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Per Ardua is the quarterly newsletter of Clan MacIntyre Association. Its purpose is to keep Members and Patrons informed of CMA family happenings, coming events, genealogy, updates and general information of interest to all MacIntyres and Wrights worldwide.

Clan MacIntyre Association AGM 2004

The Clan MacIntyre Association will hold its Annual General Meeting for 2004 in conjunction with the Detroit St. Andrew's Society's Highland Games on August 7, 2004, in Livonia, Michigan.

This will be the 155th consecutive year that the St. Andrew's Society has held its Games, making it the oldest continuously running highland games in the country. The Games are held in Livonia, Michigan, a suburb northwest of Detroit, and are easily reached via several expressway routes.

Our hotel for the AGM will be the Sheraton Detroit Novi, which will accord us first class accommodation and banquet facilities, and is located less than one mile from the Games site. All reservations for the AGM will be handled through Howard Wright, Vice President for Programs. You will receive all necessary information about the hotel reservation and your banquet meal and tickets and local transportation in Detroit, as well as games and Ceilidh tickets, in a separate mailing later this month. There will be more details in the Summer *Per Ardua* to be mailed in mid June.

Please plan to attend. We promise a great time!

Howard M. Wright, Vice President-Programs

As Long as You Are Coming to Detroit

Of course we expect you at the Games in the afternoon and the Banquet Saturday night. You can even come to the Annual General Meeting and try to help us be better. But, as long as you're in town there are many significant events to take in: More than a dozen fine museums displaying significant works of art and history including Historic Dearborn and the automobiles, trains. There is also an aquarium, Detroit is a port city too.

Take me out to the Ball Game

This will be a great week for the Detroit Tigers.
They play Texas on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights.
On Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon the visiting team will be Boston.

For complete information on all the goings on and tickets: www.guide2detroit.com

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The President's message

I hope that everyone wore some MacIntyre Tartan on the 6th of this month. 6 April, every year, is a day that has been declared Tartan Day by Resolution of the US Senate in 2000. I wore my MacIntyre Hunting kilt all day, to a gathering at church, to the bank, PO, and several businesses here in Kingsland and to the Highland Lakes Squadron, CAF, and lunch in Burnet, a nearby town. It felt good to wear it and to tell all those who ask why, all about Tartan Day and why we have such a day.

Be sure to cast your vote for Council, they need to know that they have your support.

Plan to be at the Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the Detroit Highland Games. Please read the information on this meeting and the games elsewhere in this issue of *PER ARDUA*.

Just so that you know, the Council is working almost every day on your behalf as well as that of the Association

An apology and our hopes for the future.

I'm sure you all realize that the publication of Per Ardua has been rather weak for some time. There were problems. Because of work loads, job shifts, and just some confusion, it has not been possible to maintain communication with you, the members, our most important asset. Mike Murschel very reluctantly became editor in 2003 but he had said he could not devote the necessary time to it. In addition, he was often unable to get material to publish. The ballots were late coming out. Membership notices also had such problems that we were not able to start billing until September. As a result of late billing, and other shortcomings, many of you did not renew. You did receive a skimpy issue in February and we are sending you this more informative one in hopes that you will all come back with us.

In order to survive and grow of course we know that the Officers and Council must do more. However, the material we print in Per Ardua must come largely from you about things that interest you and you think might interest others. You can write about your family and your comings and goings, about your favorite relative or experience on ancestral journeys and MacIntyres and Wrights that we should know about.

I have a pretty heavy load as Vice President for Membership with much of computer and paper work involved. I wish to continue my efforts toward a greater and more active membership. I stepped up to be Interim Editor to try to get us through the summer. Your comments and suggestions, and articles, will be welcomed.

Per Ardua is published quarterly by Clan MacIntyre Association. Material for publication is best submitted by email or on 3.5 floppy in MS Word format. Legible handwriting or typing will be accepted if the story is very good and not too long. Scanned photographs will only be used if they will print with a reasonable gray scale.

This issue was done with MSWord Publisher 98. Alan B. MacIntyre, Interim Editor

The Book

I know those who have been waiting for the second edition of *Clan MacIntyre: A Journey to the Past*, have been wondering “wha happened”?

Well, here is another annual update. I had no idea what I had gotten myself into when I decided to do a new edition of my father’s book rather than just doing a second printing. I now realize that even a second printing would have been a major undertaking, but no, I had to do a new edition so the current history (1980 – 2000) could be included. I got off to a good start because CMA members had retyped the original into a computer format. I had a draft completed by September 1998 and sent it off to a few people for editing and comments. A month later, I was invited to a meeting of the Clan MacIntyre Society in Tacoma, Washington. Dennis Wright, their President, gave me a stapled book titled, *Clan MacIntyre* by Duncan McIntyre of Sydney Australia. I vaguely remembered receiving a letter from Duncan in the early 1990s, when I was in Saudi Arabia. He said he was writing a history of Clan MacIntyre and wanted me to identify the handwriting on a document that he thought it might be my father’s. That was many years before I saw the 196 page book in 8 pt type and spent most of the night reading it. There was new information and new theories written with a gusto and determination that poured out of the pages.

