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Lewis E. McCray
Editor

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Clansmen:

We have just returned from two gloriously cool weeks in the North Carolina mountains, during which time, we attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This year marked the Games' 40th anniversary and, because of this, the Games Committee chose Donald R. MacDonald, Co-Founder of the GMHG as their Honored Guest. As most of you know, Mrs. Agnes MacRae Morton, who passed away in 1982, was the other Co-Founder. Mrs. Morton was our Past President Hugh MacRae's Aunt.

I would like to particularly thank 11 Officers, Commissioners and members who spent Thursday afternoon and nearly all day Friday just before the Games weekend diligently discussing a variety of topics pertaining to our Clan Society. Highlights of what transpired will be forthcoming soon. However, I would like everyone to know that two new Commissioners were elected - Colin G. MacRae of Bothell, WA, our new Clan Genealogist, and Stuart W. Macrae of Herndon, VA, who has been actively supportive of the Clan MacRae for the past 15 years and deeply involved in the formation and development of a new Celtic Festival at Oatlands, Leesburg, VA.

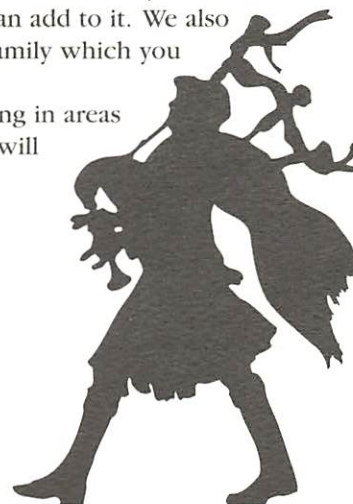
During our long deliberations at Grandfather Mountain, it became apparent that we have a number of viable options to pursue - both to grow as a clan society and to offer more services to our members. To this end, we solicit your ideas as well. In the meantime, a survey is being prepared which will be mailed to each of you in the near future. Be thinking about how you will respond to the survey and what you can add to it. We also need your input for issues of our Newsletter. Anything that has happened in your family which you feel is newsworthy, please send directly to our editor, Lewis McCray.

It is hoped that this writing finds everyone in good health. For those of you living in areas of extreme heat, please take proper precautions to prevent heat stroke or worse. I will keep this in mind as my family and I head north to the Northern Virginia Games in Alexandria.

With very best wishes,

Bruce F. Macrae

President



CALENDAR



1995

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2: Highlandtown, OH: Scot's Settlement Festival at the Highlandtown Fireman's Park

Sept. 2: Albany, NY: Capital District Scottish Games, at Altamont, NY.
Bill Munro (518) 438-4297

Sept. 2: Carlisle, PA: McLain Highland Festival, at the Two Mile House, 1189 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle (717) 249-7610

Sept. 2-3: Pleasanton, CA: Caledonian Club of San Francisco Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Sept. 2-3: Campbellford, ON: Scottish & Medieval Festival, Campbellford Fairgrounds.

Sept. 3: Canmore, AB: Canmore Highland Games to be held at Centennial Park. Sandy Bunch (403) 678-2015.

Sept. 7-10: Estes Park, CO: Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival 1-800-443-7387.

Sept. 8-10: Chataqua, NY: Clan MacMillan Conclave at the Chataqua Institution.
Info: (716) 357-2541.

Sept. 10: Ottawa, ON: Scottish Heritage Day at the Billings Estate Museum.

Sept. 15-17: Lincoln, NH: New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain, featuring Pipes Drums & Dancers from 1st Battalion The Highlanders (Seaforths, Gordons & Camerons) plus West Point Pipes & Drums. Information: (603) 745-4191

Sept. 16: Fresno, CA: Fresno Highland Games & Gathering.

Sept. 16: Mt. Pleasant, SC: Charleston Scottish Games & Gathering at Boone Hall Plantation.
1-800-556-2417.

Sept. 16: Tulsa, OK: Oklahoma Scottish Games & Gathering at Chandler Park (new location) 6500 W 21st - PO Box 9797 Tulsa, OK 74157.
Information: (918) 241-6399.

Sept. 16: Alexandria, VA: 6th Annual Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair at Fort Ward Park, John Thompson (703) 352-3002.

