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President's Message

Spring officially arrived March 20th at 11:44. To our ancestors, March (*am Mart*) marked the start of the year's work for the crofter. It appears that the months were somewhat moveable - If bad weather delayed the sowing of the crops, the beginning of the month was also delayed. It's an interesting concept that may have modern day applications – like not starting vacation if the weather is crummy. However, bad weather or not, hordes of Camerons will be spending at least part of their vacation at Achnacarry, at the **Clan Cameron International Gathering**.

One of the Gathering events will see the **Oak Grove “dedicated to the memory of Cameron Clansmen from yesteryear and today”**, on a plot of land at Achnacarry.” Ontario Branch, and a few individuals, have purchased a tree on behalf of our members. Camerons, for centuries to come, will be able to stand in the grove and admire the tribute.

A further tribute to Ontario Camerons comes with the launch of our new web site www.camerons-ontario.org. The site is intended as a focal point for members interested in Ontario Branch activities and features pages on our History, Highland Games we attend, our Activities such as the Cattle Reiving, the Clan Barbeque, links to Cameron sites around the world, Genealogy Sites, Gaelic Resources and our Forums – discussion areas for ancestry searches and all things Cameron. Our on line membership sign up has already given us two new members, and the promise of more to come.

We hope you can make full use of the site, and we welcome **any and all ideas** you may have to keep it vibrant and relevant. We will be updating the site with stories and pictures of the Gathering. Several Ontario members will be attending (good news) but this will leave gaps in the roster needed for the tents at the games (bad news). This year, more than ever, we need people to volunteer for the games tents. Give us a call.

And for more good news, Lochiel has appointed a new **Canadian Regional President**, John F. Cameron. John is from Bow Island Alberta, and has been active for some time in the Highland Prairie Branch. John is originally from the Maritimes and is determined to help re-vitalize the Atlantic Branch. Congratulations and best wishes John.

*Beannachd leibh
Camshron Liath*

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We will send Membership information for you to pass on, or mail direct!

Membership Dues Are Due!

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We hope that all members can find a way to contribute to the well being of our Ontario Branch. Volunteer at a games, or on the executive; provide information updates, articles or pictures; call and let us know what you would like to see!



A Thousand Welcomes New Members

Michelle Walczak
Kanata

Leo Cameron
Hanmer

Andrew Brouse
Montreal

Richard B. Cameron
London

Sharon McKenzie
Stratford

*and of Course
All Renewing Members*

*New member Sharon McKenzie
shared the following with us.*

Finding the courage to look through the maternal archives, my grandmother was Isa Bella Cameron (1883 – 1966). Not sure where she was born, but the family lived in Fort William before coming to Canada.

Her father was Angus Cameron (1851 – 1935). Her Mother was Annie MacDonald who died in 1892 in Port Alberni BC, in childbirth.

The family had come to Canada shortly before that time, and had started to farm outside of Port Alberni. Mother and babe are buried there. My parents located the grave a few years ago.

Angus took his 3 children, Isa Bella, Mary, and Dan back to Scotland. In due time, my

grandmother came back at age 18 as a domestic, and the family followed and settled on Kootenay Lake BC (Balfour area) and had a small farm which was worked by “Granddad” Cameron with his ox and plow!

My grandmother married Malcolm MacKinnon (1879 – 1952) originally from Scadabay, Harris. They settled on a farm on the south shore, outside Procter, where she was the farmer and dairy owner, and my grandfather was captain of paddle wheelers, most notably the Nasookin, which plied the waters of the Kootenay Lake until the 1950s.

They had 6 children, one of whom (Isa MacKinnon) married Donald Cameron, a second cousin from Australia.

*Sharon McKenzie
Ontario Branch*

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

It's past the time to remit 2009 dues (still \$15.00)

Mail cheque (Ontario Branch Clan Cameron Association) to Membership Secretary Pat Janzen

21 George St.
Guelph, ON N1H 1S5

You may **pay up to 3 years** in advance, and don't forget what a great gift this can be for other family members

If your mailing address is marked by **colour highlighter**, our records indicate you have not yet remitted!

