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Scenes from Inverness 2007

Photos here and on page 27 by Mike McMillen,
Tom Szczypanik and Graeme Mackenzie



The Programme for the August 2008
International Gathering of Clan MacMillan & Septs in California
TOURS

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS



Sunday morning we will board a bus at 11:00 a.m. to take us to Universal Studios. You will see where many movies and TV series are filmed and experience first hand a great adventure in being part of the movie set. There is also a main street with many trendy shops. The drive time will be approximately one hour. The buses will depart from the studios to the campus at 5:00p.m. This will allow ample time to go on the studio tour and to do lots of shopping. This is \$75, which covers the bus, entrance & tour.

LOS ANGELES & SANTA MONICA

Monday morning we will board a bus for a sightseeing tour of Los Angeles and the surrounding area including the prehistoric Tar Pits where remains of dinosaurs have been found. We will be dropped off at the Kings Arms (British Pub) in Santa Monica. This is a wonderful chance to see one of Southern California's famous beaches and walk around Santa Monica proper. The cost is \$35 but the lunch tab is your responsibility.

HUNTINGDON LIBRARY & GARDENS

Tuesday morning and afternoon will be spent at the Huntington Library & Gardens situated in Pasadena. The gardens contain practically every species of flowers and plants known to man. The Library is known for its Gainsborough and Reynolds pictures including "Blue Boy", and every quarter new items pertaining to different artists are added. The cost is \$50, which includes the entrance fee. If you wish to have afternoon tea - served from noon until 3:30 p.m. at \$26 per person - you will need a reservation (contact the Bells). Picnics are not allowed, but there is a small café, which is available for a sandwich lunch.



SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

12:00 noon Registration Opens
Afternoon free to explore the town of Claremont
05:00 Dinner - campus dining room
07:00 - 10:00 p.m. Meet & Greet in Hospitality Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

08:00 a.m. Breakfast
09:00 a.m. CTS Meeting
11:00 a.m. Buses leave for Universal Studios (about an hour's drive)
05:00 p.m. Buses depart for Pitzer College
06:30 p.m. Dinner
08:00 - 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

07:30 a.m. Breakfast - campus dining room
09:00 a.m. Buses leave campus for sightseeing tour of Los Angeles
11:00 a.m. Buses drop off at Santa Monica
02:00 p.m. Buses depart for Pitzer College
03:30 p.m. CMIC Trustees' meeting
06:00 p.m. Dinner - campus dining room
08:00 - 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

07:30 a.m. Breakfast - campus dining room
09:00 a.m. Business Meeting for CMSNA
11:00 a.m. Buses leave for Huntington Gdns
04:30 p.m. Buses leave for Pitzer College
06:00 p.m. Dinner - campus dining room
07:30 p.m. Lecture on Celts - Morgan Mullins
08:30 - 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

07:30 a.m. Breakfast - campus dining room
09:30 a.m. Buses depart for church
10:00 a.m. CTS Ceremony
First Methodist Church, Ontario
12:00 noon Buses depart for Pitzer College
01:00 p.m. Lunch - campus dining room
02:00 p.m. Conclave Session
05:00 p.m. Buses depart for formal
Gala Dinner
05:30 p.m. Cocktail hour
06:30 p.m. Gala Dinner
09:45 p.m. Buses depart for Pitzer College

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

08:00 a.m. Farewell Breakfast - dining room

Details of venues and travel information can be found on the website at www.clanmacmillan.org/CA2008.html from whence further registration/booking forms can also be downloaded. They must be received by 31 Jan 2008 with deposit of 50% of total amount owed; the balance will be due by 30 April 2008. Application fee of \$15 required from non-CMSNA members.



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(Clan Centre Mission Statement drawn up at Clan MacMillan Conclave in June 2000).

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Right: Chief George
preparing to take
part in the Cancer
Relief Clan Challenge
using the paddle
presented to him in
2002 by the Glengarry
and Ottawa Valley
Branch of the clan



Editorial and Clan Centre News

This edition of the Clan MacMillan International Magazine is something of an experiment - both with layout and with the use of colour on some pages.

The more professional look inside is inspired by the excellent cover layout suggested by professional graphic artist Mike McMillen (Minneapolis) to whom we're most grateful.

The use of colour printing on this occasion has been made possible both by the sale of some advertising space, and by

a generous act of sponsorship by our chief. While we would hope to attract more advertising in future issues, and similar acts of sponsorship from others, there may be another way in which we could fund colour printing on a regular basis.

The suggestion is that instead of producing two similarly-sized black and white publications a year we might instead have one larger and partially coloured "magazine" - like this - and one smaller black and white "newsletter" each year. The result over the year

would be no diminution in the total amount of news and features - indeed, we hope we'd be able to fit more in - and, most importantly, no net increase in overall annual expenditure.

If this proves feasible we hope it would meet with our members' approval, and we look forward to receiving your views on the matter - either directly or via the Clan Centre Trustees. In the meantime we hope you enjoy this packed, stylish, and colourful edition of the magazine.

FROM THE CHIEF:

Dumfries Weekend 2008

While in Inverness last summer, UK clan members expressed a desire to meet in South West Scotland in 2008.

Pauline and I have picked the weekend of 20-22 June. The plan is to inhabit a modest but characterful hotel (yet to be chosen) - probably in Dumfries, which is accessible by rail - for the Friday and Saturday nights. We'll advertise our presence in the hope of contacting local MacMillans - an elusive bunch.

Our plan, so far as it exists, includes visits to places of interest to MacMillans. We may also put on a cycling event, whose nature will depend on the participants'

wishes, at Drumlanrig Castle, which is very near Kirkpatrick Macmillan's smithy and hires bikes. In addition we've had a generous offer of tea-time hospitality from Susan Seed, daughter of the last Chieftain of the Galloway MacMillans, and her husband Peter.

It would be useful - essential indeed - to know how many people are willing/able to be there for those days. Suggestions of sites we might visit and/or things we might do will be most welcome: the above programme is by no means immutable.

It's remotely possible there'll be a day-long outing by boat from Garlieston, Galloway, to the Isle of Man (and back) while we're there. The package could include a ride

on the island's steam railway, which is one of the most extensive left in the British Isles. Unfortunately we shan't know till January (at the earliest) which summer week-end that cruise will occur on. If it were available, would you wish to go on it?

Please indicate your general interest in such a weekend as soon as possible (perhaps within ten days of receiving this). If you would like to give the chances of your attending in the form of a %, that would be most useful.

If you want to be kept informed, please contact me (01475-540285 or chief@clanmacmillan.org) with your telephone number and/or email address.

Non-U.K. clan members will be more than welcome to join us.

Clans MacMillan, Fraser, and MacKenzie raised well over £2,000 in Inverness in July this year for Macmillan Cancer Support in the course of the "Cancer Relief Clan Challenge".

Clan MacMillan's share of the total - raised by sponsorship of paddlers, the dinner, and a collection in the course of the Social Evening at the Old North Inn, Kirkhill - was **£1147.02**



Jennifer Fraser (right) on behalf of Clan Fraser, Pauline Simpson on behalf of Clan MacMillan, and Graeme Mackenzie - this time on behalf of Clan Mackenzie - present Fiona Hawthorne of Macmillan Cancer Support with a cheque for £2,133-24 in the recently refurbished Clan Fraser Centre in Beaulieu.



New Companions of the Tonsured Servant with Abbot Blanche & Chief George

Photo by John B. McMillan



Brigadier Alistair Macmillan (Howwood, Renfrewshire, Scotland), sometime Treasurer of the Clan MacMillan International Centre, has been invited to become a Colonel Commandant of the Royal Army Medical Corps for five years from 2008.

Alistair attended the recent clan gathering in Inverness with his father, Sir Graham Macmillan, his brother Donald and his wife Julia, his sister Janie and her husband John Howell, and his sister Catriona Macmillan. Since Catriona now lives in Australia this was a rare get-together for Alistair's family (see the group photograph in the middle of the bottom row on Page 2 of this magazine).

Myrna Robertson (Cranbourne, Victoria), Secretary of the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia, enjoyed a few weeks in the UK in August as part of a lengthy round-the-world trip. She and Barbara Firth visited the Clan Centre, and met Graeme in Inverness on their way north to hunt ancestors in the Orkney Isles. Myrna is pictured right with Chief George at the back door of Finlaystone House.

