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MACMILLAN

CREST BADGE: A dexter and a sinister hand brandishing a two-handed sword, proper.
MOTTO: *Altius succurre disco*
(I learn to succour the distressed)
GAELIC NAME: MacGhille-Mhathair.

Message from the President

It was with much pleasure that I accepted the position of President of Clan Macmillan Society for the coming year. I hope that we can build on the enthusiasm and interest that was generated by the very successful visit of our Clan Chief, George Macmillan and his wife Jane last year. There are quite a number of personal ties uniting them with some members of our Australian clan. It bears repetition to say how much George and Jane enjoyed their visit, particularly meeting many of the younger generation. Needless to say they welcome visits to Finlaystone of those who wish to learn more of their heritage, particularly young ones who can use Finlaystone as a starting point for further travels in return for assistance in their beautiful garden. Two of our sons both benefited from their experiences.

We are indebted to our past President Elizabeth McMillan for her leadership over the past five years, and especially for the memorable day with George and Jane. We wish her every success in her business venture.

At the A.G.M. we had an interesting talk by Alex Glennie, Scottish family history librarian, on Genealogy. He spoke about the records that can be searched to obtain information about past family members who lived in Scotland and the difficulties encountered if the information is only partially complete. A visit to Braeside Family History Library is being arranged. I hope those interested in searching for past records will be able to attend. Particulars are detailed in the Newsletter.

Best wishes to you all. June Danks.

OUR A.G.M. HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 1998

Our President Libby McMillan was in Papua New Guinea on the 25th October but she had written a report and this was circulated to the nine members present.

As Libby is very involved with her family and a Management Consultancy business regrettably she feels she does not have the time to continue as President of the Clan Society.

Libby has been our President for five years. I would like to thank her personally, and on behalf of all our members for the tremendous job she has done. The time and effort she has given has been greatly appreciated. Her organizational skills in hosting the visit of George and Jane in 1997 were well to the fore, and anyone present that day would remember the excellent job she did. Thank you Libby.

I would like to welcome our new President June Danks and thank her for accepting the position. June is a Foundation member of the MacMillan Clan Society.

VISIT TO BRAESIDE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

Following on the very interesting talk by Alex Glennie at our A.G.M. this year we have received permission from the Director of the Library to visit on Friday 26th March 1999 from 10a.m. - 2.30p.m.

It is at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Springvale Road, near the corner of Governor Road, Mordialloc. Melway ref. Map 93, G1
Transport: By car or train to Edithvale Railway Station and taxi or a member arranged to meet you.

You can bring your own lunch and drink (please no tea, coffee or alcohol).

Alternatively, refreshments are available at Garden World cafe nearby.

Cost: There is no charge for the visit. The cost of any copies is as follows:

Photocopying 20¢ per page

Microfische print-out 50¢ per page

Computer print-out 10¢ per page.

We need at least 5 members to attend and no more than 15 in the group.

You will find a tear off slip at the bottom of page 7 of this Newsletter.

If you would like to attend please fill this slip in and return it to me.

Note: It is very important to bring ALL the information (June Senior Editor) about your ancestors, no matter how trivial.

SOCIETY FEES NOW DUE

As from October, subscription of \$10.00 is due for 1998/1999. It would be appreciated if this amount could be forwarded to Mrs. J Senior, 41 Lincoln Ave, GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150. There are still a few outstanding subscriptions due for 1997/1998. I will put a sticker on your newsletter if '97/98 has not been paid.

NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to three new members this quarter. Mrs Eileen McMillan of Newtown, Victoria - Mrs Shirley Etheridge of Brighton, Victoria and Kaye O'Reilly of Churchill, Victoria. We do hope you all enjoy our kinship and newsletters.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE GATHERINGS

It would be appreciated if members would let the Committee know what type of function they would enjoy. Would members prefer the A.G.M. to be held at a different time of the year? We are open to any suggestions you may have to try and arrange a function you would enjoy. Perhaps you would enjoy gathering at one of the many Highland Games venues. We do attend Ringwood Highland Games in March each year and some of our members come along to the MacMillan tent and say hello. Perhaps when you send your subscription you could let us have any ideas.

