



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).

GAELIC NAME: *MacGhille-Mhaolain.*

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President's Report for November, 2007

When I joined the Clan MacMillan Society in 1982 I was unaware of the many connections with other people of Scottish heritage.

The first insight was the meeting on the banks of the Yarra River at Scotch College when Chief George and Jane attended our AGM, when I learnt about the Clan MacMillan International Centre at Finlaystone. Don MacMillan was our founding president. Later 2 of my sons stayed at the grand home at different times and then David and I also had the pleasure of visiting and viewing the lovely gardens and woods which are open to the public.

Here in Victoria, at the Ringwood Games the Council of Clans (now the Scottish Clans & Associations Council Inc.) hold their AGM. They are involved in organising the dates of the various Gatherings in the urban and country areas, and the Pipe bands and Dancing groups, also the stalls. They have received grants from the Multicultural Commission to assist with membership.

In 2001 at the time of the celebrations of the Centenary of Federation the State Government insisted that there should be an over-riding body to represent Scottish heritage, so the Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group Inc. was created. Their role is to provide leadership for the different groups, a voice on radio and TV, and establish a Resource Centre and newsletter. (Volunteers are needed to assist at the Resource Centre) There are many active Highland dancing groups involving young children.

I was at the AGM in October. The Guest speaker was Professor Bill Murray, Latrobe University. He was born in Glasgow and has a lovely accent. His interests are Art, European History, World Football and Robert Burns. His most interesting talk was on the "Ten Most Important Events in Scottish History", an excellent summary highlighting so many famous people.

As Trustee of CMIC I have received many emails, the most relevant ones are regarding the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America in Los Angeles in August 2008. A six day programme has been planned and they are very keen to have Australian members present. Please contact us for more details if you are interested in participating in this Gathering. Chief George and genealogist Graeme McKenzie will be attending.

Thinking of 2009 - there is planned an International Gathering of all Clans in Edinburgh (with Tattoo) in July 2009. Start saving now!!

With Season's greetings to everyone,
June Danks.

Graeme's Report 7th March 2007

Activities falling within my paid remit:

1. Dealing with Correspondence and Enquiries as usual – copies of most to Pauline for the record, and copies of more important or interesting to George.
2. Meeting with visiting clanspeople when possible, which is usually if they can make it to Edinburgh. Last summer I met, amongst others, with two families from Texas (one in Edinburgh and one at Finlaystone) who are interested in starting a Clan MacMillan branch in their state. They've since gathered information on Scottish activities in their part of Texas (around Austin, the state capital), and have attended one or two games to see how many M'millans they could spot. We remain in touch as they seek information and advice on how to proceed.
3. Compiling Project MAOL – see below.
4. Putting together the Magazine – as you have hopefully seen.
5. Updating and adding to the Website – see below.
6. Attending and speaking at CMSNA Gathering. I believe I managed to meet most of those who attended, and spent as much time as I could with those who wanted to talk individually about the clan's history and genealogy.
7. Consulting with Mike McMillen, as and when required, on the Display Materials he's creating.
8. Updating and amending our own Clan Information leaflets and booklets – and making them all available as PDFs (in which form they can easily be sent to and printed out by the branches and societies abroad).
9. Planning the extensive upgrade to the displays in the Clan Centre which I've promised to undertake myself at no cost – as and when time permits – as my personal tribute to Jane. I'm happy to say that a hitherto overlooked aspect of the excellent software I now use for Project MAOL (RootsMagic) will greatly assist in this since it allows the compilation on computer of charts and displays right up to A0 size.

