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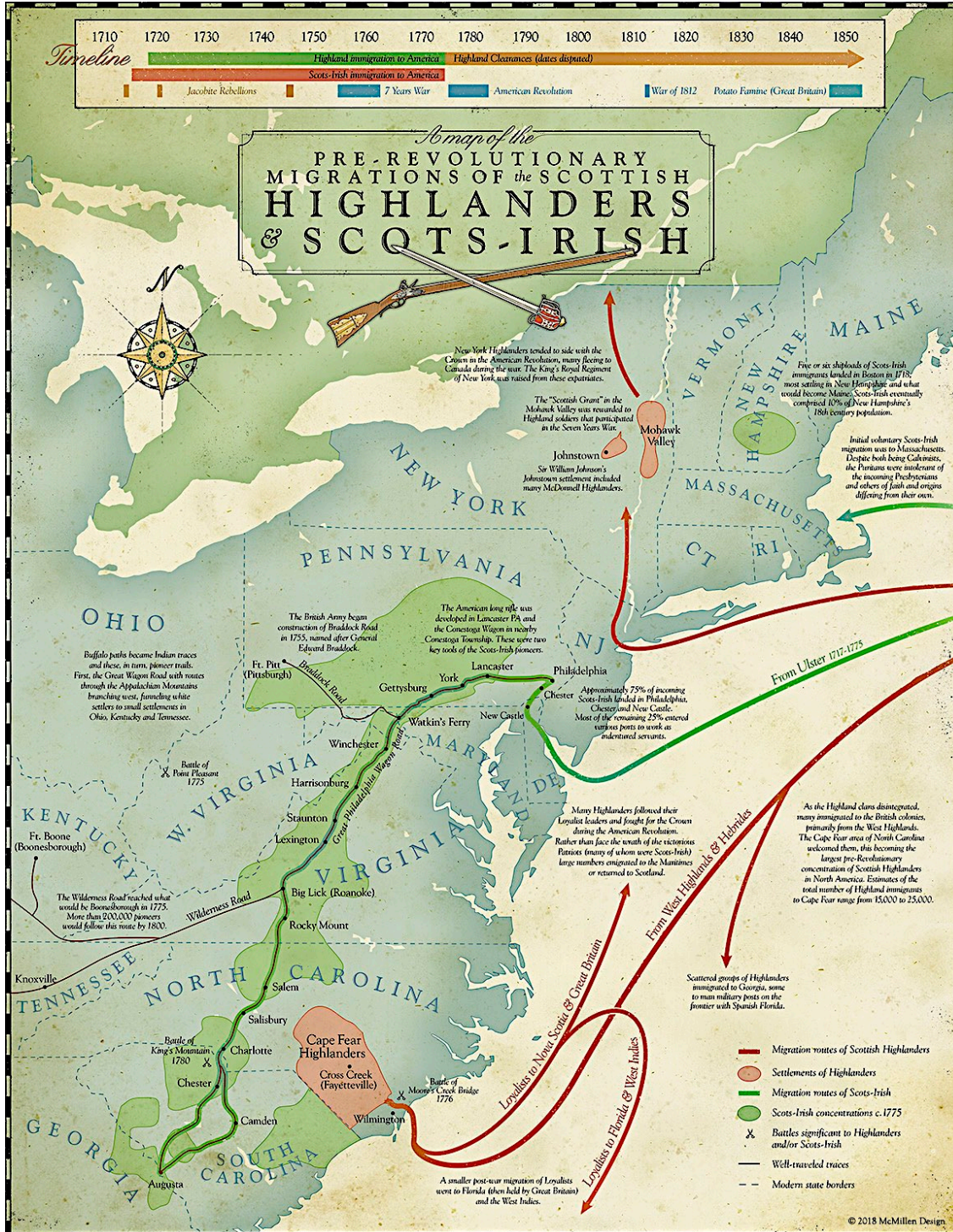
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# SCOTS ABROAD

## Scottish Emigration

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**Over** the centuries the reason Scots have left their homeland has remained largely the same.

In the Highlands the escape from poverty, the landlord, taxation and the prospect of obtaining land elsewhere encouraged emigration. Often the state of agriculture and the economy influenced the decision to leave.

### Land and riches

For many Scots the colonies offered new opportunities of progress and in some cases, such as the Australian goldfields, the possibility of obtaining riches quickly. Government schemes offering cheap fares and land ownership promoted emigration to countries such as Canada and Australia.

In many cases there was little choice. Some Scots went abroad for religious reasons, or as prisoners, evacuees or even as victims of kidnap.



### Where to go?

Scots have migrated to the nearest neighboring countries, especially England and Ireland, for many years.

Scottish traders and soldiers were in Poland, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe from the Middle Ages onwards.

In the 17th century Scots tried to establish colonies in Panama and Nova Scotia. The Union of 1707 opened up opportunities for trade. With the growth of the British Empire, Scots had a broader choice of destinations, including the West Indies, North America and Australasia.

### Guides and incentives

Newspapers, journals and guides offered a wide range of advice about possible destinations. Official guides were largely concerned with populating the colonies, and numerous land companies produced their own guides to entice emigrants.

Many guides made unrealistic claims about the destinations they promoted.

There were some economic incentives such as land grants and free passages, but prospective emigrants often relied on personal recommendations from friends and relatives.

### Life on board emigrants' ships



Emigrants experienced contradictory feelings on leaving their homeland. Their journals and diaries reflect this, as they describe daily life on board the emigrants' ships.

