

CLAN MACMILLAN *International*

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Photo of Eilean Donan Castle by Mike McMillen

Highland Gathering to commemorate 1719 Jacobite Rising

The Association of Highland Clans and Societies is teaming up with The 1745 Association to organise a weekend of events next year to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Glenshiel.

The Rising in the Highlands was originally meant to coincide with a Spanish invasion of south west England and the landing of a Swedish army in Inverness, once it had been captured by the Highland clans and the 300 Spaniards who had landed in Lochalsh in April 1719.

The Jacobite plans had started to fall to bits however even before the rising started, when the Swedish king died in November 1718; then the main Spanish fleet was scattered by a storm in March 1719. In May the British navy captured Eilean Donan Castle, which the Jacobites had been using as their base, and blew it up (the Macraes rebuilt in the early 1900s).

The Jacobite force, numbering about 1000 men, was made up of the MacKenzies and their neighbours, the Camerons and their allies (including the Lochaber Macmillans), the MacDonells of Glengarry, some Murrays, six MacDougalls and a contingent of MacGregors led by Rob Roy - plus the Spaniards. They marched east past the head of Loch Duich and up Glenshiel, where they were confronted by a government force of a similar size, consisting of regular troops and some Highlanders who supported the Hanoverians - notably the Munroes, who fought particularly bravely.

The Battle of Glenshiel took place on the 10th of June 1719, and the victory of the Hanoverian force is attributed in large part to the explosive impact of the mortars and grenades used to breach the Jacobite defences at the top of the pass.

The gathering will take place 7-9 June in Inverness & Kintail. On Friday the 1745 Association will take their members to Moy (celebrating the 1746 "Rout of Moy") and Culloden (with special battlefield tour). In the evening they'll host a "What Happened at Glenshiel?" event at Craigmorie Hotel in Inverness.

On Saturday AHCS will lay-on buses to Eilean Donan, where the Macraes will host castle tours and lunch at Dornie Village Hall. A briefing about the Glenshiel battle-site by the NTS will precede a visit to it for the commemoration ceremony. The buses will then return to Inverness where Clan MacKenzie will host a ceilidh and supper in the Mercure Hotel.

On Sunday it's hoped there will be a Kirking of the Tartan either in the High Church - on the site where St Columba is said to have converted the King of the Picts - or in the Episcopal Church cathedral.

Final details of the weekend will be posted in due course on the CMI website (and on the websites of the AHCS and of The 1745 Association).

HRAT's *Clan MacMillan Perthshire & Lochaber Tour* will run 2-11 June 2019, with full participation in the Glenshiel Commemoration Weekend to mark the Macmillans' part in the 1719 Rising. After the weekend the tour will visit Murlagan, seat of the Lochaber Macmillans, and Finlaystone. Some places may be available on the tour bus travelling from Inverness to Greenock via Murlagan on Monday 10 June, allowing other MacMillans to learn about the Lochaber clan from tour guide and Clan MacMillan historian Graeme Mackenzie. For details of the tour please go to www.HighlandRootsAncestralTours.org.



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Info on the Clan Centre & membership of Clan MacMillan International
 can be found on the clan's official website: www.clanmacmillan.org

The Clan Centre publishes The Clan MacMillan International Newsletter each May/June and The Clan MacMillan International Magazine each December. They are sent free to members of Clan MacMillan International, the worldwide body that supports the Clan Centre's work.

CLAN MACMILLAN INTERNATIONAL IN SCOTLAND

Apologies for the late arrival of the newsletter. It was mostly compiled in June (the month in which it is usually published) but for various reasons could not be put-out until now (late July). Since it was compiled your editor has joined members of the clan at a number of high-profile events; i.e. the CMSNA Gathering in Belfast ME, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games near Linville NC (with the Appalachian Branch) and the Inverness City Highland Games (here in Scotland). The sun shone on all these great events, which we will report on in the CMI Magazine at the end of the year.

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Donations to CMI/CMIC

CMI is very grateful for all the thoughtful and generous individual donations made throughout the year. We also thank the following Clan MacMillan branches/societies for their donations made in accordance with the Conclave Challenge: Australia; New Zealand; CMSNA; North Central States; Appalachian Branch; Pacific Branch; Clan McMillin Winston County; Sept of Blue; PEI; Glengarry and Ottawa Valley.

