



# CLAN MACINNES ARCHER

*The International Association of Clan MacInnes*  
**Spring 2019**



**Spring daffodils at Brodie Castle near Inverness, Scotland**

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## President's Message Spring 2019

Kenneth McInnis



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It seems as though I have started a series of articles on the "appropriate crest" for the Clan MacInnes. Well, since our Winter newsletter was issued – we have had further – wonderful – news from the Court of Lord Lyon which is provided below for your reading pleasure:

*"Dear Mr. McInnis,*

*Thank you for letter of 7 November 2018. I have now had a chance to consult with the Lord Lyon on this matter and would make the following observations following on from that conversation.*

*The Lord Lyon has indicated to me that this type of issue has been in long debate and there is very little direct law or practice concerning this matter. As you know the strap and buckle is an ancient image (garter, etc.) which denotes connection, brotherhood and kinship.*

*In Scotland, while there has been much written about the strap and buckle, one struggles to find any consistent authority or practice before the 20th Century and Learney uses the vehicle of his editorial rework of Frank Adams book on "Clans, Septs and Regiments" to opine that the strap and buckle was emblematic of the Chief, giving a badge or other device with his crest emblazoned upon it to be carried by an envoy as proof of authority. He then went on to opine that from this clansmen should use what we now call a "clan strap and buckle badge". To distinguish the clansmen from the greater men of arms in their own right, he declared that armigers should bear badges with a circlet. However, by*

*looking a (sic) series of portraits from this period, the two types of depictions seem to be interchanged.*

*In short, for a Clan Association, either use can be justified and supported. On the one hand, the Association as an armigerous entity is undoubtedly entitled to use a circlet to denote their independent status. However, it might be equally argued that the strap and buckle is an iconic symbol of clans and that it could be used by the Association in that sense.*

*In summary, there is simply not the certainty of this type of usage from the literature and that as an association it would appear you are at liberty to use either depiction.*

*Kind Regards,  
Max Markus  
Secretary to Lyon Office"*

I, for one, was ecstatic with the news – not only from a financial perspective, but I believe most of us are in agreement that we should continue to use the “clan strap and buckle badge” using only the crest issued to the IACM, i.e., *MacAonghais A-rithist!* Now to work on getting MacInnes’ and vendors to discontinue the use of the *Ghifh dhe Agus An Righ*....


Better yet – why not get your own crest?? See my article on page 17.

Yours Aye, Ken McInnis  
President, IACM

*The Coat of Arms granted to Clan MacInnes by Lord Lyon.*


*The Arms or shield is the blue image to the left, and the crest or badge is made from the top part as shown below.*

**TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN**



**WE** Robin Orr Blair, Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order, Writer to Her Majesty's Signet, Lord Lyon King of Arms send Greeting: **Whereas**, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLAN MACINNES, having offices at 2 Kilmocknair Crescent, Pitlochry in the County of Perth, having by Petition unto Us of date 5 June 2005 **Shewed** THAT the said Association, formerly the Clan MacInnes Society, was established at Girvan (Fife) Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans in North Carolina, United States of America in 1970; THAT the said Association is engaged in promoting Scottish clanship and kinship particularly by the culture, history and heritage of clan MacInnes (clans Aonachans) and acts on a worldwide basis; THAT the said Association has held an annual Gathering at Girvan (Fife) Mountain Highland Games and is a Patron of the Games, together with annual Gatherings in Scotland; THAT the said Association is engaged in the preserving of Scottish heritage at such sites as the holy burial site of Edoon Mouna in Loch Leven and at St Columba's Church in Morvorne; THAT the said Association offers school stays in piping, dancing, singing and Scottish studies; AND the Petitioners having prayed that there might be granted unto them such Esquires Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms; **Know Ye** Therefore that We have Devised and Do by These Presents Assign, Ratify and Confirm unto the Petitioners the following Esquires Armorial as depicted upon the margin hereof and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the 88th page of the 81st Volume of Our Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland; **vide** **Per** cross Azure and Or on a cross Vert between in dexter chief a castle of two towers Or windows and port Gules, in sinister chief upon the sea in base wavy Azure and Argent a lymphad Vert sails Therlar, flapped and with five visible oars in action Gules, in dexter base a bow's hand erect, said arm Argent and language Gules and in sinister base a saltire wavy Or; **two** cross crosslets fitchy in chief and in base, and as many cross crosslets in the flanks; **Argent**. Above the shield is placed an Helm suitable to an Incorporation; **vide** a sallet Proper (wavy Gules) with a Mantling; **Azure** and Or; and on a Wreath of the Livery is set for Crest a sinist' arm from the shoulder boobywing attired and clasped Or; **the proper** **device** of the **Clan Aonachans** grasping a bow in bend, sinister Proper; and in an Escrol over the same this Motto: **MacAonghais a-rithist**.

