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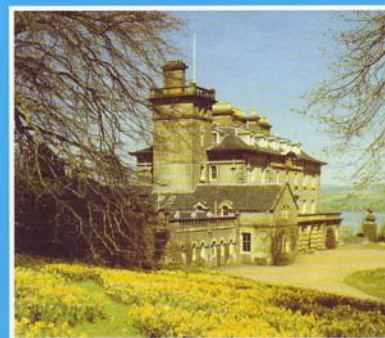
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Mike Drotar at the
April 6th Tartan Day
celebrations in
Concord, NH, USA*

Right: Mike McMillen with the “Best Tent” trophy won by the North Central States Branch at the Minnesota Highland Games. See Page 4 for another picture



Come to Scotland next year for the



All-Clan Gathering in Edinburgh, Fri 24 - Sun 26 July

Organised by “The Gathering 2009 Ltd” in association with www.visitscotland.com
Though Clan MacMillan may organise a PAYG pub social evening in Edinburgh on Friday 24 (details of which will be sent to all those who have registered for the Clan MacMillan Gathering) and will have a tent at the Highland Games in Holyrood Park on Saturday 25 & Sunday 26, we have no more information about this event in Edinburgh than is available on its website. We cannot make bookings in relation to it for travel, accommodation, or any other aspect of it. MacMillans wishing to participate in it must therefore make your own arrangements.
For prices and booking go to www.clangathering.org or phone: +44 (0)131 561 1323

Clan MacMillan Gathering in Greenock, Mon 27 - Wed 29 July

Organised by the Clan MacMillan International Centre

- Monday:** Evening - Barbecue at Finlaystone. Arrive anytime during the day to enjoy the gardens & woods and take the chance to see the Clan Centre displays & MacMillan Memorial Wall.
- Tuesday:** All Day: Bus Tour to Knapdale (previous seat of the chiefs) or Lorn (cradle of the clan) with CTS Investiture Service either at Kilmory Knap (site of MacMillan Cross) or Poltalloch Church, Lorn (seat of MacMillans’ cousins Clan Malcolm)
Choice of venue for the Investiture will depend on numbers - the chapel at Kilmory being small - but both tours will visit other sites connected with the clan and its septs. Stops will be made for morning and afternoon refreshments, and lunch - all on a PAYG basis. Places on the bus must however be booked and paid for in advance as part of the MacMillan Homecoming 2009 Package.
- Wednesday:** Daytime: PAYG boat-trip “Doon the Watter” to the Isle of Bute to visit the medieval Rothesay Castle [www.isle-of-bute.org.uk/castle.shtml] and the Victorian gothic mansion Mount Stuart & 300 acres of gardens [www.mountstuart.com]
Evening: Clan Banquet in the historic Tontine Hotel, Greenock [www.tontinehotel.co.uk]

For full details & registration forms see www.clanmacmillan.org/Greenock2009.html

Clan Cameron Gathering in Fort William, Fri 31 July - Sun 2 August

Organised by the Clan Cameron Association of Scotland - see www.clancameron.org.uk
Members of Clan MacMillan - the Lochaber branch of which were followers of Lochiel, the Cameron Chief - have been invited to participate in the Cameron Gathering. If enough MacMillans register an interest in so-doing we may organise a visit to and ceremony at the 1802 Emigration Monument at Murlagan, the home of the MacMillan chiefs in Lochaber, on Friday 31 July.

The MacMillan Homecoming 2009 Package will cover the barbecue at Finlaystone on Monday evening; the bus for the Tuesday tour; and the Wednesday evening banquet. Any other transport & meals, all other event & attraction participation & entrance charges, and all accommodation will be the responsibility of individual participants - though the Clan Centre will provide as much advice and useful information as possible. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website (as above) or requested by post from
Clan MacMillan Centre, Finlaystone, Langbank, PA14 6TJ. Tel. 01475-540713. Fax. 01475-540285.

Toni Macmillan Moffat 1923-2008

Clan MacMillan has lost one of its great characters and enthusiastic supporters with the passing of Toni Moffat. Toni's death, shortly after her 85th birthday in February, was unexpected but it was as she would have wished: she was found at home in bed. Toni would never have wished to be a burden to anyone.

Toni had been a keen supporter of the clan since the early 1990s when she first attended an international clan gathering at Finlaystone. Being of Glenurquhart stock, she was in the Glen for the inaugural meeting of the Glenurquhart Macmillan Society. Much to her surprise and no little amusement, she was given the role of Treasurer, which she held until the society linked with Clan Macmillan UK a few years ago.

It is as the Treasurer that most of us will remember Toni. She was always there to meet you with her money box open, taking in the *subs* and the money for lunch or dinner. How many cold meals she must have eaten as she went round the tables

talking to everyone! She had such a gift for remembering who everybody was and who was related to whom.

Toni's enthusiasm was contagious. No one who met her will ever forget her. She lit up every event she attended. For those of us who met in the Glen each year, we will never forget her hilarious stories of life on the road or of her past or at the golf tournaments she attended in support of *the girls*. We often laughed till we cried.

For the Glenurquhart MacMillan Society Toni was much more than just a Treasurer! Indeed it was largely due to Toni's keeping in touch with folks that the society continued as long as it did. Toni would just pick up the phone or she might even turn up on your doorstep as she travelled the length and breadth of the country in her beloved motor home, named *Sally 1* or *Sally 11* after the first one was traded in.

Toni's travels usually involved golf. She had been a very fine player but had to give up playing for health reasons.



She continued her involvement by organising and supporting ladies golf throughout the country. Last year her contribution was marked when she was made a Vice President of the Scottish Ladies Golfing Association. She was truly delighted. Tributes to Toni from ladies golf clubs around the country have appeared on their web pages. You may wish to read further on the web at rlega.blogspot.com/2008_03_01_archive.html, or find other golfing obituaries with pictures of Toni by doing a Google search for "Toni Moffat".*

Toni was proud of her Glenurquhart roots and of being an Aberdonian. Her grandfather, who grew up in the Glen, had come to work in Aberdeen as an architect. There he left his mark especially with some fine churches. Toni too has left her mark on all of us who were fortunate enough to have known her. She was a dear friend and will be greatly missed.

