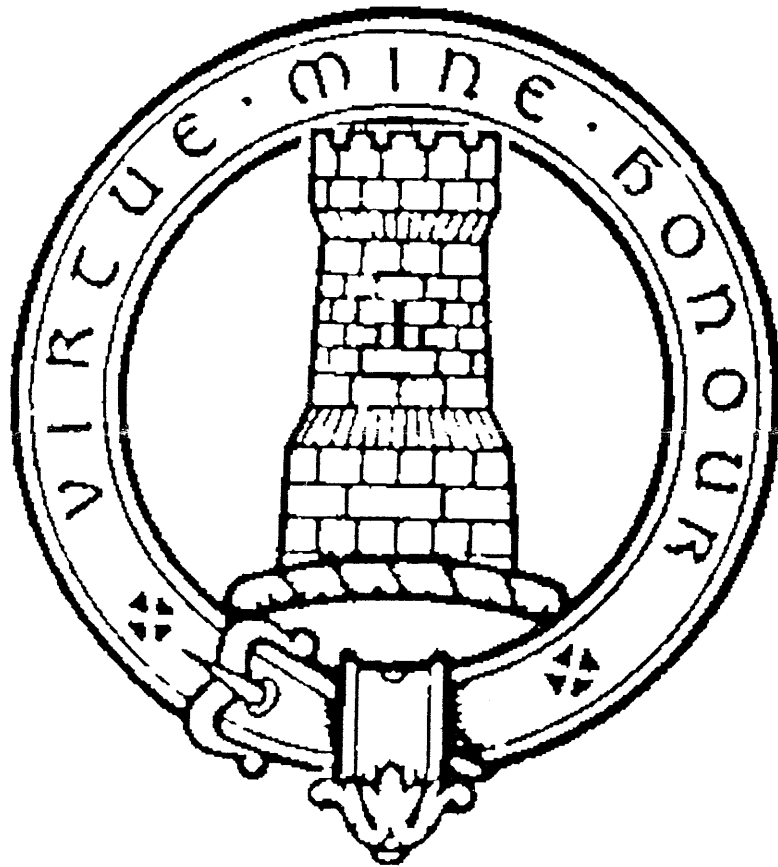


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Culloden--he is head of the Southeast Amateur Athletes and coaches those aspiring fellows.

Sunday morning was beautiful, and a simple, inspiring Kirkin' service was held in the nearby Methodist Church (built in 1802). Several more stones from Scotland were presented to be included in the memorial cairn. A special thanks to Tom Gillon of Macon and his friend for their help.

**Carrollton, KY:** on May 12-14 the 2000 Highland Games were held at General Butler State Park for the 18th year. Alex Beaton and Seven Nations were the featured performers. A full weekend of games activities--golf tournament, sponsors' reception and a concert by Seven Nations on Friday, regular events all day Saturday with a Ceilidh that evening, and then Sunday a Kirkin' Service.

Very early Saturday morning brought rain to the area, but it stopped in time for clan tent sponsors to unload, and the remainder of the weekend, though a bit damp, was very pleasant. All 23 clan tent tables were housed under one huge tent on a paved surface (quite a contrast with the ankle deep mud we endured the month before at Loch Norman!). This tent arrangement encouraged more talk, interest and interaction among clans than is usually evident. Booth spots were not assigned, and MacLeans found themselves beside MacLeods and MacEwens, and close to MacArthurs and MacKays.

Our clan MacLean table was busy, our framed Scotland map continued to draw interest. 14 people signed our visitor's log. It was good to renew our friendship with Dean McClain of Louisville, KY, and we were delighted when he accepted the convenership for the state of Kentucky.

**Glasgow Highland Games (KY):** the Clan Gillean USA tent (MacLeans and MacLaines) was a beehive of activity at the Barren Lake State Park site of the Games, June 2-4, 2000. As sponsors of the tent, Clarence and Bobby Greek were ably assisted by Jim and Kathy Waddell of Knoxville, TN, Dean and Susan McClain of Louisville, KY, and Claude Hicks of Macon, GA. They were joined on Sunday by Dean's sister, Sharla McClain of Frankfort, KY.

All this group took turns at the "front" table, meeting and greeting passers-by and helping all of them find "their" homeplace on the big framed map of Scotland.