The following clanspeople, who signed the Clan Centre's Visitors Book, have also been at Finlaystone this summer:

MAY: Stuart McMillan, Ormond, Vic, Australia;

Lynn McMillan, W. Berlin, VT, USA;

Kristin McMillan-Lunak, Haverhill, NH, USA;

Lora Jean, David, and Brian McMillan, Traer, Iowa, USA.

JUN: Mike Griffin, Singapore; Jane McMillan, Warren, NJ, USA;

Samatha & Jamie Dalton, Richmond, VA, USA.

JUL: Michael and Victoria Parker, Hingham, MA, USA;

Carol and David Morris, Seymour, TN, USA;

Curtis, Amanda, Caitlin, Harrison, and Baxter Carr, Richmond, VA, USA; Michael McMillen, Minneapolis, MN, USA;

Harold, Steven, Loretta, and Edna McMillen, Hulbert, OK, USA; John B and Blanche McMillan, Burlington, ON, Canada;

Jack McMillan, Minneapolis, MN, USA; R. Neil Johnson, Roseville, MN, USA; Thomas McMillan, Kilbarchan, Scotland;

Sharon Halliday, Cochrane, AB, Canada; Keith and Jillian McMillan, Cochrane, AB, Canada;

Hugh and Darlene Halliday, AB, Canada; Joyce and Courtney Sanks, Walla Walla, WA, USA.

AUG: Donald, Lisa, Alec, Hayley, Connor, and Andrew MacMillen, Hillsborough, CA, USA;

Scott, Angie, Katie, and Heather McMillan, Hythe, Southampton, England;

Kelly McMillan, Gallowhill, Paisley, Scotland; Thomas and Lynda Ford, ON, Canada;

Laurie and Jo Macmillan, Pipiwai, NZ; Donald and Marlene McMillan, St Andrews, NS, Canada;

Lilian de Giacomo, Barnard, VT, USA; Roy and Ann Wainwright, York, PA, USA.

SEPT: Barbara McMillan, Mahomet, IL, USA; Brett McMillen, Eglinton, NSW, Australia;

Ian McMillan, Yarraville, Vic, Australia.

The following, who were not otherwise part of the Inverness 2007 Gathering, signed in at the MacMillan table in the Clan Tent during the Inverness World Games on 21 July, 2007:

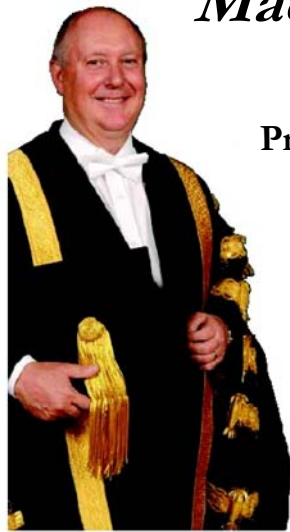
Bill and Julie Greenlaw, Cushnie, Aberdeen, Scotland; Hamish and Roz McMillen, Inverness, Scotland;

Alex McMillan, Dunedin, NZ; Dan McMillan, Port Chalmers, NZ; Janet MacMillan, Inverness, Scotland

Janet MacMillan, Inverness, is the sister of piper Alec MacMillan - who's shown nearest the camera in the front row of the British Legion Pipe Band in the photograph from the Inverness Games on Page 27 of the magazine. Janet and Alec's family come from the island of Barra.



MacMillans & Friends in the Limelight



Professor Sir Kenneth Calman FRSE, PhD, was installed as the Chancellor of Glasgow University on the 21st of June 2006

The Chancellor - pictured left in his new ceremonial robes - is the symbolic head of the University, and one of its most prominent ambassadors. Amongst his statutory duties is the conferment of degrees. The Chancellor is elected by the General Council, of which he is President, and holds office for life. Sir Kenneth, brother of The Clan MacMillan Society of Scotland's last Treasurer, Charles Calman, was formerly Chief Medical Officer for Scotland and then for the UK, and latterly Vice-Chancellor and Warden of the University of Durham.

MacMillan descendant the Right Honourable Helen Clark MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand, celebrates 20 years in the top rank of politics in 2007.

It was in 1987 that the then thirty seven year old Labour MP was first appointed to the Cabinet. Two years later she was Deputy Prime Minister; and in 1993 she was elected Leader of her party. She became Prime Minister when Labour returned to power in 1999. Prime Minister Clark is Patron of the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand.



21 year old Karen Simpson, from Langbank, won the Goldsmiths Company Young Designer of the Year Award in 2006. With the proceeds from her prize she has created the bowl shown above which is now on permanent show at the prestigious Kelvingrove Art Gallery in Glasgow. Karen is now doing a post-grad course in England, and hopes in due course to set up her own studio. Karen no doubt inherited some at least of her artistic genes from her proud mum - Clan MacMillan Centre Curator, Pauline Simpson.

Douglas McMillan, Director of McMillan Hotels, has announced *The McMillan Challenge*. This is a three part sporting day out involving a game of curling, an 18 hole round of golf and 2 miles of mountain biking - all to be completed in 24 hours. "Scotland has tremendous leisure attractions, it seemed logical to combine three of the most popular pastimes into one adventure", said Douglas; "curling, golf and mountain biking each demand varying skills and physical and mental abilities. Together they pose a hard but thoroughly enjoyable day out with a difference".

The North West Castle was the first hotel in the world to have its own indoor curling rink and is managed by Douglas's brother, ex-world champion curler Hammy McMillan Jnr. The family hotel group is donating a trophy to the first person to successfully complete *The McMillan*. Starting with curling at the North West Castle, then golf at either Stranraer, Glenuce or Dunskey-Portpatrick, and mountain biking on the Ae, Dalbeattie, Kirroughtree or Mabie trails. McMillan Hotels is also offering a **two nights dinner, bed & breakfast package from £149.00 per person** to enable enthusiasts to try this out. Rates include curling, mountain bike hire and a round of golf.



News from the Clan Around the World



Connall Bell, President of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) - pictured above with Chief George in California in 2002 - has published the programme for CMSNA's Fiftieth Anniversary Gathering next August. Full details can be found on Page 26, and a booking form is enclosed with your magazine.

Appalachian Branch wins again at Stone Mountain

In Robert Bell's own words:

"...the Appalachian Branch does on occasions find it so extremely hard to be humble when we are just soooooooooo great! ... The Branch is once again the *"Outstanding Clan of the Year"*! This make it the fourth time (not connectively) that we have received the Ken MacKenzie Memorial Trophy for demonstrating outstanding Scottish spirit."

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY EXPANDING

Representatives Recruited in Three Localities

The Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand have appointed the following members to act as their local representatives:

Duncan McMillan in Wellington
Susan Haack in Hawkes Bay

Rob & Marilyn McMillan in Nelson
Local get-togethers are also being organised for those who can't get to the Society's quarterly meetings at Galbraith's in Auckland.

CHIEF CALLS CONCLAVE

George MacMillan is inviting the heads of all Clan MacMillan Branches, Societies, Family Groups & Septs to join him and other Clan Elders in California next August to consider the way ahead for the clan.

This will be the third Conclave of Clan MacMillan - but the first to be held outside of Scotland. Recognising the expense of travelling to the mother country while the pound remains so strong against the dollar, Chief George says he hopes that California will prove a more feasible option for North American, and indeed for Australasian Elders, and he's looking forward to seeing many old friends again.

Though participation in the Conclave is by invitation only, the Chief hopes that holding it in the course of a large International Gathering will allow the views of all clanspeople to be made known to him and other Elders. Matters to be considered will include the continuing expansion of the clan around the world, and the further development of the Clan MacMillan Centre in Scotland.

North Central States elect fresh officers

Branch founder Mike McMillen has been called back to the colours to serve a further term as President of Clan MacMillan North Central States in succession to Neil Johnson. Also elected at the branch's AGM in October were the following new officers:

Vice Presidents, Jerry MacMillan & Jack Schlaeger; Secretary, Sherrill Carlson; Treasurer, Judy MacMillan; Convener in Illinois, Mike McMillin; Convener in Missouri, Robert McMillan; Convener in Minnesota, Jack MacMillan.

