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Stewart & Doug MacMillan, from the USA, at the grave of an ancestor in Southend, Kintyre

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Some Highlights from 2018



The Clan MacMillan Society of North America in Maine - see pages 22 & 23 for report and further pictures



The Lord Lyon with Clan MacMillan at the Loch Norman Highland Games in April



Carol Morris and Edd McMillan shelter from the sun at the Smoky Mountain Games in Maryville TN in May



The chief's son Arthur serving MacMillans visiting with the Highland Roots Ancestral Tour Group in September



The Appalachian Branch get ready to march at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia in October



Clan Chief, Donald Cameron of Lochiel (front centre), after lunch at a local restaurant with members of the Association of Highland Clans and Societies during their visit to the Clan Cameron Museum in October



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ADVANCE WARNING to C.M.I. subscribers.

Owing to the labour and expense involved in despatching paper versions of the Clan Centre periodicals (Newsletter and Magazine), we're planning to send out periodicals in electronic version only as from early 2020: the last paper version of the Magazine will be issued in December 2019 (that being the second of the two periodicals due to members who have subscribed for 2019). We hope we'll be forgiven by the few loyal members who still receive the paper version. It ought to be possible to print off a copy from the electronic version, if need be. Please note that arrangements for memberships for 2019 remain exactly as they have been for previous years.

Editorial

I have to start by apologising once more for the late publication of this magazine. It should come out in December, but once again it's already mid-January as I write the final lines for this edition. Christmas and the New Year are always busy times, and on this occasion the fact that I spent these holidays in America (an interesting, and most enjoyable experience) will only partly serve as an excuse.

All of us associated with CMI and the Clan Centre have been saddened by the recent passing of Dr Lamar McMillin, and I hope what George and I - and Blanche for the CTS - have said on pages 18 & 19 will properly convey what a loss he is to us all. On a happier note, I was delighted to find Susan Bell - the wife of Clan Centre Trustee Robert Bell - on very good form at the Stone Mountain Games after her recent illness. She had her hands full with her lovely grand-daughter Allie (Logan and Sarah Bell's daughter), along with the many other children who throng the Clan MacMillan tent at these and other games in the USA. The success of the Appalachian Branch in attracting the participation of the younger generation is something the rest of us could usefully learn from - especially here in Scotland, where most societies (of all clans) are run by a small group of elderly people desperately worrying about who will be there to take over from us.

2018 was the "Year of Young People" in Scotland, and at the Clans and Families Forum - a government sponsored liaison committee which I attend on behalf of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies - building on it for future years was a major topic for discussion.

Of more immediate concern for me is my upcoming lecture tour - speaking about Highland history and genealogy - in New Zealand and Australia, in the second half of February and throughout March. I look forward to seeing CMI members, and other MacMillans, over there. You can find details of the tour at www.highlandroots.net/new-zealand-australia-2019-current-tour-itinerary.html

News from the Clan around the World

CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA - from their Newsletter



Photo courtesy of the VAFHO blog

The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia manned an information table at the VAFHO Family History EXPO at Sale on Saturday the 21st April. If you look very closely you can spot us talking to the lady in the red shirt and the man in the red hat, top left of this photo. Their next Family History Expo will be in Hamilton Western VIC. 1st June 2019 for more details check out their website <https://www.vafho.org.au/>

President's Report, July 2018

It has been very cold this year which is to be expected, but also extremely dry. There are very few opportunities to attend Highland Gatherings and the like but that's not to say we haven't been busy.

In April Mick McMillan and I attended the Victorian Association of Family History Organisations (VAFHO) Family History Expo in Sale [see above]. It was a well attended event and we had many interested people visit our table and take away our flyers and postcards.

In May I was in Melbourne for the GSV (Genealogy Society of Victoria) groups meeting. Their new office is located at 85 Queen street Level 6. As your representative I am authorised to make family history enquiries on CMSA members behalf. Do some research on the GSV website beforehand and email me your enquiry and I'll see what I can do.

In July a group of CMSA members attended the Kirkin of the Tartan at Scot's Church in Melbourne. The event which is usually held on the 1st Sunday in July was moved to the 22nd this year due to the Melbourne Tartan Festival. Looking at their Facebook page (Melbourne Tartan Festival) I see they plan on continuing the event next year. That however needs to be confirmed.

AGM: Due to the secretary being away in August we have postponed the Annual General Meeting of the Society till Saturday 22nd September when she will be back home. The meeting will be at Mick and Mary-Anne McMillan's home in Upwey.

In October we will be attending the Scots of Victoria's 2018 AGM at Flemington which includes a seminar and Lunch usually followed by some entertainment with a Scottish theme. *Kaye O'Reilly*

NORTH CENTRAL STATES BRANCH (USA)



The NCS Branch's Scots-Irish display attracted a lot of attention at this year's Minnesota Scots-Irish Fair

The branch will be at these events in 2019:

June (Date To Be Announced):

Chicago Scots Highland Games, Itasca, IL

July 20:

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Eagan

September (Date To Be Announced):

Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival
& Highland Games, Buffalo

Minnesota get-togethers:

February 8, April 6, and June 8.

Times and Venues To Be Announced.

<http://clanmacmillan.org/pages/societies/ncs/>

CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Forthcoming Events listed in the CMSNZ Newsletter for October 2018

3 November 2018: 8th Hororata Highland Games, Hororata Domain, Hororata Rd, Canterbury.

3 November 2018: 17th Upper Hutt Highland Gathering, Harcourt Park, Akatarawa Rd.

17 November 2018: 43rd Auckland Highland Games, Ellerslie Event Centre, 80 Ascot Avenue, Remuera, Auckland.

8 December 2018: 39th Jenny Mair Highland Square Day, Palmerston North

1 January 2019: 148th Waipu Highland Games, Caledonian Park, St.Mary's Road, Waipu.

26 January 2019: 155th Turakina Highland Games, Turakina Domain, Cameron Road, Turakina

26 January 2019: 143rd Waimate Caledonian Games, Victoria Park, Queen Street, Waimate.

9 February 2019: Annual Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo at the Paeroa Domain.

9 February 2019: 'Pipes in the Park' at Waitangi Park, Wellington Waterfront from 10.00am.

17 February 2019: The AGM will be held on Sunday the 17th of February at time & place to be advised in the January newsletter.

6 April 2019: The 53rd Dunedin Highland Games and Festival.

PACIFIC BRANCH (USA) - from *The Tonsured Times* for November 2018

President's Message:

I am happy to report that we are making headway on our new banners for the clan tent. We took time during the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura to discuss some ideas. I want to thank Michelle Mullins for her hard work putting together the first drafts of the banners. I also appreciated the comments from the rest of the officers. The end result will be worth the effort. I want to thank Veronica Cooper for volunteering to help out with our Facebook page. The Facebook page has been very quiet for way too long. I am sure that with Veronica's help we will be able to communicate better with each other.

Several years ago some of the ladies from several clans started getting together on Sunday mornings during the Highland Games to share some refreshments and visit with each other. They started calling themselves the Celtic Warrior Women. I think it is great that the ladies of our clan join together with the ladies of other clans to support each other and our common Scottish heritage. Their example has spread beyond Southern California to other Highland Games around the nation. The men also enjoy the left-over snacks. I hope that all of our extended Clan MacMillan family finds their share of happiness during the holiday season. Remember to strengthen family ties and to forgive others for their mistakes. **Ron Mullins**

Among Our Own:

We note that Richard and Ann Jason just returned in Sept. from a wonderful trip to Scotland where they were part of the Highland Roots Ancestral Tours for the second year in a row. They shared many of their photos on Facebook for us to enjoy. Speaking of trips, Richard and Kelley Saunders just returned early Oct from Richard's home country, England, where they visited with family and friends and did plenty of sight-seeing as well. They, too, kept us up to date with their photos on line. And then, Linda Cooke flew to Venice with a friend this summer, boarded a ship to Croatia, Montenegro, & Greece where they had awe inspiring tours. Fred and Judy Young loved showing Pres. Ron and Michelle around our Idaho area for a few days in July. Of course the Mullins took a trip into Yellowstone while there.

