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Castle Duart, U.S.A.

Ian MacLean, Trustee of Maclean Heritage Trust

Who would have believed that there is a real, historically important, Castle Duart in Pennsylvania! Most of us know of Duart Castle, the ancestral home of Clan Maclean, and our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean, on the Isle of Mull in Scotland. But, I suspect very few of us knew there was a Castle Duart (now known as Fort Dewart) in the U.S. A. Why, and how could this be??

Two years ago, I found, quite by chance, this important symbol of Maclean history. Castle Duart, or Fort Dewart, is a redoubt built in the French Indian War. I found the reference to it, when I did a book review on Ian Macpherson McCulloch's book(s) Sons of the Mountains, The Highland Regiments in the French and Indian Wars, 1757-1767 Volumes 1& 2. Fort Dewart was such an odd name that I thought it had to be connected to our Duart Castle. As a Trustee, I am always on the lookout for important Maclean events, organizations, places or individuals. As you probably know, our mandate as a Trust, is to commemorate, and educate people about, such people or things, - worldwide. I sought and obtained permission from the Trust to pursue information on Fort Dewart and it's possible significance to **C l a n M a c l e a n .**

Fort Dewart, originally called Castle Duart, was named, as I suspected, after the Duart Castle, on Mull. It was much more of a surprise to find that Sir Allan Maclean of Brolas the 21st chief of Clan Maclean actually named it. He was the senior officer present when the fort was constructed (a Captain of the 77th Foot, Montgomery's Highlanders),

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The Chief is Coming!

Clan Gillean USA welcomes our members and guests to join us at the Loch Norman Highland Games at Historic Rural Hill, in Huntersville, North Carolina on the weekend of April 15-17, 2011. Our clan is the Honoured Clan for the gathering, and we will welcome Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, 28th Chief and 12th Baronet, and Lady Rosemary Maclean as Honoured Guests.

This year marks the 18th year for the Loch Norman Highland Games, which have become one of the premier Highland events in the United States.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BOB McLEAN

HAPPY 2011

It doesn't seem possible that the new year is here and it is 2011. Most of us are still shocked about 2000 arriving. Things sure move fast after you have had a few birthdays, well maybe more than a few.

Last year was a banner year for Clan Gillean USA. We welcomed 34 new members to the association, a record for a single year. 4 new life membership were issued. Considering the economic times, this is something we can all be proud of. All of the credit goes to the hard working convenors of the many games.

A new Executive Committee took office on last New Years day and started with new ideas immediately. We decided to invite Sir Lachlan to visit us for the Rural Hills Scottish Festival. Just as we were starting to prepare for this, The Chief takes a new bride. We extended the invitation to include Lady Maclean as well and she will be accompanying Sir Lachlan.

The visit and the Loch Norman Games will be a great place to learn about your heritage, make new friends and renew old acquaintances. We have scheduled events to interest the entire family. Watch the website for details on how to register, buy tickets and to see the schedule of events. This Pipings includes a ticket order form as well.

As we enter 2011, it is not too early to begin planning for the centennial gathering of Clan Maclean in June of 2012. 100 years since the first gathering after the castle was restored. For those of you who have attended a gathering, this one will be better and bigger. For those who make this their first , it will be something you will never forget.

The Executive Committee made a few changes and additions in the last year. New features on <http://www.clangilleanusa.org> have been put in place and many more are to come in the next few months. Please take a look at the new site and tell us what you think. One of the new features is a swap shop, where you can buy, sell, donate or trade items with other clan members. Another area of sharing is *The Pipings*. We always need articles of interest to clan members. It doesn't look like a large publication, but trying to fill 8 pages every 3 months can be a little overwhelming. Take the time to write a short item and send it by E-mail or USMAIL.

Finally, it has been a pleasure serving as your new president this year and I look forward to 2 more years of fellowship, change and surprises.

See you at the Games!