Glengarry & Ottawa Valley Branch consider scholarship proposal

The Glengarry & Ottawa Valley Branch AGM in Williamstown, ON, on 20th October discussed a proposal by Treasurer Harold MacMillan to establish an award for the student in each of the three Glengarry English High Schools who best exemplified the philosophy of the Clan MacMillan motto. The meeting also thanked Ernie and Carlyle MacMillan for their assistance with meeting and greeting on the clan table at this year's successful Glengarry Highland Games.

The Next Clan Society ?

Chief George has appointed Adhania Olson as Convener in Washington State, USA, to see if there's enough interest in the state to support its own clan branch in years to come. Adhania is inviting all those who might be interested in joining such a body to an inaugural gathering to be attended by George on his way home from California next year. For details email skyspinner@cablespeed.com.

From Greenville to Austin

George MacMillan

In June the chief was invited by the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan to attend the Greenville Highland Games in South Carolina, and associated events. As he relates here, George also took the opportunity of being in the USA to visit Austin, the capital of Texas, to help launch the clan's latest society.

When tempted to moan about the tedium of flying over the Atlantic, I find it helpful to recall the hardships endured by those migrants who once crossed it in very small boats: I'm sure they would gladly have traded seven hours in 'Economy' for two months in one of them. And, in any case, the more uneventful a flight, the better.

On landing at Philadelphia, I was promised an 'electric vehicle'. It turned out to be a battered wheelchair pushed by a very small man who might have been more at home with a rickshaw. As he pushed me and my luggage up a carpeted incline, I pointed out that my legs were unimpaired: it was only my eyes: 'Perhaps I could put my bag on the chair and walk beside you?' I suggested. But that, clearly, would not have done. When we eventually reached the summit, our speed picked up dramatically: with the occasional 'Excuse me' we hurtled past patient passengers queuing for scrutiny - only to be stopped dead when the X-Ray revealed my assortment of kilt pins and prickly badges. Fortunately, none was judged lethal.



The Greensboro hospitality was well up to standard. Appalachian Branch President Robert Bell, and his wife Sue put on a magnificent party in their garden ('yard' is, presumably, a trans-Atlantic form of the same word). Two days later, we were off to Greenville (South Carolina) with two vehicles laden with all things necessary for running a Clan tent at this, the second annual event of its kind. Our stock included specially concocted haggis for the climax of the 'Scottish Festival' programme, the Appalachian Branch banquet.

Our first engagement was a reception given by Festival sponsors Tom Ervine and his wife, Katherine Williams (whose mother was a MacMillan). I much enjoyed sitting beside Katherine's father.

The following morning, CTS Abbot Blanche McMillan conducted, with her habitual brilliance, the admission of ten new members into the Community of the Tonsured Servant.



Robert Bell (front centre), and the Appalachian Branch at Greenville

Chief Appeals to Commemorate Clan MacMillan's Last Stand

Unique chance to purchase clan stone for new centre

The 16th of April 1746 was almost certainly the last time that a body of MacMillans fought together as a clan. Commanded by Captain Ewen Macmillan, Younger of Murlagan, *Clann MhicGhillemhaoil Abrach* ("Clan Macmillan of Lochaber") formed a self-contained company in Cameron of Lochiel's Regiment in what was also the last battle to be fought on British soil - at Culloden.

The new visitor centre on the battlefield of Culloden is set to open at the end of this year. One of its features will be an area for inscribed stones commemorating the clans that fought there - particularly those that don't already have memorial cairns. Though there is a Clan Cameron cairn the name of MacMillan is entirely absent from the field of

Culloden - and now we have the chance to rectify that omission.

£1,500 - about US \$3,135 at the current exchange rate - is needed to purchase a stone with inscription of our choice and the clan crest on it (the proceeds go to the restoration of the battlefield by the National Trust for Scotland). Since smaller stones with text only on them can also be purchased for a separate memorial walk, it may be possible to arrange to have the donor commemorated in stone too. For details of the stones go to www.nts.org.uk/Culloden/Stones/.

The Chief would be pleased to hear from any individuals or groups who would like to donate for the purchase of such a clan stone. Ring +44 (0)1475-540285, email chief@clanmacmillan.org

New Conveners for the Virginia McMullans

Emily McMullen Williams is stepping down as Convener of the Virginia McMullens/McMullans, the family group descended from John McMullen "the Tailor" who founded the Virginia township of McMullen in the 1760s. Emily and her husband Ed will continue to assist at the group's various events, and at tents the McMullans run in Virginia on behalf of the Appalachian Branch of the Clan.

Sharon Stoneman and Ginny West (both from Roanoke, VA) are taking over from Emily as Co-Conveners, with Sharon acting as the group's Treasurer. Future plans, made at a recent meeting in Ed and Emily's home at Culpepper, VA, include a trip to Georgia - where many of the Tailor's descendants settled - in May 2008, and a reunion in Virginia itself in 2009. Plans are also afoot for a Virginia McMullans' website.



The Murlagan Plaque in Canada

Pictured above is a memorial for Archibald Macmillan of Murlagan and his eldest son, Alexander, who both died of cholera in Montreal in an epidemic that swept through the city in 1832.

It was in Montreal that Archie Murlagan first settled after the emigration from Lochaber that he and his cousin Allan Glenpean had organised in 1802 - Glenpean having settled across the Ottawa River in Glengarry County.

In 1811 however Murlagan and his family moved upriver to Grenville where he traded as a merchant, and served as postmaster from 1819 to 1828. He then returned to Montreal to join Alexander, who had in the meantime set up a law office - though some of Archie's children remained in Grenville. Thus it was that when father and son died this plaque was sited there, in the Papineauville Cemetery, the burial place of other members of the family.

According to Harold MacMillan, Treasurer of the Glengarry & Ottawa Valley Branch of the clan - who lives at Hawkesbury, on the other side of the Ottawa River from Grenville - the plaque has been moved and is now to be found in the Margaret Rogers Presbyterian Church at Lachute (which is to the north east of Hawkesbury).

We're most grateful to Susan Drinkwater for supplying the photo and explanatory info.

More News From Around the World

CLAN MACMILLAN BUSY IN NEW ENGLAND

Chris Wittenberg reports from New Hampshire



The New Hampshire Highland Games are held at Loon Mountain Ski Resort. This year, for the first time in what seems like decades, they enjoyed three days of lovely warm sunshine.

On September 21-23 the leaves were just beginning to show a little of the warm autumn foliage colors on the mountains, and the colors of the clan tartans were represented in splendid detail for the entire weekend. The area reminds us very much of the beautiful Highlands of Scotland. Attendance was a record

at more than 26,000, and over 180 Highland Dancers came to compete at all levels of skill, making it one of the largest North American venues. An additional 170 piping and drumming competitors vied for top honors, as well as many competitors in Clarsach (Scottish Harp) and Fiddle.

Capacity crowds filled the grandstands for many events and were joined on Saturday by the British and Canadian Consul Generals, NH Governor John Lynch, Lord James Sempill,

Director of Scotland's *Gathering 2009*, and Lord Ailsa, Chieftain of the Games & Chief of Clan Kennedy as more than twenty bands marched onto the Parade Grounds for the Opening Ceremonies. Additionally, sixty two clans, led by the Kennedy Society of North America, provided a great display of color and proud clan battle cries.

Michael Drotar of Loudon, New Hampshire, participated in the Grand March of Clans representing Clan MacMillan, alongside Ray Bell (pictured together left). Ray was ecstatic to have someone of his clan march with him, as this is the second year he has been the solitary Bell representative.

Meanwhile in Vermont...

Also active in New England this summer have been Jana Mallory and her family. Having been given permission by Chief George to represent the clan at individual specified events, Jana set up a MacMillan tent in 100 degrees heat at the Quechee Scottish Festival in eastern Vermont on 25 August.

Jana and her family were also at Loon Mountain, and the photograph below shows her husband (right) and sons ready for the Tartan Ball



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH NEWS

The Pacific Branch, Southern District, held their AGM on May 26 at the Pomona Games. The only change amongst the officer-holders was the election



of Linda Cooke as Treasurer. The meeting also voted to set up a scholarship fund for children in the clan, which is to be named in honour of the chief's late wife Jane MacMillan.

