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The Five Sisters of Kintail

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The munros (mountains) pictured above at the head of Loch Duich are the Five Sisters of Kintail known by their Gaelic names as Sgurr na Mòraich, Sgurr nan Saighead, Sgurr Fhuaran, Sgurr na Carnach and Sgurr na Ciste Duibhe. The war cry for Clan MacRae is "Sgurr Uaran" which is taken from the tallest of the Five Sister peaks shown here beautifully covered in snow. These peaks have been in the care of the National Trust for Scotland since 1944.

The Five Sisters carry a legend of a man with seven daughters who once lived on

the shores of Loch Duich. Two young brothers from Ireland fell in love with the two youngest daughters, married them and carried them back to Ireland. They promised to send their five older handsome brothers. Seasons came and went and the sisters watched for the five brothers who never came. A wizard then told them to go to the head of Loch Duich and stand there to remain beautiful and admired by others. As they stood, they were turned into munros, forever watching over the loch, embracing the summer warmth and donning their white coats of snow in winter.

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BY BRUCE W. MCRAE

Greetings Fellow MacRaes,

I trust all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday season. Judy and I enjoyed the holidays with our son and his family here in Colorado although we've gone through some health trials lately. I ended up going through numerous heart tests and had one stent placed in my heart in June. Then in September "I fought the saw and the saw won." Yes, while remodeling, I accidentally cut off my right-hand thumb with a table saw. I was airlifted from southern Colorado to Denver where a surgeon reattached my thumb. It's been almost four months of complications/infections, and the verdict is still out as to whether my thumb survives the reattachment or will need to be amputated. If you feel inclined to pray, I can certainly use those prayers!



Bruce at top of Grandfather Mountain high above the Games in the valley below.

On to Clan MacRae news, we have a full year of Scottish festivals coming up! Our 2025 website calendar features Clan MacRae tents at 25 Scottish festivals in 13 states! That is awesome, but that means there are 37 states that have no Clan MacRae presence at their festivals! Email me if you want to start a Clan MacRae tent at your local festival. We'll help you get started and create a team of other members in your location.

That leads to our need for more volunteers. Right now, we have too few doing too much work for our Society. You don't need to host a clan tent to help. If you are good at management skills and want to become a Director, then please let us know. There are jobs you can do from home. We need someone who updates our Festival Calendar and someone to stay in touch with our Facebook MacRaes. We now have three members on our Editor's team, but we need more writers for our Sgurr Uaran newsletter. It takes a "clan family" for Clan MacRae to remain vibrant for many years to come.

With this January newsletter, it is dues time! If you are not a Lifetime member, then please renew your annual dues as soon as possible. Rhonda McRae Cummons handles Membership and she's doing a fabulous job. Please help her by paying your annual dues. Where does that money go? Much of it pays for clan tent festival fees that allow Scottish festivals to continue operations. Our website and high-quality newsletters support the Scottish and Clan MacRae education. And we support Scottish traditions and culture by financially supporting the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band, the School of Scottish Arts Dance Camp, as well as being a Clan Partner with National Trust for Scotland. It's just a sampling of where your dues money goes, all to worthy causes! We also made a one-time donation to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for the damage done by hurricane Helene. They can certainly use more funds, so go to www.gmhg.org to give a tax-deductible donation.

I hope you take time to read this fine issue. In it we celebrate new people coming on board, but also spend a moment on those we lost. Enjoy the issue and have a wonderful 2025.

As aye,
Bruce W. McRae, President
Clan MacRae Society of North America

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 8-9, 2025
Tallahassee Highland Games
Tallahassee, FL www.tallyhighlandgames.com
Contact: Daniel McRae - dgmcrac@comcast.net

Feb 28 - March 2, 2025
North Texas Irish Festival
Dallas, TX www.ntif.org
Contact: Ebby Darden - ebbydarden@msn.com

March 22-23, 2025
Sherman Celtic Festival
Sherman, TX www.shermancelticfest.com
Contact: Paul Jarnagin - ask4paul2@hotmail.com

April 5-6, 2025
San Antonio Highland Games
San Antonio, TX www.sahga.org
Contact: Sarah Ponce - sandjponce@gmail.com

April 12-13, 2025
Loch Norman Highland Games
Huntersville, NC www.lochnorman.com
Contact: Leon Folsom - leon.folsom@prodigy.net

April 26, 2025
Norcal Celtic Festival
Woodland, CA www.norcalcelticfestival.com
Contact: James MacRae - macraejames9333@gmail.com

May 3, 2025
Savannah Scottish Games
Savannah, GA www.savannahscottishgames.com
Contact: Dean McCraw - dean_mccraw@bellsouth.net

May 10, 2025
Nacogdoches Scottish Highland Games & Festival
Nacogdoches, TX website coming soon
Contact: Paul Jarnagin - ask4paul2@hotmail.com

May 17, 2025
Blue River Highland Games
Shelbyville, IN www.shelbyparks.com/214/Highland-Games
Contact: Ray White - channaray@protonmail.com

June 7-8, 2025
Cheyenne Celtic Festival & Highland Games
Cheyenne, WY www.facebook.com/CelticFestival/
Contact: Nathaniel McRae - nakamac07@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!

