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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).

GAELIC NAME: *MacGhille-Mhaolain*.

President's Report for July, 2011

This year has seen the return of a cold and wet winter, which means we are indoors more so it is a good opportunity to reflect on our family histories.

There are many avenues to help in this exploration. The main ones are the Genealogical Society of Victoria so conveniently located in Collins Street as well as the State Library of Victoria and the Immigration Museum. Then there are other organizations such as

Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Public Record Office

National Archives of Australia (Victorian Office)

Victorian Association of Family History Organisations

There are many websites on the internet to help as well.

Family History Week is on Monday 1st August 2011. http://www.slv.vic.gov.au

Also an 'Unlock The Past' Expo in Geelong, on the weekend of September 2 & 3 at 110 Victoria St., North Geelong.

For further information phone (08) 8395 7476 or visit the website at http://www.unlockthepast.com.au

From Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group:

The Scottish Resource Centre is situated at the Celtic Club,

Cnr. Queen & LaTrobe St, Melbourne, and is staffed by volunteers to help on Monday – Friday, 10-12noon.

Ph.9670 6766 <u>www.scotsofaus.org.au</u>

From O/S

Chief George & Graeme McKenzie, genealogist of Clan MacMillan International Centre, have returned from 3 weeks in North America attending events in Nova Scotia, District of Columbia and North Carolina. We are looking forward to hearing their news. [See 'Press Release' overleaf.]

CMIC is dependant on subscriptions to CMIC and also CTS, donations, bequests and the Conclave Challenge, in order to remain financially viable. The CMIC magazine in December will be in colour while the June issue will remain in black & white. We encourage all members to contribute to CMIC. Membership entitles access to MAOL (MacmillanAncestryOnLine) as well opportunities to learn about the worldwide connections of our ancestors.

Our next meeting of CMSA is our AGM on Sunday 25th September, 12noon to 4pm

Speaker: TBA

Where: at Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Road, South Yarra.

Enquiries: 9817 3148

June Danks.



The Clan MacMillan International Centre, Scotland

Graeme M. Mackenzie, Historian & Genealogist

PRESS RELEASE

28th May 2011

Clan in search of pioneers' descendants

Chief and clan historian hope to meet MacMillans belonging to family who settled in New Brunswick & Nova Scotia, crossed the Gut to Cape Breton Island, and sent a branch to Australia

When the Canso Causeway was built in 1955 it came ashore on Cape Breton Island at MacMillan's Point, on land that had been purchased in the early 1800s by Hugh MacMillan from Inverness-shire in Scotland. Hugh and his brother John – who settled at Harbour au Bouche, Tracadie, Antigonish – were sons of Donald MacMillan and Ann Dallas from Lochaber. Prior to their emigration, Hugh had run off to Perthshire with the daughter of John Cumming of Achdalieu, to marry without their parents' permission – a piece of gossip subsequently relayed by a neighbour in a letter to the chieftain of the Lochaber MacMillans in his new home near Montreal in 1803 – and they had two children in Scotland before setting off to Nova Scotia in about 1806.

Hugh set up a boat-building business at Plaister Cove on the Cape Breton side of the Straits of Canso, and from about 1819 he ran the ferry from there to Auld Cove on the mainland – a service his family maintained for the next 80 years. Descendants still lived in the old homestead at the Point in 1922, but the house was demolished in the 1970s. Hugh's great-grandson, Douglas MacMillan, had maintained the family's maritime connections by running the Pier at Port Hastings, and also the station at Inverness, from whence coal was transported by rail and ship across the straits to the rest of Canada.

Clan MacMillan historian Graeme Mackenzie, who's also Chairman of the *Highland Family History Society* — which is based in Inverness, Scotland, and has over 700 members worldwide — is coming to Canada with Clan Chief George MacMillan in June, and while in the Maritimes will be searching for descendants of the pioneers Hugh and John MacMillan. They've been prompted to undertake this search — while on a tour to visit MacMillans in some eastern states of the USA, as well as the Maritime Provinces of Canada — by an enquiry sent to the *Clan MacMillan International Centre*, at the Chief's home in Scotland, by a descendant of Hugh's living in Australia.

Morag Huggins, who lives in Merton, Victoria, is a great-great-grand-daughter of Hugh's second son John (Alexander) MacMillan and his wife Margaret MacLachlan. John had married Margaret back in Scotland in 1834, having built himself a sea-going vessel called "The Greenock" at his own ship-building yard at Buctouche, New Brunswick. Nineteen years later John took his wife and six surviving children to Victoria in Australia, where many descendants are now to be found. Hugh's third son Angus MacMillan also settled in Buctouche, NB, and is said to have had descendants living later at Moncton, NB.

