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50th Anniversary

*Do not
forget*

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are scheduled for July 6-9th at MacRae Meadows near Linville, NC. Attending these games is a once in a lifetime event that should be on your bucket list! In association with these Games, our Clan MacRae Society has held an annual dinner at the Eseeola Lodge in Linville for over 30 years and it is a glorious and time-honored tradition. The dinner this year at the Eseeola Lodge will be on Saturday evening, July 8th. Our hope is for all MacRaes visiting the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games to join us for this dinner! A cocktail hour with cash bar will precede the meal, and then we always enjoy a serenade by the

Grandfather Mountain Highlanders on the exquisite grounds of the Eseeola Lodge. This is the only pipe band we know of who wear MacRae tartan kilts! Cocktails begin around 6:30 pm and seating for dinner is at 7:30 pm. Feel free to wear your Scottish finery, but casual dress is fine too although men must wear a jacket and no shorts and sandals please.

If you plan to attend, please notify Judy McRae at judymcrae777@gmail.com by July 1st so she can give Eseeola Lodge an accurate headcount. It is a very special evening, and we hope to see you there!

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President's Letter

BY BRUCE W. MCRAE

Greetings Fellow MacRaes,

We are now into 2023 which is our 50th Anniversary year for our Clan MacRae Society of North America!

It was 50 years ago in July 1973 that Clan MacRae met for the first time at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games with our founder Hugh MacRae II elected as our first President.

Judy and I started our anniversary year with the Central Florida Games in January. With perfect weather, the crowds turned out and our Commissioner Daniel McRae and his lovely wife Sylvia did a fantastic job with our Clan MacRae tent there.

After the Florida games, we planned to travel to all the games this year, but with our house still on the market, just were not able to do that thus far.

So, let us dive into a bit of background history. Hugh MacRae II was a part of the MacRae family instrumental for all the development around Linville. His Aunt Agnes MacRae Morton co-founded the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games with Donald MacDonald in August 1956.

Then in the early 1970's, Hugh sought permission from John MacRae (grandson of John MacRae-Gilstrap who rebuilt Eilean Donan Castle) in Conchra, Scotland to start the Clan MacRae Society of North America and permission was granted.

In April 1973, Hugh met with John McRae of Danville, VA and John MacCree of New York City and they decided the Clan MacRae Society of North America would be founded with Hugh as President and the other two as Vice-Presidents.

The first meeting of our Society was held during the July 1973 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC where other officers were elected and 30 MacRaes paid their first dues.

In the 50 years since, there have been many highlights including attending many International Clan MacRae Gatherings in Scotland and many members attending our Clan MacRae Tours of Scotland.

Our Clan MacRae Society of North America was granted Arms through the Court of the Lord Lyon in 2008.

We also designed and registered our own Society tartan in 2008.

Our membership has grown and grown and now we host Clan MacRae tents all over the country!



Fifty Years of Clan MacRae Society of North America!

Where will you join us?

Plans are still being made, but as of now, our Society is planning a special celebration with an evening Banquet at two festivals for our 50th Anniversary.

The first will be at the Grandfather Mountain Games in Linville, NC on July 8th. The other will be at the Longs Peak Highland Games in Estes Park, CO on September 8-9th. As more plans are made, we will let you know, but our 50th Anniversary will be celebrated in some way at all the festivals where we host a Clan MacRae tent.

So, please come out to your local Highland Games Festival where Clan MacRae has a presence, and join us for our 50th Anniversary year!

If you are not sure where Clan MacRae has a presence, go to our website, find a festival and join us in celebrating!

As aye,

Bruce W. McRae

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FIND US ONLINE AT WWW.MACRAE.ORG OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Member Happenings

Northeast Florida Highland Games & Central Florida Games



Photo on left: NE FL Highland Games
L to R: Susan McRae, Duncan Williams,
John McRae, standing behind our banner is Shyla
Williams and Marti Williams McRae.



Photo on right : Central Florida Games
L to R: Scott and Cynthia Bakeeff, Judy
and Bruce McRae, Danny and Carol
Ray and Daniel Gordon McRae.