Sept. 16: Caswell County, NC: Second Annual International Family Folk Festival sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sept. 17: VanBuren, IA: Clan Mackintosh Gathering at Center Chapel.

Sept. 22-24: Vail, CO: The Vail International Celtic Festival will take place at Ford Park. (303) 845-9150.

Sept. 22-24: Hunt, TX: Days of the Scots at the Mo-Ranch Conference Center.

Sept. 23: Williamsburg, VA: Williamsburg Scottish Festival at the Williamsburg Winery.

Sept. 23: Montgomery, AL: Alabama Highland Games.

Sept. 23-24: McPherson, KS: McPherson Scottish Festival and Highland Games at Lakeside Park.
Information: (316) 241-3303.

Sept. 24: Staatsburg, NY: Celtic Day in the Park to be held at Mills Memorial State Park.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Bethlehem, PA: The Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival. (610) 868-9599.

Sept. 30: Toronto, ON: Mod Ontario and Celtic Studies present Canan is Oran -- Gaelic Language and Song workshop series. First of four sessions. For more information, contact David Lowe at 416-703-1890.

OCTOBER

Oct. 6-8: Red Springs, NC: Flora McDonald Highland Games.

Oct. 8: Goshen, CT: St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut Scottish Festival at Goshen Fairgrounds.
Contact: Sandy Hedman, Chairman at 203-456-8733.

Oct. 7-8: Harrison County, MS: Highlands & Islands Scottish Games & Festival to be held at the Harrison County Fairgrounds.

Oct. 8: Scotland, CT: Scotland Highland Festival at the Waldo Homestead.

Oct. 8: Crownsville, MD: Anne Arundel Scottish Highland Games at the Anne Arundel Fairgrounds, Route 178, Crownsville, MD. Information: 410-849-2849.

Oct. 14: Fleming, OH: Fleming Reunion.

Oct. 19: Stone Mountain, GA: Stone Mountain Games Tatoo at Stone Mountain park.

Oct. 19-21: Atlanta, GA: Clan MacLellan Annual Meeting at the Clarion Hotel.

Oct. 21-22: Chino, CA: Loch Prado Highland Games.

Oct. 1-22: Stone Mountain, GA: Stone Mountain Highland Games.

Oct. 27-29: Richmond, VA: Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival at the Fairgrounds on Strawberry Hill. (804) 228-3240.

Oct. 28: Waxhaw, NC: Waxhaw Scottish Games. Briarwood Farm, Waxhaw, NC. Info: (804) 843-3288.

Oct. 28: Tucson, AZ: Scottish Games & Festival at Reid Park. Info: P.O. Box 40665, Tucson, AZ 85717. (602) 297-5672.

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JANUARY

Jan. 27: Sarasota, FL: Scottish Heritage Society of Sarasota 3rd Annual Highland Games and Heritage Festival at Sarasota Polo Club Grounds. P.O. Box 14065, Sarasota, FL 34278. Information: (941) 953-6707.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 17: Jacksonville, FL: Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games. Information/Registration: Herman A. Ibach, 3075 Cortez Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32246.

Feb. 23-24: Mesa, AZ*** - Arizona Highland Games at Mesa Community Jr. College. Write to P.O. Box 5853, Scottsdale, AZ 85261-5853

MARCH

Mar. 3: Miami, FL*** - Southeast Florida Highland Games at Crandon Gardens, Key Biscayne.
Information: 5860 S.W. 18 St., Plantation, FL 33317.

Mar. 10: Pensacola, FL*** - Pensacola Highland Games, Interstate Fairgrounds. Contact Susy Lyon, 1410 E. Jackson St., Pensacola, FL 32501-4335 or call (904) 433-6789.

APRIL

Apr. 1-2: Honolulu, HI*** - Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Games.

Apr. 6: IT'S A TARTAN DAY! Now recognized officially by Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia - a day for people to wear and display whatever Scottish attire they possess.

Apr. 13-14: Culloden, GA*** - Culloden Highland Games and Scottish Festival, commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Culloden: Contact Felton McLaughlin (404) 439-8969.

Apr. 20-21: Huntersville, NC: Loch Norman Highland Games at Rural Hill. P.O. Box 1009, Huntersville, NC 28078. Information: (704) 875-3113.

