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Bonnie Hampton, Betsy McLean, and Larry Hampton, former CMAUS Weapons Master.

The Bob Forsman Weapons Collection

By Connie McLean Sutton, CMAUS Treasurer

Bob Forsman was a past Vice President, Florida convener, and weapons master of Clan Gillean USA which is now Clan Maclean Association in the U.S. (CMAUS). Bob was an avid weapons collector and historian. When he passed away in 2012, he left in his will that a portion of his collection be left to CMAUS.

Larry Hampton, a veteran, member of the Scottish-American Military Society (SAMS), and a life member of CMAUS, took possession of the weapons and became the new weapons master. He created a notebook listing each weapon, its history, and its use. During this time, the weapons were displayed at many games around the southeastern U.S. (as far away as Colorado!) on the wooden rack Larry had built just for the weapons. In 2019, Larry turned the weapons over to the CMAUS current president, Dr. Leslie (Les) McLean.

Since 2019, our current president (serving in a dual role) has brought the weapons to many games. When all the weapons are displayed, the collection is quite impressive; the weapons are always a highlight at the Maclean tent.

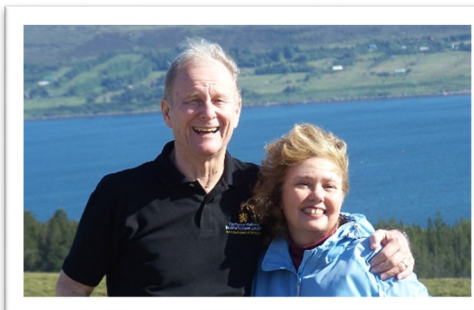


This month we welcome Joseph "Van" Shoemaker, life member of CMAUS, as our newest weapons master. Van is a veteran and retired police officer who is extremely interested in preserving and showing the weapons at games. Be on the lookout for the weapons at a future event!

Thank you to each weapons master for your dedication in all that is required in taking care of the weapons. Clan Maclean is honored to own the Bob Foresman weapons collection.

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Above: Bob and Kathleen Forsman in Scotland;
Right: Van Shoemaker, new CMAUS Weapons Master displaying the Bob Forsman collection.





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Hogmanay Recipes from Members

Cock-a-leekie Soup

Mama Pat McLean (Connie McLean Sutton and Betsy McLean's mother) made chicken soup and called it Cock-A-Leekie soup. Add chicken, onion, celery, carrots, salt, pepper, and seasonings to taste. Substitute rice for the barley or oats and of course add leeks!

Scotch Eggs

Soft boil 8 large eggs (6-7 minutes). Cool and peel the eggs in cold water.

Mix approx. 1 lb of ground sausage, season to taste (remove casings, can add haggis if so desired). Divide into 8 portions and cover each egg entirely in sausage.

Use eggwash and breadcrumbs to coat the sausage wrapped eggs, then fry in hot oil until sausage is cooked through.

Slice eggs in half lengthwise and serve with a nice mustard or haggis sauce.

Celebrating Hogmanay Dec 31!

By Jennifer McLean, CMAUS Secretary

Hogmanay, pronounced hog-ma-nay, is the Scottish word for the last day of the year and the celebration of the New Year. It is a festival that has a long history and many traditions, some dating back more than 200 years.

The true origin of Hogmanay is not known. One possible origin is the Norse and Gaelic observance of the winter solstice, which marked the end of the darkest days of winter and the beginning of a new cycle of seasons. Another possible origin is the French word "huginane", meaning "gala day", which may have been brought to Scotland by Mary, Queen of Scots, who returned from France in 1561. From wherever Hogmanay derived, the people of Scotland celebrate Hogmanay in various ways, depending on their region and tradition. Some common practices include:

First-footing: The practice of being the first person to cross the threshold of a friend or neighbor's house after midnight on New Year's Eve bringing symbolic gifts such as

coal, salt, bread, whisky, black bun (a rich fruit cake), shortbread, cock-a-leekie soup, steak pie, haggis and het pint. These gifts ensure good luck for the household in the coming year.

Fire festivals: These are events that involve bonfires, torches, fireworks, or other forms of fire to symbolize the power of the sun and the hope of a brighter future. Edinburgh will have their annual Hogmanay celebration on December 31, www.edinburghshogmanay.com.

Auld Lang Syne: This is a song that is sung at midnight on New Year's Eve. Based on a poem by the Scottish poet Robert Burns, the title means "old long since" or "times gone by" and the song expresses the sentiment of remembering and honoring old friends and times past. The song is popular not only in Scotland, but also in many other countries around the world.

This December 31 incorporate some of these traditions and customs into your celebrations. Happy Hogmanay!

