



The Pippings

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES
Newsletter for the Macleans, Maclaines and related families

Sir Lachlan Hector Charles Maclean
28th Chief, 12th Baronet of Duart and Morvern, CVO, DL



WHERE WILL WE MEET IN 2017?



Clan Maclean
Association
International
Gathering of 2017,
Duart Castle, Isle of
Mull, Scotland
June 20-25th



Royal Edinburgh
Military Tattoo is
celebrating its world
famous performance
in "A Splash of
Tartan". Clan
Maclean to march
with the Chief into
Edinburgh Castle.
August 9th @ 9 pm



AGM to be held at
the Stone Mtn.
Games, GA. Oct
20-22



Let's meet at a local
Highland Game tent
in your area

DUART CASTLE RESTORATION APPEAL

Restoration update

*How easy is it to donate? www.DuartAppeal.org,
choose a category, hit the button, done and done.
History saved. You are awesome!*



Description of the pictures to the lower left.

1 & 2. Infrared survey work (at night) as part of the initial survey work undertaken by Bill Revie. The camera used is very sophisticated manufactured by FLIR and has a resolution of 0.2C.

3. Repointing work on the East Wing South Gable showing carefully packed out joints with a lime mortar specifically designed and developed for this project. Duart is constructed from very hard impervious stone and is located on an extremely exposed site in one of the wettest parts of the country.

4. Pointing work in progress-carefully packing small stones into the joints-these are called pinnings or gallets and ensure that the joints are packed as tightly as possible, the mortar used deep in the joints contains hair to assist with the tight packing of the joint. The hair is carried into the joint with the pinnings.

5. Removing debris from the wall following the removal of the hard cement-by industrial vacuum cleaner. Andrew Allan stone mason undertaking a vital part of the project.

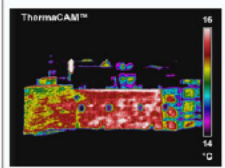
6. Andy Bradley “roughing up” the final pointing to increase the surface area and encourage carbonation (lime mortar sets by reaction with carbon dioxide from the air) of the mortar.

7. Duncan Strachan (Specialist Conservation Stone Mason). Duncan undertook all the initial work at Duart, which included the trial sections of work on a chimney and two dormers. He also completed the first Phase of work which was repointing the south facing Keep Gable.

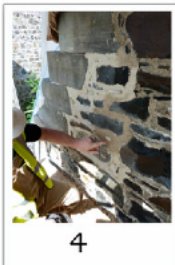
8. Removal of hard cement pointing.

9. Depth required to remove the hard cement pointing.

10. Discussing the repair of the East Wind South Gable chimney cap. Andy Bradley (with pencil). Andrew Allan (Mason) and Steven Harper (Mason) contributing to the discussion.



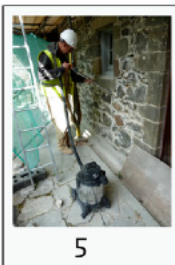
1 & 2



4



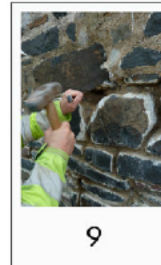
7



5



8



9



3



6



10

CASTLES, CHIEFS & LAIRDS IN CLAN MACLEAN'S HISTORY

Ardgour Estate

In the next few issues of the Pipings we will highlight some of the Castles, Chiefs, and Lairds, in Clan Maclean's history. This story can be found on their website <http://ardgourestate.co.uk>.

The Maclean family, which owns Ardgour Estate, has lived here from the 1430s. The first Maclean of Ardgour, "Strong Donald the Hunter", was the son of the 7th Chief of Clan Maclean from Duart on Mull.

Young Donald was a favorite of the MacDonald Lord of the Isles, who at that time ruled the Western Seaboard of Scotland like a king. When Donald asked him for land, the Lord of the Isles said somewhat elliptically "jump where the dyke is lowest". Donald took this to mean the lands of Ardgour, which were in the hands of Clan MacMaster, a weak, impoverished clan.

Donald set sail from Mull with three galleys. Among his followers was a group of Boyds; descendants of this family live in Ardgour today. The galleys beached just before the Corran Narrows and the invaders began their slaughter of the hapless MacMasters.

The MacMaster Chief escaped the carnage, and ran down to the ferry. The ferryman, out fishing in the loch, refused to acknowledge his Chief's desperate calls. When Donald arrived in search of MacMaster, the ferryman announced proudly that he had refused him passage. Donald said "any man who is not loyal to his chief is not worthy of life", and the ferryman was hanged from his own oars.

"It is said that the Macleans will leave Ardgour when the waterfall which falls from the corrie above the ferry, "Maclean's towel", dries up. The rainfall in Ardgour has never failed the family yet".

