI in 2011





Clan MacMillan Society of Australia - the President's Report to the AGM on the 25th of August 2013

by June Danks

This year has passed very quickly and everyone is busy, particularly at the moment when we are concerned about the election in September.

Each year there is a procession through the CBD to celebrate Australia Day 26 January. On this occasion, Myrna was the only one available and she carried the banner for us. Congratulations Myrna!

Early in March we enjoyed having lunch together at Lynbrook Hotel. We met again at the Ringwood Games where we had a tent in the village [picture above taken at the Ringwood Games]. Mick and Mary-Anne set it up with plenty of information to answer queries of our visitors. Thank you to Mick and Mary-Anne! Mick also edits our newsletter.

There was no meeting of the Scottish Clans and Associations in 2013. Last year we heard the bad news that President Doug McLaughlin and Secretary Robert Stewart said that after so many years in their respective positions they were not able to continue any longer. There were no nominations for these positions forth-coming. Regulations give the organization some months to rectify the situation. However this did not occur. So the SC&A has been discontinued. There were funds of nearly \$17,000 which have been passed on to Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group [SVCG].

In September we were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Ian

Murdoch who had led the SVCG for so long and will be remembered for his dedication and enthusiasm for the Scottish Community in Victoria. Alister MacLeod is now President.

The AGM of SVCG was held in November 2012. The speaker was a Bhutanese Leader, who was followed by Doug McLaughlin who spoke about the origins of the Scottish people and their migrations.

In July at the Scots Church the Kirking o' Tartan took place and was well attended. Rebuilding is taking place next door so it was not possible to lunch together.

Next year we are looking forward to a visit of the genealogist of the Clan MacMillan International Centre. He will visit New Zealand late January and then continue to Melbourne. We would be pleased to have suggestions as to how we could entertain him.

AUSTRALIAN DATES 2014

Maryborough Highland Games
Wed. 1 Jan. First held in 1857, this is the oldest continuous Highland Gathering in Australia.

Geelong Highland Games
Sat. 1 March: Clans Concert 7pm.
Sun: Games. *Graeme Mackenzie will be present at the Geelong Games.*

Ringwood Highland Games
Sun. 30 March 2014.

Wingham Scottish Festival
Sat. 31 May & Sun. 1 June 2014.

AGM Sun. 24 August 2014.
12-4pm. Soroptimist House,
383 Toorak Road, South Yarra.



The branch tent at the Renaissance Festival. From the left: Kaira Groehler, Mike McMillen, Kim Wahl, & Neil Johnson.

North Central States Branch enjoy a quiet year in 2013

Having hosted the chief and clanspeople from all over North America the previous year, the North Central States Branch has restricted its activities this year mostly to attendance at regular events such as the Minnesota Renaissance Festival "Highland Fling" Weekend in June; the MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games in July; and the Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games, Missouri, in September.

Mike McMillen was elected branch President at their AGM, with Muriel Wills as Vice-President, and Jack MacMillan as Minnesota Convener. Jerry McMillan continues as Secretary, Susan McMillen as Treasurer, and Mike McMillin as the branch convener in Illinois.

The McMillin Reunion in Mississippi

by *Sylvia McMillin*

On Saturday August 3rd the McMillin and Related Families met for the 63rd annual reunion at Lake Tiak O'Khata. On Saturday afternoon close to 40 members gathered for their annual cookout, finding plenty of shade and relief from the heat in the Grove beneath the pines for which the lake was named. Jamie McMillin, Louisville, served as chef. Along with the many hotdogs & hamburgers he served, there was an array of delicious dishes and sides prepared by other members.

The Colonial Room was decorated with the clan tartans and MacMillan & Scottish flags, provided by Dr Lamar McMillin, John & Sylvia McMillin and Billie Joy Tucker, adorned the front wall and tables. Table arrangements were done by Sylvia McMillin, Lenora Frazier, Carol McMillin, and Ashlie McMillin Johnson. The beautiful greenery used in the centerpieces were from Mrs. Joyce Johnson's gardens.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. F. Lamar McMillin Jr of Vicksburg. The grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. John McMillin led the singing of the "MacMillan Rallying Song" and brandished various objects to emphasize each verse of the song (the plaid, holly, a shield, and a sword). Dr McMillin welcomed all those in attendance, and the devotional entitled *The Lord is Our Keeper* was presented by Mrs. Ashlie Johnson of Athens, GA. Following the devotional, Mrs. Tracy McCully of Louisville provided a beautiful and moving presentation of "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone".



The grandchildren of past President John McMillin and Sylvia McMillan the current Secretary of the McMillins and Related Families

After enjoying a delicious buffet lunch, the attendees introduced their family members and explained their connection to the McMillin family line. The McMillins and related families trace their lineage to William McMillin, who was born in Belfast in 1763, emigrated to the United States, and married Margaret Elizabeth McInnis in about 1800. William's daughter Mary eloped with Nat Woodward, moved from South Carolina to Winston County MS in the early 1800's and settled north of Louisville at McMillin Switch. Later her father packed up the rest of the family and moved to join them. Most of the attendees at the reunion are direct descendants of William McMillin & Mary E. McInnis.

Special recognition was given to the following: Mrs. Sue Fulcher of Louisville, the oldest descendent at the reunion; Millin Moomaw, three month old grandson of Lamar & Carol McMillin, as the youngest; Jane McMillin and Sue McMillin Faulkner of Lampasas, Texas, for traveling the greatest distance. John McMillin & Sue Fulcher had the honor of having fourteen members of their family present. The McMillins lost two precious members this past year: Mr. Jimmy McMillin of Louisville and Dr Carlton McMillin of Carthage.

Dr F. Lamar McMillin Jr presented this year's program on the military career of Samuel Fitten McMillin, who was born in 1828 in South Carolina and died in 1888 in Louisville MS. He was married to Sarah Jane Barmore McMillin from Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama.

On February 7, 1862, he left his farm and joined the Confederate Army. His military career included his involvement in many battles. He lost his right eye on May 12, 1864, at the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse VA; but on returning to duty in January of 1865, he continued to fight in defense of his beloved southland until his capture at the Battle of Sailor's Creek VA on April 6, 1865. He was sent to Point Lookout MD prison camp.

Upon receiving a parole on June 29, 1865, Samuel Fitten returned to Winston County, where his wife and 3 daughters awaited his homecoming. He later fathered 3 sons. Sarah Jane & Samuel Fitten McMillin are buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Louisville, Winston County, Mississippi.