Additional private activities relating all or in part to the MacMillans – so helping raise the clan profile:

1. Compiling all my Glen Urquhart Macmillan material in a suitable form for publication next year (“Gaidhealtachd 2007” – a.k.a. “The Year of Highland Culture”) – which has involved putting the family trees on computer as for Project MAOL, with which they will eventually be merged.
2. Having published the following articles in learned journals:
“Emigrants on the Ship ‘Glasgow’ in 1775” in Highland Family History Society Journal (Vol. 23, No. 3, May 2005)
This relates to the article “First Macmillans in Pictou” which I wrote for our Magazine No. 4.
“The Surnames M’Gill and Bell” in The Scottish Genealogist (Vol. LII, No. 4, Dec. 2005).
This builds on the brief item on this subject which I included in our Magazine No. 2, and enables us legitimately to claim McGill as a sept of Clan MacMillan.
“The Name MacMillan” in The Scottish Genealogist (Vol. LIII, No. 1, March 2006).
3. Preparing a paper on “Clan Origins” for the 27th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences which is to be held at the University of St. Andrews between 21st and 26th August 2006.

Items of particular interest:

Project MAOL:

I've rewritten some of the introductory and guide material for Project MAOL so as to try and make the project simpler to understand and use (please see www.clanmacmillan.org/MAOL/MAOLintro.htm).

The current number of individuals entered into Project MAOL M'millan files is 15,173 of which 7,980 bear the name M'millan (there are in addition some, but not many, entries in some – but not all – of the septname files). See www.clanmacmillan.org/MAOL/Macmillan-Index/key.htm, but note that not all those entered into my computer (and copied to Pauline) yet appear on-line. Up-loading to the website is a long and tedious business that costs a lot of telephone calls, so I only do it occasionally.

Of the above totals 3,016 individuals – of whom 1,639 called M'millan – are Glen Urquhart Macmillans who for now can be found at www.clanmacmillan.org/MAOL/Glen-Macmillans/Glen-Index.htm (they will, as previously said, eventually all be merged into the one M'millan file, but for now I'm keeping them separate so as to allow The Glen descendants more easily to find them and to send me corrections and additions).

The overall total above consists of 392 separate families (so far as is known – many would be found to belong to the same families if we could trace them further back – indeed in theory all belong to the one family – i.e. the clan). The sizes of the families so far entered range from 3 (two parents and one child) to 2,754 – though in fact there are also a number of individuals included who can't yet be linked up to any parents.

A key part of my job is looking for duplications of individuals and families sent in by different descendants – so that no one appears more than once in the Project – and spotting connections, so we can link up cousins.

[This Report is cont'd later in the Newsletter. Ed]

SUBSCRIPTIONS



Subscriptions are now due and will remain at \$15.00 for 2007/2008. If any member would like to include a donation for the International Clan Centre along with your subscription, if so, it would be appreciated if you could forward all monies to:

Mrs. J. Senior, 41 Lincoln Ave, Glen Waverley, Vic 3150.

Also, if you would like to receive this Newsletter by E-mail (a saving on postage costs), could you please include your E-mail address with your Subscription.

Vale

We were saddened to hear of the death of Clan member, Robert McMillan of Boort. Robert was a World War 11 veteran. His cousin, member Alex McMillan said Robert was very interested in MacMillan Family History.

COMING EVENTS

Maryborough Highland Games Tuesday, 1st January, 2008. Maryborough.

There is a website at <http://www.maryboroughhighlandsociety.com> for further information.
Enquiries: Ph. [03] 5461 1289.

At Princes Park, Park Road, Maryborough. First held in 1857, this is the oldest sporting event in Australia. Apart from the athletic events including the Maryborough Gift, there are Highland Games, Street Parade, Pipe Bands, Stalls, plus an evening Concert and Fireworks Display.

Berwick Highland Games Sunday, 10th February, 2008. Akoonah Park, Berwick.

There is a website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~narre/highlandgames.htm> for further information.
Enquiries: Phone BH: [03] 9703 1161 or AH: [03] 9707 2093.

Activities on the day include Pipe Bands Competition, Solo Pipes and Drums Competition, Massed Pipe Bands at Closing Ceremony, Heavy Games, Haggis Throwing, Scottish Highland & Country Dancing, Clan Representation with Stalls and Displays, Black Scottish Terriers & West Highland Whites, Food and Drinks Available, Publicans Booth, Vintage & Classic car display, New Attractions, Flyball Dog Competition, Obedience & Agility Dog Demonstrations.

Geelong Highland Games Sunday, 18th March, 2008. Queens Park, Newtown, Geelong.

