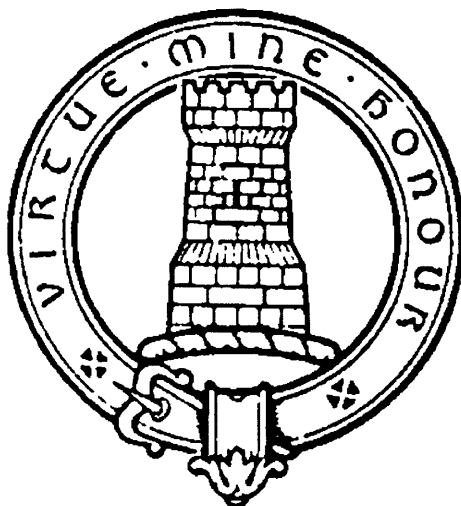


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President's Message

Cousins--

At our AGM held in Glasgow, KY June 2001, Kirk Lane, your immediate past, capable president, announced that because of his career workload being recognized by his superiors, he had been promoted to a new and very career-satisfying position. I'm sure all of you know that Kirk is a past master in counseling and helping abused children. We are glad that his superiors finally recognized it. He is now heading a division of government in East TN in the formation of courts and counseling in this very needy field. As a result, he felt that there were not enough hours left in the day to function as your president. So, at the aforementioned AGM, I moved from the vice-presidency into the president's chair. Kirk's shoes will be hard to fill, but I will do my best to represent you for the remainder of his term. I have found that our clan and its governmental structures are well thought out and if we stay in the groove, we can grow and be functional, as well as bring honor to our homeland clan.

As vice-president, I had decided that the officers of our Clan Gillian USA Branch of Clan MacLean Int'l, needed to make our faces more familiar at the different games around the country. Since I am retired, had sufficient time, and being married to a wonderful traveling companion who enjoys, as much as I do, attending Scottish Highland games, we set out to attend as many as we could. Also in parallel to visiting different games, we, as an organization (CGUSA) needed to fill lots of vacancies in our state convener directory. This, I am happy to say, is moving along well. It would be hard for me point out particular games that were better than others. Each has special characteristics. Some are much better organized than others, some are more clan friendly, some are most unique (like 8" of snow in the first of September at the Longs Peak Game, Estes Park, CO). We have a good picture of our fine vice-president, Claude Hicks, pushing snow with our inverted hand truck. He even

asked what paragraph in his job description mentioned "snow removal". All kidding aside, we had a wonderful year. Starting in Oklahoma City in March and finishing with the Highland Games in Jackson, LA in November. We convened or supported clan tents at 23 games, driving 19,700 miles. The present year, looks to be more exciting, than the past one. Because of attending the Clan Gathering in Scotland this year, Bobbye and I have plans to be a part of just 16 stateside games in 2002. They will reach from the bottom of Texas to the top of New Hampshire and many games at states in between.

At this point, I would like to emphasize the clan Gathering at Duart Castle, Mull Island, Scotland. As this Gathering occurs only every five years, and there has been a tremendous interest to attend in 2002. Since this is our first newsletter this year, there is sufficient time for you to rethink your vacation plans and join us in Scotland, from June 19 through June 23. It appears that we will have a good number of our cousins from all over the world in attendance. If there is any information that your executive committee can furnish for you, please get in touch with one of us. This will be a great experience for all.

I would like to conclude by stating that our Highland games are fun to attend. Let me encourage each of you to attend the games in your area, become aquatinted with the tent conveners, with your particular Maclean/MacLaine genealogy, with clan history, with the promotion of clan membership and enjoy the satisfaction of fellowship with cousins of Scottish heritage. There will be a list of games in The Pipings where clan tents will be convened. I urge you to attend and lend your support. After you attend a game, I will most happy to receive your comments, positive or negative, and suggestions in ways that we can achieve better fellowship.

I look forward to seeing all of you in 2002.

Moran taing

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Games & Gatherings

Clover Scots-Irish Games - June 2001

This was the fifth year of these gatherings. There were about double the number of tents and clans as last year. We were pleased to have so many visitors. Forty-three were from SC, five from NC and two from Ireland. Our SC Deputy Convener, Ms. Arlene Nelson was on the scene all day to help me. Also, Robert was there all day helping in different ways.

Gertrude McClain Dodson

Culloden Highland Games - April 2001

The change to a later date for the 7th Culloden Highland Games proved to be a wise move for the weather was perfect for such an outing. Forty clans were represented with the MacLeans tent located at the end of a row -- easily seen in two directions. The sponsor/patron reception on Friday night gave this reporter and spouse a chance to meet Herman and Louise Ibach, long time athletic judges.

It deserves special note to write that the Deputy

Convener of GA, Tom Gillon, and the GA State Convener, Ephraim McLean, were both on hand to work in the tent. Gerald Larkey, Region 4 Director was represented by his son, Gerald Jr., his daughter-in-law, Mary Bath and his grandson, Gerald III (who is called 'Trip').

