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MACMILLAN

CREST BADGE: A dexter and a sinister hand brandishing a two-handed sword, proper.
MOTTO: Miseris succurrere disco
(I learn to succour the distressed)
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This is the third newsletter for the Centenary year of Federation. It has been an important time in that we have been reminded of the feats of the pioneers of our community. The organisers of the Centenary celebrations felt that there needed to be a united front for the descendants of migrants from Scotland. So although there existed the Council of Clans which represented the Clan Societies, a new organisation was formed, viz. The Scots of Victoria which included pipe bands, dancing groups, gaelic choir, and so on, as well as the Societies. This was a total of 155 groups just in Victoria. This will be useful in the future when our opinion needs to be heard.

At the AGM in October we were fortunate to be given a most informative talk by Lyn Thorn who spoke on the "Irish Genealogy from the Clan MacMillan perspective" and informed us of the records kept by the Australian Institute of Genealogy in Blackburn. Hopefully these may help some of us find our forebears! Also Kaye O'Reilly has new material which should prove useful to members with Scottish background. (see Page 6)

The first part of the work of the archivist of the Clan MacMillan Centre, Finlaystone, Graeme Mackenzie, has just been received. The title is "The Origins & Early History of the MACMILLANS & Related Kindreds". This in-depth work represents many years of study and dedication to uncover records and place them in order. Copies of his thesis are available. Our Society contributes to this research at the Clan Centre and additional contributions are always welcomed.

As there are a number of our members in the Geelong area we are planning a picnic sometime in February. Discussions are taking place and details will be known soon.

Finally we would like to know what you think about our Society. We value your suggestions, so keep in touch. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

June Danks.

A.G.M. & GET TOGETHER 7TH OCTOBER 2001

I would like to thank the six members who attended our A.G.M. in October, 2001. We received many apologies from members unable to attend.

We hire the United Kingdom Settlers Association's rooms in South Yarra because it is a central location for our members.

We were fortunate to have as our Guest Speaker Mrs Lynette Thorn from the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc. Blackburn. Lynette spoke on the "Irish Genealogy from a Clan MacMillan Perspective". She also answered many questions from members present. We would like to thank Lynette for her research and giving her time to spend with us. It was greatly appreciated.....Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE

It is always a great pleasure to me to receive your letters when renewing your subscriptions.

Allan McMillan sent me a copy of "Eagle Eye" December 2000, the Cowra Family History Group Inc. newsletter which devoted 4½ pages to the reunion of the descendants of James and Jessie McMillan-Allan and Shirley Clark organised the gathering. Congratulations Allan and Shirley on having over 100 direct descendants attend.

Congratulations (belatedly) to Erna and Ray Wright of Dimboola who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary earlier this year. A very special occasion shared with their family.

Ian and Anne McMillan of Glen Waverley have recently returned from "Around the World in 100 Days". They had a wonderful trip and I am looking forward to hearing more when we meet up with them.

Ian Macmillan who enclosed some family history (which appears below) and also news of his family. Best wishes Ian.

John & Karin Bell wrote of their trip to Scotland (see below).

Bob McMillan-Kay keeps in touch. Bob was newsletter editor from 1983 till December 1990 when he and his family moved to Maleny, Q'd. Also letters from Betty Mau and Faye Ryan who always keep in touch. Many others write and I do enjoy hearing news of you and your family.

FAMILY HISTORY

Ian Macmillan of Mt. Waverley sent me the following information:

My Father was William Patrick Macmillan, who had a twin brother Hugh, and two sisters Isabel & Jean. His father was Hugh, a ship model builder in Greenock, who married Isabel Patrick. My father's twin brother Hugh emigrated to America, lived some time in Philadelphia, and had two daughters, names and whereabouts unknown. Jean married Reg. Masters, lived in Portsmouth, had a son Percy who is unmarried, a daughter Patricia who had several sons, and unfortunately passed away at quite a young age. Isabel was a nursing sister who died without children.

My father emigrated to Australia in 1948 with my mother Kathleen (nee Savage) and myself (born 1935) as the only child. After 40 years in Australia, my parents returned to Britain where my father died at the age of 89 and is buried in Portsmouth near his sister Jean. My mother passed away a few years later and is buried in Oxford with other members of her family.