David Eddy, Pacific Branch's North Central Convener, has been representing the clan at the Fresno and Loch Lomond Highland Games. He was also at the Pleasanton Games along with Roving Conveners Bill and Jane, and Jane's sister Joan McMillin. Bill and Jane are shown left dressed for the fray.

Our clan tent at the Games, held next day on the beautiful University campus, was extremely well appointed - so much so that we saw little of the Games. But we all took note of the Kilted Mile, where MacMillans provided half the contestants.

The final banquet got off to a shaky start, because the hotel's chef had clearly not met a haggis before. After some delay, we were handed plates featuring tepid, thick slices of haggis, unaccompanied by neeps, tatties or anything else. But nobody worried, because Robert had already proceeded to Stage Two of his seating plan, so that we all had plenty to talk about. Besides, Andrew MacMillan (NY) had put a benign spell on the haggis with one of his celebrated Addresses.

The evening was further enlivened with two more changes of neighbours, by songs from Amber and Stephanie Mullinax, a dance from the champion dancer, Clair Macmillan, and piping of all kinds from Dr. Nelson Gwynn.

One re-shuffle gave me particular pleasure, when I found myself sitting between Jim and Beverley Bell. Jim, ably supported by Dr. Jim and his wife 'Willie Mac' (also present at the feast) was the founder of the Branch.



Jim Bell

Beverley's loyal support had just been recognised by her admission 'Honoris Causa' to the C.T.S. Some of our number had a difficult homeward run, plagued by more unpredictable bugs. We were more fortunate.

ON TO TEXAS

Mark McMillan, who'd come from Texas to attend the Games, followed Sue's yellow Cadillac back to Greensboro, and drove me, very early next morning, to Charlotte to catch a flight to Austin via Atlanta, due soon after lunch. All went smoothly till we joined an abnormally long and slow-moving queue for check-in. The cause of the problem emerged only when we reached the desk: our flight had been cancelled. 'Do you mean **delayed**, we asked in unison.'

'No: **Cancelled**' came the reply. While we were being re-routed via Cincinnati the queue must have quadrupled. Luckily, no elaborate plans had been made for that day, because our ETA was now 10.30pm. The long waits and comparatively short flights passed surprisingly agreeably; but it was a great relief to arrive at last at Garry and Sherrell McMillan's lovely house and stretch out on a comfortable bed.

The following day was devoted to feasting, with a friendly meeting mid-afternoon to lay the foundations of a Texas Branch of Clan MacMillan (see the photograph at the foot of the page). Joint-Conveners, Mark and Gary, had assembled many relations from near and far - some of them recent discoveries. Judging from the intelligence and enthusiasm of the participants, the omens for the new branch are excellent.

After a highly enjoyable day spent experiencing Austin, I took off for home in an aeroplane full of jumpy people, all expecting to miss their connections for various parts of the globe - myself included. It turned out that most East Coast air traffic was delayed, thanks to storms on the previous evening. They saved me. I hope my companions were as lucky.



My Early Clan MacMillan Connections

Nigel S. C. Macmillan



Major Cameron Macmillan greets Edwin McMillan on board the "Corinthia" accompanied by his son Nigel (sixth from right) and Clan Bard & Historian, Reverend Somerled MacMillan (extreme left)

When the Clan Macmillan Society was founded in 1892, there was no recognised Clan Chief. The Society was instrumental in drawing Macmillans together and establishing a bond.

My grandfather Donald was a founder member, so my father William Cameron Macmillan was brought up as a member of the society - as was myself, and my son Niall Gordon Macmillan. All three of us served as President.

In the post World War II period, the society was very strong. Monthly meetings were held in the Highlanders' Institute, itself founded to cater for displaced Northerners, and could command an attendance of 30 to 40 people.

Sir Gordon MacMillan addresses the clan from beneath the John Knox Tree on the lawn at Finlaystone in 1959

An annual dinner dance in The Grand Hotel at Charing Cross was attended by about 200. There was also a Christmas meal followed by a theatre visit.

On one occasion the entertainers, on hearing we were in the audience, came on in Macmillan kilts for the second half.



In the '50s it got even better when General Sir Gordon Macmillan was recognised as our Chief.

The first big event spawned by this development was an International Clan Gathering at Sir Gordon's estate at Finlaystone in August 1959. Sufficient Canadian and American Macmillans came over that the liner "Corinthia" paid an unscheduled visit to the Clyde.

My father, as President, myself, and other Society members went out to the liner on a paddle steamer to welcome the visitors and accompany them ashore to Princes Pier where Sir Gordon was waiting to greet them.

The next few days' highlights were a welcoming dinner in the Glasgow Central Hotel, run by the Society, and a garden party at Finlaystone in glorious sunshine. This was the first of many to be held on both sides of the Atlantic.

Clan MacMillan's Community of the Tonsured Servant

Founded in 1995, CTS supports the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC), and provides educational materials and events for Clan MacMillan and Sept members around the world.

TEN CTS MEMBERS WERE INVESTED AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, USA, on 8 JUNE 2007. They're listed below as shown in the photograph on Page 25 from left to right (excepting Abbot Blanche & Chief George in the centre). The investiture was held in conjunction with the Appalachian Branch Gathering. These new members raised \$3,250US for CTS & ultimately CMIC:

Beverly Pottle Bell, *honoris causa*: Beverly was nominated *honoris causa* for all she has done to support the Appalachian Branch in the last 32 years. She is the wife of Jim Bell (CTS *honoris causa* 1995) - one of the two founders of the Appalachian Branch. They live in Live Oak, FL. "Thank you, good and faithful servant".

Heidi Brosse Bell: Heidi is married to Hamish Bell, son of Robert Bell, President of the Appalachian Branch. They have two small sons and is deeply honored to be a part of Clan MacMillan, and feels blessed to be among such wonderful family and friends. They live in Jackson, AL.

Christopher Hart Kemp: Christopher is the son of Dr. David and Rhonda McMillen Kemp (Rhonda joined CTS in 2000) of Franklin, TN. Christopher is a 21-year-old Religion and the Arts Major at Belmont University in Nashville, TN, and loves writing. He hopes to study abroad in Japan during his senior year at Belmont.

Nelson Smith Gwinn MD: Dr Gwinn practices Interventional Cardiology and is President of Southeast Cardiology, AL. He is active in the Boy Scouts as a scoutmaster as well as a variety of charitable organizations. He competes in bagpipes and has recently won several prizes at large highland games.

Nelson Jonathan Smith Gwinn: Jonathan is the son of Dr. Gwinn and attends Houston Academy in Dothan, AL. He is very active in the Scouts and was recently inducted in the Order of the Arrow. This spring he rode on horseback with his father from Ft. William to Inveraray, Scotland. He is learning to play the bagpipes.

Robert Leroy Jones: Robert and his wife Frances and their 5 children live in Cleveland, GA. They lived in Australia for 5 years and now Robert has a Real Estate Investment Business They have been involved in a personal mission venture with a pastor from India to develop a Christian school and a church in Northern India of 250-400 students. Robert is joining CTS to honor his Grandmother Eula Mae McMillan

Patrick Shawn McMillan: Patrick lives in Greensboro, NC. He is self-employed as a Licensed Home Inspector and General Contractor. He is learning to play the pipes with teacher Robert Bell.

Mary Joan Baxter Owens: Joan and her husband Major K. N. Owens MD live in Aiken, SC, and is the mother of Stuart Cameron Owens MD. She was a flight nurse officer in the US Air Force during the Korean conflict. She is convener for Clan MacMillan each year for the Aiken Highland Games.

Stuart Cameron Owens MD: Stuart is a retired ear, nose, and throat surgeon who lives on Shem Creek in Mount Pleasant, SC, with his wife, Louise and their three children. He has been the Convener of the Charleston, SC, Highland Games and helped his parents with the Aiken Games

Julia Gail Mullikin Batchelor, reinvested: Julia and her husband Rudy live in Nashville, NC. She joined CTS in 2002 and was invested in absentia at Iona Abbey because she was unable to be in Scotland that year.