**John Cameron
President
Canadian Region**

I have been asked to provide a brief biographical note, to let my Ontario kin know from whence I came, and a bit of who I am. To begin with, I am proud to be a Canadian of Scottish descent, and intensely proud to be a member of the greatest Scottish Clan.

I was born and raised in Nova Scotia and grew up in the Village of Sherbrooke, on the Eastern Shore of the Province. Our home was built by my grandfather Russell Cameron, and was the first house on Cameron Road. It was directly across the road from the house that was built by my great grandfather Alexander Cameron, and across the St. Mary's River from the house that was owned by my great great grandfather Angus Cameron now occupied by my cousin, Mary Ann Cameron. I was surrounded by family growing up, many of them Camerons.

The area was predominantly settled by Highland Scottish immigrants, and many of their descendants still live there. The point I am trying to make, while rambling about my upbringing, is that I was immersed in Highland Scottish culture and tradition from a very early age.

As a young boy I was passionately interested in Scottish history, and Cameron history in particular (my wife, a MacDonald, uses the term "obsessed", but they have a peculiar penchant for exaggeration).

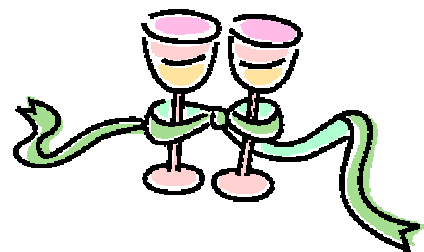
That youthful passion has grown into a lifelong one, and its natural progression has led to my involvement with Clan Cameron. I was originally a member of the Nova Scotia Branch, and after moving to Alberta joined the then Highland Prairie Chapter, which has since achieved Branch status. I was Vice-President of the Highland Prairie Branch, prior to having been appointed as Canadian Regional President.

Graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and subsequently obtained my Chartered Accountants designation. I currently reside on a farm near Bow Island, Alberta with my wife Kim (MacDonald), son Ben, and daughter Sarah (and an assortment of dogs, sheep, goats, and a horse).

In addition to my participation with Clan Cameron and historical interests, I am involved with our local minor hockey association, and also volunteer with the local 4H beef club. In my free time, I spend time hunting, fishing and motorcycling.

I consider it a huge honour to have been appointed as Canadian Regional President, and look forward to serving my Chief and my Clan. I am always open to hearing from fellow Clansmen (and women!), whether it be suggestions, ideas, or simply to chat. I sincerely hope that over the coming months and years that I get a chance to attend events in all parts of the Country, and meet some of you in person.

*Aonaibh Ri Cheile,
John Cameron*



**A WORD FROM
ACHNACARRY**

The **engagement** is announced between Donald Andrew, son of Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Lieutenant for the Area of Inverness and Lady Cecil Cameron, OBE and Sarah, daughter of the Hon. Angus Maclay of St. Boswells, Melrose.

Donald is the heir to Cameron of Lochiel, the hereditary Chief of Clan Cameron. He practices as an Advocate at the Scottish Bar and is the Scottish Conservative parliamentary candidate for Ross, Skye and Lochaber. Sarah is the granddaughter of the late 2nd Baron Maclay, Sir Joseph Maclay. She teaches Latin, Maths and sports at an independent preparatory school.

Their **wedding** is planned for this August, in the Scottish Borders.



**We're on the Net!!
Come and have a look at
our new Ontario Branch
Website**

www.camerons-ontario.org

Gaelic Corner 3 - Telling Time

Gaelic numbers are similar in structure to French. There are single digit numbers from 1 to 10, from 16 to 19 is the single digit (plus) 10, and beyond that, numbers are multiples of 20 plus 1 to 19.

eg. 35 is 15 on 20, 40 is 2 twenties.

Uair (oo-urr) is hour (or one o'clock). The plural form, Uairean (oo-urrun) is used for three to ten o'clock.