Member Happenings



Mary Ruth and Larry McRae attended the Sponsor's Reception at the Loch Norman Games.



President Bruce McRae leads the MacRaes in the annual parade at the Grandfather Mtn Games.



Marck McCraw at his Clan MacRae tent at Oklahoma Highland Festival



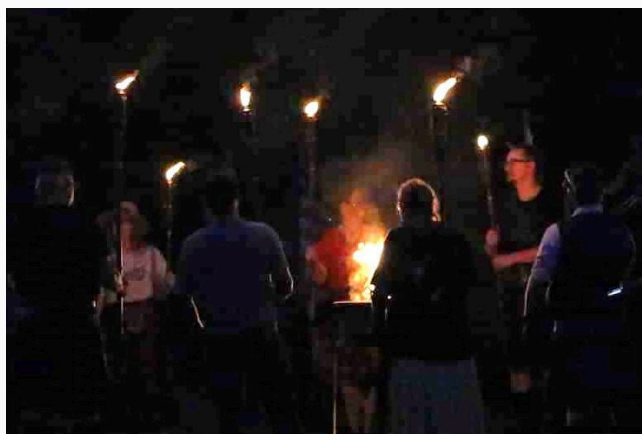
Member Robert McRae (on right) attended the Scotland County Games with sister Lillian "Jan" McRae and friend Brad Odom



Member Lauren Wilkinson loved attending the Stone Mtn Games and her children Noah, Leah Belle and Ella Grace posed with the Ancient Hunting MacRae tartan!



The Grandfather Mtn Games always draws a large group of MacRaes for the games and Banquet.



Wesley McCraw lights his torch at Oklahoma Highland Festival



The Lexington Black Widows Rugby Club team visited Commissioner Ray White's tent at the Indianapolis games. Their coach Vivian grew up in Kintail and she and Ray shared a drink from his crystal quach.

Send your Member Happenings to our Editor, Michael McRae, mmcrae08@hotmail.com.

Michael McRae, Editor

Well it has been a few years since I have edited the Sgurr Uaran newsletter but I am going to give it another go. I am glad to be back as a part of the team. Since my last introduction (March 2021) a few things have changed. Kristen and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary in 2024, Harper is now 5 years old and Nolan is now 4 years old. We still reside in Mokena, IL. I am providing the brief history from my prior intro for those who have not had a chance to read it. I joined the Navy soon after graduating from high school and was enlisted for five years and completed two tours of duty in Iraq from which I received a Purple Heart. After the Navy, I became a Police Officer; however, I decided after a few years that I really wanted a safer career, so I enlisted in an Engineering program at Northern Illinois University. I currently serve as the Director, Nuclear Quality and Safety for a valve OEM that supports the Nuclear Power Industry. I really love the great outdoors including fishing, boating, hunting, golf, and essentially any other outdoor activity. To the best of my knowledge, my ancestors settled in the U.S. in Anson County, N.C. and many settled in Waynesboro, M.S. This is where I first attended a family reunion at approximately 16 years old. Since then I have taken up an interest in learning more about my Scottish roots and heritage. I have also done the DNA testing on Ancestry.com as well as FamilyTreeDNA.com and enjoy trying to find where others split off of my tree. I look forward to working with all of the gifted writers again. -Michael McRae

(Right) Enjoying a boat ride and milkshake run with my wife and kids



School of Scottish Arts Highland Dance Scholarship

Most of our members know that our Society proudly supports the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band with a financial gift each year. We richly enjoy seeing them where we witness Gordon and Sally Warburton's unceasing devotion to teaching the pipes and drums to our youth! So, in 2024 our Clan MacRae Society took the well-deserved step of providing a scholarship to Kyla Cowan for the School of Scottish Arts Highland Dance Workshop which took place at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC in July.