THE NEXT CTS INVESTITURE WILL BE AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ONTARIO, CA, USA, AT 10:00 AM, ON 6 AUGUST 2008. It will be held in conjunction with the Clan MacMillan Society of North America 50th Anniversary Gathering to be held at Claremont, (Los Angeles), 2 to 7 August: Plan to join CTS at this 50th. We already have two new CTS members for this Investiture; Sunday Dawn Robinson of Vittoria, ON, Canada, and Jack Baxter of Morgan Hill, CA, USA. This has raised \$1,000 for CTS and CMIC.

CTS GRANT FOR CLAN MACMILLAN PROJECTS: In June 2007, CTS granted \$400 to Mike McMillen of Minneapolis for his out of pocket expenses in producing materials for the Branches. It is a continuation of the decision of the CTS business meeting in London, ON, Canada, in 2005. Mike told me at Finlaystone, in July 2007 after the Inverness Gathering, that he was thinking of using the money to fill a large display wall frame at CMIC with an enlargement of the Clan MacMillan map with additional peripheral pictures.

CTS GRANT TO CMIC IN 2007 REMAINS AT APPROXIMATELY \$4,000.

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Galloway MacMillans in Covenanting Times

Somerled MacMillan

This is the first part of an article by the clan bard and historian originally published by him in the Clan MacMillan Magazine of North America, Vol. 2, No. 1, July 1959. The second part will appear in the next issue of the Clan MacMillan International Magazine.

During the reigns of Charles I and II, great struggles were going on throughout Scotland, particularly in the Lowlands, when many of the peasants resisted every attempt made by those kings to force them to accept Episcopacy as the official religion of the state. It actually began with Charles I trying to interfere with the order of service: when at his command, Archbishop Laud's prayer book was introduced into the Scottish Church. This book received a very hot reception, not to mention James Hannay, Dean of Edinburgh, who had a three-legged stool thrown at him by a servant lass known as Jenny Geddes.

This English innovation simply infuriated the Scots as being something alien to the Presbyterian faith and soon after this stormy scene, petitions came from many quarters against its acceptance. Several Galloway MacMillans readily put their signatures to the petitions drawn up in their district and their names are as follows (signed in 1637):

John McMillane of Ardoch
John McMillane of Arndarach
John McMillane of Brokloch
Cuthbert McMillane
of Drumness
Alexander McMillane
in Dunveoche
Alexander McMillane
in HoIme of Tantallochane

George McMillane
in Carsfairne
George McMillane in Minygaff
James McMillane in Minygaff
(Burgess) John McMillane
in Minygaff

George McMillane
in Morskalloche
John McMillane
in Morskalloche
George McMillane
in Over Knockgray
John McMillane in Bank
John McMillane in Barr
John McMillane, Merchant,
in Clachan
John McMillane in Clepans
Robert McMillane in Arie
..... McMillane
in Bridinloch
William McMollane,
Burgess of Kirkcudbright

Great pressure was brought to bear upon the people, enforcing them to attend the services of the bishops. Heavy fines were imposed upon those who failed to attend the Episcopal Church.

Many loyal Presbyterians took to the hills and lonely moors of Southwest Scotland where they held open-air conventicles which were conducted by faithful ministers who had lost their churches because they would not conform to Episcopacy. It is said that John McMillan of Brockloch would rather pay a fine of £360 than conform to prelacy.

The King's forces were sent into those districts frequented by the Covenanters and they were slaughtered without mercy. This desperate situation forced a peace-loving people to take up arms in order to defend themselves against such fearful tyranny and oppression. At first, the Covenanters had a few successful skirmishes, but the first real setback took place at Pentland. Some of the prisoners captured were hanged at Ayr, including two Galloway MacMillans - Alexander McMillan of Muirdrocket and a James McMillan.

In 1668 a proclamation was made for the arrest of John, son of John McMillan of Brockloch, and others who had not accepted Charles II's indemnity. On May 3rd, 1668, a warning was given at Edinburgh that the following were "not to be reset or intercommuned with":
John McMillan, younger,
of Ardindarroch
Alexander McMillan
in Bank,
James McMillan
in Newton
John McMillan
in Clachan of Dalry
John McMillan
in Strongashell
John McMillan, younger,
in Brockloch

Since Denny and Henry C. have at least a one marker difference, FDTNA can also calculate the percentage probability that they share a common ancestor within some number of generations while taking into account knowledge that they don't share a common ancestor within the last few generations. This reduces the statistical probability since five or six generations of possible common ancestors are excluded from the population, but takes advantage of *a priori* knowledge gleaned from documentary evidence. Using this knowledge, the probability that Denny and Henry C. share a common ancestor *exactly* seven generations ago is reduced to 27.74%. Put another way, there's a 72.26% chance that their common ancestor occurs prior to Alexander MackMillion. The probability that two participants share Alexander as their common ancestor, when excluding recent generations from the calculation, is shown in parenthesis on the figure.

The descendents of Alexander's son James (this includes myself) differ from the other participants by three or four markers. At a three-marker distance, the probability that Thomas and Denny or Thomas and Ruben share a common ancestor within the last seven generations is only 33.74%. If the last five generations are excluded from the population then the probability is reduced to 16.62% that the common ancestor is Alexander MackMillion. While this may seem like a low probability of a recent common ancestor, in particular Alexander MackMillion, the DNA evidence augments the meagre documentary evidence. A broader DNA study has shown there is a wide variation in DNA markers in the MacMillan clan.

Thus it's likely that two or more early American McMillan families that live in the same state or region by happenstance would have a substantially different set of markers, and DNA testing would be able to sort out descendents of the two families. Of course if the families are relatively close cousins from the old country, then it might be difficult or impossible to distinguish the families and associate descendents with a particular American immigrant.

Within this study, almost all of the marker differences are observed in the polymorphic markers, which are known to exhibit higher mutation rates. It may be that the descendents of Alexander's son James have particularly high mutation rates for a physiological reason or the differences may be a result of pure chance. According to the FTDNA calculation, the probability that my uncle and I share a common ancestor within the last seven generations is just over 60%, which seems rather low in the circumstances. I hope to attract additional participants from this line to develop a better understanding of this phenomenon.

The DNA study has yet to yield a clue as to whether Alexander MackMillion immigrated from Scotland or Northern Ireland. The 37 markers associated with Alexander MackMillion are similar to those of descendents of colonial era McMillans that immigrated from Scotland or Northern Ireland to Pennsylvania. These descendents have a Time to Most Recent Common Ancestor (TMRCA) indicative of a common ancestor 10-18 generations ago (assuming a 50% probability of certainty).

At this time there's insufficient data to localize this common ancestor to a particular area in Scotland or to determine if he lived on a Northern Ireland plantation in the 1600s. The most statistically likely scenario is that Alexander MackMillion was part of the mass migration from Ulster to the American colonies that started around 1717 and went in several waves ending in the late 1700s. But there were also a number of Scots who immigrated directly to America during this period. And it is possible that Alexander was a second or third generation American. Genetics may eventually help tell this chapter of Alexander's story.

On one last note, the Y-chromosome DNA study provides insight into the lineal male descendents of Alexander MackMillion. A Mitochondrial DNA study of the lineal female descendents of Phoebe and her daughters Susannah and Yourrath is possible, and might provide insight into Phoebe's lineage. The research group believes that Phoebe may be the daughter of Henry Butler of Baltimore County, Maryland since she appears to name several of her children after members of the Butler family. Descendents of Alexander MackMillion are invited to join the study by visiting the following website: <http://www.ftdna.com/public/mcmillian>. Other MacMillan cousins are invited to join, too. Results from the McMillian Surname Project are combined with other MacMillan projects at the following website: <http://home.comcast.net/~mcmillanmail/DNA/MacMillan.html>

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Robert McMillan
in Kiltarsan
William McMillan
in Bredinoch
William McMillan
in Tulloch.

One occasionally finds in the records of the period the names of those either prosecuted for taking an active part in conventicles or for attending them. About the year 1680, we find that McMillan of Craignell was prosecuted for attending conventicles.

The Rev. William McMillan, of Balmaclellan, was jailed in the Tolbooth of Dumfries for a very long time simply because he had been holding conventicles. He seems to have been a strong character of the highest integrity as one can gather from the entries recorded in the Register of Council during 1578-80. They are as follows:

“The Lords of his Majesties Privy Councill considering that Mr. William McMillan hath been for a long time past prisoner in the Tolbooth of Dumfries upon the account of conventicles, and being certainly informed that the rebels lately in armes did make open the said prison and put him at liberty and intysed him to goe alongst with them, and that the said Mr. William did declare to the said rebels that he would not oun (own) his liberty from them but would come out by the same authority that imprisoned him, and that accordingly he returned back to prisone, where he yet remains, the said L o r d s , u p o n t h e consideratione foresaid, doe ordaine the said magistrats of Dumfries to sett the said Mr. William McMillan at libertie.”

