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CREST BADGE: *A dexter and a sinister hand brandishing a two-handed sword, proper.*

MOTTO: *Miseris succurrere disco*
(I learn to succour the distressed).

GAELIC NAME: *MacGhille-Mhaolain.*

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A.G.M. AND ANNUAL GET TOGETHER

Our A.G.M. will be held on Sunday 12th October 2003 at the E.S.U and United Kingdom Settlers Assn's rooms at 146 West Toorak Road Sth Yarra. 12.30p.m.- 4p.m. Bring your lunch and meet Clan members.



Members enjoying the picnic at Geelong, February 2003

Clan MacMillan International Centre



We had a news update in May '03 from Pauline at the Clan MacMillan International Centre. Over the months since the Great Return 2002 there have been a lot of visitors to the Centre. 17 from Australia, 1 – New Zealand, 21 – U. S. A., 4 – Canada and 14 from Great Britain. Our Clan Chief George and his wife Jane will be attending the North American Clan MacMillan Society Gathering in New York in August 11 – 17th.

We received a copy of the North American Newsletter recently. John B. McMillan, Editor, had included a photo of June Danks and June Senior, taken when John's wife Blanche visited us last October whilst in Australia visiting their son and daughter-in-law. On page 8 you will see a photo of June Danks and Blanche McMillan taken at the same time.

New Member

We are very pleased to welcome Duncan McMillan from Florey A.C.T. to our Clan Society. We do hope you will enjoy our kinship and newsletters Duncan.

Voyage to Australia 1851-1852 (Continued on pages 5 & 6)

We continue the voyage to Australia by Lorraine Humphrey's Great Great Grandparents, Alexander and Margaret McMillan, who sailed from Plymouth 4th December 1851.

Scotland Holiday

In contrast to the voyage above, Ian and Anne McMillan had a lovely trip overseas. Ian has kindly written an account of their time in Scotland. Ian hopes this may help other members planning their first trip there. For those who have been, it will bring back lots of lovely memories. If you have not been to Scotland, it will be interesting to read of the places they visited. Part 2 will be in the November 2003 issue.

Correspondence

Thank you to members who have sent letters when renewing their subscription. It is always lovely to hear from you. Please note I now have an email address (on page 1) if anyone has a need to contact me. June Senior.

Enid Green saw the name Bill Schrank in our last newsletter. Bill is Secretary of the Victorian Scottish Union and also Secretary of Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group. It appears Enid had been trying to trace the Schrank family for some years without success. After phone calls between Enid, myself and Bill they were able to talk to each other and find out the family connection. It is happenings like that, that give me so much pleasure, when people find a link they have been searching for. For such a small group as ours it has been quite amazing for some of our members to find connections to their family tree within the Clan Society.

Subscriptions

There will be a reminder with this newsletter if you have not yet paid your subscription for 2002/2003 as this will be the last newsletter for the financial year. Thank you if you have already paid. Only 13 subscriptions remain outstanding. June Senior Treasurer.

Our trip to Scotland by Anne and Ian McMillan.

We travelled by car from Colchester, England to Scotland with Anne's cousin Ray and his wife Yvonne. The first night we stayed at a very nice B&B "Rob Roy" at Berwick Upon Tweed, just south of the scottish border, and then next day drove to Edinburgh.

There we were in the land of scotch mists, haggis, lochs, whisky, castles and bagpipes. Yes we were finally there in Scotland.

The Tattoo was really good, it was a great spectacular. It had rained for most of the afternoon and when we arrived at the castle for the second show on the Saturday night, it could hardly be seen as it was shrouded in mist. The mist did lift a little but it gave the whole area a magical feeling.

Ian did enjoy the massed band displays and seeing the members of the Rats of Tobruk Pipe Band from Melbourne which included members of Hawthorn City Pipe Band of which Ian is a piper.

The small size and the extent of the slope of the parade area are not evident by viewing the tattoo on TV.

After watching it on TV for many years it was great to actually be there.

The weather changed and it was very pleasant, not too hot and certainly not cold.

Ian had the pleasure of seeing Gleneagles Golf Course, they were busy preparing for the Scottish PGA which started that day. We also had the pleasure of having morning tea in the Gleneagles Hotel, it was very civilised.

Then we drove to the Glen Turret Distillery and had a tour of their operations and finished off with a wee dram.

One of the most important things that we did the first week was to learn about whisky. We visited a Whisky Information Centre in Edinburgh where we learned all about the production and differences of types of whisky. Needless to say we had to try some as well and are now keen to keep trying and enjoying whisky.

We did different day trips out and about Edinburgh, as well as coming into the city to see all the tourist sights.

Every second shop around Edinburgh seemed to be a kiltmaker.

With a surname of McMillan we felt very much at home.