Graeme and Chief George MacMillan, who hope to visit the Gut of Canso Museum and Archives in Port Hastings on Tuesday 28th June and will be in New Brunswick on the 30th June and 1st July, would like to hear from any descendants of the pioneers Hugh MacMillan or his brother John who are still in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

For further info on Clan MacMillan, the Chief, and the Clan MacMillan Centre in Scotland: www.clanmacmillan.org
For Graeme: www.highlandroots.org. To contact him: Tel. +44 (0)790-176-4329; Email. Graeme@highlandroots.org.

SUBSCRIPTIONS



Subscriptions are now due and because of increased costs, have been increased to \$20.00 for 2011/2012. We only have 3 opportunities a year to remind members about their subscriptions, so please respond, and make the Treasurer's job that much easier. 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.

COMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 25th September 2011. South Yarra.

Our A.G.M. will again be held on Sunday 25th September, at Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Rd., South Yarra from noon till 4 p.m. So bring your lunch and meet your fellow Clan members. Tea & Coffee will be provided. [Melways ref 2M, B6].

SCAC's Annual Luncheon Sunday, 9th October 2011. Ringwood East. [TBC]

The Annual Luncheon of Clans [a Scottish get together] is to be held again at the Karralyka Reception and Entertainment Centre, Mines Rd., East Ringwood. For further information please contact: Robert Stewart by phone on 9891 6450 or by E-mail: randistewart@optusnet.com.au

Neil Adam & Judy Turner (formerly Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club)

Present: "A Fine Song for the Singing" – Featuring Robert Louis Stevenson

Date: Sunday 4th September 2011 at 3.00pm Venue: Kew Courthouse, 188 High Street, Kew

Prices: \$15 & \$10 – Tickets at the door Enquiries: 0400 653 589 or (03) 9636 4966

Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas- in Australia at last!

Here in our country after years of cajoling – four nights only - the world's most extraordinary fiddle and cello duo, presenting their sizzling brand of spiced up Scottish music – he, the father of the current Scottish fiddling revival, she, the guru of the chopping cello movement – what more could you want?

Hold these dates – booking details to follow:

Tuesday 25 October Workshop, Kew Courthouse- Melbourne - folk fiddlers and cellists 7pm (\$25)

Wednesday 26 October Concert - Geelong - venue TBC

Thursday 27 October Concert - The Assembly Hall, Collins St, Melbourne – 7.30pm (\$45 full price, \$30 MSFC and

Boite members, \$20 conc)

Friday 28 October Concert – Benalla Art Gallery - 6pm (\$25, children free)



http://mikegreenassociates.com/index.php?page=bio&display=42 http://www.alasdairfraser.com/Fraser%20Haas%20Bio.pdf

For more information on the mini tour email this address or call 0438 560 741. Yippee!!

Judy Turner and Neil Adam

229 York Street South Melbourne 3205 <u>www.melbournescottishfiddlers.com/tusitala</u>

We included in our last Newsletter a notice regarding a 'Tartan Day' Festival that was to be held at Federation Square on Sunday 3rd July 2011. However, The Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group CANCELLED the proposed 'Tartan Day Celebrations' due to an apparent mix-up ['double-booking'] that the Federation Square Management apparently made.

The SVCG was obviously disappointed with this outcome and will certainly plan for a Tartan Day Celebration in 2012. ######

2012 TARTAN DAY AT FEDERATION SQUARE

The Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group is pleased to announce that next year's 'Tartan Day Celebrations' will be held at Federation Square on Sunday 1st July 2012. Representatives from the following groups comprise the 2012 'Planning Committee' and have already had their first meeting:

Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group (SVCG)

Scottish Clans and Associations Council

Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club

Pipe Bands Victoria

Robert Burns Club of Melbourne

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Scottish Gaelic Society of Victoria

Victorian Scottish Dancing Members Association

Victorian Scottish Union Highland Dancing

The SVCG would be grateful for any financial assistance that Scottish community groups are able to offer for this event; it is after all a wonderful opportunity for the Scottish community to showcase its vibrant, unique culture to the wider multicultural community in Victoria.

