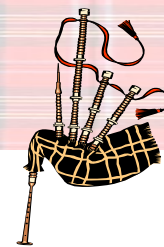




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Fort Dewart Dedication Recognizes Maclean Ties To American History

By Margaret McLean of Clan Gillean USA

In the 18th century, the global arena was preparing for the Seven Years' War and part of that can be more specifically referred to as the French and Indian Wars (1754-1763) in North America.

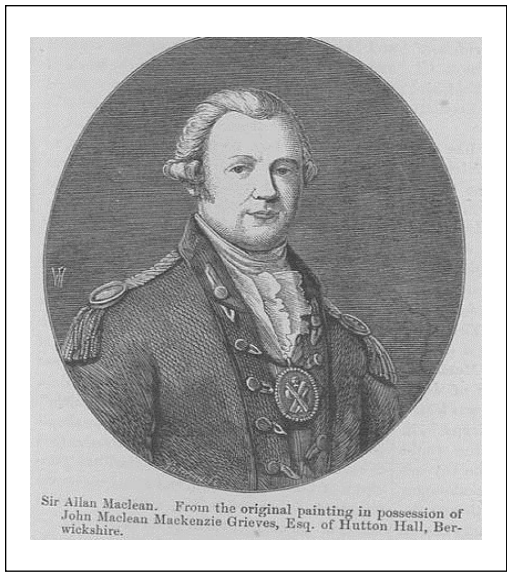
Sir Lachlan, current and 28th Chief of the Macleans, will be present at the unveiling of a historic marker at Fort Dewart, the 1758 earthwork redoubt, built by his ancestor, Sir Allan Maclean of Duart, Bt., 22nd Chief and an officer in the 77th Regiment of Foot (Montgomery Highlanders).

On Sunday, Sept. 22, this future marker will be placed on private property in a Bedford County subdivision off a stretch of the legendary Forbes Road, named after Scottish Brigadier General John Forbes, assigned to secure this back country by William Pitt, British Secretary of State of the Southern Department.

A critical trail through Fort Ligonier connected a section of what is now known as Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, formerly called Fort Duquesne. An important road to the military strategy for control between Britain and France, Forbes enlisted an interesting group of "warriors" that were stationed at Fort Ligonier, which included men sent from the different colonies. Serving under the British Crown were men from the First Highland Battalion (Montgomery's Highlands) or the 77th Regiment of Foot, a Royal Artillery detachment, the 94th Regiment of Foot (Royal Welsh Volunteers), the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment of Foot (Black Watch) and the 60th Regiment of Foot (Royal Americans).

*** Information On Attending Gala Reception, Saturday, Sept. 21, and Dedication Ceremony, Sunday,**

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Sir Allan Maclean, 22nd Chief who served as an officer in the 77th Regiment on Foot.



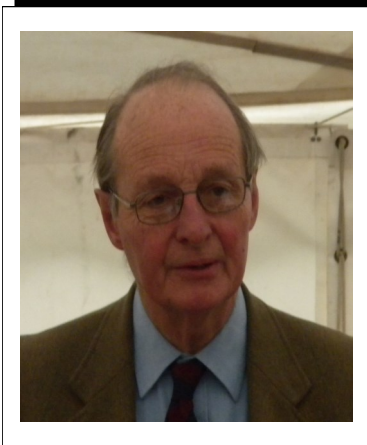
Dougie Maclean performing at 2012 Gathering on the Isle of Mull.



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Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Bt., 28th Chief.

Clan Gillean USA Annual General Meeting

Clan Gillean USA's annual General Meeting is scheduled to coincide with the visit of our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, BT, on Sept. 21 during the Ligonier Highland Games at Ligonier, PA, Sept. 20-22.

Clan MacLean will be the Honored Clan and Sir Lachlan will be the Honored Guest at the Games.

The Name of Maclean—Its Origin and Evolution—Maclean, Maclaine or McLean

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Doug McLean lived and worked in Madison, Wisconsin. He is now retired and cruising on his 42' sailboat, and has been engaged in genealogical research on the family of John McLean since 1974. He intends to complete and publish an extensive genealogy on this large American family and welcomes inquiries and comments from any interested McLeans.

How can a clan surname like Maclean have so many different spellings, and what, if anything, does a difference in spelling mean?