The subsequent continuity of ownership for six hundred years was due in part to an almost continuous male line. The

present Maclean of Ardgour is the 18th Laird. Over the centuries the family was deeply embroiled in West Highland politics. For example:

- Ewen 2nd of Ardgour was Chamberlain to the Lord of the Isles, and fought at the great sea battle of Bloody Bay off Mull.
- John, 4th, was arraigned for piracy in the Solway by King James V in 1543.
- Ewen, 6th, was murdered in his galley by the MacDonalds of Keppoch, and his son Allan fought for Montrose.

The family managed however to retain control of the lands of Ardgour; they were always loyal followers of their Chief at Duart.

When Clan Maclean lost most of its lands to the Campbell Earl of Argyll in the late 17th century, Ardgour was distant enough from Mull not to be invaded.

Also, at the time of the Jacobite rising in 1745, when Ardgour men left to fight for the Jacobites, the Laird was a child and the lands were never forfeit.

By 1766, Hew, 12th of Ardgour, had returned from Glasgow and built the present Ardgour House. It was under his son Alexander that the villagers moved out of the glens onto crofts created from the farms on the raised beaches of the Lochside. Alexander declared to them that he "had an aversion to you leaving your native country".

"Although sadly Ardgour House itself was sold in 1996, the rest of the estate is still owned and managed by the Macleans of Ardgour, and the family continues to be staunch supporters of their Chief at Duart and of the Clan Maclean Association."

Today you can rent both the Estate and the cottage at the websites listed below.

Cuil Moss Cottage <http://ardgourestate.co.uk>

Ardgour House <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/10880693>



SCOTTISH PIRATES

Pirates and Privateers: The History of Maritime Piracy

By Cindy Vallar, Editor & Reviewer

<http://www.cindyvallar.com/scottish.html>

Spuinneadair-mara (spoo-nuder mara) in Gaelic means plunderer, spoiler, or robber on the sea. Or more specifically, pirate. All that is known about some Scottish sea raiders are their names, like Allan of the Straws⁽¹⁾ or Allan-a-Sop⁽¹⁾ and some tidbit of fact or legend, such as he lived in Torloisk on the Isle of Mull. The earliest pirates, of whom some record exists, were Vikings. In 617 pirates--perhaps Vikings, perhaps a band of female warriors from Loch nam Ban Mora--attacked a monastery on Eigg. Saint Donan, the founder of the island monastery, celebrated mass with fifty-two monks. At his request, the pirates permitted him to finish the mass before they beheaded Saint Donan and the others.

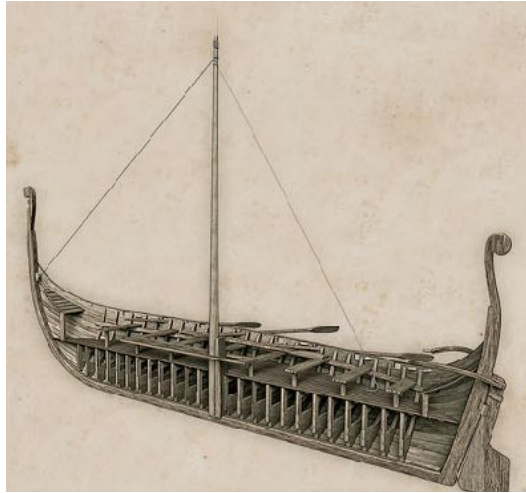
A Norse Pirate Thormod Thasramr, plundered the Hebrides with twelve longships. He and his men took anything made of silver and coins. He also pillaged a sacred Norse island. When he returned to Norway, the bishops censured him for his piracy. Which begs the question; Viking or Pirate? Is there a difference?

An innkeeper, wine merchant, customs inspector, and the Provost of Aberdeen, Robert Davidson, was charged with piracy in 1410. As the Earl of Mar's agent, he had traveled to Harfleur in Normandy to sell cargo taken from a captured Dutch merchantman. He carried a French safe conduct, which should have protected him from any action the ship's owners might take, but the cargo belonged to the powerful Hanseatic League, whose mission was to protect maritime trade and end piracy. When Davidson returned to Scotland, he was arrested as a pirate. He somehow managed to escape hanging; the following year he led a group of Scots against the Lord of the Isles at the Battle of Harlaw, where he died, as did many including Clan Maclean warriors.

Piracy plagued the western isles of Scotland. It proved such a problem on Canna, a small island southwest of Skye, that the Abbot of Iona pleaded with the pope to excommunicate the pirates if they didn't cease their raids. The tiny island of Pabay, across the Soay Sound from Skye, was a haven for sixteenth-century pirates and "broken men." In 1549 Dean Munro said it was "full of woods, good for fishing and a main shelter for thieves and cutthroats."⁽²⁾ Pirates also frequented Longay off the coast of Scalpay. The isle's name in Gaelic, long spuinnidh, meant "pirate ship," and it was a favorite haunt of pirates who preyed on Dutch, Lowland Scottish, Flemish, and English merchant ships and fishermen.