Hazel Murie

Found on www.lastingtribute.co.uk:

TONY MOFFAT. My dearest Tony, how I will miss your cheery voice on the phone. Always loving, interested and supportive. Our wonderful journeys ancestor hunting through The Highlands, were the highlight of my life. You will always be in my heart. Your life and spirit will continue to inspire me. Thank you for taking me under your wing. My love always,
Maggie (Australian cousin)

* **Graeme Mackenzie adds:**

If you are searching the web as Hazel suggests then you should be aware that Mrs. John L. Moffat's preferred spelling of her adopted name was "Tony" (she was baptised Doris Stuart Macmillan). This meant of course that new contacts invariably thought at first she was a man (your present correspondent included!). This was a misapprehension I suspect she, with her mischievous sense of humour, always enjoyed - perhaps never more so than in the very masculine world that golf was when she first started playing.

I initially came into contact with Toni through the invaluable manuscript history of her Macmillan ancestors, compiled by her grandfather Duncan "the Architect", which she had deposited a copy of in Inverness Library. She and my father - another golf fanatic - hit it off instantly, and she was thereafter a frequent caller on

us in Drumnadrochit, and in recent years always made a point of dropping in on my mother here in Inverness (first popping into the corner shop to buy the fancy cakes that she knew we particularly enjoyed).

Toni's attendance at the 1991 International Gathering of MacMillans was to have momentous consequences for me, who at the time knew nothing of the wider clan. As soon as she was back in Aberdeen, Toni contacted me and told me that I absolutely must go to Finlaystone as soon as possible to see the new Clan MacMillan Centre, and to meet those "super people" George and Jane MacMillan - and look what came of that!

Toni and Jane in particular made a formidable pair of jokers and motivators who together lit up many a clan gathering. I know therefore that many of you will miss Toni Moffat as much as Hazel, and I and my family will.

Editorial and Clan Centre News

Our experiment with colour in the last issue of the magazine has been widely welcomed and we will do it again for the next issue - if we can raise sufficient revenue from advertising to pay the extra costs of colour printing (which are considerable). You may be able to help with this by approaching any businesses in your area that have products or services to sell to Scots around the world with the suggestion that they take an ad in our international magazine.

I've seen retailers of kilts, highland weapons, shortbread, accommodation near Highland Games, history books, whisky, genealogical services, and all sorts of other Scots-related things wherever I've been in North

America - and Scots magazines show the same things are to be found in Australasia too. So how about it? Current advertising rates are given at the foot of this page. We would of course continue to welcome sponsorship of individual issues of the magazine at UK£500 or US\$1000 per edition.

Thanks to all those representatives of branches around the world who responded to the Chief's request to nominate the two of their colleagues who should in future appear in the Clan Directory that we publish each year in the December edition of the magazine.

Unfortunately with the continuing growth in the number of branches of the clan in North

America it's no longer feasible to include all officers of all branches in the Directory - there simply isn't enough space. In future therefore we'll try to include all officers' names on the website instead; but our ability to do that will still depend on branch representatives keeping us up-to-date with changes in office-holders from year to year.

We are conscious of the fact that the full Directory previously published served not simply as a means of providing contact details, but also as a way of recognising all those who volunteer their time and skills to help keep our branches going. However even the full list of named officers doesn't tell the whole story - as our Chief, above all others, recognises.

From the Chief:

Dull would be he of soul who, having travelled the world on Clan business, did not become aware of the vast army of dedicated people on which the life of this family depends. In these days of mass entertainment, many organisations have died for want of people prepared to commit the time required to maintain them - the "Office-bearers".

They are, or ought to be, well-known, because their names are often listed. But think of all the others - those who travel long distances to sit in a tent at Highland Games; those who organise events, and often wonder, till almost the last moment, whether anyone will show up; those who put their hands in their pockets to give financial support, often unnoticed; those who support the work of the

Clan Centre without ever having seen it or received any personal benefit; and those who care for other members of our extended family in unobtrusive ways. Then there are the rest of us, who turn up on the day and enjoy the fruits of everybody's labours. How can we contribute?

I'm sure members of other clans do many of these things. We, of course, have an extra reason - our motto.

Clan MacMillan International Magazine Advertising Rates for Issue No. 11, November 2008

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News from the Clan Around the World



North Central States Branch win "Best Tent" at Minnesota Games

Clan MacMillan won the award for the "Best Tent" at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games on May 17 at Farmington, MN.

Branch President Mike McMillen - who's produced a CD with advice on how to dress a clan tent - tells us that though the sun shone the conditions were not ideal, with two unsecured tents being blown away by the strong winds.

More pictures can be found online at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/jackmacmillan5/MNScottishFairMay08>

The branch's future appearances will be at the Illinois St. Andrews Scottish Festival at Oak Brook, IL, 20-21 June; the Minnesota Renaissance Festival in Minneapolis in the second half of August; and the Southwestern Missouri Celtic Festival in Buffalo, MO, 5-6 September.

Blues' Business Meeting in Aberdeen

Sept of Blue's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sept 27 in Aberdeen, NC, to coincide with the Malcolm Blue Farm Festival.

Before that they'll hold their usual Family Reunion at the Presbyterian Church, Lakefield, NC, on June 8, and will gather alongside the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games on July 10th.

The author of the *Blue Family History Book*, Douglas Kelly, has recently been honoured with the *Scottish Heritage Center Service Award* for his "outstanding contribution to the preservation and perpetuation of Scottish Heritage, culture and traditions". Dr. Kelly's *Carolina Scots* (Dillon, SC, 1998) includes histories of many families including Blues, McMillans and Browns.

Corrections to Clan Directory published in last issue of magazine

CMSNA: Connall Bell's email: ConnalB@sbeglobal.net

Utah: Phillip C. McMillan's email: clanmacmillan@msn.com

First Lady of the Appalachian Branch elected President

Susan Bell has just been elected President for 2009 of the North Carolina Branch of the Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN). Husband Robert - President of the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan - sent us the following details:

AORN is an international body for operating room nurses. This could well be a stepping stone for her to National and possibly International Office as she is known internationally having attended World Conventions over the years.

Prior to that she was on the USA "research and evidence based practice committee" for the same organization. This was a two year stint. North Carolina has in excess of 32,000 operating nurses. I have to admit that she has worked for it; a Bachelor degree in Nursing, followed by two Master degrees. Needless to say I am very proud of her, the USA has been very good to her.