Just around the corner from the Clan Gillean tent, Charlie and Tricia McVey of Nashville, TN, were very busy

with several Scotties (black) and a couple of Westies (white). They provide a rescue service in Middle Tennessee and Southern Kentucky for Scottish breeds who are abandoned, abused or left at the Nashville Animal Control Facility or other area shelters. Their tent attracts a large number of interested game attendees.

As usual the Glasgow Games provided all the expected sights, sounds and smells (of delicious British food) that we all hope to find at these Highland Games. The KY weather was beautiful both days which added to our enjoyment. We were also introduced to a new composition by William Jackson -- a very patriotic song celebrating Scotland as the "Land of Light".

Imagine our pleasure when Sunday afternoon brought the Lessenberry family of Glasgow to our tent. Mrs. Lessenberry is a MacLean. Her grandmother's first name was MacLean and that name has always been given to a daughter of the Lessenberry family. Four years old, MacLean Lessenberry signed our visitor's list and went home with a new Duart castle t-shirt "just her size".

Please remember that in less than 2 months this game will be the site of the International Games at which time most clans represented in the USA will be present along with the Chiefs of perhaps a dozen clans.

***PLEASE ALL YOU MEMBERS OF CLAN GILLEAN USA--MACLEANS AND MACLAINES--WHO ARE WITHIN TRAVELING DISTANCE OF GLASGOW, KY, MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THESE GAMES !!!***

**Jonesborough, TN:** the one-day Celtic Festival here on June 10, 2000, brought a good crowd to the business district of this small, historic East Tennessee town. Founded in 1779, Jonesborough is the oldest town in the state. Main Street has a 19th-century atmosphere, with many restored buildings, brick sidewalks and street lights that resemble gas-lights. This Festival leans towards a country fair occasion with period costumes.

Jim and Kathy Waddell were tent sponsors of the MacLeans and did a good job locating the tent under a tree to take advantage of the shade. Our State Convenor, Earl Fletcher, with good help from Stony Lane (Clan PResident Kirk Lane's son), erected a tent and we were set for the day. Earl is active in the 79th Cameron Highlanders Regiment, which added color and flair on the walk-about of pipes and drums. Nine people signed the MacLean's visitor's log--one even taking along applications for 5 more family members!

**New Market, AL:** Clan Maxwell was honored on June 16-18 at the North Alabama Highland Festival and Games held at Sharon Johnston Park. The history of Clan Maxwell and its participation as one of the "Border Reivers" was emphasized throughout the Festival. This site borders a small lake with tall pines nearby and provides a small covered stage for performers. The area is small and lends itself to a close, family atmosphere. There were 24 clans represented as well as a variety of merchandise and food vendors. Over 500 people attended on Saturday.

Clan tents were set up on Saturday with many glances skyward as the weather was threatening. Rain held off till noon, but after that it was shower, sun, shower, sun, so many folded their tents and stole away to dryer quarters. MacLean flags, tablecovers, signs, etc., were more than damp, a condition which prevented us from setting up on Sunday. Nine visitors to our tent signed our guest list, and membership papers were given to several of these visitors with the hope that they will join our clan.

... and we're off again!!! **Clarence & Bobbye Greek**

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## fall games season

### *Scottish Games and Highland Gathering*—CHARLESTON

This year our trip to the Low Country of SC was a unique experience preceded by a concert of the Music of Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales--featuring the pipes, drums and highland dancers of the **BLACK WATCH BAND**, who looked downright handsome wearing kilts of the Red Royal Stewart tartan and fancy black feathered bonnets. Also entertaining were bands and choirs of the **PRINCE OF WALES' DIVISION** (called the Lucknow Band)--all members of both groups are in the military. Not only did these chaps play instruments and sing, but they also presented some mighty fancy footwork in their marching and highland dancing.

After spending the previous day in preparation in Mt. Pleasant, SC (site of the Charleston Games), my husband, Robert Dodson and I hosted the Clan MacLean tent, being completely set up and ready for the public by 8:30. 34 MacLean people and visitors signed our register from South and North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

(MacLean name sign made by Robert Dodson)



During the games everyone enjoyed the usual Scottish Games activities--competitions in music, athletics and dancing. It was especially nice to have Harold and Betty Kastner from Charleston along with their son, Bill and his wife Cydney, whose son, Ross Kastner played with the Charleston Police Band--all of whom wear the MacLean modern red tartan because their originator was a MacLean! Ross' brother, Reed Kastner played with the Citadel (Military College) Pipe and Drum Band--but both took time to drop by the tent and speak with me. Mrs. Betty Kastner also agreed to be my new Clan Gillean SC Deputy State Convener. These folks made my day at Charleston. We had a grand day visiting with Scottish friends--old and new!