Calum Garbh MacLeod, also known as Lusty Malcolm and son of the ninth Chief of Lewis, moved to Rona in

1518. On the western coast was a hidden natural harbor, then known as Port nan Robaireann (the robbers' port) because of the many pirates who frequented it. From his lair, Brochel Castle, MacLeod and his descendants made a tidy profit from his sea-robbing ventures.



The MacNeils of Barra had a long piratical tradition and lived off their plundered treasure since the agricultural conditions on the island provided little sustenance for the clan. One particular chief was quite adept at piracy. Ruairi Og or Ruairi an Tartair hid in sheltered coves until he sighted a prize, then swooped down on the merchant vessel. Not even the stormiest weather kept him from attacking unsuspecting ships. Legend says he melted down some of the captured gold to make horseshoes for his six black horses, and the other captured booty filled his wine cellars and provided sumptuous meals for his

table. After dinner, "a bugler... ascended the tower of his stronghold and announced to his kinsfolk that, since Ruairi, their Chief, had dined, all kings and princes of the earth were now permitted to do likewise." MacNeil particularly enjoyed robbing English vessels, so much so that Queen Elizabeth I offered a handsome reward for his capture and demanded that King James VI of Scotland put an end to Ruairi's piracy. When MacNeil refused to heed James' summons, the king sent a MacKenzie of Kintail to arrest Ruairi. Lured aboard a galley anchored near Kisimul Castle with the promise of drink, he was instead imprisoned. Under cover of darkness the vessel weighed anchor and sailed to Edinburgh. When asked why he attacked English ships, Ruairi said he did it to avenge the cruel treatment Mary Queen of Scots, James' mother, had suffered at the hands of the English. The king granted him a pardon and spared his life, but seized his lands.

John Alexander, a Scottish buccaneer, accompanied Bartholomew Sharp and twenty-two others to the island of Chiva off the coast of Peru in 1681. Among the prisoners they seized was a shipwright--a valuable addition to any pirate crew. They loaded all his tools and a significant quantity of iron into the boat and rowed him back to their ship. The excessive weight caused the boat to capsize, and Alexander drowned. His fellow buccaneers found his body on 12 May. The next day they "threw him overboard, giving him three French volleys for his customary ceremony".⁽³⁾

(1) Tales of a Grandfather: Being the History of Scotland from the Earliest Times Page 162. By Sir Walter Scott
(1) A History of the Scottish Highlands, Highland Clans and Highland Regiments...Page 263. Edited by Sir John Scott Keltie
(2) Haswell-Smith, page 123
(3) Gosse, page 28 S
Story courtesy of Cindy Vallar & Paul McLean from McLean-Scotland.com

BATTLE OF CULLODEN

APRIL 16, 1746



The Clan gave me the honour of laying its wreath last year for the annual commemoration of the Battle of Culloden. No less than 15 Clansfolk from France attended the ceremony and so I thought that this was worthy of a special Newsletter (see link below) to record the event, which was both impressive and very moving.

With kind regards to you all.
Alan R.M. McLean (Chevalier)
President, CMA, France

Please see the newsletter attached to the link below. Thank you to Alan McLean for sharing this special event.

<http://maclean.us.org/resources/newsletter/cma-france-newsletter-20160416-culloden.pdf>



Order Of Battle

Jacobite Army

(approximately 5,400 men)

Army Commander—Prince Charles Edward Stuart

FIRST LINE—3,810 men

RIGHT WING—1,150 men (Lord George Murray, brother of the Chief of Clan Murray)

Atholl Highlanders Regiment—500 men (William Murray Lord Nairne)

Clan Cameron Regiment—400 men (Donald Cameron of Lochiel, de facto Chief of Clan Cameron)

Clan Stewart of Appin Regiment—250 men (Charles Stewart of Ardshiel, uncle to the Chief of Clan Stewart of Appin)

CENTER—1,760 men (Lord John Drummond)

Clan Fraser of Lovat Regiment—400 men (Charles Fraser of Inverallachie)

Clan Chattan Regiment—350 men (Alexander MacGillivray of Dunmaglass, Chief of Clan MacGillivray, for Lady Anne Farquharson MacIntosh, "Colonel Anne," wife of the Chief of Clan MacIntosh and Captain of the Clan Chattan Confederation)

Clan Farquharson Regiment—250 men (James Farquharson of Balmoral, "Balmoral the Brave," father of "Colonel Anne")

Clans MacLachlan & MacLean Regiment—290 men (Lachlan MacLachlan of MacLachlan, Chief of Clan MacLachlan and aide de camp to the Prince, with Charles MacLean of Drimnin as second-in-command)

Clan MacLeod Unit—120 men (Malcolm MacLeod of Raasay) - attached to Clans MacLachlan & MacLean Regiment

Edinburgh Regiment—200 men (John Roy Stewart)