This school offers five days of high-quality dance instruction from top teachers of Highland dancing, supplemented with activities built around Scottish culture and history. Like any truly Scottish endeavor, this summer camp experience has a fire that cannot be extinguished. The life-long friends and memories born in the hills of North Carolina are unmatched in perpetuating the passion needed to carry on Scottish dance traditions for generations to come. Congratulations Kyla!

Joseph Kerstetter, Commissioner

Joseph lives in Spring Hill, TN with his wife Kristi and son Charles. Joseph has plenty of hobbies making stuff, whether it is printing highland coos on his 3D printer or building lightsabers and Star Wars Mandalorian costumes. He works for the Tennessee Department of Transportation as a Civil Engineer. Joseph got interested in his genealogy after joining his local Masonic lodge following in the footsteps of his grandfather Charles McCraw. Like most McCraw ancestors in North America, he can trace his ancestry back to William McCraw of the Isle of Skye and his many children. Joseph joined the Society after meeting Andy McRae at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games and is now happy to take over for him.





IN MEMORIAM

Robert MacRae Linneman
July 3, 1937 - April 19, 2024



Bob's lifetime was one of service to God and love for his family and friends and he was well known in Clan MacRae circles especially at the Grandfather Mountain Games. After years of hiking the Scottsdale, AZ mountains, playing tennis, and using his talent for acting, Bob's time at Stanford prepared him for leading and inspiring others in a business executive career with a passion for process improvement.

More importantly, Bob was a Godly husband to Carol for almost 57 years, father to Doug and Doreen, Papa Mac to grandson Carpenter and daughter-in-law Jennifer, and a loyal supporter of his friends.

Bob was deeply passionate and dedicated to serving youth and the "troubled." He built a baseball program complete with playing field (with help from AZ Diamondbacks) for the Hopi Tribe in Arizona. Bob also initiated many men's ministry programs in PA and SC, to include Biblical Studies and mentoring in a local correctional institution. His life was rounded out through journeys with his wife, scouting and investing with his son, running (figuratively and literally) alongside his daughter, staying connected with his MacRae heritage, traveling in his beloved USA and abroad, and creating lasting experiences and memories with his family.



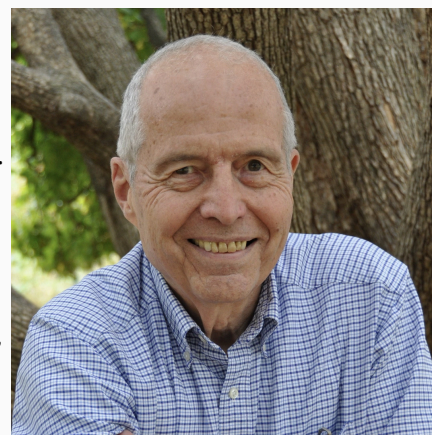
Patricia P. Tillman
November 27, 1947 – April 28, 2023

Patricia "Trisha" Tillman passed away in Marietta, GA at 75 years young. Trisha was a devoted educator, having dedicated her life to teaching and guiding young minds. She graduated from Avondale High and pursued higher education at Auburn University.

Trisha was a kind-hearted person, known to be the life of the party. She had a warm and loving heart, her infectious laughter could lift the spirits of anyone around her, and her luminous spirit filled every room she entered. Her love for animals was as bright as the sun, and her membership in Alpha Delta Kappa embodied her passion for life and learning. Trisha was also very involved in her MacRae ancestry and toured Scotland with the Clan MacRae Society of North America in 2009.

Trisha was preceded in death by her husband John and is survived by her children, Brandon Tillman (Ashleigh) and Kathryn Edgar (Seth), and her sibling, Gary Patterson (Marilyn). Trisha's legacy of love, laughter, and dedication to education will live on in the hearts and minds of all those lucky enough to have known her. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched. Her memory will be cherished forever.

Frederic Rockwell Gladstone Sanborn
June 6, 1928 – December 23, 2024



Fred Sanborn, of mostly British heritage, joined Clan MacRae through his marriage to Janet McCrea Dieman. He loved to travel and joined three MacRae tours lead by the Clan MacRae Society of North America to better understand Clan and Scottish history and culture.

Fred's passion in life was learning. Something he engaged in until the day he died. He surrounded himself with his collection of over 10,000 books and spent non-working hours reading, listening, or viewing media on endless topics of interest. He loved words and language, was an excellent writer, was steeped in history, and spoke five languages.

Fred's contributions to the betterment of the world are many. Concerned about energy, he rebuilt a Datsun car transforming it into an electric vehicle over 60 years ago. He set up a foundation, did numerous programs, and engaged the support of Neil Armstrong (who lived nearby) to promote his ideas. He noted the local school board was illegally using tax revenues. He challenged the board, taking them to court and won the case 9 to 0 at the Ohio Supreme Court. He was a singular presence who made a difference.