Following a business meeting, Dr F. Lamar McMillin Jr gave the "MacMillan Exhortation" asking the McMillins to "remember the poor, pray for the sick, make no peace with injustice, and continue to learn to aid the distressed".

News from Scotland: The Culloden Commemoration Weekend



The annual Battle of Culloden Commemoration Service, organised by the Gaelic Society of Inverness, was as colourful as ever. It's increasingly being used by clans as the occasion for other events, and this year a number of them came together on the eve of the battle day for a "Clans, Culloden, and Ancestors" evening at the Highland Archive Centre, in the course of which the long-mooted Association of Highland Clans and Societies was finally brought into existence at a business meeting that preceded the supper & talks. The MacMillans were one of the founding members, and 14 other clans are now signed up to it, including the Clan Chattan Association which itself has 9 member clans [see www.highlandclans.org]. The first major undertaking of the AHCS was organising the Big Tent that Highland Council kindly provided for the clans at the wonderfully sunny Inverness Highland Games - which was a great success (it's the tent on the left below).



Visitors to the Clan MacMillan Centre in 2013 (who signed the Visitor's Book)

Jonathan Seth-Smith, UK; Linda Keller, USA; Moyna Scotland and Ellis Eyre, Australia; Dennis, Carl Norman, and Carl Eric McMillan, USA; James and Eve Macmillan, UK; Carussa Sirikitputtisak, Thailand; John and Wanda MacMillan, UK; Erin Potter, USA; Dennis and Lori MacMillan-Ladd, USA; Traci and Courtney Schimek, USA; Betty, Andy and Holly Zink, USA; Parker and Twila McMillan, Canada; Liz McMillan and Craigie Macfie, Australia; Betty McMillan, UK; Shaun Bell, USA; Nigel J Bacon, UK; Floyd V and Cassandra Baxter, USA; Bonnie Badger, USA; Andrew, Jodie, Renee, Alanah and Rhys Kerec, Australia; Connall Bell, USA; Barbara Cooper, USA; Walter and Barbara Trumbull, USA, Tom, Lynette and Tessa Szczepanik, UK; Ginny Dienhart, USA; John MacMillan, USA; Ciara Hayes, Ireland; Don and Enid McMillan, Australia; Neil and Amabile Smith, Australia; Stewart Macmillan and Andrea Techt, Austria; Mike and Cynthia Baxter, USA; Mary Luz and Joe Adair, USA; Mary and Bud Duryea; Glennis Pitches and Gary Gavin, Australia; Maureen Moffat, David Friendly, Susan MacMillan, Diane Wood and Roger Shaw, Canada; Buster McMillan, USA; John Purpera, USA; Michael Morton, USA; Scott and Maria Young, USA; Ryan Carr, USA.

Focus on Finlaystone

As the estate's own website reveals, Finlaystone continues to specialise in innovative and exciting events in the woods and gardens for children - such as the plastic duck race in the burn pictured right. Other events in September, for instance included a Pirate Day, a Wild Night (in the woods), and a Teddy Bears' Picnic. A brochure listing all these special events, month by month, can be downloaded from the website:

www.finlaystone.co.uk

There's a separate website available now for those interested in holding weddings and corporate events at Finlaystone, which has a great gallery of pictures of the main rooms in the house: www.finlaystonehouse.com



Frank MacMillan

... the force behind the PEI Clan MacMillan,
and gatherer of **“A Genealogy of the MacMillan
Family of Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island”**

by Margaret Bell

Frank MacMillan spent his childhood in Wood Islands. His favorite pastime was researching cemetery grounds and collecting data from monument stones. He carried a suitcase in the trunk of his car ... filled with scraps of paper, envelopes, pieces of cardboard, strips of newspapers...whatever was available when the opportunity arose to collect family data. He researched at the Archives and received additional information through letter writing, speaking to others, and trips to cemeteries, therefore, these records may contain errors and discrepancies.

In 1990, Frank and his wife Bonnie invited several MacMillan neighbors and relatives to their cottage in Wood Islands and wakened the early life of the MacMillan settlers from the Isle of Colonsay in Argyllshire, Scotland. He had visited the native land and brought stories and records that excited many to search further and honor our heritage. This was the

birth of the MacMillan Clan in Prince Edward Island. Frank became the Charter President and invited our Scottish Chief, George MacMillan of Knap, Scotland, the 32nd Hereditary Chief, and his wife Jane, to the charter opening in 1994.

The **Selkirk** family became interested in the colonization of British North America and purchased a large tract of land on Prince Edward Island. Lord Selkirk brought many displaced highlanders to the Belfast and Wood Islands areas. The first wave of Selkirk settlers arrived on our shores in 1803 on the ships Polly, Dykes, and Oughten, followed by the ships Rambler and Spencer in 1806. Our Wood Islands MacMillans, natives of the Isle of Colonsay, were transported from the port of Oban, Argyllshire on the ship Spencer and they disembarked at Pinette on the 22nd day of September, 1806.



Information was compiled and reproduced in Frank's book **“A Genealogy of the MacMillan Family of Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island, Canada”**. The work was completed with enormous help from Joyce Livingston Kennedy and is a record of the genealogy of Malcolm Hector MacMillan and Grace MacNeill and their 11 children. Thank you Frank ... for wakening us to our noble heritage.

1	Margaret MacMillan	Born about 1781; Died Feb 12, 1853	Married Duncan Darrach, Feb 6, 1798 (b. 1775; d. Feb 19, 1853)
5	Alexander MacMillan	1792; d. Feb 26, 1872	(1) Janet Bell
6	Malcolm MacMillan	b. Feb 12, 1796	Christina Currie (d. age 74)
7	Flora MacMillan (birth dates for Flora and Duncan deduced from Spencer passenger list)	b. Apr 18, 1798 d. Jan 29, 1867	Mary Shaw
10	Catherine MacMillan	b. July 17, 1805	Malcolm Smith

Cricketing Macmillans

An unexpected island connection

Though cricket and clans are not commonly associated, this quintessentially English game is played in Inverness on the same ground where the northern clans gather each year to toss cabers and pipe the pibroch. The Northern Meeting Park not only claims to be the oldest Highland Games stadium in the world — celebrating its 150th year in 2014 (as detailed elsewhere) — but it's also been home for many decades to the Northern Counties Cricket Club [NCCC], which was also founded as long ago as 1864.