“The Earle of Nithisdale being represented to the committy the condition of one Mr. William McMillan, prisoner in Dumfreis, proposeing that he might be liberat and confyned to some place, the committee ordered him to be sett at liberty upon giveing bond and caution to confyn himself to the paroch of Balmaclellan, and that he shall not keep conventicles and compear before the Councill when called under payne of 5,000 merks.”

“The Lords of his Majesties Privy Councill, having considered the petition of Mr. William McMillan, prisoner in the tolbuith of Dumfreice, supplicating for liberty, do grant order and warrant to the magistrats of Dumfreice to sett the petitioner at liberty furth of their tolbuith upon sufficient caution, under the paine of two thousand merks that he shall re-enter himself in person when he shall be called, and in the meantyme that he shall live orderly in obedience to law under the paine foresaid.”

Many staunch Presbyterians were more or less bound to take the Abjuration Oath, and, as if that were not sufficient, they were forced to submit to the Test Act. The ‘Test’ was an oath taken that affirms the king's supremacy in all causes, ecclesiastical as well as civil. In 1684, the following list of Galloway MacMillans is given as having taken the test: Andrew McMillan of Barquhinoch Andrew McMillan in Clatteranshewe McMillan in Dalry Parish John McMillan, shoemaker in Clach of Da1ry John McMillan in Halfmark John McMillan in Brockloch

The latter's concurrence is framed in the following terms –

“10th October, 1684. John McMillan of Brockloch, sworn that he shall not harbour and resett rebels or fugitives, procures severall testificats frae his minister and ane act of Privie Councill in favour of --, craves the benefeit of the Test, which the Lords allowd him (Tested). (Signed) Johne McMillane.” No matter how great were the dangers several stout-hearted MacMillans were prepared to run the risk of death itself in order to give food and shelter to their friends and kinsmen in distress as can be judged by the following list of those under arrest:-

“The said James McMillane in Briddinoch for converseing with, resetting and assisting William McMillane in Marbreck, James Clerk, ther, rebels, and for hearing Mr. William Gilchrist, vagrant preacher; the said William McMillane in Mid-carminoch for corresponding with David Makill in Dalshangin, William McMillane in Marscalloch and for hearing Mr. William Gilchrist, vagrant preacher; the said John McMillane in Burnhead for converseing with, resetting of and doeing favours to rebels and fugitives contained in the principle sumonds; the said John Logie in Bush for converseing with McMillane; the said Robert McMillane in Cairniehill for converseing with, doeing favours to James McMichane, William Herries and hearing of rebellious preachers, and for his being actuallie in the rebellion 1679; the saids John Hayning in Overlaggane, Alexander McMillane in Marnhold, James Wilson in

Another study participant is Henry C. McMillan, a cousin of Sybile McMillan Pierce. Sybile did extensive genealogical research on her McMillan family of Barnwell County, SC, prior to her recent death. Henry C. is the 4th great grandson of Henry McMillan of Barnwell, SC.

The research group in pursuit of Alexander's descendents longed to claim Henry of Barnwell as Alexander's son Henry Butler. Henry Butler went missing from the North Carolina records a few years before Henry of Barnwell first appeared in the Barnwell County records. Although Alexander's descendants were found in nearby Edgefield, SC, about the same time, there was no clear documentary evidence that Henry of Barnwell was Henry Butler, the son of Alexander MackMillion.

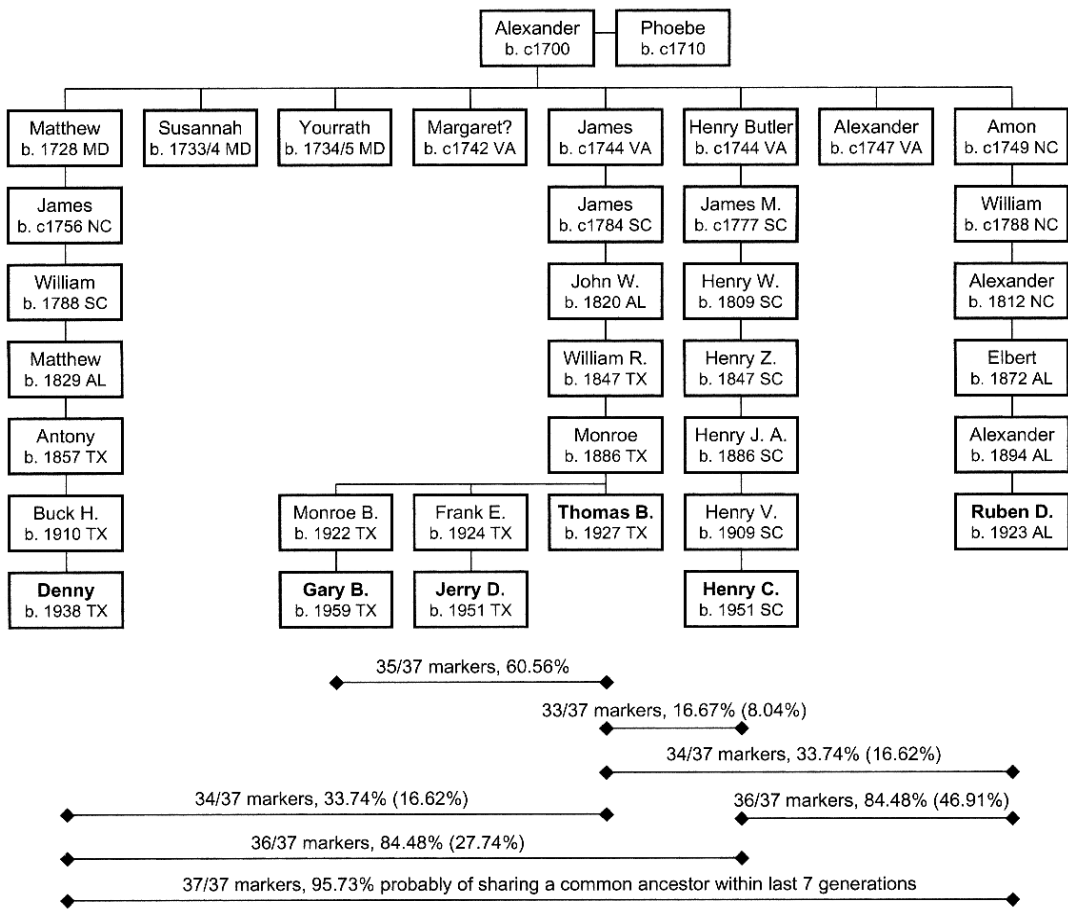
Another study participant is Denny McMillan. Denny is the 2nd great grandson of William McMillan, who was born in South Carolina in 1788 and moved to Panola County, Texas in the early 1800s. William named one of his sons Bennett, a name that appears unique to Matthew's line. It is very likely that Denny is a descendent of Alexander's son Matthew and Matthew's son James.

Finally, my uncle Thomas McMillian and my first cousin Jerry McMillian have participated in the study. It is interesting that some of the greatest variation in Y-DNA markers in the study occurs among my immediate family. The study results to date are summarized in the figure below. Alexander's immediate family is shown along the top of the chart.

His direct male descendents are shown down to each of the study participants.

Thus far, no direct male descendent of Alexander's son Alexander has been identified or come forward. The number of markers that match between descendents are shown at the bottom of the chart, along with the percentage probability that the two descendents share a common ancestor within the last seven generations. For example, Denny and Ruben match 37 out of 37 markers and there is a 95.73% chance that they share a common ancestor within the last seven generations.

Denny and Henry C. match 36 out of 37 markers and there is an 84.48% chance that they share a common ancestor within the last seven generations.