News From the Games:

Portland Games - July 21st (Oregon): These are a one day games. I set up on Fri. with the site open on Saturday. A number of MacMillans signed the guest sheet and one paid for a new membership. A lot of questions and answers. All had a good time. **Report by Connall Bell.**

Douglas County Games - Aug. 25th (Oregon): This year at a new site, a winery in Sutherland. It was a small site that worked very well. It even got a write-up in the local paper. It shows promise and I hope they continue to use the same venue next year. Plus they are dog friendly. **Report by Connall Bell.**

Pleasanton - Sept 1-2: Convener, David Eddy, reports that the games committee this year decided every tent on Clan Row should have a shady tree, which does help on the usually very warm Labor Day weekend, but that separated the tents so much that the usual stroll from tent to tent was difficult. Nonetheless, we netted two new memberships and sold a couple of shirts.

Seaside (Ventura) Oct. 13-14: The weather was perfect for this games' weekend. Many members stopped by the tent, plus visitors. We signed up one new member and sold some shirts. Saturday evening we were joined by the Donalds for a great time at the Barrelhouse 101 restaurant and on Sunday, the women of MacMillan hosted The Celtic Women Warriors at our tent. Thanks to Michelle for her planning and oversight. **Judy Young.**

APPALACHIAN BRANCH (USA) - from *The Chatterbox* for August 2018



Appalachian Branch at the Grandfather Mountain Games

From The President's Pen

What an incredible year we have had. Sarah, Butch, and I have successfully led the clan in our first year of events, and Butch has fearlessly worked out the kinks in our finances.

Some highlights from the year include winning the Most Outstanding Scottish Spirit Award at Stone Mountain this past fall, getting the Florida Highland Games off the ground, having a dry Loch Norman Games, and having such an incredible turn-out at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this summer. It goes beyond words the admiration we have for our clan members who put so much time and energy into making our clan such a priority. We thank you for this!

One of our clan members told me at Grandfather this summer, that our children were our future. Our future of this clan, our future in this world. He was so right. We have so many children involved in our clan, and more importantly than this, they all get along and consider each other friends and family. This means so much to us and we are so humbled by these incredible relationships that are forming. I have always said this clan is a family, and our children's friendships are proving this to be true.

Thank you all for making this the best clan, and for such an amazing first year. We can't wait to see everyone again this fall at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, and then again at the Central Florida Highland Games in January!

As always, please let us know any and all celebrations we can share with our family, or anything we can do to better serve this Clan.

Logan Bell

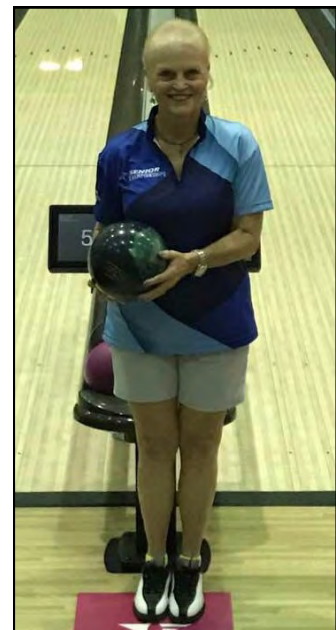


Above: Some of the children of Clan MacMillan who competed and won awards in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Right: Allie Bell, daughter of President Logan and Secretary Sarah Bell.



Right: Teresa McMillan finished in the top twenty of the Championship Tournament in the National Bowling Stadium where one person from every state competed.



Macmillans/McMillans and Whisky/Whiskey

Ian Macmillan (pictured right) is the Master Distiller & Blender at the Bladnoch Distillery near Wigtown in Galloway. He hails from Balfroun in Stirlingshire, and has an ancestor who was imprisoned for illegal distilling. His first job in a distillery was at Glengoyne, and after working for a while in the gin business in London, he returned to Scotland to join *Burn Stewart*, the owners of the Deanston, Tobermory and Bunnahabhain distilleries.



The Bladnoch Distillery was founded in 1817 by John and Thomas McClelland (whose parent clan, the MacLellans, share a common origin with the MacMillans), and went through a number of takeovers and partial closures before being mothballed in 2009. In 2015 it was bought by an Australian businessman David Prior who asked Ian to help refurbish it. It started distilling again in 2017, and will be marketing its first new malts in 2020. In the meantime, Ian has created a new blend called the *Pure Scot* which is described as “the perfect balance of provenance and progression” and aimed at “a younger demographic who enjoy Scotch as a social drink”. For more see www.scotchwhisky.com/magazine/interviews/



McMillan Distillery, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA

Founded in 2011 by Curtis McMillan, who is “Certified in Modern Moonshine Techniques”, and Randall Bird, an accredited “Master of Whiskies”.

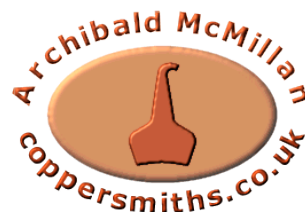
We will be creating our own style of whiskey which will be marketed to the United States. Our initial batch will have undergone the natural process of aging so it will be available in about 4 years and we have the ability to sell this product now under a "futures" style of sales and generate capital right away. We will have our own brand of whiskey that will display our distinctive talents and we will be able to provide the marketplace with access to our brand through our strategic distribution partners.

Stuart McMillan (right) is the Director and co-founder of the *Kinrara Distillery* - “The home of hand-crafted Highland spirits” - at Lynwilg, near Aviemore. Since it was only started in 2017, it will some years before the Kinrara Distillery produces its own single malt whisky, but in the meantime it’s already generating a lot of interest with its “Highland Dry” craft gin.



Stuart was previously the Manager of the *Strathearn Distillery* at Methven, near Perth, which calls itself “Scotland’s Original Craft Distillery”. It too has created craft gins (“Strathearn Scottish Gin” and “Strathearn Heather Rose Gin”) and a golden rum called “Dunedin”.

What do many of the most famous distilleries around the world have in common? McMillan Stills, manufactured in Prestonpans, near Edinburgh, by McMillan Ltd - originally Archibald McMillan Ltd, Coppersmiths, a company founded in 1867.



The Jacobite Risings from 1689 to 1719



King James VII of Scotland & II of England (pictured left painted by Peter Lely) was removed from his two thrones in Great Britain by the “Glorious Revolution” of 1688 - largely because he was a Roman Catholic. He was replaced by his Protestant daughter

Mary and her husband William, Prince of Orange, who thus became King William III of England and II of Scotland (the only previous Scottish king with that name was William “The Lion” who reigned from 1165 to 1214). Mary was the second Queen of that name in both kingdoms - her Scottish predecessor being the subject of a new film that it is predicted will attract a fresh flow of visitors to Scotland keen to see the sites associated with her that appear in the film (such as Linlithgow Palace).

Supporters of the exiled King James (called “Jacobites” because the Latin version of his name was *Jacobus*) rose in Scotland to try and restore him to the throne under the leadership of John Graham, Viscount Dundee - known in the Highlands as “Bonnie Dundee” but in Galloway as “Bloody Clavers” because of his persecution of the Covenanters during the “Killing Times”. Dundee won a famous victory over the Williamite forces at the Battle of Killiecrankie (27 July 1689) in which a prominent role was played by Lochiel’s Regiment of Camerons - which would have included a company of Lochaber MacMillans led by their then chief, who was probably the John mac Ewen who was recorded in 1684 as *John McIlveil in Morlaggan in Locharclack*.

James himself attempted to reclaim his lost kingdoms by landing in the colony of Ireland, where he enjoyed strong support from the majority Roman Catholic population. The Protestant minority in the north of Ireland however - many of them Scots settlers (including a substantial number of McMillans from Argyll and Galloway) - resisted fiercely, especially during the famous Siege of Londonderry (April to August 1689), and eventually James was defeated at the Battle of the Boyne (12 July 1690) and forced to go back into exile.

Following the death in 1694 of Queen Mary and then in 1702 of King William, Mary’s sister Anne came to the thrones of Scotland and England, which at this stage remained separate kingdoms. In 1707 however the Act of Union created the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Though risings were being plotted by Jacobites in 1706 and 1708 - as a result of which Sir Ewen Cameron of Lochiel was imprisoned by the government as a precautionary measure - no major rising occurred again until after the death of Queen Anne in 1714, when she was succeeded as King of Great Britain by “German Geordie”, the Elector of Hanover. “The ‘15” was a substantial rising, but was plagued by poor leadership, and by the late arrival in Scotland of “The Old Chevalier” - the son and heir of the late King James. Once again the Camerons, and their MacMillan followers in Lochaber, came out for the Jacobites; but their role at the indecisive Battle of Sheriffmuir (13 November 1715) was far from glorious, and John Cameron of Lochiel was forced to join his king in exile - as may also have been the chief of the Lochaber MacMillans.

