



The Pippings

Clan Maclean Association in the United States Quarterly Newsletter

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



Evelyn and her son, Stuart Maclean,
Dunedin Highland Games, Highlander
Park, FL, April 1, 2023

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Can't Make it to Mull? Join Us at GMHG!

By Jason Wamsley, CMAUS Vice President

The International Gathering of the Clan Maclean was postponed from last year as we still observed some of the Covid-19 protocols. This June, however, the week of the 19th, the gathering is in full swing at Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull, just in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland. However, if you're in the same boat as I am, you won't be able to make it this year for various reasons.

Clan Maclean Association in the U.S. has great news for you though! We are hosting a gathering of Macleans, stateside, at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July, 2023, in Linville, North Carolina. The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) will begin on July 6, 2023 and run through July 9th.

Information about tickets and to plan your visit is available on the games website. Early ticket sales are closed but tickets will be available for purchase on site and will not sell out: <https://gmhg.org/>

We realize that not everyone can visit for the entire weekend, so we've chosen Saturday, July 8, as our main gathering day. We would love to see as many Macleans at the clan tent as possible.

Come catch up with old friends and make new ones, share stories, and bring a potential new member with you. We have designed a lapel pin to commemorate this occasion, but you'll have to come see us to get one!

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is the night of the 8th at the Dan'l Boone Inn in Boone, NC, beginning at 6:00 PM. We have planned presentations for you to enjoy and



Clan Maclean Association in the U.S. lapel pin –
only available at the GMHG Clan Maclean Tent!

some exciting entertainment!

After the AGM and dinner, all who are interested may participate in learning a Scottish Country Dance with Susan Tumlin, an instructor with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society of Atlanta. We look forward to seeing all our members!

Keep an eye on our social media and website for details.

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Join the Fun! You Too Can Host a Clan MacLean Tent

By Connie McLean Sutton, CMAUS Treasurer

Have you ever wondered how we participate in Highland Games in some areas, but not in others? It is because we don't have clan members in every area of the country that have volunteered to represent us. Here is your chance. We have Convener Kits available to assist you. A small inventory of items has been custom made and curated, ready to mail to you. All you need to do is identify an event near you that is not already represented by Clan MacLean. Contact our Lead Convener, Mary Sue Norman Wyatt. She will put you on the calendar and mail the kit to you before the game. You contact the games and register to convene. Upon completing the event, mail the kit back to Mary Sue. We will reimburse you the cost of registration and the cost of mailing the kit back to us. How easy is that?

In the kit we have Tartan flag, table runner, and parade banner. We have laminated copies of various tartans, historic weapons, and a Sept list. Make sure to have the Sept list front and center for all to see. If someone finds their name, welcome them as family. We have a vinyl banner with talking points about Clan Maclean to hang on the side of



your tent. We also have included a reference book, Tartan For Me. It is a listing of names and what clan or district family that name may be associated with. Visitors get so excited to see that yes, they too have Scottish heritage. Let's see what Stacey McLean said about her first use of the kit convening at the Dunedin Games in Florida.

"We made use of everything in the kit," said Stacey. "Since it was our first time, we had no idea what we were doing. We did end up using cable ties to secure the banner to the tent; it was really windy for us. I started putting stuff aside that I thought I might need (cable ties, scissors, pens, tape). We

Stacey and Evelyn McLean, hosting the 2023 Dunedin Highland Games



didn't take anything for the flag or banner. We will be more prepared next year. My mother-in-law made shortbread cookies and tablet and had lots of Scotland tea towels and MacLean stuff that we used to decorate the tent and the table. The clan book was super helpful. I had lots of people look up their names."

Thank You, Stacey, Stuart and Evelyn McLean for a job well done! Now it is your turn. Get out there and have fun sharing all things about Clan Maclean in your area!

Clan MacLean Announcements & Events

• UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS:

- June 10, 2023 – Carroll County Celtic Festival, Westminster, MD (carrollcountycelticfestival.com)
- June 17, 2023 – WV Wild & Wonderful Celtic Festival, Camp Pioneer, WV (wvcelticfestandgames.com)
- June 24-30, 2023 – Ohio Scottish Arts School, Berea, OH (ohioscottishartsschool.com)
- June 24-25, 2023 – Alaska Scottish Highland Games, Palmer, AK (alaskanscottish.org)
- July 15, 2023 – The Lairds Games, Albion, NY (buffaloheavies.webstarts.com)
- July 6-9, 2023 – Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC (gmhg.org)
- **June 19-23, 2023 – International Clan Gathering, Isle of Mull, Scotland** (www.maclean.org)
- **July 8, 2023 – Clan Maclean in the U.S. Gathering, GMHG, Linville, NC** (maclean.us.org)

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Presidential Ponderings

By Dr. Les McLean, CMAUS President

Greetings Macleans! Last weekend, I served as President of the Fair Hill Scottish Games in Fair Hill, Maryland. This was a great weekend with lots of people in attendance. It's obvious that people are coming back to the Games.