There is a website at www.geelonghighlandgathering.org.au for further information.
Enquiries: Ph. [03] 9513 9301.

Music, Pipe Bands, Scottish Folk Bands & Singers, Haggis Hurling, Wood Chopping, Children's Farmyard Nursery, Stalls, & Clan Tents. And much much more.

Ringwood Highland Games Sunday, 30th March, 2007. Jubilee Park, Ringwood

There is a website at www.ringwoodhighlandgames.org.au for further information.
Enquiries: Ph. [03] 9876 4140.

Highland Dancing Competitions, Pipe Bands [massed Bands Display], Stalls, & Clan Tents. And much much more. [Free bus from Ringwood Station].

Gathering of the Clan 2 -7 August, 2008. Claremont, California, USA

The Clan MacMillan Society of North America will celebrate its 50th Anniversary (1958 – 2008), by hosting an International Gathering of Clan MacMillan & Septs at Claremont, [L.A.] California.

George Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap Chief of Clan MacMillan will be the honored guest.
[for further information about the "Gathering of the Clan" contact either June Senior or myself. Ed]

Scottish Resource Centre

The Scottish Resource Centre at The Celtic Club,
Level 2, 316 – 320 Queen Street, Melbourne.
Office hours: 10:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday.

The Co Ordinator Ian Murdoch would appreciate more helpers, so if you are retired and would like to help out for a few hours contact Ian on: [03] 9670 6766 or A/H [03] 9787 5961

Gathering of Clans Scotland 2009

The Scottish Executive has chosen 2009 as the Year of the Homecoming. This initiative is directed worldwide at all those with an affinity to Scotland. There can be no greater affinity than that of the clan member, and a major International Clan Gathering is being planned to support this exciting initiative.

The Gathering will take the form of a major Highland Games, but with the addition of a special clan ceremony, designed by the producers of the Edinburgh Tattoo. This will be held on the magnificent castle esplanade and will commemorate the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland. The Gathering is being hosted by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and it is hoped that all clan associations will attend.

This year will be dedicated to planning and creating awareness for the event, and more importantly, developing special Gathering tour packages, which will be made available in 2008.

The Gathering 2009 Ltd has opened offices in Edinburgh, and is in the early stages of planning and designing the event. Please visit <http://www.thegathering2009.com>

Anniversary

I've been forced to spend a bit of time at home lately and chanced upon some newspaper cuttings, the most interesting one I found was from my local paper –'The Free Press' dated Sept 24th 1997 and reads as follows:

".....**Scot Free**

A small slice of Scotland will descend on Melbourne on Sunday, November 2 when the MacMillan Clan Chief George and his wife Jane attend a special MacMillan Clan gathering. This will be held at the United Kingdom Settlers Association, 146 Toorak Rd West, South Yarra between noon and 4.30pm, BYO food....."

Yes, this year marks the 10th Anniversary of the visit to Melbourne of the Chief of the Clan, George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap and his wife, Jane. Apparently for the many members, families & friends that attended it was a most memorable occasion. I think the then President, Libby McMillan, summed up the visit very well in the Newsletter at the time

".....We will remember 1997 as a special year when George and Jane came to our gathering and when June Senior was awarded the Companion honoris causa by the chief of the Clan. As Christmas approaches, the committee wishes you all a merry and safe Christmas and a happy new year....."

Heartfelt Thanks

The following is part of an E-mail from George to June Senior after receiving our latest donation.

".....What a lovely surprise! It brightened up a day which, as it happened, was lovely and sunny, if a little cold. Thank you so much.....Our leaves are all but down now. We've had a rather good autumn: the first three weeks of October were dry, sunny and wind-free. So the leaves stuck to the trees more firmly than usual. But we had some very strong winds on Friday and Saturday. So we're stripped bare now.....Please thank everybody for the money. It really is a life-line.
Love, George

[The following information/article has been supplied by Susan McLean and appeared in the June 2007 edition of "The Thistle". Ed]

Gulf Station and the David Clark

As a sequel to the Scottish Descendants' and Pioneer's Day which was held at Gulf Station in March this year, the Scottish Ancestry Group has agreed to act as a focal point for descendants of the passengers on the ship *David Clark*. People wishing to register, and make themselves known to other descendants, should send their contact details, and who their ancestor was, to:

The Secretary, Scottish Ancestry Group,
c/- GSV,
Level B1, 257 Collins St,
Melbourne 3000

When compiled, the list will be forwarded to Irene Kearsley at Gulf Station for sharing with those who have registered an interest. Irene has sent us information about the David Clark, and the 1839 voyage in particular.