BOB

Chief's Visit

April 15-17, 2011

A block of 20 rooms has been set aside for us at the Comfort Suites in Huntersville at the special rate of \$79.00 per night. Call the hotel directly at 704.875.6220. Reservation code is: Clan Maclean. Note that reservations at the special rate are good until March 25, or while rooms are available. The hotel expects to be completely sold out for the games weekend, so make your reservations soon!

We recommend you purchase two-day tickets to the Games for \$25.00 each. Contact Rural Hill directly at www.ruralhill.net or at 704.875.3113.

Festivities will get under way on Friday afternoon at 5:00 with a barbeque picnic at the Clan Maclean tent on the field. Following the picnic is a reception in the Chief's Tent in honour of the Chief and Clan Maclean. Although this reception is primarily for games sponsors, Rural Hill will allow our clan members and guests to purchase a special admission for the reception. Tickets for the barbecue are \$10.00 each, and \$20.00 each for the reception. It is very important that you purchase your tickets well ahead of time! If you plan to attend the reception, Highland daywear is appropriate, or if you do not have this, then "church" formal is acceptable. The highlight of Friday evening is the Calling of the Clans, where by torchlight each clan announces its presence on the field. Clan Maclean, as Honoured Clan, will be the first to go! Another for Hector!

Saturday will find us busy at the clan tent, and this will be an excellent time to meet the Chief and Lady Maclean. Clan Gillean USA's Annual General Meeting will take place at 2:00 PM on the field. The location will be posted at the tent. Remember that the clan tent is YOUR headquarters for the weekend. Come in and make yourselves at home.

We will be hosting the Chief and Lady Maclean at a formal reception on Saturday evening, beginning at 7:00, at The Ranson House in Huntersville. Tickets are \$45.00 each for individuals or \$80.00 for a couple. Please note that this is a formal event, and appropriate dress **will be required for admission**: Highland evening wear/tuxedo or dark business suit for gentlemen, and cocktail dresses or full evening wear for ladies.

Sunday's activities begin with the Worship Service and Kirking of the Tartan at the Old Burying Ground across Neck Road from Rural Hill. Bring a chair with you! Just before lunch, join us for the Parade of Tartans, where we will lead the parade and receive the salute from the Chief. Sunday is a bit more relaxed than Saturday, and will allow a slower pace to watch the final athletic competition, shop the many vendors, to meet and greet your long-lost cousins, and to down a wee dram or two.... For those clanspeople who are staying over on Sunday night, we will meet for a casual dinner at a local restaurant. The time and location will be posted at the tent. We can all get out of our kilts for this one – casual dress is in order.

On behalf of the Officers and Commissioners of Clan Gillean USA, I look forward to seeing you in April.

Aye,

The Rev. Fr. Patrick Maclean, ObISSP,
Vice President and Chaplain
Chairman of the Chief's Visit Committee





Castle Duart U.S.A.

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in 1758. As you will know, the Chiefs of the Macleans had lost the original Duart Castle, and virtually all their lands about 1690, and did not get the castle back until early in the last century. Sir Allan, no doubt wanted to remind everyone who cared, that the Macleans really should have Duart. Since many of his men were Macleans, and/or closely connected to Clan Maclean, this was no doubt very popular with them as well. Remember it was only ten years after Culloden, and the clans, - certainly the Macleans; had felt the full extent of the Hanoverian pique.

I contacted the author, Mr. McCulloch, and he has been most helpful. He actually had visited the site, when writing his books. Since then I have managed to obtain a great deal of information on Fort Dewart, Sir Allan and the Montgomerie's Highlanders. The search for more information from books, and from archival sources in the UK, continues. Meantime, I have been able to contact the Folmont Property Owners Association, who actually own the land on which the redoubt is located. They had already started the process of having the site listed, i.e. given Federal recognition as a significant historic property. This would provide the Fort Dewart site with protection in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. It is helpful to note that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission already see the site as "...the best preserved remains of a redoubt from Forbes's expedition. It retains good context of setting in relationship to Rhor's Gap, a trace of Forbes Road, and Sir Allan MacLean's Camp." The Property Owners Group were delighted that someone outside their group, (which includes a group of historians, and interested persons who live, and/or work, near the site,) - was also interested. So we have formed a partnership with the Trust and this local group. Discussions have begun with the Clan Gillean, to hopefully have you officially part of this partnership as well.