Australian Anniversary

June Senior, long-serving Treasurer of the Australian Society reports:

"A very happy day was enjoyed by members who were able to be present at the luncheon held on the 18th May at a New Quay restaurant "Berth" at Melbourne's new Docklands Precinct. Our Committee and members were celebrating the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia's 25th Anniversary, and it was a great occasion to mark this milestone."

We'll be doing a feature on the foundation of the Australian Society in the next edition of the magazine. Any memories of it would be welcome.



Above: Carsphairn kirkyard where John McMillan of Brockloch's grave (pictured left) can be found with this inscription

*Brokloch McMillan who did die
Under this stone his body doth ly
His soul at heavenly work above
With them whose faith here wrought by love
Most useful was in's day and station
In defence of our reformation
Great prooffe he gave at all fit times
For them things once call'd highest crimes
Nou he's gone up on Jacob's lad'r
To praise King Christ the mediator
Cloth'd is he nou in a white robe
With them that still sing praise to God
Virtus eius post funera vivat
Obit 28 Feb : 1725 anno eius
Aetatis 61*

McMillen, William McMillen, younger.
MIDDLE KERMINNOCH: William McMillen, William McMillen, Jane McMillen, widow.
KILTESSAN: William McMillen.
CARNAVEL: William McMillen, Alexander McMillen."

"Paroch of Crossmichael:
MAINS OF GREENLAU AND PARK: David MackMillane, officer and wife, ab."

"Paroch of Dunscore:
John Morin in Demsterton and Nicolas McMillan, his spous, to appear tomorrow, accused of resetting rebels."

"Examination of roll of the town and paroch of Kirkcudbright, 1684:
Isobell McMillan."

"Paroch of Kirkmabrik:
CLAUGHREED: Margaret McMillan.
DRIMORE: James McMillan, John McMillan.
FERRIE: Margaret McMillan.
BAHASIE: Isball McMillan; Marion McMillan."

"Barronie of Laik:
KARRICK: Katrine McMillan.
LACHNIGIE: Agnes McMillan, ab.
GROBDALE: Andrew McMillan.
MURRAYTOUNE: Marion McMillan, sick.
CRUFFOCK: Andrew McMillan.
WATER OF DIE (DEE): Robert McMillan."

"Paroch of Penpunt (Penpont):
Robert McBurnie in Tibert, for harboring and resetting in his hous of James McMiilan and Walter Mitchell, rebels, before

Candlemas last, concealing the same. For probation refeits his deposition, quhich contains also that the rebell in his dittor cam to his hous under cloud of night."

"List of Tungland, 1684:
CLACHAN OF TONGLAND: Grissall McMillan.
PARK AND BOGROCH: James McMillan.
QUARTERS AND CHAPPELL: Agnes McMillan.
DUNJOP: John McMillan, Agnes McMillan, spouse of David McRobin."

"A list of the paroch of Twynholm, c. October, 1684:
Andrew McMillan of Barhunick; Thomas McMillan ther; Jeane McMillan ther; Robert McMillan ther; Marion McMillan ther."

"A list of the paroch of Kilbryde (Kirkbryde?):
ACHINSOW: Jean McMillan, servant.
GLENIM: Janet McMillan, servant."

It is reasonable to conclude that those who fled from their homes found temporary asylum in Northern Ireland before setting out for the United States of America. We know that a number settled in South Carolina before moving northward up the Ohio Valley and many there are in those parts who trace their forbears back to Ireland and further back to the south of Scotland. They still spell their surname in the same way as their forbears did nearly three hundred years ago. No doubt, many of the descendants will find this article of special interest to them and it may be the means of helping them to fill more than one gap in their still incomplete family tree.

Somerled MacMillan

BROCKLOCH: John McMillen, his wife, mother and servants.
CULLENOCH: Thomas McMillen, his family.
MOSS: Roger McMillen in Holmheads family.
CASTLEMADIE: Christen McMillen and her family;
Jannet McMillen and her whole family; James McMillen of Frumness, his wife, sonne and two daughters; Margaret McMillen in the Shield; James McMillen in Bredinoch and his family; Roger McMillen and his family; William McMillen in Kiltassen and his wife.
NETHER KERMINNOCH: William McMillen and his family.
MIDDLE KERMINNOCH: William McMillen and all his family.
CARNAVEL: William McMillen and his family; Alexander McMillen and his family."

"Clandestine and phanaticall baptisms:

James McMillan of Nether Smeaton christened a child about Mertimes last, 1683.
(Signed) Peter Peirson, Rector of Carsfern, 1684."

"A list of all the persons and families within the parch of Carsfern above twelfe years of age, male and female:

GLENNIS: Bessie McMillen, John McMillen, the father.
MARBROCK: John McMillen.
SHIELD OF SMEATON: Robert McMillen, Katherin McMillen, a widow.
NETHER SMEATOWN: James McMillen, Margaret McMillen.
MARDROCKET: William McMillen.
DINDEUGH: Isobell McMillen.
MARSKALLAGH: William McMillen, Agnes McMillen, Katherin McMillen, a servant.
FIRMISTOWN: Elizabeth McMillen, a servant.
MARBRECK: William



Grave of John McMillan of Brockloch - one of the "disorderly persons" listed top left - in the kirkyard at Carsphairn. The inscription is given on the next page.

McMillen; Agnes McMillen in the Shield.
NETHER KNOCKGRAY: Jane McMillen.
BANK: Alexander McMillen, Agnes McMillen.
KNOCKENGARROCH: John McMillen, Jane McMillen.
NETHER KNOCKENGARROCH: Alexander McMillen, Margaret McMillen, James McMillen, the sone.
MURDOCKSHOLM: William McMillen.
LONGFOORDS: James McMillen.
DRUMJOHN: Jannet McMillen, Jannet McMillen.
BRACKLOCH: John McMillen, John McMillen (Jun.), Marion McMillen.
HOLM: James McMillen, Jannet McMillen, George McMillen, William McMillen, Andrew McMillen, Katherin McMillen.