What to do? Now there were two histories of Clan MacIntyre, Duncan’s and my version of my father’s book. Should I defer to Duncan’s book, continue with the second edition of my father’s book or try to collaborate? Now that I had read his book, I would be unable to continue my effort without including the new information. How would I be able to give him proper credit when his book was still unpublished? Suppose my book was published before his? These were the questions back in 1997, before I entered the world of the Internet.

I decided to continue the second edition and give credit where credit was due, especially to my fellow historian Down Under. I contacted him and asked for his thoughts on this problem. We are now great e-mail pals, having in common the inability to say we are finished. Neither of us has reached the point of printing, so the problem of giving credit is as real as a TV reality show.

Through the Internet, I developed a number of other correspondents, one being a professional (McIntyre) editor in Canada, P.K. Murphy, who offered to edit my book. There are a number of others, especially two in Scotland, (Brian MacIntyre and Colin MacIntyre) who offered to do what they could. They were as good as their word. Last summer, Colin and friends led our family up Ben Cruachan to the Stone of the Fatted Calf. Legend has it that on Midsummer’s Day the MacIntyre delivered a snowball and fatted calf to the Campbells. Brian has made many visits to the Scottish National Archives and has obtained photocopies of original document related to MacIntyres and Glenoe. One item he found has literally turned some of the accepted theories concerning Glenoe and the chiefs of Clan MacIntyre on their head. This has meant rewriting previously completed sections and making sure the changes are consistent throughout the book. Another e-mail correspondent in the U.S. sent me a photo of a Cladich garter for which MacIntyre were famous and a document signed by James, third chief of Glenoe. These wonderful additions, along with the time required to carrying on with the normal routines of life and my natural proclivity to procrastinate, has kept the end moving forward almost as fast as I have been able to complete the previous section. For the record, I have sent to the editor the Introduction and Chapters I, II, and III. I am working on Chapter IV and there are three additional chapters, plus appendixes and the all important index.

For now, you will have to continue to be patient and satisfied with the draft found at: www.electricscotland.com/webclans/m/macintyre/index.htm . My computer C drive died recently. It did not affect the book, but I did lose the list of those who want the book when it is completed. Please send me your e-mail address and this time I will keep it in a safe place.

Keep the Faith and Per Ardua.

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Flowers of the Field

Inadvertently omitted from previous issue.

To the Editor:

Although I am no longer a member of the Association, I hope that, in consideration of my past contributions to *Per Ardua*, I may be allowed a bit of space to express my deepest sympathy on the recent loss of one of the Association's truly wonderful members, Bea McIntyre.

I know that her devoted husband Gail is also preparing something for the newsletter, so I will endeavor to be brief. I met Gail and Bea at the Annual Gathering in Illinois some years ago. It may sound like a cliché, but I honestly don't think I have ever known anyone more inspirational. Although she beat cancer years ago, the somewhat primitive treatments of the past ultimately resulted in chronic infections over the last decade.

Despite the frequent pain and regular hospitalizations, Bea was possibly the most cheerful person I have ever known. She somehow radiated joy in a situation that would have left anyone else depressed. No matter how gloomy her physical condition, she was always a bright ray of sunshine. As I remarked more than once, while a MacIntyre by marriage only, I never met anyone who better exemplified the clan motto.

Thinking back, I am surprised to realize that, despite her many problems, she attended several other Gatherings, including Arlington, Texas and Grandfather Mountain. The Oberlin Gathering would prove to be her last. She could not help but make many friends in the Association, who I know will be greatly saddened to learn of her passing.

Through all the years of illness, hospitalizations, operations and convalescences, Gail was constantly at her side. The fear that he would lose her was his sole concern. He, their close-knit family, and the rest of us who knew her, have all lost more than can be expressed in words. May we all be remembered with so much love.

Sincerely,

Tom McIntyre
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November 18, 2003

You Never Know

I have never really been interested in my genealogy, instead giving my time to the general history of Clan MacIntyre. I knew my father had researched our family and traced it back to a Thomas McIntire of Virginia in the 1700s. I thought he told me that the records of coming from Scotland were lost when the ship burned in Boston harbor. Once I found the Internet world www.rootsweb.com & www.electricscotland.com, the inquiries started coming in and I couldn't avoid finding out about my ancestors.

One of the correspondents informed me that my ancestors and current cousins had had annual meetings since the 1920s. I then heard from a Robert A. Sapp in Marietta, Georgia, who said we were cousins from way back. He has devoted himself to tracing his McIntyre lineage as well as all of his cousins, including me and my siblings. He discovered that it was Charles McIntire born c. 1720, died 1780, who was our common ancestor, not Thomas as my father thought. Robert has not been able to trace it back any further, so we presently do not know who Charles' father was (other than being a McIntire) or if he came to the American Colonies from Scotland.