Our Highland Games season has started out with a bang with representation already at several games. Thank you, conveners, for all your work. Clan Maclean will continue to be at more games because of your willingness to convene. There are games during the summer where we need Maclean representation. Consider convening a game near you.

The Clan Maclean International Gathering will be held at Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull in Scotland June 19 – 25. Many of our

CMAUS cousins will be in attendance. I hope you run into each other and have a splendid time.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will be held at MacRae Meadows in Linville N.C. on Grandfather Mountain July 6 – 9. We Macleans are planning a busy weekend with a "Gathering at Grandfather." There will be lots of planned activities throughout the weekend to give those of us who can't attend the International Gathering an opportunity to celebrate our blessing of being a Maclean. Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Dan'l Boone Inn on Saturday, June 8. Looking forward to seeing lots of Macleans this year at Grandfather Mountain.

Until next time. "Another for Hector!"

Flowers of the Forest

Dorothy Grace Stanfield

October 17, 1921 - March 23, 2023

Lifetime member since 1976, Dorothy Grace Pearson Stanfield passed away March 23, 2023 at the age of 101 years and 5 months. Amongst her survivors are her nieces, lifetime members Shari and Debbie Pearson of Texas.

Lundy Allan Wantland

May 23, 1944 – January 2023

Roger L. "Jerry" McLean

May 18, 1943 - August 7, 2022

Raleigh, North Carolina - Roger L. "Jerry" McLean, 79, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022. His daughter, Jennifer McLean, is our current CMAUS Secretary.

Ann Bibb

December 23, 1930 – December 22, 2021

Dorothy Lucille (McClain) Heaster

June 10, 1924 - November 18, 2020

Dorothy Lucille (McClain) Heaster, 96, of Mapleton Depot, passed away Wednesday morning, November 18, 2020, at her residence. She had been in failing health.

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Scottish Naming Convention Reveals Family History – Part 2

By Douglas Lee McLean

In part one of this article I set the stage for how the traditional Scottish naming convention for naming children helped me identify some early family members and learn the given name of my 6x great grandmother, previously known only as a daughter of "the widow Dunlap". Here I discuss how application of the naming convention did that by looking at the given names of the grandchildren of her two known sons, Charles and Ephraim. In part three of this article I will discuss how the naming convention allowed me to confirm the identity of two of her daughters, previously unknown to my family.

We don't know from any direct evidence the namesakes of most of the 24 children of John's four known children, the first full

generation of the family to be born in America. However, because his children and their children generally adhered to the naming convention, and with some other evidence and reasonable inferences to be drawn therefrom, we can draw some conclusions and determine possibilities.

Both Charles and Ephraim named their first sons after the boys' grandfather, John McLean. Both departed from the naming convention in naming their second sons Ephraim, after Ephraim Moore, their mother's step-father who helped raise them after their parents died. (The maternal grandfather of one boy was William Howard, the maternal grandfather of the other was John Davidson.) Obviously, Ephraim and Elizabeth Davidson McLean

also didn't want to give their second son the same name as their first, but when the first son was killed by Indians in 1781 they named their next born son John Davidson McLean. Ephraim and Elizabeth also departed from the naming convention in naming their first daughter Margaret (the maternal grandmother was Jane), no doubt in memory of his mother who died when he was young, but they then named their second daughter Jane. Charles named his only known daughter Rebecca. To date I haven't been able to determine the name of her maternal grandmother. It may have been Rebecca.

The following shows the names of Charles and Ephraim's children and their namesakes:

| Name | Namesake |
|---|--|
| Charles & Susannah Howard McLean (m. 1760/1761): | |
| John (1761) | His paternal grandfather, John McLean. |
| Rebecca (c. 1764) | Her (unknown) maternal grandmother? |
| Ephraim, Rev. (1768) | His father's maternal step grandfather, Ephraim Moore. |
| Ephraim & Elizabeth Davidson McLean (m. 1761): * | |
| John (1761; d. 1780/1781) | His paternal grandfather, John McLean. |
| Margaret (1763) | Her paternal grandmother, Margaret Dunlap McLean. |
| Ephraim (1766) | His father's maternal step grandfather, Ephraim Moore. ** |
| George (1767) | Elizabeth's brother? King George, III?*** |
| Jane (1769) | Her maternal grandmother, Jane Davidson. |
| Charles (1771) | Ephraim's brother? |
| William (1773) | William Dunlap, Ephraim's maternal uncle & guardian? Elizabeth's brother? William McLean, Ephraim's uncle in Antrim? |
| Samuel (1775) | Elizabeth's brother, twin of William? |
| James (1777) | Elizabeth's brother, Maj. James Davidson? James McLean, Ephraim's uncle in Antrim? |
| Alney (1779) | ? |
| John Davidson (1781) | John Davidson, Elizabeth's father. |
| Robert Davidson (1783) | Elizabeth's uncle? |

