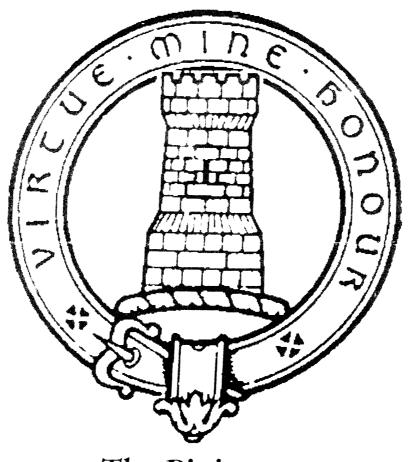
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"Glasgow--North American Summit a great success for all clan branches!"

On the eve of the special "International" gathering for this year's Glasgow Highland Games, leaders from several branches of Cian Maclean International in the Western Hemisphere came together to share ideas and plans and to work together for the good of all clan members across the continent. Enjoy learning more in this pipings and the next (summer) issue about this meeting as well as the well-attenoed 2001 AGM, also held during the games!



LER Scott McLean, Duncan MacLean, Kirk Lane, Narence Greek, Rev. Robert MacLean)

What a thrill for clansfolk attending the Glasgow Games to meet leaders from the various North American Clan MacLean organizations. And what an entertaining and sharing group they all were! (Watch the summer issue for an interesting story from a master clan "seanachie" or story teller' -- California's Duncan MacLean!) The future ooks bright for more cooperation between all MaLeans on se continent and for growth in number and activity for all e clan including the septs. Be sure to be involved in sloing to energize your state and region--attend games and celtic festivals, host or help with a Clan MacLean tent and bring a friend . . . especially a MacLean / MacLaine!!

failte!!! Welcome Kinsmen!!!

To all New Members a 'HEARTY WELCOME'! and an encouragement to all current members for renewal and involvement! As you read on I think you'll be inspired by accounts of the fun and fellowship occuring in the MacLean tent at Scottish events all over --

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("a hundred thousand welcomes"

agm 2001 . . .

The jovial group of cousins pictured below were just a few of the double tent full who gathered in Glasgow for the vital Annual General Meeting The past year's events were reviewed (executive committee membership, budget, newsletter, clan participation throughout the US). and information was shared about upcoming events and plans for future CGUSA activities



(L>R: James McLean Norman, Dean McClain, Duncan MacLean, Claude Hicks, Bobbye Greek, Elizabeth MacLean, Clarence Greek, Scott McLean, Susan McClain, Lindsey Lane, Kirk Lane)

Spring - 2001

macleans "spring" into 2001's clan events!

TY2idwest City, OK: on 24-25 MAR 01 we convened a Cian Gillean Tent at the *United Clans of Oklahoma* Scottish Heritage Festival. Arriving in cold. rainy and windy weather, we were happy to help consume the hot cider, tea, chocolate and coffee in the hospitality "pavilion before the roaring fire that was kept going all weekend ong as Saturday's high only reached 39 degrees!

Clan Henderson convened beside us and we enjoyed visiting with the cian president, Rex Maddox. Despite the weather we had nearly two pages of visitors to sign in Among these were Sandy and Matthew McLean graduate music students at UOK who marched with their two beautiful Corgis in the Parade of Tartans. We also appreciated the visits and help of Frank McLean Shannon McLean McCurley Ligea McCracken Adsit and Ted Rankin. It was also a great pleasure to see Charles "Corky" Murray (a member of the Tennessee Highland Games board of Murfreesboro) as he accepted the presidency of Clan Murray — also the "Honored Clan of this game."

Beautiful Express Clydesdales were a featured attraction as well as six very good Pipe and Drum bands. Sunday dawned cold again, resulting in the highlight of the day when Clarence's kilted bare legs stuck to the very cold metal chair at the Kirkin. Service!