Clan MacMillan International Summary Accounts for year to 31 December 2017

INCOME	£	US \$	OUTGOINGS	£	US \$
CTS	* See Note		PO Box Renewal		
Conclave Challenge	630.00	3184.00	Telephone		
Subscriptions	2172.41	485.00	Stamps/Printing	479.59	
Donations	323.46	1270.00	Secretarial		
Project MAOL	5.00	150.00	Graeme	6186.24	
Publications	827.00	90.00	Utilities	45.61	
Transfer from US account	3766.87				
Clan Gathering	3947.90	901.73	Clan Gathering	3011.98	
Clan Goods	275.00		Clan Goods	220.00	
Miscellaneous	5.88	30.00	Miscellaneous	22.99	Books Postage
			Transfer to UK account		5000.00
Totals	11953.52	6110.73		9966.41	5000.00
Difference	1987.11	1110.73			
Opening bank balances	10551.44	7245.60			
Excess of outgoings/income	1987.11	1110.73			
Closing bank balances	12538.55	8356.33			

* CTS gift of £786.54 (\$1067.71US) held in trust by CMIC until 2017

Average exchange rate for transfers UK \$ account: \$1.33 to £1

News from the Clan Around the World

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY

On the 16th of January this year our long-standing Treasurer Sylvia MacMillan passed away. Sylvia had been a member of Clan Macmillan for many years most of them as our most efficient Treasurer. She immigrated to New Zealand as a 16 year old with her mother and father 52 years ago and had spent most of her time in the Auckland /Manurewa area.

Peter Pool, President

1 January 2018 - Waipu Highland Games

Thousands turned out to Caledonian Park to enjoy the games on a day which was warm and humid but overcast with the real threat of rain and thunderstorms. Although Scottish clans participation was down this year, Clan MacMillan had a good attendance of members with Margaret & Peter Pool, Avon McMillan, Alan & Mary Bray, Graham & Mary Bateman and Jim & Marilyn from Waikanae who were visiting families in Northland and travelled from Whangarei for the day.

27 January 2018 - Turakina Highland Games

Another beautiful Rangitikei day greeted a very full Highland Games schedule in the Turakina Domain. Highland dancing, solo piping and drumming, children's field events, a massed highland fling before lunch and a massed pipe bands march at 5pm thrilled the large crowd that had gathered to celebrate their Scottish heritage or just have a family picnic on one of the hottest days this summer....



The Turakina Highland Games

Marilyn and I stayed at a motel in Marton overnight Friday, arriving at the domain at 7.30am to be greeted by Don McMillan from Whanganui. By 8.30am when the games opened, we were well under-way with visitors at the tent. During the day we were joined by Robert & Betty McMillan and Eileen and Doug Bolitho from Levin. Just before lunch, we signed up a new member - Sonia Blue of Palmerston North who participated in the combined clans march before lunch. Overall there was excellent public interest; once again mainly people wanting information on Genealogy and how to find their clan.... This annual event continues to grow in popularity.

Jim McMillan

USA PACIFIC BRANCH

Burns Supper

10 members and guests attended the festivities at the annual North County Scots Burns celebration on January 27 at the Holiday Inn in Carlsbad. Among those enjoying the dinner and entertainment were Rowene & Robert Walker, Jeff & Julie Tartaglino, Judy Young, Linda Cooke, Bob & Birdie Royal, Ginger Thompson, & Jeanie Rose .

News From the Games

Bakersfield, Mar. 24 - 25:

This was the first year that the games were for two days. On Saturday, the weather was very pleasant and the crowds, while not large, were the best they have been in the last 2 or 3 years. We had 1 renewal membership, Nicola McFerran, and 1 shirt sale. Linda Cooke was also at the tent. All in all, Saturday was somewhat successful. Sunday was the opposite with tiny attendance (possibly impacted by Palm Sunday). As a result by 3 o'clock almost all clans had packed up and left.