De 'n uair a tha e	What time is it?	Jaen oo-urr uh ha eh
Tha e	It is	Ha eh
Uair	One o'clock	Oo-urr
Da uair	Two “	Dah oo-urr
Tri uairean	Three “	Tree oo-urrun
Ceithir uairean	Four “	Cae-hir oo-urrun
Còig uairean	Five “	Coe-ig oo-urrun
Sia uairean	Six “	Shee-a oo-urrun
Seachd uairean	Seven “	Shack oo-urrun
Ochd uairean	Eight “	Ochk oo-urrun
Naoi uairean	Nine “	Neu-ee oo-urrun
Deich uairean	Ten “	Jae-eech oo-urrun
Aon uair deug	Eleven “	Eun oo-urr jee-ug
Da uair dheug	Twelve “	Da oo-urr yee-ug

AM and PM don't really exist: Times are expressed as morning, afternoon and night

Sa mhadainn	In the morning	Suh vadeen
Feasgar	In the afternoon	Fesskur
A dh'oidhche	At night	Uh ghuh-eechuh
Meadhan oidhche	Midnight	Mee-an-uh-eechuh
Meadhan la	Midday	Mee-an-uh lah

There are a few more *expressions* to tell the precise time:

Gu bhith	Almost	Goo vee
Cairteal gu	Quarter to	Carsht-yal goo
Cairteal an dèidh	Quarter past	Carsht-yal un-jae-ee
Leth-uair an dèidh	Half past	L-yeh-hoor un-jae-ee

And the *minutes*: They are plural except for twenty

Còig mionaidean	Five to four	Coe-ig minatch un
gu ceithir		goo cae-hir
Fichead mionaid	Twenty minutes after	Feechyt minatch
an dèidh		un jae-ee

To put it *all together*:

“What time is it?”

Its twenty five past three in the afternoon.

“Dè 'n uair a tha e?”

Tha e còig mionaidean fichead an dèidh tri feasgar.

Where To Find It !!

Looking for items and activities of interest to our Celtic Heritage? Try some of these:

Scottish Studies University of Guelph
519-824-4120

Celtic Studies University of Toronto
Canadian Celtic Arts Association
416-926-7145

<http://www.geocities.com>

Gaelic Society of Toronto
416-481-7707

Pipers & Pipe Band Society Ontario
905-827-2283

St. Andrews Society of Toronto
416-482-6690

CASSOC Clans & Scottish Societies
of Canada 416-492-1623
www.cassoc.ca

Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa
Foundation 613-995-4571
www.camerons.ca

Ontario Scottish Country Dance Assoc.
416-410-7078
www.rscdstoronto.org

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Ontario Branch
www.camerons-ontario.org.

Clan Cameron Online
www.clan-cameron.org

Clan Cameron Museum
museum@achnacarry.fsnet.co.uk

Scottish Links

Scottish Links Page
www.virtual-inn.co.uk/scottish-links

Clan History
members.aol.com/Cam1Info

Genealogical
www.thehistorynet.com

Scottish Lore
<http://www.scottishtartans.org>
<http://www.clan.com>





COMMISSIONER'S QUARTERLY: WINTER 2009

Most clansfolk should have, by now, received the premier edition of the Clan Cameron Association of **North America's "Annual" magazine**. This quite large publication was a collaborative effort from the many chapters and branches of our Association, across the U.S. and Canada. It came together quite well, in terms of a final product, and exemplifies our clan's motto: Unite. While each chapter and branch accomplishes much on their own, it is stunning what we may produce when working alongside one another.

My absolute appreciation and respect goes out to all who worked (on a very limited time table) on the 2008 Annual. Look for this year's at about the same time, around December 1st. If you didn't receive the 2008 Annual, just ask your chapter or branch for an e-copy.

Whether you are able to attend the 2009 Gathering in Lochaber or not, the Cameron Clansmen's **Oak Grove project** is something you, as clansfolk, should feel welcome to participate in. At present donations have been coming in at a nice rate, and ground will be broken in February 2009 (early site grading, planting preparation...). As usual, you will find all the details regarding this lasting tribute to you and your Clan Cameron ancestors on our primary website, Clan Cameron Online.

At this time of year Scots throughout North America join with their worldwide kin to celebrate the **birth of Robert Burns**. For many, this is the beginning of the Scottish "season" of events, and Clan Cameron is represented with distinction at venues from coast to coast.

Continuing with **Tartan Day** celebrations (April 6th) and of course the games and festivals, there is a Clan Cameron presence at over 100 events each year in our two countries. It is never too early to thank those responsible with the unified efforts to "preserve and promote" our clan's collective heritage.