The NCCC's rivals, the Ross County Cricket Club, play at what must be one of the country's most picturesque cricket venues; in the grounds of Castle Leod, the seat of the Earl of Cromartie, Chief of Clan MacKenzie. Cabarfeidh, as the MacKenzie chief is known, can claim a cricketing clansman who, in his time, was a triple record breaker: highest number of test wickets in a year (73 in 1963-4); youngest bowler to 100 test wickets (1963-4); youngest bowler to 200 test wickets (1968-9). His name was Graham McKenzie (of course!) and he came from Western Australia, rather than the Highlands of Scotland.



Quintin McMillan

Clan MacMillan's first international cricketer was the South African leg-spinner, and useful lower order batsman, Quintin McMillan, who represented his country between 1929 and 1932. In more recent time, the MacMillans can claim two of the world's most exciting all-rounders, both of whom also come from overseas: Brian McMillan from South Africa (a test and one day international player from 1992-8), and Craig McMillan from New Zealand (1997-2007). Their careers overlapped in the 1990s with that of Clan MacMillan's fourth first-class cricketer, Gregor Innes Macmillan, who captained Oxford University in 1995, when the Dark Blues won the 150th Varsity Match, and went on to become a hard-hitting batsman for Gloucestershire and Leicestershire, with whom he won the County Championship in 1996.

Though born in England, Gregor Macmillan belongs to a branch of the clan still well-represented on the island of Benbecula, from which his great-great-grandfather Angus Og Macmillan left to settle on mainland Argyll in the 1860s. As Gregor's father Angus explained in the June 2012 Newsletter, research into the origins of their Macmillans has turned up some surprising and fascinating results. They suggest a descent from none other than the famous MacMhuirich dynasty of bards, which may well explain Angus's devotion to history since he retired as a planning consultant.



Shane Warne looks on as Gregor Macmillan meets the Queen when playing for Lord Carnarvon's XI

Angus himself was no mean cricketer, playing in club sides well into his sixties; but he's inclined to attribute some of his son's special skills to a grand-maternal ancestor on Loch Fyneside who was a dancing master. Gregor the batsman was well known in his pomp for dancing down the wicket to even the fastest of bowlers. As Angus puts it:

"When the bagpipes sounded in his head, he advanced down the pitch to take on the challenge; he was famous around South Africa for 'two-stepping' Allan Donald first ball and hitting him straight for six. Though he admits the intent, he swears to having missed the ball and skipped to save his toes. He was reproved by the great former Oxford & England captain, Colin Cowdrey, for making him late for tea with his mother-in-law, the Duchess of Norfolk, as he could not tear himself away from the ball-by-ball text on television as Gregor scored 68 in 27 balls to lay the foundations of victory in the first-ever 50-over Oxford v Cambridge match."

A highlight of Gregor's career came whilst still at Oxford, when he opened the batting and top-scored for Lord Carnarvon's XI in 1994 in a welcome back game against the first South African team to tour Britain for twenty nine years. Playing alongside giants of the game such as David Gower

and Shane Warne, Gregor peppered the royal tent, causing a guard to be posted at the door lest he succeeded in his aim of getting one through it, and thus disturbing Her Majesty the Queen as she took her tea.

Gregor was apparently described from time to time as the “mercurial Macmillan”. His father says that, as a captain “... *when things were quiet or dull, he would listen to the little man on his shoulder and stir things up. Likewise with the press, it was typical that, questioned about wearing four or five sweaters on a cold day, he solemnly explained that it was to make his spare, 6ft 5in frame look bulkier and stronger — and this was duly reproduced by the naive reporter in the Daily Telegraph. On the other hand, on grounds of another Highland characteristic, probably*

uniquely among batsmen of his day, a number of umpires forbore to give decisions against him as a batsman, trusting him to ‘walk’ voluntarily if he had touched the ball for a catch.”

When he retired as a professional cricketer, Gregor qualified and practised for some years in Oxford as a solicitor. He then moved into education, and is now a Housemaster and teacher of Philosophy and Ethics at the Duchess of Cambridge’s old school, Marlborough College. His father’s also proud of his achievements there, reporting that “... *the mix of humour and unconventionality seems to work in this arena too as, in 2013, all his students gained distinctions in the public exams and in each of the past two years, one of his pupils has*

registered the highest marks in the country. The story may not end there as he is married to an 8x great grand-daughter of Bonnie Prince Charlie’s aide-de-camp and they have young sons Angus and Hamish (and a daughter Seona) to carry on his MacMillan name and style.”

Angus is renting a house on Benbecula during our gathering, and is hopeful that Gregor may be able to join us on their native isle - which, as Angus has explained in a little book published by its history society, was also the real home of the greatest heroine of The ‘45. [“Flora MacDonald of Benbecula” is available from Angus MacMillan, Meadowbank Barn House, Ascott-under-Wychwood, OX7 6EQ; £11.50 (includes UK p&p) cheques made out to “The Benbecula History Society”].



Michael Hussey of Australia is the batsman in at Melbourne VIC in 2005, shaping to play a ball from the South African bowler Shaun Pollock who’s trying to get him out

So what is this cricket?

Cricket is notoriously difficult for the uninitiated to understand; so:

Cricket explained to a foreigner.

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in. Each man that’s in the side that’s in goes out, and when he’s out he comes in and the next man goes in until he’s out. When they are all out, the side that’s out comes in and the side that’s been in goes

out and tries to get those coming in, out. Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out and goes in.

There are two men called umpires who stay all out all the time and they decide

when the men who are in are out. When both sides have been in and all the men have got out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game!

Sadly the joke only really works if you do already know at least a bit about the ins and outs of the game.



Brian MacMillan
-
At one time probably the best cricketing all-rounder in the world

Cricketing Members of MacMillan Septs

Dougie Brown: An all-rounder, educated at Alloa Academy, who played for Clackmannan County and Scotland before being picked up by Warwickshire. Brown represented both Scotland and England at One Day International level. He scored over 12,500 runs and took over 850 wickets in first-class and list A cricket.

Iain Bell: A current regular in the English team, “Bellie” has no known Scottish, let alone clan connections. He is however one of the most stylish batsmen in the world, with a test average of 46 and 20 hundreds to his name (including at least one against every major test-playing nation); so cricketing MacMillans may want to claim him nevertheless!