Photo on left: Judy McRae enjoyed a visit with
Kyla and Maysen Cowan, granddaughters of Jim
MacRae, and their mother Sandy MacRae Cowan
at the Central Florida Games. We love our
MacRae Scottish dancers and both Kyla and
Maysen competed and won in Scottish Highland
dancing at the games.

Send your Member Happenings to Bethany McCoy,
bethany.mccoy23@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM CATHERINE MACRAE LYERLY SEPT. 18, 1930 - JAN. 15, 2023

Catherine MacRae Lyerly of Lewisville, NC, who was deeply loved by many of our MacRae members, passed away peacefully this past January. Catherine was born in Wilmington and graduated from New Hanover High School in 1948 and Woman's College in 1953. After graduating from college, Catherine proudly served at a World Council of Churches work camp in France, after which she attended the Intl Festival of Music and Drama in Edinburgh, Scotland. Then in Winston-Salem, NC, she taught 9th and 10th grade English at Reynolds High School until 1960. Catherine left



Catherine at Inverewe Gardens on our
2007 Clan MacRae Tour of Scotland

teaching to raise her three children and worked at Old Salem from 1987 until 2019, where she was an experienced tour guide. Catherine enjoyed traveling across the globe including a Christian Children's Fund trip to Thailand in 2004 where she met the child she sponsored. Catherine attended three of our Clan MacRae Tours of Scotland and made many friendships among our Clan MacRae family! Her childhood experiences growing up in Wilmington created a lifelong love of spending time at the North Carolina coast. She is survived by her three children, John, Mac and Jane and four grandchildren. Catherine's greatest loves were her children and grandchildren, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MID APRIL- SEPTEMBER

April 29, 2023

Stonehenge Celtic Festival & Highland Games
Kerrville, TX www.hcaf.com/celtic-festival
Contact: Paul Jarnigan- ask4paul2@hotmail.com

May 5-7, 2023

Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Decatur, TX www.texasscots.com
Contact: Paul Jarnigan- ask4paul2@hotmail.com

May 6, 2023

Savannah Scottish Games
Savannah, GA www.savannahscottishgames.com
Contact: Dean McCraw- dean_mccraw@bellsouth.net

May 20-21, 2023

Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival
Townsend, TN www.smokymountaingames.org
Contact: Andy McRae- amcrae52@gmail.com

June 23-24, 2023

Ohio Scottish Games
Berea, OH www.ohioscottishgames.com
Contact: Darcee Olshavasky- darcillao@gmail.com

July 6-9, 2023

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Linville, NC www.gmhg.org
Contact: Frankie McRae- fmcray@radontactics.com

September 8-10, 2023

Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival
Estes Park, CO www.scotfest.com
Contact: Bruce McRae- brucewaynemcrae@gmail.com

September 9-10, 2023

Middle Tennessee Highland Games
Hendersonville, TN www.midtenngames.com
Contact: Andy McRae- amcrae52@gmail.com

The Scottish festivals listed will have a Clan MacRae tent hosted by one of our members.

For a list of all Scottish festivals visit:

www.hIGHLANDGAMESANDFESTIVALS.COM/u-s-events/

If you want to host a Clan MacRae tent at your local festival, please contact Bruce at brucewaynemcrae@gmail.com.

We'll help you get started!



ANYAH COOK & THE SCOTTISH HERITAGE TENT



Where would we be without volunteers who are passionate about their Scottish ancestry?

The world certainly would be bleaker without Scottish festivals!

After attending the excellent Central Florida Scottish Games this spring, Bruce and I can say our member Anyah Cook is a "super" volunteer!

Anyah is in charge of the Scottish Heritage Tent where she creates a place that not only displays aspects of Scottish culture and history, but where you can also discover your clan or tartan. And this is not a small tent, it's a big tent!

A large part of the tent is dedicated to rotating displays on Scottish history or culture.

Recent displays involved Hadrian's wall complete with Roman relics. Another one highlighted women in Scottish history. Other favorites have been displays on various Scottish castles and military regiments.

The other half of this display includes 6 to 8 stations with computers and/or reference books manned by volunteers who search surnames for clan affiliations and tartans for their inquiring guests.

This is a much sought-after tent, and the lines get longer every year!