The next Jacobite Rising was the one to be commemorated in June of this year, with a weekend of events in and around Inverness and in Kintail, where the actual rising took place. The Jacobite forces, which included the Camerons (and MacMillans) and contingents from several other clans (notably the MacKenzies, MacGregors, MacDonnells of Glengarry, and the MacKinnons) rendezvoused with a company of Spanish troops at Eilean Donan Castle (an old MacKenzie stronghold held for the Earl of Seaforth by the Macraes) before marching up Glen Shiel en route to Inverness. At the top of the pass they were confronted by a government force that included, alongside regular regiments, contingents of the Hanoverian clans such as the Munros, the Mackays and the Sutherlands. Using mortars to devastating effect, the Hanoverian forces won the day in the glen, while back in Kintail, the British Navy captured and destroyed Eilean Donan Castle - which was rebuilt in the early 1900s by the Macraes, and has become one of the most visited and photographed castles in Scotland (the photo below was taken by Carol Millican Morris).



Battle of Glenshiel Commemoration 7-9 June 2019

The **Association of Highland Clans & Societies [AHCS]** and **The 1745 Association** are organising a weekend of events in June to mark the 300th Anniversary of the 1719 Jacobite Rising and the Battle of Glenshiel.

On Friday 7th June, the 1745 Association are organising visits to the battlefield at Culloden, and to Moy Hall - the seat of the Chief of the Mackintoshes, which was visited by Bonnie Prince Charlie two months before the last battle of the Jacobite Risings (i.e. Culloden). In the evening The 1745 Association will host talks about the Jacobite Movement and the events of 1719, in the Craigmorie Hotel, Inverness.

On Saturday 8th June, the AHCS are laying on buses to take participants to Eilean Donan for special tours of the castle. The National Trust for Scotland, who have custody of the battle site in Glenshiel, will have displays about the battle, and present a brief talk about it, in Dornie Village Hall during the morning and through lunchtime. In the afternoon the buses will shuttle participants to the battle site, where invited guests - including the chiefs of the clans that took part in the battle (on both sides) - will lay wreaths for the fallen as part of the commemorative event.

The buses will then return to Inverness where Clan MacKenzie will host an all-clan ceilidh at the Mercure Hotel during the evening.

On Sunday 9th June, it's hoped to have an all-clan "Kirking of the Tartan", either in Inverness cathedral or in the old High Kirk of Inverness - the event that will conclude the weekend's activities.

TICKETS & BOOKING

All events must be booked and paid for in advance. Separate tickets will be available for the four paid portions of the weekend, as follows:

Friday 7 June - Day: £50 per person, which includes bus seat to/from Inverness, and entrance and guided tours at Moy Hall and Culloden Battlefield. Lunch and refreshments will be available to purchase at the Culloden Visitor Centre.

Friday 7 June - Evening: £10 per person, for talks on The Early Jacobite Risings and the Context of The '19 at the Craigmorie Hotel, which includes Tea/Coffee. A cash bar will be available.

Saturday 8 June - Day: £60 per person for Kintail Day, which includes bus seat to/from Inverness, entrance and guided tour of Eilean Donan Castle, displays and a talk by NTS in Dornie Village Hall, transport to and from the battle site at Glenshiel, and the commemoration ceremony. Lunch and refreshments available in the café at Eilean Donan.

Saturday 9 June - Evening: £10 per person for ceilidh at the Mercure Hotel. Cash bar. Bar suppers available - to be booked in advance separately.

Sunday 10 June - Day: Kirking of the Tartan - time and venue to be confirmed. No charge.

Advance booking will be available to members of clans belonging to the AHCS (includes MacMillans) from 9th February - using the *Tercentenary of Glenshiel* booking form. If you wish to receive the booking form, which will be sent only by email on or after the 9th February, please request one from graeme@highlandroots.net.

HRAT 2019 Clan MacMillan Tour to Perthshire & Lochaber Clanlands

Carol Morris's **Highland Roots Ancestral Tours [HRAT]** are offering a 2019 Clan MacMillan Tour that will include full participation in the *Tercentenary of Glenshiel [TOG]* events.

The tour will start in Glasgow on 2 June going to Bannockburn and the first base hotel in Perth. Day Two will take in Scone Palace, Dunkeld, Loch Tayside, and Balquidder (Rob Roy's grave). Day Three will be in Dundee in the morning (RRS Discovery and the V&A Design Museum), and at Falkland Palace (Outlander film site) and Abernethy (11th century round tower) in the afternoon. Day Four will include a sail on Loch Katrine in the steamer *Sir Walter Scott* and a visit to the Leny Mausoleum at Callander.

Day Five will be spent visiting the Clan Cameron Museum and the Lochaber Clan MacMillan lands on Loch Arkaiside, en route to the seaside resort of Nairn, the base for the second part of the tour.

Day Six will include a sail on Loch Ness, a visit to Urquhart Castle and MacMillan homes in Glenurquhart, and the Wardlaw Mausoleum (another Outlander site) before going into Inverness for the evening TOG event.

On Day Seven the tour party will go to Eilean Donan Castle and Glenshiel to take part in the TOG events, and will join Clan MacKenzie at their ceilidh in the evening. On Day Eight, participation in the TOG Kirking of the Tartan will be followed by a private visit to Culloden - where the Lochaber MacMillans fought as part of the Cameron Regiment.

On Day Nine the party will visit the Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore and will tour the distillery at Dalwhinnie en route to Paisley, the base for the last two days of the tour.

Day Ten will take the tour on a ferry to the Isle of Bute to visit spectacular Mount Stuart. In the afternoon, back on the mainland, there will be a tour of the gardens and clan centre at Finlaystone, the home of the Clan Chief. The last day of the tour will feature a visit to Paisley Abbey, a famous kiltmakers in Paisley, and a farewell lunch at the Fox 'n' Hounds pub in Houston.

For full details of the tour, please visit the HRAT website: www.highlandrootsancestraltours.com or ring Carol on +1-865-765-1120. *Please note that though this tour is for MacMillans, it is a private venture and not connected to CMI.*

The MacMillans and the Last Jacobite Rising

An edited extract from Graeme Mackenzie's "Clan MacMillan: A New History" which takes up the story of the Lochaber branch of the clan after the 1719 rising.

After Glenshiel, it was to be twenty six years before "Old Lochiel"—as he had now become following the death of his father Sir Ewen—would return to the Highlands for the last time. In the meantime the affairs of Clan Cameron were left in the hands of his young son Donald; the man who would be known to posterity as the "Gentle Lochiel". Though he shared his father's Jacobite sympathies, Donald was more concerned in these years with estate management than high politics, and not all the measures that he adopted to that end would have been agreeable to the MacMillans and other clans on Loch Arkaigside who traditionally held their lands from Lochiel by sword-service, and supplemented their income by reiving (cattle-rustling). Young Donald had spent a considerable part of his youth in the household of his mother's relative, and his feudal superior, the Duke of Argyll; and while he could never see eye-to-eye with the Campbell chief when it came to politics, he probably learnt a great deal from him about keeping the peace amongst his tenants and enhancing his income from the lands they lived on.

Though Lochiel had little scope on his mountainous estates for the sort of agricultural changes that the Argylls had been pioneering on their more fertile lands (i.e. consolidating farms and introducing new crops and techniques), he followed his father's and grandfather's examples by exploiting the one asset available to him on most of his land; its timber. The great oak forests on the north shore of Loch Arkaig, where many of his MacMillan tenants lived, were sold to timber merchants, thus hastening the transition of the once wooded mountainsides to the bare slopes we now see (fortunately some of the woods on the south side of the loch were retained, and Lochiel replanted around his house at Achnacarry). Tree bark was used in the burgeoning tanning industry in Ireland, and in 1722 Lochiel sold to an Irish merchant sufficient trees for felling and stripping to fill a thousand barrels with oak bark; and the following year he sold "... the heal [whole] woods lying within the bounds of Locheil, Glenlu, and Loch Arkaik". An incidental result of this may well have been the introduction of leading MacMillans to the lumber business, which a number of the Murlagan family were later to be involved with in Canada, and where in the twentieth century H. R. MacMillan was to become one of the greatest lumber tycoons of all time.