John Bell writes: We spent 10 days in the Border country. Found two family houses, 1855 and 1811 at Allenheads and Greenends (near Alston) Great, but a strange feeling to actually go inside where my ancestors lived. Also found and went inside the Church at Kirkoswald where John Bell and Margaret Dixon were married in 1764. It appears that my family comes from further north in Annan. Found the border people to be wonderful and the soft accent was a delight to hear..Thanks John.

PICNIC AT GEELONG SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2002

We have eight members in the Geelong area so the Committee decided it would be a nice idea to have a picnic at Eastern Park, Geelong. Our Secretary Myrna and member Ken McMillan have been busy making arrangements. Saturday, 23rd February 2002 at 12 noon is the date chosen and ALL members are invited. It is a B.Y.O picnic so bring your lunch and beverages, and anything else you may need. Eastern Park is next to the Geelong Botanical Gardens and close to Eastern Beach Reserve and the swimming enclosure so ideal for everyone.

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We will meet at the Picnic Shelter & B.B.Q. area as shown on maps. If anyone has a query about the above information please contact one of the committee shown on page 1 either by phone, fax or email. It would be lovely if we have members attend in a nice relaxed atmosphere.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your subscription of \$15.00 is now due for 2001/2002. **Please take a moment NOW** and mail it to the Treasurer, June Senior, 41 Lincoln Ave, Glen Waverley, Vic 3150. Prompt payment makes the job so much easier..Treasurer.

GEELONG HIGHLAND GAMES

We have arranged to have a clan tent at the Geelong Highland Games on Sunday, 17th March 2002. This will be the first time we have participated at Geelong and I would like to thank Ken MacMillan for arranging our Clan tent. Please make a diary note and we hope you will be able to visit us at the MacMillan Clan tent on that date.

RINGWOOD HIGHLAND GAMES

We will be attending the Ringwood Highland Games on Sunday, 24th March 2002, to be held at Jubilee Park, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood. Please make a diary note - we'd love to see you and say hello.

NEWS FROM THE CLAN CENTRE

I received my copy of the Clan MacMillan International newsletter No.16, June 2001. Plans are well in hand for "The Great Return 2002" to mark the bicentenary of the great emigration from Loch Arkaigside to Ontario in July 1802. An International Gathering of Clan MacMillan will be held at Fort William in Lochaber and Greenock in Strathclyde 29 June-9 July 2002. All Clan MacMillans members are welcome to attend this historic occasion.

Our Clan Chief George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap, his wife Jane and Graeme Mackenzie visited Bethlehem in U.S.A. to attend a miniature Scottish festival in May 2001.

In August George, Jane and Graeme were to attend the North American Society's International Gathering in the Atlantic Maritime Provinces of Canada.

I have received my copy of Graeme Mackenzie's first book "The Origins and Early History of THE MACMILLANS AND RELATED KINDREDS". This book is available from the Clan Centre. Anyone interested could contact me and I can give them more detailsJune Senior.

Thank you to our New Zealand friends for their newsletter-also the Pacific Branch, California, U.S.A. who exchange newsletters with us. On the home front we thank other Clans for sending their newsletters.

St Andrew

A Man of Many Lands

The following is an address given by the Reverend Barrie MacCuish, also Chaplain to Clan Donald - Auckland, at a morning service on Sunday the 26th of November 2000.

Four years ago I was in Greece and coming down from a visit to Delfi I arrived at the ancient seaport town of Patras. There in Patras was a fairly modern Greek Orthodox Cathedral. It was beautiful inside with all the Mosaics and Icons together with portraits of the Saints swirling across the ceiling and gazing on all the worshippers below.

In one corner of the Cathedral there was a beautiful little marble shrine about six feet high and five feet wide. In it there appeared to be a human head sheathed in a gold face mask. Men, Women and Children, obviously deeply moved by it, were coming up to it and reverently kneeling, bowing and crossing themselves.

I found, it was alleged, to be the head of St Andrew. In 1964 Pope John Paul went to Patras and as a mark of goodwill handed over, or rather, returned to the Greek Church this relic of St Andrew. Why? Why Patras? How much do we know about Andrew? Not much in fact, but enough to give us some understanding of a very unusual man.