Ralph "Mac" MacMillan

Woodland, Apr. 28 - 29:

Linda Cooke & Judy Young attended the Celtic Games & Festival to help convene, David Eddy, mind the tent. Saturday turned out to be much chillier than expected but that didn't deter the large crowds. We attended the ceilidh that evening but left early because of the cold. We had one new member join, Vicki Contente. Welcome!! And a renewal from Carl and Lynda Walter. So glad you continued your membership! It is a venue that seems to grow larger and better every year and one well worth attending.

Judy Young

USA APPALACHIAN BRANCH

Letter from the President in the January "Chatterbox":

The past several months have been full of fun challenges for Butch, Sarah and myself! We would like to thank you all for your patience as we complete the transfer of powers from Chip and Dee Dee. We would also like to thank Chip and Dee Dee Terrell for all their hard work and dedication!

We waited to send the newsletter, so we could include the Central Florida Highland Games located just outside of Orlando, Florida. This was our first time being represented there and it was a great event. We look forward to attending these games again.

We have always excelled at living up to the meaning of Clan, which won us the 2017 Most Outstanding Clan of the Year award for our 6th time at the Stone Mountain Highland Games! We signed 9 New Members at the Stone Mountain Games, and 5 New Members at the Central Florida Games.

As we continue to grow, we are aware that there are many games where we would like to see our Clan represented. As this is not feasible for our officers to attend them all, we are working on building a travel kit for those interested in hosting a tent at different gatherings. Please let me know if you are interested! As this is a new job for us, we would greatly appreciate feedback with ideas!

Thank you all for making this the best Clan. We look forward to seeing you at Loch Norman and Grandfather Mountain in the coming months! Slàinte Mhath,

Logan Bell, CTS, President

Irish Quaker McMillans in America

By Laurel Martin

This article first appeared in "Plaid Tidings", the newsletter of Clan MacMillan North Central States

Between 1682 and 1750, 1500-2000 Irish "Friends" as the Quakers called themselves came to William Penn's colony in the New World. Early Quakers were a working class protest movement, rebelling against the titles and formal greetings expected by British gentry, an outward sign of a class struggle against wealth and power based on status. They were the 'left wing' of the Protestant Reformation. By 1715 there were 690 "congregations" or meetings in England and Wales and small enclaves in Scotland and Ireland representing an estimated 40,000- 60,000 members. Quakers gathered in homes or meeting houses and were mostly "middling" people – yeoman farmers, artisans and small merchants. They experienced sporadic persecution from local and national authorities for refusing to pay Anglican tithes and take loyalty oaths in court, for not removing their hats to authorities, and for preaching against injustice.

Quakers who disliked local authority, wanted adventure, wished to better their economic status and leave adequate property to their children saw opportunities in America. They saw in the New World the promise of living in genuine community, one dedicated to truthfulness, simplicity, equality and peace. Irish Friends had additional incentives to leave. Beginning in the mid 16th century English government policy led to the expulsion and extermination of Native Irish tribes from whole districts of Ireland to make room for English and Scots settlers. (My guess is my ancestors were among this group. Thomas McMillan was born in Ireland in 1702.) When the hard-working plantation settlers became too successful, English merchants, afraid of competition, succeeded in suppressing Irish trade which devastated the Irish economy. Crop failures were common and rents inflated as the Native Irish understandably went to great lengths to regain lost land.

The clues were there but scattered and few. "We're Protestant pups from the North of Ireland" came the answer from my grandmother, born Gertrude Francis McMillan. The question was, why was I dressed in orange when green was the color to be in on St. Patrick's Day in the suburbs of Irish Catholic St. Paul, Minnesota?

My grandmother had a peaceful strength about her. She was quietly and fiercely dedicated to social justice. She embodied the McMillan creed but that realization came much later. I loved history and begged my grandmother for more details about our ancestry.

"My family brought that pan with them by covered wagon from Ohio" she said, pointing to a cast iron monster that would only fit on a wood burning cook stove and was used once a year to fry chicken for the Methodist Church Sunday School picnic. Her father, Frank McMillan had died of a work accident when she



The author in Northern Ireland

was a 13 year old only child. I found his grave after she was gone, in a tiny cemetery in Humboldt, Iowa. That was years after I had given my son the middle name McMillan to honor a heritage I knew my grandmother was proud of but about which I knew so little.