UPPER CULLENOCH: Thomas McMillen.
WOODHEAD: James McMillen, Agnes McMillen.
CASTLEMADIE: Christen McMillen, John McTurk, her sonne; Jannet McMillen, John McMillen.
SHIELD OF CASTLEMADIE: Janet McMillen, Robert McMillen, Agnes McMillen.
HOLMHEAD: Roger McMillen, Jannet McMillen, William McMillen, the sonne.
BREDENOCH: James McMillen, Roger McMillen, Jane McMillen.
DRUMNESS: James McMillen, Jannet McMillen, John McMillen, Marie McMillen.
SHIELD: Margaret McMillen, elder.
BARLEA: James McMillen, Katherin McMillen.
NETHER KERMINNOCH: William McMillen, Elspeth

Virginia McMullans represent clan at First Laurel Hill Highland Games

by Sharon West Stoneman & Ginny Kaye West

The Virginia Clan manned a tent at the First Annual Laurel Hill Highland Games and Festival in Ararat, VA, on April 27, 2008.

We had four people sign in, though only one that had direct ties to the McMullans. We enjoyed our time at Ararat. It was a very small festival, but the organisers worked hard to make a success of it and were so appreciative of the clans who participated.

We recognised familiar faces from the Radford Festival - Clans Buchanan, Gordon, Douglas, and Donald. We didn't recognise the folks from the MacTavish Clan, but Ginny thinks she may have seen the Wallaces.

Ararat has lovely scenery. The festival was held at the birthplace of J. E. B. Stuart, who was a well known officer who served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War (1861-64). All the organisers and the attendees we met were very friendly and helpful.

Thank goodness burly men abounded and were very kind in assisting us. As usual we had difficulty with the tent, even though we practiced setting it up and taking it down 3 times before we went!!! We believe that we had a senior moment after we arrived at the site.

This festival conflicts with the Sedalia Festival. We hope to attend this festival next year if the scheduling can be worked out.

The photo top right was taken from the Laurel Hill Games website, and quite by chance shows the Clan MacMillan Tent on the right of the picture



Chlann an Taillear plan future activities

"Chlann an Taillear" is the alternative name used by the Virginia McMullans - in memory of their emigrant ancestor John the Tailor, whose history has been thoroughly researched over the years by Emily McMullen Williams. She and her husband Ed hosted a meeting of the Chlann's committee in February at their home in Culpepper. Arrangements for covering games in Virginia on behalf of the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan were discussed.

While Sharon & Ginny deal with events - such as Laurel Hill (reported on left) - in South West Virginia, and the Swackhammers (Bill & Debbie) will continue to set up at Richmond, the Potomac Games in Leesburg and the "Virginia Scottish Games" in Delaplane have yet to be covered. This May's visit to the Georgia branch of the Chlann was looked forward to - along with the CMSNA gathering in California which Sharon and Ginny will also be attending.

Pacific Branch Party & AGM Plans

Judy Young reports:
Our Wine Tasting Party on April 26th was very successful! We earned more than \$300 for our fledgling Jane MacMillan Scholarship Fund. There were 19 members and friends joining in the festivities including a silent auction. We're looking forward to another next year. Many thanks go to vice-president Linda Harlow who along with Kathleen Nohe chaired the event.

Our first 'away from the games' AGM will be held May 10th at The Olde Ship Pub and Restaurant in Santa Ana, CA. From the number of members indicating they will be coming it looks as if we've made the correct decision. It has been difficult to locate an area quiet enough at the games to hold a meeting let alone an election. The only change to this year's slate of officers is the treasurer's position.

Clan MacMillan’s “Community of the Tonsured Servant”

CTS was founded in 1995. It supports the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC) at Finlaystone, and provides educational materials and events for Clan MacMillan & Sept members around the world.

A CTS INVESTITURE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 918 NORTH EUCLID AVE., ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, AT 10:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2008: The investiture is being held in conjunction with the Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) 50th Anniversary Gathering at Pitzer College, Claremont (Los Angeles) CA, 2 to 7 August 2008. There will be at least four invested that day: two Honoris Causa and two Regular Companions. The Honoris Causa are: Col. Douglas B. MacMullen of Sherman Oaks, CA, USA, the 9th President of CMSNA and also the Founding President 1976 of the original Pacific Branch of Clan MacMillan; and Hugh P. MacMillan D. Litt of Ottawa, ON, Canada, 3rd President of CMSNA, who was the Chief’s Bodyguard at the Inauguration Ceremony of Gen. Sir Gordon H. A. MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap, Chief of Clan MacMillan, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on 25 July 1958. The Regular Companions are: Sunday Dawn Robinson of Vittoria, ON, Canada, and Jack L. Baxter of Morgan Hill, CA, USA. To date this investiture has raised approximately \$1,000US for CTS and ultimately CMIC. Contact Blanche if you wish to join CTS and be invested by Chief George on 6 August 2008. See you in California!

THE REV. CANON A. MALCOLM MACMILLAN, FOUNDING ABBOT EMERITUS OF CTS: Known as ‘Father Mac,’ he is 87 years old and holding his own in a care facility in Allentown, PA. In my call to Pat, his wife, I learned that Mac had had pneumonia in mid April but has rallied and carries on. He is taken to church every Sunday. Mac can be reached through Pat at revmacmillan@rcn.com

GRANTS BY CTS TO CMIC IN 2008: CTS granted \$2,000US to CMIC in March 2008. There may be an additional grant before the end of 2008. (CTS granted approximately \$4,000 US to CMIC in 2007.)

DONATIONS TO CTS BY INDIVIDUALS IN 2008: In early 2008, F. Lamar McMillin Jr., M.D. of Vicksburg, MS, USA made a very generous donation to the CTS “Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund”. It is Lamar’s second donation to this fund. CTS has not achieved IRS 501(c)3 status enabling tax receipts in USA.

CTS TRIBUTE FUNDS: Thank you for your continued support. The two CTS funds below remain open for your contributions. Donors names are published but not amounts given.

- The Rev. Canon A. Malcolm and Sally MacMillan Tribute *Endowment* Fund: Established March 2003. Sally, Malcolm’s wife, died 1 March 1999. There have been 40 donations.

- The Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund: Established 15 June 2005. Jane, wife of George the Chief of Clan MacMillan, died of cancer on 27 June 2005 at age 74 years. There have been 74 donations.