Apr. 28-29: Sacramento, CA*** - Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Gathering at the Placer County Fairgrounds, Roseville, CA. Contact Caledonian Club of Sacramento (916) 557-0764.

MAY

May 5: Houston, TX***: Houston Highland Games. (713) 662-8222.

May 5: Edinboro, PA*** - Spring Highland Festival. Information: 1-800-526-0121.

May 10-12: Carrollton, KY: Kentucky Scottish Weekend at General Butler State Resort Park, Carrollton. Info: KSW, Inc., P.O. Box 1279, Frankfort, KY 40602-1279.

May 12: Corte Madera, CA***: Marin County Highland Games.

May 12: Albuquerque, NM***: Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival & Games. Contact John Caldwell. (502) 266-6704.

May 18-20: Gatlinburg, TN***: Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Highland Games, at Mills Park.
Info: (615) 442-5297.

May 19 - Fair Hill, MD*:** Colonial Highland Gathering.

May 20: Saskatoon, SK*** - Saskatoon Highland Games. Contact Maggie Pope (306) 373-3187.

May 25-27: Alma, MI*** - Alma Highland Festival and Games. Info: (517) 463-8979.

May 25-27: Costa Mesa, CA*** - Costa Mesa Highland Games at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

JUNE

June 1-3: Arlington, TX*** - Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games at University of Texas Maverick Stadium. (817) 654-2293.

June 1-3: Glasgow, KY*** - 11th Annual Glasgow Highland Games. Call (502) 651-3141 or write P.O. Box 1373, Glasgow, KY 42142.

June 2: Modesto, CA*** - Modesto Gathering & Games.

June 2: McHenry, MD*** - McHenry Highland Festival. Info: (301) 334-1948.

June 2: Milwaukee, WI*** - Milwaukee Highland Games.

June 9: Kansas City, KS*** - Kansas City Highland Games. Contact Donald Dyer (913) 492-8921.

NOTE: The above listings contain only the dates which we believe to be correct at the time of going to press.

Listings marked *** are unconfirmed dates, which are based on last year's Calendar only. Event organizers should contact Sgurr Uaran with changes as soon as possible.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

JULY 6-9, 1995

LINVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games opened their 40th season on Thursday, 6 July 1995, with their usual picnic on MacRae Meadow followed by the impressive Torchlight Ceremony. Commissioner Roderick MacRae ably represented our Clan at this event. Friday the 7th was relatively open except for the evening when the Patrons and Sponsors Reception and Gala was held in Boone, NC and the Piping Concert, Ceilidh and Scottish Country Dancing were all held at the Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC.

Those who were on the Mountain (MacRae Meadow) early on both Saturday and Sunday, were treated to some beautifully cool weather and probably some of the finest days at the Games in recent years. Many around the country were sweltering, but we were pulling up blankets each evening. During the Games, Commissioner Gary See carried the MacRae banner at the Kirkin'O-the-Tartan and coordinated our Clan marchers during the Parade of Tartans - both on Sunday. The Games, as usual were replete with Piping and Dancing competition, Athletic events, Pipe Bands, Sheep Herding and Clan Tug of War. A rough

estimate of the crowds were 14,500 on Saturday and nearly 7,000 on Sunday. Some cars were turned away on Saturday which may have accounted for the much lower numbers on Sunday.

Honored Guest this year was Donald F. MacDonald, Co-Founder of the Grandfather Mountain Games along with Mrs. Agnes MacRae Morton, an event which took place in 1956. Also on the "guest list" was Miss Elizabeth Rose Kilravock, Chief of Clan Rose.

Prior to the Games themselves, your Commissioners met for two days in an effort to accomplish as much Clan business as possible in the time available. More on this in a later issue. A total of 27 members attended our Annual Dinner at the Eseeola Lodge on Saturday evening and were treated to a most delicious meal. Those of you who have not taken part in one of our dinners should try it at least once some year. It is a delightful experience. Also delightful, was talking with the many Clan members who stopped by our tent on the meadow. It is too bad the Grandfather Mountain Games only occur once each year. Hope to see all of you and more in 1996.

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FRANKLIN RESIDENT ANN M. BLAKE VISITS RAEFORD TO FIND FOREFATHERS, FAMILY HISTORY

By Jill H. Steffey
Staff Writer The News-Journal
Raeford, N.C.