By demonstration of which Esquires Armorial the said Association is, amongst all Nobles and in all Places of Honour, to be taken, numbered, accounted, and received as an Incorporation Noble in the Noblesse of Scotland; **In Testimony Whereof** We have subscribed at Edinburgh, this 10th day of August in the 55th Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Four.



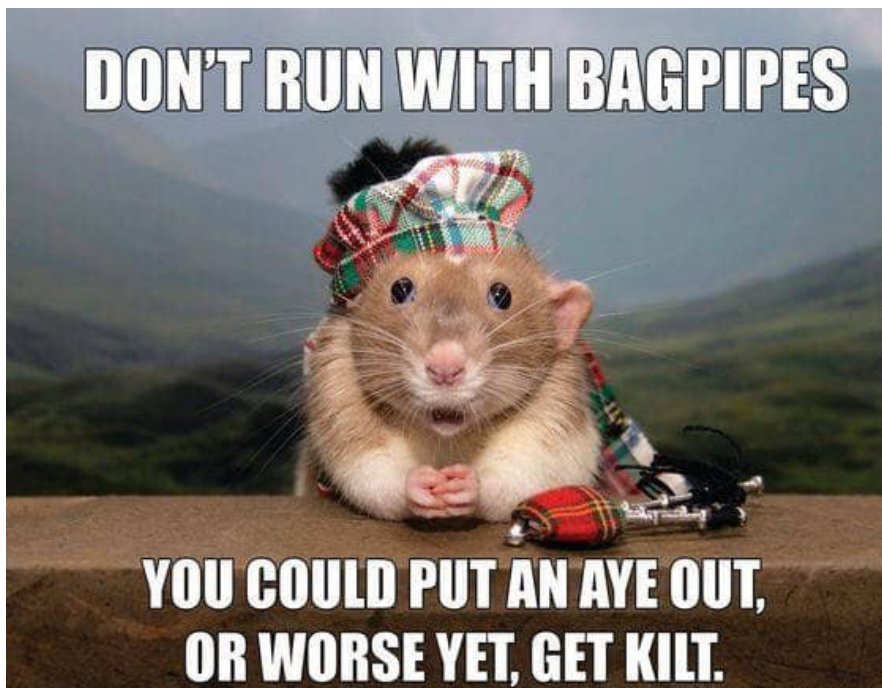
Robt. O. Blair  
Lyon



Editor's Note: Steve & Donna McKinnis, Acting Editors

Happy Spring! Daffodils seem perfect since Scotland is the largest exporter of daffodil bulbs, thanks to its cool weather and long light. For extra-special daffodil viewing, visit Backhouse Rossie Estate in Fife for its 2019 Daffodil Festival on 13-14 April, and revel in its National Heritage Collection of 1869-1962 daffodils in bloom. Cover photo courtesy of National Trust of Scotland Brodie Castle.

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodie-castle> near Forres of Moray Scotland



# Double Haggis and Burns for Texas MacInnes

What's twice as good as a Burns Supper? Two Burns Suppers the same week, of course.

That's what Larry and Suse Jackson of Clan MacInnes enjoyed this year. On Thursday, January 24 (one day ahead of the Ploughman Poet's 260th birthday), Scots and friends of Scots (or is that friends of Scotch?) celebrated in La Grange, Texas, where the Jacksons live.

The home of Kirk and Kim Craig was the setting for their fourth annual Burns Night delights, with Larry invited to deliver the traditional "Address to the Haggis". The only native Scot present kindly overlooked Larry's Texas accent that attempted the Bard of Ayrshire's Lowland Scots language.



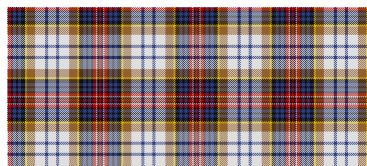
*Above: Larry MacInnes giving "Address To The Haggis" in LaGrange, TX.*

*Below: Larry and Suse MacInnes at Burns Night held by SAMS in Belton, TX.*

Then on Saturday, January 26, the day following Burns' actual birthday, the Jacksons attended for their third time the annual dinner of the SAMS/Scottish American Military Society's Post 1298, held in Belton, Texas.