This year there is a "buzz" about **the Gathering**, but please know that we are continually looking for ways to heighten your experience with Clan Cameron, regardless of where you might live or travel. After all, Achnacarry Gatherings only take place every five or ten years – your branch is there for you each and every year, come rain or shine! Please support them, both in enthusiasm and financially – they need you.

Next month an exciting new CD by Scots musician Billy McIsaac will be released – "**Songs for Lochaber**." Honoring our special request, Billy is featuring a new "take" on our clan's traditional tune, "March of the Cameron Men." His charitable record company directly benefits the Lochaber Hydrotherapy Pool in Fort William, and we cannot recommend this worthwhile project enough.

*Aonaibh Ri Cheile,
Tom Cameron
North American Commissioner
Clan Cameron Association*

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Mokan Missouri, Kansas
Northern California California
Northern Lights Minn, Wisc, Iowa
Ohio Ohio, E.Mich
Oklahoma Oklahoma
Pacific Northwest Oregon, Wash
Palmetto South Carolina
Pawcatuck River Conn, Rhode Island
Red River Texas, Louisiana
Rocky Mountain Colorado, +++
Southern California California
Stone Mountain Georgia, Florida
West Virginia W. Virginia

Notes on Robbie Burns



Dec. 14, 1786, In Edinburgh to oversee the preparation of a revised edition of his poetry, which was finally published in April 1787 (within a week of this event, Burns sold his copyright to Wm. Creech for 100 guineas). In Edinburgh, he was received as an equal by the city's brilliant men of letters and was a guest at aristocratic gatherings, where he bore himself with unaffected dignity.

Here he met, and made a lasting impression on, the 16-year-old Walter Scott, who described him later with great admiration: "His person was strong and robust; his manners rustic, not clownish, a sort of dignified plainness and simplicity which received part of its effect perhaps from knowledge of his extraordinary talents.

I think his countenance was more massive than it looks in any of the portraits ... there was a strong expression of shrewdness in all his lineaments; the eye alone, I think, indicated the poetical character and temperament. It was large, and of a dark cast, and literally glowed when he spoke with feeling or interest."

— *Sir Walter Scott*

His stay in the city resulted in some lifelong friendships and patrons. Writing lyrics for *The Melodies of Scotland*, he contributed over 100 songs. His

claim to immortality chiefly rests on the volumes he contributed to, placing him in the front ranks of lyric poets. Burns described how he mastered the tune before he composed the words:

My way is: I consider the poetic sentiment, correspondent to my idea of the musical expression, then chuse my theme, begin one stanza, when that is composed - which is generally the most difficult part of the business - I walk out, sit down now and then, look out for objects in nature around me that are in unison or harmony with the cogitations of my fancy and workings of my bosom, humming every now and then the air with the verses I have framed. when I feel my Muse beginning to jade, I retire to the solitary fireside of my study, and there commit my effusions to paper, swinging, at intervals, on the hind-legs of my elbow chair, by way of calling forth my own critical strictures, as my, pen goes." — *Robert Burns*

Via Rocky Mountain Branch

A Proud Cameron! Robert Burns Day at the ROM

To celebrate the grand occasion of Burns' 250th birthday on Sunday, January 25, 2009, I donned my kilt, braved **minus 12** weather in my walk to the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in Toronto, and participated in a fine celebration of the occasion complete with ceremonial haggis, delicious shortbread, scotch, Scottish traditional dancing, baroque music and the singing of Auld Lang Syne with those in attendance. This was the first annual Burns celebration put on by the ROM.

The crowd enjoyed an eloquent and inspired **Burns reading** by Douglas Gibson, President of the St. Andrew's Society, Toronto. He read from his recent book of Burns' poems: *A Night Out with Robert Burns: The Greatest Poems* (McClelland & Stewart, 2009).

Traditional dancing was performed by the Toronto Scottish Country Dance Association (www.rscdstoronto.org) We also were treated to a rare **musical performance** of songs, reels, jigs and airs from the R.S. Williams Collection at the ROM Library, and The Scots Musical Museum, as collected by Robert Burns. The music was performed by Baroque Music beside the Grange.