The following notes have been compiled on behalf of the volunteer group at Gulf Station, the historic farm at Yarra Glen established in the 1850s by William Bell jnr, a David Clark passenger, and now managed by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). Further information about the ship would be gratefully received for compilation and circulation.

*Irene Kearsley
National Trust Australia (Victoria)*

*** * * The David Clark * * ***

The barque, David Clark, was small (608 tons burden) and not new, but was sturdily constructed of teak. Built in Calcutta in 1817, she sailed the East India run out of London until 1839 when she made her only voyage to Melbourne. Her owners, A. Kerr & Co had carried out some major repairs before this longer voyage, including sheathing in yellow metal and new top sides. After the safe landing of her passengers in Melbourne, David Clark sailed for Java in ballast. By 1844, she had been sold and was again on the East India run out of the Clyde, Liverpool or London. Her final entry in Lloyds Register was the 1854 edition.

For the voyage to Melbourne, the David Clark embarked 229 Scots, and sailed from Greenock on the 15th June 1839. One of the migrants played a ballad on his bagpipes, 'Lochaber No More', the words being a poem by Allan Ramsay (1686-1757), in which the voice bids farewell to the place Lochaber and to his love, Jean. The bagpiper was John Arthur who later was the first Curator of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens. The Captain was J.B. Mills and the Surgeon-Superintendent was Dr Archibald Gilchrist. The crew were mostly Scandinavians although some Liverpool-Irish seamen also had to be recruited.

Although the passengers were housed in the cramped conditions usual for that time, the voyage was remarkably safe due to Dr Gilchrist who inspected daily each cooking pot and oversaw other aspects of hygiene. The provisions and water were said to be abundant and of the 'best description'. There was only one death – of a young man before the ship reached the equator – balanced by one birth – the child born to the wife of James McNay who was called Gilchrist in honour of the doctor. However, the voyage was not without incident. In the early days some of the Liverpool-Irish crew, under the influence of Greenock firewater, caused problems with shouting and oaths, frightening the women and children. The mate knocked some of them down and the Scandinavian seamen pushed them into the forecabin bunks to sleep off the grog.

While becalmed in the doldrums on the equator, a sinister craft came close and stayed for two days, refusing to identify itself, causing the captain to get ready the cannons and arm the crew and male passengers. The time lost while becalmed necessitated a 14-day stop at Rio de Janeiro to load more provisions. While the Scots must have found Rio very exotic, one of the passengers went ashore in full Highland dress and attracted a crowd. While the Bells (one of the passenger families) were ashore in Rio, they met Andrew Ross, then returning temporarily to England. After the Bells and other passengers settled in Kangaroo Ground (north-east of Melbourne), Ross came back to Victoria, becoming school master at Kangaroo Ground and an important member of their community (the small Kangaroo Ground museum is named in his honour).

After a week-long great storm, the David Clark passed through Port Phillip Heads on Sunday, 27th October 1839, the voyage having taken 134 days. The ship anchored off Williamstown, Hobson's Bay, and the next day Superintendent Charles La Trobe came aboard to interview each passenger (La Trobe himself had arrived only a month earlier). Surgeon Gilchrist reported that the immigrants were 'in good health and excellent spirits', being 'a respectable body of people, with the various trades and labour usages to the diverse wants of a growing country' and that general conduct during the trip had been 'excellent'. The following day, the passengers landed on Liadet's Beach (now Port Melbourne). In the absence of a pier, male passengers had to wade ashore, while women and children were carried by sailors. Once on shore, bullock wagons carried heavy baggage but the emigrants walked to an area of the south bank of the Yarra (approximately where the Shrine is now). Here 50 numbered tents had been set out in three neat rows, and adequate rations provided. The emigrants were besieged by settlers offering employment, the young women being especially sought after. The Scots apparently referred to the settlers as 'white natives'. Within a week, nearly all had found work. On their first evening, a piper marked the occasion with national tunes while the emigrants danced in the moonlight. Later, the more adventurous members of the party followed the piper through the bush to see a grand corroboree. While the bagpipe and the Aboriginal music blended, what can each group have thought of the other?