One day we drove to the village of Culross which was a small quiet place with some interesting historical buildings. This included an abbey which was still in use which had so many fresh flowers – it created a beautiful atmosphere.

Later that day we drove to Stirling which is quite a large city and toured Stirling Castle.

Did a guided tour and the guide was short and had a broad accent and such a loud booming voice and was very entertaining. There was a lot of history attached to that castle.

Next day we walked part of the way up to Arthur's Seat (yes they have one over there also) and had excellent views out over Edinburgh.

Then we took a tour around Holyrood House, one of the Royal Family's residences.

The next day we walked up to Edinburgh Castle and around the castle for a couple of hours. Where it is located makes it so picturesque.

We caught a bus out to Leith where the Royal Yacht Britannia is now moored there as a tourist attraction. The tour of the ship was very well done and very informative. We unintentionally met up with a member of Ian's band and a piper from the Rats of Tobruk Pipe Band.

One day we drove to the Clan McMillan Centre which is on the River Clyde just west of the centre of Glasgow.

We had rung earlier so they knew there would be McMillan's visiting from overseas. Our Chief of Clan McMillan George McMillan was so pleased to meet us and to show us around the centre and also the gardens of their estate. Also met Pauline, who also was most hospitable and who works in the centre.

They are so happy to meet other McMillan's from around the world.

Picked up our rental car next morning and found we had been upgraded twice and were given a VW Golf. That night was also the last night of the Tattoo and therefore we saw the TV show of the Tattoo and picked out several of the members of the Rats of Tobruk Pipe Band.

Next day we left Edinburgh, after saying farewell to Yvonne and Ray, we took the high road and they took the low road back to Colchester.

Had a great time in Edinburgh and surrounding areas and we are most grateful to Yvonne and Ray for their company, driving us up there and around to various places.

Stayed at a great little B and B in a little village on Loch Lomond that night, it was run by a lady named (ANNE), the street number was (29) and on Loch (LOMOND). We live at 29 Lomond Drive, Glen Waverley Victoria.

Went for a cruise on the Loch to another little village called Luss, apparently it is used to film a TV series over there but we have never heard of it in Australia. The scenery was spectacular, there were many boats out as well. Finally got to have porridge for breakfast that morning, as well as smoked salmon with our scrambled eggs.

Next day we drove along one side of Loch Lomond and around several other lochs, it was so picturesque in that area. Arrived in Oban, quite a large village which is also a major departure point for the local ferries, there certainly was a lot of people around.

That night we booked into a B and B called Strathnaver Guest House, the reason why we chose that was because the name of the ship that Anne came to Australia on was the Strathnaver. They even had a display about the Ship in the Dining Room. Our room had a view out over the harbour.

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12th Another Yankee whaler came along side of us, it is a nice sight to see these vessels, with two men on each mast looking out for whales, in the evening two large monsters, called Blackfish was seen for some time rolling by the ship side, and at night plenty lightning, And the heaviest rain I ever saw.

13th The chief Mate of the last mentioned vessel boarded us, with five or six men, And was nicely entertained by our Captain and Crew, to day the first fish was Caught, Called Albicor it resembles a horse Mackerel at home but very big perhaps 20 pounds weight.

14th last night was born a young Daughter not above six inches long the mother was very ill for some weeks back, the Parents are English.

A young Shark was caught to day they are the same shape as our dogfish at home, this one was only 5 feet long.

One of the Sailors threw down the fore hatch three buckets of dirty water on some of the young men and the Schoolmaster as they were practising church music, the Doctor himself happening to pass at the time got a share of it, the Sailor was ordered to be put in irons, but the irons being too small for him, he was allowed to stay on the Poop for three hours.

15th Last night about 8 P.M. the Mother of the last mentioned child died, and left a helpless family of 6 including the young one. The whole of them is the smallest children I ever saw of their age.

16th The Funeral took place to day at 12 noon, every body felt for the poor husband, the oldest of the family is in the Hospital with brain Fever, A drove of porpoises was Seen today at some distance from the Ship. I could resemble them to nothing but a flock full of Sheep let loose – I am sure there was some thousands and was seen for about half an hour.

17th To day nothing happened. Among us, we were becalmed for some day's back partly, but yesterday if any thing at all it was back we went, it was uncommon warm without a breath of wind.

Two Small Sharks was swimming round the ship the whole afternoon. They were very Saucy, they would Smell the bait and turn off.

At night it was a beautiful sight to see the fishes shifting back and forward shining like fire with porpoises.

18th Being Sunday we had divine Service as formerly. To day we were stock still also not a move on the waters, nothing happened till evening when a water spout rose a short distance from the Ship, it looked very pretty.....