Of more immediate concern to those living on the rocky shores of Loch Arkaig was Young Lochiel's avowed intent to try and suppress cattle reiving. This is alluded to by the English army engineer Captain Burt, who was sent to the Highlands in the 1720s to help build General Wade's network of military roads. He reports in his "Letters from the North of Scotland" that the chief of the Camerons "... whose clan has been particularly stigmatized for those violences, has, as I am very well informed, strictly forbidden any such vile practices, which has not at all recommended him to some of his followers". The MacMillans in particular may have been unhappy with such moves since they were renowned for their skill as reivers, as this old Lochaber song collected by Somerled MacMillan recalls:

*Tha Maolanaich ann an Arcaig,
In Arcaig are MacMillans,
Bu mhaith air slaodadh na creich iad,
Who drive the herds from shealings.
'S fhad's a mhaireas ni aig Cataich
In Sutherland they're the villains,
Cha bhi ac' ach leum air
So bent are they on stealing.*

Some of the tracks from Skye that would have been used by the Dunmore MacMillans in their legitimate cattle droving business went through glens north and west of Loch Arkaig which were occupied by their distant cousins of Clann 'ic 'illemhaoil Abrach. It may not be too fanciful therefore to envisage an unofficial arrangement that would have benefitted both branches of the clan, as well probably as the dynasty of MacMillan "fleshers" that became prominent in Edinburgh's butchery business in the 17th and 18th centuries.

How successful Locheil was in attempting to crackdown on reiving is not known, but his efforts might have been in part responsible for the tradition of *Mac Eòghainn Òig* and the last *creach* ("spoil") from Skye, which Somerled MacMillan recounts in "Bygone Lochaber". For the Locheils this was not just a matter of law and order, since they had to pay compensation to neighbouring lairds for the depredations of their clansmen. Thus we find in the *Inventory of Lochiel Charters* references to a number of such payments made in the late 17th and early 18th century to lairds and tacksmen such as MacKenzie of Fairburn (in Easter Ross), MacAulay in Glenshiel (in Wester Ross),



Loch Arkaig, looking from Murlagan towards Glenpean. Photo by Pauline Simpson.

Macnab in Balquidder (in Perthshire), and Grant of Shewglie (in Glen Urquhart, Inverness-shire). Locheil no doubt made sure he got the money back from his errant clansmen, by one means or another (and in the bad old days, when the chiefs winked at such ventures—which were considered good training for more warlike exercises—they simply took a cut from the proceeds).

One case in the Inventory is of particular interest, since it not only shows the guilty party having to pay the compensation himself—to Kenneth MacKenzie of Scatwell—but this “Cameron” was more than likely a rather important MacMillan, as is suggested by subsequent entries in the Inventory. He lived in Glenpean and appears in the compensation discharge of January 1697 (which had cost him 200 merks) as *Euen Cameron therein designed McWilliam Vic Inneis* (“son of William son of Angus”). In June of the same year this same man paid Lochiel 500 merks for a wadset of “Far Glenpean” (a.k.a. Glenpean Mor), and by 1718 his wadset was worth 1,000 pounds (equivalent of about 1,500 merks).

MacMillans had been in Glenpean since at least 1617, and following the insertion of a branch of the MacGillonies in the lower, east end of the glen (known as Glenpean Beg), the MacMillan holding was confined to the western or upper end of the glen, which was known as Glenpean Mor. *Angus vic Ian vic Wm. vic Conchie Van* was one of the MacMillan tenants there in 1661, and it looks likely that the *Euen McWilliam Vic Inneis* who became wadsetter of Glenpean Mor in 1697 was his grandson (though we can’t be certain of that).

In 1717 one of the tenants of Murlagan (alongside Archibald and Duncan mac Ewen mhic Ian) was a *Ewen mac Angus Van*, and this may have

been the same man as the wadsetter of Glenpean. If that was so, then it’s quite likely he’s also the *Ewn Cameron* who succeeds *Archibald Cameron* as the Tacksman of Murlagan later in 1718; though the former could equally well have been the son of the latter. Such speculations—which they have to be, given the lack of patronymics and the indiscriminate use of the surname Cameron for the leading MacMillans at this time—are based on the assumption that MacMillan of Murlagan (i.e. the current chief of the Lochaber clan) had the right to nominate who in his immediate family would have the tack of Glenpean, which it seems was often the holding of the eldest son. This system however may have been disrupted when the Lochiels, who were perpetually in debt at this time, chose to deal directly with those MacMillans who could afford to pay for a wadset. In a process that appears perhaps to have paralleled what happened in Knapdale, cousins of the chief who had probably also made their money, legally or illegally, in the cattle trade (Loch Arkaigside being one of the main drove routes from the west coast) paid for a holding that would otherwise have gone to a closer relative of Murlagan. If that was the case, and tenancies in Glenpean were thus denied to Murlagan’s brothers, this might explain why the Duncan mac Ewen mhic Ian who was in Murlagan with his brother Archibald in 1717, next appears in Glen Urquhart, to which local tradition says, he had migrated from Loch Arkaigside with two other brothers in the early 18th century.

It was reported to the Laird of Grant that MacMillans were amongst the many of his Glenurquhart and Glenmoriston tenants who came out with the Jacobites in 1715, though he wasn’t apparently able to discover their names.

The Myths and Realities of "The '45"

Though the Jacobites continued to plot through the 1720s, '30s, and early '40s, it was not until the great European nations and their colonies became embroiled in a prolonged international war that the time was judged right for another descent on Scotland by a Stuart claimant to the throne of Great Britain and Ireland. However, the men who decided exactly when and how it was to be done were not "King" James VIII & III (the "Old Chevalier"), who languished a long way from the action in Rome, nor his most dedicated and loyal supporters on the ground where it was to happen; but a scheming French government for whom such a rising was a mere sideshow designed to draw British troops back from the war on the continent, and a rash young pretender whose charm made it possible and whose impulsivity doomed it to failure. No better account of the context in which it happened and the reasons for its failure can be found than in the beautifully written biography of the chief for whom the majority of the Jacobite MacMillans fought in this last great rising: "Lochiel of The '45" by John S. Gibson (Edinburgh, 1994).

The events of 1745-46 have achieved near legendary status because of the great highs (Prestonpans & Falkirk) and tragic lows (Derby & Culloden) that befell the Jacobites, and because of the black and white ways in which its lead characters can be portrayed (the loyal chief, the bonnie Prince, brave Flora, butcher Cumberland). Just as the story as a whole has been exaggerated and mythologised over centuries, so have the tales told about each clan's involvement; and none more so, than that of the MacMillans. This may in part be due to the fact that so little was known when the early clan histories were being written about any MacMillan involvement in The '45.

The Rev. Dr Hugh Macmillan has no mention of The '45, and in "The MacMillans and their Septs" the Rev. Somerled MacMillan goes so far as to say, "...the MacMillans were not out in force as a clan". By the time he came to write "Bygone Lochaber", Somerled knew better, but he nonetheless persisted with his story that MacMillan of Murlagan told Lochiel he would only support the rising if Prince Charles attended the Kilmallie kirk and publically renounced his Catholicism (and this time he even quotes a Gaelic verse "... that someone was inspired to compose ..." in support of this tale). Somerled's account of the clan's participation at Culloden is also mired by his acceptance of a "family tradition" provided by the twentieth century claimants to the Murlagan inheritance that conveniently kills off the heir at Culloden, so as to open the way for their line, though it's a story that makes no sense and has no evidence to support it.

When however it comes to evidence about the MacMillans' participation in The '45, it's very thin indeed. However, the fact there was a MacMillan company in Lochiel's regiment, commanded by its own officers, is proved by three names in the membership register of the Buchanan Society in Glasgow, entered at the time when the Jacobite army was in that city after its retreat from England: *Ewen M'Gilvaile, Captain, of Murlagan; Finlay M'Gilvaile, Lt., at Urquhart, Inverness-shire; Dougal M'Gilvaile, Locharkaig, Inverness-shire.* Captain Ewen MacGhillemhaoil of Murlagan is assumed to be the son of John MacMillan of Murlagan, who by 1745 may have been too old to command the clan in battle (or perhaps, like many other chiefs, was trying to protect his clan's position in what was seen to be a particularly risky venture, by not going out in person). Dougal MacGhillemhaoil is assumed to be the *Dugald Mclan Mclluvail McMillan* who was a sub-tenant of Glenpeanmore in 1746, and he was probably another of Murlagan's sons. Finlay MacGhillemhaoil from Glen Urquhart was probably Murlagan's nephew, and he's the man we know most about.