In most respects it is a distinction without a difference. Originally of course the name was Gaelic, and by the time English use and spelling crept into the highlands and islands of Scotland it had already undergone a great deal of evolution and change in form. English spellings of the name today include some twenty variants. The two principal and early branches of the clan are the Macleans of Duart and the Maclaines of Lochbuie, spelled that way today although the progenitors of each, seven centuries ago, were brothers. In Gaelic, "Mac" means "son of", and in simple terms Maclean means "son of Gillean", for Macleans are the offspring of their first chief, Gilleain na Tuaighe—Gillean of the Battleaxe—a hero of the Battle of Largs, fought in 1263 to rid the northwest region of Scotland of long-occupying Norse invaders.

A particularly good explanation of the evolution of "Maclean" and "Clan Gillean", as it is properly referred to, is set forth in *The Clan Gillean*, by the Rev. A. MacLean Sinclair:

"Gilleain, or Gilleoin, was the progenitor of the Macleans, and thus their first chief. He was the son of Macrath, son of Maolsuthain, son of Neil, son of Cudullie, son of Raing, son of Old Dugald of Scone [b.c. 1050]. He lived in Argyleshire, and must have been born about the

year 1210. He was a prominent man and distinguished warrior. . . .

"The Gaelic word gille means a boy, a youth, a servant. The name John is of Hebrew origin . . . and there are three different forms of it in Gaelic, Eoin, Seathan, and Iain. Gille Eoin or Gille Sheathain means servant of John, or a person dedicated to serve the Apostle John and enjoy his protection. . . Gille Sheathain was changed . . . to Gilleathain . . . (and) as *th* is silent in Gaelic in the middle of words, Gilleathain is frequently written Gilleain, . . . Gilleain is a word of three syllables . . . In its Anglicized form Gill-e-ain is contracted into two syllables, and becomes Gil-lean, the accent being on the last syllable.

"The Gaelic word mac means son. The Gaelic word clan means children, and becomes clan in English. Thus, then, Mac Gilleain, or Maclean, means son of Gilleain; and . . . Clan Gilleain, children of Gilleain. The expression Clan Maclean should not be used; its real meaning is children of the son of Gilleain. But the Macleans are not the children of the son of Gilleain; they are the children of Gilleain himself. Maclean,

Maclaine, and Maclain are all pronounced the same way." *Id.*, Haszard and Moore: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 1899, pp 38-40.

A more recent account about the "Maclaines" of Lochbuie is informative:

"I have divided the clan into Maclaines and Macleans in spite of [my earlier] comment . . . that spelling does not matter, that Macs can change overnight to Mcs, and that we are probably speaking of the same family regardless. But in the case of the difference between Maclaine and Maclean, spelling is significant, for the former indicates a connection with the Lochbuie family, while the latter would refer to others—all stemming perhaps from equally noble beginnings. Before 1750 letters from members of the Lochbuie family are signed in many different ways, but with a tendency towards Maclaine. It is said that after the accession of John Maclaine of Lochbuie in 1751, he deliberately adhered to the spelling "Maclaine", and this is borne out by his signature in a quite archaic hand on many extant documents. Members of the Lochbuie family, if they were still quite far out, signed themselves "Maclean" in the mid-18th century" . . . but eventually began using the Lochbuie spelling too. *Mull Family Names for Ancestor Hunters*; Currie, Jo; Brown and Whitaker: Tobermory, Scotland, 1998, pp 46-7.

As to the distinction between the use of a capital or downcase "L" (Maclean vs. MacLean), it is necessary to recognize the distinction between patronymics—names based on

the given name of the father—and clan surnames. John MacDonald is the son of a man named Donald, who may or may not have been a member of the clan Donald.

John Macdonald belongs to the clan Donald, and his father may or may not have been named Donald. "Maclean" is the clan surname; it is the preferred spelling used by all Macleans entitled to armorial bearings with proven pedigrees and all the heads of the senior houses of Duart, Lochbuie (Maclaine), Coll, Kingerloch and Ardgour. For all other Macleans today, the spelling used by any individual is probably the result of 18th and 19th century variables ranging from misusage to personal preference.