Her search started in 1972 and it led to Raeford.

Inspired by a neighbor in Florida, Ann McRae Cagle Blake has traced her family's path through Alabama back to the Sandhills. Using a family Bible rich with notations of births, deaths and marital unions, a host of letters exchanged by members of her family, and several libraries, Blake determined that two of her ancestors, turpentine dealers who owned a small store, were the namesakes for a small town built on education.

"All of my life I've heard from my mother who was into history – she said it was her grandfather who was the "Rae" in Raeford," she said.

Looking for information on John McRae and A.A. Williford led Blake to Raeford newspaper columnist Sam Morris.

A retired elementary and middle school teacher of 31 years, Blake wrote to Morris seeking information on her family. He responded with a daylong tour of her ancestors' home town.
CITY HALL

A group of about 15, including the city's Mayor Bob Gentry and city manager Tom Phillips gathered at City Hall last Wednesday to greet Blake and her husband, Jack, and to give them a brief history of Raeford and what they would see – among other sights, the logs with which her family's homeplace was built, the old store her relatives operated and where the local children swam for decades.

"Raeford was built on education," Morris told the group. "Many people say if Raeford Institute had stayed here there would have more than likely been a college here." Raeford Institute, a strict school which drew students and their families from all over the South in the early 1900s, stood on land located between Edinborough and Donaldson avenues and Main and Magnolia streets.

The land was donated by the McRae family.

"McRae and Williford were more than turpentine dealers," Morris said. "They were really part of the community."

Residents and local historians accompanied the Blakes on their tour of Raeford. Among the group were: Morris, Locke MacDonald, Harold Gillis, Robert and Edna Weaver, Luke and Phyllis McNeill, city clerk Betty Smith and city public works director Mike McNeill.

FERGUSON HOUSE, FULTON STREET

Stopping first at the site of the McRae home, the group learned about one of the first houses built in Raeford.

"It had a smokehouse, garage, stable, hog pen – they didn't have the ordinances then they have now that restricted ..." said Morris,

whose aunt, Margaret Keith, had lived across the street. The house, which had its kitchen in the back, was sold to the Ferguson family in 1912; it was dismantled in the 1960s.

Luke McNeill, whose family's grocery business delivered to many a Raeford customer, also remembered Blake's family home.

"I used to have to dodge that big tree in the 1930s Model A Ford," he chuckled, pointing to one of the large trees left on the property.

OLD STORE AND LUMBER, FULTON STREET

In the back yard of Eleanor Wooten's Fulton Street home sits the little commissary McRae and Williford operated.

"I think it's great they moved it," Blake said. Because, said her husband, "Once that history is torn down, it's gone forever."

The two, who have one 27-year-old son, moved from Florida to Franklin in September so that Blake could be closer to her family's roots.

Also in Wooten's yard, under two tin shelters, are some pieces of history that have not yet met their demise.

The boards that built the McRae home, complete with the pegs that held them together, have been sitting in the yard for more than 30 years.

LOG CABIN, MAGNOLIA STREET

Moving along to Magnolia Street, the group discovered the log cabin that served as a smokehouse for the McRae family. the cabin's current owner, Locke MacDonald, told the group how he and his son Ken had taken the cabin apart piece by piece to move it to their back yard. The two carefully tagged each log with a number so they could put it back together just as they had found it. Shortly after they brought the logs to their home, MacDonald said, a storm came in and washed all the numbers off of the masking-tape markers. Upon more careful inspection, however, the MacDonalds discovered that the cabin's builder had been thinking ahead of them – hash marks on each of the logs told their placement.

WILLIFORD PROPERTY, MAIN STREET

On Main Street, just past Prospect Avenue, the Blakes saw Williford property. Luke McNeill, whose 512 Main St. home is between the first home A.A. Williford built and his second home, built in 1910, told the group about the Willifords' homeplace.
MILL STONE AND OLD RAEFORD

The old road between Fayetteville and Raeford runs by Robert Weaver's side yard. Weaver showed the group where the logging road cut through what was also a corn field at one time.

"The biggest problem in those days would not have been traffic because, at best, the roads weren't good," he said. "The word was if people made a trip from Raeford to Fayetteville it took all day."