Among those who signed the guest register and are members of Clan MacLean were Claude Hicks, Marsha and John Nuttall, Wren and Bev Harris, Ralph McLean and Rod Barken, a McLean from FL, who is a member of the California/Nevada Branch.

Neil Anderson, Hadrian's Wall, Eric Duncan provide entertainment for the Saturday night Ceildh to an enthusiastic crowd.

Clarence Greek

Kentucky Scottish Weekend - May 2001

Carrollton, KY: For the 19th year, General Butler State Park hosted the Kentucky Scottish Weekend. Although the area was struck by severe thunderstorms Friday evening, Saturday morning greeted us with gorgeous weather, which lasted through Sunday.

Our well-traveled (then) VP Clarence Greek, and his esteemed wife, Bobbye, joined my wife, Susan, and me for the weekend's meeting and greeting of kin and fellow tartan lovers. Saturday was the busier day, as we expected, with Sunday being Mother's Day. The Scotland map kept us all hustling with clan and tartan seekers, and our visitor's log recorded members and prospects nearly equally divided between Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, reflecting the tri-state nature of this game. Sunday afternoon we were delighted to be joined by Clarence's uncle, James Mclean Norman (Jim), and Mog, his lovely wife. Jim and I exchanged some fishing information, and he also told of rocking Clarence in the cradle. I'm still struggling with that image.

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While Nessie cruised the park lake behind the vendors, Alex Beaton, Seven Nations, and The Wicked Tinkers provided stellar musical entertainment both days. Vendor quality is

always high at this game. A British sports car show also adds a unique flavor to this annual event.

With 19 years of tradition, the athletic, pipe band, highland dancing, and piping and drumming competitions were intense, and the audiences, appreciative.

James Strasser

Sumter Scottish Fair - March 2001

Enjoying the pioneer village of the Sumter County, SC Museum, my husband, Robert and I went down on Friday to work with the festival on Saturday. We had some chairs under a huge magnolia tree and instructions to sit back, enjoy the music and try to find some MacLeans/McClains. Although this was a new Scottish celebration in SC, the fiesta turned out very well with droves of folks from near and far.

The grounds were beautiful with flowering shrubs and trees, azaleas, and ground flowers which were all in full bloom. During the day, many Celtic musical groups and bagpipe bands performed along with other Scottish activities. Among the Celtic groups was Neal Anderson & Friends. This band was fantastic.

I carried my crooked walking stick that my sweet nephew, Jonathan Ricketts made for me, in case I came upon a "haint." (The Lowcountry is famous for their ghosts.) Besides fighting off ghosts, the stick was very beneficial in helping me walk.

During the celebration, we encountered a young man performing on an Australian Digerdoo (or Dijerdoo). It looked like a large, long fog horn about 4 feet long and it sounded like something between a horn and a growl. It was hard to convince some folks that it was music instead of torture.

On Saturday night, we attended the Aalasdair Fraser Fiddling Concert at the historical Sumter Opera House. Mr. Fraser played very old, very beautiful Scottish tunes and hymns.

Sunday was the day of the big Barbecue.

Indeed, it was a wonderful occasion. We were served "real" Southern Fried chicken and fat back, candied yams, potato salad, sweet tea, banana pudding and other delicious purely southern foods. The Kirkin' of the Tartans followed at the renowned old Salem Black River Presbyterian Church founded by Scott-Irish settlers about 1729. This old church was surrounded by masses of centuries old trees which were loaded with Spanish moss hanging down. Not only was the church truly antique and beautiful, but it also produced a scene that looked like a picture postcard. During the service, Clan leaders carried their flags up into the balconies and hung them over on both sides of the church. It was a very inspiring occasion. This ended the three-day Sumter Scottish Fair. Robert and I truly enjoyed our adventures.

Gertrude McClain Dodson

Salado Highland Games, TX - November 2001

November in Texas means it is time for the Highland Games of Salado. Salado is a quaint little town located in the center of Texas. At one time the Stagecoach stopped there and the Stagecoach Inn is still in operation.

The clan tents are set up in a field next to the Main street and there is also a pretty stream running by one side of the field. (One Sunday morning a few years ago we came down to the field and found half of the tent in the stream after quite a storm.)

It is a great setting and we always have quite a few MacLeans visiting, like a big family reunion. Saturday night we have dinner together at the Stagecoach Inn. There are usually about 30 of us. We all gather outside and are 'piped in' to the restaurant by Robert Rankin, Jr. It's quite a show.

Over dinner we share a bit o' clan MacLean history, trade stories about travels past and planned and get to know our cousins spread far and wide.

Ruth Kirmser

Gillean's People

From Donald Maclean, President, The Clan Maclean Association we learn:

Malcolm Maclean Ygr of Duart and Morvern and Anna have just announced the birth of a son Oscar on Tuesday 5th March 2002.