Clan MacLean Announcements & Events

• UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS:

January 13-15, 2024 – Winter Celtic Festival, Havre de Grace, MD (www.hdgburnsgathering.org)

January 14-15, 2024 – Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, Winter Springs, FL (flascot.com)

February 3, 2024 – Sarasota Highland Games, Sarasota, FL (www.sarasotahighlandgames.com)

February 24, 2024 – Northeast Florida Scottish Games, Green Cove Springs, FL (www.neflgames.com)

March 1-3, 2024 – Phoenix Scottish Games, Gilbert, AZ (www.phoenixscottishgames.com)

March 2, 2024 – Southeast Florida Scottish Games & Highland Festival, Plantation, FL (www.sassf.org)

Contact Lead Convenor Mary Sue Wyatt (bummerms56@gmail.com) for information on convening games in your area

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Presidential Ponderings

By Dr. Les McLean, CMAUS President

The last few years been a strange, challenging experience. Although we have overcome the pandemic, prices have gone through the roof, while our incomes have remained stagnant. Politics have become vitriolic. Distrust permeates our daily lives. Hate dominates our headlines. Hope seems to have deserted us.

Yet, despite all this, our spirit remains strong. There is beauty all around us, we must simply discover it again. We just have to look past the mundane, and realize who we are. Thank God for our family and friends. Thank God, we are MacLeans!

As proud members of Clan MacLean, let us remember our heritage. We are known as

warriors who will not tolerate injustice and will fight to death to protect goodness, honor and freedom. We are known as poets who celebrate that which is beautiful and kind. Our spirit, cultivated by centuries of challenge, remains undaunted. We care, we commit. As for the future, we will not only survive, we will prosper despite the odds. We are invites. So, let us light a torch, not just a candle, and share the light of Hogmanay to welcome friends in and greet a new bright beginning.

May all of you MacLeans have a joyous, happy holiday season. Join hands and let us sing: Auld Lang Syne. See you at the games.

-Doc/Les McLean

2023 CMAUS Annual General Meeting Recap

By Jennifer McLean, CMAUS Secretary

The 2023 AGM was held via Zoom on September 13, 2023.

As of July 2023, there are 241 life members, 229 regular members, 13 associate and 9 honorary members which brings total membership to 492. It was voted that \$2,000 be donated to the Duart Restoration Fund for 2023.

Webmaster, Kane McLean and CMAUS Vice President, Jason Wamsley, continue adding content to the website which looks terrific after upgrades (mclean.us.org). In the last 12 months, there was a cumulative 20,687 visits to all Clan Maclean social media sites. This includes CMAUS web page, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.

Members who attended the Maclean International Gathering spoke on their experiences. Mary Sue Wyatt, Lead Convener, spoke on the convener kits.

The kits are working; they are going out to members to convene and the items are proving useful. With the success of the kits, there was discussion that additional kits be added as well as adding more material to each kit.

Les McLean, will turn the clan weapons over to new weapons master Van Shoemaker at the Richmond Games in November. All agreed that the display of Maclean weapons is always a hit at games.

Jennifer McLean, Secretary and Connie McLean Sutton, Treasurer were re-elected for another three-year term.

Jason Wamsley praised Kate Huling for all her wonderful work launching the Clan Maclean Instagram account in July. Kate is doing a great job as evidenced by the traffic numbers reported by by Kane McLean.

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Clan MacLean at Stone Mountain, GA and Salado Games, TX

By Doug and Mary Sue Wyatt, Lead Convener

If it is a beautiful fall day and the sound of bagpipes are everywhere, every plaid displayed, highland athletes and Scottish dancers competing, every vendor you know set up ready to go, and wee drams freely flowing, then it must be the third weekend in October at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Stone Mountain (Atlanta), GA.

The Stone Mountain Games, a premier highland game in the southeast United States, had 106 clans present for this year's event and upwards of over 40,000 people in attendance. A weekend full of Scottish

history, traditional highland games & athletics, dance, music, food, and family clans is as good as it gets!

Clan MacLean welcomed over 100 MacLeans from at least 49 different families visiting, laughing, and enjoying their time with us. Many of our visitors were searching out their MacLean heritage, history, and roots. As conveners, we answer questions and help people determine their connection to the Clan. Clan Maclean has a rich history; we want to share with all who stops by.



Mary McLean, Juli and Bonnie Rankin, Robert Rankin, Jr. and Robert Rankin, past president CMAUS convening at the 2023 Salado Games.

Welcome Kate Huling!