Clarence and Bobbye Greek

Museum was the site of a new Scottish festival, the Sumter Scottish Fair (23-25 MAR 01). Robert and I set use chairs in the shade of a huge magnolia tree with dogwoods and azaleas in full bloom all around. It was also a true feast of Celtic music with pipe bands, Neal Anderson & Friends, and a Saturday evening concert by Scotland's premier fiddler, Alasdair Fraser in the historical Sumter Opera House. There was even the interesting usep fog-horn sound of an Australian "dijeridoo" -- something between a horn and a growl...and it was hard to convince folks that it was music instead of torture!

Sunday was the big Barbecue with plenty of other southern specialties: "real" fried chicken, fat back, andied yams, potato salad, and banana pudding. The orkin of the Tartans followed at the renowned old Salem cack River Presbyterian Church built by Scots-Irish editiers around 1729—a picture postcard setting of historic early with century-old trees loaded with hanging Spanish toss. Clan leaders carried the banners into the balconies

hanging them over both sides of the church--an inspiring occasion. Robert and I truly enjoyed our adventures as charter participants in the 3-day Sumter Scottish Fair.

-- Getrude McClain Dodson

Editor's note: many of us may want to joing the Dodson's in 2002 in what sounds like a first-class fest!

Culloden, GA. the change to a slightly later date for the 7th Culloden Highland Games (28-29 APR 01) proved to be a wise move for the weather was perfect. Saturday afternoon was even a bit too warm! Forty clans were represented with the MacLeans tent located at the end of a row-easily seen in two directions. All MacLean banners were used to good advantage.

The sponsor/patron reception on Friday night gave this reporter and spouse a chance to meet Herman and Louise Ibach, long time athletic judges. Deserving special mention, the Deputy Convener of GA. Tom Gillon and the GA State Convener. Ephraim McLean, were both an hand to work in the clan tent. Gerald Larkey. Region 4 Director was unable to attend but was represented by his sen. Gerald III. called. Trip. Among the 25 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.

New Anderson Hadrian's Wall, and Eric Duncan provided entertainment to an enthusiastic crowd for the Saturday night ceilidh. Three of our members attended the Kirkin Service at the nearby Methodist Church on Sunday.

-- Clarence and Bobbye Greek

Carrollton, KY. General Butler State Park hosted the 2001 **Kentucky Scottish Weekend** (13-14 MAY 01) for the 19th year. Although thunderstorms struck the area Friday evening, Saturday morning greeted us with gorgeous weather which lasted through Sunday

Our well-traveled V.P., Clarence Greek, and his esteemed wife, Bobbye, were able to join my wife, **Susan**, and me for the weekend's meeting and greeting of kin and fellow tartan lovers. With Clarence and Bobbye around, there are no dull (or quiet) moments. 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 18 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

in the booth 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!

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 including The Scotland Yard's Lochcarron tartan goods. Weems' Books with an amazing array of Celtic-specific literature, and Craigie's peautiful sporrans and other innovative leather products. A British sports car snow also adds a unique flavor to this annual event. And as one might imagine with nearly two decades of tradition, for the athletic events, the pipe cands, highland dancing, and the piping and drumming the competition was intense and the audiences were appreciative—and now a final, though perhaps a wee pit in-Scot-like wish —may all our games be blessed with income weather.

-- Dean McClair

Springfield, IL. a mini-family reunion was enjoyed at the Tm annual Springfiled Illinois Games (19 MAY 01). Our miece. Cathy Greek Yokley, had accepted the job of State Convener and needed help/experience for her first game meid at the IL State Fair Grounds with several per manent structures, the Coliseum would make a great place for a faure "Tattoo". All helped with the tent set-up in windy, bright weather. Then the six younger generation freeks (MacLeans) marched in the Parade of Tartans attitud in bits and pieces from our Scottish collection in specially fetching were two of our teenage girls in plaid masaads tied over their stone-washed jeans!

theven clans were represented. 17 MacLeans signed our quest list, among whom were William Cook, Linda Denney. Jason Baker, and Gideon Hector McLean of Australia. There was a good list of vendors (mostly Celtic lawelry), including one where we purchased stag-horn buttons. We did lament the fact that only one food vendor affered Scottish food and thought it too bad that the arogram did not name the several fine pipe and drum cands who participated so well. Immediately following this the day festival, there was a ceilidh in the Big Tent with lapper and snacks

- Clarence and Bobbye Greek

from the millennial

ARCDÍOES -- we are happy to share more reports of some great games from last year where Clan MacLean "gathered" and greeted with gusto³

Oberlin, OH folks had been asking when will there be a MacLean tent at the Ohio Scottish Games again'?? Well Clan Gillean Treasurer, David McLane got right on it, though when he asked/appointed me to do the job.. me and my big mouth! -- seriously. I wouldn't change anything because this was a great big, smashing success!

