

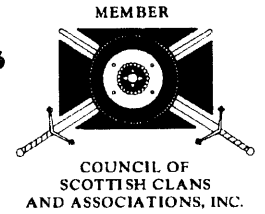


The Pippings

Newsletter of the Macleans, Maclaines & Related Families

Clan Gillean USA - Branch

Clan Maclean International, Est. 1892



GREETINGS FROM THE PIPINGS!

President's Message (Spring 2003)

I would like to begin by making the following statement:

**GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS WHO ARE
KEEPING THIS COUNTRY THE HOME OF
THE BRAVE AND THE LAND OF THE FREE**

I know that it seems like months between our Pippings, but having to be responsible for this President's letter, it seems like only weeks to me! Much has happened since the Burns Dinner days and the clan is gaining in numbers.

Starting early in March, we joined **Captain Gary McLean** and convened a tent at the Sarasota Games. A beautiful day, for so early in Florida, but marred totally by the crash of our NASA shuttle, which happened the morning of the game.

We are continuing to reorganize and transfer membership headquarters to **Jim Waddell** in Knoxville, TN. I hope that all of our tent conveners in every state will bear with us until new clan application sheets and information pages can reach each of you. We are still in need of the games schedule from everyone and proposed tent convenings. This would greatly facilitate the executive committee in forwarding new paper materials and estimating our budget expenditure for authorized games. I hate to be a "hard-nose" about this expenditure, but it appears that the only way we can budget clan tents is to make it a set rule that if you have not been authorized in January or February of each year, the clan treasury cannot be responsible for the repayment of your tent/space rental. We do have an archives of games we have regularly attended, such as Grandfather Mountain, Loch Norman, Stone Mountain, Glasgow, Loon Mountain, Estes Park, etc. and it is possible for the treasurer to budget for these game tents from the

MacLachlan website. However, we have no way of knowing if someone plans to convene a tent at these games if that person does not notify us. Your President has just returned from convening a tent at Batesville, Arkansas where we have not made a presence in years. We were fortunately joined and helped considerably by **Jamie Kirmser** from Arlington, Texas. At the present time, we have no convener for Arkansas and no signed up member visited the tent. Jamie consented to convene tents for the clan for Arkansas until we can find a permanent convener.

While we are on the convener dilemma, let me bring you up to date on the events just this year. After twelve good years of looking after the state of South Carolina, **Gertrude Dodson**, along with her deputy conveners (family) tendered their resignations. Because of our national emergency, **Alex Good**, our Ohio convener, is being shipped out and we temporarily have no convener in that state. Alex believes that he will be on active duty only six months, and wished to retain the Ohio convenership, but we will need help for all the games that he regularly worked. Please take notice Ohio members. We were fortunate to have a very active and competent commissioner, who looked after both Maryland and Virginia, in **Heather Gange**. Heather and her husband have accepted positions in California. Because of increasing bad health, **Dean McClain**, of Kentucky, has had to resign as convener for that state. As you know, a very productive membership game is held at the end of this month at Glasgow, Kentucky. We will convene a clan tent for that game and hope to see all of our active members in that area.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the above conveners for their participation and hard work in maintaining the presence of the clan in their respective territories. Each of these people has contributed immensely to our membership in their areas. They will be missed.

Speaking of ill health, your president is having

to amend his travel schedule as published in an earlier *Pipings*. It has become evident that I need cataract surgery, which will be done in June. Therefore, I will not be able to attend **the Chief's** visit to Nova Scotia. However, I have received a most cordial invitation from **Ian MacLean**, President and host of the Nova Scotia Gathering. He extends a sincere invitation to each member of CGUSA to attend any and all of the events during that Gathering. The schedule is listed elsewhere in this *Pipings*.

I would like to notify the membership that **John C. MacLean**, Director of Region 5, is up for rotation in that office. It is traditional that the AGM be held in the region of rotation. We will notify you, in the next *Pipings*, the game that has been selected for the AGM. We invite and urge all members to attend this meeting if possible.

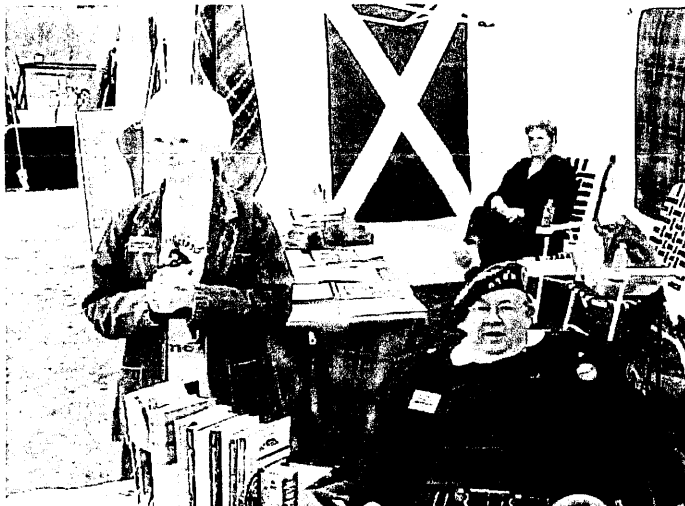
It is my sad duty to inform the members that **the mother-in-law of Kirk Lane** has passed away in Memphis, Tennessee on May 4th, 2003. We extend our sincere sympathy to **Kirk, Ann, and their family**.