It was already a pleasure to have this information without any effort on my part and then Robert sent my very on lineage including my wife, children and grandchild. Wow! But even this did not prepare me for what he sent next: the military muster and pay rolls from the American Revolutionary War showing that Charles was a soldier in the Virginia contingent with General George Washington at Valley Forge! This means that I and my grandson are eligible to be members of the Sons of the American Revolution and my daughters, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

When I was a young boy, in the mid 1940s, all I knew about the DAR was that they owned Constitution Hall in Washington D.C. and wouldn't let Marion Anderson sing there because of her skin color. Ms Anderson gave her concert on the steps of the Capitol. I can remember how upset my Mom and Dad were with the DAR. Then my sister, Carol, received a high school prize sponsored by the DAR and the family discussed if she should accept it because of what the DAR stood for. Now, because of genealogy, I find that my sister, her daughter and my daughters are all eligible to be a member of the DAR and my Scottish-Italian-American grandson is eligible to be a member of the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge! So the world turns. You never know.

Martin Lewis. MacIntyre LM02, son of Leslie D. MacIntyre, son of Martin McIntyre son of

More Interest in Genealogy in England

Robin Wright, Member in Sussex

When I first started tracing my Family Tree, it was after my Father's eldest brother died, now he had traced a great deal, but his wife (bless her) threw all the information out as soon as the funeral was over, and so I had to start from the beginning.

Due to 3rd or 4th hand information, I was told that the family ancestry was McCrae, so that was what I tried to trace for around 6 years, then I discovered the internet and POW!, this whole new world opened up at the touch of a button.

I was given a photograph of my Father's brother in which he was wearing his kilt. Bearing in mind that I'd only met him once in his life, and remembering him as an old fashioned man who was of the opinion that youngsters should be seen and not heard, I regret to that I never got to hear from him 1st hand anything of the family history.

After discovering electricscotland.com and emailing Alastair Macintyre, I sent a copy of my uncle's photo via Alastair to a chap who told me that I was looking in the wrong areas, as it was not a McCrae Tartan he was wearing, but either the Ancient Formal Red Macintyre or the Glenorchy Tartan which again was a tartan the Macintyre Clan were entitled to wear. And so I looked up the Macintyre Clan History on Alastair's site. I had found out a few things from my family members that in our history there was an accidental killing, this was very helpful in locating which part of Argyll my family was linked to, which is both the Badenoch and Glenorchy areas.

That is the short version of how I got into the satisfying and some times, frustrating, Ancestry/Genealogy trail.

There is a big surge in genealogy here; there are several TV programmes on history and archaeology. The first of these programmes, **TIME TEAM**, is mostly an archaeological programme, there is a team of archaeologists who are given 3 days to dig on certain areas where there are suspicions of archaeological interest. The sites range from 1st century AD to the late 1800's, some times they find artefacts that are from the BC periods. Over the past 2 - 3 years there have been some digs in Scotland, Lindisfarne, Inverness, and most interestingly in and around Oban.

Although there has not been anything found to suggest any particular clans, there have been numerous finds relating to clan warfare. Famous names such as William Wallace, Robert the Bruce, Rob Roy Macgregor have been spoken of and even Macbeth and John Balliol.

Some of the archaeological finds include Claymores, Dirks and even Rifle and Pistol Ball shot, and of course Crofts, and Celtic Jewellery.

Another popular Programme is the **History Channel** which covers specific Families and their History

The **Discovery Channel** can be a very worthwhile source of reference in how to embark on your search.

And all these programmes influence People of all ages to trace their Roots. Another programme that can be a source of inspiration to People, believe it or not, is a **The Antiques Road Show** where a team of antique experts travel the country and set up shows, where anyone can take their precious possessions and get them valued. The experts tend to explain a short history of particular items and where they were made.

Strange as it may seem, I have spoken to people who have either been on the show, or have seen it on TV, and that has given them the incentive to trace their family history.

I am an Instructor with an Air Cadet Unit which has 40 young people in, and there's at least 9 that are following this path, 2 of the Cadets who are siblings, have traced their ancestry and have found that they are entitled to wear the Macintyre #1 Hunting Tartan, which is the same one that I wear, and is shown by the CMA, through one of their Ancestors. Over the past 2 years I have spoken to many people and helped them get started on their search for their Roots, and when you consider I live in a small village, it is quite amazing. I am the only person in my village who wears a kilt and that generates interest even though I wear it only about 14 times a year. I do suffer some ridicule from some of the local youngsters, but Hey, I'm proud of my heritage, although I must say that the youngsters I work with are not among those. Another strong influence in the surge of the Populace tracing their roots is of course the Internet, it is such a strong accessible tool in the search of Genealogy, which I'm sure you will all agree with, it saves a lot of leg work and hours of turning pages in libraries.