The MacMillans and the Hebrides

by Graeme Mackenzie

Traditions and Early Sightings

The Outer Hebrides are home to many Macmillans, but how and why so many bearers of the clan name came to be there remains something of a historical mystery. There are however traditions connecting the Macmillans' ancestral kindred to the Hebrides as a whole that go right back to early medieval times. Airbertach, the grandfather of Gilchrist Maolan (the namefather of the MacMhaolains/MacMillans), is reported to have settled twelve tribes amongst the Norse - who then (early 1100s) were kings of all the Hebrides - particularly on the islands of Mull, Tiree, and Iona. Argyll tradition has it that Macmillans were at one time lairds on Mull, and Lochaber legend tells of Macmillans being employed in pre-Reformation times to row nuns from the mainland to Lewis.

The earliest documented Macmillans in the Hebrides are all churchmen: John MacMoyle, Chaplain of St Oran's, Iona, in 1542; Fingon Makmulane, who was the Rector of Benbecula in the same year, and later Dean of Mull (in 1573); and Donald Macmillan, Minister of The Uists in 1626 (when he was said to have been "a very auld man").



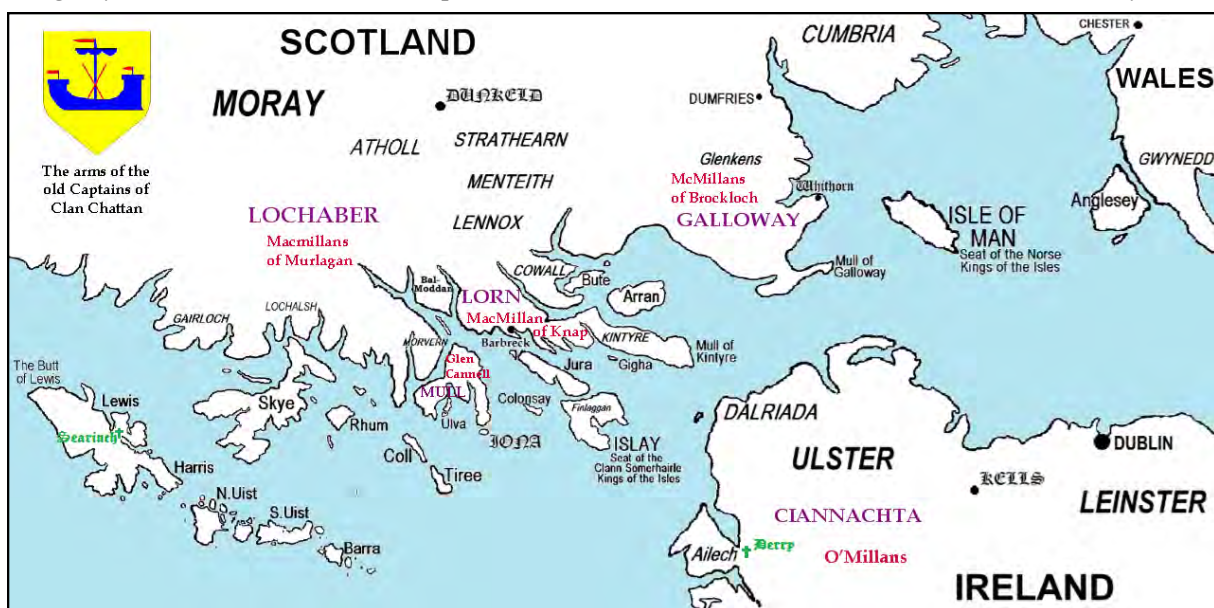
On the Isle of Lewis some Macmillans claim to be descended from a certain *Maoldombnuich Mor* who is said to have settled on neighbouring Harris "seven generations back" (presumably from the 1950s when Somerled MacMillan recorded this tradition in "The MacMillans and their Septs"). Also from the Isle of Lewis was the late Malcolm K. MacMillan, who was Labour MP for the Western Isles for many years - and also a published poet. Some Macmillans on South Uist are said to be descended from clansmen who came from Lochaber as followers of the Clanranald Macdonalds, whose mainland estates marched with the Macmillan lands on Loch Arkaiside. Ewen Macmillan of Glenpean had a bond for 1000 merks in 1759 from Ronald Macdonald of Belfinlay, the representative of a Clanranald family who took their designation from an estate on Benbecula, where there were also a number of Macmillan families (though by this time the Belfinlay family had apparently disposed of their original lands and were permanently settled on the mainland).

In the 1820s Ewen Macmillan, father of Angus Macmillan the explorer of Gippsland in Australia, moved to South Uist from the Isle of Skye (where Angus had been born in about 1819), and became Tacksman of Kilbride. He was obviously a well-connected man and whilst on South Uist he lived in the mansion house previously occupied by Hugh Macdonald of Boisdale; and when he moved to Barra, where he farmed Eoligarry and Vaslan, he lived in Barra House. There were a number of Macmillan families on Barra in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, and a tradition about how they came to be there was related by the celebrated Barra bard and singer, Father John Macmillan, who died in 1951 [see the article about him in the December 2012 issue of the CMI Magazine]. It was passed on in the 1980s by Father Allan MacMillan of Judique, Nova Scotia, to the Reverend Chris McMullen of Saint John, New Brunswick (both of whom are descended from Barra emigrants).

Chris published it in his 1988 “A MacMillan Ceilidh”. It tells of how the South Uist chieftain, Macdonald of Boisdale, held a highland games to which he invited Macneil of Barra - only to be embarrassed by having his clansmen comprehensively beaten in most of the contests by the Macneils. When a storm blew up that prevented the Barra men returning home, Boisdale forbade his tenants to give them shelter, on pain of eviction. A Macmillan family took pity on the soaked Macneils and gave them shelter, and as a result were indeed turned out of their homes by their irate laird. They found a new home however on Barra, where Macneil gave them a tack of Breurnish as a reward for living up to the clan motto by giving succour to the distressed.

Pointers from recent research

The third oldest genealogical account of the clan’s origins says that the Macmillans were an important part of the original *Clann Ghille-Chattain*, and that kindred’s history suggests that at one time it was a maritime clan with connections all round the Celtic Sea; hence the galley on the arms of their chiefs (which still form a part of the arms of the modern “Captains” of Clan Chattan, the Mackintoshes). This connection, which was explored in my *Gillicattan’s Posteritie* (Inverness, 2009), explains how, early in the history of the clan, MacMillan branches came to be established in northern Ireland, and in areas of Scotland that now appear to be widely separated (i.e. Galloway, Knapdale, and Lochaber) but which in the Middle Ages were easily reached from each other by sea-borne galleys - as can be seen when a map of the lands round the Celtic Sea is re-orientated in this way.