The MacInnes tartan mingled with the official tartans of the U.S. Coast Guard and other military branches at the dinner. Based at Fort Hood, the Sgt. John MacGregor Post 1298 of SAMS is named for the Alamo defender that legend says played his bagpipes on the fort's walls. Both Clan MacInnes and SAMS usually have tents at the Scottish Gathering and Highland Games held each November in nearby Salado.

Two suppers, two haggises, two types of tatties and neeps, two toasts to the Immortal Memory. It was a year to remember, lest "Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot."



**National Tartan Day April 6\***  
**Wear your MacInnes Tartan!**



\* July 1 in  
Australia/New  
Zeland



# Three MacInnes Named to Queen's Honours List

Congratulations to these MacInneses, named to the New Year's Honours 2019 List by Her Royal Majesty the Queen.

Established by King George V in 1917, the monarch's honors are bestowed twice a year—at New Year's and on the monarch's official birthday in June. Recipients are selected by civil servant committees from nominations made by the government or the public. In descending order, the honours are Knighthood, CBE, OBE, and MBE or BEM. Only Knights have a title and are addressed as "sir" or "dame".

## IAIN MCINNES

### **CBE - Commander of the Order of the British Empire Professor**

Muirhead Professor of Medicine and Director, Institute of Infection, Immunity & Inflammation University of Glasgow. For services to Medicine.

## DUNCAN MACINNES

### **MBE - Member of the Order of the British Empire**

Creative Director, Skye Events for All (SEALL)  
Sleat, Isle of Skye.

For services to the Arts and Natural Environment

\*Duncan is an IACM member and has assisted Clan MacInnes for years, especially the Clan's trips to Skye.



*Duncan MacInnes*

## ROBERT ARTHUR MCINNES

### **BEM - British Empire Medal for civil or military**

Community Police Officer  
Camelon, Falkirk.

For services to Law and Order, civil.



## On A Life Well Lived - Elise Rosenberry Donohue Researched and written by John McInnis

In digging through our Clan's old *Thistle & Bee* newsletters, I ran across a few mentions of one of our members, Elise Donohue. In the years I served as Membership Chairman (2002-06), I had become intrigued by her at a distance because her address was a ranch near the tiny community of Clyde Park, Montana (Pop. 300), which made her somewhat remote to the most of us.

In the June 1991 Association newsletter, 'The Thistle and the Bee', Elise is listed as a new member of the original Clan MacInnes Society and the historical membership record shows she joined in May of that year. She was later listed with us on the 1995 Clan Tour to Scotland. In 1996, Mary Faulk, our historian and editor, visited her in Montana. It is not known how this meeting

came to be. Among other adventures, they visited the site of Fort Maginnis, a long-abandoned frontier Army post out on the prairie in Fergus County, MT (see related article on Page 13).

Sadly, Elise's passing in 2015 went unnoticed by us. It is time we remember her.

Elise was the daughter of Sarah-Maud Weyerhaeuser and Walter S. Rosenberry Jr. Sara-Maud was a granddaughter of German emigrant Frederick Weyerhaeuser famed in American industry for lumber and paper enterprises. Elise was named for a Grand-aunt, the eldest of Weyerhaeuser's daughters.

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Clyde Park (originally named Sunnyside) had been founded in the 1870s by Texas cattlemen who found the area ideal for grazing. It is in Park County which includes the northern edge of Yellowstone National Park and features Granite Peak; at 12,807 ft., the tallest peak in the state. (Highpoint peak-bagging was once a spinoff interest of mine, so how interesting is this?)

Ranches sprung up in the region among the coyotes, pronghorns and sage grouse – lands once the cultural home of the Crow & Blackfoot Nations and hunting grounds for others. These ranches were nestled in valleys among several mountain ranges and depended on free access to water and grazing lands and a true communal approach to survival and welfare. Today that complex set of relationships is under pressure, threatened by economic interests far from Montana – a political football. While it is still cattle, sheep and horse country, “dude” ranches have risen and other development encroaches.

As it turns out, Elise was much more than a Montanan living remotely. She was a graduate of Vassar College (1959). She was a competitive horsewoman. For almost forty years, she operated a cattle ranch in Park County not far from the city of Bozeman, home of Montana State

University. She was equally at home with the Vassar Club of New York and the Clyde Park Cow Belles.