One of the highlights, of course, was the **presentation of the Haggis** accompanied by a booming and animated reading of Burns' Address to a Haggis by Reverend Malcolm Sinclair, Senior Minister at Metropolitan United Church, Toronto.

For my part, I must have looked **something like authentic** because when walking to the ROM a number of tourists were snapping photos of me (even outside the ROM crystal, posing in the frigid temperatures).

When I got inside the ROM, the museum staff descended upon me in the throngs of Sunday afternoon patrons and with the most **earnest sense of urgency** they ushered me toward the Burns event, all the while asking why I was late and whether I was one of the performers! **Ha.** For my efforts, I (and two others) was awarded a prize for **'most impressive attire'!**

*Alex Cameron
Ontario Branch*

Clan Cameron -- Clark Sept

A **sept of Clan Cameron**. This is one of the most frequently occurring surnames in Scotland.

Origin: Prior to the 14th century, Clark was an occupational name, and referred to a cleric, one who made his living by writing, a member of the minor clergy who was allowed to marry.

Language: Gaelic – Clearach; Latin – Clericus English – Clark, Clarke, Clerk
Dutch – deKlerk Swedish – Klerck

Allegiance: In Scotland both Clans Cameron and MacIntosh claim Clark as a sept - the name also is associated with other Clans. **Tartan:** Unlike some septs, Clarks have their own tartan the sett of which consists of several shades of blue lines, in varying widths, intersected by narrow black and white ones. This is very similar to the blue 'Clergy' tartan

My branch of Clarks came from Fidden farm (pronounced "Feejen") Isle of Mull, Argyleshire. They were Gaelic speaking and have been traced to one Duncan Clark, born 1745. Some of Duncan's descendents migrated to Canada about 100 years later, settling near Durham in Grey County (the rugged, rocky terrain must have reminded them of home) *Pat (Clark) Jansen - Ontario Branch*



CLARK, CLARKE, CLARKSON, CLEARY,
CLERK, LEARY, MacCHLERICH,
MacCHLERY, MacCLAIR, MacCLEAR,
MacCLEARY, MacCLERIE, MacLEAR,
MacLERIE

These similar surnames are "anglicized" versions of the Gaelic "Mac a' Chlerich/Cleireach"; son of the cleric or, sometimes, clerk. This sept is considered to have an ecclesiastical origin, as the name denotes. Outside of Lochaber it is "claimed" as part of Clan Chattan, more specifically, Clan Mackintosh.

Near Lundavra, east of Loch Linnhe and south-west of Ben Nevis in Nether Lochaber is a place named Blar nan Chleireach, otherwise known as "The Field of the Clerks." It is known to have existed prior to the mid-sixteenth century, when Donald "The Taillear Dubh" Cameron was brought up here by his foster parents. The Gaelic version of the surname, Mac a' Chlerich/Mac a' Cleireach, supports this theory, in that they are strikingly similar to the place name.

Curiously, Blar nan Chleireach is not part of the disputed lands between Clan Cameron and Clan Mackintosh. It may be that the Mac a' Chlerichs, who are known to be adherents to both Lochiel and Mackintosh, split internally within their ranks. Those who remained loyal to Lochiel may have left the disputed lands near Glen Loy, settling further from potential retribution from the Mackintoshes, yet within Lochiel's sphere of protection. There is precedent to suggest that this may have been possible, in that during this era these "splits" within a clan were not uncommon.

Clan Cameron Online

The tartan used by the Clerks is a variation of one called "Blue Clergy" which was worn by ministers, though it dates from the re-invention of tartan after the visit (orchestrated by Sir Walter Scott) of King George IV to Scotland in 1822. Clark is currently the 14th most frequently found name in Scotland. The name is also common in England where it is often spelt Clarke. Clark is regarded as a sept (sub-branch) of both Cameron and Macpherson. Clark was the 14th most frequent surname at the General Register Office in 1995.

from: <http://www.rampantscotland.com> the Red Thread.net

Wendel L. Clark (1966 -) former professional hockey player is perhaps best known for being a member of the Toronto Maple Leafs of the (NHL), captaining the team from 1991 to 1994. During this time, he was often referred to as "Captain Crunch," as he played a very physical and intense style of hockey and wore a moustache similar to that of Cap'n Crunch (of cereal box fame - ed).