The enigmatic clues my grandmother left me match the ancestry research I've been doing in recent years and the book sitting on my writing table brought my family history to life in a way I never would have thought possible. *Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750: with their early history in Ireland* by Albert Cook Myers is the documented story of our McMillan's.

Albert's fourth and my sixth great-grandfather, if I'm counting correctly, was a man named Thomas McMillan, a Quaker who came to Pennsylvania in 1738 from "an obscure county meeting near Ballymoney, County Antrim, Northern Ireland." During this period of migration there was more communication between Ireland and Pennsylvania than you might think. People were continually going back and forth in spite of the difficulties of travel. The number of favorable and urgent letters written by early settlers back to Ireland were strong incentives for the Irish Friends to join relatives and old neighbors in Pennsylvania – "the great good character of the Founder, his wise and liberal laws, his cheap and fertile lands, the mild and healthful climate." There was also the successful peace policy with the Indians which Penn adopted and above all his religious tolerance which induced many to embark on the long and perilous journey to the strange land beyond the sea.

While the new world was being actively marketed by William Penn and his investors, religious violence was tearing apart Northern Ireland in early outbreaks of "The Troubles." In 1719 one of the Irish gentry, James Cotter, was hanged for an outrage committed against a Quaker family of Cork. Upon this "All Cork and all the South of Ireland burst into a wail of rage, and the Friends were marked for retribution. Placards covered the walls. No Quaker could show in the streets. The passion spread to Limerick, to Tipperary, and at last all over Catholic Ireland.



Young Gertrude with her father Frank McMillan

Quakers travelling about the country were waylaid and beaten.” The rage against the Friends continued, until in 1725 it culminated in the most inhuman and barbarous murder of Edward Johnston, a Friend of Carroll according to a contemporary source.

By 1750, Thomas, his son George, and their wives Deborah and Ann were farming 193 virgin acres in York County, PA, which they had acquired from the Penn brothers. It’s ironic that in middle age, George was harassed by a new government. Quakers who had refused to fight in the American Revolution for religious reasons were ordered to pay heavy war taxes.

One of my favorite documents in the Myers book is a replication of George McMillan’s account book which includes 17 examples over ten years of Pennsylvania tax collectors seizing his property. I can feel his indignation in every line. In one entry he writes: “On the 18 day of the 4th month came John May to my house, I being in the field at work. He went into my room, searched my desk and took £95.19s.9d of Congress money and then went to the loft to seize on wheat.”

In 1795 we get another personal glimpse into George’s character. In his will dated July 6, 1795 he carefully divides his estate among his wife and 8 children, including his 4 daughters which was indicative of the equality ethic unique to Quakers at the time. To his beloved wife Ann McMillan he bequeathed “two beds and bedding of her choice and a case of drawers and as much of my household and kitchen goods and furniture as she shall choose, 10 bushels of wheat and £20 yearly, the western end of my dwelling house including a room and kitchen for her use during her natural life, and also a pipe stove and sufficient quantity firewood drawn to her door and made ready for her use by my said sons Jacob and Joseph and to my said wife my old grey mare, one cow and her saddle.”

I like George. He sounds like a thoughtful, kind man. He left his “plantation” to his son George who had been born in 1763, who in 1796 had a son named George and they were all still in Pennsylvania. In 1826 a fourth George was born, who went by his middle name Wesley and married Isabella in Ohio in 1846 and died later in Iowa. Here were the westward pioneers, the

people of the cast iron pan and covered wagon who left Pennsylvania, the name George, and Quakerism behind.

G. Wesley enlisted in the Union Army, Company H, Iowa 35th Infantry Regiment in 1862 leaving Isabella with four young sons including my one year old great-grandfather, Frank. When the 20th century was still new Frank brought his family to St. Paul to escape the asthma exacerbated by Iowa fields. He went to work in a coal yard (which seemed unlikely to improve matters) and tragically broke his back in a fall there. His obituary tells us that at his request he was brought home to Humboldt, Iowa to spend his last days among old friends. He had been a member of the Modern Woodman, Odd Fellows, the Humboldt Band and Fire Department, at one time an officer of the city, respected and honored by all who knew him.