Often they are written in the style of long

letters addressed to family and friends in Scotland.

### Arriving and settling in

One aspect of emigration that has changed greatly over the years is the journey to the chosen destination.

The sea voyage could be a demanding and often dangerous

experience that cost lives. It could also be a journey of discovery.

New weather conditions, exotic animals and the first contact with a strange land often caused a mixture of surprise and anxiety.

### Working the land

For many Scots, especially in the early days, the experience of emigration meant clearing, settling and working the land, whatever their experience of farming back home.

### North America – 'Land of plenty'

Canada and the USA were marketed as 'a land of plenty' easily accessible from Scotland and full of economic opportunity for farmers.

The availability of land in Australia and New Zealand was also a magnet for agricultural migrants until the 20th century.

Different weather conditions, lack of previous knowledge about the area or adverse economic circumstances could make the task of settling in rather challenging. Learning new skills in different, sometimes difficult, environments was a necessity.

### Adaptable Scottish settlers

Scottish settlers were very adaptable, and often relied on friends and family for practical help. This allowed the creation of communities with a strong Scottish identity. Scots were even prepared to try their fortune elsewhere if their initial destination was not suitable.

### Life in the cities

Many Scots over the years headed for the cities. Despite early advice to settlers to avoid the ports of arrival, many had no choice but to seek employment and make use of their skills in towns and cities.

Economic instability and high unemployment in Scotland in the late 19th and early 20th centuries coincided with periods of economic growth in North America and Australasia.



### Better employment

The cities offered better employment prospects and good salaries, particularly in the manufacturing and engineering industries. Higher wages attracted many Scottish emigrants whose trades were in demand. Some Scots also excelled as bankers and businessmen.

It took a long time, however, before single female emigrants could turn their hands to anything other than domestic labour.

### Health and education

Weather conditions such as the combination of heat and humidity or extreme cold made them more vulnerable to disease. There were serious cholera epidemics, for example, in Canada and the USA in the 1830s.

However, many emigrants reported an improvement in their overall health.

The Scots were generally literate migrants who took pride in the education system back home. Many emigrant teachers contributed to the development of education in the New World.



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### Spiritual needs

Religious needs were an acute concern for a number of early settlers. Emigrants arrived with particular denominational allegiances, and ministers were needed to guard against

factional domination.

Missionary activity was also undertaken as a means to 'civilize' the native population, and to ensure religious observance among emigrants. The Presbyterian Church in Canada, for instance, was still recruiting Scottish missionaries in the 1920s.

### Ministers needed

In Argentina, St Andrew's Church of Buenos Aires sent a 'camp minister' to remote areas of Patagonia to attend the spiritual needs of the scattered Scottish settlers.

Gaelic-speaking ministers were needed by Catholic and Presbyterian communities in Nova Scotia and Australia.

Emigrants' remarks about their spiritual preoccupations also reveal the role of religion in cementing communities and defining identities.

### Recreation and leisure

When emigrants did get time off, they could explore the recreational facilities of the new country.

New leisure activities developed, and opportunities arose for social interaction, hobbies and sport.

The cities offered a wide choice of opportunities, including musical events and theatre. In rural and remote areas emigrants often relied on other means of social interaction, such as reunions with family and friends.

### Scottish and local customs

Scots took with them their own music and pastimes, but they also had the chance to learn the local customs and participate in new leisure activities associated with seasonal events at Christmas and New Year, for example.

### Staying Scottish

Scottish emigrants formed clubs and societies and maintained their heritage through the celebration of traditional festivals and the pursuit of traditional pastimes.

They took with them their cultural traditions, dress, food, music, dance and literature. This reinforced their sense of belonging and the links with the homeland. Scottish emigrants and the descendants of emigrants still continue to celebrate their culture in similar ways.

### Mixed feelings about Scotland

While they retained a sense of identity and Scotland was frequently idealized in letters and journals, the emigrants also sought the opportunity to progress in their new homeland.

In this way their perceptions and feelings about their home country were often in conflict with their reasons to emigrate.

### Returning to Scotland

While for some the experience of emigration was a major break with the past, many intended to return home when conditions there improved.

Some returned temporarily and after a brief spell in Scotland tried their luck elsewhere. Others came back permanently, either dissatisfied with the experience or because they had fulfilled their aspirations.

### Visiting the ancestral homeland

Even those who had emigrated successfully often planned a visit to their ancestral homes.

Many descendants of Scottish emigrants still return every year to visit relatives or to search for their roots and find out the reasons that motivated their ancestors to emigrate.

We hope we peaked your curiosity and you want to research more about our ancestors journey. Let your journey continue at the National Library of Scotland <https://www.nls.uk/family-history>. For further information about tracing Irish or Scots-Irish roots go to: Ulster Historical Foundation @ <https://www.ancestryireland.com>. For Irish Immigration read, Irish Emigration and Immigration to North America by David Oumett and David Rencher @ <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1031&context=byufamilyhistorian>.

We are looking for a Clan Maclean Genealogist if you would be interested please send an email to [trishf2005@gmail.com](mailto:trishf2005@gmail.com).