Hope to see you at a game soon,

Clarence Greek

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS (especially the executive committee and directors) I MUST have your CORRECT email address. Thank you in advance...

*-Betsy R. McLean
(your editor)*



From left: GCUSA's "chief cook and bottle washer", Bobbye Greek and our esteemed President Clarence Greek are prepared and waiting for visitors to the Edmond, OK games!

Games Et Gatherings

Scottish Heritage Festival

Edmond, OK

March 22 - 23, 2003

March 22, 2003 found this reporter and spouse at Hafer Park in Edmond, OK to convene a tent at the Scottish Heritage Festival. A shady spot just across from the reviewing stand had been assigned to Clan Maclean. **Larry and Sharon Rankin** who live close by joined us for the day. Larry was former editor of *The Pipings* and a long time active member of Clan Maclean. It was our pleasure to have the Rankins help convene the tent. Fifteen interested Macleans signed the visitor's log. Many others stopped to ask for information concerning other clans. A reenactment of the "High Noon" shoot-out was held several times throughout the day for entertainment. Vendors, athletes, Highland dancing, pipes and drums combined to make this a regular festival. A nearby Cracker Barrel served a delicious dinner to the Rankins and us after the games. On Friday, March 21, we had enjoyed a leisurely stroll through the Cowboy Hall of Fame, marveling at the white marble mountain lion sculpture in that museum.

-Report by Clarence Greek



Life member, Larry Rankin, awaiting the Edmond, OK Highland Games Parade!

**The 4th South Carolina TartanFest
Columbia, SC
April 4-5, 2003**

Robert and I left Easley, South Carolina on Friday morning and traveled to Columbia, South Carolina to celebrate National Tartan Day by attending the South Carolina TartanFest 2003. Our capital city opened her arms to us. Both Robert and I are natives of South Carolina.

The TartanFest is held in the South Carolina State Museum, which is housed in an old and abandoned cotton mill. Neither Robert nor I had ever visited the museum and for several years we had been planning a trip. We did not have a Clan Maclean tent; this trip was for pleasure. Robert and I truly enjoyed the museum and felt it was outstanding.

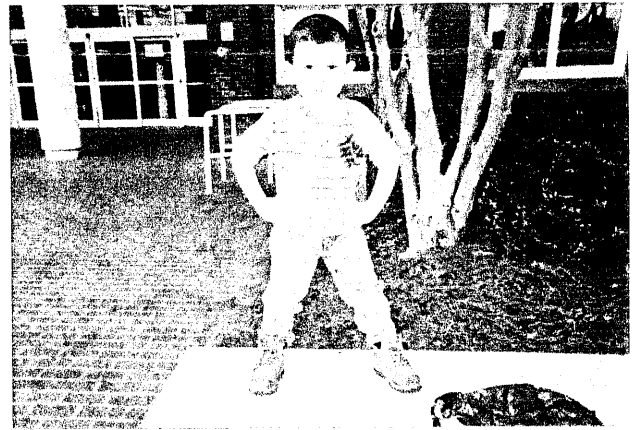
At the South Carolina TartanFest, we learned of the detailed development of the Carolina District Tartan. In 1991, the North Carolina State Legislature designated the Carolina Tartan to be North Carolina's State Tartan. It was designed by the Scottish Tartan Association to be the official tartan for both South Carolina and North Carolina. This is because of the shared Scottish heritage of the two states. The Carolina Tartan is a beautiful red plaid interwoven with gray, black, yellow, and white. It was based on a version of the Royal Stewart tartan which was taken from a fragment of a coat of the Royal Company of Archers, dated c. 1730. It is believed this was the same sett used for wedding ribbons on the coat of King Charles II for his nuptials in 1661. In South Carolina, the Carolina Tartan Act was drafted in House Bill 5063 on April 10, 2002 and was introduced and read to the South Carolina House of Representatives. On April 25, 2002, the Bill was sent to the Senate, and on June 3, 2002, Governor Jim Hodges signed into law the Carolina Tartan Act, No. 303 of 2002. This designated the Carolina Tartan as the Official State Tartan of the State of South Carolina. (This information was taken from *The South Carolina TartanFest 2003 Program*, page 2.)