So, we say thank you to all volunteers including Anyah who work hard in promoting and educating others about their Scottish ancestry.

It is the volunteers from every clan who host the games and our members who host Clan MacRae tents at those games that make the world brighter!

*Article
Submitted by:
Judy McRae*



New Clan MacRae Ancient Hunting & Dress White Tartan Fabric Now Available

We now have the washable lightweight Clan MacRae tartan fabric available!

There are yards available - 30 yards in MacRae Dress White and 30 yards in MacRae Ancient Hunting that can be made into skirts, shawls, etc. Pictured above and below this text are photos of the actual fabric swatches.

It is a new lighter weight washable poly-viscose fabric and they are both stunning to look at!

This fabric is available only to our members and sells for \$60 a yard.

There are professional seamstresses available, so if you are interested in ordering fabric or having something made, please contact Judy at judymcrae777@gmail.com.



Christopher McRae: A Soldier of the Revolutionary War

BY JOHN WAYNE MCRAE & JUDY MCRAE



In our last issue, we featured the Gaelic poet, John Macrae the Bard of Kintail, who fought as a Loyalist in the American Revolutionary War.

For this article, we focus on Scots who fought as Patriots for American independence including

Christopher McRae, an ancestor of our Commissioner John Wayne McRae.

Christopher was born in the Scottish Highlands in 1756. He immigrated to the colonies as a young man and his ship most likely landed at Wilmington, NC.

It's estimated 40,000 Scots arrived in the US from 1760 to 1775. Some came fleeing the Clearances, some as indentured servants, some came with trades and prospered in the colonies. We do not know his battles, but a document from 1782 proves Christopher served with the North Carolina Continental Line as a Patriot soldier during the Revolutionary War.



Many Highlanders swore an oath of loyalty to King George III before leaving Scotland for America. Christopher, whether he swore an oath or not, joins other Scots who fought as Patriots in the Revolutionary War. In 1779 John Paul Jones, known as the father of the US Navy, replied, "I have not yet begun to fight" when asked by the British to surrender. Hugh Mercer, a former Jacobite, served as a general as did Arthur St. Clair. John Witherspoon and James Wilson, both Scots, signed the Declaration of Independence.

Christopher bought his first land in 1786, married Catharine McLeod and their first child, Margaret Catherine McRae, was born in 1790. They had nine children, all educated and included politicians, lawyers, judges, and business owners. John Wayne descends from their fifth child, Judge and Georgia State Senator Norman McRae. Christopher died in 1814 and is buried on his plantation at Minturn, SC.

In the Spring of 2010, John and his wife placed a memorial stone for Christopher in the Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Minturn.

They hired a piper and drummer, and other McRae families attended the dedication ceremony.



John Wayne unrolled The McRae Scroll which contains 2,513 names. At two feet wide and 31 feet long, there is space between each column of the nine children of Christopher and Catherine for new family to add their names.

Feel free to contact John Wayne McRae at jwwmc@comcast.net if you believe your name should be included!



DID YOU KNOW?

The iconic image of Uncle Sam started with the War of 1812, but was based on Samuel Wilson who provided beef and pork for the Army. Those barrels of meat were marked US for the United States, but soon soldiers began to say that the US stood for Uncle Sam. Samuel Wilson was of SCOTTISH descent and so now you know the rest of the story!

West to Oregon! Roderick McRae/McCrae (1850-1931)

BY LINDA MCCRAE BAUCK, GREAT-GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER

AND MARY ANN MCCRAE BURROWS, GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF RODERICK



Roderick McRae in Ontario, Canada

Roderick (Rod) McRae/McCrae was born in Victoria County, Nova Scotia in 1850 and was the oldest child of Farquhar (Frank) and Elizabeth (Campbell) McRae who hailed from Applecross northwest of Kyle of Lochalsh in the rugged hills of Scotland. Frank and Isabella had three children in Nova Scotia - Roderick (1850), Katherine (1851) and Charles (1853). In 1856, the family moved to Ontario, Canada, where they lived for approximately 14 years before relocating to Kansas.

In the 1870's, Roderick and his brother Charles changed the spelling of their surname from McRae to McCrae. Roderick said an Irish teacher told him "McCrae" was the correct spelling and Charles said an employer on the newspaper where he worked had insisted on the McCrae spelling. Their sister, Katherine, refused the change and continued to use McRae.