## What happened after Culloden?

After the initial swift and bloodthirsty retribution for the Jacobite rebellions, laws were instigated to prevent any further groundswell of support for the previous monarchs. In 1747 'The Act of Proscription' was passed. Clan tartan had become popular during the Jacobite years and this was outlawed under this new act, as were bagpipes and the teaching of Gaelic. The Act was a direct attack on the highland culture and way of life, and attempted to eradicate it from a modern and Hanoverian-loyal Scotland. Acts such as this, intended to wipe out an ancient culture, have given modern Scotland an unusual ally and kindred spirit in the Catalans. Catalonia is in the northeast of Spain, the capital of which is Barcelona. They have their own culture and language (Catalan) that is completely distinct from Castilian Spain. In 1707 Scotland lost the right to self-rule, and the Catalans lost the same to the Spanish a mere 7 years later in 1714. Although these two countries are thousands of miles and cultures apart, they have an unusually similar shared history of oppression. Once Franco had won the Spanish Civil War in 1939, he treated the Catalans in much the same way the Highlanders were treated after Culloden. Franco outlawed the Catalan language and made the Catalans subject to Spanish rule. For more information visit <https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofScotland/The-Highland-Clearances/>.



# MY FIRST GATHERING AT DUART CASTLE

By Duart Castle Guardian Katy Rankin-Reed



On the first day of “back to school” do teachers still ask their students to write an essay on what they did over the summer? Well...I went to the Isle of Mull for the 2017 Gathering of one of the oldest clans in Scottish history...the MacLeans. Though not a MacLean by name, I am proud to say that the Rankins (of which I am a direct descendant of Andrew Rankin who came to the Americas, courtesy of the British Empire, a Prisoner of War in 1650) are a Sept of the clan, and I was looking forward to experiencing this event first

hand! I had heard many great stories about the previous one in 2012 from the Myers (Teresa & Mark) and by the Chief, himself, Sir Lachlan. A couple of years ago, I had the pleasure of sitting next to Sir Lachlan MacLean at a dinner held in his honor at the 150th Pleasanton Highland Games. He charmingly tutored me on the history of the Rankins and as to the proud position of honored Bagpipers that they held with the Clan over the centuries. He also explained more to me about the massive ongoing restoration that is being done to the iconic home of the MacLeans... Duart Castle. I had seen photos and artists' renderings of the Castle in my research of the clan, but I must say...seeing it in person as we passed on the ferry from Oban to Craignure was amazing! It was a blustery day but the sun popped out through the clouds just as we sailed by and the Castle was in its glow...breath-taking! Now, I have been to Scotland before mind you, but usually with a travel buddy and almost always on an organized tour...this was to be my first solo adventure traveling to Scotland and the Gathering on the Isle of Mull. Excited and a little apprehensive...here I go!

At the Queens Street Station, in Glasgow, I caught the train to Oban...that would connect me with the ferry to Craignure, on Mull...that would then connect me with the bus taking me to

Tobermory...the lovely village that would be my home for the next several days. After settling into the Copeland House B&B (one of several fine B&Bs and hotels in Tobermory shown pictured left)...I travelled down the very steep walking path to the village down below and began

my walk through of Tobermory to get the lay of the land, so to speak. Very nice village...a grocery for requisite provisions for my room at the B&B, lovely shops to peruse, a few pubs and



Tobermory waterfront

restaurants, and LOTS of MacLeans from all over the world walking the



main thoroughfare!! OMG! How lovely of the locals of the town

to welcome us to their village for every Gathering over the years! We basically take over almost every inch of it! And they are gracious and most welcoming! Thank you Tobermory!

What preceded the big day of the Gathering (which would be on Saturday) for me, were the afternoons of window shopping (though I did buy some souvenirs and a lovely yellow Mac that would prove a necessity in the next few days of weather) and evenings at the Macgochan's (pictured upper right) and MishNish (pictured upper left) pubs. The first night was meeting with, and drinking with of course! over 100 MacLeans at Macgochan's followed by a more sedate dinner the next night with the Californian branch of the MacLeans, with some Canadians thrown in for good measure :). I tasted over 7 different local and Scottish brews along the way and made so many new friends, again from all over the world!...A lovely week! Then the day of the official events of the Gathering dawned blustery, chilly, and wet! But I was not put off nor were the more than 700 other MacLeans who showed up at the Castle...no sir! I had my new bright yellow raincoat and my red plaid wellies (boots) and I was ready to take on whatever the weather was going to throw at me! I was going to the CASTLE...yay! I was going to get to “storm” the castle, literally! Even piped into the Castle by the traditional Pipe band! A huge marquee (tent) had been set up where there was entertainment, silent auctions of incredible local arts and crafts, several food carts and a beer/whiskey bar thrown in here and there...and people, people, people! MacLeans everywhere! Despite the weather the official tug o' war went on, and added to the mud-coated kilts of the losers...that they wore with dignity, btw. Good On You! I got to tour the Castle firsthand and see all that has been done to the building, as well as what is now being worked on, and the proposed plans for what is still in the works. I even had the luck to run into Sir Lachlan, himself, in the Castle...and then his wife, Lady Rose (Rosie)...outside in her garden behind the Castle gift shop and tea room. A lovely afternoon!

The kicker for the day was the Grand Dance at the Marquee at the High School...which had previously hosted the official Ceilidh of the Gathering a day before. The men were dressed in their formal kilts and looked dashing! The women were adorned in lace and finery, some wearing gowns, some more casual (like me wearing the essential black cocktail dress and the Rankin colors) all sporting the sashes and colors of the Clan. There was dancing that made the tent shake, laughter and fun!