19th Last night we crossed the long looked for Line, and has caught the S.E. Trades winds. And are going at a good pace, now we shall be looking for the Cape of Good Hope.

after dinner two vessels move in sight every eye eagerly looked for Their Colors to ascertain their Country, one of them was a Frenchman and the other a Clyde Carrying Royal Stunsails, which very few Ships Carry but Clyde Ship, we all having letters we wish to get them on board the Clyde Ship, but the wind being so strong either us or her could not lie to.

20th To day we are Sailing at the rate of 12 knots an hour, Flying fish is seen in all directions, they rise fully higher here than in the Northern Hemisphere, Nothing is coming across us these days worth mentioning.

21st A Subscription was set on foot to day for the Poor Man that lost his wife, it has raised something above 2 pound 10 shillings already it will be of great service to him, the little one is doing well yet. Flying fish is still moving about.

22nd Nothing at all to day has happened, we are playing at Cards and other games to pass the time. To night the new moon came in it looks very bright, but as small as a thread, with back strait down.

23rd We are going at a nice rate, but nothing of any consequence is seen.

Many of us is broken out in boils more or less, especially the Irish Young men are in a deplorable state. To day the first mate had a row with the Ship's Cook and a Sailor concerning their sleeping bunks. They complained of their beds being wet, and wished them sorted or changed. He insisted on them to put their beds out to dry whenever they got wet this did not look very well from a man like him. So the Case they took to the Captain, who ordered the Carpenter to sort their bunks.



24th Today nothing has occurred till the afternoon when two of the Sailors began fighting and fought with the first mate & Boatswain interfered and put them from each other then again in the evening they set to again in real fighting order and was allowed to fight it out.....

25th We had divine Service in the usual way. The day is very warm, it was on Monday morning the child died.

26th it was to day the child died. Three vessels passed us in the morning homeward bound. All Brigs but it was blowing so hard that they could not put to, so we lost that chance for our letter. To day we are 180 miles south of St Helena.

27th This morning a Flying fish was brought between decks and all that never saw any in hand, were taken up with it. The funeral of the little child took place to day at noon.

We have another death among us to day, this is a very sore case also, the Parents are from Rosshire of the name of McKenzie the child would be about 7 or 8 years of age. He was very sickly ever since it came on board, the parents had a great deal of trouble with him and another Boy they have two years older than the diseased. Both were very ill, but this Boy lingered and came a perfect skeleton, I never saw any thing like him, to day he parted with this Poor Father and Mother and to see them would melt a heart of stone. These poor people is very far back for want of English and they cannot converse with any body properly, and this leaves them lonely.

28th The funeral to place this morning at 8am, these poor people has shown more respects for the corpse than any that has lost friends here yet. The custom is when the breath is out, to take the corpse above deck and keep it in the Bow lying by the side, and it was heart rending to see the Father keeping the Body in the Berth, and it was not without much entreatus that the poor man was prevailed upon by the mates to give it up, it was carried up and poor man he followed and never left the Corpse all night till in the morning he came down to put on a clean shirt, and up again to pay his last respects, every body felt for him. This morning a Vessel was seen a stern of us, So we waited till she came up on us, her name was the "Sir George Seymour" with Emigrants for Sidney, She came this length they say in 33 days and us about doubled the time.

29th The vessel was in sight to day, in the evening we lost sight of her to the windward of us. Nothing at all occurred among us worth writing.

31st Last night a Irishman when on watch fell asleep, And as he says, got his pocket cut away, containing 2 sovereigns 6/8. We all give little credid to the story, for where or when did any persons hear of an Irishman keeping money so careleys? I think he is for a Subscription as Poor Mansfield got, Mansfield's came to about 4 pound.

Febry 1st This morning came in with heavy rain which slackened the wind. And we are logging from side to side. We were going all to day, since we got the South East Trades at a rate not less than 8 knots and times 9 and 10 an hour So we lost no time this last forth night. We are now among lots of Birds. Some as big as a Goose. Called Albatros these are of a Greyish Colour with white bellies others of them have white bodies and greyish wing, there is another sort Called Cape hens, these are of a brownish colour, one or two were seen of Cape Pigeons, these are speckled black and white, And the Sailors tells us they will be about us in a short time, in thousands.

2nd To day is as wet as yesterday And very disagreeable it is in a place like this, it is gradually turning cold now we are opposite the Cape of Good Hope but 700 miles off -

This evening had all the appearance of a Storm, the vessel was made snug as the Sailors terms it, This is reef top sails. She did not move for any Storm that threatened, it came a nice breeze, the waves rise very high here. I should have mentioned on the first, that the day breaks about half past 4Am, And is about dark at half past 7pm in this quarter of the Ocean.