David Clark links from the 1839 voyage

The voyage of the David Clark established friendships amongst the passengers that developed into business relationships, marriages and shared neighbourhoods. For example:

John Arthur (player of bagpipes) and his sons started a market garden with John McEwen.

Grace Arthur, daughter of John Arthur, married William Barr, son of John Barr.

John Barr and John Cook together set up a smithy, although this venture only lasted a year.

John & Janet Barr and William & Agnes Bell lived at Kangaroo Ground, as did William's daughter Dinah, following her marriage to Thomas Armstrong, and also William's son John, following his marriage to Janet Rogerson. The latter's brother Francis Rogerson was another neighbour.

Who Do You Think You Are? Australian Series premiers Sunday January 13th 2008

This landmark SBS documentary series, chronicles the social, ethnic and cultural evolution of our national identity, through the personal family histories of six prominent Australians.

When the original Wall to Wall produced series screened on the BBC, it was a breakout success. In its fourth season the series was viewed by over 6.8million people, in the United Kingdom, and it inspired millions more to research their own family tree.

The series season will commence on SBS television on Sunday, December 2 with six episodes from the UK series before the premiere of the six SBS commissioned Australian episodes beginning on Sunday, January 13, 2008.

Throughout the twelve episodes each celebrity embarks on a highly personal journey to discover their own family's past and its role in who they are today. The SBS commissioned episodes follow six unique Australians as they look to their own roots to explain who they are and how this fits with their view of what it means to be Australian.

This series offers an alternative way of looking at the history of modern Australia – showing the development of a nation from six uniquely personal perspectives while allowing us to share their private stories. For this reason each celebrity has been chosen so that their journey unlocks a different theme in Australia's development as a nation.

"Every Australian has an intriguing genealogy that in one way or another has contributed to the history of our country. Who Do You Think You Are? offers a captivating personal look at the origins of Australians and Australia through the eyes of noted personalities. Film Australia, with Serendipity Productions in Sydney and Artemis International in Perth, are extremely proud to have produced this landmark series for SBS," said Film Australia CEO Daryl Karp.

SBS Managing Director, Shaun Brown said, "SBS is proud to bring this extraordinary genealogical detective series to Australian audiences and to be part of such a successful phenomenon that has inspired millions of people in the UK to explore their family history."

"I am delighted to announce that the Australian celebrities who will embark on the journey to trace their family tree and reveal the surprising, extraordinary and often moving stories of their family are..."

Jack Thompson - Actor and Living Legend
Geoffrey Robertson - QC and Human Rights Advocate
Ita Buttrose - Media personality and publishing pioneer
Catherine Freeman - Gold Medal Olympian
Kate Ceberano - Singer and entertainer
Dennis Cometti - Sporting Commentator Extraordinaire.

David Knox: <http://www.tvtonight.com.au/>

[The show actually premieres on Sunday, 2nd December with six shows from the English series. These shows trace the heritage of Britons: Stephen Fry, Julia Sawalha, Bill Oddie, Nigella Lawson, Gurinder Chadha and Jeremy Clarkson. Ed]

Graeme's Report 7th March 2007 (cont'd from pg 1)

Items of particular interest:

Website:

In addition to the Project MAOL changes and additions, I've updated the News page – and provided a hotlink from it (and from the Chief's page) to an on-line version of the Personal Appreciation of Jane which I included in the last magazine. The rest of that issue of the magazine, plus the earlier 2005 issue, are not available on-line (though the title pages are there in colour, with details of the contents of each issue) since we don't want people failing to subscribe because it's available on the website. The 2004 and 2003 issues are however now available as PDF downloads via www.clanmacmillan.org/News/News.htm).

