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IN MEMORIAM


L.D. MacIntyre (Mac) and Alice Sonnenschein MacIntyre (Sunny) are such an important part of the Clan MacIntyre history in the latter half of the 20th century that special mention is required. It is hoped that their efforts will inspire future generations to maintain and continue their work.

It is hard to imagine spending forty-five years of sustained effort to complete anything. In today's world, it is even harder to imagine that a young man of fourteen, in the little town of Rochester, Indiana, would come to love history by sitting in his uncle's attic, reading three ponderous volumes of Robertson's *The History of Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor.*

But the same thirst for knowledge that motivated L.D. MacIntyre to read that history, inspired him to collect the information for the first edition of this book and made him work tirelessly until the Court of the Lord Lyon matriculated the Arms of James (IX) in Scotland. In acknowledging L.D.'s work, Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, Bt. Rothsay, Herald of the Lyon Court, wrote, "... without his perseverance the recognition would never have succeeded." Such an achievement is more than most of us can expect in our lifetimes.

And when better to experience a crowning achievement than in your last years? Herodotus, the father of Western historians, notes in his *History of the Persian Wars* that Solon, the wisest man of his age, visited King Croesus of Lydia during Solon's ten-year self-exile from Athens. After Croesus shows Solon his immense wealth, he asks, "Whom, of all the men that you have seen, do you consider the most happy?"

Croesus assumed that his gold and jewels would surely qualify him as number one. Without hesitation, Solon's first and second choices were individuals of no renown. In disbelief, Croesus asked how it could be that such simple men could possibly be happier than a king who is the wealthiest man on earth? Solon responded with this simple truth: *He who unites the greatest number of advantages and, retaining them to the day of his death, then dies peaceably, that man alone, is entitled to bear the name of ‘happy.’*

So it was, that my father found happiness, something that has eluded many, especially the rich and famous.

Alice, my mother, was just as fortunate. The youngest daughter of Jewish-Hungarian immigrants to the United States, she worked her way through the University of Missouri and graduated with honors as an English major. She was also the tennis champion. They met when L.D. was sent by the American Red Cross to ensure that donations were well-spent on a tornado disaster in Illinois and Alice was the summertime secretary of the Disaster Relief Unit. What started at a disaster became a lifelong loving relationship. Hope, hard work, high standards, and a generous spirit marked her life as a wife, mother, and worker. She encouraged others to do the same.

Once Alice decided to take on a project, you knew it would be completed well and in the shortest possible time. After all, unlike L.D., she recognized that perfection was impossible and considered that not finishing something was the same as not starting it. Without her impetus, this history, like so many untold histories, would still be notes stored in boxes gathering mold in a damp basement. L.D.'s notes were on little scraps of paper, connected only by synapses in his brain. It is beyond my understanding how one brain could hold so much about one thing without bursting. But Alice said the book must be completed and gave him a one-year deadline, his eightieth birthday. It was Alice who did the typescript on an IBM Selectric, based on L.D.'s audiotapes. It was Alice who edited the first edition. It was Alice who made sure the deadline was met.

What a perfect pairing of two very different people who together reached one goal, a published history of Clan MacIntyre. But it didn't end there. The book gave rise to the Clan MacIntyre Association, and here again L.D. and Alice, Sunny and Mac were inseparable, first as founders, then as officers and councilors of the fledgling organization. Mac lived just long enough to see the chief recognized in Scotland, days before he died peaceably. We should all be so lucky, talented, and dedicated. May they rest in peace in the knowledge that they live on in our minds and hearts.
First Edition

Thanks for help in different ways go to Martin and his wife, Rosemary, for planning and executing the visit to Glen Noe and the publication of this Story; to my wife, Alice, for encouragement, and help in editing, indexing and preparing the manuscript; to Donald MacIntyre, eighth Chief of Clan MacIntyre, his wife, Catherine, and their son, James, for photographs of the Chief and his heirlooms; to the late Alexander James MacIntyre of Inveraray, Scotland and his family (May, Angus and Alexander) for assistance given over the years; to Carol (our daughter) and Carl Purcell and Donald (our son) and his wife Carol, for their financial help in getting this book published; to our grandchildren for their efforts and interest; and to Ian Stuart McIntyre of Bucks, England for urging me to complete and publish this Story.

Second Edition

Thanks go to Thomas McIntyre for his treatise on MacIntyre heraldry and organizing my father’s history files; to Alan Bridgeman MacIntyre, Wanda Wells, Archie McIntyre, Colin McIntyre, Marcia McIntyre, Donald Russell MacIntyre, Bruce C. McIntyre, John S. McIntyre and Rosemary MacIntyre for reviewing new material and adding valuable information.

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DEDICATIONS

The First Edition

Craobh de dh-abhall a gharaidh aig taobh Loch Eite agus Mac-an-t-Saor Ghlainn-Nodha da thuath anach a ’sinne ’n Albainn.