### *McClains in South Carolina:*

Our annual S.C. McClain Family Reunion was wonderful! Unlike 1999 when we had drenching rain and flash flooding *ALL DAY LONG*, this year we had the most beautiful day! It was sunny and cool enough to have a wood fire in the buck stove--the fragrance of coffee and wood smoke made us aware that autumn was knocking at the door.

Mrs. Gertrude McClain Dodson welcomed everyone as descendants of Captain John McClain--with representatives of two lines of his children in attendance: David McClain and Ann McClain Mauldin. All McClain Reunion officers were present: President-Mrs. Ruth McClain Loggins; Organizer-Mrs. Gertrude McClain Dodson; Recording Secretary-Mrs. Darlene McClain Seymore; Committee members-Mrs. Doris McClain Clark and Ms. Sharon Hamilton. Our register showed 90 McClain people from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia (and a 'nose count' revealed at least 106 in attendance). Each of the 28 'first-timers' received a gift. On this first reunion of the New Millennium, we were happy to have a good number of children present--planting seeds for future reunions. Our two oldest family members present were Mrs. Arvenia McClain Ballenger from Travelers Rest, SC, and Mr. Chalres Cochrone, Sr., from Richmond, VA. Eight Clan Gillean members and one officer attended. Ms. Arlene Morris Nelson agreed to be one of my new Clan Gillean SC Deputy State Conveners.

A marvelous dinner was opened with the blessing said by Mrs. Pauline McClain Spivey and afterwards all immensely enjoyed Brad Seymore playing the bagpipes (son of Ronnie and Darlene McClain Seymore) and also his younger brother Daniel (7) who played the fiddle. Following this we were entertained by Julian Furr on accordion and autoharp. Irene Allyn-Redford sang for us as well. Among the gifts raffled of was a 5x7 matted and framed picture of Duart Castle. As our reunion drew to a close with everyone laughing, talking, visiting and getting to know each other, we knew a grand time was had by all. It was truly a day to remember! Although we were keeping a keen eye on Hurricane Gordon, we had beautiful weather for the entire trip. In fact, the weather was the COOLEST I have ever known it to be in Charleston--I didn't even sweat all day long! Although *Gordon's* rain bands were close behind us, we were able to get home and unload our car before the heavy rain started.

**O**ur thanks to **Gertrude McClain Dodson**, SC State Convener, for these two great reports from **South Carolina!!**

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**congrats !!!**-- to **Wolf-Dieter Klose** (District 1 Convener), on becoming Baron Wolf-Dieter Stefan Johnstone-Klose, a Knight Grand Commander of the Order of St. Andrew of Jerusalem and a Knight Commander of the Order of the Commonwealth.

**F**rom Ruth Kirmser--*deep in the heart of TEXAS !!!*

November in Texas means it is time for the Highland Games in Salado--a quiet little town located in the center of the state where a "stagecoach" is still in operation! The clan tents were set up in a field next to Main Street with a pretty stream running by one side of the field. It is a great setting and we always have quite a few MacLeans visiting--like a big family reunion! Approximately 30 of us attended dinner Saturday night, gathering outside the Stagecoach Inn and being 'piped in' by Robert Rankin, Jr. Robert, Sr. gave a very interesting account of Clan MacLean history. And we were very glad to have Clarence and Bobbye Greek visiting us. If you are ever thinking of coming to Texas, November is *the* month to come and we would love to see you in Salado!



(Jamie Kirmser, Kent Kirmse, Ruth Kirmser, Robin Collins, Bobbye Greek, Clarence Greek, Mel McVey in Salado)

*... and spring games are sprouting ... !!!*

**R**obert C. Rankin represented the Clan for the Scottish Culture Day at the McAllen International Museum in a forum discussing clans. James Lane in his red Maclean dress kilt helped run the athletic events. Also attending were Dan and Jeanie McLain Schlaefer and James Lane.