Fred leaves a wife, Janet, four children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren.

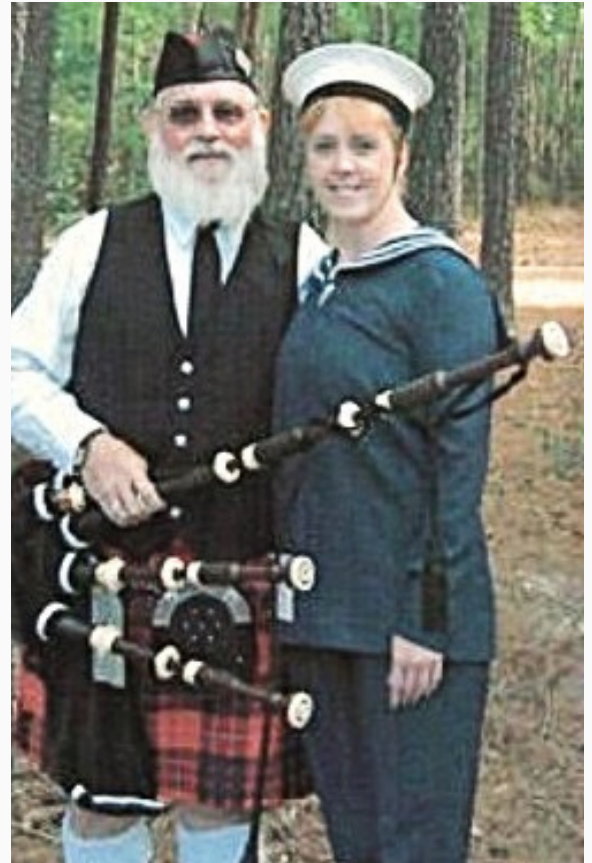
A Highland Dancer Returns to Scotland

by Sandy MacRae Cowan

Growing up I was blessed and privileged to learn about my Scottish roots from my parents who were very active in the Scottish community. My father James played the Highland bagpipes, and my mother Judie was a highland dancer as well as a drummer. Being so active I became a highland dancer as well and traveled with my father to many highland games within the US. In 1987, I made my first trip to Scotland with my father and sister as a young 13-year-old teenager. It was an opportunity to visit an amazing country and learn everything I could have about my MacRae heritage. I even danced in the courtyard of Eilean Donan Castle while my father played his Highland pipes.

The next time I visited Scotland was in 2004 as a young adult traveling with my highland dance group, CDPA from Winter Garden, FL. We went to Scotland to compete in a few highland games as well as get the opportunity to travel and learn about our heritage. One of the main stops for me was again Eilean Donan Castle where I received a special tour when they heard I was a MacRae. It was a neat experience for I had the opportunity to ask all the questions a young person could think of. The trip was one of the best in my life for I also had the chance to meet relatives in Castle Douglas and get a clearer understanding of the MacRaes and my great-grandfather Sloan MacRae.

In July 2024, 20 years from my last trip, I returned to our MacRae ancestral homeland with my husband Richard and our two girls Kyla (13) and Maysen (7). Both Kyla and Maysen were traveling as highland dancers dancing with the same dance studio and teacher as I had in 2004. Kyla had just turned 13 the day before we left, which was the same age I was on my first trip which was very special. The memories we were about to make were going to be experiences they will remember for their lifetimes



We started our trip by flying into London. After much planning we decided to drive up to Scotland and one of the first stops was Hadrian's wall in the Borders region of Scotland. This 73-mile wall was built originally as a defense barrier that guarded the northwestern frontier of Britain from the northern invading barbarians during Roman times.

Through the years and with many interactions at highland games, I've made many friends from Scotland and so our next stop was in the small town of Moffat. There we met up with the Earl and Countess of Eglinton for a quick visit and to enjoy a great meal, our "comfort time" as Huge Eglinton would say. Maysen even tried on his father's crown from the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953.

From there we stayed in Ayrshire which is close to where my great-grandfather was born and raised prior to traveling to America in 1912. We walked the beaches of the west coast and learned valuable information about Poet Robert Burns. We visited his family cottage and saw the old Brig O' Doon bridge. The seaside was amazing and I could not get enough fish n chips.