John McLean was born on Mull circa 1695 and was taken to Ulster as a child or went there as a young man. He lived in Sixteen Towns, a group of townships adjoining the village of Antrim in Co. Antrim, and was a member of the old Antrim Presbyterian congregation whose minister at the time was the Rev. John Abernethy, a leader of the *new light* schism that divided the Presbyterian Church in Ulster in 1726. John married a Dunlop and emigrated from Ulster with members of his wife's family, including his wife's step-father, Ephraim Moor, settling in the western region of Chester Co. Pennsylvania sometime before 1729.

John McLean probably could write in English. I believe that the family name, at the time of arrival in the colonies, was spelled "MacLean", but that he used "McLean" (e.g., his signature on the 1728 petition to create Lancaster County). John's children clearly wrote in English, and his son Ephraim originally spelled the name as "MacLean", but often adopted the abbreviated spelling, "McLean". In fact, he used different spellings of the name in the family bible, including M:Lean, M Lean and Maclean. He also often abbreviated the spelling of his first name, using Eph^m and Eph. His sons, Charles and Ephraim, and their descendants, now numbering in the thousands and scattered around the United States, have uniformly used the spelling McLean. But given the discussion above, genealogical research here and abroad for any time prior to the American Revolutionary War should consider any spelling of the name imaginable, including the Gaelic forms identified above and old English forms found in various records: McGilleon, Makgillean, Makclane, McClayne, McLene, Macklin and Maclin.



Armorial Bearings

President's Message

The Rev. Father Patrick Maclean, O.S.S.P.



Hello to all Clansmen and Clanswomen,

The Highland Games season is up and running! Clan Gillean USA's representatives will be kept busy for the next several months, and I hope that our members will be able to attend events in their area. The games and gatherings provide excellent opportunities for our current members to bring along family members who have not yet joined Clan Gillean USA and get them active!

When folks stop by our clan tents they expect to see a good representation of Clan MacLean history, tartans, photographs, weapons, and many other items of interest, all designed to "show off" in the best way possible the Clan itself. We have a proud history of terrific tent displays, but within the past year, our conveners in North Carolina have gone above and beyond their usual expertise and have won "Best Clan Tent" awards at Grandfather Mountain (considered the most difficult to win in the US – it took 42 years to achieve), Loch Norman (Rural Hill), and Triad. Convener Betsy McLean, Deputy Convener Connie McLean Sutton, Cindy Walker, and

Past President Bob McLean put together new displays, and their hard work and dedication resulted in these well-deserved awards. Please join me in giving each of them a resounding "ANOTHER FOR HECTOR"!

The time is swiftly approaching for Chief's visit and the Fort Dewart dedication ceremony in Pennsylvania in September. This issue of the "Pipings" contains important information for our members who will be in attendance. Members who missed the reservations deadline of June 15 can still contact our Treasurer, Connie Sutton (Treasurer@clangilleanus.org), and find out if there have been any cancellations on the reservations list. Having the Chief present at the event is a great honour for us here in the United States and I cannot stress enough the need for a good showing of our clanspeople both at the Ligonier Highland Games and the ceremonies surrounding the Fort Dewart dedication.

I ask God's blessings on each of you and hope to see you at the Games!

Yours aye,

Fr. Patrick Maclean

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Sept. 22...

The fascinating history will be part of the dedication presentation and shared in more detail on www.clangilleanus.org. The Fort Dewart project is a joint effort between Clan Gillean USA, the Clan MacLean Heritage Trust, and the Folmont Homeowners Association.

Clan Gillean USA has a limited number of tickets to each event.

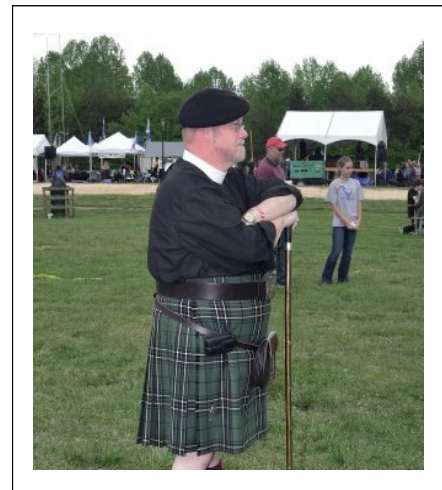
Formal Gala Reception with the Chief is scheduled on the evening of September 21. Cost is \$35.