Kate Huling has recently accepted the job to maintain and run the Instagram account of Clan Maclean Association in the U.S. (CMAUS). "I was happy to be asked. I am hoping that this new position will give me the opportunity to do more outreach with people who want to learn more about both Clan Maclean and family history. Getting in touch with people via social media is an exciting thing," says Kate. "I want people to realize how rewarding it is to be a part of CMAUS. Making another presence on social media with Instagram is very exciting! You can find us on Instagram at [clanmaclean_us](#)"

Best Clan Tent at Charleston Games

By Doug and Mary Sue Wyatt, Lead Convener

All highland games have their own flavor and unique character of Scottish fun. The Charleston Scottish Games, held the first weekend in November, is one of the best. Held at Riverfront Park in North Charleston, SC (the old U.S. Naval Base), there is a feeling of history. As one of the oldest Scottish centers in the U.S. (First Scots Church in Charleston was formed in 1731), the Charleston Scottish Games is a packed weekend of fun Scottish immersion. There was a whisky tasting tent with 60 different whiskies, very close to the Maclean tent.

More than a dozen Maclean families as well as visitors stopped by the tent. We had a good time enjoying a few wee drams of our local Tobermory whisky, one of my favorite activities.

Awards were given at the end of the final day to the pipers, athletes, and the best clan tent. This year, Clan Maclean received the top honor as the best clan tent.



Doug and Mary Sue Wyatt, convening at the 2023 Stone Mountain Games, GA.



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Scottish Naming Convention Reveals Family History – Part 3

By Douglas Lee McLean

In the last two parts of this article I discussed how the traditional Scottish naming convention for children allowed me to determine the given name of my 6x great grandmother by applying it to the names her two known sons gave to their children. Here I discuss how it allowed me to confirm the identity of two of her previously unknown daughters and strengthen the evidence that her given name was Margaret.

James and Rebecca McLean Murray

Here we also have good information regarding the names of children, their birth sequence and the names of James Murray's parents, which when using the naming convention, allows us to determine both the name of Rebecca Murray's mother and confirm that indeed she is the daughter of John and Margaret McLean and the sister of Charles and Ephraim.

I found Rebecca McLean Murray in a published genealogy of the Murrys which provided no information about her family. She and James, both born or having parents born in Scotland, adhered even more closely to the Scottish naming convention than Charles and Ephraim did. The parents of James were William and Isabella Lindley Murray. The parents of Charles and Ephraim, as known to the family, were John and FNU Dunlap McLean. James and

Rebecca had six named children and, given their close spacing, there probably weren't any unknown children who were given names and died young. The birth sequence is: Margaret (1756), William (1759), Annie (1761), Rebecca (1763), Isabella (1765) and John (1768). (See Image Below)

Samuel and Jane McLean Bell

I found Jane McLean Bell in a 1752 marriage register kept by the itinerant Pennsylvania minister, John Casper Stoeber. Samuel and Jane McLean Bell were married two or three years before James and Rebecca, either in the same or an adjoining county. There were several Bell families in the Antrim Presbyterian congregation at the same time the McLean family were active members there. As Scots-Irish, Samuel and Jane also would have been familiar with the Scottish naming convention and, from limited information available at this time, appear to have adhered to it. (At this time I have only partial information regarding their children.) But some tentative conclusions can be drawn.

Samuel's parents were John and Elizabeth Fell Bell (source unknown). The father of Charles and Ephraim (Jane's suspected brothers) was John. An online source (its source unknown) gives three sons: Hugh, John and Samuel, Jr., which may or may not be their birth sequence. If it was, Samuel

and Jane adhered to the naming convention by naming the third born son after his father, and apparently, naming their second born son John, after his maternal grandfather: John McLean.

Back to the Widow Dunlap

Given the limited information regarding the birth sequence of John and Margaret's children, even assuming they adhered closely to the naming convention, we can't reliably determine the names of their grandparents by using it. However, even with that limitation we can get some tentative identifications.

As to Sara, Rebecca and Jane, we can say that Sara was born first (1716) but we have no information regarding the birth sequence of Rebecca and Jane. If Sara was the first named daughter, almost certain, and was named in conformity with the naming convention, as probable, her namesake would be her maternal grandmother, thus Sara Dunlap (the widow Dunlap). As subsequent daughters, either Rebecca or Jane would have been named for the paternal grandmother, showing John's mother's name to be either Rebecca or Jane. (John and Margaret's son Charles named his only known daughter Rebecca, which may or may not be a coincidence.)

Child	Namesake	Relationship to Child	How Determined
William (1759)	William Murray	Paternal Grandfather	Known
Isabella (1765)	Isabella Lindley Murray	Paternal Grandmother	Known
Rebecca (1763)	Rebecca McLean Murray	Mother	Known
John (1768)	John McLean	Maternal Grandfather	Confirmed
Margaret (1756)	Margaret Dunlap McLean	Maternal Grandmother	Deduced
Annie (1761)	(unknown)		



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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".



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