While Scottish tradition has St Catan buried at Searinch on Lewis, the Irish say he was interred at Derry

As *Clann Somerbairle* and then *Clann Dbombnail* rose to prominence in the Hebrides, and later on the mainland of Argyll, the Macmillans became their followers; and when the first histories of the Macdonalds were written down, the Macmillan chief was noted as a member of the “Council of the Isles”. It’s entirely likely therefore that, as tradition suggests, some Macmillans might have settled on the Outer Hebrides as followers of the branch of the Clan Donald to whom the Uists eventually fell; i.e. Clanranald.

The recent research carried out by Angus Macmillan shows that not all those that bore the clan name on the islands were descendants of Gilchrist Maolan. It appears that Angus’s family took its surname from an ancestor called Maolmuire who was a member of the famous clan who were hereditary bards to the Lords of the Isles, the MacMhuirichs - a branch of whom became bards to Clanranald on Benbecula, where many of them were later known as Macphersons (in contrast to the majority of MacMhuirichs who later adopted the name Currie). They’re said to have been given that surname because Macphersons elsewhere had originally been known as *Clann Mhuirich*; and coincidentally, in Lochaber those Macphersons were thought to share a common descent with the Macmillans from Gille-Cattan. There are more coincidences however. The bardic MacMhuirichs are said at one time to have been lairds of Kilberry in Knapdale, before it became a MacMillan holding; to have had a rock charter for their lands from the Lords of the Isles; to have had a chief’s son flee from Knapdale after killing a prominent neighbour; and in the 15th century they were granted lands in the south of Kintyre, close to those in which the MacMillans were recorded at the beginning of the next century.

It appears that the more we learn about the Macmillans on the islands, the more we may discover about the rest of the clan, and hopefully our 2014 Gathering in the Hebrides will turn up more interesting discoveries.

Updated information about the Clan MacMillan Hebridean Homecoming 2014 Gathering - including a final booking form (to be submitted by 1st March 2014) - can be found on our website at www.clanmacmillan.org/Gathering2014.htm.

Clan MacMillan Genetic Genealogy: The BIG-Y Test for Chief George

by Gary McMillan, Ph.D.

The Clan MacMillan Surname Project at Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) currently has approximately 300 participants, including Chief George Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap. Chief George is identified by kit 35953, a descendant of Archibald MacMillan 1st of Dunmore, who died in 1676.

Participants in the project have donated funds to test Chief George's Y-Chromosome DNA through FTDNA's 111-marker Y-STR and Deep Clade-R tests, and his autosomal DNA through the Family Finder test.

As a result of the Y-DNA tests, Chief George's Short Tandem Repeat (STR) markers and his haplogroup have been determined and made available for comparison to other participant's test results. A large group of participants (over 60) are in the same haplogroup as Chief George and have a similar set of STR markers.

Chief George's haplogroup is identified by Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs), pronounced "SNiPs." A SNP is a DNA sequence variation occurring when a single nucleotide in the genome differs between paired chromosomes. Haplogroups are the major branches on the human paternal family tree, and each haplogroup has many subbranches, also known as subclades.

When one person is positive for a SNP and another person is negative for the same SNP, they are probably not related in genealogical timeframe (more about this later). On the other hand, if both men have matching SNP results, their STR marker results can be used to estimate how recently they share a common ancestor. A statistical analysis of the two sets of STR markers provides an estimate of the Time to Most Recent Common Ancestor (TMRCA) in terms of the number of generations back to the common ancestor. The statistical analysis actually yields a probability distribution that describes the likelihood of a common ancestor over a range of generations.

Chief George's haplogroup was initially predicted by FTDNA by examination of his STR markers. Over time, it has been observed that a haplogroup tends to have a limited range of values for select STR markers, and STR test results can be used to predict, but not guarantee, membership in a haplogroup.

Chief George provided a cheek swab in early 2005, and his DNA sample was used to perform a 37-marker STR test of his Y-chromosome. In 2006, the test was refined to 67 markers and in 2011 it was further refined to 111 markers. These STR results were used to predict

Chief George's haplogroup as R1b1a2a1a1a (FTDNA currently uses the ISOGG's 2010 haplogroup tree nomenclature). This prediction was confirmed in 2008 with the Deep Clade-R haplogroup test. Chief George's DNA was tested for specific SNPs and found to be P25 and U106 positive, placing him in the rather large haplogroup specified by SNP U106.

Chief George has been tested for SNPs L1, P107 and U198, downstream of U106, and found to be negative. Other members of the U106 haplogroup in the Clan MacMillan Surname Project, with STR markers very similar to Chief George's STR markers, have done extensive SNP testing and have not found any additional SNPs further down the branches of the paternal family tree.

The paternal family tree is defined by major haplogroups identified by the letters A, B, C through R. Each of these haplogroups is further broken down by subclades, with each major haplogroup and subclade defined by a SNP. As you can see, numerous SNPs are required to completely determine and specify Chief George's haplogroup R1b1a2a1a1a.

Researchers investigating SNPs initially focused on determining the deep ancestry of humans. Paternal haplogroup R1b1a2a1a1a, determined by SNP



Portrait of George MacMillan by Richard Hughes, taken on the Isle of Arran during the bicentenary celebrations for the birth of Daniel Macmillan (for which see the next page)

U106, arose from a genetic mutation that is believed to have occurred several thousand years ago (estimated by one source at 3100-3900 years ago).

As the genetic tree for deep paternal ancestry is determined, some researchers have turned their focus toward discovering SNPs that define the more recent genetic tree extending into the genealogical timeframe (last few hundred years). Indeed, as SNP research progresses, it appears that some SNPs are “private” and associated with a single surname, or “near private” and associated with a group of surnames.

At a conference in Houston, Texas, in November 2013, FTDNA announced the “BIG Y” test, which is “designed to explore the deep ancestral links on our

common paternal tree.” The BIG Y test uses the latest genetic sequencing equipment to determine genetic variations across at least 10 million base-pairs of the Y-Chromosome. The BIG Y test will examine both known SNPs and be used as a research tool to discover new SNPs. According to FTDNA, “BIG Y will test for thousands of paternal lineage branch markers (SNPs)... and detect new branch markers that are unique to your paternal lineage, surname, or even you.”

To further research into our deep ancestry, and more recent ancestry, even into the genealogical timeframe, the Clan MacMillan Surname Project plans to order the BIG Y test for Chief George.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Clan MacMillan Surname Project (females can take the Autosomal and Mitochondrial DNA tests through the project). MacMillans outside Scotland would particularly appreciate our Scottish cousins participation in the study, to help us locate the origin of our Scottish ancestors.