Moving a tad bit slower the next morning...I headed to the ferry, and a train ride to London, by way of Glasgow...and as the landscape whirled by...I reminisced on all that had gone on the week prior...and caught myself smiling! I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to Sir Lachlan and Lady Rosie for your lovely hospitality! Would I go again to another Gathering? You betcha!...And THAT is what I did last summer! Slainte!



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ceud Mìle Fàilte "A hundred thousand welcomes" to our newest Clan Maclean Assoc. in the United States family members. We thought it would be nice to recognize all the new members we have welcomed in 2018. We hope you have all received your welcome packets, if we missed anyone please send an email to our Secretary Heather Henneman at H4MacLean@gmail.com. For most of you this will be your first Pipings Newsletter. It is your newsletter so feel free to send stories, pictures, events or any Macleanisms you feel are appropriate to editor@maclean.us.org.

If you would like to volunteer to help or host at a games in your area please contact the following individuals. We will mentor you on this path. The rewards, memories and friendships created are priceless.

**Region 1:** Trish MacLean-Frandsen, trishf2005@yahoo.com for Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

**Region 2:** Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Great games are going on in these states, and we have no one to host a tent please volunteer, we will mentor you.

**Region 3:** Pat Jackson, jacksonpatk92@yahoo.com for Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin.

**Region 4:** Dr. Ephraim McLean, emclean@gsu.edu for Alabama, Delaware, Washington DC, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

**Region 5:** Dr. Les McLean, les8445@aol.com for Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. We have opportunities in every state. Contact us we would love mentor you to host a tent in your area. We look forward to seeing you at a games soon.

## Our 2018 New Members

- Scott Wright
- Gregg Henderson
- Hugh Michael Higgs
- Bruce McLean
- Chris McLean
- John Miles
- Laurette Hamlin
- Karen Barnett
- Debra Knox
- Johann Jones
- Janet Rabin
- Nolan "Drew" McLean
- Brian "Kelly" McLean
- James MacLean
- John Germany Jr.
- Matthew Warne
- Jeffrey Chafin
- Mary Broach
- John Hansen
- Kathryn McLean
- Catharine Curtis
- Kathleen McLean
- Terrence McClain
- Bryann Burgess
- Clair Heaster
- Mary Ellen McLean
- Angela McLean Ludwick
- Kevin Nordine
- Annette McLean
- Raymond Lanier
- Clint Loggins
- Scott MacFadyen
- Martha Nash
- Debra Hansen
- Wendy Davila
- Rick Ingersoll
- Sean McLean
- Ryan MacLean
- Ian Siegismund
- Doug Bacon
- Steve & Yvonne Rankin
- Julie & Oakley Rae McVey



## UP COMING MACLEAN HOSTED EVENTS

Utah Scottish Games	Salt Lake City, UT	Fred & Trish MacLean-Frandsen	June 8-10
Pikes Peak Celtic Festival	Colorado Springs, CO	Fred & Trish MacLean-Frandsen	June 15-17
Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival	Mt. Airy, MD	Les McLean	June 16
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (AGM)	Linville, NC	Betsy McLean & Connie McLean Sutton	July 12-15
Isle of Mull Highland Games	Tobermory, Isle of Mull	Sir Lachlan Maclean	July 19
The Elizabeth Celtic Festival	Elizabeth, CO	Fred & Trish MacLean-Frandsen	July 21-22
Colorado Scottish Festival	Edgewater, CO	Fred & Trish MacLean-Frandsen	August 4-5
Long Island Scottish Festival and Games	Old Westbury, NY	Les McLean	Aug 25
McLain Celtic Festival	Carlisle, PA	Les McLean	September 1-2
Capital District Scottish Games	Altamont, NY	<a href="#">We need a Host can you help?</a>	September 1-2
Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival "Scotfest"	Estes Park, CO	Fred & Trish MacLean-Frandsen	September 6-9
Covenanter Scottish Festival	Quarryville, PA	Les McLean	TBD
New Hampshire Highland Games	Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH	<a href="#">We need a Host can you help?</a>	September 21-23
Ligonier Highland Games	Ligonier, PA	Kurt Rankin	September 22
St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival	Chesterfield, MO	Alex McLain	September 28-29
Celtic Classic Highland games & Festival	Bethlehem, PA	Les McLean	September 28-30



# REVIEW OF GAMES

By Janet McLean Rabin  
Deputy Convener Florida

## Dunedin, Florida Highland Games April 6 & 7

Remember the Disney Princesses who visited Sir Lachlan and Duart Castle two summers ago? You will recall that the girls, Verity and Chance, granddaughters of Janet McLean Rabin, each presented Sir Lachlan with a check that enabled them to be named Guardians of Duart Castle. They've taken this responsibility seriously and were very pleased to represent Clan MacLean at the Dunedin Games on April 7. It was a sunny but windy day spent meeting and greeting at the Clan MacLean tent. The girls helped to decorate and prepare for guests. During the days event they toured the park carrying signs that encouraged game attendees to



stop at their tent. Stop and see if you "might be part of Clan Maclean."



Visitors paused to view their posters listing the many ways to spell MacLean and the septs of the Clan. We were informed by one visitor who is a Campbell, as well as a MacLean, that representation of the MacLeans was a very recent happening at the Dunedin Games. We signed up our first new member, Sean McLean, a new father, who was pleased to become part of Clan Maclean.