In the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke he is mentioned only in the lists of the twelve apostles and only marked as being Simon Peters brother. Nothing else about him at all. But in Johns gospel we find out much more about Andrew than the simple fact he was in the shadow of his more dynamic and better known brother.

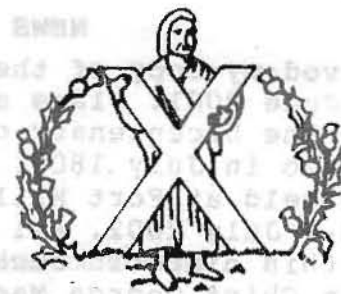
We are told he was at first a follower of John the Baptist, that he was a fisherman and that he had the honour of being called by Jesus as his first follower. In fact the Greeks called Andrew the "Protokletos" which means "the first called". Andrew obeyed and immediately went to his brother and shared with him the greatest discovery he had ever made. Peter came also and became the chief and leader of the apostles and one of the inner circle within the twelve, made up of Peter, James and John himself. It would have been no surprise if Andrew had felt some resentment about this. There is no indication he ever did. He seems a person of deep faith and humility.

There are three occasions when Andrew emerges from obscurity in John's gospel and the significant thing is, that each time he is shown introducing to Jesus. The first of course is the introducing and bringing of Peter himself. The second is when Andrew brings to Jesus a young lad with five loaves and two fish at a time when they are concerned about the feeding of a multitude. The third is when some

Greeks had heard about Jesus and wished to meet him. It was Andrew who brought them and did the introductions, in doing so he seems to have known the mind of his Master, better than brother Peter did. For it was long after the death of Jesus, before Peter realised that contact with the Gentiles was not contaminating and could be allowed. Andrew and Jesus knew this and acted on it years before.

There is nothing more in the Gospels about Andrew but we are left with memories of a faithful, insightful man. We are however, left with a number of traditions that tell us more. Like the other disciples, Andrew went his own way. He found himself in Southern Russia, then sunk in barbarism. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Russia. He then went to Greece, he healed, preached, converted, but in the town of Patras he met his end. He was crucified on an X shaped cross. Nailed to it, bound to it, then left to die of hunger and thirst. So he became also, the Patron Saint of Greece.

In the Eighth century some relics, portions of his body were taken by a monk (so the story goes) to Scotland landing on the east coast at a place now called St Andrews. Scotland at that time was ruled by a King Hungus. It was on the eve of an important battle with Athelstan, King of the English. Hungus had, had a dream in which Andrew appeared to him, promised him a victory and told him to look for a sign in the sky. The next day, in a clear blue sky clouds formed a great X. The Scots advanced into battle crying 'St Andrew, St Andrew'. They won their battle and Andrew, became Scotland's Patron Saint and the Saltire their Flag.



This article appeared in the Clan MacMillan Society of N.Z.'s newsletter in October 2001.

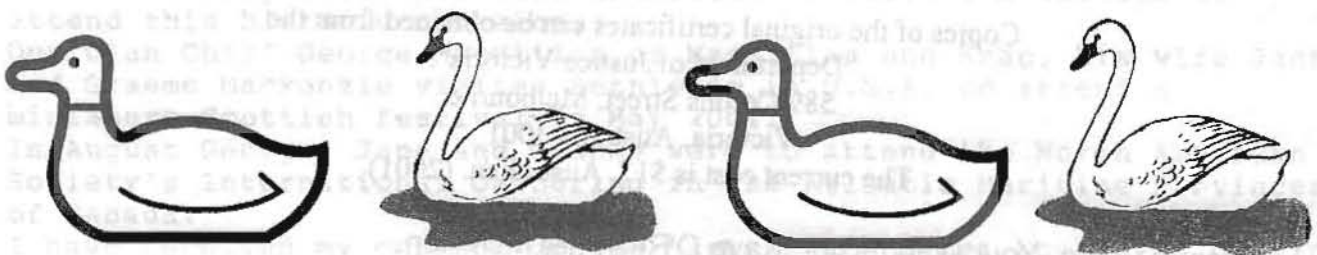
FRIENDS

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service. Where they had been on vacation. And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band he could see in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days and weeks passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

EPILOGUE... There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel right just count all of the things you have than money can't buy. "Today is a gift, that's why it is called the present"



We thank the Morrison Clan for this article from their "Driftwood Digest"

WEB NEWS

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Updates on the Australian Clan MacMillan Web Site
November 2001

New Index's:

McMillan's in the DEATH INDEX, Victoria, Australia 1921 to 1985.