As previously reported, Glen Urquhart tradition tells of three brothers, closely related to Murlagan, coming to the Glen from Loch Arkaiside, one of whom was the father of Culloden participant Finlay MacMillan. As an officer in Lochiel's regiment, Finlay went by the name of Cameron, and as such he was a hero, at least in the eyes of a French officer that he encountered on the battlefield. The Chevalier Johnstone recalled in his memoirs how he found himself unhorsed and in considerable peril in the midst of the battle, when he espied a rider-less mount:

The idea of being yet able to escape, gave me fresh strength and served as a spur to me. I ran and laid hold of the bridle which was fast in the hand of a man lying on the ground, whom I supposed dead. What was my surprise, when the cowardly poltroon, who was suffering from nothing but fear, dared to remain in the most horrible fire to dispute the horse with me at twenty paces from the enemy? All my menaces could not induce him to quit the bridle. Whilst we were disputing, a discharge from a cannon loaded with grape-shot fell at our feet and covered us with mud, without, however, producing any effect upon this singular individual, who obstinately persisted in retaining the horse.

Fortunately for me, Finlay Cameron, an officer in Lochiel's regiment, a youth of twenty years of age, six feet high, and very strong and vigorous, happened to pass near us. I called on him to assist me. "Ah! Finlay," said I, "this fellow will not give me up the horse." Finlay flew to me like lightning, immediately presented his pistol to the head of this man and threatened to blow

out his brains if he hesitated a moment to let go the bridle. The fellow, who had the appearance of a servant, at length yielded and took to his heels. Having obtained the horse, I attempted to mount him several times; but all my efforts were ineffectual as I was without strength and completely exhausted. I called again on poor Finlay, though he was already some paces from me, to assist me to mount. He returned, took me in his arms with as much ease as if I had been a child and threw me on the horse like a loaded sack, giving the horse at the same time a heavy blow to make him set off with me. Then, wishing that I might have the good fortune to make my escape, he bounded off like a roe, and was in a moment out of sight. We were hardly more than fifteen or twenty paces from the enemy when he quitted me. As soon as I found myself at the distance of thirty or forty paces, I endeavoured to set myself right on the horse, put my feet in the stirrups and rode off as fast as the wretched animal could carry me.

Finlay MacMillan/Cameron escaped the battle and the subsequent Jacobite hunt in the Highlands, and is documented in 1754, as *Finlay Cameron, tacksman in Glackwill of Buntait* (a Chisholm-owned estate in the west of Glen Urquhart), when giving a discharge to Roderick Chisholm of Comer (chief of his clan) "... on a bond to Duncan Cameron, his father, now deceased for 500 merks Scots dated 1746 or 1747." This suggests Finlay's father was in Buntait by 1747, though he may still have been in Lochaber in 1746, since a *Duncan McEwn McIlivail McMillan in Glenpeanmore* claimed £12 compensation for losses incurred at the hands of government troops in the aftermath to Culloden.

Finlay MacMillan married Christian, the illegitimate daughter of Roderick MacKenzie of Applecross, who he's said to have met in 1740 when her half-sister Lillias married Alexander Chisholm the Yr. of Comer. Finlay's sons John and Buchanan were educated with the Chisholm chief's children and were afterwards able to take up professions in London as a journalist and a printer.

Christian MacMillan died in 1781, when she was said to have been 54, but her husband was still alive on 18th April 1786 when as *Findlay MacMillan in Buntate* he witnessed the will of neighbouring laird James Grant of Shewglie. His date of death is not known, but we have no reason to suppose that he died anywhere other than in Buntait. His son John died young and was buried in Glen Urquhart. Two other sons emigrated – Duncan to Upper Canada and Alexander to Georgia, USA – while Buchanan, having made his fortune in London, retired to the Highlands, and having been a benefactor to the people of the Glen when times were hard, died over the hill in Kiltarlity.

His gravestone can still just be made out in Beaulieu Priory, next to the magnificent tomb of the MacKenzie chief, *Coinneach a Bhlar*.

Buchanan MacMillan had one daughter whose husband worked with him in the printing business. Intriguingly, their late twentieth century descendant reported that before his death in 1832 (by which time most of the remaining MacMillans of Murlagan and Glenpean had long since emigrated to Canada) Buchanan MacMillan claimed to be the rightful chief of the MacMillans. This is another clue showing that his grandfather Duncan Ban (as he's remembered in Glen Urquhart), was the Duncan mac Ewen mhic Ian who'd been at Murlagan in 1717.

Although the clan surname only appears once in the official record of rebels from Glen Urquhart (the one man who gave himself up), we know that many other MacMillans from the Glen were out in The '45. They included Duncan Ban's brother William Ban who was saved from death crossing the Ness during the retreat from Culloden by *Alasdair an Claigh* (Alexander "the Swordsman"), the father of Charles Grant, a future MP who was christened in 1746 under swords just used at Culloden. Local historian William Mackay heard the story in his youth from those who'd known the participants:

William Macmillan, from the Braes, was being hard-pressed in mid-stream by a trooper, when Grant stole behind, and with a stroke of his sword brought horse and rider into the water. His next stroke cleft the Englishman's head in twain. At the same place a trooper shot Donald Macmillan from Shewglie in the thigh, and was himself shot dead by a Lochaberman, who, mounting his horse, and placing Macmillan before him, galloped off to Glen Urquhart, carrying with him the first tidings of the disaster.

The laird of Glen Urquhart was the chief of the Grants, and he'd sat firmly on the fence throughout the rising. Once it was over however he came tumbling down on the government side, and in order to ingratiate himself with Cumberland he tried to persuade the Jacobites in the Glen to give themselves up, on a promise of protection from him.

Five months after the massacre at Culloden, the survivors who'd been there came together to debate their laird's offer. The wisest of them, knowing Grant's true character, heeded the advice of the Janet Maclay, wife of John Ban MacMillan (Duncan Ban's nephew, and my 5xGreat-grandfather): '*S fhearr sith fo phreas na sith fo ghlais* – "better peace in a bush than peace in fetters". Sixteen rebels however, including the one MacMillan (Donald from Tullich, Corrimony) chose to ignore the warning. Their trust in

Ludovick Grant was rewarded by being clapped in irons, put in prison hulks, and eventually shipped off without trial to Barbados where, by 1749, only eighteen of the eighty-seven who had come from Glens Urquhart and Moriston were still alive; and of those, only seven or eight ever saw their native land again. Fortunately, one of those who did return was Donald MacMillan— known in later life back in the Glen as “The Grey Smith of Inchvalgar”— and among his many descendants in the late 20th century were Jim McMillan, Chairman of the Glenurquhart Macmillan Society, and Alexander Macmillan, Chief General Manager of the Clydesdale Bank. Another of those who returned was Donald Mackay the gt-gt-grandfather of the historian of Glen Urquhart, which is why we know so much about this tragic episode.

If Ludovick Grant believed his behaviour would save the two glens from the depredations of the government troops then running riot in the highlands, he was sadly mistaken. Glen Urquhart was burnt and looted by English cavalymen, as was Glenmoriston; but the latter glen also suffered at the hands of the Lord Loudon’s Campbell troops, watched, if not actually assisted, by onetime Jacobites MacLeod of Dunvegan and MacDonald of Sleat (both of whom had stayed at home during the rising) as they hastened to nearby Fort Augustus to pay their respects to the Duke of Cumberland. There were many MacMillans living in Glenmoriston, some of whom were descended from those who had accompanied Sir Ewen Cameron’s daughter when she had married Grant of Glenmoriston in 1696. Though none are named in Mackay’s account of the many brutalities inflicted on the people of Glenmoriston as it was ravaged again and again, there’s little doubt most would have been severely affected.

One Glenmoriston MacMillan however had the satisfaction of contributing to the thwarting of the government’s efforts to capture and kill Bonnie Prince Charlie. Hugh MacMillan joined the “Seven Men of Glenmoriston” as they gave shelter in their cave to the fugitive prince in early August 1746. One of the Seven Men, Hugh Chisholm, is said to have accompanied the Young Chevalier to Arisaig where the Prince and the Gentle Lochiel took ship to France. According to Alexander Mackenzie’s “History of the Chisholms”, a Finlay MacMillan was there to see the Prince off as well; though where Mackenzie got this story is not clear. Hugh Chisholm, however, later regaled a young Sir Walter Scott with many tales of the Seven Men, so it may have come from him.