The immediate goal is to clarify the historic tie of Fort Dewart, to the Macleans, and to erect a plaque that describes the involvement of Sir Allan, the Macleans, and the connection to Duart Castle in Scotland. The interest of the Trust has also provided major encouragement to the Property Owners Association. They are most interested in increasing their knowledge of the involvement of the Macleans, other than just Sir Allan. They have now started the process of raising money to employ Mr. Douglas R. Cubbison, the author of *The British Defeat of the French in Pennsylvania, 1758*, and a noted historian of the French Indian War, - to be the historian who will work with them to answer the questions necessary for official federal recognition. You can probably tell that I am very excited about this project, and do hope that your Association will become fully involved. I am continuing to try and find primary source information on Sir Allan's rationale for naming the Fort, and more precise information on the Macleans, and their kin, from Mull, Coll and neighbouring areas of the highlands, - that he had recruited, and who were in his companies.

With your editor's permission, I will, in subsequent issues of your newsletter, provide more detailed information on Sir Allan, the men he recruited and served with, in the Montgomerie's Highlanders, the building of Forbes Road as part of the successful campaign to capture Fort Duquesne (now Pittsburgh), and the site and current state of Castle Duart in Pennsylvania.

In addition to being a trustee of the Maclean Heritage Trust, Ian is the Past President of Maclean Atlantic and the current President of Clan Maclean International. Ian and his wife Marjorie will be joining us at the Rural Hill Festival. Following the games, Ian, Marjorie, Bob McLean and Patrick MacLean will travel to the site of the fort to meet with the local historical society and discuss plans to erect a memorial and plans to add the site to the National Register of Historical Places. More info in next issue.

HAPPENINGS

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival	Jacksonville, FL	February 26, 2011
Arizona Scottish Gathering	Mesa, AZ	February 26-27, 2011
Columbia Tartan Fest	Columbia, SC	April 2, 2011
Tallahassee Highland Games & Celtic Festival	Tallahassee, FL	April 9, 2011
Missouri Tartan Days	St. Charles, MO	April 8-10, 2011
Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games	Huntersville, NC	April 15-17 2011
Arkansas Scottish Festival	Batesville, AR	April 22-24, 2011
Triad Highland Games	Greensboro, NC	April 30, 2011
Bathabara Celtic Festival	Winston-Salem, NC	May 7, 2011

A MACLEAN CLAN GATHERING TO REMEMBER - June 2012, Isle of Mull



10 NIGHT LUXURY COACH TOUR - Fully guided with Tour Directors Liz and Paul. First and final nights Glasgow, 3 Isle of Mull, 3 Inverness, 2 Edinburgh. 10 fully cooked Scottish breakfasts, 6 evening dinners, (inc welcome and farewell) Sail on Loch Lomond, city tours, museums and gardens, private whisky tasting, Culloden Battlefield, castles, distillery & dram tour, historic storyteller evening, Rosslyn Chapel, woollen mill and more to be added! See www.mcleanscotland.com/2012gatheringplan.asp The coach tour is ideal for those who haven't been to Scotland before or not wanting to drive on the wrong side of the road! Plenty of free time, fun and camaraderie - with friends returning again, *it's always that good!*

Family & friends groups, we can arrange your own coach with driver/guide or self drive vans. On our self drive tours we work with you to design your vacation ensuring you see the places you wish and also those hidden gems only local Scots know of. Stay as long as you like, in a castle, pub, guest house or hotel. Includes maps and our personal suggestions where to go, see and drink etc.

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Contact Liz or Paul with any enquiries/questions. Now booking at: Gathering@mcleanscotland.com www.mcleanscotland.com

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