While we were at the festival, it was our pleasure to have the whole day to visit with some friends we met at the Sumter Games this year. They are **Sheila and Walter Callahan** along with their four-year-old son, **David Callahan**. Also, **Rev. Dr. Mark Fearing** accompanied them, all coming from Walterboro, SC. Although I did not have a Clan table, I signed all three up as members of Clan Gillean USA.

David participated in the Highland Games for children in the 4-8 age category. Not only did David do exceedingly well in all competition, but, in the caber toss he scored second place. For such a wee small boy, I could not believe he could even pick up the caber, much less toss it. David was competing against some **BIG** kids. The highest score was 12 and David scored 11 ½. This won him a button and ribbon for his skills. I said, "We have a little athlete for our clan!"

As the day ended, we all agreed that a grand day was had by all. We thoroughly enjoyed this event.

*-Gertrude McClain Dodson
SC State Convener*



Little four-year old David Callahan at the SC TartanFest 2003, Columbia, SC. Photo by Gertrude McClain Dodson

**Loch Norman Highland Games
Rural Hill Farm, Huntersville, NC
April 11 – 13, 2003**

Yep...it's time for a North Carolina Highland Games, so that means the rain must fall! That was what we were thinking the ENTIRE WEEK before the game. It rained at almost every North Carolina event last year, and it looked like this year might start out the same way. Thank goodness, when Friday came, our good Lord decided that we'd had enough of that practical joke. The ground was soggy, the lakes and rivers were actually higher than they were after Hurricane Fran, but the sun was shining and the pipes were calling. Pat (a.k.a. Mom) and I arrived Friday evening in time to enjoy the fried chicken, fish and shrimp dinner, and then the reception prior to the "Call To The Clans" ceremony. The evening turned into a reunion of friends who live close to us (and convene tents for other clans) that we had not seen

recently. We visited until dusk, then “moseyed” to the Maclean tent, which was perfectly placed for observing the events on the field. North Carolina/South Carolina Commissioner **Kathy Black Toomey** represented us well at the Call To The Clans. (By the way, if you have never witnessed a calling to the clans, you are missing an experience surely to touch your heart. Loch Norman’s opening monologue is one of the most moving, yet informative messages I have ever heard.)

The Macleans were well represented on Saturday and Sunday. **Kathy Toomey** was in charge, with President **Clarence Greek** and wife **Bobbye**, Vice President **Claude Hicks**, clan historian and former Vice President **Patrick Maclean**, Secretary **Betsy McLean**, and head chef (best shortbread, pound cake and Scottish tablet in town) **Pat McLean** all there to assist.

Saturday and Sunday were both spent in sunshine, with drying grounds, meeting and greeting Macleans. We were visited by Macleans from nearby – **Rick McLean** of Mooresville, NC, for example. We were visited from afar – such as **Keith and Laura Enoch** from Medina, Ohio. We also received one visit by a Maclean when we just had to say, “My gosh, how did you find us?” – **Daniel Tiftt** from Vermont by way of The University of NC- Chapel Hill!

We all had a great time at Loch Norman. We did all of the standard Highland Games activities (you know - the visiting, the eating, the shopping, the athletes, the music, the eating, the competitions, the pageantry, the eating, the Kirking, the living history reenactments, the “hairy coos”, etc. Did I mention the food?

And Pat brought enough pound cake and tablet* for everyone!

(*Tablet - a rich buttery candy with the consistency of fudge and a taste reminiscent of condensed milk)

- Report by *Betsy McLean*

**TO OUR MEMBERS IN THE
MILITARY
CGUSA OFFERS OUR SUPPORT,
OUR PRAYERS, AND MOST OF
ALL...
OUR THANKS
WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!**



Who is this Motley Crew and where did they hide the tablet?!?! At the Loch Norman Highland Games from left to right: Bobbye Greek, Clarence Greek, Pat McLean, Kathy Black Toomey, Patrick Maclean, Claude Hicks, Betsy McLean (courtesy Claude Hicks/James Paul Toomey photographer)

International News

The following report is excerpted from the 2003 issue of The International BattleAxe. Other articles from The International BattleAxe will be printed in The Pippings in each future issue until its entirety is published:

From Clan Gillean USA

It has been a great, productive year for Clan Gillean USA. This year, we signed a Life member who happened to be our 1000th member recorded on our membership rolls. As luck would have it, **Julianne McLean**, of Wichita, Kansas, attended the 2002 Gathering. Our President, Clarence Greek had the honor of introducing her to the whole body of the Clan Congress during the Gathering. We welcome Julianne, and look forward to spending more time with her in the future.