In December of 1871, Roderick became a US Citizen and filed for a homestead on Osage land in Neosho County, Kansas. During this time, he built a cabin and had a team of horses but was just about broke.

Many years later, he would tell his grandkids how he went to the neighbors and bought buttermilk for 10 cents a gallon and went home. He had plowed some land but didn't have seed to plant. He was sitting on his doorstep pondering what to do when he saw a man riding up on a bald face sorrel horse.

The man introduced himself and said, "I'm looking for a place to stop with cattle as I drive them back from Texas. I'll need some feed for the cattle and my men too." Roderick told him his predicament and offered the cornbread and buttermilk to the man and his team. The man accepted the gracious offer and the next morning offered to back Roderick if he could stop with his cattle on his next drive.

They rode to town, bought seed and a good supply of groceries for several months. Roderick sowed the seed, but the man never returned. Roderick told his grandkids that those men usually carried lots of cash and there were a lot of rough characters on the trails too.

In 1872, Roderick married Ellen Ward Allen and they had four children - Frank (1874), William (1878), Ulysses (1877) and Catherine (1880).

And then after many years in Kansas, Roderick became restless, restless to go west. It was in 1872, that John Gast created a painting titled American Progress more commonly known as Manifest Destiny. Could Roderick have seen this image (it was widely publicized) and believed it was the destiny of

our nation to possess the land from sea to sea? Or had he seen images and heard tales of the fertile valleys of Oregon?



"American Progress" 1872 by John Gast

Either way in early 1888, Roderick and Ellen gathered their four children, boarded a train, left Kansas and headed to Oregon.

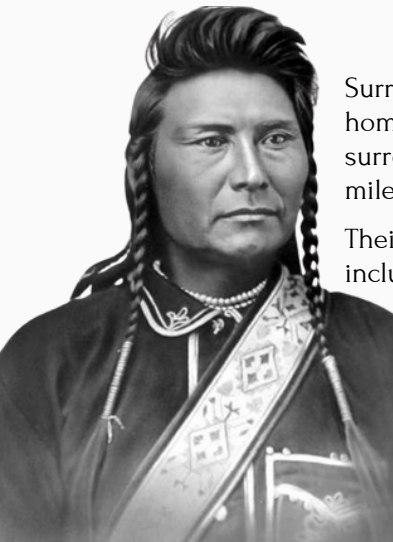
Even though they traveled by train, they were still pioneers for they settled in the isolated northeast corner of Oregon, Wallowa County.



On The O.R.N.R. Plain Opp. Wallowa Est. 1888

West to Oregon! Roderick McRae/McCrae (1850-1931)

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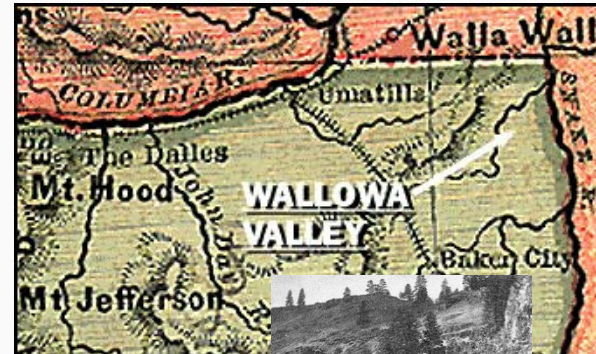


Chief Joseph by Orlando S. Goff 1877

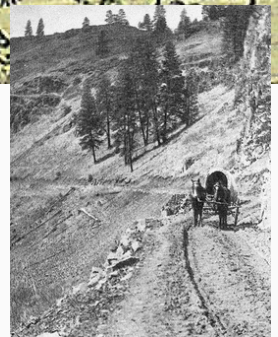
Surrounded by rugged mountains and bordered by the mile deep Hells Canyon, Wallowa Valley was home to Chief Joseph's band of the Nez Perce. 1888 was only 11 years after Chief Joseph had surrendered and there was only one primitive road in the area. Their homestead was about nine miles north of the city of Wallowa in the Dry Creek area.