CTS is a fundraising wing of the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC). There are many ways you can help raise the money needed to continue the work of CTS and CMIC. 1. CTS memberships. 2. Tribute Funds (noted above). 3. Bequests in your will. 4. Branch and Society corporate donations.

PURCHASE OF CTS REGALIA: Another batch has been purchased from the original 1995 supplier in the USA. There are four parts to the regalia. The Badge and the pendant Medallion are purchased. The Sash is sewn by myself, and I also create the Letters Patent which are then printed professionally.

CTS INVESTITURE SERVICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLAN MACMILLAN GATHERING IN SCOTLAND, 24 to 29 JULY 2009: Plans are underway for a CTS Investiture Service, likely on Tuesday 28th July 2009, in one of two possible venues: Kilmory Chapel, Knapdale, which houses the magnificent “MacMillan’s Cross” of circa 1480, or in the private Poltalloch Church near Kilmartin. It was Sir Ian Malcolm of Poltalloch who in 1938 wrote the “MacMillan’s Lament” which is read as part of each CTS service. The Malcolm of Poltalloch Stones are at Kilmartin Church. In April 2008, John B. and I visited Kilmory Chapel, Poltalloch Church and Kilmartin Church in preparation for CTS in 2009.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON JOINING CTS or make a donation to a Tribute Fund or any other donation, or for members to receive a financial statement, then please contact Blanche McMillan, 5364 Salem Road, Burlington, Ontario, L7L 3X3 Canada. Ph: 905-637-3395. Email: jbmcmillan@sympatico.ca

Prepared by Blanche McMillan, Abbot of CTS, 29 May 2008.

Galloway MacMillans in Covenanting Times - Part 2

This is the continuation of the article by the Rev. Somerled MacMillan - originally published in the Clan MacMillan Magazine of North America, Vol. 2, No. 1, July 1959 - the first part of which we reprinted in the last issue of the Clan MacMillan International Magazine

The government of Charles II were determined to enforce Episcopacy as the official religion of Scotland - as it was in England - but Presbyterians in Galloway were prepared to fight for their beliefs. Royal records list many MacMillans amongst them.

In the summer of 1684, the king's forces were waylaid and attacked just as they were at Enterkin Pass with a number of prisoners. A strong band of friends belonging to the district had come to rescue their Covenanting relations and proved successful in the encounter. The royalists were furious and an all-out effort was made to track down those who had taken part in any way. A census was taken of the inhabitants of the surrounding district, particularly of those under suspicion. It is not surprising to find a pretty full census of the Galloway MacMillans from twelve years of age upward. Here are extracts from the Register of Council regarding the incident, also the names of the MacMillans in Galloway during 1684:

“Interrogators be the Commissioners anent the late attack at that time:

1. If any of the deponents kneu any of the rebells quho assaulted the Kings forces at Enterkine upon Teusday, the 29 July last.

2. If they kneu quhatt number the rebells wer upon that place or in pairties thereabout, and from whence they came, or if any of them wer resett in the houses that day or night or the preceding dayes or nights or wer supplied be any of them or any in ther nam with meat, drink or armes.
3. If any of the prisoners who wer carried alongest be the kings forces came or wer brought to the houses after the skirmish, wounded, or if they did see any of them dead or wounded upon the place, and what of the prisoners should be wounded or killed, or if killed wher they wer buried.
4. To interrogat wher any of the rebells, ther wiffes and childring, duell and are resett.
5. That each master of family be called upon oath to give up his wiffes name with the list of his childring and servands who are corned to the years of descretion and ther names.
6. If they, either be informatione or otheruays (otherwise), heard who gave the rebells informatione of the approach of the kings forces Enterkine way.

(Signed) T. Kerpt, Closeburne; J. Alexander, sher. dept.”

“A list of all peopells names in the paroch of Anwoth, viz. Above the age of twelfe or thereabouts:
KIRKLAUCH: Andrew McMilland; Jennet McMilland.

WHYTSYD: George McMilland and his wife; Marry McMilland, his servant.
ARCHLAND: Ja. Bell and his wyfe; Andrew McMilland, servant.”

“A list of the parochiners of Balmaghie:
LOCHMEBRACK: Beatrix McMillane, ab. and her family.
TEN PUND LAND OF LEVISTONE: James McMollene, ab; Barbara McMillane, Thomas McMollene.”

“A list of recusants in the paroch of Partan, Perpetuall absents, phanaticks (fanatics):
Alexander McMillane, his wife, and familie in Marnhouie, all at present fled to escape justics; Thomas McMillane in Markland Burnsyde.”

“A list of disorderly persons, families and baptisms in Carsfern for years 1683 and 84:
MARBROCK: John McMillen and his family.
SHIELD OF SMEATON: Robert, Catherin McMillen and their families; James McMillen of Nether Smeaton, William McMillen and their families; William McMillen in Marskalloch and his family.
MARBRECK: William McMillen.
KNOCKENGARROCH: John McMillen and his family; Alexander McMillen and his family; William McMillen in Murdoksholm and his family.

More News from the Clan Around the World

New Zealand Clan MacMillan Society at Waipu Games

by Jim McMillan, Editor of the Newsletter of the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand.

On New Year's Day, Secretary Carrol Elliot, Marilyn and I attended the 13th Waipu Highland Games, representing the clan at this very popular annual event. Marching proudly behind Carrol carrying our new clan banner and then manning our clan tent situated prominently in "The Avenue of the Clans" with 14 other tents, we were glad that the magnificent summer weather provided just sufficient cloud and a breeze to keep the temperature manageable.

The Whangarei Advocate reported a gate attendance of 7,000 - an increase from 4,000 in 2007. The Canadian High Commissioner to New Zealand, Penny Reddie from Wellington, opened the games and there was something for everybody.



Marilyn McMillan in the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand tent at Waipu with the society's new banner

Events included the March of the Clans at 9.30am and a Massed Parade & Salute at 12.30pm, plus throughout the day, dancing, piping & drumming, as well as the Highland Stone Putt, the Caledonian Hammer throw, Tossing the Caber and Tossing the Sheaf. There was also a full Athletics program from the 100m to the 1500m in all grades (pre-schoolers, children by age, Women, Men & Seniors).