This might interest the Wrights amongst you, when King William landed in Hastings in 1066, he brought with, as you would expect, Wood workers, who were Wheel-Wrights and Ship-Wrights, and bore the obvious names, they then settled in Somerset and Cornwall areas of the Country, which is in the South West of the UK, They over the Centuries came to hold the surname of Wright. But those Wrights have no connection to the Macintyre Wrights, as when the Macintyre's settled in England, they anglicised the Gaelic Macintyre name (son of the Wright) to Wright. But those from the European Continent adopted the name Wright from the French and Flemish Languages and only took the name Wright to avoid persecution from the English, much as the same as the Scots did when they settled south of the border. I have researched this and have found that there is no connection to the Wrights that came down from

From time to time we will reprint articles of particular interest from past issues of Per Ardua
These are among the earliest from the archives of Martin MacIntyre

Organizing Meeting of the Association - Grandfather Mountain, Linville, North Carolina, July 8, 1978

By Wanda L. Wells (CM 21) Recording Sec. CM means Charter Member

At 9:00 a., July 8, 1978, a group of fifty-four descendants of the MacIntyre Clan met at the Fish House Restaurant in Linville, North Carolina, for the purpose of forming an association.

Dr. Roger W. McIntyre (CM 1), Convener, called for an opening address by Mr. L. D. MacIntyre who presented a movie depicting a visit he and his family had made in 1976 to the ancestral home, Glen Noe, in Scotland.

Mrs. Alice MacIntyre, Membership and Finance Chairman, reported that as of June 30, 1978, the membership consists of 60 charter members, including 16 patrons and 9 sponsors. She reported receipts totaling \$1,634.77, expenses of \$562.96, and a balance of \$1,071.81. She proposed, and the members agreed, that a newsletter reporting this meeting and the activities at the Highland Games be sent, on a one-time-only basis, to each person who has purchased a copy of L. D. MacIntyre's "Clan MacIntyre" book (this being the largest available mailing list of potential members).

The Convener moved that an organization be formed to be known as Clan MacIntyre Association and that a bank account be established in its name. The motion was seconded and passed. Also agreed upon was a resolution to recognize Donald MacIntyre, Eighth Chief of the Clan, as Honorary Chief and Life Member of the Association.

The meeting was adjourned with the agreement to reconvene at 3:00 p.m. the same day at the Clan tent at the Highland Games on Grandfather Mountain.

At the 3:00 p.m. meeting, Mr. L. D. MacIntyre was voted President to serve until the next meeting to be called in one year at a time and place to be determined later. He is to appoint officers to serve the same period of time. Mrs. Alice MacIntyre has been appointed to serve as Secretary and Mrs. Wanda L. Wells, Treasurer. At said meeting in one year a new slate of officers is to be presented for election by the membership.

The President was authorized to have a Council of six members to draw up a constitution which is then to be submitted by mail to the membership for approval. Final approval of the constitution is to be voted upon at the next general meeting of the Association one year hence.

The membership agreed that the President shall appoint appropriate members to officially represent the Association at regional Highland Games during the year for the purposes of enlarging membership and promoting influence of the Clan MacIntyre Association. It was agreed to close charter membership on December 31, 1978 and to issue to each such member a scroll listing charter members.

The meeting was adjourned until further notice.

On Behalf of our Chief. By L. D. MacIntyre

Correspondence is being carried on with the Council of Scottish Clan Association for advice on Steps necessary to secure the official recognition in Scotland of the hereditary Chief of Clan MacIntyre, 8th of Glen Noe, now resident in this country. J. Charles Thompson, the Authority on Heraldry of the Council, and well-known in this field, is now studying the materials on the subject which we sent him.

We will report any information received from him in future PER ARDUAS.

On Behalf of our Chief. By L. D. MacIntyre

In the last issue we referred to our contact with Mr. Thompson on having our Chief recognized in Scotland. Mr. Thompson's first reply to us was very discouraging. But a second call suggested that if we could prove the recognition of the Chief prior to 1672 when the Lord Lyon's office was established, it might be possible to petition for registration of arms borne before that date. Thus Mr. Thompson suggested that we attempt to secure photographs of the corrected arms on tombstones of MacIntyres of Glen Noe before 1672.

Following Mr. Thompson's suggestions we have written to a contact we have near Glen Noe – a MacIntyre who has a lifetime interest in the history of MacIntyres. We are awaiting a reply from him, but at least this gives us an avenue to pursue. If we do not hear from this correspondent, perhaps some member will be going to Scotland soon, and can make this effort.

In this connection, Councilor Daniel P. McIntyre (CM 55) wrote us: "... I very much like Article II, 6 [of the Constitution]. We especially must have the Hereditary Chief of Clan MacIntyres recognized."