Clan Chisholm Regiment—150 men (Roderick Chisholm of Comar, son of the Chief of Clan Chisholm)

LEFT WING—900 men (James Drummond, 3rd Duke of Perth, Chief of Clan Drummond)

Clan MacDonald of Clanranald Regiment—200 men (Ranald MacDonald of Clanranald, "Young Clanranald," son of the Chief of Clan MacDonald of Clanranald)

Clan MacDonnell of Keppoch Regiment—200 men (Alexander MacDonnell of Keppoch, Chief of Clan MacDonnell of Keppoch)

Clan MacDonnell of Glengarry Regiment—420 men (Donald MacDonell of Lochgarry)

Clan Grant of Glenmorriston Unit—80 men (Alexander Grant of Corrimony)—attached to Clan MacDonnell of Glengarry Regiment

Read more at http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Battle_of_Culloden

THE DESOLATION OF THE ISLE OF RUM

By Hugh Miller

Special thanks to Marcus MacLean, President of Clàn Maclean NSW, Australia for allowing us to reprint this story

In 1825 Dr Lachlan Maclean, a speculative sheep farmer leased the entire Hebridean Isle of Rum from his relative Hugh Maclean of Coll. The original inhabitants of the island, some 450 tenant farmers owning neither the land they worked nor the houses in which they lived, were given a year's notice to quit their homes.

On 11 July 1826, about 300 of the inhabitants boarded two overcrowded ships — the Highland Lad and the Dove of Harmony — bound for Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Canada, their passage paid by Dr Lachlan and Maclean of Coll. The remaining population followed in 1827 on the St. Lawrence, along with some 150 inhabitants from the island of Muck, another of Maclean of Coll's properties. These evictions were part of a wider event that came to be known as the Highland Clearances, during which people whose culture had existed there for millennia were forced to emigrate.

Years later a local shepherd described what he had seen: "The people of the island were carried off in one mass, forever, from the sea-girt spot where they were born and bred... The wild outcries of the men and heart-breaking wails of the women and children filled all the air between the mountains and the shore of the bay". Written by, Hugh Miller, 1802–1856, a self-taught Scottish geologist, writer and folklorist, visited Rum in 1843.



The Emigrants Monument at Helmsdale

Sourced from Electric Scotland, The History of the Highland Clearances: The Hebrides —The Island of Rùm <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/clearances> & <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R%C3%B9m>

Ceud Mìle Fàilte [KEY-ut MEE-luh FAL-chuh] (100,000 welcomes)

The Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Song and Language Week is held each year at Lees-McRae College in beautiful Banner Elk, NC, the week prior to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This year our week of fun and learning will run from Sunday July 2, 2017 to Friday July 7, 2017. We have three excellent teachers scheduled for this year - two from Scotland and one from Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. For more information or to register visit <http://www.acgamerica.org/registration-for-grandfather-mountain-gaelic-song-language-week-is-now-open>.

Plainy Clappy – History Of The Game

Plainy-Clappy is a simple game that just needs an old tennis ball, a pavement and a brick

wall.

It's thought that ball bouncing games became popular during the industrial revolution when there was a huge growth of cities, brick walls and hard road surfaces. I'm sure children have been bouncing balls for much longer than that though!

Plainy Clappy – How To Play

The game goes a bit like this: "Plainy, clappy, rolley, backie, hippy, tippy, jelly-bag and basket".

- The player has to get all the way through the rhyme without dropping the ball or making a mistake.
- For those who don't know, a "jelly-bag" is a mesh like bag commonly used for straining jam.
- The rhyme doesn't make a lot of sense to

grown-ups, but certainly makes for a challenging and fun game for kids.

Plainy! (say the word, bounce and catch the ball)

Clappy! (say the word, bounce and clap before catching)

Rolley! (say the word, bounce and roll hands together before catching)

Backie! (say the word, bounce and clap hands behind back before catching)

Hippy (say the word, bounce and tap your hips and wiggle before catching)

Tippy! (say the word, bounce and touch ground before catching)

Jelly-bag! (say the word, bounce and cup hands together before catching)

Basket! (say the word, bounce and lace fingers in front of you before catching)

A NOTE FROM COLIN MACLEAN HARDING

Being a MacLean and a geopolitical history junkie, I have always taken a great interest in FitzRoy MacLean, probably the best known MacLean in recent years. I enjoy the exploits of Sir [Brig] Fitzroy Hew MacLean and his story of Josef Tito who was the President of Yugoslavia from the end of WWII to the early 1980s when he died. The exploits of FitzRoy in his support for Tito are perfect examples of how one individual in the right place and making the right decisions can alter the course of history and determine the future of a country...as he did for Tito and Yugoslavia.