We received many enquiries, en-rolling five new members and one renewal on the day and were kept so busy that we were only able to grab lunch and refreshment as we fielded questions.

The games concluded with a Ceilidh in the Coronation Hall from 7pm until late. I've attended these games (as a pure spectator) once before but this was most certainly a wonderful if somewhat exhausting day.

Celebrating CMSNA

The Foundation of the
Clan MacMillan Society of North America
& the Installation of Sir Gordon MacMillan
as Chief in Hamilton, Ontario, in July 1958



General Sir Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan & Knap at his floodlit North American installation in Canada

Many people were involved in the founding of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America, but if anyone can be considered the key "founding fathers" they would probably be Edward B. McMillan of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and Lt. Col. Allister M. Macmillan of Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

As Hugh P. MacMillan notes in his memoir printed elsewhere in this magazine, the two of

them had started canvassing support for such a body as early as 1954. Edward B. McMillan in particular – a scientist and businessman, born 1910 in Michigan – played a vital role as the publisher and an editor of "The Clan MacMillan Magazine (and Newsletter) of North America", the first issue of which appeared in July 1958 with Edward's own explanation of the genesis of the society:

The corresponding editors of the Magazine, Allister Myles Macmillan and myself have been commissioned by the Clan MacMillan Society with headquarters in Glasgow to form new "MacMillan" societies in North America and to affiliate them and existing organizations as a decentralized Clan MacMillan Society for Canada and the United States. When this is largely accomplished, affiliation with the parent society can be achieved....

CLAN MACMILLAN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE					
ACCOUNTS 2007 (as at 31 Dec 2007)					
Income			Expenditure		
	£	\$		£	\$
Subscriptions	710.00	1,400.00	Telephone	204.11	
Donations	1,850.05	8,442.60	Postage/Printing	766.64	
Jane Fund		500.00	Inverness Gathering	2,612.41	
Project MAOL	30.00	75.00	Secretary	1,320.00	
Interest	22.50	56.71	Curator/Editor	5,640.00	
Inverness Gathering	2,780.00	1,400.00	Utilities	112.50	
Transfer from US A/C	5,868.50		ISP	25.85	
Miscellaneous	117.00	9.50	Shrubs (Jane Fund) Charges	60.00	257.61
			Transfer to UK A/C		10,022.50
	11,378.05	11,768.81		10,741.51	10,280.11
Excess of Expenditure			Excess of Income	636.34	1,488.70
	11,378.05	11,768.81		11,378.05	11,768.81
Notes:					
1. UK A/C opening balance £59.95, closing balance £696.49.					
2. US A/C opening balance \$11,421.80, closing balance \$12,910.50.					
3. Miscellaneous income includes sales of Graeme's book, Memorial Plaques, Ad Hoc and Publications.					
4. Exchange Rate has averaged around \$2 to £1 over the year.					



Founding Fathers

Left:
Lt. Col. Allister M. Macmillan,
Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Right:
Edward B. McMillan,
Ipswich, Massachusetts



At the present time five area organizations and nine organized ancestor groups exist. In addition to this, there are at least forty genealogical branches too scattered to continue to hold reunions but maintaining their records by correspondence and from time to time publishing very substantial family books. In many cases, the descendants of brothers or uncles of the first ancestor on this continent have not been identified. However, the correlation of genealogical records by the editors of the Clan MacMillan Magazine is likely to locate a number of these....

There are quite a number of "MacMillans" for whom affiliation with organized genealogical or area groups would at present be out of the question. Direct attachment to the projected North American Society will provide them with an adequate affiliation....

Affiliation should not require dissipation of all interest in a burst of arduous, intense participation over a short period of time. A very substantial number of our clansmen are already occupied with heavy civic and similar obligations. Correspondence, publications and

yearly or other occasional get-togethers have characterized the clan branch organizations which have survived for generations. This is as it should be, as we seek organized perpetuation of ideals for many more generations to come for this clan family of ours, which has had its own separate identity since the 1100s.

The main groups mentioned by the editors at the time were:

The descendants of Duncan Alex (Big Angus) McMillan in MB and BC – a Lochaber family that had come west from the Glengarry, ON, settlement.

The Dougal MacMillan descendants of Meaford and Hamilton, ON – another family from the Glengarry settlement.

Groups in the Lucknow district of Western Ontario, and Campbellford, Eastern Ontario.

The Glengarry and District Clan MacMillan Society.

The descendants of Myles McMillan in New Brunswick – Lt. Col. Allister's family.

The "Knapdale Group" – descendants of John MacMillan & Sarah MacGilph – in the Carolinas.

The James (Eli) McMullen & Mary Nancy Vick descendants (now known as the Florida McMullens).

Clan MacMillan descendants of Hugh McMillan & Jane Harvey – Ulster Scots – in Clifton, OH.

The Thomas McMillan & Deborah Marsh descendants in Clinton County, OH.

The Clan McMullin and Related Families of Winston County, MS – descendants of William & Margaret McMullin (now known as the Mississippi McMullins).

Descendants of Hugh McMillen & Christiana Cameron in New York state.

Representatives of some of these groups and other interested MacMillans gathered at Niagara Falls on 24-25 May 1958 to make arrangements for the "Central Gathering" to be held in Hamilton 25-26 July, when Sir Gordon MacMillan would be installed as clan chief in North America and the Clan MacMillan Society of North America formally inaugurated.

More Founding Fathers

Left to Right:

Edwin McMillan, Toronto, ON,
First President of CMSNA

Rev. Somerled MacMillan, Paisley, Scotland,
Clan MacMillan Bard & Shennachie

Hugh P. MacMillan, Alexandria, ON,
President of the Glengarry Branch of the Clan



My Early Memories of CMSNA

George MacMillan

Raking through what remains of my memory, I'm surprised to find that my first recollections are not of a big gathering but of a galaxy of generous and genial MacMillans, all of whom happened to be members of the North American Clan Society.

It all happened when Jane and I spent 1963/4 in Toronto. Considering we were immigrants, we were lucky to have three ready-made circles of friends: friends of my parents from 1935/6 (when my father was teaching at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario), colleagues in the college where I worked, and - by far the most interesting - The MacMillans.