McMillan's in the NECROPOLIS, Springvale, Victoria, Australia to 1987.

McMillan's in the MELBOURNE General Cemetery to 1987.

I have been busy this month entering McMillan's from the Victorian Death Index, 1921-1985. There are MacMillan, McMillen, McMillin and McMullen names as well as McMillan's who number well over 900 entries. You can access them through the Index Page or

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~kayemac/deathmac.html>

One of the reasons for putting up this Website is to assist fellow members in making connections with others researching their family. One of the ways we can do this is to link your e-mail address to names on any of our index's. If you would like to have a link added *to your e-mail address*, on any entries in our databases, please e-mail me with your details and it can be done. On any entry you see that is underlined just roll your cursor over and click on the entry for a "New Mail Message" screen that will go to someone researching that name.

Research Help:

We hope you will take advantage of our offer to do lookups. Due to the kindness of one of our members I now have all the available *Victorian*, Birth, Death and Marriage CD's on my desk.

I am happy to do lookups for you. Just e-mail: macore@i-o.net.au with your request.

The Index's:

The Australian Vital Records include the Pioneer Index's covering Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales and Western Australia.

Victoria only:

The Federation Index, 1889 - 1901

The Edwardian Index, 1902 - 1913

The Great War Index, 1913-1914

The Death Index, 1921 - 1985

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The current cost is \$17, Australian. (2001)

Happy Surfing, Your Webmaster, Kaye O'Reilly nee McMillan.

McMILLAN's buried in Cemetery's in North West Victoria

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<http://members.datafast.net.au/marrtronics/CEMINDEX.HTML>

Branxholme Cemetery

Located on the Hamilton side of Branxholme along the Glenelg Highway.

Contact Trust Secretary: Mrs. J. Donaldson, McNichol St., Branxholme, Vic., 3302 (03) 5578-6271

Name, Date of birth, Date of Death, Age,
(Comments)

McMILLAN, Annie, d. 3 Nov 1951

McMILLAN, Archibald John, Abt. 1872, 20 Dec 1957, 85y.
(Hus of Isabella; mthr of Isabel, Alice & Sandy)

McMILLAN, Euphemia, Abt. 1850, 11 May 1932, 82y.

McMILLAN, Hugh,, 24 Mar 1879,
(Hus of Mary; fthr of Janet, E. & A. McMILLAN)

McMILLAN, Isabel "Auntie Isie", 1898, 1998, 100y.
(Dghtr of Archibald & Isabella)

McMILLAN, Isabella Carmichael, 59y.
(Wife of Archibald ; fthr of Isabel, Alice & Sandy)

McMILLAN, Janet.

McMILLAN, Mary, d. 7 Mar 1876
(Wife of Hugh; mthr of Janet, E. & A. McMILLAN.)

McMILLAN, Olive May, Abt. 1903, , 7 Jul 1986, 83y.

McMILLAN, Rovendon James, Abt. 1899, 20 Dec 1975, 76y.

Dartmoor Cemetery

Located approx. 2km. west of the main intersection leading to Dartmoor.

Contact Trust Secretary: Mr. J. Emerson, "Alva Heath", Box 21, Dartmoor, Vic., 3304 (03) 5528-1290

McMILLAN, Edna Keziah, 6 May 1937, 3 Apr 1990, 52y.
(Wife of Allan; mthr of Wendy, Derek, Kay, Fiona & Megan.)

Hexham Cemetery

The site is located 1.9km. east of the Hotel, on the south side of the Mortlake - Penshurst Road.

Contact Trust Secretary: Mr. K. L. Jubb, P.O. Box 17, Hexham, Vic., 3273 (03) 5599-7234

McMILLAN, Donald,, 7 Nov 1913,, Son of Isabella

McMILLAN, Isabella, Abt. 1800, 12 Jan 1895, 95y.
Mthr of Donald



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