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Also in Weaver's yard is a mill stone, part of old Raeford, from an area mill – one of many in the Sandhills. "In the late 1800s it was not at all uncommon for a family to have a mill," Weaver explained.

OLD SWIMMING HOLE

Around a somewhat murkier creek on property once owned by the Upchurch family, the group saw where generations of Hoke County learned to swim – the Old Swimming Hole. "Everyday during the summer you could find 75-100 people up until about World War II," Weaver reminisced. About the water he said, "Anywhere you looked out there you could see a white sand bottom – it was that clear."

MCMILLAN AND EAST DONALDSON

The group also traveled McMillan and East Donaldson Avenue, the site of the original grist mill in the county. Part of that area was a mill pond with a dam.

"I recall well when I was a child, that was a good place to play," said Weaver, whose father was a strict preacher and one of the first principals at Raeford Institute. "One particular Sunday afternoon a group went down to Old Raeford. The first question when you came back was 'Where have you been? What did you do?'"

"When we said we'd been to the 'Old Dam Hill,' (Weaver's father) said, 'What'd you say?'" Weaver said his father explained to the children that they might need to clarify their explanation of where they'd been playing.

CEMETERIES

At Phillipi Cemetery, Blake found the graves of several of her McRae relatives – in particular, those of her great-great grandparents, Murdock and Christiana McFadyen McRae. Blake also saw the graves of several of their children. She returned Thursday morning, she said, to look more closely at the graves.

Covering the writing on the tombstones with shaving cream, then scraping the cream off to leave it only in the hollows of the stones, Blake was able to decipher some of the unreadable script and locate several of her ancestors. Blake found graves of her Williford kin when the group visited Raeford Cemetery later in the day Wednesday.

OLD MILL RESTAURANT

For lunch, the group dined at The Old Mill restaurant, where the mill still turns by the power of a creek. McNeill told Blake he remembered visiting the mill as late as the 1960s.

BETHEL CHURCH

After lunch, the group traveled to Bethel Church on U.S. 401 South where Katie Blythe told the story of General W.T. Sherman's March 1865 stay at the church, during which he left instructions to the Rev. Hector McNeill to "please preach a sermon on the illusions of pleasure and hope" and to "please pray for Old Abe," among other requests. Blythe explained the history of the church, which was organized in 1776 by Scottish Highlanders who wanted to celebrate their Presbyterian faith. Bethel is the mother church of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

NEW TIES

While Blake, who is starting a guided hiking business in the mountain community of Franklin, can't locate any Raeford connections who are still alive, she and her family have formed new ties with the community.

"I couldn't believe how nice the people were over there," she said, noting that the biggest surprise she received during her trip was the town's reception to her request for information.

McRae said her next step will be to visit the probate office to trace property records, and for that she hopes to return to the Sandhills soon, she said.

Also, she said, she and her sister plan to help take the city of Raeford up on its offer of a spot in the planning efforts for the town's centennial celebration, to be held in 2001.

Ann Blake is a member of Clan McRae.



Ann Blake

Celtic Festival

June 17-18, 1995
Leesburg, Virginia

The second annual Oatlands Celtic Festival was held during the weekend of 17-18, June, 1995 at the historic Oatlands Plantation just outside of Leesburg, VA. Once again Stuart Macrae, son of clan President, Bruce Macrae and a newly elected Commissioner, served as a festival staff member dealing with Ethnic Liasons (Scottish).

The Honorary Chairman was Mr. David J. Evans, Director British Consul, USA and Cultural Attaché, British Embassy. He was assisted by M. Bernard Braem, Cultural Affairs Attaché of the Embassy of France and Senor Alvaro Sebastian de Erice, Cultural Affairs Attaché of the Spanish Embassy.

The number of musical, dance, storytelling, historical, workshop and athletic groups are too numerous to mention, but they did include Jean Redpath, Celtic Thunder, Club Espana, Ceoltoiri, Iona, Ed Miller, Ken Pearlman, Al Petteway and the pair Amy White and Maggie Sansone. Stuart Macrae was seen playing the Bodhran with the Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band on Sunday, when he had a spare moment from his festival duties.

Since this year's attendance was nearly 50% greater than last year, the continuance of the festival seems almost a certainty.

