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Clan MacLean Association in the United States Quarterly Newsletter

Sir Lachlan Hector Charles Maclean

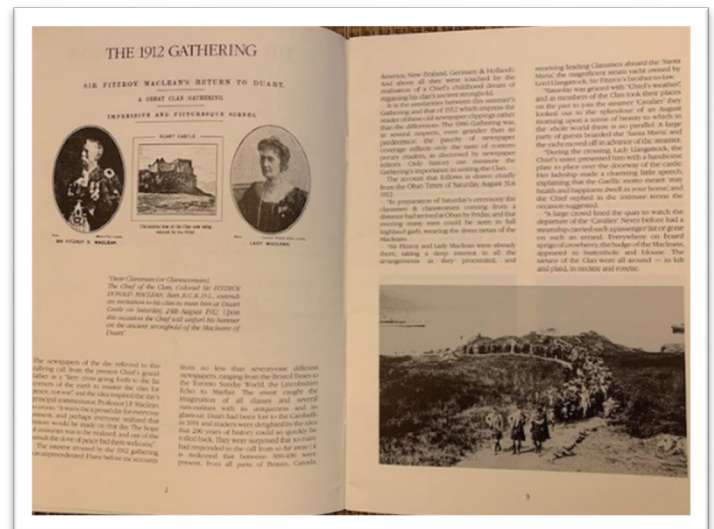
CVO, 28th Chief and 12th Baronet of Duart and Morvern



Duart Castle Platinum Jubilee
Beacon, June 2, 2022 [posted by
Duart Castle Isle of Mull]

A Gift of Historical MacLean Documents

Imagine going to the mailbox to find a huge envelope. When opened, you find Clan MacLean newsletters and magazines dating from the late 1980's and early 1990's of the Clan MacLean Association (Scotland). Several of the documents are Clan MacLean Litreachan (newsletters) and the Clan MacLean Magazine. All provide a wonderful historical account of some aspect of MacLean history. More documents like these can be found at the Mull Museum Archive in Tobermory, Scotland.

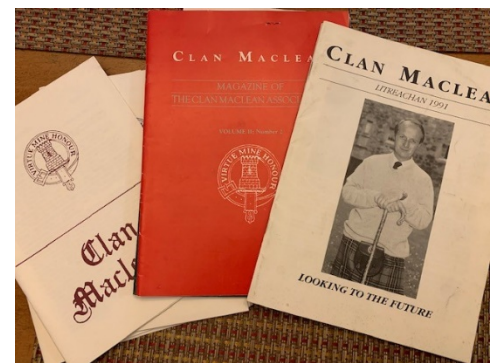


Coverage of the 1912 Clan MacLean Gathering

As many of us begin to plan our trips for next summer's international Clan MacLean gathering, we are excited to share these documents with our members. Thank you for this kind donation!

If you are interested in finding out more about the upcoming gathering (June 19-25, 2023), registration information and a schedule of events were recently posted at: www.macleand.org.

There are many tours, lectures and cultural activities planned as well as a visit to Duart Castle and a special reception for Duart Restoration donors at the Guardian level and above. The main event will be held Saturday June 24, 2023 followed by the Grand Dance where you can show off your MacLean Tartan. If you are thinking about attending – make sure to register and book your lodging soon!



Clan MacLean newsletters and magazines donated by anonymous patron.

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MacLean History & Heraldry – Part 2

By Jason Wamsley

The idea that anyone with a surname can use a Coat of Arms most likely began in the empty pocket of someone looking to get rich by selling “Family Coats of Arms” to uninformed Americans in the 20th century. I have a personal Achievement, but not everyone with the last name ‘Wamsley’ can use it. During the creation of those Arms, I allowed for my wife and children to use it if they wish, thus making it my family Coat of Arms, but not for all Wamsleys. That said, there is no official government body in the U.S. that enforces laws protecting Heraldic Achievements.