So how did it all begin? Back in the early days of World War II, like in 1940 or so, Winston Churchill established an organization called the Special Operations Executive (SOE) which was to provide support to Resistance elements in Nazi occupied countries of Europe of which Yugoslavia was one. While on a line-and-block diagram, it was part of MI6, in reality it reported directly to Churchill. Churchill picked FitzRoy MacLean to be the Allies representative for Yugoslavia. But there was a problem in Yugoslavia because there were three factions vying for this Allied support; 1) Tito's Partisans; 2) the Serbian-based Chetniks; and 3) the Communists. Churchill only instruction to FitzRoy MacLean was to pick the group that would kill the most Germans...FitzRoy MacLean picked Tito and his Partisans.

To get FitzRoy MacLean into Yugoslavia, he had to parachute in which he did a number of times...can you imagine the guts it took to do this? But with the aid provided to Tito by the Allies, Tito not only fought the Germans, but with a eye that WWII would end eventually, he also fought the Chetniks and the Communists so that when the war end, he was in the power seat...Tito, as you probably heard, could be - and he was - quite ruthless...worked quite well for him.

Tito and MacLean forged a very close relationship over those war years with lots of mutual respect. To show you how close, FitzRoy MacLean led one of Tito's units in the attack on and capture of Belgrade during the Battle of Belgrade in August 1944. Now that's a close relationship, wouldn't you say?

FitzRoy MacLean was the real deal...he was an operator's operator. He even wrote a biography of Tito

in 1980, a copy of which I have...in fact, I have all of his books a number of which are about Scotland...also many about the Soviet Union. Some say that he was the role model for fictional James Bond since MacLean was a close friend of Ian Fleming; but he wasn't. The real role model that Ian Fleming used for James Bond was a Serbian named Dusan [Dusko] Popov who was born in Titel, Serbia, but lived for many years in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

But Tito never forgot what MacLean had done for him...and Yugoslavia. If you remember, there was no private ownership of property in Yugoslavia being a Tito-style Communist country...except for a short period in 1960 during which Tito allowed Maclean to 'buy' a house of the Croatian island of Korcula, just off the coast from Dubrovnik. Actually, he gave the house to him.

We took a cruise along the Dalmatian coast last Fall because it stopped at Korcula and I wanted to see the house which is still in the MacLean family...which I did. It is just off the right side of St. Mark's Square. Our two program directors were Croatian and they knew about MacLean and, for me at least, a visit to the house became part of the tour.

FitzRoy and his wife became very close to the Croatian people and in the aftermath of the civil war in the early 1990s, actually led relief columns to Croatia with supplies.

I had been in contact with FitzRoy's son, James, a number of times, so he gave me explicit directions to the house - not hard to find. Unfortunately, they are there only in the summer so he invited us to visit if we are ever again in the area in the summer. What is interesting is that the last time I talked with James, he and Ian Fleming's niece were off to see the premier of the latest James Bond movie...those spies are still pretty tight.

I've included the links to FitzRoy's obituary that appeared in the New York Times in 1996 which even gives more details about the incredible life he led plus a picture of him on Korcula Island.

<http://www.nytimes.com/1996/06/18/world/fitzroy-maclean-war-hero-and-author-is-dead-at-85.html>

Of course, we will never know, but what if FitzRoy had picked the Chetniks or the Communists [very unlikely] how different this part of the world might look; of course, as I said, we will never know.