[Contact: Bill Schrank (03) 8361 0282 0400 867 123]



Clan Luncheon 2011



Clan members Patricia Stanton, her daughter Sally Anne Clarke, Mick & Mary-Anne McMillan and our President Dr. June Danks enjoying pleasant company and a meal at "The berth' at Melbourne's Dockland precinct in February.

A unique clan with a special story

record in 1132) - have an unusual structure, with three historic branches in the Clan Centre by Minnesota graphic artist Mike McMillen, a founder of This map, illustrating our clan's unique history, was specially created for The MacMillans - one of the oldest clans in Scotland (the founder is on the Clan MacMillan North Central States branch. Full size copies are available from him: www.mcmillen-design.com/clan/index.html different parts of the country (Lochaber, Galloway, & Knapdale).





PA14 6TJ, Scotland. Tel: 01475-540285.

Clan MacMillan, the Clan Centre, Clan MacMillan & Finlaystone, please visit the Chief George, International

For more about



their North American visit in June & July 2011 to meet the Chief and Clan Historian on MacMillans & Sept-members An invitation to all

will be in the Canadian Maritimes (Nova Scotia, PEI, and at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Washington DC, USA, on Sunday 3rd July; and New Brunswick) from 24 June to 1 July; George MacMillan and Graeme Mackenzie, in North Carolina, USA, from 7 to 10 July.

and kindly sponsored by local members and branches of the ia CMI's comprehensive website: www.clanmacmillan.org Centre at the chief's home in Scotland. The Centre supports genealogical, and organisational material, much of it online in supporting the work of the Clan MacMillan International the work of the Chief, and helps Clan MacMillan branches, The tour, organised by Clan MacMillan International [CMI] societies and members around the world with historical, CMI and the Community of the Tonsured Servant [CTS] clan in the areas to be visited, will highlight the role of

Event details from local hosts and co-ordinators in your area:

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Blanche McMillan: jbmcmillan@sympatico.ca and for the CTS event at Grandfather Mountain



George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap

George is the eldest of the five children of the late General Sir Gordon MacMillan & Marian Blakiston-Houston. George was educated at Eton, & Trinity College, Cambridge; as was his brother John, who followed in Sir Gordon's footsteps to become Army GOC Scotland & Governor of Edinburgh Castle. It was while Sir Gordon held this position in 1951 that he was declared by the Lord Lyon to be the Hereditary Chief of Clan MacMillan, as heir of his great-great-grand-uncle Duncan MacMillan of Dunmore who had died 153 years before

George himself pursued an academic career, despite being handicapped from an early age by an hereditary eye disease (Retinitis Pigmentosa) which makes it impossible for him to read from the page himself; and, after teaching classics at Wellington College, Berkshire, for ten years, was in 1963 invited to spend a year as "Visiting Professor in Religious Studies" at Trinity College in Toronto. Two years before he had married Jane Spurgin, an Oxford University graduate and medical social worker at St. Thomas' Hospital in London; and together with their infant son Arthur, George and Jane enjoyed a memorable year in Canada, where their second son Richard was born, and where they had the chance to meet many MacMillans and descendants of other emigrant Scots.

Upon their return to Britain, and after doing a course in Personnel Management at Strathclyde University, George was offered a post as Lecturer in Religious Studies at Bede College at Durham in the north-east of England. This was fortunately within relatively easy reach of Finlaystone, the estate which George had inherited in 1955 from his maternal grandmother, and where his parents settled following his father's retirement from the army. George and Jane's third son, Malcolm, was born in 1967 at Durham, which they left in 1974 to join Sir Gordon and Lady MacMillan in running the Finlaystone Country Estate.

The discovery of a chief stimulated a renewal of interest in their clan roots by MacMillans all over the world in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s. George represented his father on a number of occasions at overseas gatherings of the clan, before himself succeeding as MacMillan of MacMillan following Sir Gordon's death in 1986. George has continued to be an active traveller on behalf of the clan, attending Games and Gatherings in the USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand; and last year he celebrated his 80th birthday with MacMillans attending the biennial gathering of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America in Kingston, Ontario.

Sadly George and Jane lost their son Richard to an automobile accident in 1985; but they were blessed in the 1990s with the arrival of two grandchildren born to Arthur and his wife Barbara, and three to Malcolm and his wife Amanda. George is an elder of the Langbank parish church, and for many years was concerned with the administration of the nearby *Quarriers Homes* as well as other charitable work. Jane MacMillan, who was particularly active in the area branch of *Macmillan Cancer Relief* - the charity started by a bard of Clan MacMillan in 1911 - died, from cancer, in 2005. George however continues to live in the bosom of his family at Finlaystone House, where Arthur, Barbara, and their children now live; with his brother David and sister Judy and their families also having houses on the estate at Finlaystone - which is thus a true clan home.