Our day at Dunedin was capped by the visit of the youngest MacLean of the day, Teagan Fehl whose mom is a Maclean Sept with the last name of Black. We wrapped Teagan in Duart tartan and took her photo in front of the Duart Castle banner. Although Teagan's just four months, we can tell, she's one of us! And it's our children like Teagan, that reminds us we must save Duart Castle for her. So as she grows up she can hopefully one day visit her ancestral home. To help us save Duart Castle visit [DuartAppeal.org](http://DuartAppeal.org). We hope to see more Macleans next year in Dunedin, Florida.



Colorado Tartan Day in Longmont, is the beginning of our season each year. We gather to reconnect with old friends and look forward to meeting and welcoming new family members to Clan Maclean.

This year we welcomed Deb Hansen to our Clan Maclean family. Deb has been looking forward to joining Clan Maclean for some time, and we are thrilled to have her as part of our family. We were able to spend time with Duart Castle Guardians, Christina Wyman, and Karima Gebel. Karima was a great help setting up the tent in the morning and we thank her for that effort it is always appreciated. New Clan Maclean member, Gregg Henderson stopped by with his daughter Katelyn. We look forward to seeing you both at an upcoming game. Family member and Duart Castle Guardian, Connie Dewart stopped by to say hello and we hope we get to see her again at Estes Park. Our Clan Maclean newlyweds Gary Mitchell, Sharon Kennedy stopped by to say hello.

Our granddaughters Kaley and Katelyn Henneman, joined us for these games. It was fun to watch them reconnect with last year's clan children. They grow up so fast. Memories and kinships are being created before our eyes. If your grandchildren live nearby, take them to a games. It's a memory you will never forget.

As the weekend came to a close in Longmont, we enjoyed spending time with our Clan Maclean Treasurer and Duart Castle Guardians, Gene and Nancy McLean-Hendreschke. Thank you both for helping us pack up and ready ourselves for Salt Lake City, Utah, here we come! The Macleans are coming to town June 8, 9 & 10th hope to see you! By Trish MacLean-Frandsen



# NEW YORK CITY TARTAN DAY PARADE

By Trish MacLean-Frandsen



Our host for the 20th Anniversary of New York City Tartan Day was our President Les McLean and his wife Diana (pictured right).

This was the first year we had the opportunity to enjoy this historic parade. I hope other Clan Maclean members will attend this fun event in years to come. This weekend was filled with all things Scottish. What a fun weekend we had with our Clan Maclean family which included our host family as well as Magus, Sylvia, Anne and Jon Redding from Maryland (pictured left).

\*Thursday night was a Cocktail party which we missed as we flew in on Thursday.

\*Friday morning we enjoyed a New York bagel and headed over to Bryant Park where we were treated to a reading of the Declaration of Arbroath and music by the Forest Legion Pipe Band from Ontario, Canada.

That afternoon we attended "All the Scottish Genealogy Sources You Didn't Know You Needed to Know" by Dr. Bruce Durrie, a teacher of genealogy, heraldry, and documents for the University of Edinburgh. We spent the afternoon walking around Times Square and taking pictures. Friday night we dined with Les & Diana and listened to Scottish music at Bloom's Tavern.

\*Saturday morning we attended the Pre Parade Brunch and Kirkin of The Tartan at The Brick Presbyterian Church. We returned to the Algonquin Hotel to find our number and parade location. We hurried over to 44th street and readied ourselves for the start of the parade. As we walked you could hear the sound of pipe



bands, street after street, practicing their tunes. Banners were being unfurled, and every tartan you could imagine was displayed. Scottish flags flew and it seemed as though, we must be in Scotland! Thousands of spectators lined the streets. The parade began at West 45th Street in Manhattan and made its way up 6th Avenue to West 55th Street. Joining us in the parade were 150 Vikings (pictured bottom left) called the Jarl Squad from the Shetland Islands where they celebrate "Up Helly Aa" on the last Tuesday in January each year. That event is on my bucket list.



Following the parade we all walked to BB Kings in Times Square where we finished out a great day. \*Sunday we took the ferry over to Ellis Island to celebrate "Ellis Island Tartan Day". Searching for family records and just enjoying the sights of New York City. Thank you to our host and hostess Les and Diana McLean what a great weekend.



## Going to your first local Scottish Games? What do I

wear? Truth be told, there is no need to wear anything except comfortable clothing that is appropriate for the weather of the day. Most of us have taken years to accumulate our kilts, dresses, skirts and earasids. These items are a large investment so take your time. Start with a Clan Maclean T-Shirt or Polo. For a women you might want to consider a sash to wear over your right shoulder. They can be purchased at [duartcastle.com](http://duartcastle.com) gift shop or online at various vendors including Amazon [https://www.amazon.com/MacLean-Duart-Tartan-Plaid-Mini/dp/B01N75M3VS/ref=sr\\_1\\_fmkr0\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1527112423&sr=8-1-fmkr0&keywords=Clan+Maclean+tartan+sash](https://www.amazon.com/MacLean-Duart-Tartan-Plaid-Mini/dp/B01N75M3VS/ref=sr_1_fmkr0_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1527112423&sr=8-1-fmkr0&keywords=Clan+Maclean+tartan+sash). Just be sure you have a true Maclean tartan. When in doubt check out the Scottish Register of Tartans <https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/qResults?searchString=Maclean>. Our little lad here is wearing Maclean of Duart Modern Hunting (pictured left). Feel free to email me if you have questions. [Trishf2005@yahoo.com](mailto:Trishf2005@yahoo.com).