Their new life in Oregon was good and social gatherings included the seven or eight families who lived on Dry Creek, mainly the women getting together to tie quilts, sew rags for carpets, and in summer gathering huckleberries. The Nez Perce trails were worn deep by their horses' hooves.

Sadly, Ellen was plagued by headaches and on the day of her death in 1892, she had, yet again, suffered a severe headache.



Wallowa Valley Map



This is one of the earliest photos we have of the first wagon road coming through the Wallowa canyon along the Wallowa River.

In 1893 Roderick married Lillian Webster and they had five children - Lena (1894), Scott (1897), Grace (1898), Marjorie (1901), and Cora (1905).

Roderick held a timber claim whereby much of it was harvested, milled and utilized to build the first buildings in Wallowa. In 1902 Roderick bought the Wallowa Hotel for \$2,900 with the proceeds from selling the timber claim. He and Lillian owned and operated it as Hotel McCrae for many years.

He became one of the best-known landlords in northeast Oregon and running a hotel gave him the opportunity to make the acquaintance of the many prominent men in Oregon.

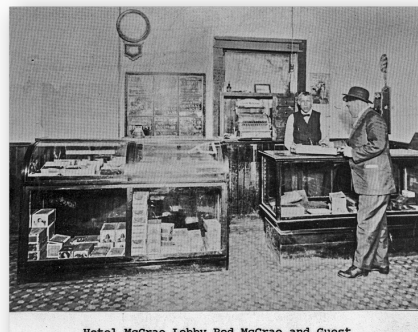
During these horse and buggy days, traveling men and transients kept Hotel McCrae filled. Travelers spoke of him being a jolly, outgoing host who kept his guests regaled with stories, jokes, and lively conversation. His genial, affable, and courteous manner to all he encountered made him well-fit to be a hotel man. Roderick's high standard and reputation certainly furthered the welfare and elevated the public opinion of Wallowa.

Consequently, his first hotel burned down in 1905. However, he immediately began rebuilding and Hotel McCrae was quickly replaced the same year. For many years, his hotel remained one of the most popular in the Wallowa Valley. Tragically, in 1929, the hotel burned down again and his second wife, Lilly, passed away. With these two events, Roderick decided to retire and not rebuild.

Roderick's health began to fail after retirement and he died in 1931 and is buried in the Wallowa Cemetery. Our McCrae family still owns property in the area and gathers annually in the Dry Creek area north of Wallowa.



This is one of the first Hotel McCrae. Rod McCrae is standing at left w/ his hands in his pocket.



Hotel McCrae Lobby Rod McCrae and Guest

Inside of the first Hotel.



HOTEL McCRAE, 1911. COURTESY OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Building is still in use in Wallowa today.

THE BATTLE OF THE PARK AND BIG DUNCAN MACRAE OF THE AXE

BY RALPH WHITE

The Battle of Blar na Pairce or the Battle of the Park was a Scottish clan battle that took place just outside Strathpeffer sometime before the fall of 1491. It was fought between Clan MacDonald and Clan Mackenzie with Clan MacRae fighters being the “shirt of mail” for the Mackenzies including the famous warrior Big Duncan MacRae of the Axe!

- The Back Story -

Due to an earlier treason, John Macdonald II (John of Islay), the Lord of the Isles, lost the title of Earl of Ross and the lands of East and West Ross were seized by the King and awarded to Clan MacKenzie. The Islanders raided Ross constantly in retaliation.

At a later date, furious over an exchange of insults with the MacKenzies, the Islanders (MacDonald and their allies) mustered more than 1,500 warriors (one claim of 3,000 appears inflated) and set out to destroy them.

Alexander of Lochalsh of the MacDonalds' force, led by Gillspic MacDonald, left a swath of wholesale fire, destruction, and death in their wake, on their way to Castle Leod, the seat of Clan MacKenzie.

Penetrating Easter Ross, he and Farquhar, son of the MacIntosh chief, seized the castle of Inverness. The Islanders lived off the land during this invasion, slaughtering livestock, pillaging towns and burning what they could not carry away.

In a campaign probably lasting two months, men were lost. No doubt the MacDonald forces were reduced to about 1,200 raiders.