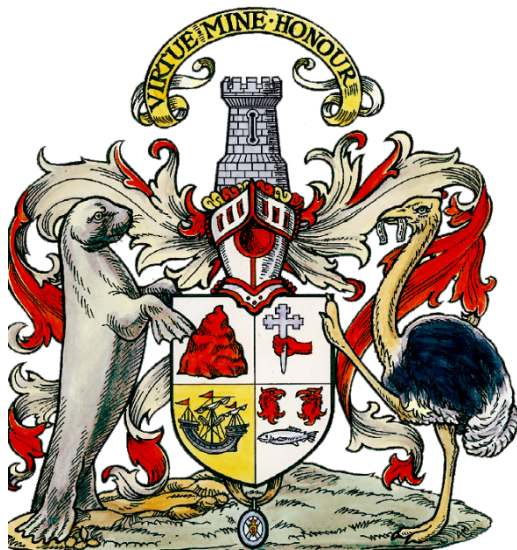
So how exactly does one obtain a Coat of Arms? One must apply for it with an appropriate governing body - in Scotland that is the Court of the Lord Lyon. In the U.S. the American College of Heraldry will assist you in creating and registering your personal Arms. Common Law countries around the world have institutions registering Achievements, however, there are generally fees associated with the creation and registration of Arms.

What exactly does our Chief’s Coat of Arms mean? First, let’s look at the blazon. The blazon is the formal description of a

Coat of Arms from which the reader may reconstruct the appropriate image. The terms used in a blazon are not everyday terms. Instead of the color red they use ‘Gules’, instead of right or left the terms are ‘Dexter’ and ‘Sinister’. (Other such terms are easily found online and in books on heraldry.)

The blazon of Sir Lachlan Maclean’s Achievement is as follows: Quarterly, first Argent a rock Gules (red); Second Argent, a Dexter hand Fesswise couped, gules, holding a cross crosslet fitch in pale Azure; Third, Or, a lymphad oars in Saltire Sails furred Sable flagged Gules; fourth Argent, a salmon naiant proper in chief two eagles heads erased respectant Gules. Above the shield is placed a helmet befitting his degree with a Mantling Gules doubled Argent and on a wreath of his liveries is set for Crest a tower embattled Argent and in an Escrol over the same this Motto, “Virtue Mine Honour” and on a compartment below the shield are placed for Supporters, on the Dexter a seal proper, and on the Sinister an ostrich with a horseshoe in its beak proper.”

(To be continued in our next issue)



This is the arms of the Chief of the Clan Maclean, House of Duart. These arms are the hereditary personal coat of arms of Sir Lachlan Hector Charles Maclean, Bt, CVO, DL of Morvern and Duart, 28th Chief of the Clan Maclean.

This wonderful article on the clan heraldry will be shared over the next few issues and published in its entirety in the CAMUS website. The author is a proud member of Clan MacLean.

Clan MacLean Announcements & Events

- **JOIN US: Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held July 9, 2022** at the Daniel Boone Inn, Boone, NC - RSVP in person at the GMHG Clan MacLean tent or visit the website (maclean.us.org) for the Zoom link to join remotely.
- **UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS:**
 - July 7-10, 2022 – Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG), Linville, NC (gmhg.org)
 - August 5-6, 2022 – Detroit Highland Games, Livonia, MI (highlandgames.com)
 - August 6-7, 2022 – Colorado Scottish Festival, Edgewater, CO (scottishgames.org)
 - August 27, 2022 – Long Island Scottish Festival and Games, Old Westbury Gardens, NY (liscots.org)
 - September 3-4, 2022 – Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, VA (vascottishgames.org)
 - September 3, 2022 – Capital District Scottish Games, Altamont, NY (scotgames.com)
- **Call for Conveners:** For more information on convening contact Mary Sue Wyatt at bummerms56@gmail.com

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CMAUS Executive Update

By Connie Sutton, CMAUS Treasurer

What a first half of the year we have had. Your extended Executive Committee has been diligently attending to Clan business. At the same time several of our members have been dealing with personal health issues. Hopefully we all are on the mend and will be seeing you soon.