Though the punishment inflicted upon Glenmoriston by government forces in the summer of 1746 was horrific, it probably paled in comparison with the revenge unleashed upon

Lochiel’s lands. Loch Arkaigside was particularly singled out, perhaps because it was known that the Jacobites had gathered there after Culloden—at Murlagan in fact—to consider whether to fight on. Rumours about the French gold that had arrived towards the end of the rising being buried in the same area would no doubt have made the looting and destruction even more complete. The orders from General Bland at Fort Augustus concerning the Camerons were savagely clear:

Lord Loudon was to “... *destroy as many of them as he can, since prisoners would only embarrass him; and in case the country people did not come in immediately, deliver up all their arms and submit to the king’s mercy, he was to burn and destroy their habitations, seize all their cattle, and put the men to death, being pretty well assured it will be difficult for him to shed innocent blood on that count.*”

We can’t know how many MacMillans, MacGillonies, MacPhees, and other inhabitants of Loch Arkaigside perished, often at the hands of fellow Highlanders—Loudon’s Campbells and Culcairn’s Munroes, who had a score to settle from Falkirk, where their wounded chief and his brother had been killed in cold blood by rampant Camerons. The looted stock was however counted, and the subsequent claims for compensation give a pretty good idea of who was living where on Lochiel’s lands in 1746, and their relative wealth. So we find John MacMillan in Murlagan (henceforth “Old John”) claiming for losses worth £58, and his successor as the Tacksman of Murlagan, Alexander MacMillan (then a tenant in Callich) claiming for a mere £7. Evan MacMillan in Callich claims £63, and Angus MacMillan in the same place, £48. Dougal MacMillan in Glenpeanmore—the probable son of Murlagan who joined the Buchanan Society along with Young Murlagan and Finlay of Buntait—claims £41.10s. All these however are dwarfed by the losses of “Even Cameron in Glenpeanmore”, who claims that he lost stock worth £115.

The rental taken in 1748 for the Commissioners of the Forfeited Estates shows that Evan Cameron was indeed Evan MacMillan, who then held half of Glenpeanmore, with the other half shared by Dougal, Duncan, and Katherine McMillan. When, seven years later, a detailed survey of Lochiel’s estate was undertaken, it was noted that *Euan MacMillan* possessed all of Glenpeanmore, his father’s 21 year lease having expired; while John MacMillan was the old possessor of Murlagan, with Alexander, John, and Donald MacMillan being the new possessors.

In the same year Mungo Campbell, factor of Lochiel’s estate, reported to the Commissioners of the Forfeited Estates that “... *Even McMillan at Glenpeanmore ... is reckoned to be very rich and*

maintains a great influence among his Clan in that country The memorialist knows no more than that he's head of the Tribe McMillan". Yet, six years later, Old John of Murlagan claims that he's "Head of the tribe of McMillans or McIllywouls ...".

In attempting to make sense of these apparently contradictory statements, we have to put to one side the account of the MacMillans of Murlagan and Glenpean provided by Somerled MacMillan in "Bygone Lochaber". This seems to be largely based (in so far as one can determine it in the absence of proper references) on possibly muddled oral traditions from Canadian descendants of the families, and the misleading stories provided by a line of descendants in Scotland claiming to be the twentieth century representatives of the Murlagan family. Though currently no more provable than Somerled's account, the following explanation at least has the virtue of simplicity and common sense.

"Old John" of Murlagan was the titular chief of the clan until his death in 1768. At some stage between 1718 and 1745—maybe when he returned from exile—he had regained possession of Glenpean from the family of his cousin Ewen mac William who had obtained a wadset of it in 1697. Murlagan may have done a deal with Lochiel which saw the displaced wadsetter given instead the job of Ground Officer in the Strontian area, where lead had been discovered in 1722. This would accord with the story that Somerled had—presumably from descendants in Canada—of the "Old Glenpean" family making such a move. He dated it to 1663, probably because he failed to find the previous tenant (Angus) there in that year, and instead thought he had found the representative of his "New Glenpean Branch" (Alexander) having moved there from Crieff. Unfortunately Somerled had not seen all the available evidence which, when taken together, shows Angus still in Glenpean in 1663, and Alexander still in Crieff.

The active head of the clan in 1745/6, and thereafter until his death in 1769, was Old John's son, Captain Ewen MacMillan who, while he was the Younger of Murlagan, was also the Tacksman of Glenpeanmor, which he no doubt held at the behest of his father (as previous sons of Murlagan had done). This would accord with Somerled's assertion—again we must presume based on oral accounts from Glenpean descendants in Canada—that Ewen of Glenpean's father was called John (no other John MacMillan can be found as Tacksman of Glenpean). When John himself was no longer capable of running the farm at Murlagan he was succeeded as Tacksman there by his younger son Alexander. There's no reason to suppose however that Old John moved from there to Sallachan in Ardgour (in accordance with the story given

Somerled by the 20th century claimants to the title of Murlagan); indeed, when he told the Commissioners of the Forfeited Estates that he was the chief of the MacMillans he was still described as "in Murlagan", and that was as late as 1761.

In his account of the Murlagan and Glenpean families, Somerled MacMillan had accepted the "family tradition" given him by the modern Murlagan claimants that Captain Ewen had been killed at Culloden—after acting with his brother John as Lochiel's personal bodyguard (an impossible role for a chief commanding his own clan company in battle)—and though he clearly was not convinced by it, he was even prepared to consider the suggestion coming from the same source as to how Alexander MacMillan came to be the Tacksman of Murlagan:

"It is also a family tradition that he and Dr Archibald Cameron of Lochiel hid the Prince's gold at the Callich burn while the Hanoverian troops were hot on their heels It has been insinuated by descendants of the old Murlaggan line that he helped himself to some of the hidden gold and in this way was able to stock the farm of Murlaggan and take over the tenancy there. There may be a grain of truth in this assertion ..."

There may also be a grain of truth in the assertion of these modern Murlagan descendants that their ancestor John MacMillan, born in Sallachan in 1769, was the son of Donald, who was the son of "John Junior", younger son of Old John of Murlagan; but neither of the two contradictory genealogical accounts purporting to show such a descent can be fully supported by evidence. That's not to say of course that this family are not descendants of the MacMillans of Murlagan—and their possession of a teapot with what appears to be a MacMillan coat of arms on it would suggest that they probably are—but claiming to be the senior lineal descendants of the Murlagan family is another matter entirely. The similar claim made by Buchanan MacMillan shows however that once the sons of Ewen of Glenpean and Alexander of Murlagan had emigrated to Canada in 1802, the leadership in Scotland of what remained of the Lochaber clan was entirely up for grabs.



Cairn at Murlagan commemorating the 1802 emigration

M'millans run America's Grocery Giants - Part Two:

Doug McMillon, CEO of Walmart



Walmart is the largest general retailer in the United States of America, and the second super-market chain by revenue after Kroger, whose CEO Rodney McMullen was featured in the July 2018 CMI Newsletter.

Carl Douglas McMillon became the fifth CEO of Walmart - which owns the British supermarket chain ASDA - in February 2014. He first joined the company as a summer associate in high school in 1984 in Walmart's home town of Bentonville, Arkansas [AR] to which his parents had moved two years earlier from Jonesboro AR.

Though Doug had been born in Memphis TN in 1966, his father Morris McMillon came from Arkansas and was the third generation of his family to have been born in the state. Morris's great-grandfather John C. McMillon had moved to Arkansas from Tennessee in the 1850s with his parents. It's uncertain where his father Neil McMillon was born. *Find-A-Grave* - a modern and not always reliable source - says he was born in 1822 in Giles County TN, but his census entries say he was born in North Carolina. This suggests that, wherever Neil himself was actually born, his parents - whose identities are as yet unknown - had come from that state. There were two distinct groups of M'millans in North Carolina at the time: Highlanders in the Cape Fear region, and Scots-Irish further north. Until we can say from what county in North Carolina Neil's family came, it's impossible to know to which group they belonged.

Doug McMillon's first job for Walmart involved unloading trucks in a distribution centre. After high school, he attended the University of Arkansas, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1989. The next year, as McMillon studied for an MBA from the University of Tulsa, he called Walmart and told an executive he was interested in training to become a buyer when he completed his studies. Soon thereafter, he rejoined Walmart as an assistant manager at a store in Tulsa OK. After completing his MBA in 1991, he moved to Walmart's Bentonville headquarters to join the buyer-training programme. Originally in charge of buying fishing tackle, he later took on various roles as a buyer and a merchandiser, dealing in food, clothes, crafts and furnishings. He later worked as a general merchandise manager for Walmart's wholesale store division *Sam's Club* before taking an executive role at Walmart, overseeing toys, electronics and sporting goods, among other areas.