With the aftermath of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, and being in the midst of an economic recession, we have found that attendance at Highland Games has been down nationally. Interest in the Maclean Clan, however, is thriving! We have had a very successful Highland Game tent season all over the 44 states we represent and we are looking for an even better turnout in the year 2003.

Much of this year’s success can be credited to

the leadership and hard work of Clarence and Bobbye Greek. Clarence and Bobbye have accepted our organization as their extended family. In doing so, they have traveled nonstop throughout this Presidential term, promoting Clan Maclean in all four corners of the nation. (We do not understand where their stamina comes from.)

In the year 2002, we have all been working hard to improve our communication among CGUSA members. The only NATIONAL form of communication is through the publishing of our newsletter, *The Pipings*. In the recent past, we have been unable to publish our quarterly newsletter in a timely manner. **Betsy McLean**, of Raleigh, North Carolina, graciously accepted the position of Secretary of CGUSA at our annual general meeting at the Stone Mountain, Georgia Highland Games. Her focus as secretary is the publication of *The Pipings*, having published two issues in her first three months in office.

We communicate regionally by attending Highland Games and visiting our clansmen. In America, where everyone is either an immigrant or a descendant of an immigrant, a sense of belonging is sometimes difficult to achieve. American Highland Games can be considered extended family reunions; we have had many experiences of our "cousins" going to their first game, finding our tent, and then weeping with joy when they realize that they belong there, and that possibly distant relatives are also there! Our members are of utmost importance to us. At our AGM, in order to accelerate the acknowledgment and execution of Clan membership, we have created a membership committee, chaired by **Jim Waddell**, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

This year, we are making efforts to review and update our membership database by finding and correcting incorrect addresses (caused by change of residence, etc.). We are also asking our members to supply us with their email address with the hopes of communicating more effectively electronically in the future.

We started preparing for the 2003 season before Robbie Burns' birthday. There is at least one activity celebrating our heritage every weekend somewhere in America from February 1st (in Sarasota, Florida) until November 8th (in Salado, TX). The Macleans are active at the majority of these games, which are too numerous to mention. Clarence and Bobbye have personally scheduled 21 events this year.

Of those events, they will convene the Maclean tent at six games, many of which are in areas where there has been little regular Clan representation.

April 6th has become a day of celebration in America. More people commemorate National Tartan Day, recognized by Congress since 1998, each year. This year's national celebration, held at the National Mall in Washington, DC, has been planned on a grand scale, with Scottish Clans, societies, and organizations, massed pipe bands, Highland and country dancing, athletic demonstrations, story telling, Gaelic lessons, and more, culminating in an afternoon Tattoo. At the same time, many states have their own Tartan Day events planned. We Macleans, of course, will be represented at as many events as possible!

And we are looking forward to June '03, when **our Chief, Sir Lachlan**, will visit Nova Scotia. We understand that the Presidents from all of the North American Associations are endeavoring to attend the Nova Scotia Games with the Chief. There is almost as much anticipation for this game as it was for the 2002 Gathering!

-Betsy R. McLean
Secretary
Clan Gillean USA
Editor - *The Pipings*

Clan Gillean USA Members at Duart Castle Saturday, June 22, 2002



Left to right - (Row 1): Kris Miner, Carley Clayton, Kathy McClain Barnhart, Bonnie McClain Hess (Row 2): Betsy Brommer, Helen McClain Martindale, Carol McClain Colbert, Debbie Flanagan, Our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean (Row 3): Dorothy McClain Heaster, Jennie McClain Johnson, Betty McClain Flanagan, Edna McClain Hall, Elsie McClain, Trina Heaster Grove

Did you know...

...that Mr. Lewis McLean has become the World Champion of meat pie making?

...that Ms. Shona Maclean has become the ladies Champion in the World Stone – Skimming Championships?

Do you know why the Physicians to the Kings of Scotland were almost always called Beaton or MacVey?

Click on the “Latest Updates” panel of www.maclean.org to find out the details!

Kinlochaline Castle

We all know that Duart Castle is considered to be the “clan center” to the Macleans, and is home to our Chief. We are also aware of Moy Castle, home to the Maclaines of Lochbuie. Many of us, however, know that there were many other Maclean castles in our history. Most are ruins, but one that has been recently restored is Kinlochaline Castle in Morvern. Ian MacLean of Clan MacLean Atlantic (Canada) wrote about this castle in their April 2002 newsletter. This reproduction was slightly edited for space by Brian McLean, editor of the newsletter for Clan Maclean Association (Western Australia). We give our thanks to our friends from Canada and Western Australia...

“Kinlochaline Castle is located in Morvern, and is beautifully situated on a rocky bluff at the point where the River Aline joins Loch Aline. This loch flows into the Sound of Mull and is not far, by water, to Duart. It is also close to the much larger Ardtornish Castle that was the stronghold of the Lords of the Isles before coming into Maclean clutches.