Donations are accepted through the project website, to provide for testing of Chief George and other Scottish cousins. Please visit the project at the following URL: <http://www.familyreedna.com/public/macmillan>



The Daniel Macmillan Bicentenary Weekend on the Isle of Arran

by David Pott

David Pott, an experienced long distance walker and local historian, invited MacMillans to join the weekend he had organised on the Isle of Arran to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of the publisher Daniel Macmillan. Chief George MacMillan and Marion McMillan from Glasgow joined the celebrations, about which David very kindly sent us this report.

Over the weekend of 13-15 September 2013 a number of events took place on the island of Arran where Daniel Macmillan, founder of Macmillan Publishers and grandfather of Harold Macmillan, was born on 13th September 1813.

On Friday, the weekend began with a walk to the Sannox graveyard where some of Daniel's relatives are buried and then up from the Cat Stone just north of Corrie to find the ruined croft where Daniel was born.

Once we had passed through the deer fence, it was a case of

traversing very rough ground southwards and upwards for a tough half mile.

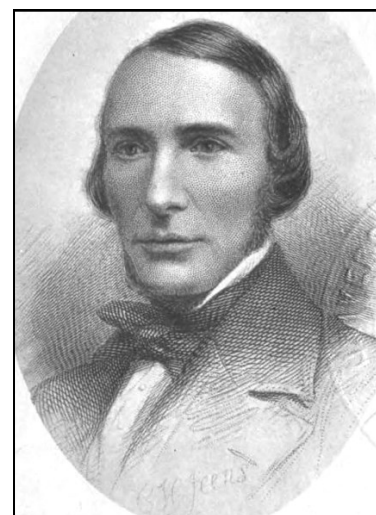
Even though I have been to the croft three times before, I still had some difficulty because of the bracken before I was able to locate the ruins and call the other walkers to join me.

It was very moving to reflect on the circumstances of Daniel's birth and imagine it occurring perhaps at this exact moment 200 years earlier. In that year of his birth, four of his older sisters had already died of TB.

We were able to make out the shape of the long house, but it is very sad that it was destroyed in a Scottish Commando exercise in 1940.

Our walkers included Sarah Macdonald who is head of external communications at Macmillan Science and Education, Marion McMillan from Glasgow and George Macmillan, who is the Macmillan Clan Chief. We were so glad that he was able to come and experience this special day with us.

Left: Walkers at Achog, the croft where Daniel Macmillan was born.



Daniel Macmillan 1813-1857

Richard Hughes of Edge2Edge Films was with us filming the weekend events and also taking photographs. His photograph of the Clan Chief whose features match the rugged outline of Cioch na h-Oighe so well, is a fine one [see page 15].

Saturday was a fine day for the circular walk to Cock Farm where Daniel's grandfather Malcolm was the tacksman and leader of that remote community. It was a photograph of this farm that Harold Macmillan kept on his desk at no 10 Downing Street to remind him of his humble origins. I shared here about the considerable influence Daniel Macmillan had on Harold Macmillan [British Prime Minister 1957-1963]

In the evening there was an old style ceilidh in honour of Daniel Macmillan at Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall. It included a superb meal prepared by the ladies of Lochranza and excellent entertainment, including a reading of Robert Burns *A Cottar's Saturday Night* which is mentioned in the biography of Daniel Macmillan as describing perfectly the sort of life Daniel would have known as a boy.

Other entertainment included songs from the period, poetry, storytelling and music provided by the Arranach Ceilidh Band.





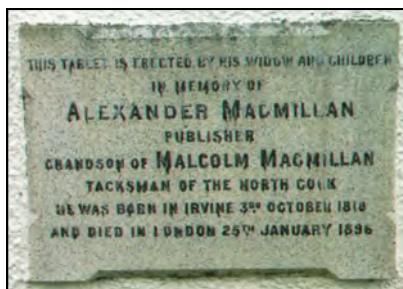
George Macmillan at the Cock of Arran during a clan gathering on the island in 1994

On Sunday pouring rain and gales prevented the walk to North Sannox ruins from taking place, but some filming took place in the church and manse at Sannox. Daniel's parents were founder members of the church and his uncle Alexander Mackay was the pastor there from 1806 to 1856.

Daniel was particularly fond of Uncle Alex and Aunt Janet (his father's sister) and stayed at the manse on a number of occasions. The weekend concluded in the afternoon with a short service in the church to reflect on the faith of Daniel Macmillan and to give thanks for his life and influence.

I will close this report with a few quotes about Arran from Daniel Macmillan's letters:

1831: *I went to Arran for a month. That quite restored me. I used to climb the highest hills. My body and mind had a complete rest, and I had time to meditate on many things.*



Above: The plaque at St Bride's Kirk, Lochranza, in memory of Daniel's brother Alexander.

July 1833: *I was very feeble when I reached Glen Sannox. My aunt told me today that she really thought I was coming to her house to die when she saw me first. She has locked up my quinine and all other medicines. I drink milk every morning just as I did at home. Aunt milks it with her own hand and brings it foaming to my bedside.*

I began to bathe yesterday... I did not feel at all well afterwards. Aunt says it always so after the first few days. I felt better today. I can walk a mile or two without feeling at all tired....

Aunt & I have long conversations. I am very fond of her.... I know all the people for miles around this neighbourhood. There is no village, only houses here and there.

The people are most simple. It is very pleasant to call on them and listen to their stories. They always seem glad to see me. They think I am dying and do all they can to cheer me up. They are the most thoughtful, and kind and tender-hearted and all without pretence.'

We are hoping to be able to produce a film about the influence of Arran in Daniel Macmillan's life. A clip of some of Richard Hughes's filming can be seen at <https://vimeo.com/74876181>.

Below: St Bride's Lochranza, where Angus McMillan served as Catechist from 1812 to 1822, and as Minister - jointly with the parish of Kilmory - from 1822 to 1834, when he took most of his congregation into the Free Church.