"CEUD MILE FAILTE"

Dr. Geoffrey Nusbaum
828 La Bonita Drive
Lake San Marcos, CA 92069



Alabama Highland Games

A Scottish Festival

September 23, 1995

Alabama Shakespeare Festival Grounds
Wynton Blount Cultural Park
Montgomery, Alabama

Guest of Honor:

President of Clan McCallum

Honored Guests:

British Consul, Mr. Wright

Mr. & Mrs. Winton Blount

Mayor Folmar, Grand Marshall



Sponsor's Reception • Country Dancing • Horse Shoeing
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Banner Parade • Tartan Clan Parade • Massed Bands
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Continuous Performances By The McIlroys
And Alabama Folklife Entertainment • Kirking

Competition: Pipe Bands, Athletics, Dancing,
Piping and Drumming

Information: 334/272-2174

Write: AHG
1810 Tara Dr., Prattville, AL 36066

20th Annual New Hampshire Highland Games



*at Loon Mountain
Lincoln, New Hampshire*

September 15, 16, 17, 1995

**Guest Band: Pipes, Drums & Dancers of the 1st Battalion,
THE HIGHLANDERS (Seaforth, Gordons & Camerons)
plus special guests - The West Point Pipes & Drums**

Complete Sanctioned Highland Games including:

- United States Scottish Fiddle Championships
- N.E. Highland Dance Championships
- N.E. Clarsach (Scottish Harp) Championships
- N.E. Open Solo Piping Championships
- N.E. Scottish Heavy Events Athletic Championships
- Pipe Band Competitions
- N.E. Slow March Championship
- N.E. Scottish Fiddle Championships

Featuring: Alasdair Fraser, Alex Beaton,
Trevor Hunter, The Brigadoons, Paul Anderson
& Deryck Mitchellson, Sylvia Woods, John Turner,
Norman Kennedy, Natalie MacMaster, Barbara
McOwen and the SRSNH, Ken Perlman,
Jerry & Nancy Bell, Bonnie Rideout, and more.



Advanee Weekend Games Tickets are \$15 with children under 12 admitted free with an adult. For advance ticket brochure and lodging information write:

**NHHG, Dept. SB, P.O. Box 358 Lincoln, NH 03251
or call 1-800-227-4191.**

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HELP-HELP-HELP-

Some time ago someone wrote me offering to help with the newsletter. I have lost the letter and I cannot remember the name. Would you please write me again.

FOR SALE

Three Clan MacRae's kilts. One is MacRae Dress; one is MacRae Hunting muted; one is MacRae modern. If you are interested in one or all write or call Lewis E. McCray, 5301 Woodberry Lane, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 or call (205) 333-2990, Ext. 218 daytime or (205) 556-4422 after 5:00 p.m. CDT.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

If you are going to any games in your area please let me know, and then send me any information and photos of the activities.

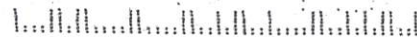
Please send me information about you and your family.

If you have any suggestions about your newsletter please send them to me

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HELP AND ALL YOU DO
FOR CLAN MACRAE.**

SGURR UARAN Newsletter

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Badge - CLUB MOSS

Slogan---"Sgùr Urain" (A mountain in Kintail).

Arms



MACRAE.

THIS clan is Celtic. Macrae in Gaelic is *MacRath*, and means "Son of Grace." The home of the "Wild Macraes" was Kintail, where they did great service for the Earls of Seaforth. They were Constables of Ellandonan Castle. The Rev. Farquhar Macrae (1580-1662), Vicar of Kintail, was a man of mark. Colonel Sir John Macrae (1786-1847) of Ardintoul was an eminent soldier. The Rev. John Macrae (1794-1876) of Knockbain, Ross-shire, was a famous divine. As Jacobites, the Macraes fought gallantly at Sheriffmuir in 1715, and loyally afterwards for the House of Hanover. In 1778 the Macraes were the ringleaders in the mutiny of the Seaforth Highlanders in Edinburgh. They entrenched on Arthur Seat, and refused to yield until peacefully approached, and their terms of enlistment fulfilled. Brigadier-General William Macrae (1834-82) was a distinguished leader in the American Confederate army. Major Robert M'Crea, of Guernsey (1754-1835), fought as a loyalist in the American War of Independence. The present Constable of Eilean Donan Castle is Lieut. Col. John Macrae-Gilstrap.