Stumbling out of bed at 4 a m. I packed my trusty F-150 with a generous clan kit from David a tent purchased from Sam's and a homemade MacLean sign. and even a bottle of The Balvenie if the need should arise to sample a wee dram. Arriving in Oberlin. I chanced upon Doug an old friend (and a MacDonald) and was more than glad to accept his help (and any help short of a "Campbell's")

Clarence and Bobbye Greek had driven up from Nashville to neip this first-timer. With a record attendance and noards of children wanting their clan "passports" stamped things moved along at a pace just short of frenetic

As we passed by the reviewing stands in the Parade of Tartans with claymore, targe and MacLean Hunting and Dress banners flying, these many sons and daughters of Scotland cheered, and we were so proud that most of us could have marched to Banockburn to fight for the Bruce!! The day also brought many visitors and great events--we tossed cabers, we tossed "saxons" (as re-enactors showed battle tactics against the "English"), we tossed down a draft of lager by Tennants of Scotland along with very fine Haggis and chips--then as the eventful day was closing, the sky 'tossed' an abrupt downpour. My friend, Doug, and I visited a local pub in full kilted attire! And after much pipe smoking, many shared tales. and several raised pints, with MacLean and MacDonald harking back to old clan friendships several hundred years old, we sat back and reflected on a job well-done! Thanks to all who assisted. YOU made the difference!

-- Alex(ander) McCracken Good

Culsa, OK: on 16-17 SEP 00 Chandler Park in Tulsa was turned into the Highlands of Scotland for the 21st Oklahoma Scottish Games, Gathering and Celtic Festival. You could hear the skirl of bagpipes for miles and the clans were gathered for two days of fun, entertainment, athletics and food with folks you see but once a year. The weather was a little hot, but it didn't seem to bother many people as they stayed until the cannon was shot, ending the games til next year.

- Glen Dale McClain

flowers of the forest ...

Thomas W. McLean laws of city attorney county DA cassed away on December 19, 2000. He practiced law for 36 years in the Nekoosa Williams He was a veteran of the Navy serving in WWII and was a 56-year member of the American Legion, twice serving as post commander. An excellent coronat player, he served veterans families by playing taps at graveside services—on Memorial Day in 1992 he actually played taps at 11 different services.

Survivors include 0 sons (Tom. Pat. Rob) and 2 daughters (Sur. Lon. as we'll as 4 grandchildren and a special friend trace (ast 11 years. Charlotte Link. He was married to Manelyo Fahmer in 1942 and then Marlene Bachli in the He was known as a friend by everyone he met.

Dur thanks to James E. Strasser for this information)

Mrs. Virginia McLean, former first lady of Clan Gillean, we of former Clan president, Mr. Max McLean

Brighton Gardens
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Assed away on January 22, 2001. "Many of us who knew Mrs. McLean in her later years remember her peaceful, while the manner and disposition. She was always assuring as that she was a "southern lady" by birth. At many "cottish Games, I visited with "Miss Virginia" in the MacLean tent for the entire day. We all enjoyed her so so and her gentle spirit will be greatly missed."

our thunks to Gertrude McCrain Dodson for this note)

gillean gatherings— latest list of upcoming games & where Clan Gillean members will be this year (please let me know of others!!)