Dedication and Barbeque hosted by the Folmont Homeowners Association on Sunday, Sept. 22. Cost is \$15.

Total for Both Events: \$55.00 per person

Advance Reservations are necessary for planning purposes. Please notify Treasurer Connie McLean Sutton by email treasurer@ClanGilleanus.org and follow up with written confirmation and check payable to:

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The Rev. Patrick Maclean observing competitions on the field at Triad.

A Maclean Minstrel Honored By Her Majesty

By Margaret McLean of Clan Gillean USA



Dougie Maclean's music and lyrics cross continents and speaks to mankind. Photo: By Rob McDougall

His encore for this Mother's Day Performance could not be more befitting for Mother's and Fathers as he smiled humbly and said, "I dedicate this song to myself." From his most recent album, "Resolution," his voice clear and touching, his words of comfort to Moms, dads, wives, children, relatives and friends back home, "All who wander are not lost..."

Perhaps, it is that pioneering spirit of adventure that have sent Scotsmen all over the world through time. They go from exploring new continents to flying to the moon. Songwriters, poets, inventors, architects, engineers, businessmen, they know no boundaries except their loyalties to Caledonia, the ancient Latin name for Scotland. Encouraging to those pioneers and entrepreneurs and perhaps even children at a very young age, Dougie talks about fragile friends lost along the way. Determined with his message, but gentle in his delivery, he makes sure that his audience memorizes the chorus to his song, "Not Lie Down," "And when you're standing on your highest hill and you shout but no-one hears ...*You can fall but you must not lie down.*"

An old soul at a very young age, Dougie Maclean reminisces how homesick he was in his early 20s. When he wrote Caledonia, now recognized as "Scotland's "new Anthem" by "popular demand", he was on a beach in France and wrote, "*Ah but let me tell you that I love you and I think about you all the time, Caledonia you're calling me and now I'm going home. But if I should become a stranger you know that it would make me more than sad Caledonia's been everything I've ever had ...*"

A true artist in composing and songwriting, Dougie continues to weave life experiences into his songs. He enjoys exchanging his stories with his audience with a little humor and wonder. Enjoying a quietly successful life with his wife, Jennifer, and family in Perthshire, Scotland, Maclean has excellent creative support and balance.

Globally famous performing with Orchestra's, Symphonies for BBC television, National Public Radio and collaborating with country artists such as Kathy Mattea, Maclean returns to the Diana Wortham Theatre, whose capacity is less than 500. A sell-out a few months in advance, the audience included long-time fans who traveled from Florida, Virginia, Georgia.

Sherry Keith of Daytona Beach, Fla., who has made a trip to Scotland because of Dougie's music, convinced her friend Amy Edwards of Winter Haven, Fla., to go camping and enjoy this concert. An unexpected freeze warning in May, Keith and Edwards were giddy with laughter after meeting Dougie following the concert.

"It was worth it," Keith said, who expected another extremely cold night at the camp site.

Able to sing every word of every one of Maclean's songs, Kathy Dingus of Clintwood, Va., said that she has been to all seven of Dougie's concerts in North Carolina. Taking up almost an entire row with family members, Kathy said that her father, Hoyt Mullins of the MacDonald clan, now passed, got them started on Dougie's music. She could relate to Dougie's Scythe Song as her father, who often dressed as a frontiers man, learned how to swing the blade from his father.

"It's almost like he is here with us," said Dingus, who attends Highland Games with her family and enjoys the Celtic Tradition.

"You don't have to be Scottish to love his music," said the long-time fan, who hopes to go to Scotland one day.

Recognized by Queen Elizabeth II for his music and charity, Maclean was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. A poet and musician, Dougie's words may become as famous as his historic, Scottish poet predecessor, Robbie Burns, a mention of note during the introduction by Douglas Orr, president emeritus of sponsoring Warren Wilson College of Asheville, N.C. Gifted and unassuming, this artistic storyteller continues to return to the quaint, but majestic mountain community more famous for the American landmark, Biltmore House, an epic, architectural accomplishment by George Vanderbilt finished in 1895.

His actions, over the years, may be louder than words, Dougie is good and loyal to his friends and family. We are very lucky to be able to say he and his family are Macleans!