As the Islanders entered and began ravaging the lowlands, word and fear spread quickly.

Allies of Clan MacKenzie gathered as quickly as possible at Castle Leod, the seat and residence of the elderly Alexander MacKenzie.

- The Battlefield -

The battle area itself resembled a shallow bowl with a flat space dominated by a swamp with standing water and tall reeds and surrounded on three sides by low wooded hills.

A dirt road leads through a tiny village (now called Jamestown) and exits directly into the field of battle.

Following this road takes the traveler to nearby Strathpeffer, which lies in a valley to the northeast.

It makes military sense that arriving first, 20-year-old Kenneth MacKenzie (son of Alexander MacKenzie) arranges his force on the east side concealed in the woods, and has a smaller force take up positions around the bog that protects the southwest side of Strathpeffer.



The image depicts Clan MacKenzie during the battle of Blar na Pairce or the Battle of the Park. This was a Scottish clan battle that took place just outside Strathpeffer sometime before the fall of 1491.

THE BATTLE OF THE PARK AND BIG DUNCAN MACRAE OF THE AXE

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The MacDonalds arrived and it's said that as the raiders advanced into the area, they burned a chapel not far from Blar na Pairce. The area's priest, women, children, and the elderly had gone into the chapel thinking it would be a protected place, but the Islanders torched it... horribly burning to death those inside.

-The Battle -

By midday, both small armies were in their final position. The opposing forces were separated from each other by about 400 yards of mossy swamp, which appeared to the MacDonalds to be mostly solid ground.

Outnumbered roughly two to one, Kenneth MacKenzie planned to use the swamp to even the odds. He placed his young brother Duncan and his archers on the higher ground of the woods to the east. Kenneth planned to attack from the northeast with a portion of his infantry.

His plan was to fake an attack on the enemy, then retreat to lure the enemy into the waist-deep bog. His brother Duncan would then have his archers unleash a murderous barrage when the enemy got stuck in the muddy pits.

To start the battle, Kenneth advanced, tauntingly leading his small band in the direction of the mass formation of Islanders. MacDonald saw this and was furious at the crass display of bravado. Gillespie, a seasoned warrior, warned him of tricks. MacDonald arrogantly ignored Gillespie's warnings of tricks and ordered his troops to charge. On Gillespie's order, Maclean of Lochbuie, led the charge of the Islanders.

Meanwhile, Kenneth had moved a little beyond the swamp, while avoiding all the dangerous areas.

Kenneth and his men engaged, and then retreated quickly. Chasing after them, the MacDonald raiders quickly got snared in the swamp.

Duncan and the MacKenzie archers emerged out of the woods and poured arrows down on the hapless warriors struggling in the swamp.

Quickly... most of the raiders who had been in the initial charge were dead or dying in the watery mud.

All of Kenneth's forces then turned southward and charged the invaders uphill. Unprepared for this onslaught, most of the Islanders broke ranks and fled.

Hoping to steady the line, Gillespie sought out Kenneth, hoping to end the battle by killing him.

Kenneth, seeing him coming, advanced in his direction. As they met, Kenneth cut off Gillespie's arm and penetrated the torso...

... killing him on the spot.



The photo depicts Lord of the Isles, Clan MacDonald. The MacDonalds arrived and it's said that as the raiders advanced into the area, they burned a chapel not far from Blar na Pairce.

THE BATTLE OF THE PARK AND BIG DUNCAN MACRAE OF THE AXE

continued...

-Big Duncan MacRae of the Axe -

Shortly before the battle, a large, powerful looking youth from Kintail was seen walking behind the MacKenzie lines. Unarmed, Duncan MacRae searched the ground and managed to find an old, rusty axe. Not knowing the orders, he waited to see where he might be useful.

Goaded on by Hector Roy, Alexander MacKenzie's third son, Big Duncan immediately stepped into the fighting and brutally began killing Islanders in a wholesale manner. The invader's most famous warrior, Lachlan Maclean of Lochbuie, saw this and moved to stop him. The two fought ferociously, but Duncan eventually decapitated the enemy clansman. The young MacRae hero was afterwards known as "Donnchadh Mor na Tuaighe," or Big Duncan of the Axe.