Wikipedia.com

Scotland HERE WE COME !!

**The International Gathering of Clan Cameron at Achnacarry
July 30 through August 2, 2009.**

The Gathering is coming, several Ontario Branch members are planning to attend this summer. Here's what's on!

THURSDAY, 30TH JULY

11AM-5PM: Lochiel Estate (Achnacarry - B8005)

- Welcome to Achnacarry Castle not open / Grounds open –
- Clan Cameron Museum Open
- Historic Clan Cameron Walks Beech Avenue, Glen Mallie and others

6:30PM: Informal Clan Cameron Get-Together

- Moorings Hotel (Banavie, near A830) No organization - Bar Suppers

FRIDAY, 31ST JULY

11AM-5PM: Lochiel Estate (Achnacarry - B8005)

- Various Lectures, Including:
 - Famous Camerons; Placenames
 - Lochiel Family; Genealogy; Estate
- Pack a lunch or purchase on-site
- Clan Cameron Museum Open:

7:30PM: Clan Cameron Reception Nevis Centre (Fort William)

- Entertainment, Canapés, Refreshments

SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 11AM-5PM:

International Gathering of Clan Cameron

(Lochiel Estate, Achnacarry - B8005)

- "Meet The Chief" (Castle not open)
- March Past the Chief Led by Lochaber Pipe Band
- Launch of Clan Cameron Heritage Trail
- Highland Dancing; Weapons & Battle Presentation
- Clan Cameron "Treasure Hunt"
- Tug of War; Falconry; Sheepdog & Duck Demonstration
- Kiddies' Corner - + - Numerous Stalls, with Products and Food
- Dedication of Cameron Clansmen's Oak Grove

7:30PM: Clan Cameron Ceilidh

Skipinnish & Rachel Walker, along with other entertainment
(attendees should dine prior to arrival)

SUNDAY, 2ND AUGUST

11AM: Church Service (Non-Denominational) - St. Ciarnan's

2:30PM: Clan Cameron vs. Clan Fraser Shinty Match - An Aird

Late Afternoon: Survivor's BBQ - An Aird, Fort William

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND REQUIRE AN ADMISSION CHARGE

Note: Tickets for the Gathering are now on sale through the Clan Cameron Scotland web site www.clanameron.org.uk/



Coming Events

May 23 Highland Festival

Alma, Michigan
989-463-8979

Jun 6 Celfest, Callandar

705-494-8686

Jun 13 Georgetown Games

519-853-3155

Jun 13/14 Intern'tnl Military Tattoo

Hamilton
905-523-1753

Jun 20 Georgina Highland Gathering

Jackson's Point
888-436-7446

Jun 20 Veteran's Memorial Games Spencerville

Jun 27 Cobourg Highland games

905-373-4166

Jun 27 Lindsay Scottish Festival

800-811-5841

Jul 1 Zorra Highland Games

Embro
519-475-4451

Jul 4 Scottish Festival & Games

Kincardine
888-232-7952

Jul 12 Ontario Branch BBQ

Date & Location to be confirmed!

Jul ___ Cambridge Highland games

519-222-2447

Jul 25 Highlands of Durham games

Uxbridge
905-852-2253

Jul 30 Cameron International Gathering

Achnacarry, Scotland

Aug 1 Glengarry Highland Games Maxville

Aug 8 Highland Games & Festival Fergus

Sep 26 CATTLE REIVING

519-284-0416

Subject to error / change. Check before going!

Remains of the original home of "Lochiel" in Achnacarry built by Sir Ewen "Dubh" Cameron, 17th Chief of Clan Cameron in c. 1655. With the Jacobite army's defeat at the Battle of Culloden, the clans retreated into the Highlands with Donald Cameron ("The Gentle Lochiel"), 19th Chief of Clan Cameron, taking the lead in regrouping them. After this last attempt at resistance failed, he and his men took to the mountains. On May 28th, 1746, Donald watched as 320 men of Bligh's English Regiment, under the command of Lt. Colonel Edward Cornwallis and a "body" of Munros (under the command of Munro of Culcairn), burned Achnacarry to the ground. Many valued relics and personal possessions were saved, but the great fir-planked home of Lochiel was left in ashes. Clan Cameron lost about half their strength at Culloden, and Lochiel himself was badly wounded; he eventually made it to France with the Prince in October. Despite attempting to persuade Louis XV to mount a second landing, he never returned to Scotland. He took command of a French regiment in 1747, and died in Flanders in October 1748.