Cheers, Colin MacLean Harding



2017 GAMES SCHEDULE

Games	City/State	Convener or Deputy Convener	Date 2016
Myrtle Beach Highland Games	Myrtle Beach, SC	Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt	Mar 25
Dunedin Highland Games and Festival	Dunedin, FL	Nancy McKean Connor	Apr 1
New York City Tartan Day Parade	New York City, NY	Les McLean	Apr 8
Colorado Tartan Day	Longmont, CO	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	Apr 8-9
Rural Hills Scottish Festival & Loch Norman HG	Huntersville, NC	Betsy McLean	Apr 8-9
Southern Maryland Celtic Festival	Prince Frederick, MD	Les McLean	Apr. 29
Savannah Scottish Games	Savannah, GA	Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt	May 6
Mid Maryland Celtic Festival	Mt. Airy, MD	Les McLean	May 13
Colonial Highland Gathering	Fair Hill, MD	Les McLean	May 20
Smoky Mountains Scottish Festival & Games	Maryville, TN	Mark Lane	May 20-21
Scottsbluff Celtic Gathering	Scottsbluff, NE	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	May 20-21
Greenville Scottish Games & Festival	Greenville, SC	Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt	May 26-27
Alma Highland Festival	Alma, MI	Pat Jackson	May 27-28
Glasgow Highland Games	Glasgow, KY	Mark Lane	TBD
Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival	Richmond, RI	**	Jun 10
Pikes Peak Celtic Festival	Colorado Springs, CO	Rob & Heather Henneman	Jun 16-18
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games	Linville, NC	Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt	Jul 6-9
Elizabeth Celtic Festival	Elizabeth, CO	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	Jul 15-16
Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival	Florence (Northampton) MA	**	Jul 15
St. Andrews Society of Detroit Highland Games	Livonia, MI	Pat Jackson	Aug 4
Colorado Scottish Festival	Snowmass, CO	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	Aug 4-6
Maine Highland Games	Thopsham, ME	**	Aug 19
Quechee Highland Festival	Quechee, VT	**	Aug 27
McLain Celtic Festival	Carlisle, PA	Les McLean	Sep. 2
Virginia Scottish Games	Great Meadow, VA	Les McLean	Sep 2-3
Capital District Scottish Games	Altamont, NY	Shawn Noonan	Sep 2-3
Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival "Scotfest"	Estes Park, CO	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	Sep 7-10
Covenanter Scottish Festival	Quarryville, PA	Les McLean	Sep 9
New Hampshire Highland Games	Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH	Victor McLean	Sep 15-17
Charleston Highland Games	Charleston, SC	Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt	Sep 16
Celtic Harvest Festival Edgewater	Edgewater, CO	Trish & Fred MacLean-Frandsen	TBD
Celtic Classic Highland Games & Fest	Bethlehem, PA	Les McLean	Sep 22-24
St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival	St. Louis, MO	Herb McLain	Sep 29-30
North Alabama Scottish Festival	New Market, AL	Mark Lane	TBD
Scotland County Highland Games	Laurinburg, NC	Betsy McLean	TBD
Scotland Highland Games Festival	Scotland, CT	**	Oct 8
Stone Mountain Highland Games *AGM	Stone Mountain (Atlanta), GA	Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt	Oct 20-22
Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games	Richmond, VA	Les McLean	Oct 28-29
East Tennessee Celtic Festival	Elizabethton, TN	Mark Lane	TBD
The Murray Highland Festival	Murray, KY	Mark Lane	Oct 28
Alexandria Christmas Parade	Alexandria, VA	no tent	Dec 2



** We really need tent conveners if you can help contact us as soon as possible. Thank you.

ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

Dear Clan Maclean Member,

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

You may already know that this summer the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is celebrating its world famous performance in “A Splash of Tartan”, with the Clans of Scotland participating for the first time.

The Clan Maclean’s night is Wednesday 9th August at 9:00pm.

We will be marching on to the esplanade, with our chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean, and it would be wonderful if as many clans people as possible could support the occasion, probably gathering first within the castle walls for the parade. Clan Maclean tartan will be projected on to the battlements that night.

The only requirement by the Tattoo organizers is that we must all wear some piece of Maclean tartan.

Before the Parade and Tattoo, the Clan Maclean Association will arrange a reception in Edinburgh, with a “high tea” or equivalent. We hope to arrange transport up to the castle esplanade from there.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I hope as many as possible will take advantage of it; and support our chief!

With best wishes,

The Very Rev. Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch



Plant Badge

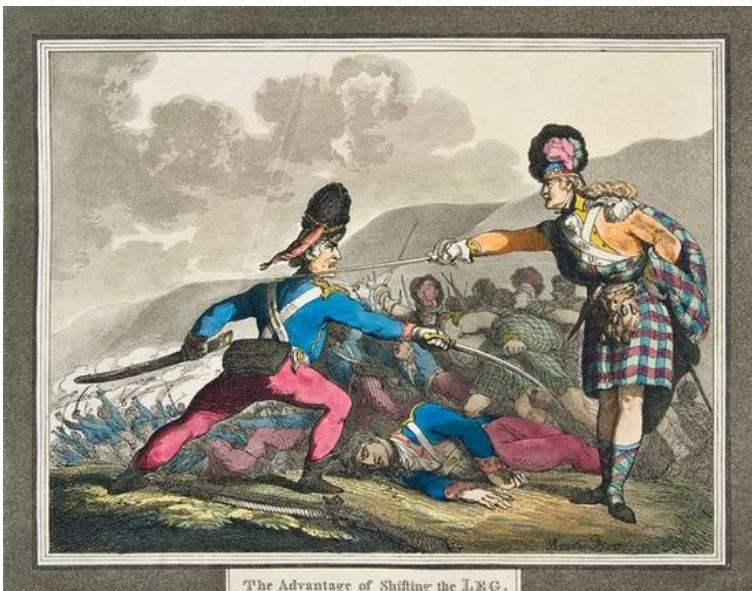
Long before crest badges were used by members of clans, it is said that plants were used as badges. These clan badges consisted of plants and were worn in bonnets or used as a banner and attached to a pole or spear. The clan badge attributed to Clan Maclean is the Crowberry (pictured above).

Plant badges are the other symbol which was used, to show, primarily in battle, who was a clan member and for which clan. For the Macleans there are three plants.

The holly, crowberry and blaeberry.

1. The holly, which most of us are familiar with, represents the Ardgour, Coll and Dochgarroch branches.
2. The crowberry represents the Duart, Pennycross and Drimnin Macleans.