Kathy Dingus shares Celtic traditions with her family passed down by her father. Dougie Maclean's music touches Clans and people all over the World!

Festival & Games Album



Best Clan tent – Rural Hill Loch Norman, North Carolina.



The Rev. Patrick Maclean, President, Bob McLean, VP Clan Maclean Intl., Betsy McLean and Connie McLean. Russ Harper and Marcia Harper (Clan Wallace) presenting the award at Triad.



Connie McLean Sutton, treasurer of Clan Gillean USA, with sister Betsy McLean, convener, carrying memorial stones.



The memorial stones were placed in honor of their parents at the cairn at Rural Hills.



Best Clan tent – Triad Highland Games .



Maclean dedication and enthusiasm shows in the beautiful awards received from various Games and Gatherings.



Bob McLean discussing upcoming plans of Clan Maclean International.

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Calendar of Events 2013

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| Grandfather Mountain Highland Games | Linville, NC | Betsy McLean, Raleigh, NC | July 11 - 14, 2013 |
| Rocky Mountain Highland Games | Highlands Ranch, CO | Barry & Kristi Maclean | August 10 - 11, 2013 |
| Maine Highland Games | Brunswick, ME | | August 17, 2013 |
| Virginia Scottish Games & Festival | The Plains, VA | Volunteer Needed | Aug 31 - Sept 1, 2013 |
| Capital District Scottish Games | Altamont, NY | Shawn Noonan, Albany, NY | Aug 31 - Sept 1, 2013 |
| Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival | Elizabethton, TN | Mark Lane, Lenoir City, TN | Sept 6 - 8, 2013 |
| Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival | Estes Park, CO | Barry & Kristi Maclean | Sept 5 - 8, 2013 |
| New Hampshire Highland Games | Loon Mountain, NH | Greg McLean, Fitchburg, MA | Sept 20 - 22, 2013 |
| McPherson Scottish Festival | McPherson, KS | Lottie McLean Herod, Burdick, KS | Sept 27 - 29, 2013 |
| Ligonier Highland Games | Bethel Park, PA | Volunteer Needed | Sept 21, 2013 |
| St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival | St. Louis, MO | Herb McLain, Lake St. Louis, MO | Sept 27 - 28, 2013 |
| North Alabama Highland Games | Scottsboro, AL | Mark Lane, Lenoir City, TN | Oct 6 - 7, 2013 |
| Virginia Celtic Gathering and Highland Games | Williamsburg, VA | Joseph Schaub, Richmond, VA | Oct 5 - 6, 2013 |
| Scotland County Highland Games | Laurinburg, NC | Betsy McLean, Raleigh, NC | Oct 4 - 5, 2013 |
| West Kentucky Highland Festival | Murray, KY | Mark Lane, Lenoir City, TN | Oct 27, 2013 |
| Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival | Atlanta, GA | Betsy McLean, Raleigh, NC | Oct 18 - 20, 2013 |
| Allison Woods Celtic Highland Games | Statesville, NC | Betsy McLean, Raleigh, NC | Oct 25 - 26, 2013 |

Family Matters

More than 75 people attended a Burns Supper at the home of Neil and Margaret McLean in the mountain community of Cleveland, Ga. The Bag Pipes pulled McLeans, MacTavish, MacDougals, McMillans, Stewarts, just to name a few Scottish Clans gathering at the Gateway to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

What started as a simple poetry reading with less than a handful of people enjoying the works of Scotland's favorite son, Robbie Burns (1759-1796), national poet of the 18th century, has grown into a participatory experience. Guests are asked to make Scottish Dishes, presentations from history, dress, Scotch, to researching meaning of titles. Then, the dance music and instructions began for Scottish reels.

Opening with the Selkirk Grace to piping in the haggis followed by those wearing kilts, the formal part of the supper closed with Amber McLean performing Auld Lang Syne, a cappella.

(Share your stories with The Piping about how you learn and promote Maclean History and Heritage.)



McLeans meet at the McLeans' in Cleveland, Georgia. Dr. Ephraim McLean & wife Jane; Neil Kenneth McLean & wife Margaret; Amber McLean & husband, Neil Richard McLean; Melissa (McLean) Brown & husband, Jerry.