Rocky Mountain Branch

Cameron Quiz Questions

10. Which is the correct spelling of the Clan Cameron motto in Gaelic

- A. Aonaibh Ri Cheilé
- B. Aonaibh Ri Chéille
- C. Aonaibh Ri Cheile
- D. Aonaibh Ri Cheile



11. Who is this man "said" to be?

- A. Donald Cameron, XIX Captain and Chief of Clan Cameron
- B. Donald Cameron, XXII Captain and Chief of Clan Cameron
- C. Donald Cameron, XXIII Captain and Chief of Clan Cameron
- D. Donald Cameron, XXIV Captain and Chief of Clan Cameron

12. If one singular clan could have been considered Clan Cameron's "partner" during the entire 1745 Jacobite Rebellion, which one would it have been?

- A. MacDonald
- B. Fraser
- C. Stewart of Appin
- D. Macintosh

13. Where is "Lochiel's Island?"

- A. Loch Arkaig
 - B. Loch Sheil
 - C. Loch nan Uamh
 - D. Loch Eil
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14. In what year was the "Captain" of Clan Cameron first referred to as "of Lochiel?"

- A. 1498
- B. 1508
- C. 1518
- D. 1528

15. Which notable Cameron woman was pregnant and had to flee for her life in this delicate condition during the aftermath of the 1745 Jacobite Uprising?

- A. Ann Cameron, wife of Donald "The Gentle Lochiel"
- B. Jenny Cameron of Glendessary
- C. Jean Cameron, wife of Dr. Archibald Cameron
- D. Mary Cameron, wife of Ludovic Cameron of Torcastle

16. Which portion of Lochiel's forfeited estate, in the mid-18th century, was referred to by Hanoverian governmental official as a "Den of Thieves?"

- A. Loch Eil-side
- B. Loch Arkaig-side
- C. Loch Linnhe-side
- D. Brae Lochaber

17. The Chiefs of Clan Cameron have been named "Donald" since what year?

- A. 1700 B. 1748
- C. 1762 D. 1776

18. The "savages" or "supporters" whom are wreathed in oak about the head and middle, bearing Lochaber Axes, are said to represent:

- A. Donald na Cuirc B. Donald M'Ewen M'Connel
- C. Donald Dubh M'Ewen D. Donald Dow M'Connell M'Ewen

19. Which of these Lochaber peaks is the tallest?

- A. Beinn Bhàn B. Meall a' Phubuill
- C. Stob Coire Easain

20. Which Clan Cameron "Cadet Family" has its historical burial place on Munn's Island?

- A. The Camerons of Kinlochiel
- B. The Camerons of Callart
- C. The Camerons of Fassifern
- D. The Camerons of Inverailort

Cameron Quiz Answers

10 B: Aonaibh Ri Chéile...*Source: Page 233, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich*

11 A: Donald Cameron, XIX Captain and Chief...*Source: Plate IX, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich*

12 C: Stewart of Appin...*Source: Page 107-112, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich*

- 13 B:** Loch Sheil...*Source: Page 115, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich; and; Page 136, Lochiel of the 'Forty-Five, by John Sibbald Gibson*
- 14 D:** 1528...*Source: Page 23 & 265, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich*
- 15 C:** Jean Cameron, wife of Dr. Archibald Cameron...*Source: Page 115, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich*
- 16 B:** Loch Linnhe-side...*Source: Page 310, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich*
- 17 D:** 1776...*Source: Page 146, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich*
- 18 B:** Donald M'Ewen M'Connel...*Source: Page 55, History of the Camerons by Alexander MacKenzie (aka: "Taillear Dubh Na Tuaighe...page 37)*
- 19 D:** Aonach Beag...*Source: Ordnance Survey Routemaster 2 map (Northern Scotland) (@4,048 feet in height)*
- 20 B:** The Camerons of Callart...*Source: Page 321, History of Clan Cameron by John Stewart of Ardvorlich*