Sourced from Ian MacLean, Clan Maclean Atlantic, Canada



The Advantage of Shifting the L.E.G.

The Scottish Basket-hilt Claymore

The Scottish swords had a dual purpose. The first was to protect the vulnerable hands of the swordsman. Highlanders rarely wore gauntlets, so they needed the extra armor. Secondly, the large baskets added weight to the hilts, giving the sword a much better balance.

Highlanders would often use these swords in one hand while holding their dirks in the other.

HUMOR & COOKING



A Scottish Wink

Scottish Brownie, a tasty treat? Not quite, read on to see what really happens in the night.

In Scottish folklore, a brownie resembles the hob, similar to a hobgoblin. The brownie is described as a personage of small stature, wrinkled visage, covered with short curly brown hair, and wearing a brown mantle and hood.

Brownies are said to inhabit houses and aid in tasks around the house. However, they do not like to be seen and will only work at night, traditionally in exchange for small gifts of food. Among food, they especially enjoy porridge and honey. They usually abandon the house if their gifts are called payments, or if the owners of the house misuses them. Brownies make their homes in an unused part of the house, often in attics and holes in walls.

Every manor house had its *ùruisg* (*Brownie*) and in the kitchen, close by the fire was a seat, which was left unoccupied for him, as well a sacrifice for his service; as when they churned their milk, they took a part thereof, and sprinkled every corner of the house with it, for Brownie's use; likewise, when

they brewed, they had a stone which they called "Brownie's stane", wherein there was a little hole into which they poured some wort for a sacrifice to Brownie.

Brownies seldom spoke with humans, but they held frequent and affectionate conversations with one another. They had general assemblies as well, usually held on a remote rocky shore. Another name by which the domestic spirit was known in some parts of Scotland was Shellycoat, of which the origin is uncertain.



Scottish Recipes Chicken Bonnie Prince Charlie

The recipe for Drambuie (which gives this dish its flavor) is said to have been given to members of the MacKinnon clan in gratitude for their help after Culloden. The honey-sweet golden drink is enjoyed by millions around the world - and adds flavor to many recipes.

Ingredients:

- 4 chicken breasts, skinned and boned
- 2 or 3 tablespoons of Drambuie
- 8 tablespoons chicken stock
- 8 fluid ounces double cream (whipping cream)
- 3 ounces (stick) butter
- 1 ounce flaked almonds

4 apples

A little flour, salt and pepper

Method:

Flour and season the chicken breasts and fry in hot butter in both sides. When they are well browned, sprinkle with Drambuie, add the chicken stock, cover and simmer for ten minutes.

While the chicken is cooking, peel and core the apples. Cut them into thick slices and cook gently in butter until fairly soft - do not stir to avoid mashing. Remove the chicken to a serving dish, when ready, and keep warm in the oven.

Make the sauce by adding more Drambuie, if required, to the stock left in the pan and gently stir in the cream. Heat but do not boil. Add the roasted flaked almonds. Cover the chicken with this sauce and garnish with the sliced apple. Enjoy.

GETTING READY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, Scotland

<http://www.maclean.org/maclean-associations/cma-scotland/emas/2017/>



Still trying to plan your free days on Mull? Visit <http://www.isle-of-mull.net> for a complete list of what the Isle of Mull offers. Click on **READ MORE** to get full details or go to the website.

Cycling on Mull

Cycling The Isle of Mull is a large island and is an excellent place to cycle for all ages. Mountain biking or road cycling with spectacular views, and now electric bikes. **READ MORE**

Historical Attractions

Mull and its islands have been continually inhabited since they became environments able to support man after the Ice Age. C. 6500 - 3500 BC. Mesolithic hunter-gatherers lived in caves such as Livingston's cave on Ulva. **READ MORE**

Walking

The mountains which stretch across the middle of the island rise to over 900m and are well-loved by hill walkers such is the variety of routes and views to be enjoyed. There are also numerous easy walks on the Isle of Mull with stunning views and less challenging terrain. **READ MORE**

Mull Willow

Weekly willow weaving courses in Craignure and the Ross of Mull. Exciting half day, full day and two day courses every week. Learn the traditional craft of basket making and the art of sculptural willow work. Suitable for all levels of ability – from complete beginners to experienced weavers! **READ MORE**

Pony Trekking

Ponies and treks to suit all ages and abilities. Full or half day rides can be arranged for the more experienced but this can be difficult during the school holidays. Booking is essential. **READ MORE**

Mull Aquarium

The Mull Aquarium is Tobermory's newest visitor attraction. Come and see our huge salt water tank, touch pools, quizzes, interactive games and the cinema room! Learn about the local history, coastguard, RNLI, fishing, fish-farming, navigation, local wrecks, safety at sea and much, much more! We're open all year round! **READ MORE**