From the shores of Ayr, we headed to Pitlochry in eastern Scotland where we met up with the rest of our traveling group and fellow highland dancers. We were all staying in a Caravan Park called Milton of Fonab in Pitlochry which we called home for 14 days. The girls competed in dance competitions at Dumbarton, St Andrews as well as the Inverkeithing Highland Games. The girls also took a dance lesson from a well-known dance instructor and were invited to participate in Pitlochry's Highland Nights by performing for the local event and then marching down the streets. While there, Maysen found a new kilt for her at a local kilt maker. She is now dancing in a Dress Red MacRae kilt which obviously called her name as we did not expect to find her the perfect kilt.



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There are many sights to see and in a short time we travelled over 2,000 miles with amazing views as we drove. When not at highland games, we traveled to Inverness then to the Isle of Skye to see the Fairy Pools with a much-needed stop at Eilean Donan Castle. I showed my family the history of the MacRaes and even found a tapestry that showed a MacRae/Cowan marriage which was phenomenal to see since this MacRae is now a Cowan. The man giving our tour explained how the MacRaes would keep watch and guard the castle. This trip gave my family the ability to learn our Scottish heritage of the MacRaes, but also to learn the heritage of the Cowan clan.

I am now looking forward to our next trip abroad and I made the dance teacher promise that it would not be another 20 years. As we sat and chatted, we are now planning a trip in the next 3-4 years and the locations we'll visit will add to the experience of this trip with, of course, a visit to Eilean Donan Castle each time. I have seen such growth and change to Eilean Donan Castle in the last 37 years and cannot wait to walk across the threshold of our ancestral clan home once again.



The Trail They Left for Me

by Kaylee Gahagan



What is the spark that ignites the passion of genealogy in all of us? Is it innate to our personality and experiences, or is this a trait shared by everyone on this planet- a natural curiosity that lies deep in our core. We all know the feeling well. That excitement of hearing whispers and patchy recollections of family legends of castles and epic historic figures- our ancestors. That bite of mystery that gets our attention and, if you're like me, sends you down a rabbit hole of birth records and census reports, is what unites us living members of the Clan MacRae.

While everyone's journey with ancestry is different, for me it wasn't until I grew up and moved away from my own family that the bug really bit me, and I opened an Ancestry account. I had dabbled and explored for years, but I must admit, I owe the Scottish exploration of my ancestry to the beloved television show Outlander. I became deeply passionate about the historical events and stories behind the beautiful landscape unfolding on my screen.

After sharing with my mother my rave review of the show, she mentioned the full name of my great-grandmother for the first time: Grace McCrea.

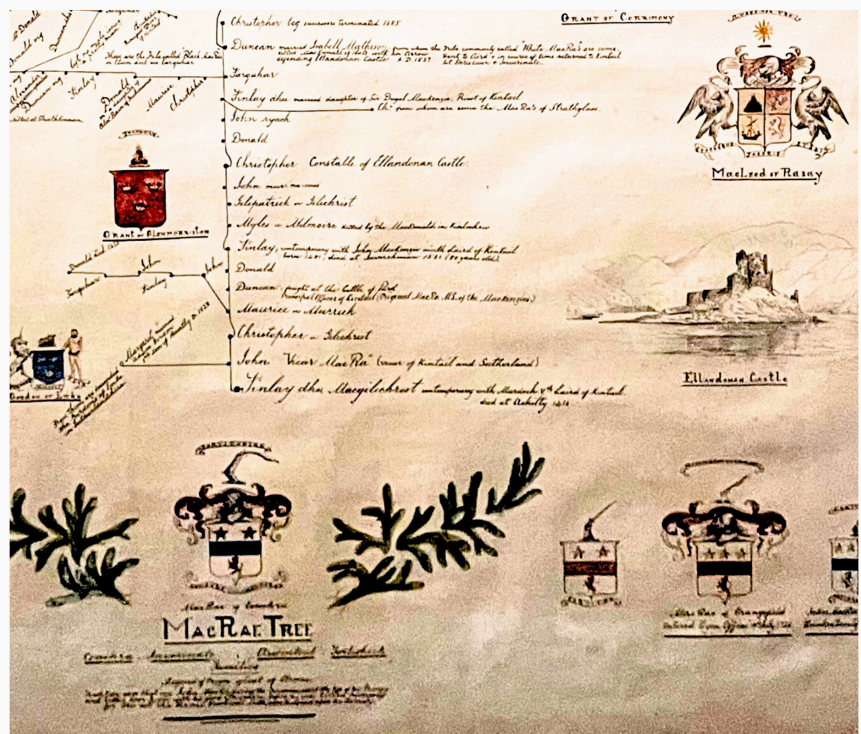
I immediately logged back into my long-stagnant Ancestry account and started looking for those breadcrumbs. A family tree that started from the tip of a branch with my birth in 1996, has worked itself backwards to the 1400s: all through my great-grandmother's line of MacRae's. When a trip to Europe came up, I didn't hesitate to add Scotland to the itinerary. I made the choice to gather as much information as I could while immersing myself in my ancestral landscape.