You may be interested in seeing the areas our members live. This shows the difficulty in all members getting together in the one place!

Melbourne and surrounds: 48 Country Victoria: 28 New South Wales: 10
Queensland 4 South Australia 2 A.C.T. 1 Temporarily Overseas 1.

CLAN MACMILLAN CENTRE

Margaret Poole of New Zealand is the Australian and New Zealand Trustee of the Clan Centre at Finlaystone, Scotland. Margaret has sent us a report of the meeting she attended in June this year.

The Clan Centre is struggling financially and a sub-committee has been formed to look into sponsorship and other fund raising.

Here in Australia we send \$3.00 per subscription to the Clan Centre to help with the day to day running costs. Any donations members send are added to this. We have not raised our annual subscription of \$10.00. If any members care to send a donation when they forward their annual subscription they will know that it is helping keep the Clan Centre open. Many of our members have visited Finlaystone over the last few years and to see the Clan Centre has been a highlight of their visit. George, Jane and Graeme, if available, give very freely of their time to show visitors around, to see all the work that has been done, and is still being done by these dedicated and gracious people.

FAMILY HISTORY

Allan McMillan wrote to say he recently sent away for old Scottish maps of last century from Mapworks, 184 Keilor Rd, North Essendon, Vic. 3041. (P.O.Box 109, Moonnee Ponds, Vic 3039) Tel/Fax 03 93797533. He thought other members may be interested. Ian Morden would tell you over the phone what map you will need if you supply a town or village name.

Allan has asked me if anyone has any information on publications about Corpach/Fort William/Blaich areas, or the parish of Kilmalie around the mid 1800's. Any information on Duncan and Christina (nee Stewart) McMillan, who were assisted immigrants on the Marco Polo in September 1852. They travelled on the same ship as a Ewan & Mary McMillan. Duncan and Christina had 4 children—James, Ewan, Christina and John, while Ewan and Mary had one son Ronald. They arrived in Melb. Allan who lives in Wagga Wagga N.S.W. is hoping someone can help with this query.

A VISIT TO FINLAYSTONE

Dianne Johnston of Horsham, Victoria recently visited Scotland. Here is her letter:

While staying in Beith, North Ayrshire I telephoned Graeme McKenzie and he suggested I arrive in time to have afternoon tea— at the close of the A.G.M. The friend with whom I was staying drove me to Finlaystone. Graeme took me to meet Clan Chief George who invited us to afternoon tea. Whilst we were waiting a wedding party arrived and posed for the photographer. All the men folk including the wee boys were in dress kilts, and the gardens were absolutely magnificent so the photos would be just perfect, I am sure.

Soon we were ushered inside and to my surprise it was Clan Chief George's 68th Birthday. So our afternoon tea was a birthday celebration and I hope to have a photo when I finish my film. I met Jane and other family and clan members. I felt quite honoured that I should have arrived on such an occasion.

I did not see all of the grounds or through the house as preparations were still taking place for the evening function. However I was able to see the Clan Centre and quite a long discussion with Graeme before we headed back to Beith.

Pleased to hear you had such a lovely visit to Finlaystone Dianne. J.S. Editor.

COMING EVENTS.

The Clan MacMillan Society of North America is holding an International Gathering "A Journey to Mississippi - 1799 - 1999 on August 12-22, Vicksburg, Mississippi, USA.