Other recent additions to the website include colour maps showing the Macmillan lands in Lochaber (www.clanmacmillan.org/Lochaber/Lochaber-map-page.htm) and in Galloway (www.clanmacmillan.org/Galloway/Galloway-map-page.htm) – the equivalent Knapdale map has been available on the website for some time (www.clanmacmillan.org/Knapdale/Knapdale.htm).....

Graeme

Information from the GSV groups meeting

You can get a remote access card for the State Library of Victoria. Do it online
I am waiting on my card so haven't actually used it yet
You can listen to radio thru it as well as heaps of other good stuff

PLUS 200 years of the London Times 1785 - 1985 Full text
Check it out at <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/> On the top left of the screen.

Access to Library Databases - Find full-text articles and article references in selected databases from home

Information Databases - Access from Home.

If you live in Victoria, the Library has arranged for you to be able to find articles and article references in selected databases from home. To take advantage of this, you will need to register as a Library user.

Click on register as a library user and follow the prompts to register from home.

The card also allows you to put photocopy money on it when you are actually in the library

GSV has the Irish and Scottish BDM index's (next 3 years only) that's what you pay Scotlandspeople for.
It is an index only but gives you the year.

VAFFO <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ausvafho/>

Now offer groups FH seminars. All the group has to do is supply the venue, refreshments and advertising
Go halves in the profits. First one is in Wodonga 1st September 2007 [*see website for further information. Ed*]

Family History Week is 4th 12th August

Add events to the AFFHO web site as it had 90'000 hits during that week last year. [<http://www.affho.org/>]
Site also has Index of Index's. Who's indexing what.

Age limit for our insurance is now 90 years

Advertise our events (seminar) in Ancestor

No Sunday opening at GSV after September

State library extending hours

10-9 Monday to Thursday

10-6 Friday Saturday and Sunday opens public holidays, bar 2. (Christmas day & Easter, check?)

GSV Groups meeting next year

24th May 2008

New time 11am -4pm - [This is to allow regional groups more time when coming by train].

Saturday 17th November Club Mulwala FHS Fair/Seminar

Who do you think you are? [*See pg 6. Ed*]

SBS is presently putting this program together from West Australia. GSV and PROV have been helping.

The suggestion is to be ready for an influx of interest in Family History when the program starts as happened in the U.K.

Check out the Port Phillip Pioneers Website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~pioneers/>

They collect bodies, send them yours, you don't have to be a member to share your info with them, they are putting together a data base of everybody in Vic before 1st July 1851

Your help would be appreciated.

Australian Army History Unit:

Includes information on the history of battles, books, articles, museums, and images from WW1, WW2, peace operations, weaponry, badges and emblems, flags, and colour patches (includes index). <http://www.defence.gov.au/Army/AHU/>

via Debra Vaughan

Internet for Historians

Tour Discover Judge Success to inspire: these are the headings which will help you navigate like the true researchers!

<http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/he/tutorial/history>

via Debra Vaughan

Connections - New Member Michael Evans from Hampton - Researching the Queenscliff McMillens

I have met two relations connected to the McMillens of Queenscliff. Both are descended from the brother of my great grandmother-one is his grand-daughter; the other is her niece and Hugh's great grand-daughter. I found them via another website containing the family tree of the family Hugh married into, the Bourke's of Williamstown.

As the mother (and grandmother) of these two ladies was my grandmother's first cousin, do you know what I am to each of them? Would love to know the correct term!

The picture is of James McMillen in Scottish dress is the brother of my great-grandmother, Agnes McMillen. He was



born in Liverpool in 1873 and came to Australia with his family on the **Crospatrick** in **1871**. Raised in Queenscliff he became a plasterer like his father (who was born in Londonderry, Ireland).

This picture was taken between 1892 and 1895 in Warracknabeal. He was either living there for a time or was visiting his sister soon after her marriage & possibly to see his niece (my grandmother) who was born in 1892. They were living in Ballarat, a few hours away.