A DNA Study of the Descendents of Alexander MacMillan

Gary B. McMillan

Alexander MacMillan is first observed in the colonial records in 1728 when he has a 100 acre tract of land named "Blunder" surveyed in Baltimore County, Maryland. The birth dates of three of his children are recorded in the register of St. Paul's Parish Episcopal Church in Baltimore County, Maryland, spanning the years 1728 to 1735.



Gary McMillan

Alexander sells Blunder to Thomas Gibbons in December 1737, and is next observed in the 1744-45 Orange County, Virginia, records witnessing a bond and serving as a road hand.

Alexander and family finally settle in Granville County, North Carolina where they are granted land, purchase and sell land, and pay taxes over the period 1748 to 1772. Alexander dies prior to May 1761, and leaves a Will naming his wife Phoebe, his sons Matthew, James, Henry Butler, Alexander and Amon, and his daughters Susannah and Yourrath. He leaves a portion of his estate to "my younger children" which may include an additional daughter Margaret.

Alexander and Phoebe have hundreds, if not thousands, of descendents in the United States today. Their immediate descendents spread out of North Carolina to South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, and undoubtedly their present day descendents are scattered about the whole country.

Because they were spread through the southern states, many records of these descendents were lost as courthouses burned, particularly during the War of 1812 and The Civil War. A very active group of genealogists have pursued the descendents of Alexander and Phoebe for a number of years through the documentary records, in many cases finding only circumstantial evidence of relationships between family members – living in the same vicinity, using "family" names, marrying into associated families, etc. That's the situation with my ancestor James.

James has a wife Winnie identified in his probate records and deed records in Edgefield District, South Carolina. Joseph Bishop, also of Edgefield, SC, names daughter Winnie McMillan in his Will and names Reverend James McMillan as an executor. This Bishop family lived in Granville County, North Carolina, at the same time and in the same vicinity as Alexander and his family.

With no marriage record or other clear evidence that "my James" is James the son of Alexander, I am left with only circumstantial evidence of a family connection.

Genetic genealogy however provides additional circumstantial evidence for consideration in proving a potential relationship and increasing the probability of identifying the correct ancestor. Since it's good at disproving a relationship, descendents with very different Y-DNA markers can be assured that they do not share a common ancestor in a genealogical timeframe. Those with similar, even identical, markers are left to interpret and ponder the statistics associated with marker mutation rates as DNA is passed from father to son. With that in mind, I set out to locate other direct male descendents of Alexander through his sons Matthew, Henry Butler, Alexander and Amon to see how their Y-DNA markers compared to mine.

Amon is perhaps the best documented of the sons, having settled in Anson County, NC, for an extended period of time before moving to Tuscaloosa County, AL, in the early 1800s. Thus, Amon's descendents became the "gold standard" of genetic markers. Ruben McMillan, a study participant, is the 3rd great grandson of Amon McMillan and lives on property patented by his family in Tuscaloosa County, AL.

Larglirie and James Glendinning of Mochrinie for resetting of, converseing with and doeing favours to severall rebels; the said James Ferguson of Cairroch for resetting of and converseing with Robert McMichael in Cariglun, as alsoe for resetting of William Herries, brother to Robert Herries in Castlefairn, James McMillane, Robert

Griersone, fugitives...; the said James McMillane of Brockloch for resetting of and converseing with William McCaul in Home, John Gordone of Gariehorn and William Camron in Brockloch; the saids James Mc Millane of Drumness, James McMichael in Glenn; William McLellane in Midcairnminno and Robert McCaul in Glenhead for converseing with David McKill in Dalshangane; the

saids Robert Cowand of Mardrogott and William McCaddame in Nether Knockingarroch for converseing with William McCaul in Holme, John Gordone, sometyme in Gariehorn, David McKill in Dalshangane, William McMillane in Marshalloch and John Gourlay in Mardrokott (All charged to compear at Kirkcudbright on October 7th, 1684)."

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING IN SCOTLAND 2009

An International Gathering of Clan MacMillan will take place 23-29 July 2009 at Greenock, a few miles west of Finlaystone.

The dates have been chosen to coincide with The European Pipe Band Championships which are

being held 25 July in Greenock, and *The Gathering 2009* over the weekend 24-26 July in Edinburgh, which is within easy reach of Greenock by road or rail. MacMillans, particularly those of the Lochaber branch, may also be

interested in the Clan Cameron gathering around Fort William which follows 30 July - 2 August. Though the MacMillan gathering dates are now settled, exact plans have yet to be drawn up - and we're open to suggestions.



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The Loch Ness Experience (the monster goes unsighted again!)

Mike McMillen

A novel addition to the July Inverness Mini-Gathering was the "Cancer Relief Clan Challenge". Graeme hatched the clever idea of canoeing for the benefit of *MacMillan Cancer Support*. Eighteen MacMillans plus three of Arthur's friends competed against twenty Mackenzies and about a dozen Frasers.

Graeme noted Health and Safety legislation required him to fill in copious quantities of paperwork before British Waterways gave permission to use the canal. Nothing ensures safety like paperwork.

Graeme's promotional literature touted the canoe race as "Wholesome family fun for all ages", or something to that effect (in a previous life he might have written ad copy for "idyllic Mediterranean cruises" for the Athenian trireme fleet circa 400 BC.) However, the "Challenge" quickly became interpreted as more than purely financial.

It ran Friday, July 20, from 10am to about 5pm, a four-leg, fourteen mile race from Temple Pier Glenurquhart (not far from the castle) on Loch Ness to Inverness. A powered raft followed to pick up any casualties and, I assume, fend off the monster should it finally make an appearance in the daylight before sober tourists.

The four of us from Minnesota (Jack MacMillan, Barry McMillen, Neil Johnson and myself) volunteered and were assigned together in the

first two legs on Loch Ness. Despite hailing from the state of "10,000 Lakes" (so states our license plates, though there are actually closer to 15,000) I doubt any of us had canoed in years. Also with us on the first leg were Pauline Simpson (Langbank), Katherine Landreth (Fremont, CA), Marion McMillan (Glasgow) and the guide at the stern. We exchanged disclaimers (admissions of lack of experience, previous injuries, etc.) for our soon to be lacklustre performance and were off.

Mike and three generations of the chief's family (George, Arthur, and Hugo) pay attention as instructions are given to the crews by Cancer Relief Clan Challenge organiser Dave Horrocks of *Adventure Scotland*



During our journey through the Glen the locals were hospitable and friendly, and it was pleasant surprise to be introduced by Duncan Macdonald to one – Willie Ross – to whom we were actually related through the bloodlines.

Our line of the Macmillans has ended up in the north of the North Island of NZ in a place called Pipiwai. The Bay of Islands would be the most renowned landmark closest to the farm which is an hour and a half drive away (Auckland is three hours in the other direction – south). The family farm is up a valley with a very similar landscape to the Glen.



Laurie's New Zealand homeland in the North Island

The 800 acre farm comprises of rivers flats (2kms river), raised plateau and hills. There are five to six different fertile soil types. The only access to the farm is a gravel road winding through the valley. There is electricity, however, and we are looking at alternative methods of power generation.

We started the first Simmental beef stud in Northland with the bloodline sires coming from

milking Simmentals in Austria and Switzerland, with the aim to multiple suckle calves. There is also a small pure herd of Wagyu. Yes, there used to be a sheep flock of around 800 which were cycled over time to autumn lamb (April) to capture the Christmas lamb market, however, the focus is on beef and forestry nowadays. Forestry comprises of pines (*Pinus Raidiata*) and *Lucitanica* (a species of white pine) with

harvest cycles of 25 and 35 years respectively. Plantings started at 4-500 stems per hectare ending up at around 2-250 per hectare when felled for timber. The two most common pests around the farm are gorse and opossums – the latter hunted quite regularly.

The five siblings from the farm are based all around the world – in Auckland, Perth (in Aussie), Los Angeles, and London.

The California Connections

Laurie's brother Doug co-founded Los Angeles based Hondata, which modifies and enhances Honda engine computers. The photo below shows Doug - third adult from left - with his family and racing team at the Bonneville Nationals Speed Week in August 2007 where he set four new records in his Acura RSX.



Meanwhile back in NZ, younger brother Mike has discovered another California connection via the Clan MacMillan Y-DNA Testing Project.

Rob McMillan, who lives in the Napa Valley, turns out to have a 100% match with Mike, which means that the father of Rob's earliest known ancestor may well have come from Glenurquhart. That ancestor was an Angus McMillan, born in NY or PA in about 1805, who married Abbi Newton in IL in 1852.