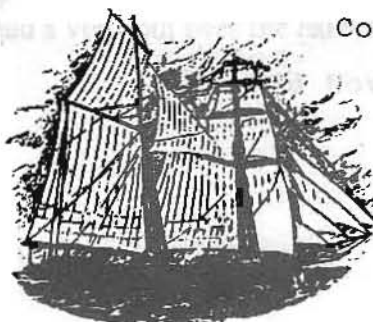
3rd We took down our Royals to day no more to go up on this voyage

it has now been very Cold to day, the Sun has not Shown itself all day...

We have 3 Cases of Ship Fever, it is to be hoped this cold weather will be A better Doctor than our own....

We had a litter of young Pigs, ten in number on the first, but to day they are reduced to six.

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WEB NEWS

The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia's Web page is Moving

You will still be able to access the old Freeservers site but due to the high number of Pop Up Advertisements on The 'Freeservers' Site we have made the decision to move.

The New Address is

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mcmillan>

"See you there".

We have had a quite acceptable attendance at the old site with 5000 hits since May 2001. As the New Site is still 'under construction' I hope you will bear with us till we have completed the move.

Most Members on the net will have been to the Members Only page at

<http://clanmacmillanaus.freeservers.com/>

If you have had trouble getting in, remember your Username is: macmember and your Password is: open.

Behind this page are the MacMillan, Birth, Death and Marriage certificates we have been collecting.

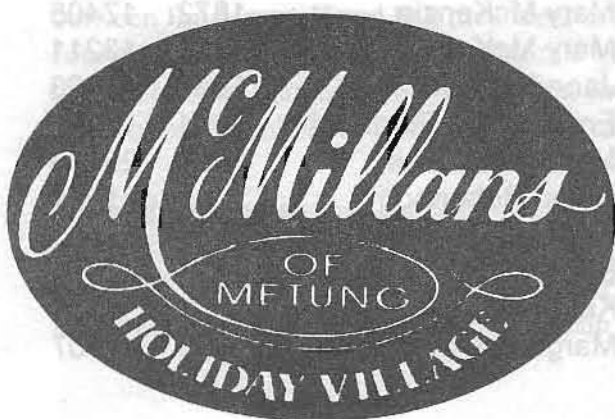
Below is part of the list available to members.

Surname	B.D.M.	Name	Father	Mother/Spouse	Year	Number
MacMillan	B	Mary Agnes	James	Bede Mullaly	1857	5529
McMillan	B	Archibald	Alexander	Mary McFarlain	1872	25167
McMillan	B	James	James	Eliz Jane Launder	1864	21356
McMillan	B	Henry John	Arthur Picton	Linda May Slatter	1910	21218
McMillan	B	Thelma Alice	Alexander	Sarah Ann Costello	1912	29948
McMillan	B	Ewan Bruce	Ewan	Isabell Dow Rowhead	1916	1994
McMillan	B	Ann	James	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	1870	14151
McMillan	D	Robert James	William	Mary Jane Kearns	1885	588
McMillan	D	Hamilton	Nathaniel	Agnes McLeod	1912	1110
McMillan	D	Glovedean Am		Caroline	1904	5963
McMillan	B	Daisy May	John Samuel	Ada Emma Thornhill	1892	36497
McMillan	B	Sarah Jane	Andrew	Mary McDonnell	1873	19769
McMillan	B	Andray	James	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	1874	21368
McMillan	B	Cabella	James	Sarah Ferguson	1862	14087
McMillan	B	Royston Edward	Terence	Marg Cath Longwill	1893	14337
McMillan	B	John	Edward	Janet Devanny	1861	19617
McMillan	B	Jane	Joseph	Janet Nimmo	1859	3562
McMillan	B	Isabella	Duncan	Isabella Greig	1859	19001
McMillan	B	Robert John	William	Anne Jane Jeffrey	1874	10912
McMillan	B	Malcolm	Donald	Mary McKenzie	1872	17405
McMillan	B	Mary Flora	Donald	Mary McKenzie	1876	13211
McMillan	B	Margaret	Charles	Jane Russell	1861	1163
McMillan	B	William Davis	William	Emma Jane Emanuel	1894	2608
McMillan	B	Robert John	William	Martha McKibbin	1891	25936
McMillan	B	Margaret Jane	Robert Bryce	Helen Robertson	1857	11651
McMillan	D	Bridget	Patrick Guthrie	Bridget Tierney	1935	18103
McMillan	D	Robert James	Robert James	Eliz Fitzpatrick	1932	619
McMillan	D	Olive Dagmar	Terence	Kate Cath Longwill	1892	5635
McMillan	D	Hugh	Hugh	Margaret Craig	1900	6757



President June Danks with Blanche McMillan of Canada, Abbot of the Community of the Tonsured Servant, when Blanche visited Melbourne in 2002.

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