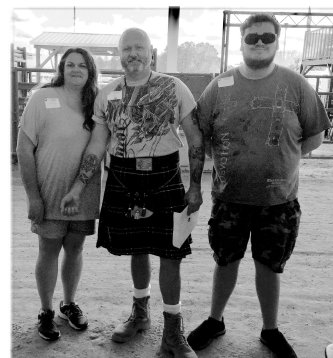




# CLAN MACLEAN WAS THE HONORED CLAN

Northeast Florida Scottish Games

Jan and Margi MacLean were the host at the Northeast Florida Scottish Games as they brought a "Wee Bit of Scotland" to Northeast Florida, and hosted a large group of Macleans from throughout the country. Jan & Margi along with their families could not have been better hosts. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner, whisky tasting, and a day filled with old friends, new friends and most importantly family. We would like to welcome our new members from those games. Drew & Michelle McLean, Kelly & Christine McLean, Matthew & Amy Warne, James, Kimberly & Dillin MacLean, and John & Janet Germany Jr. They all received their new member packets and their membership pins. Please enjoy the photos from the weekend, and thank you again to Jan, Margi and their families for making us all feel so welcomed. Thank you to all who attended and made this such a special day as our clan was honored.





# OUR MILITARY VETERANS

Gordon Campbell  
Rick Ingersoll



## Maclaine VC fetches world record price

The Victoria Cross is the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the British honours system. For many years it was also the highest award for members of the

Commonwealth, until most of the Commonwealth countries developed their own honours systems.

It is generally known that only one Maclean has been awarded the Victoria Cross. This was Lieutenant Hector Lachlan Stuart Maclean, who was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously for his conduct at Upper Swat, now in Pakistan, in November 1897. (His father, Major-General Charles Smith Maclean, was also recommended for the Victoria Cross for his heroism in Delhi in 1857 during the Indian Mutiny, but it was not awarded as no superior officer had been present to verify the action.) Less well known is the close Maclaine/Maclean connection with two other awards of the Victoria Cross.

Gordon Campbell's mother was the daughter of Donald Maclaine, 22nd of Lochbuie, whose mother in turn was the grand-daughter of Allan Maclean, 5th of Drimmin. He was also a distant cousin of the Macleans of Ardgour.

In February 1917, Campbell (pictured above) was captain of the Q-ship HMS Farnborough, hunting German submarines in the Irish Sea. (Q-ships were merchant vessels to which guns had been fitted, concealed behind collapsible deck structures. Individual captains added their own touches. Campbell had a rating dressed in girl's clothes lying on a deck chair and a dummy parrot in a cage. Q-ships were intended to lure U-boats to the surface, where they could be sunk by gunfire.) Sighting a torpedo heading in their direction, Campbell altered course so that the torpedo struck his ship in an empty compartment just aft of the engine room. The ship immediately began to sink and Campbell ordered most of the crew to

abandon ship, which they did with a well-rehearsed and convincing display of panic. When the U-boat surfaced in order to finish off the Farnborough with its deck gun, which was standard practice to conserve torpedoes, Farnborough's remaining crew dropped the panels concealing the guns and opened fire. 43 out of the 44 shots fired hit the submarine, which sank with only one survivor. Only then did Campbell send out an SOS message. He had not done so before, for fear that rescue ships would frighten off the U-boat. He also sent a now famous signal to the Admiralty: "Q5 slowly sinking respectfully wishes you good-bye." The Farnborough was however taken in tow and beached before she sank. All the crew were rescued. For this action Campbell was awarded the Victoria Cross.

He was nominated for a second Victoria Cross following a similar action in June 1917 when he was captain of HMS Pargust but declined it. In total Campbell won 11 medals, including the Distinguished Service Order with 2 bars, the French Croix de Guerre and the Legion d'Honneur. These were sold at auction in November 2017 for a world record price of £840,000 (US\$ 1,160,000). The buyer was Campbell's great-nephew Baron Lorne Thyssen-Bornemisza, whose mother was the famous model Fiona Campbell-Walter. (Lorne's sister Franziska married Karl von Habsberg, the grandson of the last Austrian emperor and the hereditary heir to the throne of the Austrian empire, the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and the kingdom of Hungary, which makes for a distant but interesting connection for the Macleans.)

Another Victoria Cross was won by Gordon Campbell's nephew, Brigadier Lorne Maclaine Campbell, during an action in Tunisia in the Second World War, but that's another story.



Gordon Campbell's Metals

This story was presented by Nigel Alington. Thank you Nigel for this great tribute.



Our newest Clan Maclean Life Member and Duart Castle Guardian, is Rick Ingersoll (pictured above left). Rick is a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran and comes from a military family. His father served in the U.S. Air Force, his brother in the U.S. Marine Corp, and he has Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins, serving in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy. Rick competes in Alaska where he lives. Rick's great grandmother was Barbara McVay. Pictured right with Rick is his friend Daniel McKim, World Champion (x4), National Champion (x6) and World Record Holder in the Scottish Highland Games - doing it all for God's glory! Visit Daniel McKim's webpage at <https://believe-thrower.myshopify.com>.

## Surname MacVay-McVey

Its probable origin was in the Scottish Islands of Mull and Islay where in the medieval times it is believed that the Clan were the hereditary physicians to the region. They were also, it is said, great historians, and collectors of ancient manuscripts. The recordings include Father Patrick Macabeath (1541), Bishop of Armagh, Ireland, whilst John McVeigh was a prominent rebel in the 1798 rebellion of Ireland and was executed at Baltinglass. Church recordings include, Anna McVey, aged 25, is recorded as being a 'Famine Emigrant' who sailed on the ship 'Manchester' from Belfast to New York, on September 25, 1846. The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of John Macvay, which was dated 1504. Surnames became necessary when governments introduced personal taxation. In England this was known as the Poll Tax. Throughout the centuries, surnames in every country have continued to "develop" often leading to astonishing variants of the original spelling.