The existing castle appears to have been built in the 15th century, although there could well have been an earlier castle on this site – which may or may not have been integrated into the present castle. The Chiefs of the MacInneses, or Clan Aonghais, were the original holders. The MacInneses were a very influential clan, whose chief was one of the Councilors of the Isles. Around 1390 the MacInnes Chief and his five sons were murdered, apparently by MacKinnons. None the less, the Macleans were the beneficiaries as they were subsequently given the castle and its lands by Donald of the Isles. The present

castle would likely have been built by Macleans and became home to the Macleans of Morvern.

Locals call the castle “Butter Castle”, as myth has it that the masons were paid in butter by Lady Dubhchall the original builder. I can attest to the prevalence of this story as on my first visit when I asked for directions to Kinlochaline Castle, the person I was asking did not recognise the name but did know where “Butter Castle” was.

Kinlochaline was granted by Hector Og (Maclean) to his brother John Dubh in 1573 and subsequently passed on to his son Allan. It is likely that he carried out the major renovations in the late 1500’s.

The castle looks like a typical tower house although it has a number of unusual internal features. It is oblong and measures 43 feet by 34 feet, with 10-foot thick walls. It is four stories with a corbelled-out parapet walk. It was originally entered by a removable wooden stair to a doorway one story up. The main turnpike stair leads from the main hall to a narrow passage 4 feet high that leads only to a stair going down. This is a very unusual feature that would have been difficult to build and yet has not been understood by experts who have viewed it.

The castle was damaged by the Marquis of Montrose’s lieutenant, Alasdair Colkitto MacDonald in 1644 and later by Cromwell’s forces in the 1650’s. A final attack was by the Campbell, Earl of Argyll in 1679. It was abandoned in the 1690’s, restored in 1890, and deserted again. Believe it or not, in 1999 it was restored again!

I first visited the castle in 1997, and at that time it was overgrown with trees and difficult to get to. Imagine my surprise when I visited again in 1999 and saw scaffolding all around the structure with restoration well under way... They seem to have kept the important features of the old castle while making it a comfortable home. The new in-floor heating will keep the castle warm. The furnace is in what probably would have been the dungeon. It is a tremendous revitalisation of an historic castle.”

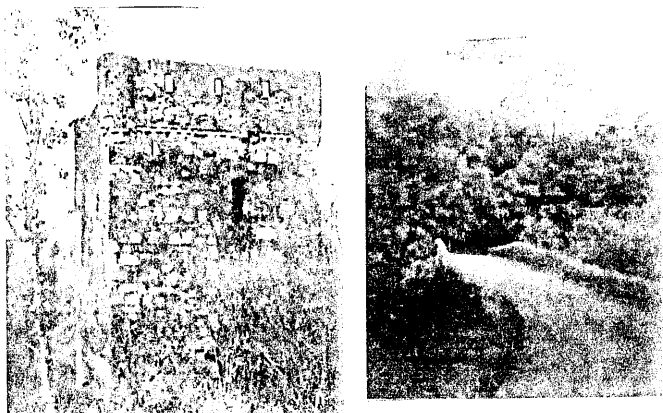
Upon further research, your editor learned that the castle walls are composed of Lias limestone, which contains fossils that are very rare in Scotland. The castle also has another unique feature – there are firepits in the ramparts (made for boiling oil – ouch!)

The story (according to the www.macinnes.org)

website), goes that Chief MacInnes of Ardgour was an advisor and counselor to John of Islay, Lord of the Isles, and great-great-grandson of Somerled. MacInnes advised John to divorce Amy MacRuari so he could marry Margaret Stewart, the daughter of Scotland's future King Robert the Second. In 1358, Amy told John that MacInnes had complained that when he stayed at John's house, because it was used as a dog's kennel, thereby hoping to get her revenge. This infuriated John and he ordered Donald, son of Lachlan Maclean to kill MacInnes. Donald, "having killed his five sons, got himself possessed of Ardgour." Clan MacInnes never recovered, and has never had a chief since. In 1997, our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern offered an apology to Clan MacInnes President William MacInnes.

PLEASE NOTE that Kinlochaline Castle is now a private residence that is not open to tours or viewing. Please respect the privacy of the residents if you happen upon the property.