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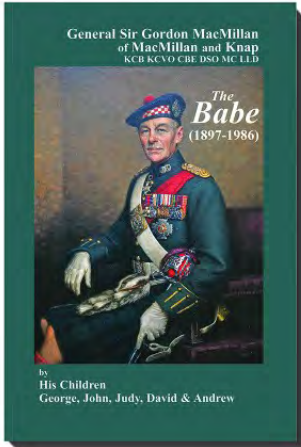
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General Sir Gordon MacMillan - The Babe (1897-1986) by His Children



Chief George MacMillan and his siblings have written a biography about their father. The overview on the back cover of the book might best describe it:

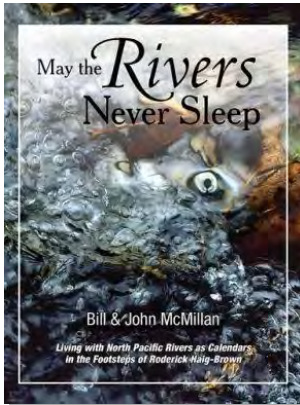
General Sir Gordon MacMillan's five children decided to write this life of their father to learn more about what he had done, and so allow their children and grandchildren to draw inspiration from the real man from whom they descended. Fascinating details came to light about his bravery in the First World War, his successes in command in the Second World War, his good fortune in surviving three assassination attempts during the last years of the British Mandate in Palestine, and his disagreement with Churchill over handling the delicate issues in Gibraltar. But this is not just a tale of a soldier and his military exploits, and of his subsequent engagement in the civilian and Clan activities in Scotland. It is a story that is placed in the broader family setting within which his children feel fortunate to have been brought up.

Each of Sir Gordon's four sons and one daughter, as well as one granddaughter, contribute content to the book, providing different perspectives and voices. John, also a general, applies his knowledge of military history to chapters on the First and Second World Wars and Sir Gordon's years in command of the British garrison of Gibraltar. Photos and content illustrate his encounters with British royalty and politicians including Winston Churchill and Queen Elizabeth. It is a unique view of the personal life and career of a highly decorated and influential soldier. At 218 pages, the book is also well illustrated, with numerous photos of family and military life, reproductions of important letters, documents, maps of key campaigns in which the general was involved and a family tree of his forebears.

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May the Rivers Never Sleep by Bill & John McMillan



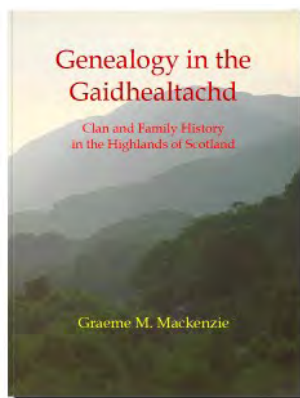
The essence of *May the Rivers Never Sleep* is the physical and biological tapestry of river time. Well-respected anglers in their own right, Bill and John McMillan have spent thousands of hours viewing rivers and fish, above and below water. Their revelations from snorkelling in rivers have led to its spread as a tool of science to protect fish, rivers, and related wildlife. The essays and gorgeous photographs in this book reflect Bill and John's lives largely spent on rivers as anglers, naturalists, and scientists - men struck by the wonder of the life of rivers. Pick up this book and be transported to the lush rivers of the Pacific Northwest - anytime, anywhere.

The Authors: Bill McMillan has lived daily beside Washington and Oregon rivers for 40 years, with related published writings, photography, and conservation activism. He was one of the founders of Wild Fish Conservancy in 1989 and its board president for ten years. His son John has been a salmon ecologist for the Hoh Tribe, Wild Salmon Center, and most recently NOAA Fisheries in the monitoring of salmon re-colonization related to dam removal on the Elwha River. He has specialized in underwater study of the life histories of salmon and trout with broadly published photography and science writings.

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Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd:

Clan and Family History in the Highlands of Scotland by Graeme Mackenzie



Graeme has been a professional genealogist since setting up *Highland Roots* in Inverness in the late 1980s. Though he has researched families from all over Scotland, he has specialised in Highland clans and families, and "Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd" distils some of the knowledge he has gained from his extensive work in this field. He uses examples to illustrate the particular problems of genealogy in the Highlands from research into his own family and the families of clients, as well as the experience he has gained over many years acting as the *Seanachaidh* (historian and genealogist) for Clan MacMillan and Clan MacKenzie.

The Chapter Titles illustrate the main subjects covered:

Getting on the Ancestral Trail; Certificates, Censuses, and Spelling; Church Registers and Naming Traditions; Given Names and Nicknames; Surnames and Septs; Clans and Parent Kindreds; Charter Chests and Traditional Tales; Emigrants and Explorers; Soldiers, Sailors, and East Indianmen; Connecting Cousins and Coming Home to the Highlands.

The 21 Appendices form an extensive guide to sources for clan and family history in the Highlands, listing and saying where to find such things as church registers, valuation rolls, sasine registers, kirk session minutes, poor law records, burial grounds and their transcriptions, archive centres, public libraries, clan centres, museums, and local heritage groups. UK £10 + P&P from Graeme or online via: www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org/HFHSothPublications.htm.

Colonel Phillip Carl McMillan 1943-2013

by George MacMillan

Like many others, I was sad to hear news of Phil's death on 15 September 2013. Though the immediate cause was a heart attack, he had warned friends that his body was breaking up – the delayed effect, he said, of exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. That had not, however, stopped him from working for the military far beyond the normal retirement date.

I spent a very happy and interesting night with Phil and Evelin on my way to the L.A. Gathering in 2008. Phil, who had been born on the East Coast, had joined the Church of Latter Day Saints some time after his marriage to Evelin, mainly because the local Bishop took the trouble to visit and thank him for paying his wife's tithes to the organisation. So, although he was a High Priest, he viewed the Church almost as an outsider. Though we hadn't time to visit the Tabernacle before setting off by car for L.A. – a journey he completed in a single day – he gave me plenty to ponder and admire about the Mormon way of life.

As a Trustee of the Clan Centre, Phil saved us huge quantities of bankers' fees by banking our dollars in Utah and converting them into sterling in large lumps when required. Like other soldiers I've known, he was dependable, focused and laconic

almost to the point of silence – and sometimes became exasperated by what he saw as civilian prolixity.

He first appeared on the Clan scene in 2000. But it was during the 'Great Return' of 2002 that he made his mark, noticing and quietly meeting needs that eluded the rest of us. He and his hired car were at everybody's disposal – so much so that some took him for a taxi-driver. Indeed, he once had to remind an over-bearing 'fare' that he was actually a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

Towards the end of our tour many of us took ship for the Isle of Bute. As we landed in Rothesay on a damp, lifeless Sunday evening, Phil stood at the top of the gangway keeping an eye on things. I was amused to see the man just ahead of me (who clearly thought Phil was a steward) casually hand him his empty glass as he went ashore.