You may have noticed that our website was down for a time, but our IT team worked so hard to get it re-built and back online for you. Thank You, Kane McLean and Jason Wamsley, for your successful and tireless work. They have made some wonderful upgrades for our clan. I urge you to check it out. www.maclean.us.org

I have sent our dues invoices for our 2022-23 dues year. I am thrilled to say we have had many of our members already pay their dues. Thank You! It has kept me busy trying to keep up with the PayPal Payments and mailed checks.

If you have yet to pay your dues, please send them in when you can.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will be held July 7-10. I hope to see you there. We will be holding our CMAUS Annual General Meeting on Saturday July 9 at the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, NC. We will have limited remote access but hope to have some of you join us. Check on Facebook and our website for a link. We have lots of topics to discuss and vote on, including Scholarships for 2 wonderful Highland Dancers. Their Mom is a Life member, so we hope to help them out with their studies. We also hope to send our yearly donation to The Duart Castle Restoration Fund.

In closing, please say a prayer for our members that may be struggling with a health problem, may they all recover and get back to our fellowship with CMAUS.

Flowers of the Forest



Alex Beaton
1944-2022

Alex was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. Alex pioneered folk music at Scottish Festivals, appearing at all major Festivals around the country; opening the door for other Entertainers to follow.

We remember him fondly for his performances at the Virginia Scottish Games, Grandfather Mountain and more. To read more about his life and his music, please visit: alexbeaton.com.



Jim McClean
1943-2022

James "Jim" Martin McClean, age 78, of Beaverton, Ore., passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2022.

Jim was member of the Portland Highland Games Association and president of the Clan MacLean Pacific Northwest, attending Highland Games up and down the West Coast where he shared stories, knowledge and history of Clan MacLean and all things Scottish.

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Donor Levels:

Guardians: £200 GBP (\$244 USD) & above will receive a Duart Castle Guardian badge and certificate.

Life Guardians: £1,000 GBP (\$1,219 USD) & above will receive Guardians' gifts, a signed photograph of the chief and be granted lifetime access to the public areas of the Castle during opening hours.

Patrons: £5,000 GBP (\$6,096 USD) & above will receive all of the recognition of Life Guardians and a Clan Maclean Crest.

Chief's Circle: £25,000 GBP (\$30,480 USD) & above will receive all of the recognition of Life Guardians and an engraved Quaich.

Another for Hector!

Do you know a family member interested in joining the Clan? Invite them to visit:
<https://maclean.us.org/membership/application>

Need to renew your membership? Visit:
<https://maclean.us.org/membership/renew>

Thank you for your continued membership and commitment to keeping our Clan active!

The Duart Appeal

Phase 7 of the conservation & repair of Duart Castle has now been completed and the scaffolding removed from the N. We had a blow from Historic Environment Scotland when they rejected our application for funding for the final 3 Phases of repairs. They gave us no funding, so as we move into Phase 8 we have to work out what we can do with the funding that we've got. However, us MacLeans are a stubborn lot and I'm sure that we will manage to complete the work at Duart over the next few years. Thank you all so much for the support you've all given us and we hope to see you here at the Gathering in 2023.

How to Donate:

Visit duartappeal.org for details on donation and sponsorship levels. U.S. donors may make **tax-deductible donations** online using PayPal via the website or by check made payable to **Clan Maclean Association – California** (mail to: 748 South Meadows Parkway, Suite A9, P. M. Box 144, Reno, NV 89521), which is a non-profit Section 501 (c)(3) corporation supporting Scottish cultural outreach. On the check Memo line note "CMAUS Member - Duart Appeal".



Chief Sir Lachlan Maclean, Clan MacLean