("An apple tree at Loch Etivehead and MacIntyre of Glenoe are the two oldest farmers in Scotland.")

The apple tree and MacIntyres of Glenoe are both long gone. The Clan has scattered like leaves of a tree in winter to far places of the earth. Though Glenoe is bereft, those who survive do honor to the motto “Per Ardua.” That the days of all who bear the name may be long and their hardships light is the hope of the compiler of this volume, and to them it is dedicated.

MacI

The Second Edition

To my family and friends who have waited patiently, not being sure it would ever be completed; and especially to my grandchildren – Oliver, Nora, Grace and Alice – in the hope that one or more of them might write the third edition.

MLM

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“Glen Noe Glen Noe rock meadow and tree. Ben Cruachan to the sky. Loch Etive to the sea.”

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MY EARLIEST memories are of my father’s bedtime stories about Scotland. What kind of stories could impress a four-year-old so much? Plenty of action? These stories had enough battles to rival the Old Testament!

An abundance of emotion?…There was love and hate sandwiched between pride and revenge.

A moral?…Always a moral – perseverance and justice; justice and perseverance.

A hero?…Aye, what better heroes than Wallace, Robert the Bruce, and Bonnie Prince Charlie?

Yes, all of these things made a lasting impression on me; but what I remember most was the sound of my father’s voice, the wrinkling of his brow, and the fire in his eyes that made me feel he had just come from the battle and was giving a first-hand report. The cunning, the pride and instant justice were real to him and he passed that reality on to me. The conviction and truth with which he spoke, right down to an appropriate rolling of an “rrr” is what I cherish to this very day.

My favorite story, although it lacked bloodletting or a hero, was about the MacIntyres of Glenoe – how they arrived on the mainland of Scotland, and why they had to leave. Somehow, when my father told this story there was more conviction and truth than in any of the others. Of course, we were MacIntyres, and proud of it, and this was a story about us.

Now my father, in his eightieth year, has summarized in this book what he knows about the MacIntyres after forty-five years of searching for his heritage. Perhaps you will appreciate the accuracy or the detail. I hope you will sense the passion, the perseverance of forty-five years, the integrity, and the indignation against the Lord Lyon King of Arms that still burns brightly in his breast. If you only could see the fire in his eyes and hear his voice ring with conviction, still yearning for the justice due the MacIntyres of Glenoe.

Perhaps his story of the MacIntyres will cause another MacIntyre to take up the standard and carry it to still greater heights, even to the top of Ben Cruachan, if that is necessary to find the truth and proclaim it to the world.

— Martin Lewis MacIntyre, Eight generations removed from Scotland

SINCE the first edition in 1977, many important events have taken place in the history of Clan MacIntyre. No longer with us are Donald, the eighth Chief of Record; his wife, Lady Cath-erine; their son, James, the ninth Chief of Record; L.D. and Alice MacIntyre, my parents who pre-pared the first edition.

During the same period, many positive things have happened. The Clan MacIntyre Association formed in 1979, and with its support, James Wallace MacIntyre successfully petitioned the Lyon Court of Heraldry and Arms in Scotland for matriculation of his Arms as Glenoe, the ninth Chief of Record of Clan MacIntyre. There was the accession of Donald Russell MacIntyre as the tenth Chief of Record and the birth of his son, James MacIntyre, Younger and heir apparent.

I can assure Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, KCVO, and Robin O. Blair, LVO, WS, former Lord Lyon King of Arms, and the present Lord Lyon, and his heralds, that my father did not carry to his grave the feelings of injustice described in the Foreword to the first edition. Clan MacIntyre is most indebted to Sir Crispin Agnew of Loch Naw, Rothesay Herald Bt., and to Mr. Hugh Peskett, genealogist, for their help to Glenoe in achieving the matriculation of his Arms. The Lyon Court’s recognition of Glenoe gave my father peace of mind and the elation of success after years of setbacks and uncertainty.

Although the story is over for those no longer with us, the MacIntyre story has no end. We must strive to create a bright future, search for our elusive past, and tell our stories so that succeeding generations can carry on where we leave off.

— Martin Lewis MacIntyre
BEGINNING in 1931, I planned to write a history of Clan MacIntyre since I found none was available and I was curious about the roots of the people whose name I bore. This led to a deep and lasting interest in all things Scottish. Although I was discouraged by my first contact with the Secretary of the Clan MacIntyre Association in Glasgow on the basis that a person outside of Scotland would not be able to carry through such a project, I persisted. During the years, I collected materials at the Library of Congress and the National Archives in Washington and through correspondence with the late Alexander James MacIntyre of Inveraray and many others; and through personal contacts in the United States and in Scotland. Also, from Donald MacIntyre, the present Chief of the Clan, I received a copy of the unpublished manuscript from Alexander James MacIntyre dated 1936.