Host a Clan MacIntyre Tent this Year

HOWARD M. WRIGHT, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS

How about having some fun this summer? Get out, make some new friends, have a good time, and help Clan MacIntyre Association, all at the same time. How? Become a convener, and host a Clan MacIntyre tent at a highland game near you.

Think back to the time you first connected with the Clan MacIntyre. It was probably at a highland games. Someone was hosting a clan tent and you went over, struck up a conversation, and told them how you were connected with Clan MacIntyre. There were smiles and story telling and the convener offered you a chance to become a member of the Clan MacIntyre Association. It's likely that you walked away feeling proud of your Scottish heritage, and glad you had become a member.

"Oh, but I could never do that."

Sure you can. It's easy. And we know you'll have a good time. Here's how.

Contact the organising committee to the highland games near you. You can do this by finding their web site, advertising, or a Scottish organisation near you. Ask for an application to host a clan tent. When you receive this document, fill it out and send it to the Vice President for Programs. From there it will be sent to the treasurer for payment, or if you wish to make a contribution, you may, of course, pay the fee yourself. Once the application is sent, you will be contacted by the game's organizer.

"But I don't have anything to put in a tent display."

It doesn't take much. Your display may be as simple or as elaborate as you wish it to be. A bit of tartan is helpful and you can put out a map of Scotland, a travel book or two. If you have been to Scotland, have your best pictures displayed. **If you have nothing**, The Clan MacIntyre Association has *game boxes* which contain items of interest that you can display and sell. In addition to the display items for the tent, it's always more fun to have a cooler and some snacks for you and those who are helping with the tent. You'll meet a lot of other interesting Scots by chatting with the hosts of your neighbouring tents. Of course you will want to try some ethnic food from the vendors too.

You can obtain a games box by contacting **Games Co-ordinator, Jonathan Tucker**, at least a month before you need the box. There are some follow-up things to do, but those instructions will come with the box.

The only thing that's really important is to smile, listen, and have a good time. Of course you can restock your Scottish regalia or even order a new kilt or Prince Charlie.

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Enjoy the Games!

Where are all these Highland Games?

There are hundreds of Scottish Highland Games throughout the country. Gather your cooler and good things to eat and drink and some relatives and some family treasures to show. The Council of Scottish Clan Associations shows them all at their web site: www.cosca.net. You will find five games in Michigan and 23 in NC, SC, and GA. The admission charge varies from free to \$15; and for tents or tent space from free to a few hundred dollars.

Calling all Scots and Scots Wannabes

The **Macalester Scottish Fair**, which has been a fixture on the Macalester College for the past 31 years was the idea of Florence Hart and a few other people. Florence was, at that time, the College's Highland Dance teacher and she wanted her dancers to have a competition for themselves. Margaret Day, head of the development office at Macalester, encouraged Florence and the piping and drumming teachers not to give up. The first years saw only the Macalester Pipe Band with no competition. Only the dancers were judged and there were a few games. Mostly it was attended by students because very few outside people knew about it. As Margaret Day got more involved, she used the fair as publicity for the college so there was no admission charge. She and Florence traveled to Alma to see how others did their games. Based on what they learned, they expanded the Fair and started charging \$2.00 per person admission. The Twin Cities Scottish Club under Helen McDonald's urging, baked shortbread in their homes to sell at the Fair along with a cup of tea. The Fair continued to grow and the first Clan tent (Gunn) appeared in 1980. The Coalition of Scottish Clans was formed in 1982. By 2003 we were fielding about 50 clan tents. I set up the Clan MacIntyre Tent in 1982 and am a founding member of the MCSC.

We were all saddened by the Fair's demise, but the Scottish Community wasted no time in putting together a committee to continue Macalester's legacy. We look forward to continued growth as the **Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games** in Farmington.

The Editor notes that this fair has been a substantial source of new members for CMA and I thank Ardis Ivory.

We will have a tent here in 2004

Saturday and Sunday. April 17-18
Loch Norman Scottish Games
 Huntersville, NC www.ruralhillfarm.org

Saturday, May 22
Rhode Island Scottish Festival
 Washington County Fairgrounds
 Richmond, Rhode Island www.riscot.org/index.htm

Saturday and Sunday. June 19-20
Illinois St. Andrews' Society Highland Games
 Oak Brook, IL standrewil@aol.com

Saturday, June 26
Western Massachusetts Highland Games
 Franklin County Fairgrounds
 Greenfield, Massachusetts www.wmhg.org/

We will have a tent here too in 2004

Saturday and Sunday, July 10, 11
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
 We've always been there.
 Who is doing it for 2004?
 Linville, NC

Saturday, July 10
Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games
 Dakota County Fairgrounds
 Farmington, about 20 miles south of St. Paul.
 Plenty of free parking.