Graeme M. Mackenzie

Graeme, who spent his childhood partly in England and partly in Scotland, won a scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to study history, which he later taught part-time. Whilst working in one of Cambridge's historic pubs, Graeme put together a cricket team, and then a local pub cricket league of which he became the first chairman. In the late 1970s he started local music magazine Blue Suede News, and in the early '80s he was invited to assist in the organisation & promotion of the famous Cambridge Folk Festival, which featured acts as diverse as The Chieftains, Bo Diddley, and Run-Rig.



Graeme's musical interests also took him into the BBC, where in the mid '80s he became involved in the production and presentation of music and current affairs documentaries. In 1986 he conceived, researched, wrote, and presented "A Power in the Land" – a major 10 part series looking at national history from a regional perspective – which was one of the first such series to be networked on British local radio. It was whilst researching families for this project that Graeme began to develop the interest in genealogy which was to take him back to Scotland to learn more about his own ancestors. This led him to set up the "Highland Roots Genealogical Research Service" in Inverness in 1989, with the intention of specialising in the history and genealogy of highland clans. Now, as well as being Seanachaidh to Clan Mackenzie, Graeme is also the Chairman of the Highland Family History Society, which has over 700 members worldwide.

In 1993 Graeme was appointed Curator of the Clan Centre which George and Jane had recently opened at Finlaystone, with a particular brief to organise the collection and publication of information on the clan's history and genealogy. To help in this task he created the clan's official website www.clanmacmillan.org and continues to compile Project MAOL (Macmillan Ancestry On Line) which now includes details of thousands of Macmillans over the centuries. He also edits the Clan MacMillan International Magazine, and has been instrumental in organising a number of successful clan gatherings, with tours, talks, concerts, pageants and ceilidhs - including significant fund-raising elements for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Graeme has visited the USA and Canada a number of times, attending Highland Games and Clan Gatherings to meet and talk to MacMillans and MacKenzies, and to give presentations and lectures on wider aspects of Scottish history and genealogy at Celtic Events and to Scottish Interest Groups.

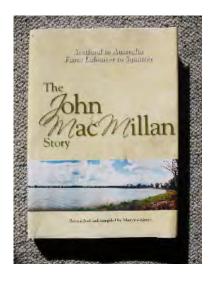
Graeme's publications include contributions over the years to the *Inverness Courier*, the *Scottish Genealogist*, the *Journal of the Highland Family History Society*, and the *Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness*; for details see his own website at www.highlandroots.org. Graeme's more substantial works in relation to the MacMillans - some of which are available through the Clan Centre - include:

"The Origins of the Lochaber Macmillans" in Lochaber Emigrants to Glengarry, ed. R. Fleming (Toronto, 1994).

"The Origins and Early History of the MacMillans & Related Kindreds" (Clan MacMillan Centre, 2001; 3rd Edition, Inverness 2009).

"Gillicattan's Posteritie: MacMillans, MacPhersons, Mackintoshes & Camerons, and the great Lochaber Feud" (Inverness, 2009).

"The Macmillans in Glenurquhart" (Inverness, 2010).



The John MacMillan Story Scotland to Australia Farm Labourer to Squatter

Researched & Compiled by Marjorie Grant

John and Margaret and their 8 children arrived in Melbourne in 1839 on board the *David Clarke*. John leased land in what is now the Oakleigh/ Mt Waverly suburbs of Melbourne. Their son Archibald found the station at Leaghur Lake in 1846. Other family members moved to the Warrnambool area.

The death of two sons who were lost in the bush, the drowning of their youngest daughter. just some of the hardships the family endured in the early days.

John's Will play a big part in the family story with litigations going on for 40

years. The winners, the lawyers!

Now there are over 1,700 descendants, who at one time or another have lived in all states of Australia, England, New Zealand, USA, Greece and South Africa.

I would appreciate money now. Also I want all orders confirmed as soon as possible, so I know how many books to order. I will only order a few extras. If all goes to plan the books will be delivered in early June. Please tell you family about the book.

Book is hard Cover A4 with 335 pages. There are coloured or black & white photos of family members on most pages.