Today Humboldt is a quiet little town but when Frank was there it was a booming gateway to the West. Frank’s funeral at the Congregational Church seems not far removed from his Quaker roots. His obit concludes with these poetic lines: “Mr. McMillan was a faithful laborer for the welfare of society. To him it was given both to serve and to suffer in the battle of life, and the final call found him patient in suffering as he had been faithful in toil.”

It’s a truism that you don’t know what you’ll find when you open the ancestral Pandora’s Box. I found endearing McMillan men and I’m happy I named my son in their honor when I had little but intuition to guide me. My grandmother’s quiet strength matches the Quaker’s profound regard for silence and their belief that language limits the understanding of God. “Quakerism is a group of insights, attitudes and practices which together form a way of life, rather than a dogma or creed. It rests on a conviction that by looking into their inmost hearts people can have a direct communion with their Creator. This experience cannot ultimately be described in words but Quaker’s base their whole lives on it.” (*The Quaker Way*, 1998).

By a quirk of fate I had an extended family member who was a historian that documented our story and the story of Irish Quakers who came to America. And that book, published in 1902, was selected by scholars as being “culturally important and part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it.” Which means you can find it online in the public domain and it’s still in print and available via Amazon. Albert Cook Myers was a devoted Quaker himself, a noted Pennsylvania historian who dedicated 50 years of his life to the study of William Penn’s writings and personal papers.

It’s just a guess but there could be thousands of Americans who like Albert and me trace their ancestry to those four McMillans, Thomas and George and Deborah and Ann who left Balleymoney for a better world and were part of the great experiment that was an original colony. For anyone who wants to know them better, the Cook Myers book is a treasure just a few clicks away.

The descendants of Thomas McMillan & Deborah Marsh are Family No. 48 in Project MAOL

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

Rodney McMullen, CEO of Kroger



Kroger is America's largest supermarket chain by revenue, and the second largest general retailer in the United States after *Walmart* (the owner of British supermarket chain *Asda*).

In May of this year Kroger announced it was entering into a partnership with the British company *Ocado* - a grocery retailer with no physical stores that delivers by van from a network of 20 hub-and-spoke automated warehouses around the country.

Kroger's press release announced that *Ocado* will partner exclusively with Kroger in the U.S., enhancing Kroger's digital and robotics capabilities and helping expand its coverage to provide every family in America with the convenience of shopping for "anything, anytime and anywhere". Kroger CEO **Rodney McMullen** said "We are actively creating a seamless digital experience for our customers - our partnership with *Ocado* will speed up our efforts".

Bernard Kroger opened his first store in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1883. Now the company he founded is *Walmart's* biggest competitor, with 2,800 stores in 34 states, and - in the words of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* - is "kicking its Arkansas-based competitor's ass". Rodney McMullen has played a huge part in the success of the company he joined in 1978 as a stock boy. Bill Sinkula, Kroger's former Chief Financial Officer, and a mentor for McMullen, says "You would never know what a talent he was if you just knew him casually, he's not the type to brag, he's not aggressive. ... He was a key player on every major decision after 1987 when he was just a kid." The *Cincinnati Enquirer's* Alexander Coolidge portrayed his beginnings in the business in a 2014 feature:

Born in Pineville, Kentucky, near the border of Tennessee and Virginia, McMullen grew up around the Bluegrass State and Southwest Ohio as his parents, William and Henrietta, moved to work at various factory jobs. "My parents had the kind of jobs where if the economy went soft, you got laid off," McMullen recalls. "You don't want anyone to have the fear I had growing up."

The McMullens accepted the ups and downs and didn't hide the realities from their only child. His parents coped with a frugal lifestyle but encouraged him to pursue an education and more stable future. "They thought college education would have more security," McMullen said.

In what became a pattern, McMullen went a little further. He not only worked his way through college, but he got a master's degree - all in four years.

McMullen took his first job at Kroger in 1978 in Lexington, trying to become the first one in his family to ever go to college, and to maybe become a lawyer. His factory-worker parents saved for only one year's college for their son, but hoped it would work out. McMullen made it through the University of Kentucky by working nights as a stock boy and picking up every extra shift he could.