Golf Courses

Golf Courses with iconic views! **READ MORE**

Beaches

The Isle of Mull has some of the most fabulous beaches in the UK. And the best thing about them? You can probably have them all to yourselves, just don't expect sun-loungers and ice-cream vans! **READ MORE**



Scenic Attractions

The Isle of Mull is the second largest of the Hebrides, lying just off the west coast of Scotland. It is an island of peninsulas which give it a long and varied coastline offering the visitor endless days of exploration and discovery. The economy is a healthy mix of farming, fishing, and tourism giving the visitor a view of genuine island life. **READ MORE**

Geology

Geologists love Mull because it has such a long and interesting history (the oldest rocks on Iona are about 2000 million years old), and it has unique structures and rocks found nowhere else in the world (such as the Loch Ba Ring Dyke and felsite). **READ MORE**

Wildlife

The Isle of Mull has earned an enviable reputation as the premier wildlife tourism destination in the UK. Thousands of birdwatchers and wildlife lovers flock to Mull every year, hoping to catch a glimpse of the celebrated birds



and animals. **READ MORE**

From where to eat, to how to get around, check out <http://www.isle-of-mull.net>

Still need tickets to Maclean events go to <http://www.maclean.org/maclean-associations/cma-scotland/emas/2017/>

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES CONTACTS

Clan Maclean Executive Committee

President & Clan Maclean
International Vice President
The Revd Abbot Patrick Maclean, OSSP
13903 Cinnabar Place
Huntersville, NC 28078
pmacnc1@aol.com
(704) 576-3279

Vice President
Dr. Leslie H. McLean
1023 Tweedbrook Road
Wilmington, DE 19810
les8445@aol.com
(302) 463-8879

Secretary
Nancy Hendreschke
215 E. 2nd Street
Florence, CO 81226
newsong54321@bellsouth.net
(770) 634-9974

Treasurer
Connie McLean Sutton
5914 Holly Drive
Raleigh, NC 27616
treasurer@maclean.us.org
(919) 954-8907

Past President
Bob McLean
3345 Brickwood Circle
Midland, NC 28107
robertsmclean@gmail.com

Clan Maclean Board of Directors

Region 1 AZ MT NM CO UT WY
Trish MacLean Frandsen
(719) 660-8151 Call or Text
E: trishf2005@yahoo.com or editor@maclean.us.org
Facebook: Clan Maclean Rocky Mtn. States

Region 2 AR KS LA NE MO OK TX
Vacancy

Region 3 IA IL IN MI MN ND OH SD WI
Patricia Jackson
(989) 463-1812
E: jacksonpatk92@yahoo.com

Region 4 AL DC FL GA KY NC SC TN VA WV
Dr. Ephraim R. McLean
(770) 396-5280
E: emclean@gsu.edu

Region 5 CT DE MA MD ME NH NJ NY PA RI VT
Vacancy

The Pippings is a publication of Clan MacLean Association in the United States, member of Clan MacLean International, a nonprofit organization. Subscriptions are included with membership.

Special thanks to my editors, Toni Walker and Nancy McLean Hendreschke and contributors Sir Lachlan Maclean, The Very Rev. Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Ian MacLean, CMIA President, Clan Maclean Atlantic, Canada, Marcus Maclean, President, Clan Maclean NSW, Australia, Alan R.M. McLean (Chevalier), President of Clan Maclean Association, France, Mary Sue & Doug Wyatt, Fred Frandsen, Tim & Nikki Williams, www.exploremull.com, Cuil Moss Cottage <http://ardgourestate.co.uk>, Ardgour House Estate <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/10880693>, Colin MacLean Harding, Connie McLean Sutton, our pirate specialist Cindy Vallar, Editor & Reviewer <http://www.cindyvallar.com/scottish.html>. Please forgive me if I have omitted anyone.

* Retraction from last issue of the Pippings Newsletter dated Dec. 2016. I reported prematurely that Chief would be handing out the Clan Guardian Badges at the Gathering. The decision on the distribution on the Guardian Badges at the Gathering has not been determined. I apologize for any misunderstanding.

Want the latest news, pics and videos on the Castle Restoration or The International Gathering of Clan Maclean 2017?

LIKE us on several **FACEBOOK** pages;

Clan Maclean Rocky Mtn. States
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Clan-Maclean-Rocky-Mtn-States/634684836657807>

Clan Maclean/Clan Maclean in the United States
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/clangillean/>

Join our group on

LinkedIn

LinkedIn
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/trish-maclean-frandsen-aa79238>

WEBSITES

Duart Castle Restoration Appeal
<http://www.duartappeal.org>

Clan Maclean Association in the United States
<http://www.maclean.us.org>

Clan Maclean History
<http://www.macleanhistory.org>

Duart Castle
<http://www.DuartCastle.com>

VIDEOS

<https://www.facebook.com/Duartappeal/videos/1080336468759306/>

No matter where you choose to join us, we look forward to connecting.