St. Andrews Day Service, Shrine of Remembrance,	22 November	1998
Daylesford Highland Gathering	5 December	1998
Maryborough Highland Gathering	1 January	1999
Maffra Gathering	6&7 February	1999 (note change of month)
Berwick Highland Gathering	21 February	1999
International Tattoo-Kooyong Tennis Centre	24-28 February	1999
Nunawading Highland Gathering	7 March	1999
Geelong Highland Gathering	21 March	1999
Scottish Week-Eastlands Shopping Centre	22-27 March	1999
Ringwood Highland Gathering	28 March	1999
MacLeod Goldfields Highland Gathering, Bendigo	28 April - 2 May	1999
Third Vic. Family History Conference, Y.M.C.A. Cata Centre, Elizabeth St., Melbourne.		



Assisted Immigration Listing at Public Records Office						McMILLANS	VPRS 7310 - Microfiche		
Christian Name	Age	County	Ship Name	Ship arrival Date	Fiche Ref # Book/Page	Occupation	M/F	By Whom Engaged Name	Address
John	1	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176		M		
John	1	Inverness	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/172		M		
John	7	Inverness	Blanche	20/11/1852	6/89		M		
John	55	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/158	Ag Lab	M	Own acct	Collingwood
John	32	Ayr	Persia	20/3/1854	9/406	Shepherd	M	On own acct	Geelong
John	19	Down	Marian Moor	15/2/1853	9/36	Ag Lab	M	R McCracken	Salt Water river
John	Infant	Inverness	Athlete	19/2/1855	12/41		M		
John	28	Argyle	Conway	15/9/1858	13/254	Labourer	M	on own acct	Kyneton
John	14	Argyle	Edward Johnston	3/9/1854	10/327		M	with father	Mosquito Plains
John	22	Isle of Isla	Miltiades	16/10/1852	7/32	Ag Lab	M	on own acct	Melbourne
John	23	Argyle	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/177		M	John Newton	Cape Nelson
Kate	35	Ross	Shalimar	11/11/1857	12/432		F		
Letitia	infant	Down	Marian Moor	15/2/1853	9/36		F		
Letitia	3	London De	Perfect	8/11/1840	2/227		F		
Margaret	24	Ayr	Persia	20/3/1854	9/406		F		
Margaret	2	Argyle	Ann Milne	1/1/1853	10/7		F		
Margaret	24	Sutherland	Cambodia	31/3/1852	8/58		F		
Margaret	30	Argyle	Conway	15/9/1858	13/261	Dom Serv	F	gone with Jane Prior to Bendigo	
Margaret	19	Midlothian	Hornet	23/10/1854	10/379	Dom Serv	F	Mr F Gray	Geelong
Margaret	21	Haddington	Matilda Atheling	1/4/1863	14/208	Cook	F		Geelong
Margaret	19	Argyleshire	Telegraph	23/7/1859	13/366	Gen Serv	F	Mrs Fraser	Argyle St. St Kilda
Margaret	1	Lanark	Utopia	25/1/1854	10/195		F		
Marianne	1	Inverness	Allison	8/2/1853	9/14		F		
Marjory	3	Inverness	Allison	8/2/1853	9/14		F		
Mary	47	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/158		F		
Mary	38	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176		F		
Mary	18	Down	Marian Moor	15/2/1853	9/36		F		
Mary	20	Down	Marian Moor	15/2/1853	9/36		F		
Mary	29	Argyle	Ann Milne	1/1/1853	10/7		F		
Mary	22	Inverness	Athlete	19/2/1855	12/41		F		
Mary	18	Forfar	Bankers Daughter	3/9/1853	10/143	Dom Serv	F	Mr A Williams	Corio Terrace
Mary	22	Ireland	Corona	23/2/1869	14/418	Serv	F	Mrs Rothnell	Clunes
Mary	22	Inverness	Derry Castle	21/1/1855	10/469	Dom Serv	F	with brother	Portland
Mary	33	Argyle	Edward Johnston	3/9/1854	10/323		F		