In 2005 Walmart promoted Doug McMillon to CEO of *Sam's Club* where he emphasised marketing to small business customers. He also added what *The Wall Street Journal* called "treasure hunt" products (limited-selection expensive premium items, such as diamond necklaces and wine vacations), for sale next to cheap bulk goods in an attempt to compete with *Costco*.

Four years later, he was promoted to lead Walmart's international division, replacing Mike Duke, who became CEO of *Wal-Mart Stores Inc.* The international division then comprised more than 3,300 stores in 14 countries. Four years later it was operating 6,300 stores in 26 countries, and its sales growth had outpaced Walmart US - growing to 29% of total sales companywide. McMillon's success there led to his appointment in 2014 to succeed Mike Duke as CEO of *Wal-Mart Stores Inc.*

Doug McMillon took over the company at a time of slowing growth and increased competition from rivals, both on the ground - such as *Costco*, *Kroger*, *Safeway*, and discount chains of small stores like *Family Dollar* and *Dollar General* - and on the internet, where *Amazon.com* had moved into the grocery business. Within his first two years as chief executive, McMillon revamped Walmart's executive team, raised wages for hourly workers in the US, and boosted the company's commitment to e-commerce. He made it a long-term goal to increase investments in e-commerce, stressing a need to create a "seamless shopping experience". Another goal was to improve Walmart's environmental sustainability and eliminate waste across the company.

As CEO, McMillon has sought to make a positive difference in other issues. In March 2015 he issued a statement urging the Governor of Arkansas to veto the state's Religious Freedom Bill which he said "threatens to undermine the spirit of inclusion present throughout the state of Arkansas and does not reflect the values we proudly uphold" (he did so as a self-professed born-again Christian).

In June 2015, following the shooting of nine black churchgoers in Charleston SC, McMillon announced that the company would stop selling Confederate flag merchandise. He also told *CNNMoney* that Walmart's selection of firearms should be geared towards hunters and sports shooters, and, as a result, the company ceased sales of military-style semiautomatic weapons.

In December 2016, Doug McMillon joined a business forum assembled by then president-elect Donald Trump to provide strategic and policy advice on economic issues. In August 2017, McMillon wrote a public rebuke of President Trump's response to the violent protests in Charlottesville VA, saying that the President, "missed a critical opportunity to help bring our country together". According to a company spokesman, however, McMillon continues to serve on a presidential advisory council on economic development.

Forbes named Doug McMillon in its World's Most Powerful People list in 2014, 2015 & 2016, and *ExecRank* ranked him No. 4 on its 2015 list of top CEOs of large companies.



Above profile based on an article from Wikipedia

MacMillan Velocipede on Mongolian Stamp

As featured in the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand Newsletter of July 2018



While bicycles have featured on many postage stamps over the years, it is surprising that only one has featured the very first self propelled bicycle made by Scottish blacksmith Kirkpatrick Macmillan.

In 1982 Mongolia issued a set of eight "History of the Bicycle" stamps which included the Macmillan "Velocipede" bicycle of 1838.

While the original has not survived, a replica made just five years later is on display at Glasgow's Transport Museum.

Other replicas include one on display at the Clan MacMillan Centre at Finlaystone, and another at a bicycle shop in Dumfriesshire not far from where Kirkpatrick developed the original.

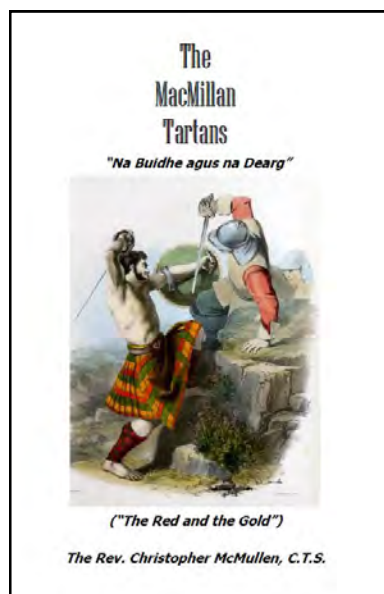
The original article by Avon McMillan was illustrated with picture of the stamp from his own collection.

Tartan booklets selling out

One of the most popular publications available at the Clan MacMillan International Centre is Chris McMullen's booklet on the MacMillan Tartans. The stock that he gave us when it was published has sold out, and he has kindly supplied us with more copies to sell for the benefit of the Clan Centre.

Chris has also published in recent years very informative booklets about the history of the original Clan MacMillan Society, and the various theories about the identity of the clan's namefather, Gilchrist Maolan/An Gillemaol.

Contact Chris by email about getting copies direct: iandan@nb.sympatico.ca



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

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

Fitten Lamar McMillin Jr. M.D., CTS



It is with great sorrow we say goodbye to our friend Lamar McMillin who passed away unexpectedly on 3 December 2018 in Vicksburg, MS. He was always so supportive of CTS and has been a member since 1996 when he joined at Dunkeld Cathedral. He hosted a very successful Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Gathering in his hometown of Vicksburg MS in 1999 and we had an Investiture Service at Lake Tiak O'Khata Resort in Louisville, Winston County where 14 candidates joined CTS. This venue was the site of an August annual McMillin Family Reunion which has been held there for 68 years. He was passionate about history: his town, the Civil war, and especially his family. He passed the MacMillan baton on to his three children, Ashley (McMillin) Moomaw CTS, David McMillin CTS, and Stephen McMillin CTS, along with his loving wife, Carol Ellingson McMillin CTS. He got a sample of

the dress tartan from Lillian deGiacomo whose mother had brought it from Scotland in 1874. He had a bolt of it woven in Scotland and spread it's colour over the state of Mississippi – and elsewhere! His family made a stunning picture at Gatherings, all decked out in this red and gold tartan. He was an outstanding gentleman who loved his family, his Clan, his town, state and country. He was a devoted Medical Doctor in Vicksburg since 1975, active in his community, a churchman. He loved historic preservation and restored The Mary Harwood House, which was his home, and the 1839 'Catherine's Palace'. He was really proud of his ancestors and genealogy. His mother, Claudia Howard McMillin CTS, (wife of Fitten Lamar McMillin Sr. M.D., CTS) and Lamar Jr. were Presidents of CMSNA. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Carol and his family. He will be sorely missed.

Lamar wrote a MACMILLAN EXHORTATION which has concluded all our Investiture Services.

"My dear Clanswomen and Clansmen, remember the poor, pray for the sick, make no peace with injustice in this world, and continue to learn to aid the distressed. May the Clan MacMillan always have a never failing succession of benefactors. This includes each one and all of us. Our Worship service and Investiture of candidates into the Community of the Tonsured Servant has ended."

News of CTS Members:

Ginny West CTS, gave a generous donation to CTS (\$150.00US) at the Clan MacMillan Gathering in Belfast ME in June 2018. An encouragement for others to follow her example!

The proceeds from the Silent Auction at the CMSNA Gathering in Belfast ME USA, were given to CTS in memory of Danny Neuman, husband of Anne Neuman CTS, who died on 15 June 2018.

There are 2 potential CTS members! Robert Walker (husband of Rowene (Conn) Walker CTS, and Teresa McMillan, wife of Butch McMillan CTS. Butch is the upcoming president of CMSNA for the USA, nominated at the Belfast Gathering in Maine.

Grants by CTS to Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC):

This year, CTS has granted \$1,000 USD to CMIC. The total of grants since 1996 is \$44,143 averaging \$1,919.26 per year. A big thank you goes to Anne Neuman CTS, Treasurer (Almoner) of CTS, for all the good work she does.

CTS has two Tribute Investment Funds and welcomes donations:

- (1) *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) *Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund: Established 15 June 2005. Jane, wife of Chief George MacMillan, died of cancer on 27 June 2005 at age 74 years. It is a fitting way to remember her tireless work, wisdom and friendship and her founding of the Clan MacMillan International Centre in 1991.*

We thank you for your tremendous support over the last 23 years

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This CTS page was submitted by Blanche McMillan, Abbot CTS, 19 December 2018.

Dr Fitten Lamar McMillin Jr. 1944-2018 - Vicksburg Post 5 Dec. 2018

Dr. Fitten Lamar McMillin Jr., age 74, died on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, at his home in Vicksburg. He was born on July 25, 1944, to Dr. Fitten Lamar Sr., and Claudia Howard McMillin. A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, he graduated from Sewanee Military Academy and received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and a master of arts degree from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He received his medical doctorate from the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock. His post-graduate medical training was at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Dr. McMillin practiced family medicine for 35 years in Vicksburg, where he was also an active member of The Church of the Holy Trinity, the Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation, the Lions Club, Sons of Confederate Veterans, The Heritage Guild, and many more historical and preservation organizations. He was a licensed Vicksburg National Military Park Guide and served on the advisory board for the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and on the planning board for the Tercentenary of Fort St. Pierre. Dr. McMillin was a proud and contributing member of several Clan MacMillan/McMillin organizations.