Read more: <http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/McVey#xzz5FTdby9>

# THE PIPER'S OF CLAN MACLEAN

Peter MacLean

*President of Clan Maclean Association - Western Australia*



Peter & his son Malcolm MacLean after piping at the Blessing of the Tartans Service, Tobermory Church, Isle of Mull.

I was born Peter Donald MacLean on 14 February, 1946 in the gold mining town of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia.

My father, Norman MacLean, migrated to Australia from the village of Knockaird, Port of Ness on the Isle of Lewis. My mother, Edith May Hockley, was from Adelaide in South Australia.

My parents were very active members of the Kalgoorlie Caledonian Society and the Eastern Goldfields Highland Pipe Band so I was encouraged to be part of their activities from a very young age. In fact, I was the band mascot from age 4 with a full uniform and a homemade mace and I proudly marched beside the Drum Major on many parades.

My father played the melodion and his brother Malcolm was a piper in the Eastern Goldfields Highland Pipe Band prior to returning home to Lewis in 1948 to assist in the care for his elderly parents.

I commenced learning the bagpipes when I was 10 years of age and my first band parade was on New Year's Eve in 1957. I was fortunate to receive my early lessons from Bob Sime and later Douglas C. (Scotty) Anderson, ex Seaforth Highlanders. I was successful as a youngster in solo piping competitions in Perth, our State capital, culminating in being the State Under 21 Years Champion Piper three years in succession.

I was elected Pipe Major of the Eastern Goldfields Highland Pipe Band from 1963-1970 and was bestowed Life Membership in 1969.

My career and further studies meant moves to other towns and together with family responsibilities, this took priority over solo piping. From 1970-1976, I only

played occasionally with the band and also socially.

In 1976 we moved to Perth and I joined the grade one Perth Highland Pipe Band. Three of my cousins had previously played with this band before returning to Lewis in 1970.

I accepted the role of Pipe Major for three terms over the years. Highlights included leading the band for its first overseas competition in Jakarta, Indonesia in 1982 and to its first Australasian and South Pacific Championships in Brisbane in 1990.

Individual highlights of my time with Perth Highland Pipe Band include being bestowed Life Membership in 1988 and being the lone piper in the clock tower of the Perth Town Hall playing 'Auld Lang Syne' to pipe out the state of Western Australia's Sesquicentennial Year (150 years).

The greatest thrill of all though was earlier in that year when our son Malcolm joined me in the pipe corps of Perth Highland Pipe Band. Malcolm is the current Pipe Major of the band and he will tell his story later in this series of articles.

My bagpipes are Robertson with silver and ivory adornments made in 1956 and they have been in my possession since 1970. They tune as nicely as the current quality instruments.

Not surprisingly, the other highlights of my piping life relate to Clan Maclean. In the 1960s I had the honour of piping in our then Chief, Lord Charles Maclean, in his capacity as Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, at a Civic Reception in the Kalgoorlie Town Hall. Then as President of Clan Maclean Association Western Australia, welcoming our present Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean, to Perth in 1997, along with son Malcolm playing 'Will Ye No Come Back Again' at the Perth airport, was a moving experience. It paid off, as Sir Lachlan did indeed come back again in 2010!

It was also nice to be part of the composite 'Maclean Pipers' group playing at the Gathering of the Clan at Duart in 2002 and in 2012 alongside Malcolm. Malcolm, our younger son Gavin and their wives Lisa and Alison respectively, along with grandson Lewis and granddaughters Scotia and Kate accompanied us to the 2012 Clan Maclean Centenary Gathering

on Mull and also on a visit to Skye and Lewis. What a wonderful trip to Mull that was, with our grandchildren being introduced to their Maclean heritage and the wonderful stories of earlier Macleans and their lands told in such a magical way by Clan Maclean members. On our return to Western Australia, both Lewis and Scotia expressed an interest in learning the pipes and so Malcolm commenced teaching Lewis and I started Scotia.

Not surprisingly my favourite tunes include 'Pipe Major Donald Maclean of Lewis' (a 6/8 march) and 'Pipe Major Donald Maclean's Farewell to Oban'. My favourite slow air is 'I Love the Highlands' from the Seaforth Collection. As it was based on a Gaelic song my father loved, he ensured I learnt and played it often as a young fellow.

With regard to Maclean music, we are all indebted to the late Col. Donald Maclean who ensured the collection and publication of Maclean tunes and compositions, launched at the Centenary Gathering in 2012. This quality collection will forever be a tribute to the memory of Col. Donald who spent countless hours and showed great determination in ensuring his vision came to fruition.

For many years I have been a member of the Highland Pipers Society of Western Australia and its objectives are to promote the playing and proper understanding and interpretation of bagpipe music and to bring together all those interested in promoting these. I am currently the Treasurer.

As I near the conclusion of my piping career, I pay tribute to my parents, my wife Kaye, and our sons Malcolm and Gavin, who have all supported my involvement in piping and Clan Maclean and Scottish activities generally.

In this context the best advice I can give to a new piper is learn well and stick to the task. I recall my father's words when I said to him: 'I think I will give up learning so that I can spend more time playing sport, etc.'. He encouraged me to continue, stating: 'that proficiency with this instrument will positively influence your social life in the future'. These words are as true today as they were sixty years ago!