Like many of us, I had traced my roots to Eilean Donan Castle, where a magnificent tour guide helped me piece together more of the story. It was here where I was given the unique chance to photograph images of the MacRae family tree for my research otherwise unavailable online, a portion of which is pictured above. A name on that life-size document matched a name on my tree. I recognized it immediately and was overwhelmed- standing in the Eilean Donan castle in which he was the constable of some 405 years before. An ancestor by the name of Christopher MacRae. If you look closely at the photos, you will see his name. This is a moment all of us hope to experience when working through tireless hours of research.

The tour guide got excited at my interest and took me to another artifact. There he was once more! However, this document wasn't just breathtakingly intricate and beautiful, it was unique. This parchment offered the ancestral lineage in a semi-story form. It gave a bit more insight than dates and locations as to who my 11th great-grandfather really was.

According to my research and these documents, Christopher MacRae was born about 1552 in Kintail, Ross-shire, Scotland. At the age of 26, he married his wife Isabella, with whom he shared eleven children within fourteen years! One of his sons, the Reverend Farquhar, eighth constable of Eilean Donan, would go on to have a famously eventful charge.

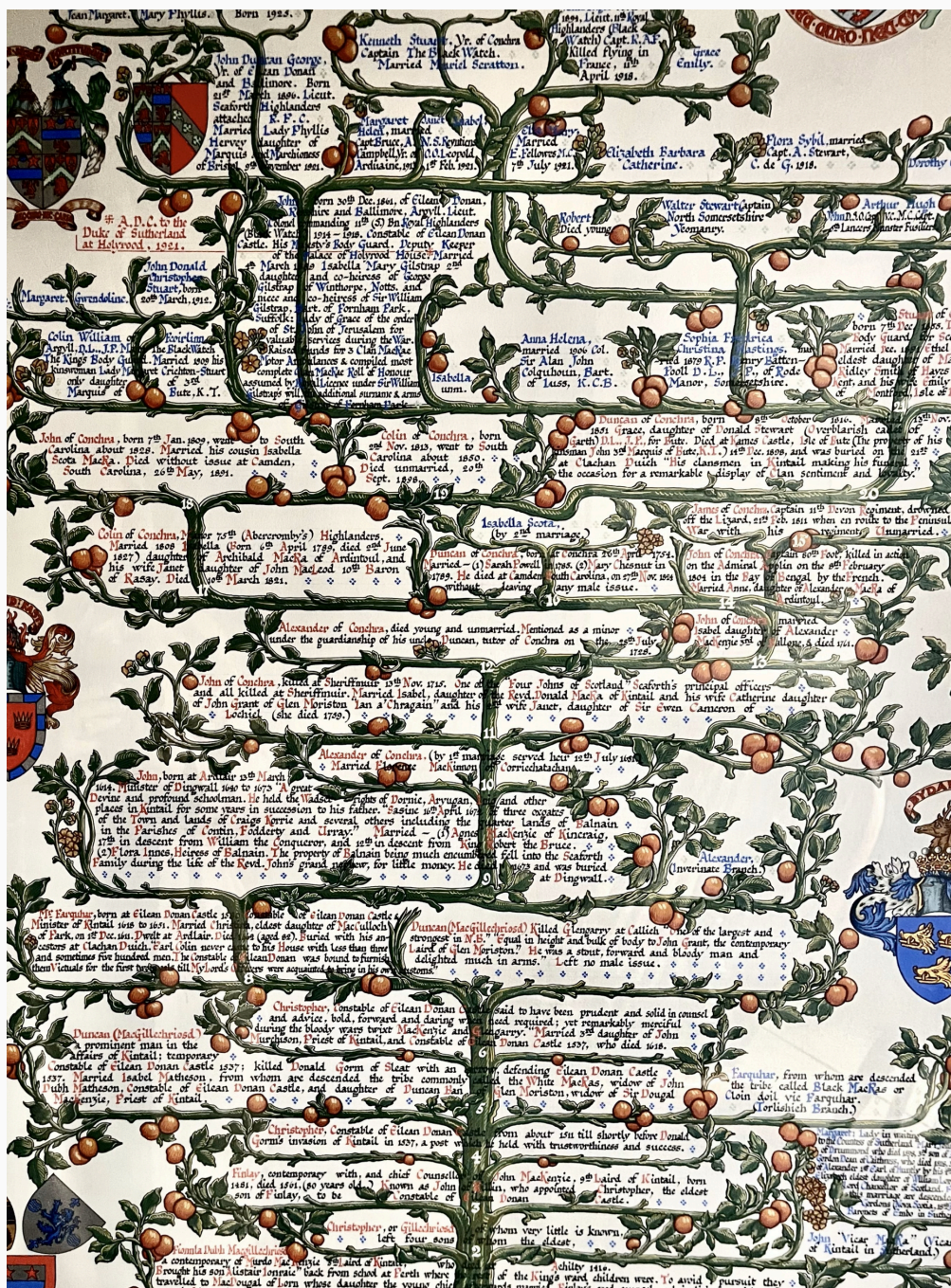
Christopher became the constable of Eilean Donan castle, serving as the sixth to do so. Christopher was well-regarded and said to be "prudent and solid in counsel and advice." Throughout the years marred by bloody battles between the MacKenzies and Glengarrys, he was known to be "bold, forward and daring when need required; yet remarkably merciful."