In some ways it was surprising that Phil could be mistaken for anyone: he was a tall man; and, while the rest of us were muffled to the eyeballs against wind and rain, he could be seen wearing a short-sleeved shirt and short trousers – unassuming, perhaps, but a highly distinctive personality whose memory we cherish.



Pauline adds:

I had just started working for Clan MacMillan before the 2000 Gathering when I met Phil. He was a giant of a man whose last trip to Europe had been an extended tour with his daughters but this was his first time at a MacMillan Gathering.

When the group went down to Galloway, Phil chose to drive (probably finding coach seats allowed little leg-room) and I jumped at the chance of travelling with him along with Joan McMillan, Anaheim, who very soon began to suffer the symptoms of a migraine. I'm not sure this was helped by the very bumpy start we had driving through the endless roundabouts in Greenock when Phil, driving a "stick-shift" and having frequently to change gear, encountered the problem that each time he depressed the clutch with his large foot he braked as well. I spent a great deal of time on that trip chatting and we formed a lasting friendship. He was a very modest, perceptive and considerate man whose family life meant the world to him.



Jerry & Susan at a Clan MacMillan event

Lewis Jerome "Jerry" Stubbings 1935-2013

Jerry Stubbings, who died in the wee small hours of 10th August, will be sorely missed by the Glengarry & Ottawa Valley Branch of the clan for whom he had acted as Secretary and Communications Officer for many years.

Though Jerry tended to keep a low profile so far as the rest of the world was concerned, he was someone whose work behind the scenes was almost indispensable; keeping his members in touch, particularly through the branch website that he maintained.

Jerry had been a High School Teacher, and was also a talented musician - as this tribute recalls:

There were many fond memories of Jerry over all these years, yet by far our favourite one, was the time he was here in our house playing the Sax, for hours, then leaving and playing all the way back to your house. What a beautiful sound he could make.

www.legacy.com/guestbooks/ottawacitizen/guestbook.aspx

Our sympathies go out to his wife Susan [Drinkwater], his children, grandchildren, and other family.

Graeme Mackenzie

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

CTS was founded in 1995: Supporting the Clan MacMillan International Centre at Finlaystone, Scotland, and providing educational materials and events for Clan MacMillan and Sept members around the world.

There will be a CTS Investiture Service in the Griminish Church of Scotland, Isle of Benbecula, Outer Hebrides, Scotland, on Thursday afternoon, 26 June 2014, in conjunction with the Clan MacMillan International Gathering on Benbecula, 23 to 26 June 2014, preceding *Homecoming Scotland* on 28-30 June at Bannockburn, Stirlingshire.

To date, there are 3 new candidates for membership in CTS. **Daniel and Sherilyn Woodruff** of Williamston, SC, USA, are members of the Appalachian Branch. Dan is currently the State Secretary for the *South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution* and will be the State President in 2014. **Anne Heath Neuman** (Mrs Daniel) of Stouffville, ON, Canada, has been a very active member of the *Clan MacMillan Society of North America* (CMSNA) and President 2009-2010. Anne has taken over as Almoner for CTS from W. Dugal MacMillan who retired in January 2013. Anne will be given CTS honoris causa.



In June 2013, I visited the Griminish Church and Manse (photo at left) and met the Minister (photo at right). John B and I also drove around 5 of the Outer Hebridean Islands: Berneray, North Uist, Benbecula, South Uist, and Eriskay. The earliest church in Benbecula was most probably Teampull Chalumchille (Columba's Temple) whose ruins still remain on the easterly outskirts of the village of Balivanich (Township of the Monk). Today, Benbecula Parish Church of Scotland endeavors to continue the Christian witness and service started in this island by members of Columba's community from Iona in the sixth and seventh centuries. **A recent Benbecula connection** is Angus Macmillan's book "*Flora MacDonald of Benbecula*" (April 2010), which we purchased in Scotland in June 2013.

News of CTS members: **Norma I. McMillan, CTS** of Dutton, ON, Canada, recently gave another gift of \$500.00 to CTS. We thank Norma for her thoughtfulness and generosity. **Lillian DeGiacomo, CTS**, of Cavendish, VT, USA, turned 96 in August 2013. **Willie Logan McMillan, CTS**, of Jasper, TN, USA, passed away on 13 February 2013. **Phillip C. McMillan, CTS**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, died on 15 September 2013.

Grants by CTS to Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC): CTS has granted \$1,500USD to CMIC to date in 2013. The total CTS grant to CMIC is \$40,143USD since 1996 averaging \$2,230USD per year.

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CTS memberships: Join CTS at the next Gathering in Scotland in June 2014, or consider an annual donation to CTS.

CTS's two Tribute Funds:

(1) The 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.

(2) The Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund: Established 15 June 2005. Jane, was the wife of George, Chief of Clan MacMillan, and died of cancer on 27 June '05 at age 74 years. It is a fitting way to remember her tireless work, wisdom and friendship.

Bequests: Remember Clan MacMillan in your will or a Memorial Gift in memory of those who have died. Make all cheques payable to 'CLAN MACMILLAN'.

For further information about CTS Memberships, Donations, Tribute/Endowment Funds, Bequests or Memorial Gifts, please contact **Blanche McMillan, Abbot CTS**, 5364 Salem Road, Burlington, ON, L7L 3X3, Canada.

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For more information about the Community of the Tonsured Servant please go to **www.clanmacmillan.org/CTS.htm**

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Above right: Laurie Macmillan from New Zealand, who lives now with his wife Jo near London, finishes the Loch Ness Marathon in September. Their five year old daughter Mia (pictured below) ran the 400 metre "Wee Nessie" Race. Baxters sponsor these events, and Macmillan Cancer Support are the Official Charity supported by them.




Coming soon, the new Clan MacMillan International website created by professional website designer Mike McMillen of Minneapolis. The draft homepage is shown below.

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There are over 200 spellings of MacMillan and numerous septs including Bell, Blue, Baxter and Millan.



See details of a 2014 Clan MacMillan Gathering including a tour of the Highlands and Outer Hebrides.




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Clan MacMillan



Knapdale



Lochaber



Galloway



Septs and Related Names

Baxter	MacGhillemaoil
Bell	MacIldonich
Blue	MacIlveil/MacIlvoyle
Brown	MacMaoldonich
Cathan/Cannan	MacNuccator
Calman/Colmin	Melanson
Laney/Lenie	Millan/Mullan
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