Thank you Peter, for your continued contribution to Clan Maclean music which is a crucial part of our heritage.



# OUR CHIEF

## SIR LACHLAN HECTOR CHARLES MACLEAN

CVO, 28TH CHIEF AND 12TH BARONET OF DUART AND MORVERN

By Trish MacLean-Frandsen



The Honorable Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Bt, CVO, DL was born on the 25th of August in 1942, and ascended to the title of 28th Chief of the Clan Maclean, 12th Baronet of Duart and Morvern in 1990. He is the eldest son to Charles Hector Fitzroy Maclean, Baron Maclean and (Joan) Elizabeth Mann. On 2 November 1966, he married Mary Helen Gordon (b 31 October 1943 d 30 December 2007) and the couple had five children. On 8 September 2010, he married Rosemary Mayfield who had been a close friend of his wife Mary.

Only a handful of Maclean Chiefs witnessed the passing of a century; Sir Lachlan holds the distinction of being the only Maclean chief to preside over the passing of a millennium.

Sir Lachlan served with the Scots Guards, during which time, he took part in a special joint-training program with the US Army Rangers which included a two month attachment at the Rangers Jungle Training Camp at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida and a three month attachment in Fort Bragg. Upon his 1973 retirement from military service, Sir Lachlan was successful in the corporate business world; he retired as an executive of the United Biscuit Company (the former owners of Keebler). For several years after his retirement, he ran and was a trustee of the Robertson Trust, the largest Scottish charity whose priorities are community based care, health, education and sport.

Now, Sir Lachlan enjoys running Duart Castle, his childhood home. As the 28th hereditary chief of the Clan Maclean, he has worked to enhance the revival of world-wide clan kinship that the Internet Age has fostered. The work of both Sir Lachlan and his late wife, Lady Mary Maclean, was recognized when Duart castle

was awarded the Caledonian MacBrayne Award for Excellence in Tourism in 2008. Their dedication made Duart Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Maclean, accessible to the families it once protected. In his public service, Sir Lachlan has served as the Deputy Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute. He also served as Adjutant of the Royal Company of Archers. In this role, he acted as the Silver Stick for Scotland (the ceremonial bodyguard to the British Monarch) during the state opening the Scottish Parliament by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

One our Chief's aspirations is to expand Clan Maclean membership throughout the United States and the world. Could we expand our membership by 100%? I believe we can, if we all encourage or sponsor a family member. Visit <https://maclean.us.org/membership/application> for an online application, or request an application by mail from Trish MacLean-Frandsen, 15310 Pleasant View Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. Get your packet today!



## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

**Sally J. Kline** Sally was born on December 9, 1942, in Plainfield, NJ, the youngest of three children of Robert Lawrence Peck and Helen Elizabeth McLean. On the death of her father when Sally was 9, the family moved to Binghamton, NY, to be near the McLean family. Sally graduated from Binghamton Central High School, Cazenovia College in 1964 and Binghamton University (B.S.) in 1968.



Sally developed severe, debilitating rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 18. Over the years she had more than 25 operations to replace or fuse her joints—including five hip transplants. Despite the pain, Sally was able to Live, Love, Laugh and be Happy until the RA attacked her lungs. Sally and Orion traveled extensively in Europe, including a visit to Duart Castle in 1997 (Sally shown above at Duart). At that time she was basically confined to a wheelchair but she insisted on touring the castle even though it was very difficult with only the two canes.

Sally is survived by her husband, Orion E Kline III; her daughter, Mary K. D'Angelo; her sister, Mary Davidson; and her brother, Larry Peck.

All of us at Clan Maclean send our sincere condolences to Orion and Mary and their families. We would like to reach out to both of you, and invite you to join us at a Maclean tent in your area, as you will always be part of our extended family.

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**Did you get a membership renewal Invoice?** Our 2018-2019 membership renewals went out earlier this month. Thank you to all our members who responded quickly with their payments.

What does my \$25.00 per year cover? The majority of your dues go to cover the cost of publishing and mailing of this newsletter. Along with and the Clan Maclean tents throughout the United States, including our two new games in Florida this year. It also helps to fund charitable contributions made to The Maclean Heritage Trust. We also sponsor dancers with scholarships to continue their training for regional, national and world competitions. When funds are available we support the Duart Castle Restoration Appeal. As you can see these dollars are very well spent. Thank you for your membership and for your commitment to keeping our Clan active.

Please remit your payment today via Paypal through our website listed at **Renewals at <https://maclean.us.org/membership/renew>** or by mail to Clan Maclean Assoc. in the US, P.O. Box 61066, Raleigh, NC 27661-1066. Thank you.

If you have any questions regarding your renewal please contact me, your Treasurer at email: [treasurer@maclean.us.org](mailto:treasurer@maclean.us.org).

We have lost track of a few members, if you have moved or changed email address or know of a family member that has, please sent me your new information. We don't want to lose contact with a single member of our family. And that is what you are, family. Maclean Family!

Thanks, Connie McLean Sutton, Treasurer  
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## Mull Highland Games Tobermory

Traditional Highland Games featuring Highland dancing, tossing the caber and hammer throwing as well as piping and track events. Thursday July 19th, open 10:30am - 4:30pm.

With a perfect site overlooking The Sound of Mull, Morvern and Ardnamurchan, the games have a picture postcard backdrop that adds scenic beauty to the drama enacted on the games field.