A facsimile of the latter’s deeply felt Foreword is reproduced to the left.

— Leslie D. MacIntyre
Bannockburn, Maryland
June 1977

Duncan McIntyre’s excellent work remains unpublished. I have completed the second edition of my father’s book in the belief that there is room for more than one vision of the same story.

The first edition of this book was limited in size and scope by a self-imposed one-year deadline to ensure its completion by L.D. MacIntyre’s eightieth birthday. In 1977, there was a great deal of uncertainty about recouping our family’s investment in the book, so we kept costs to a minimum without sacrificing quality. The second edition also has its cost limitations, but there is no longer any doubt about interest in the subject.

Most of what was in the first edition has been retained, although not always in the same sequence. Because this may be the reader’s first encounter with Scottish as well as MacIntyre history, I have greatly expanded the section on the origins of our Scottish heritage and placed it at the beginning, so the updated history of Clan MacIntyre can be read in the proper context.

I’ve added stories, poems, and music by and about MacIntyres. For those with the urge to visit the land of their ancestors there is information about Glen Noe and surrounding historical sites.

— Martin Lewis MacIntyre
San Francisco, California
July 2018
Introduction

This HISTORY of Clan MacIntyre contains information compiled by the original author, I.D. MacIntyre, the current author, M.L. MacIntyre and many others.1 I.D.’s search for a history of Clan MacIntyre and its Chief began in 1930. When he couldn’t find a history, he decided to write one.2 In 1953, he finally located James MacIntyre, seventh Glenoe Chief, and his son, Donald, heir apparent.

The Lyon Court of Heraldry in Scotland had not recognized Glenoe as the MacIntyre chief. Recognition would have required a petition proving direct lineage from a chief living in Scotland before 1783. James (VII) had no desire to be recognized by the Court, and the Lord Lyon King of Arms had no desire to recognize a chief who did not reside in Scotland. Regardless, it was unlikely that the necessary documentation could be compiled.

That did not deter I.D. from his quest to have his Chief recognized. In 1976, he visited the offices of the Lyon Court and was told by a representative that the Court would not consider a petition from a claimant in the United States, even if there were proof that the claimant’s ancestors were born in Scotland!3 This spurred I.D. to fulfill his other lifelong goal, a history of Clan MacIntyre in order to set the record straight and give both the Chief and Clan MacIntyre their due respect. In 1977, 45 years after I.D. began his quest, the first copy came off the press – on his 80th birthday.

Now, 41 years later, the second edition has been completed by L.D.’s son, who just past his 81st birthday! Other than having information about previously unknown chiefs and genealogies, it contains the history of L.D.’s quest and success in having the Chiefs of Clan MacIntyre recognized by the Lyon Court in Scotland. It is hoped that it will satisfy the many who have requested a copy of the first edition that ran out thirty years ago and will inspire someone to do a third edition.

1. “MacIntyre” is the spelling used by the present chief and chieftain. MacIntyre has many spellings. Many of the variations are in Appendix I. “MacIntyre” will be used except when the individuals mentioned spell it differently. Also keep in mind that while dictionaries tend to treat the terms “chief” and “chieftain” as synonyms, they are different. “Chief” refers to the head of a clan, “chieftain” to the head of a cadet branch of the clan. The Court of the Lord Lyon, however, uses the term “Representer” when referring to the head of a cadet branch.

2. At that time, L.D. had not located the 1901 history by Duncan MacIntyre, 14th Chieftain of Camus-na-h-Erie, the senior cadet to MacIntyre of Glenoe.

3. As recently as 1977, the instructions for a petition specifically stated, “Grants of Scottish Arms by Letters Patent are not made to non-British subjects.” Had the prohibition remained, neither James Wallace MacIntyre nor any of his descendants could have been recognized as chief.
THE HISTORY of the Scots and their Highland home is a universal one. Big clans, little clans, anger, suspicion, greed and judgmental attitudes all combined to cause pain, anxiety and misery amongst the beauty of the landscape and harshness of the climate. Yet, mostly quiet times prevailed with loving mothers, acts of kindness, loyalty, ingenuity, hard work and just enough time left for ceilidhs filled with storytelling, poetry and music. The result was a continuous melodrama, often romanticized in novels and films. However, most MacIntyre families avoided the lethal conflicts with time for making music, composing poems (songs) and telling stories. In doing so, they survived as perhaps the smallest, truly independent Scottish clan.

The history of early Scotland and the origin of the clans has very few verifiable facts so one should read all accounts, including this one, with a good deal of skepticism. However, if we view artifacts, stories and documents through the looking glass of our common human experience, we can approach the truth.

Part I includes a brief history of Scotland, followed by a parallel history of Clan MacIntyre and then a detailed accounting the recent history of a search for the Chief and the recognition of the Camus-na-h-Erie chieftain and the Glenoe chief by the Lyon Court of Scottish Heraldry.