-Betsy R. McLean



Kinlochaline Castle: Left, in 1998; right, in 2000

Gillean's People

Flowers Of The Forest

Sadie Beatrice Morris Nabors

After a long illness, Bea Nabors of Clan Buchanan and Clan MacMillan died Sunday morning, May 4, 2003, at 12:15am in Memphis, Tennessee. Mrs. Nabors, 79, was a retired nurse from Methodist Healthcare-University Hospital. She was a member of Stage Road Church of Christ and former member of Raleigh Church of Christ. Mrs. Nabors, the widow of Walter Clyde Nabors, is the mother of Ann Lane, and

mother-in-law of our Past President Kirk Lane, of Jefferson City, TN. Also surviving are daughter Jan Nabors Newman of Arlington, TN; a son, Walter G. Nabors also of Arlington, TN; a sister, Karen Morris Newberry of Memphis, TN; two brothers, Menville L. Morris of Memphis, TN and M. Glenn Morris of Southaven, TN, and seven grandchildren.

Services were held May 6, 2003 at 10:30a.m. at Forest Hill Funeral Home East. Burial was in Memphis Memory Gardens.

Clan Gillean USA offers prayer and condolence to the family at this time of loss.

Gillean's Tree

The following query was submitted to The Pippings on March 10, 2003:

I am interested in locating any cousins who are descendants of **Dr. Neil Mclean** and of course his son **Neil McLean**, who was a seaman out of Connecticut in the 1700's. His daughter **Ann** was my great-great-grandmother who was from Hartford, Connecticut. and married **Mr. Richard Wadsworth**. Kindly write or call me at (219) 924-0960.

I read Clarence Greek's account of the 2002 Mull reunion with interest, since we also attended and stayed at Craignure, but never could run into any Americans (where were you?). We enjoyed ourselves, but got a different slant on things since we were not invited to the inner sanctum events and are too old to handle Tobermory for more than four hours. Duart Castle was wonderful and worth the trip. I got to play my bagpipes at the entrance, which fulfilled my dream.

The island of Mull is like going back in time, and seemed to be deserted at first impression. Craignure is one large motel and a restaurant/bar and a ferry landing. Tobermory is a seacoast town of one main street three blocks long, built on a cliffside with streets that run vertically to the top and then end. All the people are jammed into this one town and hang onto this cliff. The rest of the island is empty. We saw no farms, and couldn't figure out where the food came from.

The roads are primitive and one way only (except for 8 miles near Tobermory). There are places to pass oncoming cars every so often, and you hope you are near one when you meet a car. The road to

Duart Castle is one way, narrow, winding, and nearly overgrown with grass. Sound like an adventure? I didn't mention the rain every day. It's no mystery that there are McLeans all over the world.

Sincerely,

James W. Angell
1902 Windfield Dr.
Munster, IN 46321

To Mr. Angell-

Thank you so much for your account of the gathering. I had been searching for another view of the trip when I was blessed with your letter. I hope you receive a response to your query concerning Neil McLean. I know that many of us are interested in this branch of the McLeans.

To our readers:

If you have a short history of any of our ancestors, please submit it to your editor.

And don't forget about our other related families! Many of us would like to learn more about our heritage!

Your Editor has submitted the second query of this issue. Please forgive her indulgences...

Please help me break through my very own "brick wall". I am searching for information concerning my great-grandfather **Alex McLean** of Middle Creek Township, Wake County, North Carolina, and his ancestors. Alex was born in 1845 (according to his grave marker) or January 1850 (according to the 1900 census) and deceased in 1919.

His sisters were named **Rachel and Emily**; his brother was named **Duncan**. His father may also have been named **Duncan**. His wife was named **Mary Lee** (?) (b. Dec. 1860, d.13 April 1936, Wake County, NC). Alex and Mary had 3 sons and a daughter:

- 1) **William Oscar** -- b 16 June 1886 – d 12 Nov. 1979
- 2) **Purlie Otha** –b 13 Sept. 1890 (or 1889, according to the 1900 census)- d 1 March 1935)
- 3) **Lily** (or Lillie) E. born June 1894 – d unknown
- 4) **Noland Terrance** – my grandfather – b 7 March 1899 – d 22 February 1967

Alex is buried in Willow Spring, NC in the

cemetery of Fellowship Baptist Church. Mary is buried with her children a few miles away in the cemetery of Kennebec Baptist Church in Kennebec, Wake County, NC.

The only record I have found of Alex is the 1900 census. I have found census records of the family after his death (1920 and 1930 census records), but I have missed all other accounts of him.

This is a branch of the McLeans that apparently has not been recorded in any genealogy so far. There is a reunion held every three years in Angier, NC of the descendants of Alex and Mary. Over 150 family members attended the last reunion (and many more did not). NO ONE in attendance had any knowledge of our history. Some stories that had been handed down through the years have been proven wrong.

I would greatly appreciate any help! Please send information to me at:

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Macleans at Oroville Dam

Editor's note: Duncan MacLean, the President of the Clan Maclean Assoc. in California, asked our President, Clarence Greek, to write a short biography concerning the construction of Oroville Dam in Oroville, CA for their newsletter. Jim McClean, of the Pacific NW Branch, then requested a copy for their newsletter. This is Mr. Greek's account...