Saturday, July 17
Stone Mountain Highland Games
 Near Atlanta
 We are usually there. Who is doing it this year?

Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival
 Look Memorial Park
 Northampton, Massachusetts www.glasgowlands.org/
 (New location this year)

Sunday, August 1
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Clan MacIntyre Association AGM
 Detroit, MI Games at Lavonia (nearby)
<http://www.highlandgames.com/>

Saturday, October 9
Flora MacDonald Highland Games
 Red Springs, NC

Sunday, October 10
Scotland's Highland Festival
 Edward Waldo Homestead
 Scotland, Connecticut <http://www.scotlandgames.org/>

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Games Reports

The Celtic Heritage Festival and Gathering of The Clans was held March 26-28 in Midland, Texas. The Clan MacIntyre was the Honored Clan and led the Clan Parade. Toward the end of the opening ceremony, Jerry McIntyre was called to the stand and was presented a huge blue ribbon and then a claymore (claidheamh mor). This big sword will be on display at the AGM. This the second year of these games saw 16 clans present. Although there were no new memberships, many new friends were made and we should plan on returning next year.

The San Antonio Highland Games were held April 2-4 at the Helotes Fair Grounds. Two memberships were taken one being new. Steve McIntyre of Houston was the clan's host and was assisted by Jerry McIntyre. Twenty-four clans were set up along the trails. One who did not join at the games but who seemed very interested is a young man (29) who will graduate from UTSA this Spring and is planning to do graduate work at the University of Edinburgh this Fall. We had to leave early in the afternoon Sunday (we were not the only ones) and were gone when the rains came. Saturday was a lovely sunny day.

The Loch Norman Highland Games. I'm just back from the games at Huntersville, 15 miles north of Charlotte. Good weather, good crowd, no mud, lots of green grass, 15 or 20 Pipe Bands. All was good except not many MacIntyres although there are many in the area. But, the tent was honored by the presence of Nancy MacIntyre Runnion and Bob, of Charlotte and Nancy's brother Gary MacIntyre and Katherine of Caroga Lake, a few miles north of Johnstown, NY. Our 8th Chief, Donald, was the uncle of Nancy and Gary and they saw a lot of him. They are 1st Cousin, one time removed, from the current Chief, Donald, 10th Chief of Clan MacIntyre but have not met him. They brought some interesting material that I had not seen before. It will take some reading and study. For Loch Norman I stay with my daughter, Margo MacIntyre, whose home is up at Exit 33, and am proud to report that her 11 year old Emily won the Blue Ribbon in the Children's Wall Climb and twin brother Gordon took the Blue Ribbon in Children's Battle Axe. Husband George took the Blue Ribbon in Adult Battle Axe. Loch Norman will be the site of our 2005 Annual General Meeting and we are already planning for more tent space. All the usual hotels and motels and restaurants are a few miles away at Exit 25, I-77, and in many developments at other exits along I-77.

The Ulster-Scots How it all Began

After reading about another group of Scots, I visited Web sites and read some of Arthur Herman's fine book. I was still unclear when I discovered that Paul Smallwood, President, Ulster-Scots Society Of America, lived about 30 miles from me, over in Raleigh. So, I called and emailed. Paul responded with:

With regard to your question on the Ulster-Scots, when King James sought to permanently solve the Irish "problem" once and for all by moving Scots over to Ulster (to eventually Protestantize the Island and serve as a bulwark in Ireland against enemies such as France), he purposely did not look to the Highland Scots. For two main reasons, one - they spoke basically the same language as the Irish (Gaelic) and two - they were Roman Catholic (in short they were too much like the Irish), so instead he looked to the Lowland Scots and the Scots of the border region with England. These Scots were not Gaelic speakers, they spoke Scots and they were Presbyterians and not likely to be absorbed into the general Irish culture. They were strong willed and deeply loyal to the Kirk. They basically viewed the Irish as a heathen enemy. The old saying is that when the Lowland Scots landed in Ireland they fell on their knees and prayed to God, then they got up and preyed on the Irish. The Lowland Scots were not Highland Clansmen. The Clan system had died out of the Scottish Lowlands much earlier (along with the Gaelic language). The Lowland Scots actually had more in common with the Northern English than the Highland Clans. There were powerful border families who were sometimes referred to as border clans but they were not clans in the same sense as the Highland Clans. In fact at the battle of Culloden, Lowland Scots fought in the English Army against the Highland Clans. There was no love lost between the Highland and Lowland Scots. Often times the Lowland Scots were caught in the middle of the wars between the Highland Clans and the English. More often than not they sided with the English or just sought to protect their own interests. Highland Clansmen would often come down into the Lowlands and steal cattle and in time the Lowland Scots came to view them as little more than barbarians. Even today the Lowlanders will sometimes refer to Highlanders as "Paddys". The Lowland Scots who settled in Ulster did not view themselves as Highland Clansmen. These Lowland Scots in Ulster eventually came to be known as Ulster-Scots (or Scotch-Irish in America). Like their Lowland Scots brethren the Ulster-Scots, and then later the Scotch-Irish, never thought of themselves as Highland Clansmen. However, they did have a strong loyalty to their particular family. I hope this helps, Alan.