*Editor's note: in our next Pipings issue watch for information on the recent **Scottish Country Fair**--a new Scottish event for SC at Sumter March 23-25, 2001--not a typical Scottish Games, but a celebration of Sumter's Celtic and Scots-Irish roots!)*

## flowers of the forest . . .

\* **DONALD ALLEN MARSH**, publisher of the McClain Exchange, passed away at his home on January 1, 2000. He was an honorary member of Clan MacLean. He fought cancer, but it eventually won out. He leaves his wife Sue Miller Marsh, 2 sons, Breck Allen Marsh and Blair Scott Marsh and his wife Sandy, 1 sister, Joyce Ann Marsh Watson, 1 brother, Robert Arthur Marsh and wife Debbie, as well as numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Our special thanks to Robert C. Rankin, Jr., who was able to have a piper for the service--which Don had wanted most when he knew that the odds were against him.

I would like to refer Don's work on the McClain family and have left his websites up for anyone to refer to:

[www.mexia.com/mcclain/home.htm](http://www.mexia.com/mcclain/home.htm)

(Sue Miller Marsh)

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**gillean gatherings**— latest list of upcoming games & where Clan Gillean members will be this year — *focusing first on the Northeast.*

May 19, 2001

### **Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival**

Westerly High School Athletic Field

Westerly R I

[www.riscot.org](http://www.riscot.org)

(401) 348-9109

June 2, 2001

### **Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games & Celtic Music Festival**

Oak Park, Greenfield, N.H.

(603) 464-9506

June 23, 2001

### **Western Mass. Highland Games**

Brimfield, Massachusetts

(413) 568-7628

July 7, 2001

### **St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island**

Tartan Day Picnic

Haffenreffer Museum Grounds

Bristol, R. I.

(401) 781-7909

Aug. 18, 2001

### **Maine Highland Games**

Thomas Point Beach

Brunswick, ME

[Monty@EXPLOREMAINE.COM](mailto:Monty@EXPLOREMAINE.COM)

(207) 364-3063

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### **Quechee Scottish Festival**

Quechee Polo Field

Quechee, VT

(802) 496-2213

Sept. 14-16, 2001

### **New Hampshire Highland Games**

Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH

(800) 227-4191

[www.nhscot.org](http://www.nhscot.org)

Oct. 7, 2001

### **Scotland's Highland Festival**

Edward Waldo Homestead

Scotland, CT

(860) 684-6584

(*thanks to John MacLean, Region 5 D/C*)

*Now to the South & Midwest with Clarence & Bobbye Greek:*

Mar 24 - United Scot Clans of Ok -- Oklahoma City, OK

Mar 31 - Scottish Highland Games of Mississippi --

Jackson, MS

Apr 21 - Loch Norman -- Huntersville, NC

Apr 28 - Culloden Games -- Culloden, GA

May 19 - Springfield Highland Games -- Springfield, IL

**May 31-Jun 3 - International Games & AGM**

**Glasgow, KY**

Jul 14 - Saline Celtic Festival -- Saline, Michigan

Jul 20 - Columbus Scot Festival -- Columbus, Indiana

Aug 18 - Maine Highland Games -- Brunswick, Maine

Sep 8 - Long's Peak Scottish Games -- Estes Park, CO

Sep 15 - Clanjamfry Evergreen Presbyterian Church --

Memphis, TN

Sep 29 - Alabama Highland Games -- Montgomery, AL

Oct 6 - Tennessee Highland Games -- Murfreesboro, TN

Oct 13 - Cumberland Gap Highld. Games -- Harrogate, TN

Oct 20 - Stone Mountain Highland Games -- Atlanta, GA

Nov 10 - Salado Gathering of Clans -- Salado, TX

Nov 17 - Highland Games of Louisiana -- Baton Rouge, LA

Editor's Regrets:

My apologies to Clan Gillean USA

for the tardiness of this issue due to

unexpected responsibilities in both

professional and personal areas.

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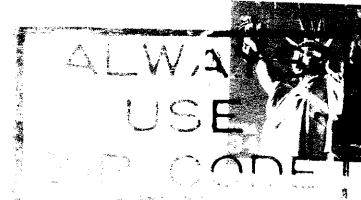
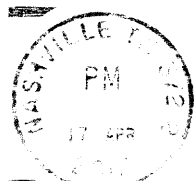
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