As to my MacLean lineage, let me start by saying that even my earliest forefathers were, to some degree, civil engineers. My fourth great-grandfather was **Ephraim MacLean**. He and his wife, **Elizabeth Davidson MacLean**, had a great deal to do with the early history of Nashville, TN. Ephraim and his eight sons fought under **General William Davidson**, who commanded Revolutionary forces at the Battle of Kings Mountain, NC. This was a decisive battle in the Revolutionary War and sent British General Cornwallis high-tailing it back to New York. Because of the MacLean involvement in this action, they were awarded large land grants in what was still North

Carolina at the time of that war. Later this came to be what is now known as Middle Tennessee. Elizabeth Davidson MacLean was the sister of General William Davidson. When Ephraim, his sons and their families moved to North Carolina, he became an official land surveyor for the NC government in the area of what is now Nashville, TN. So, you can see that I come by my profession as a civil engineer through a long line of engineers.

I received my civil engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, which also shares in MacLean history. After graduation, I was employed by Oman Construction Company of Nashville. The Oman family came to the United States as stone and brick masons from Scotland. I spent most of my working life in the employment of Mr. Oman, who specialized in heavy engineering construction throughout the world. Oman Construction Co. was the sponsoring contractor for a consortium of nine construction companies, joint ventured to build the Oroville Dam. We were the successful low-bidder in July 1962. Members from all nine companies converged upon California. At the time of the bidding, this dam was not only the tallest rock/earth filled dam in the world, it was also the largest in cubic yards of materials. Since then, several dams in the world have surpassed it in cubic yards of materials, but none in height. The design of this dam was such that at the bedrock level in the center of the dam, a concrete core with instrumentation tunnels through it and both abutments formed the base foundation for an impervious clay core of the dam. This core was surfaced and protected by stone and gravel gradations on both sides with shot rock riprap protecting it from windwave erosion on the upstream face. At the completion of the dam, the crest line from abutment to abutment measured 6,900 feet. It stood 757 feet above the riverbed. At riverbed level, the dam is 1,200 feet thick. There are 83 million cubic yards of rock/earth materials in this dam. This dam contains a spillway that is capable of handling more water than comes into the reservoir at the peak of a 150-year flood. Another world shattering record is that it contains, in the right abutment, an underground powerhouse which generates more electricity than any other underground powerhouse in the world.

Some of the unique obstacles to be faced had to do with the location of the material needed to make the embankment fill. This fill consisted of granite boulders which remained from the dredge tailings

when gold was mined in this manner at the Feather River Canyon. The material borrow pit was some 14 miles west of the dam location and the transporting of same from its location to the dam required the construction of the heaviest railroad bed ever built to that date. This material was mined with an electric bucket wheel excavator capable of moving 15,000 cubic yards per hour. The material was moved by conveyor belts from this excavator to a train loading station and loaded into a 42-car train. Each car had the capacity of 100 tons of material. When these trains reached a dam site, they were dumped with a rotary car dumper, two cars at a time, without being uncoupled from the train. At peak construction, working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we averaged moving some 360,000 cubic yards per day.

From site clearing to completion of the dam, it took five years to build. It is the northernmost portion of California Department of Water Resources endeavor to move water from northern California to Los Angeles. I was only one of a large number of engineers required to build this dam. My employment title was Contracts Manager. It was one of the greatest experiences of my construction career.

*-Clarence N. Greek
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Gillean's Events

Our Chief is Coming To Canada

As many of you may know, our Chief is planning a visit to Canada this summer. This is his schedule, submitted by Ian Maclean, President of Clan Maclean Atlantic (Eastern Canada):

June 28th Summerside, Prince Edward Island
In the am – visit the College of Piping and visit the MacLean tent (at the Highland Games). Sir Lachlan will be introduced at the opening ceremonies for the Highland Games.

1:00pm – 3:00pm Lot 16 United Church for “Meet and Greet the Chief” – view Memorial to Catherine and Lachlan MacLean

5:45pm Reception on board “Confederation” – Meet CEO Mitchell McLean and Captain White

June 29th Pictou, Nova Scotia

11:00am the Chief will be attending a church service

at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
12:00pm – 2:00pm Meet & Greet the Chief, a special invitation to all Macleans and Sept members, at the St. Andrews Church Hall

June 29th Cape Breton
7:30pm Glenora Inn and Distillery (between Mabou and Inverness) Ceilidh and get together for the Chief and Macleans, Rankins and other Septs

June 30th Iona
11:00am – 1:00pm Meet and Greet the Chief at the Highland Village

July 1st Pugwash
In the morning the Chief will attend the Pugwash Gathering of the Clans
3:00pm – 5:00pm a Meet and Greet the Chief at 72 Purdy Lane, Tidnish Crossroads (near Amherst) at the home of the President of Clan MacLean Atlantic – Ian MacLean and his wife Marjorie.