Are you an Ulster-Scot?

I'm afraid I must confess my confusion between the Ulster-Scots and the Scottish. While considering some material for PerArdua I did the usual thing of checking with Google. I found page after page of web sites about the Ulster-Scots. So many with so much that it seemed like a campaign for recognition. Many carry .uk address although many don't. There were hundreds of sites posting very impressive accomplishments and histories of these people who left Scotland for Northern Ireland around 1700. For a different look, I checked Arthur Herman's *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*. In his index, Mr. Herman has only a single reference to Ulstra-Scots and that was a very brief one. However, in a later chapters he tells of the first Ulster-Scots turning up in 1713 in Worcester, Massachusetts. They were desired as Indian fighters but also built a Presbyterian church that the New England neighbors tore down. Now we know that all are not descended from Micum and Philip.

By 1776, 250,000 Ulster-Scots had come to America, some 100,000 as indentured servants. But, not for long for these people were not born to be obedient.

The Lowland Scots had come first as merchants to the Chesapeake Bay and the rivers of region. In the 1680's "They permeated the official establishment, especially in the southern colonies, and provided several colonial governors. They supplied clergy for the Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches. They served as tutors . . . And many went on to establish schools"

The Highlanders were the last group of Scots and many settled along the Cape Fear River in North Carolina and are still here. The Campbells, MacReas, MacLeods... Campbell University, Lees-MacRea College, and the Meadow for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Some of the Web Sites I visited and where I found and extracted some lines were:

www.theulsterscots.com www.scotchirish.net
canadasulsterscots.tripod.com/tocanada.html
www.ulsterscotsagency.com www.ulster-scots.co.uk

Americans with Ulster-Scots Roots Did you know that an estimated 22 million people living in the USA can claim Ulster-Scots roots? These are the descendents of Ulster-Scots families who moved to America in the 18th century and make up the estimated 44 million Americans who today claim Irish extraction.

American Presidents-Did you know that 16 of the 41 American Presidents were Ulster-Scots or had Ulster-Scots ancestry? They are: Andrew Jackson, James Knox Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnston, Ulysses S. Grant, Chester Alan Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, George Bush and Bill Clinton! George W Bush has become the 17th American President with Ulster-Scots connections. William Jefferson Clinton is a relative of Lucas Cassidy, of Ulster Presbyterian stock, who left County Fermanagh for America around 1750. And George W Bush can trace his ancestral roots back to the 18th century Scots-Irish diaspora from Ulster. Mr. Bush's ancestor on his mother's side, William Gault, was a first citizen of Tennessee in 1796 and is believed to have been born somewhere in County Antrim.

Ulster-Scots / Scots-Irish are the people descended from the mainly Lowland Scots who settled Ulster (the northern most province of Ireland) in the 17th century and today make up the majority Protestant population of Northern Ireland.

Scotland is only 17 miles from the coast of Ulster at its closest point and is often described as the 'spiritual homeland' of Northern Ireland's Protestant population.

The west of Scotland is similar to Northern Ireland in many ways with sectarian problems of its own, albeit on a smaller scale. Just as the Ulster's Protestant population are mainly of Scottish descent, the Catholic population in the west of Scotland are descended from Irish potato famine refugees.

The Scottish Presbyterians who settled Ulster (Northern Ireland) in the 1600's became known as Ulster-Scots. Those Ulster-Scots who left the north of Ireland to settle America a century later became known as the Scots-Irish (or Scotch-Irish). Northern Irish Presbyterian families had been sailing from Ulster to America since the 1690's, but in the year 1717 the trickle became a torrent. In a fifty year period in excess of 250,000 Scots-Irish Presbyterians had left Ulster to make a new home in America.

Ulster-Scots, whether born in Northern Ireland or the descendants of those who left the north of Ireland for Britain's former colonies are ethnically Scots as opposed to Gaelic Irish. The term Scots-Irish (or Scotch-Irish) is an American term used by those descended from the Presbyterian Ulster-Scots who settled America in the 1700's, to differentiate themselves from the later influx of Gaelic Catholic Irish following the potato famine.

Ulster is the most northern of Ireland's four provinces and consists of 9 counties, six of which make up the state of Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom. The term Ulster and Northern Ireland are used inter-changeably.

Northern Ireland has a population of approximately 1.65 million, 900,000 Ulster-Scots Protestants and 750,000 Irish Catholics.

The Ulster-Scots Protestants wish to remain part of the United Kingdom in partnership with Scotland, England and Wales. The Ulster Protestants generally feel they have more in common with their ancestral homeland of Scotland than they do with the Irish.