Some errors due to handwriting

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Mary	8	Argyle	Edward Johnston	3/9/1854	10/323			F			
Mary	15	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/162		Nursemaid	F	Gone with uncle		Arch McMillan, Little Brighton
Mary	19	Inverness	Tudor	9/5/1864	14/298		Gen Serv	F	Gone with Messrs Martin & Co		
Mary	25	Inverness	Wanata	4/10/1852	7/21		Dom Serv	F	not stated		
Mary	6	Inverness	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/172			F			
Nathaniel	14	Down	Confiance	12/4/1853	10/93		Ag Lab	M			
Owen	22	Argyle	Ann Milne	1/1/1853	10/8		Ag Lab	M	On own acct.		
Ronald	12	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176			M			
Samuel	39	London De	Perfect	8/11/1840	2/227		Farm Serv	M	Mr Watson		Melbourne
Samuel	27	Inverness	Andromache	8/11/1848	4/123&133		Shepherd	M	R Anderson		Geelong
Sarah	32	Argyle	Matilda Atheling	1/4/1853	14/208		Gen Serv	F	gone to uncle		John McIntyre, Lethbridge
Sarah	28	Down	Atlanta	9/6/1858	13/215		Gen Serv	F			
Thomas	8	London De	Perfect	3/11/1840	2/227			M			
William	5	Surrey	Bombay	14/12/1852	7/91			M			
William	1	Down	Atlanta	9/6/1858	13/215			M			

We are indebted to Kay Morris of Sydney for supplying the above shippings lists. The first two pages appeared in the July 1998 newsletter.

SOME SCOTTISH HUMOUR

Jean McMillan has sent me the following stories to amuse you:


The first one combines the Scottish characteristics of reticence and understatement-

Two brothers worked a croft together. One day the younger went out into the world. After twelve years he was back again. The elder brother asked "Whar are thoo been?" The brother replied "Oot!"

The Scots are a very generous nation but like to portray themselves as mean. A Scotsman, an Englishman and an Australian were in a bar, and had just started on a round of drinks when a fly landed in each glass of beer. The Englishman took his out on the blade of his Swiss army knife. The Australian blew his away in a cloud of froth. The Scotsman lifted his fly up carefully by the wings and held it over his glass. "Go on, spit it out, ye wee devil".

"Why do pipers march when they play?"
"A moving target is harder to hit".

A Canadian officer, pinned down with his target in Italy in 1944, urgently signalled his C.O.-"Need reinforcements to rescue us. Please send six tanks or one piper.



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Dear Guests,

We thought it was time to say "Hello" and let you know what we have been doing to improve our property for you. We would also like to tell you about the new places to visit, fishing trips, cruises etc. and places to dine during your stay in Metung.

Our guests repeatedly tell us that our village is "like good wine - it improves with age", and many have said "that in all their travels, our property is unique". We have worked hard at protecting your privacy and know how work and social life can leave you totally drained. This is when you should pack up and come to McMillans of Metung. Your cottage has been totally revamped and "done over" with new bathrooms (with baths in some) and heat lamps. We still have our Sanderson sheets and fluffy towels, reverse cycle air conditioning, instantly making your holiday home as cool in summer and as hot in winter as you like it. Video players also available. Another service available is supplying home made pies and casseroles if required.

If you would like to be more active, you will really enjoy our eight acres of manicured lawns and gardens, the wildlife lagoon, and catching fish from our village jetty. Have a game of tennis, hit some balls at our golf driving range, and have a swim in our year round 26 degree heated pools after a work out in the gym.

Yes, we still have our guests up to our old family homestead "Buriida" for drinks. I'll take you for a run in the boat, and your morning paper is still delivered with note & lavender spray. By the way, the daily quote still appears on the village notice board.

For dining out, Metung has two excellent licenced restaurants "Morcombs" and "The Mediterranae" and "The little Mariners" is an excellent and popular B.Y.O. The Metung pub is still here and new eating spots are "Bankers" in Bairnsdale, "Henrys" at Wyanga Park Winery at Lakes and "Applespice" in Bruthen. All great!