"My parents figured if there's a will, there's a way," McMullen said. "I worked every job in that store, from the dairy to



Rodney McMullen

the deli".... He even came up with a way to sell more fruit baskets out of the produce section. Ironically, the only job he wasn't good at was cashier. Studying to become an accountant, he wasn't fast at punching in customers' orders into cash registers.

Toward the end of his studies, the local vice president of operations asked him if he'd be interested in working for Kroger. Planning on joining an accounting firm, McMullen instead ended up working in Kroger's Charlotte, North Carolina, division office as an accounting supervisor. McMullen quickly caught corporate's attention. His office acquired a personal computer and he helped train everyone in the office on it. Tasks that had taken a day were being done in 15 minutes; productivity surged.

McMullen was made a financial analyst in 1986 and moved to Cincinnati where his numbers and computer savvy were soon put to a larger test.

McMullen succeeded Sinkula as CFO in 1995 and became the executive vice president of strategy, planning and finance in 2000. He oversaw the integration of the \$13 billion Fred Meyer acquisition in 1999 that made Kroger the nation's largest supermarket chain. He became president and chief operating officer - Kroger's No. 2 executive - in 2009, and CEO in 2014.

As the CEO of Kroger, Rodney McMullen has launched "... a mission to end hunger and food waste" with its Zero Hunger Zero Waste programme. Through the Kroger Foundation, the chain has donated \$10 million and plans to give out 3 billion balanced meals by 2025 and achieve zero waste by 2020. It's also donated \$3.5 million to hurricane recovery and relief efforts, including grants to food banks, product donations to local nonprofits and financial grants to associates suffering hardships. It is currently offering free healthcare in Houston through its *Little Clinic*, and its mobile pharmacy is visiting affected regions to help refill thousands of prescriptions for displaced patients. Whether or not Rodney McMullen is aware of the motto associated with his surname in Scotland ["I learn to help those in need"] the struggles his family endured after immigration from Ireland - as coal miners in 19th century Kentucky - are clearly not forgotten.

Part Two in December's CMI Magazine, will profile the CEO of *Walmart*, Doug McMillon.

More News from the Clan Around the World

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY



The Clan MacMillan table at Bendigo

President's Report

Our first event for this summer was the annual Australia Day Peoples March held in Melbourne on the 26th of January. As usual we marched directly behind the Scots of Victoria Group. CMSA had 5 members marching. Although I can no longer march I was waiting at the end of the parade route to welcome Jan, Myrna, Ross, David and Francesca. Once together we settled down to watch the rest of the parade and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Our next event was at Bendigo on 3rd March for their annual Scots Day Out. The weather treated us better than last year with a much milder day of 32 degrees. Family came and helped set up the gazebo where quite a few interested people stopped by.... We all had some free time to check out the events and the Irish and Scots dancing groups set up nearby so we were able to watch both. We also had a good view of the sword battles and were close to the bands' practice area.

Summer and Autumn in Australia is when most Highland Gatherings are held due to the weather being more favourable. Sadly this wasn't the case for us this year at Scots on the Swamp (a Charity Open Day with a Scottish theme in the grounds of Harewood House). Light showers were forecast, clearing by lunch time. In actual fact we had heavy rain and severe winds. I should have known better than to set up at all.



Struggling with the tent at Scots on the Swamp

USA NORTH CENTRAL STATES



MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games 2016

The North Central States Branch of Clan MacMillan covers the states of Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and the Dakotas.

The branch will be represented this year at the Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games at Hamilton Lakes IL on 15/16 June; the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games at Eagan MN on 21 July; the SW Missouri Celtic Festival at Buffalo MO on 7/8 September.

Branch founder Mike McMillen, who's also Clan MacMillan International's webmaster, has recently been working on maps illustrating Scottish emigration to the New World. The two completed maps - *Pre-Revolutionary Migrations of the Scottish Highlanders & Scots-Irish to the USA* and *Scottish Highlanders' Immigration to Canada* - are available now as high quality archival prints. See this page of Mike's own website: <http://mcmillen-design.com/pages/prints.html>

Branch Vice-President Laurel Martin has written an excellent account of the search for her McMillan ancestors in the current branch newsletter. They were Quakers from Northern Ireland who emigrated to Pennsylvania, and their story is reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter with the kind permission of the North Central States Branch.