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Learning these details of Christopher's personality, which otherwise would've been lost to history has made me think every day of what breadcrumbs I am leaving behind for my future descendants to piece together. Will something remain that shares with them what kind of person I am?

MacRae lineage for Kaylee Gahagan:
 Christopher MacRae (1552-1618)
 (11th Great Grandfather)
 George Archibald MacRae (1592-?)
 Allan MacRae (1620-1697)
 Allan MacRae II (1660-1697)
 Allan McCrae III (1688-1747)
 Robert McCrae (1724-1763)
 John McCrea (1751-1827)
 Hugh McCrea (1787-1849)
 John McCrea (1835-1910)
 Thomas McCrea (1876-1939)
 Grace Irene McCrea (1919-1997)
 (Great Grandmother)
 Barbara Burnham (1938-1979)
 (Maternal Grandmother)
 Kathleen Gahagan (1961-)
 (Mother)
 Kaylee Gahagan (1996-)



*surname varies twice, both times the family members were relocating/becoming more involved in service/education. the variations are likely the result of misspelling from officials (military, government, immigration). luckily, other details were heavily documented at these times, which allowed me to confirm the lineage despite these variations



Edith McRae

Intrepid McRae Sisters Travel the U.S. in 1929

by Edith Catherine Rattan Bailey, granddaughter of Edith McRae Bishop

Four young ladies set off on the trip of a lifetime on June 17, 1929, joining hundreds of others who took to the roads that summer. Over 8 weeks, Inez and Edith McRae, Elizabeth Cammack and "Cousin Moll" logged 5,778 miles on mostly gravel and dirt roads. Driving the Cammack Family car, Edith and Elizabeth were best friends, both 27 years old schoolteachers from Clarksdale, MS. These fearless young women returned home to Iuka, MS, on August 11. Their adventures included many new sights, sounds, people, and cultures as they traversed 14 states.



Inez McRae

A journal written by the youngest of the four, Inez McRae, is a priceless McRae family heirloom. Inez celebrated her 16th birthday in Long Beach, California while on the trip! Her youthful narrative is complemented by my grandmother Edith's postcards.

Inez's stories of traveling 250-350 miles per day through deserts, mountains, seaside villages and major cities include:

- Sightseeing bus tour of Juarez, Mexico
- Flat tire in the desert outside of El Paso, TX, and 2 tire punctures in WY
- Newly constructed Coolidge Dam in AZ
- Swimming and dancing lessons on the Strand in Long Beach, CA
- Sailing on the S.S. Avalon to spend the day on Catalina Island
- Seeing the latest movies, vaudeville acts & Inez's first "talkie" at The Fox Theater (opened June 1929) in San Francisco, Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood (opened 1922) and others
- Golden Gate Park (8 years before the Bridge opened)
- Lake Tahoe, NV
- Elizabeth got a speeding ticket in Blackfoot, ID
- Yellowstone Park, WY
- Rocky Mountains, Estes Park and Denver, CO



Here are a couple of 16-year-old Inez's diary entries:

June 18, 1929 - "Ate dinner at Bastrop, La. We came 325 miles today. Had dirty sheets on the beds in the cabins. We tried to get them changed, but the office manager said, 'They were put on yesterday & a perfectly nice family slept on them last night.' That's been a good joke for us. We almost swore we wouldn't tell that."