Around 1900, he moved to Dunedin. I am presently having someone over there research him and will soon have medical records detailing his condition before he died. He was buried in an unmarked grave there in 1942. I am sure my gt. gt. aunt could not have known about this at the time. I recently paid for a plaque to be placed in the cemetery near his place of burial.

Since the death of my mother in May of this year I have taken a renewed interest in my family history. I discovered a piece of writing by my grandmother, Ida, who was the daughter of Agnes Catherine McMillen. Agnes' mother, Mary Ellen McMillen, migrated to Australia from the U.K. with her husband James Jeffrey McMillen in 1871.

Her father, William Thornton, had settled in Queenscliff in 1858 and built structures there such as the Wesleyan Chapel in 1868. Mary Ellen bore four children, James, Agnes, Hugh and Mary Ellen, the latter two after arriving here in 1871 and 1874 respectively. I knew Mary Ellen as my great great aunt who died in 1967 and is buried with her parents in the Pt. Lonsdale cemetery. I have found information regarding all of the children (particularly Hugh, who fathered six children) but nothing as yet on the eldest boy, James Jeffrey, named after his father.

I have discovered that a 12 year old boy, James Queenscliff McMillen, died in 1913 and is buried with his one-year old sister Dorothy at Coburg Cemetery. As Agnes and Hugh are buried at Fawkner and Hugh's son at Coburg, I am wondering if there is a connection.

Anyway, I would be most interested to be put in touch with any other descendants of the Queenscliff McMillens (who built a home in Hobson St., still standing) and to learn anything more about their oldest boy James, my great great uncle. Thanks for any and all help,

Michael Evans

[If anybody can assist Michael could they contact our webmaster please. Ed]

Visit The Clan M'Millan Society of Australia's Website at
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mcmillan/welcome.htm>

WELCOME PAGE - Gives you information about us with contact information for the committee.

*NEW M'MILLAN BIRTHS in the VICTORIA PIONEER RECORDS INDEX 1837 to 1888.

M'MILLAN B.D.M'S - Spare M'Millan birth, death and marriage certificates.

CEMETERY INDEXES - Index's of M'Millan's in Australian cemeteries as well as search options.

VIC. DEATHS 1921-1985 - An Index of M'Millan's who died in Victoria between 1921 & 1985.

VIC. MARRIAGES 1921-1942 - An Index of M'Millan's who married in VIC between those dates.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN B.DM.'S - Historic, birth death & marriage index's of M'Millan's in SA.

W. A. BDM'S - Search online for your family in Western Australia up till 1905.

TASMANIAN PIONEER INDEX - An Index of M'Millan BDM's in Tasmania to 1899.

SHIPPING – Kaye Morris' Shipping lists, plus links for online searching for Victoria and NSW.

PARISH EXTRACTIONS – Lists of M'Millan names in some Scottish Parish's.

MEMBERS INTERESTS – This is a page for you to list your interests and hopefully gain contacts.

LINKS - Local and International. Internet research links, to help in tracing your family history.

NEW ZEALAND BRANCH Contact details for the New Zealand branch of Clan M'Millan.

All of the above pages offer members of the Clan M'Millan Society of Australia the opportunity to link your email address to any of the names in the indexes. This could then enable you to further your family history thru contacts via the Internet.

The pages also give you the contact details for acquiring the certificates mentioned.

VIC BDM'S can be found here: <http://online.justice.vic.gov.au/bdm/home>

Charges for Victorian Certificates: Downloading an uncertified image of a Historical entry costs \$17.50 Australian. A certified certificate posted to you now costs \$25.80 Australian

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Christmas message

*Calendars may mark the tides of love;
However, please recall that love's the sea.
Rest easy, then, in Christmas' sweet madness,
Illumined by the pregnant star of gladness,
Serene within the depths of you and me.
There is no pain no happiness can move,
Making room for cherished company,
Antidote for life's incumbent sadness
So long as will and wisdom puissant prove.*

Nicholas Gordon

Via Debra Vaughan



*A Celtic Blessing
for you
at Christmas*

*May the road rise up to meet you,
The wind be always at your back,
the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your field,
And, - until we meet again, -
May Almighty God hold you
In the hollow of his hand*

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