Any other descendants please get in touch: graeme@clanmacmillan.org



Laurie Macmillan and wife Jo at Urquhart Castle

A Kiwi in Glen Urquhart *Discovering the Ancestral Homeland*

Laurie Macmillan

Myself, Laurie, am a direct descendant of Donald Macmillan, Lurnabrock, the father to Robert Macmillan who emigrated to New Zealand in 1885 on a cargo ship carrying cattle for his uncle's farm. The cattle were the beginnings of a stud. Descendants of Robert would number in the hundreds today.

Our day in The Glen started well at the Benleiva Hotel. Jo was greeted with a strong Scottish accent "kia ora mate", by a local. I'm most surprised she didn't reply with a traditional Maori waiata (song) and dance. We had the best steak & ale pie we have had since being in the UK - just brilliant prime beef!

Following this we got to take in the beautiful scenery. The landscape in some ways is similar to the valley where we come from in New Zealand. That is, the flora colours, rolling hills, streams, rivers and river flats. The river's

hard rock base gave the impression that the subsurface of the Glen is likely to be similar. The river mouth was heavily populated with houses and due to the low-lying land we wondered what risk there was with flooding. Some of access routes up the hills looked very steep!

It was nice to see stone-finished dwellings and made you imagine what the area looked like in yesteryear. You could see that the Glen has been lived in and cultivated for many generations which is significantly different to the valley we come from in NZ which was really only developed from the 1920's - our farm from the mid-1960's. One noticeable observation was how close the forestry was planted together, so we were trying to understand the benefit of this.

Laurie's distant cousin, Willie Ross, exploring the ruins at Lurnabrock

From a farming perspective, the Glen's cropping is far more extensive and intensive - that is, larger fields. The New Zealand farm's terrain restricts the size of the fields with only hay, haylage or silage being cropped. Though over the years we cropped sweet potatoes (kumara), peas and once trialed peanuts successfully. It was nice to see such a mixture of healthy cattle roaming around the fields: Simmental, Limousin and South Devon (in Corrimony).



Pauline and Katherine Landreth wield the tongs for the barbecue at the Clan Challenge picnic

The Fraser vessel surged ahead with a crew rumoured to be professional kayakers. While this is unlikely, they appeared to be fit, coordinated and, averaging nearly half the age of our crew. As ominously they sported matching t-shirts, a clear sign they'd been preparing for this. Competitors were cheered on by a couple of passing boats full of tourists, one obviously full of Japanese, the vessel flickering with camera flashes. After the first leg we exited the canoe taking our casualties with us (bruised egos and Pauline suffering from a swollen hand.)

As with any sport, strength and stamina are only part of the equation. Coordination

and technique, in this case cadence, proved critical. Neil bravely volunteered to take the prow and set the pace. However, cadence became a committee decision.

Chief George, his son Arthur and grandson Hugo, who replaced the three women of the first leg, held a heated debate about the rate we should be paddling - this midway through the second leg. Despite this waterborne management crisis, we narrowly bested the stunned Fraser team at the finish of the second leg. George manned the seat to my right. Despite

The California Contingent - Janean Hall, Katherine Landreth, Linda Cooke, & Ginger Thompson, plus Carol McMillan from WA (born CA) - finishing with Peter McMillan & Candice Brown from England



being twenty years my senior, he put in an impressive effort, using a paddle he'd been given by the Glengarry branch.

We were transported by bus to a picnic site which was set up where the third leg would terminate by the River Ness. Participants and onlookers from all three clans ate and drank their fill of traditional picnic fare generously provided by Clans Mackenzie and Fraser.

In Inverness toward evening, as I watched from the shore, the final leg ended much as the first. The Fraser canoe arrived first with the MacMillan craft meandering in third, our canoe resembling some dying water insect from a distance, (my apologies to the crew, but I took video footage of this).

It's not often one gets a workout and a free meal with excellent company in an idyllic rural Scottish setting. And all for a good cause. The MacMillans raised over 1,100 pounds, and the whole event raised about 2,100 pounds.

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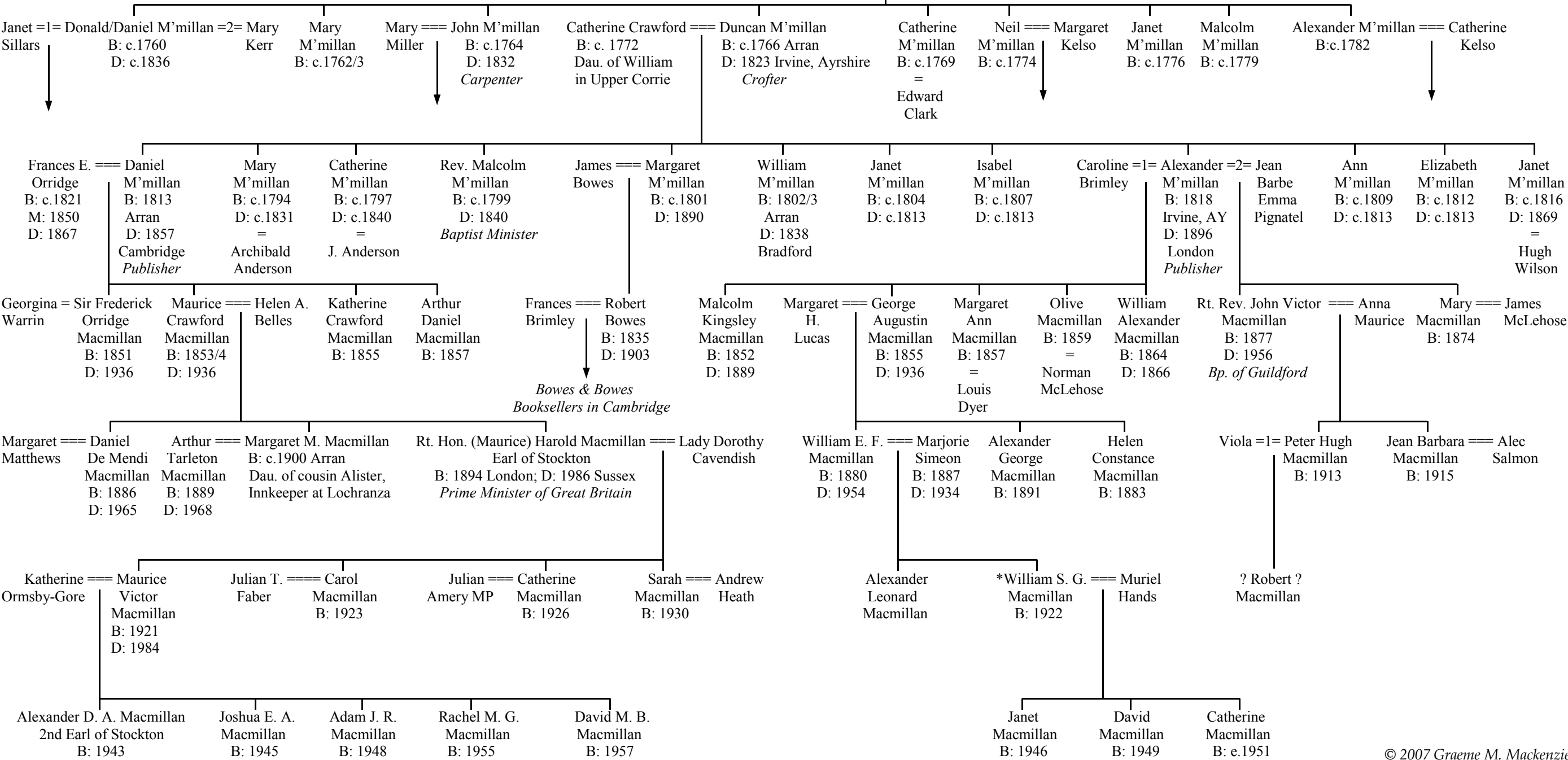
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D: 1751
*Tenant in North Sannox,
Isle of Arran, Buteshire,
Scotland*

*Tradition has it that the ancestors of this M'millan family were lairds of Carradale,
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Malcolm M'millan === Janet
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D: c. 1822
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