July 2nd Fredericton, New Brunswick
2:00pm – 4:00pm The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association will hold a reception for Sir Lachlan at Old Government House

July 3rd A well needed (and deserved) day of rest

July 4th Halifax
1:00pm – 3:30pm Meet and Greet the Chief will be held in the Large Board Room, Nova Scotia Community College, Institute of Technology Campus, 5685 Leeds Street, Halifax, N.S.
The Chief will be attending the Mayor's reception. There will be a Maclean group attending the Tattoo, at which we hope the Chief will be recognized – perhaps a recipient of the salute (?). To purchase tickets for the Tattoo (in this block), please contact George MacLean (902) 491-3511, or email him at macleagv@nsccl.ns.ca.

July 5th The Chief will visit the MacLean tent at the Halifax Highland Games in the afternoon before departing for Scotland

The Chief will tour some historic sites and may also visit some other sites (time permitting) – e.g. Highland L & M, the production site of sporrans for the world market.

Our President's Remaining 2003 Itinerary...

May 16-18	Gatlinburg, TN
May 31-June 1	Glasgow, KY
June 7	Milwaukee, WI*
July 10-13	Grandfather Mountain, NC
July 25-27	Alexandria, VA
August 23	Davenport, IA*
September 5-6	Ligonier, PA
October 4-6	Murfreesboro, TN
October 10-11	St. Louis, MO
October 17-18	Stone Mountain, GA
November 1	Jackson, LA*
November 8	Salado, TX

*** Tent to be convened by our President and his wife**

Upcoming Games, Festivals and Events:

May 9-10, 2003

The 3rd Annual Celtic Music Festival
Historic Bethabara Park, Winston-Salem, NC
www.bethabarapark.org
(336) 924-8191

May 9-11, 2003

Kentucky Scottish Weekend
General Butler State Resort Park
Carrollton, KY
(800) 325-0078

May 16-18, 2003

Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games
Mills Park
Gatlinburg, TN
(865) 922 - 3790

May 16-18, 2003

Houston Highland Games & Celtic Festival
Houston Farm & Ranch Club
Houston, TX
(713) 896-1427

May 17, 2003

Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival
Washington County Fairgrounds, Richmond, RI
www.riscot.org
(860) 599-3511

May 29 –June 1, 2003

Glasgow Highland Games
Barren River Lake State Historic Park, Lukas, KY
www.glasgowhighlandgames.com
(270) 651-3141

June 6-8, 2003

Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games
Maverick Stadium
Arlington, TX
(800) 650-1918

June 7, 2003

Scottish Fest/The Milwaukee Highland Games
Old Heidelberg Park, Glendale, WI
(414) 422-9235

Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games & Celtic
Music Festival

Oak Park, Greenfield, NH
www.snhscotcelt.org
(603) 924-6050

June 14-15, 2003

Potomac Celtic Festival
Morven Park Equestrian Center, Leesburg, VA
(800) 752-6118 (info)
(703) 938-9779 (tickets)

June 28, 2003

The Round Hill Highland Games
Cranbury Park, Norwalk, CT
www.roundhill.org

July 10-13, 2003

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC
www.gmhg.org
(828) 733-1333

July 19, 2003

Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival
Stanley Park, Westfield, MA
www.glasgowlands.org

July 25-27, 2003

Virginia Scottish Games
Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA
(703) 912-1943

interest:

June 20 – September 12, 2003

Celebrating Scotland's Crafts
A festival of traditional craft skills
Smithsonian Arts & Industries Bldg.
900 Jefferson Drive, SW
Washington, DC
(202) 357-2700
www.Smithsonian.org

June 25-29 and July 2-6, 2003

Scotland At The Smithsonian
Musicians, storytellers, crafts, dancers, and more
National Mall
Washington, DC
www.folklife.si.edu
(202) 275-1150

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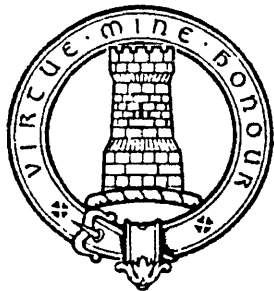
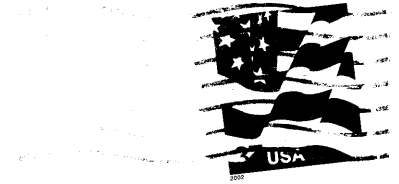
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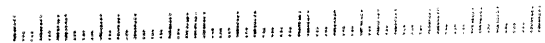
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