Hugh Barron MBE, 1926-2018

It is with great sadness that I have to report the recent death of the renowned Highland scholar and Honorary Chieftain of the Gaelic Society of Inverness, Hugh Barron. Hugh was the great-great-great-grandson of John Macmillan, the Laird of Grant's Forester in Glen Urquhart in the late 1740s. This family connection led Hugh to amass a considerable body of information about the Macmillans in Glenurquhart, which he willingly shared with me when I began my research into the clan in the Glen. Indeed, he was in many ways my mentor in Highland history and genealogy - as indeed he was to many others dabbling in these fields.

Hugh served for many years as the Secretary of the Gaelic Society [GSI], and thus knew all the historians, genealogists, bards and scholars working in the Gaidhealtachd, so if he couldn't himself answer a question relating to any of these subjects (and his own knowledge was pretty encyclopaedic), he always knew who to ask instead. He was a true Highlander, always kind and courteous. He enjoyed a long and content life with his wife Margaret, who died in 2016, and they were always happy to offer bed and breakfast to visitors coming to talk to the Gaelic Society. He'll be sorely missed by his many friends, but his work lives on in *The Collected Writings of Hugh Barron* which was published by the GSI in 2011.

Graeme Mackenzie



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

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



The Clan MacMillan Crest



The Achievement, or Coat of Arms, of the Chief of Clan MacMillan
George Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap

Our Chief's Coat of Arms



CTS Badge

There are no new candidates for a CTS Investiture Service in Belfast, Maine, USA in conjunction with a Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Gathering Thursday, 28 June to Monday, 2 July 2018. To date activities to include in the program will also include an excursion to LL Bean's flagship store in downtown Freeport, a visit to the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum at Bowdoin College, where Donald MacMillan's contributions to Peary's Arctic expeditions are highlighted. We also explore the "other" Fort Knox, the Penobscot observatory, the Penobscot Marine Museum, and, weather permitting, take a sail on the bay. It wouldn't be Maine without a lobster dinner. There will be a CTS meeting. A formal banquet will conclude the festivities. CMSNA President **Jane Strauss CTS** has organized this event.

News of CTS Members:

Judith H. McMillan, 83, wife of **Stan McMillan CTS**, died 10 April 2018 in Canajoharie, NY, USA. She was a music teacher until her retirement. Stan was recovering from a fall in his home in March.

Daniel G. Neuman, husband of **Anne Neuman, CTS Honoris Causa, Almoner CTS**, died on 15 June'18. Danny has been ill for a long time and in hospital since 30 March, 2018. Our thoughts are with their family.

Grants by CTS to Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC): To clarify our CTS grant last year: CTS granted approximately \$1,000.00USD to CMIC in 2017. It was composed of two CTS memberships paid in Great British Pounds which amounted to almost exactly \$1,000.00USD. This amount was held by CMIC to be added to their coffers as our grant for 2017. The two candidates were Dr. Iain C. Macmillan, now of Australia and Freya Tugwell of Quedgely, Gloucester, England. The total of CTS Grants to CMIC to date is \$43,143.00US since 1996 averaging \$1,875.78USD per year for 23 years. A big thank you goes to **Anne Neuman CTS Honoris Causa**, Treasurer (Almoner) of CTS for all the good work she does.

Interesting Note: Both Canada and the United States have long-standing bans on Haggis imports from Scotland due to food safety regulations. But with a little bit of innovation and a lot of persistence, Macsween of Edinburgh is now shipping the Scottish delicacy to the Great White North. The company, which has been selling haggis since 1953, said their Canadian recipe uses lamb hearts instead of the traditional lamb lung which is deemed unfit for consumption in Canada. The company also uses a meat supplier approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Authority. "It's as close as we can get to the original recipe using different meats because the oats and spice mix are the same," said David Rae, Macsween's commercial director. (From Spring 2018 *Scottish Life* magazine.)

CTS has two Tribute Investment Funds and welcomes donations:

(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 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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