He and his wife lovingly restored the antebellum home “The Mary Harwood”, where they lived and raised their family. They were in the process of preserving “Catherine’s Palace”, an 1839 grocery store and residence in Vicksburg. Dr. McMillin created and produced the Vicksburg Preservation Celebration Weekend in the fall of 2017 to celebrate the city’s rich history and heritage. His life and his love for history, architecture, genealogy, and his patients was only surpassed by the love he had for his family.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carol Lee Ellingson McMillin, his three children, Ashley McMillin Moomaw (Charlie), David Lamar McMillin (Grace Lo), and Stephen Lee McMillin (Jennifer Lynne), and his six grandchildren, Grayson McMillin Moomaw, McMillin Strum Moomaw, Baby Moomaw (due date of March 7, 2019), Ethan Lamar McMillin, Lynlee Rhodes McMillin, and Lyla Elizabeth McMillin.

The Chief’s Recollections of Dr Lamar

It’s hard to imagine a world without Dr. Lamar, whose wisdom, integrity, loyalty and immense generosity inspired affection and respect in equal measure. One had only to walk with him through Vicksburg to become aware of that; and it was the same with Clan MacMillan.

My first memory of Lamar and Carol must date from about 1967, when he was doing an internship in the hospital in Paisley, Scotland (our local big city). While there, they made the effort to visit us at Finlaystone using public transport and covering the last mile or more on foot. No doubt it was on Lamar’s initiative that they were both conspicuous in his favourite Macmillan Dress tartan. They almost literally brought a ray of sunshine to Finlaystone that day.

Over the half century since then Dr. Lamar, with Carol’s able support, has been an outstanding benefactor of the Clan, and, more particularly, of the Clan Centre, of which he has been a Trustee. Among other kindnesses, he organised the weaving of a large bolt of the Dress Tartan for sale in aid of the Centre. The last yard was sold this year.

My most recent memory of his thoughtful kindness dates from the Ottawa gathering of 2015, when his health was clearly beginning to fail. When the gathering closed, he escorted me to the airport by a bus that he had discovered after much searching, and made sure I was in safe hands before he embarked on a flight – or rather, several flights home. His journey from Vicksburg to Ottawa and back was far more demanding than mine.

Dr. Lamar was my idea of all that a ‘Southern Gentleman’ ought to be; or perhaps I got my stereotype from observing him. I’m sure that many, like me, will treasure fond memories of an outstanding person.

A Personal Appreciation from The Editor

Lamar’s generosity was legendary, and I was lucky enough to benefit from it more than most. Not long after I first met Lamar and Carol, they invited me to stay with them in Vicksburg. It was my first visit to the Deep South, and getting the southern view of the “War Between the States” - which I had studied at University in England - was an education.

It was however the warm welcome afforded me by the whole family (including Lamar’s father, who was then still alive) that meant the most to me. Though his children were going through their sometimes difficult teenage years at the time, their courtesy to me - and the care they lavished on their grandfather - showed the strength of their upbringing.

Not only was I royally entertained in Vicksburg, but Lamar then took me on a special trip to New Orleans, where we stayed in the centre of the city in the same luxurious accommodation that he later arranged for those attending the gathering of the CMSNA in 1999. On the way back from New Orleans we stopped in at a restoration warehouse/yard to look for suitable pieces to add to his lovingly restored home on the banks of the Mississippi River. Thus I was privileged to share in all of Lamar’s main interests - including Jura single malt whisky - alongside his devotion to the clan through which we had met.

Lamar sponsored the research and writing of all my clan history works, and when they were published bought multiple copies to ensure that his children all had their own. As a Trustee of the Clan Centre and an elder of the clan he was always a peacemaker, and the harmonious and relatively prosperous state that we presently find ourselves in owes a lot to his efforts over the decades.

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CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA



CMSNA held its biannual Gathering in Belfast, Maine at the end of June. In attendance were some 30 MacMillans from all over the U.S. (Oregon, New Hampshire, Indiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Minnesota, Iowa, Virginia, California) and Canada (Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia). We also welcomed visitors from Scotland.

The group combined touring the area – including the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum at Bowdoin College, L. L. Bean's flagship store in Freeport and the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport celebrating Maine's maritime heritage – with some very tasty Maine lobster and other saltwater specialties. Despite very warm weather for Maine, we happily clambered around historic Fort Knox (not the one with the gold) and enjoyed the Railtrail and working waterfront in Belfast.

We had a celebration in honor of Clan MacMillan Society of North America's 60th anniversary with a ceilidh including Scottish Country Dancing (several of our members turned out to be pretty good at this!) and some pipe tunes from Sandy MacMillan. The Maine St. Andrews Society gave a talk about the Ulster Scots settlement of Maine, and Graeme Mackenzie, Clan Genealogist, spoke about MacMillan connections with Northern Ireland.

There was of course a bit of business, and we held our biannual general meeting (postponed from 2017 due to a change in the dates of the Gathering) where we elected a new slate of officers for 2019-2020. Keith MacMillan of Alberta becomes President, with H. S. "Butch" McMillan of Mississippi as Vice President. Chris Wittenberg (New Hampshire) and Duncan McMillan (Ontario) continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Chief George was unable to join us for the Gathering so some intrepid MacMillans on both sides of the Atlantic organized a "Skype" session which was greatly appreciated by all participants.

We all recognized the lack of a newsletter this past few years and the fact that no one volunteered to take it on at the AGM led to an agreement to expand our input into the CMI newsletter, hence the wider coverage this time.

It is hoped that all MacMillans will plan to join Keith in Calgary, Alberta for the next Gathering of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America tentatively set for July 2020.

Jane M. Strauss
Past President
CMSNA



Profile of Butch McMillan, the new Vice President of the CMSNA



H. S. "Butch" McMillan, CTS, is a lifelong resident of Mississippi and has been active with Scottish organizations and festivals for over 30 years. He and his wife, Teresa, live in Kosciusko MS, which is located in the central part of the State. Butch is the current Treasurer of the Appalachian Branch of the clan.

Butch is a CPA [Certified Public Accountant] and has worked with two different CPA firms over the years and currently has a tax practice. He has experience in agricultural operations in past years and currently owns a farm with cattle and timber interests. He was a State Legislator from 1980-1992 and retired three years ago as the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation

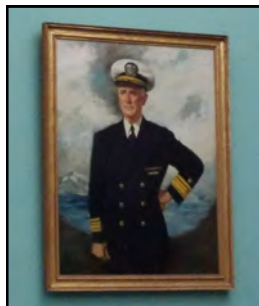
Services, which has more than 1000 employees. "My most famous colleague as a legislator was the author, John Grisham."

"I became interested in CMSNA in conversations with the late Dr. Lamar McMillin and came to the event in Minnesota a few years ago when Chief George attended. Chief George is such an inspiration that even if you're not a MacMillan, you'll want to be associated."

"Teresa and I really love attending Scottish events, particularly when our children and grandchildren can participate. My three grown children, Aubrey, Gilly and Jonathan are active. Jonathan and Aubrey have attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for the last several years. Jonathan's children - Cassidy, Jake, Sienna and Colin - have come in first place in several of the children's athletic events.

We have visited Scotland several times and going to Finlaystone is always a highlight. I look forward to working with our fellow clan members in the Clan MacMillan Society of North America."

Clan MacMillan Society of North America Gathering 2018



Rear Admiral Donald
Baxter MacMillan



Bowdoin College in
Brunswick ME



From the left: Duncan D. & Donna McMillan
with Bert MacMillan (all ON, Canada)



Margaret MacMillan &
Deb Siriani (both ON)



Searsport ME, part of "The Museum in the Streets",
adjacent to the Penobscot Marine Museum



Robert Walker (AZ, USA) toasts
winning whisky in the raffle



Thomas & Gloria McMullan
(Postville, IA, USA)



John & Heather McMillan
Hastings (Moncton, NB, Canada)



Supper at the Lobster Pound



Sandy and Judy MacMillan
(Wolfville, NS, Canada)



Retiring & incoming Presidents, Jane Strauss
(ME, USA) Keith MacMillan (AB, Canada)



Clan MacMillan



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Galloway



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