Without the rich diversity of the Clan network, we would have been stuck in the monocultural world of Trinity

College. Instead, we plugged into something much more authentic.

Edwin and Helen became surrogate grandparents to Arthur and Richard. The young Hugh P. looked in quite frequently after participating in a class which, he hoped, would release him from the drudgery of Proctor and Gamble - which indeed it did; and he and Muriel had us out to meals as they moved from one part of Toronto to another.

Then there were excursions into MacMillan country round Fenelon Falls. In those days, John D. and Gert showed us great hospitality and introduced us to the life of the Canadian countryside, which, though home to them, was already no more than a holiday home for many. Later on, we spread our

net more widely, visiting Harold and Ruth, Hector (father of Paul and Bill), Elsie, John D. and Sadie. It was with them that we came face to face with an exact double of my father, riding in on a tractor. I wish I could remember his name.

Had the North American Society not existed, such personal links could not have been forged. We felt enormously privileged to benefit from them. I just hope that others have experienced something similar, whether through set-piece gatherings or through more intimate contacts.

CMSNA was, and still is, the model for what is now a worldwide network in which friends of immensely diverse backgrounds can meet and return home enriched.

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RECOLLECTIONS 1954-1962

by **Hugh P. MacMillan**

Hugh P. may be the only one of CMSNA's founding fathers (i.e. members of the 1958 Clan MacMillan North American Family Council) still to be with us, so his recollections are of particular interest.

In 1952, Muriel and I left the Vancouver area, where we had been for the past five years. I had a romantic notion to return to the family farm. This was not my 'smartest' move as I was more interested in history than farming.

My great-great grandfather "John Roy" MacMillan came to Glengarry in 1793 with his older brother Captain Alexander MacMillan, a career soldier. He recruited his brother John as a yeoman into the Royal Canadian Volunteer Regiment. John left the regiment in 1802 to take up his 200 acre grant at Lochiel (Lot 24, 14th conc. Lancaster), though he rejoined Alexander in the Glengarry Militia for the war of 1812. He may have obtained enough loot from helping capture Ft. Detroit to build the only stone house on the Lochiel Road, which became a meeting place for disbanded highlanders.

I became involved in helping found the Glengarry Historical Society and was elected its first President. Dunvegan in North Glengarry and Williamstown in South Glengarry now have thriving museums which grew from this 1950's initiative with the help of many people.

In 1954 I noted letters to the *Glengarry News* by Edward B. MacMillan and Colonel Alister MacMillan, the co-founders of the North American Society who soon recruited me. They met with many local clansmen including Harold MacMillan whose ancestor was in the county around the same time as



Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan in Glengarry County - seated between their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen MacMillan. Hugh P. MacMillan is standing between John Allen's son (left) and Joseph McMullan from New York. Hugh P.'s wife Muriel is seated in the corner.

"John Roy". We soon had an active local branch with regular meetings, and we hosted Sir Gordon & Lady MacMillan in 1958 when they were enroute to the main gathering at Hamilton.

Harold MacMillan was the first Secretary of the branch, and Dr. Donald Neil MacMillan (Minister at Dunvegan) was Honorary Chairman, while I was President. Harold played an important role as he knew the local people having spent most of his life in the area.

In 1962, the Glengarry branch hosted the North American Clan Society gathering in Glengarry & Cornwall (Stormont County). Thanks to a well-organized committee headed by Kenneth MacMillan of Finch, it was a well-attended success. Lots of fiddle players, pipers and singers. This included Somerled MacMillan. He was a gaelic scholar and bard in the true sense of the word. Joseph McMullan from New York city underwrote Somerled's tours to North America. Somerled went on several trips with me to meet clan members outside Glengarry. Our wives, Muriel & Ruth, didn't have quite as keen an interest in clan affairs, but they had great organizing skills. They

tolerated our "hobby". Elsie MacMillan, Kenneth's wife Dorothy, Harold's parents (Edna & Clarence MacMillan) all played key roles – as did numerous others, including Bill and Paul of Cumberland; also Margery and Alex MacMillan of Laggan. An outstanding clan member was Lorne MacMillan, who was a grandson of Archibald 'Murlagan'. A unique fact concerning Archibald, his son Duncan, and his son Lorne, was that the three generations spanned over two hundred years. Archibald was born in the 1760's and Lorne was still alive in the 1960's.

In 1962, we had the chief and his wife stay at the Cornwallis Hotel. I deposited them there and returned later to go to dinner with them. I found Lady MacMillan busy spraying the corridor outside their suite with air freshener. I explained to her – a great idea, but it won't work: To the west was the "Howard Smith Pulp Mill", and to the east was "Courtalds" huge rayon mill. Both plants gave off unpleasant odors which we just had to put up with. Lady MacMillan gave up spraying; and so ends a brief account of our first 50 years.



The "Carinthia" arriving in Montreal in July 1958

Committees were established to organise the Hamilton events and to draw-up a Constitution and By-Laws for CMSNA, along with a 21 member "Family Council" – representing all the interested clan groups, branches and societies – to whom the committees would report.

The Head of the Family Council was the distinguished organist & conductor Sir Ernest Campbell MacMillan (Toronto), son of the Rev. Alexander MacMillan from Edinburgh, Scotland. The members were:

C. H. MacMillan, Victoria, BC; Miss Doris MacMillan, Regina, SK; Angus W. MacMillan, Windsor, ON; Major Donald C. MacMillan, London, ON; Dr. Robert J. MacMillan,

Toronto, ON; John D. MacMillan, Lorneville, ON; Hector L. MacMillan, Campbellford, ON; Hugh P. MacMillan, Alexandria, ON; Gordon McMullin, Mount Royal, QC; Lt. Col. Allister M. Macmillan, Wolfville, NS (Exec. Sec. Canada).

Dr. Lamar McMullin, Little Rock, AR; Robert J. MacMillan, Wilmington, OH; James C. MacMillan, Fairborn, OH; C. Earl McMullen, Clearwater, FL; Robert L. MacMillan, Raleigh, NC; John O. MacMillan, Charleston, WV; Dr. Chandler B. MacMillan, Beaver, PA; Archibald H. MacMillan, Bay City, MI; George S. MacMillan, New York, NY; Edward B. MacMillan, Ipswich, MA (Exec. Sec. USA).