* The children's names and years of birth are given as they are listed in the Ephraim McLean family bible, a reliable source for the children, their names and their birth sequence.

** If named for his father he probably would appear as "Ephraim, Jr." in the family bible. If named for his maternal uncle, Ephraim Davidson, he would have had the middle name of Davidson, as did his younger brothers, John and Robert.

*** In 1767 Charles and Ephraim, active in the colonial government of North Carolina, had not yet made the transition from loyalty to the crown to Whig sentiments and Independence.



Kids Corner

BY SCOTLAND IN THE CLASS

Highland Games For Kids

The Caber Toss

The Caber made from a long tree trunk that has been trimmed down so one end is slightly wider than the other. The caber is stood up for the thrower with the large end up. The thrower takes a short run with the caber holding it upright, then stops to push the caber so that the large end hits the ground and the small end flips over and faces away from the thrower. The goal is for the caber to land at 12:00 (like on a clock face)

You can try this at home with pool noodles for a safer and easier version!

The Haggis Hurl

The haggis hurl is when Haggis is thrown while standing on top of a whiskey barrel. Should the haggis burst upon hitting the ground it is immediately disqualified, because the haggis must be ready to eat after landing.

Try this with some ground meat or old meatloaf stuffed inside a rubber gloves tied off at the end. (outside of course!)



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Kids Corner

BY SCOTLAND IN THE CLASS

Scottish Tablet Recipe

BAD FOR YOUR TEETH, BUT YUMMY!

INGREDIENTS:

4 OZ BUTTER

2LB OF SUGAR

1 CUP OF MILK

1 TIN CONDENSED MILK

ADDITIONAL:

1 SAUCER OF COLD WATER

1 WELL-GREASED TIN



DIRECTIONS:

PUT BUTTER, SUGAR AND CUP OF MILK INTO A SAUCE PAN. SLOWLY BRING TO A BOIL UNTIL SUGAR IS MELTED. BOIL FOR APPROX 10 MINUTES STIRRING CONTINUOUSLY.

REMOVE FROM HEAT AND ADD THE TIN OF CONDENSED MILK. SLOWLY BRING BACK TO A BOIL UNTIL IT BUBBLES. BOIL FOR APPROX 20 MINUTES. TEST A DROP IN THE SAUCER OF WATER UNTIL IT FEELS LIKE A SOFT BALL.

REMOVE FROM HEAT - ADD A BIT OF BUTTER AND BEAT FOR A FEW MINUTES. POUR INTO THE WELL-GREASED TIN. LEAVE TO COOL.

NOTE: YOU MAY HAVE TO REDUCE THE HEAT UNDER THE PAN WHILE BOILING AT BOTH STAGES TO PREVENT THE TABLET BURNING.

International Gathering 2023 Set

By Jennifer McLean, CMAUS Secretary

For those Macleans fortunate enough to attend the Maclean International Gathering on the Isle of Mull, Scotland, the date is fast approaching --June 19-25, 2023.

The daily agenda of activities looks amazing with guided historic walks, lectures, numerous excursions, Scottish films, and whiskey tastings.

Toward the end of the week, Macleans can look forward to the Chief's Grand Ceilidh Concert, the main Clan Gathering at Duart Castle, the Grand Dance and the 'Kirkin o' the Tartan'. Indeed, an experience to remember.

Look for a recap of the International Gathering in the next newsletter.



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Another for Hector!

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

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

The Duart Appeal

The immense task of repairing and conserving Duart continues, despite a number of setbacks and challenges. All of the work on both the East and South Elevations was very hard for a small team of hard working dedicated craftspeople. We also faced a setback in grant funding from Historic Environment Scotland which reduced the amount of work possible in Phase 8. This work has, however, been able to continue due to the generosity of the Clan and determination of Sir Lachlan. The Castle has now been revealed with all the scaffolding removed from the Sound of Mull elevation, and everyone is enjoying how magnificent Duart now looks!

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