Northeast

Jul 7 - **St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island**Tartan Day Picnic (401) 781-7909
Haffenreffer Museum Grounds - Bristol R. I

Aug 18 - Maine Highland Games - Brunswick, ME Thomas Point Beach (207) 364-3063 Monty@EXPLOREMAINE COM

Aug 25 - Quechee Scottish Festival - Quechee, VT Quechee Polo Field (802) 496-2213

Sec 14-16 - New Hampshire Highland Games Loon Mountain Lincoln, NH www.nhscot.org (800) 227-4191

Oct. - Scotland's Highland Festival
Edward Waldo Homestead
Scotland, CT (860) 684-6584

South

Jul 12-15 Grandfather Mountain Games-Linville, NC wargest gathering of MacLeans & MacLaines in America).

Sep 14-16 Boone Hall Plantation Mt. Pleasant, NC Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering Sep 15 - Clanjamfry Evergreen Presb. Church-Mem., TN Sep 29 - Alabama Highland Games - Montgomery, AL. Oct 6 - Tennessee Highland Games-Murfreesboro, TN Oct 13 - Cumberland Gap Highl. Games-Harrogate, TN Oct 14 - Keowee-Toxaway State Park, Sunset, SC 19th So. Carolina McClain Reunion Descendants of Captain John McClain

Oct 20 - **Stone Mountain Highland Games**-Atlanta, GA Nov 17 - **Highl. Games of Louisiana** - Baton Rouge, LA

Midwest

Jul 20 - Columbus Scot Festival - Columbus, Indiana

West

Sep 8 - Long's Peak Scottish Games - Estes Park, CO Nov 10 - Salado Gathering of Clans - Salado, TX

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Mall (19-23) 2002 !!!

be making plans . . .

www.gillean.com www.maclean.org/gatherin.him

and now Duart Castle has its own web site:

www.duartcastle.com

gilleans abroad

... from 'down under' ...

Some of our Aussie cousins discovered a plaque indicating that in 1838 Donald and Christina McLean grewing first cruc of wheat in all South Australia.

Thanks also to Colin Sproule. President of Clan MacLean in New South Wales, for pointing out the red granite masoleum on Mull for Governor Lachian Macquarie known as "The Father of Australia" — a good friend of the MacLaines of "Lochbuy" (old spelling) and patron of the man's 20th Lairo.

..ook for information about an Australian "Stonehenge" in Jur next issue! (from Brian McLean of the clan in Western Australia)

from "up over"...

APR 00 - MacLeans were among the clans who sathered for a shorefront ceremony at the **Culloden Memorial Cairn** at Lismore, **NS** (Nova Scotia), followed by a bright ceilidh as is the custom.

□8 JUL 00 - an International Tattoo began the annual Halifax Highland Games and Scottish Fesival where CLAN MACLEAN was the Clan of Honour. Many people visited the clan tent in the lovely weather, and in honour of the Visit of the TALL SHIPS, an evening of "tall tales" with the people was very enjoyable.

New Brunswick Highland Games in Fredericton.

15-17 SEP 00 - at the large **Hector Festival** which is in commemoration of the "Launch of 1773" -- the "**Hector**" being the ship that brought the <u>first group of Scottish settlers to Atlantic shores</u> -- Clan MacLean participated in the unveiling of the Avenue of Clans with our Clan Tartan & Shield Signpost (we were the first clan to support this effort). We also enjoyed the launching of a Hector replica Nearly 60 of the 85 visitors who signed our tent guestbook were descendants of the only 'male' MacLean passenger on the original ship. 84th Regiments Ensign Alexander MacLean Two of our girls were named "The MacLean Children of the Hector" for 2001

This was also the occasion of our Annual Meeting where Rear-Admiral Bruce MacLean, OMM, CD, Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic as our clan PATRON

33 NOV 00 - on the occasion of **St. Andrews Day** festivities. **MacLeans** joined with THE SCOTS society founded in 1768) and also enjoyed the 250th anniversary of the founding of Dartmouth. NS

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(web site of interest --> www.tartanday.com)

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This year's "INTERNATIONAL BATTLE AXE" should appear in our next issue along with current reports of recent Games and Gatherings. Please send any infomation which we might share in the pipings to:

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A special request for those of you who are a "sept" of Clan MacLean—send in any information you have on how your family was related to and served the larger clan. We hope to have a continuing column featuring different septs in each issue.

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