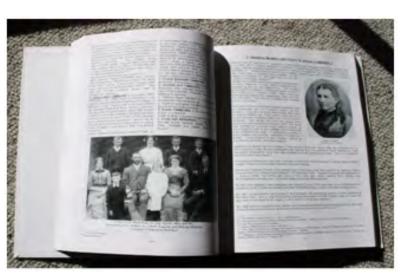
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Correspondence and Requests for Assistance

[The following are extracts of e-mails I letters sent from members of the Clan. ed]

From Marie Richards:

Dear June,

From Morag Huggins:

Dear June,

Project MAOL

My name: Morag Huggins 409 Ancona Road, P.O. Merton, Victoria, Australia. 3715

Relationship to Gen. 1 daughter. Ref: PM-P AU37MH64

Generation 1:

Colina Patricia McMillan.B. 19.3.1918, Melbourne, Australia.Married: Rae Athol Sinclair(1918-2007) in 1942 in Melbourne,

Australia.

Generation 2: (father of above).

<u>John Alexander McMillan</u> (1886-1942) Melbourne, Australia. Married: <u>Noel Chester McKaige</u> (1889-1969) Victoria, Australia.

Generation 3: (father of above)

<u>Dugald McLachlan McMillan</u>
b. 7.12.1844 Buctouche, Canada.

d. 19.4.1911 Melbourne, Australia.

Married: <u>Mary Louisa Jamieson</u> (1850-1931) in 1883 in Melbourne.

Generation 4. (father of above)

John McMillan b. 23.11.1805 Garvan, Argyllshire, Scotland.

[Shipbuilder in Buctouche Canada.] d. 27.6.1882. Stratford, Victoria, Australia.

Married: Margaret Hope Maclean MacLachlan

b. 17.9.1805, Aryhoulan, Argyll, Scotland. d. 14.10.1873 Stratford, Vic. Australia.

married on April 26, 1834 at 'Woodhill Cottage', Ardgour, Scotland.

Generation 5: (father of above)

<u>Hugh McMillan</u> b. 1780 Scotland. [Pioneer, boat builder and ferryman]

d. 10.7.1833 in Port Hastings Cape Breton Canada.

Fort William and "Grishornish', Isle of Skye

Generation 6:(father of above)

<u>Donald McMillan</u> married <u>Ann Dallas</u>. Scotland.

Generation 7. (father of above)

Duncan McMillan Scotland.

From Marie Richards:



Dear June,

My grandfather was Hugh Macmillan, who was a shipbuilder's modelmaker in Greenock.

My grandmother was Isobel nee Patrick. I never met my grandfather, but remember my grandmother well. My father William was born around 1899 and had a twin brother Hugh who emigrated to Philadelphia in the U.S.A. where he had two daughters who's names I do not know. He had a-sister Isobel who was a nurse and died quite young. Another sister was Jean who had a daughter Pat and a son Paul. I had some correspondence with Paul when I was a boy, but I never met Jean. However I knew Pat and met her family in Portsmouth a few years ago, when I attended my father's funeral there. I do not know why he wanted to be buried there - perhaps because that was where the last of his family lived. Pat passed away at quite a young age about 15 years ago, and her husband Reg Masters visited us in Australia a year or so later.

Best Regards Ian Macmillan (507 Waverley Rd)



Reunion Notice

From new member Jean Fraser:

".....Hello!



My name is Jean Fraser. I have been given a copy of your last newsletter and wonder if you may be able to help me.

I am organising a family reunion for descendants of my Grandparents, William and Emily Jane McMillan (nee Hallett). The reunion is to be held in Echuca/Moama in October this year. So far I have contacted approximately 300 family members (there are about 500 altogether!) Could you please print a notice in your next newsletter in the hope that those I have not found so far may contact me for details?

Granny and Granddad arrived in Australia from Scotland in 1912 and settled in the Tongala area. They had five sons and three daughters. They were: William James,

James Frederick, Janet (died 1917 unmarried), May Florence (died 1945 unmarried), Robert Victor (my Dad), David George, Emily Christina and Alfred John. The five sons and Emily Christina all married and had large families (those 500!).

I am particularly anxious to find the two daughters of William James and his wife Mary. The family members I have contacted have no knowledge of them or their whereabouts. Mary married William Waldron in 1945 in Melbourne. Jean married Dern Langland in 1947 in Melbourne.

I hope I'm not being a nuisance and that maybe some of your newsletter readers may be able to help me....."

Yours sincerely, Jean Fraser

If unclaimed, please return to:

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