From Charles H. McVey, Jr.:

I continue to enjoy the fellowship of the clan and look forward to hearing great news from the Summer 2002 gathering in Mull. As I must devote most of my time this year to increased professional and personal responsibilities; I request my resignation from the post of Secretary CGUSA, be accepted.

We will continue to support the clan and its activities and in particular to assist our president as much as we possibly can. We will be available in the future as our professional and personal situation is more stable to serve again in whatever official or unofficial capacity we might be needed.

So it is with great confidence in the current clan leadership and gratitude for being chosen to serve in the past that I tender my resignation from the post of Secretary, CGUSA.

[We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Charles for his service to CGUSA, and fully support his decision.

David McLane has been elected to fill the unexpired term as Secretary CGUSA and his wife, Anne McLane has agreed to serve as the newsletter editor.]

Flowers of the Forest

Mrs. Heather McLean Paris wrote a letter dated January 30, 2001 to Mrs. Ruth Loggins, president of the S.C. McClain reunion informing us of the death of her mother, Mrs. Virginia McLean, wife of previous Clan Gillean president, Mr. Max McLean. Mrs. McLean died January 22, 2001 in Arlington, VA.

(Gertrude said) Many of us who became acquainted with Mrs. McLean in her later years remember her peaceful, quiet manners and disposition. She always assuring us that she was a 'southern lady' by birth. At many Scottish Games, I visited with "Miss Virginia" in the MacLean tent for the entire day. We all enjoyed her so much, and her gentle spirit will be greatly missed.

Gillean's Tree

In this section, we are pleased to provide a forum for you to request assistance from the general membership in tracing an ancestor. Send your request to the newsletter editor and be sure to provide your address and telephone number.

Gillean's Events

Clan Gillean members, families and friends are invited and encouraged to visit fellow Clan members at the following games. CGUSA will be there to meet you:

April 19-21 Loch Norman Highland Games Hunterville, NC

May 3-5 Aiken Highland Games, Aiken SC

May 10-12 Kentucky Scottish Weekend Carrollton, KY

May 18 Springfield Highland Games Springfield, IL

May 18-19 Gatlinburg Highland Games, Gatlinburg, TN

May 18 Westerly Scottish Festival, Westerly, RI

May 29-6/01 Glasgow Highland Games Glasgow, KY

June 1 S. New Hampshire Games, Greenfield, NH

June 7-9 Clover Scottish Games, Clover SC

June 15-24 Clan Maclean 2002 Gathering Mull Island, Scotland

August 17 Maine Highland Games, Brunswick, ME

August 24 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Kalamazoo, MI

August 24 Quechee Scottish Festival, Quechee, VT

September 13-15 New Hampshire Highland Games Loon Lake-Lincoln, NH

September 14-16 Charleston Scottish Games, Mt. Pleasant, SC

October 6-8 Tennessee Highland Games Murfreesboro, TN

October 8-10 Stone Mt. Highland Games Atlanta, GA

October 13 Waldo Homestead Scottish Festival, Scotland, CT

November 2-3 Mid- America Celtic Festival Hot Springs, AR

November 8-10 Annual Salado Clan Gathering Salado, TX

November 22-24 Highland Games of Louisiana Jackson, LA

The list above is not exhaustive. Be sure to contact your state or regional convener if you would like to attend, or assist at these or other Highland games across the country.

Clan Maclean International News

There will be an International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia in 2003, starting on June 29th with the opening of the Nova Scotia International Tattoo, followed by highland games and festivals for the summer, closing in October with the Celtic Colors Festival. We have a web site at <http://ca.geocities.com/gathering2003ns> and also at <http://www.celt.net/igc> we hope you will let your members know as we would love to have some come for this Gathering,

All the best to you and yours, Jean Watson, co-chair, Int. Gathering, Federation of Scottish Clans In Nova Scotia, Canada

Special Interest & Humor

British Prime Minister Tony Blair is being shown around an Edinburgh hospital. Towards the end of his visit, he is shown into a ward of people with no obvious signs of injury.

He greets the first patient and the chap replies:
"Fair fa' your honest sonsie face,
Great chieftain e' the puddin' race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm,

Weel are ye Wordy o'a grace,
As lang's my arm."

Tony, being somewhat confused, grins and moves on to the next patient and greets him. He replies:

"Some hae meat, and canna eat,
And some eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit."

The third starts rattling off as follows:
"Wee sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie,
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,
Wi bickering brattle!"

Tony turns to the doctor accompanying him and asks, "What sort of ward is this, a mental ward?"

"No," replies the doctor, "It's the Serious Burns Unit."

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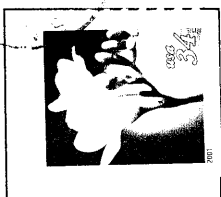


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