Added later as Deputy Councillors were Nancy McMullen Meador, FL; Prof. Montague MacMillan, SC.

Edward B. MacMillan chaired the Finance Committee, assisted by Dr. Robert J. MacMillan and Gordon McMullin. Dr. Chandler B. MacMillan chaired the Constitution & By-Laws Committee, assisted by Allister M. Macmillan, Edward B. MacMillan, Archibald W. MacMillan (Dayton, OH) and Edwin MacMillan.

Edwin MacMillan, a Toronto businessman whose grandfather William had emigrated from Glenurquhart, Scotland in 1850,

chaired the General Committee for the Central Gathering. Publicity was initially handled by William MacMillan, Toronto – who went on to become Vice-Chairman of the General Committee, with the publicity brief then being handed over to Vincent MacMillan. Mrs. Edwin MacMillan acted as Secretary of the Committee, and Mrs. William MacMillan as Treasurer.

No doubt, if modern experience is anything to go by, there were plenty of hiccups – and probably not a few arguments too – before the whole thing came together in July of 1958; but when it did, it appears, from the reports in the October 1958 Newsletter, that all went well, and CMSNA got off to a spectacular start.

General Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan crossed the Atlantic from Greenock on the "Carinthia", and arrived at Montreal on Tuesday 22nd July. Lt. Col. Allister MacMillan went on board to greet the chief and his wife – accompanied by pipers and press photographers, to guarantee a good splash in the next day's "Montreal Star".



Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan on board "Carinthia"





Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan pay their respects at the grave of Allan Macmillan of Glenpean during their visit to Glengarry County

On Wednesday 23rd July Sir Gordon and Lady Marian crossed the river from Montreal to Glengarry County (see Hugh P. MacMillan's account), where they were greeted by the Rev. Donald Neil MacMillan, Honorary Chairman of the Glengarry and District Branch of the Clan. The chief visited St. Andrews Church in Williamstown, where many Macmillan pioneers are buried, before going on to Alexandria for a lunch at Glengarry District High School.

On Thursday they flew to Toronto where the chief was interviewed on a local TV news programme. A reception and luncheon on Friday preceded the car journey to Hamilton where a tattoo at the Civic Stadium provided the warm up for Clan MacMillan's main event. The evening's entertainment, put on by the *Scottish Societies and Clans of Hamilton*, included music and marching by the Canadian Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders - the regiment of which Sir Gordon was the Honorary Colonel.

Finally the time came for the great floodlit extravaganza choreographed by Clan Bard and Shennachie the Reverend Somerled MacMillan. Attended by three pipers from the 28th Technical Squadron RCME, six soldiers from the Canadian Argylls, and a "tail" of ten clansmen - and it appears they were all men - the chief was enthroned with a sword to protect his clan and a white wand with which to deliver justice.

Once again the local press were on hand to record the events, and the *The Hamilton Spectator's* account was as colourful as the ceremony itself:

Half an hour before midnight two lines of red flares burst into flame in the centre of the stadium. Fifteen members of the MacMillan family council from Canada and the United States flanked the highbacked "enthronement" chair and from the east entrance of the stadium came the soft mournful music of the bagpipes....

The ancient ceremony which followed lost nothing by being held in Hamilton. Something of the savagery, of the lonesome wildness of Scotland's moors and glens came to life as the flares reflected redly from the solemn faces of those taking part....

It was an impressive ceremony, skillfully produced and faintly reminiscent of the barbaric days when a clan chief was in a state of perpetual war with another and owed allegiance to none. It may be the last we shall see in Hamilton.

Proceedings closed with the pipes of the RCME Squadron and the Argylls playing "The Clan MacMillan March", "Kiloran Bay", and "The Chief's Welcome to North America" as Sir Gordon and his tail left the arena after what was the first ever inauguration of a Scottish clan chief in North America.



Lady Marian MacMillan meets some of the ladies of the clan at the dinner given in her honour at The Armouries in Hamilton.

**From left to right:
Mrs F. L. Henderson
Mrs P. J. Stephen
Lady MacMillan
Mrs D. A. T. MacFarlane**



Next morning saw the business meeting which brought the Clan MacMillan Society of North America into being, with Edwin McMillan being elected its first President; Chandler McMillan, Vice President; Gordon McMillan, Treasurer; Edward B. McMillan, USA Secretary; and Col. Allister Macmillan, Canada Secretary.

In the afternoon of Saturday Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan were the Honoured Guests at the Hamilton Highland Games. In the evening, while the General dined in the Mess with the Officers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Lady Marian was the special guest at a dinner in the Hamilton Armouries - where she was later joined by her husband for a grand clan ball.

Following the Hamilton events Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan embarked on a tour to visit clanspeople in other parts of North America.

In Clearwater, FL, they met the descendants of James (Eli) McMullen and Mary Nancy Vick - perhaps the clan's largest single family group, who've been holding annual reunions since the 1920s.

From Florida they travelled to Raleigh, NC, where they arrived on Tuesday 29th July to find nearly 150 MacMillans gathered for a banquet with their chief. On Wednesday they flew via Washington DC and Boston, MA, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they were Guests of Honour at the Lieutenant Governor's Annual Garden Party.

The final portion of the chief's tour was spent in the Maritime Provinces, where Sir Gordon and Lady Marian were reunited with their Bard - whose own tour took in Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and Ohio - for a series of events over four days. This culminated on Tuesday the 5th of August at St. Ann's, Cape Breton, in a special Nova Scotia "Clan MacMillan Day".

Thus the unique cross-border society, embodying many of the ideals held dear by MacMillans (co-operation, care for neighbours, and passing on the heritage of the clan - not to mention enjoying ourselves every other year!) got off to a flying start fifty years ago. Long may it last.

Graeme Mackenzie

St. Ann's, Nova Scotia:

Sir Gordon MacMillan is flanked on his right by Somerled MacMillan, and on his left by Col. Allister Macmillan. Sir Ernest MacMillan stands behind the Chief bearing the White Wand of Justice. Col. Allister's son Sandy stands in front of Sir Gordon as the Chief's "An Gille-coise" (Footman).

Forty four years later Sandy was proud to serve his chief again when he acted as George MacMillan's piper at "The Great Return 2002" gathering in Scotland.