Ulster-Scots are variously referred to as Scots-Irish (or Scotch-Irish), Orange Irish, Protestant Irish (Presbyterian, Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist and Pentecostal), Northern Irish, Unionists, Loyalists and Ulstermen.

The Irish Catholics generally wish to see Northern Ireland removed from the UK and united with Catholic Southern Ireland. They are variously referred to as Catholic Irish, Green Irish, Nationalist or Republican. These two peoples have been in a state of perpetual conflict for 400 years.

One of the sites had a map showing the percentage of Ulster Scots throughout the country. Very large concentrations in the mountains of North Carolina. Is it any wonder that you can't find your Scottish ancestors when you search the Highlands and the ships sailing from Scottish ports?

In 1760 the first large group of settlers from Ulster to come to **Canada**, settled the Townships of Onslow and Truro, Nova Scotia and founded the town of Londonderry. Many had come from Londonderry, New Hampshire where they had settled approximately 40 years earlier after departing Londonderry, Ireland (3).

So, if you're looking for the ship your ancestors came over on, perhaps try Londonderry, Dublin or another Northern Ireland port.

A McIntire Book Review

In the world of literature (especially poetry), MacIntyres and Wrights are richly represented—both as authors and as real-world or fictional characters. A recent fictional McIntire can be found in the novel, Hunter's Dance, by Kathleen Hills (Poison Pen Press, Scottsdale, AZ, 2004, ISBN: 1-59058-094-X). Set in the 1950s in Flambeau County in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, this atmospheric murder mystery is the second in a series receiving wide critical acclaim, including from the New York Times Review of Books.

Following a bizarre murder on the evening of the annual hunter's dance, constable John McIntire finds himself negotiating local family conflicts (including his own) in his tight-knit community, untangling tensions between local townfolk and rich vacationers, competing archeologists and uranium prospectors, and trying to break through the unthinking racism distorting the lives of local Native American residents. McIntire, a reluctant but dogged investigator, is of Irish ancestry (an Ulster Scot, no doubt). Following the trail of leads takes him from deep woods to the grand family cabins of a well-to-do sporting club, lonely roadside diners, and abandoned mines. Old abuses and injuries surface to complicate, and then finally solve, the mystery.

Author Kathleen Hill is a native of northern Minnesota. She lives alternately in Duluth and in "North Scotland." The first John McIntire novel is Past Imperfect (Poison Pen Press). Ms. Hills is currently working on a third.

This email was received just now:

My family has traced the family line back to a Robert Wright born in 1746 unknown if he was born in the US, UK, Scotland. Do you know of any none pay sites that have a good data base which would have this type information. Also in all of the reading on the Macintyre's I can never understand where the Wright's being steps to the MacIntyre's started to be called by the last name of Wright or is there a time when some of the MacIntyre's changed the last name to Wright. I love the web site and plan on joining in the near future as a member. Your time and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated. "Through Difficulties"

I'll welcome any response. Alan

A little housekeeping

On the facing page is the list of you who have joined since January 1, 2003. Not many. We had tents at many games which is where most of you joined with a few from the Scottish Banner and the internet web site.

We, the Council, are in the process of reaching out for members who are interested in being Nominees for future Council and Officer positions with Clan MacIntyre Association. We need people who have the time and the energy and the skills to make CMA grow better and bigger. There are now about 400 memberships representing perhaps 1000 people. This is quite low considering the thousands of M*Int*res there are among us.

We also need a Wright Genealogist. Someone with genealogical interests of their own and a Computer Genealogy program would be fine fit.

The MacIntyre web site, www.macintyreclan.org, is a good source to find what we have been doing and where there will be a MacIntyre tent to welcome you to Highland Games near, or afar, from you. Stop by and bring some kin to sign up. The site is now showing a thorough "games" report on the Pleasanton Games of July, 2003, with photos and a few lines with each. I hope we will be able to do that for more games but it takes time, skill, and effort. Also listed is the Loch Norman Highland Games that will be over by the time you receive this issue. Since we will have the AGM there next year, 2005, you might want to give it a look at www.ruralhillfarm.org. The Glasgow, Kentucky, games are also listed and feature a link to Clan Donald and a fine pipe band playing Road to the Isles. Other games will be linked as they are confirmed. Our web site is an easy source for the *Membership Application* and has a link to the COSCO/Clan MacLachlan site that shows all the Highland Games listed by state and date and all the times and cost specifics. All you always wanted to know! April 6, was Tartan Day. There was no mention in the Research Triangle Area of North Carolina and I'll admit that I didn't help in anyway. I had intended to go to an Irish pub in Kilt but this writing was taking my time and energy. Maybe we can try harder next year. Our Web Site ran the banner but I saw no media coverage either local or national. Of course, St. Patrick's Day was all over. I even made up a mess of corned beef and cabbage. Good.!

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