There are now three cruises leaving from Metung and "Mulloway" fishing trips from Lakes. Enjoy some time with us and visit some local galleries, wineries, wildlife and fun parks, play golf, horseriding or experience whitewater rafting.

We look forward to seeing you again and to looking after you at McMillans.

With kind regards, John and Kaye.

I recently asked John and Kaye to let me have more information on their Holiday Village at Metung. I received the above -handwritten on their attractive letterhead. As space did not allow me to reprint the two handwritten pages I have typed it for you all to see how their guests are pampered when they visit their Holiday Village at Metung.

June Senior- Editor.

FAMILY ROOTS - IAN & GLENDA RUSSELL'S VISIT TO IRELAND & SCOTLAND

When Ian told me he and Glenda (nee McMillan) were going overseas I asked him if he would tell us about their trip. Thank you Ian for the following:

"We flew to Belfast, collected our rental car and drove to Dublin, not wishing to spend time in the former troubled city. An enjoyable few days were spent there taking in places of historic interest particularly Trinity College and viewing the "Book of Kells".

Our travels through the south of Ireland were wonderful in terms of the beautiful scenery as we travelled to Waterford, Cork (kissed the Blarney Stone), Clonakilty (Dromberg Stone Circle circa 100 BC) along roads skirted with brilliant red fuschia hedges. Our route to Kenmare, around the "Ring of Kerry" and the Dingle Peninsula was through breathtaking coastal scenery and emerald green countryside, to Tralee, Limerick, where my maternal forebears lived, was rewarding in that, with the aid of regional Genealogical centre, I located and visited the place Cahercorney where my forebears had lived and worked.

On to County Clare and the magnificent "Cliffs of Moher", Galway, the Connemara National Park and Carremore Megalithic Cemetery (circa 2500 BC) in County Sligo. Donegal and the Fanad Peninsula, bordering the Atlantic has stunning beauty; rugged cliffs abound and wide sandy beaches.



Travelling east along the northern coastline of Antrim we visited the "Giants Causeway" stepped vertical hexagonal columns of stone, pounded by heavy seas.

On to Bushmills, site of the famous Irish Whiskey distillery (est. 1608) where we sampled the "Aqua Vitae".

We left this beautiful country and its people by car ferry at Larne for Cairnryan in Scotland.

Our travel northward along the Scottish coast was rewarded with beautiful rugged scenery prior to our destination "Finlaystone" the Clan MacMillan seat at Langbank near Glasgow. It was late in the afternoon when we arrived but we were fortunate in that Graeme McKenzie, the researcher, was present and kindly showed us around the Clan Centre and the memorial garden. We met Jane MacMillan, wife of Clan Chief George, who spoke warmly of their recent visit to Australia. Fortunately the sun was shining and Finlaystone House, in its setting of sweeping lawns, has provided a lovely photo reminder of the "MacMillan root" to Glenda's family tree.

Our travels subsequently took us to the Isle of Mull and Iona and then to Skye. The visit to Dunvegan Castle was important being the seat of the McLeod's (my paternal grandmother's family). We also visited Idrigil on Skye where Glenda's grandmother (a McKenzie) was born.

The final leg of our journey from Skye was through Spea Bridge, Aviemore, Dufftown, Huntly to Aberdeen. A pleasant few days was spent there with relatives (McLeods) whom we "discovered" in 1978 at Helmsdale on the east coast south of John O Grouts.

In all it was a rewarding, enjoyable three thousand kilometres journey through beautiful countries and meeting warm, friendly people all the way.

I am sure all our members will enjoy hearing of Ian and Glenda's wonderful journey through Ireland and Scotland finding family roots along the way.

June Senior Editor.

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Please return this acceptance slip to: Mrs J Senior, 41 Lincoln Ave., Glen Waverley Vic. 3150 if you would like to attend this visit. Details on Page 2 of time and location.

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Address ----- Phone No: -----

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