July 23, 1929 - "Went to 'The Silver Spray' Twin Ball Rooms. Prof. had told us to be sure and come (and so had Jack.) Prof. danced with Edith right off. The reel, a waltz and fox trot. An old man came up to me after I had hardly got seated and asked me to waltz with him. Well, I went with him and I pity the poor fellow even now 'cause I stepped all over his feet. I waltzed with Prof. and also started the 'Paul Jones' with him. Gee! Dancing is so much fun. 'That's my weakness now.'"

Inez closes her travel diary with these lines:

Aug 11, 1929 - "Got into Memphis this morning I'll never enjoy anything so as I did this trip. Really feel educated now."



Postcard from Long Beach, CA



Catalina Postcard

McRae lineage for Catherine Bailey:

- Duncan Alexander MacRae (1673-1715) (6th Great Grandfather)
- Alexander McRae (1710-1781)
- Finlay Philip MacRae (1755-1825)
- John B McRae (1782-1845)
- John Philip McRae (1818-1905)
- Kenneth Francis McRae, MD (1869-1964)
- Edith Esther McRae (1902-1975) (Maternal Grandmother)
- Myra Joyce Bishop (1932-)
- Edith Catherine Rattan (1956-)



Our Four Travelers!



Driving Through the Desert with No Trees



Two Bathing Beauties



Inez, Edith, and Elizabeth with Saguaro Cactus

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.



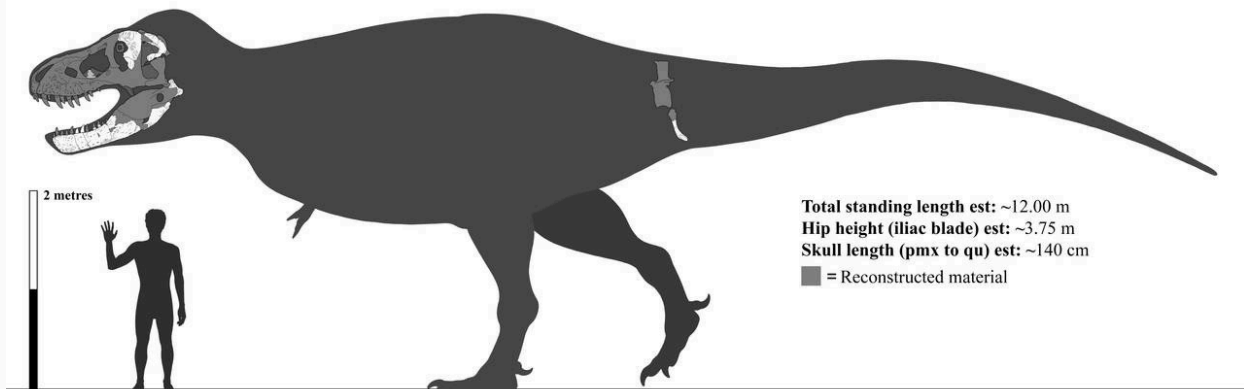
It's Official! Fabric Available now!

Tyrannosaurus mcraeensis (Dalman et al., 2024)

Reconstruction based on NMMNH P-3698 (Gillette et al., 1986) (Dalman et al., 2024)

Hall Lake Formation, McRae Group, New Mexico, USA.

Uppermost Campanian or lower Maastrichtian, Late Cretaceous.



Clan MacRae has its own Tyrannosaurus!

Clan MacRae can now claim its own dinosaur, the "tyrant lizard of the McRae Formation" or *Tyrannosaurus mcraensis*! The partial skull of a dinosaur found 40 years ago has now been identified as a new species *Tyrannosaurus mcraensis* which could be the closest relative of *Tyrannosaurus rex*. The name translates to "tyrant lizard of the McRae Formation" and comes from the McRae Formation in western New Mexico, where the partial skeleton of the dinosaur was discovered. The name *Tyrannosaurus* comes from the Greek words *tyrannos* meaning "tyrant" and *sauros* meaning "lizard". The Latin word *rex* means "king". The name *Tyrannosaurus rex* translates to "tyrant lizard the king" or "King Tyrant Lizard".

Tyrannosaurus mcraeensis most likely lived 3 to 5 million years before *Tyrannosaurus rex*. It's possibly an ancestor of *Tyrannosaurus rex*. They estimate the dinosaur was about 12 metres long, comparable in size to *T. rex*, but it lived about 4 million years earlier. The New Mexico tyrannosaur was found in the same rocks as giant horned dinosaurs, duckbilled dinosaurs and long-necked herbivores that could reach 30 metres in length.



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