-Why It Matters-

This was the turning point of the battle for the Islanders.

The MacDonalds, seeing the leader of their vanguard and best warrior fall... began a fighting retreat which quickly turned into a route. Unfamiliar with the area, they scattered and fled, some drowning in the rivers and some overtaken by Mackenzie soldiers and killed.

This insurrection cost the Macdonalds the title "Lordship of the Isles" in 1493, as their other rebellions before had cost them the lands of the Earldom of Ross.

In January 1494 the aged John MacDonald II appeared before King James IV, and personally surrendered everything, after which he remained for several years in the King's household as a Court pensioner.



Big Duncan MacRae of the Axe



What are you reading?

A BRAW BOOK...

Braw (adj, Scots) - great, brilliant, pleasing

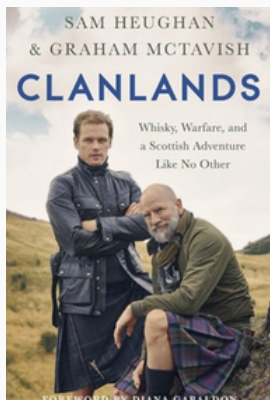
CLANLANDS

by Sam Heughan & Graham McTavish

Review by Bruce McRae

When I agreed to review CLANLANDS, I discovered the book is as much about Sam and Graham's friendship as it is about Scotland. They poke fun at each other as they are telling their stories. Initially, I was annoyed by the bantering, but it started to grow on me. You get drawn into their friendship as they tell stories about filming Outlander (which I haven't watched) and Scottish history.

They use slang words that caused me to read again to discern what they were saying, and they talk a lot about drinking which they do often. I enjoyed the nuggets of Scottish history new to me like when 14,000 stills were confiscated in the 1700s and that the Unicorn is the national animal of Scotland. They told stories of the MacDonalds, MacLeods and Mackenzies fighting as well as others. It's slow reading in places, but entertaining and informative. Would love to meet these two, especially Graham.



What are you drinking?

AND A WEE DRAM

Wee (adj, Scots) - a little bit

Edradour Caledonia

Review by Judy McRae

In 1998 Bruce and I toured the Edradour Distillery, which is the smallest in Scotland. Only six hearty souls produce 12 casks of spirit a week. Edradour invited our favorite Scottish artist Dougie MacLean to collaborate on their special edition of 12-year-old single malt named after Dougie's song Caledonia.

In 1977, Dougie was in France homesick for Scotland and wrote Caledonia which is the name the Romans gave to Scotland.

Dating back to 1825, Edradour is the last stronghold of handmade single malt whisky from a farm distillery still in production. It is a complex whisky, spicy and lively on the tongue.

Starting in bourbon casks, it is finished in Spanish sherry casks giving it a darker color. Add a few drops of water to open up more flavors.

"But let me tell you that I love you, that I think about you all the time. Caledonia you're calling me and now I'm going home."

Order Now: Clan MacRae North American Tartan Fabric Available

"In our Society Tartan, the MacRae "Sett" is used, of course, as the basis of construction. The colours used were not randomly chosen, but have significance, viz.: The Base colour is the light blue with a white stripe as in the Saltire Flag. There is a somewhat darker blue/grey that symbolizes the Ocean crossed by "The scattered children of Kintail". Then we have the Stronger blue that, in combination with the Red and White stripes, symbolizes the colours of "The Stars and Stripes" of our American Flag. Finally, the White Stripe is supported on each side by a lining of Gold. This represents the "Golden Opportunity" that this country has represented to its vast number of immigrants who came seeking a better and more prosperous life."

The 13-ounce worsted wool is double width at 59", so only four yards are needed for a kilt. The fabric is \$70 a yard plus a shipping cost (no tax). You may order any length which makes it ideal for scarves, crafts, etc. We also have access to professional kilt-makers. If you are interested in ordering fabric or having something made, please contact Judy at judymcrae777@gmail.com.



It's Official! Fabric Available now!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: CEUD MILE FAILTE

100,000 Welcomes to our new members! We warmly welcome the new members to our Society, and we are all the more richer to have you in the family. - Bruce W. McRae, President

#1732 Laura Lynn Olivo
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