Curiosity led me to cold call an individual in the MSU College of Arts & Architecture who not only knew Elise well, having spent much time with her at the ranch, and called her a “Second Mother” and a beloved friend. From her I learned just how impactful Elise was in the Bozeman area and MSU in particular.

Elise was a major philanthropist. Her support of the arts and culture in and around Bozeman was huge and celebrated. She was a significant contributor to programs at MSU.

Over her years, she gave to the university’s Native American studies programs, the College of Agriculture, the School of Music and the Museum of the Rockies, the Bozeman Symphony, Bozeman Intermountain Opera (the first Montana-based opera company), Shakespeare in the Park, Montana Land Reliance and Kaleidoscope Youth Theater.

It goes on. Elise established a lecture series at Montana State’s Museum of the Rockies – The Elise R. Donohue Lectures on the American West in Memory of Walter S. Rosenberry III, her brother. The lecture series is being sustained by her family. Her gifts also included a substantial lead gift for MSU’s planned American Indian Center.

She was awarded an Honorary PhD by MSU in 1999, and then in 2014, the University’s most prestigious recognition, the MSU Blue & Gold Award.

Bozeman’s Ellen Theater is one of the few surviving historic, ornate “Old West” music halls. It has seen countless shows from vaudeville to movies to school plays to celebrity appearances, even grand opera, and turns 100 in 2019. It was saved from the wrecking ball in large part as a result of gifts from Elise and her leadership as a former Board President.

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Elise's love of the arts was a legacy from her mother (whose mother, in turn, had been a classical singer), a great enthusiast of grand opera and classical music and a major backer of Minnesota Public Radio in its early years (since 1967). Sarah-Maud and Robert Sivertsen (her second husband) quietly continued substantial financial support of MPR into the 1980s and were responsible for growing radio broadcast capability across the state, as well as sponsoring major musical events and just helping MPR survive and prosper. Sarah-Maud lived into her 101st year.

Kiel Kirk (in Lochaline, Morvern, Scotland) is among our most important Clan heritage sites. In March 1996, our Clan MacInnes newsletter lists Elise among the donors to the Kiel Kirk restoration fund. That contribution helped provide for much needed maintenance on the Church property – a site deeply rich in Highland history, and as legend tells us, chosen by Saint Columba for its spectacular setting.

Late in her life, she also made generous gifts to the Livingston HealthCare Hospital Fund to make sure her rancher friends and neighbors would have ready access to high quality health care. Livingston is the Park County Seat and was a favorite destination of the late Chef and TV personality Anthony Bourdain who made TV show episodes there in 2009 and 2016.

So quiet in her giving, it is possible that many others benefitted from her generosity. From her Montana State University memorial notice: "All who met Elise sensed a soul as deep and rich as the soil of her native Minnesota and a spirit as vast as the big sky of her adopted Montana." An accomplished reining horse competitor, Elise was passionate about riding and rode her horse Mac up until the last few months of her life." As the Bozeman Symphony's executive director, Sherry Linnerooth said, "She made the world a better place."

Elise was born July 9, 1937 and died May 21, 2015. She is survived by three children and five grand-children. Her connection to our name was her paternal Grandmother, Sarah Etta McInnis - born in Milford, Iowa, March 4, 1883. She married Walter S. Rosenberry Sr. in 1906 in Spokane, WA. He, too, was in the lumber industry. Sarah was a daughter of John McInnis (1841?-1918) and Jessie [Cochrane] (1843-??), immigrants from Scotland to Iowa in 1871. John McInnis is listed in the 1900 census as a "lumberman" in Wisconsin.

Resources include:

- Ancestry.com (family histories, census record images, etc.)
- Bozeman Daily Chronicle – June 14, 2015 Obituary
- Bozeman Daily Chronicle – July 24, 2015
- Bozeman Symphony Orchestra Program – Jan. 28, 2016
- Clan MacInnes Assoc. Newsletters (1991, 1995, 1996)
- Livingston Healthcare Foundation 2014-2016 Annual Report
- Montana Office of Public Instruction (Montana Indians-Their History and Location)
- Montana Maps (mapgeeks.org/montana)
- Montana State Univ. Memorial Service announcement – July 23, 2015
- MPR News – March 5, 2008 ('A Tribute to Sarah-Maud Sivertsen') – by John Birge
- The Montana Pioneer (Jan. 8, 2016) [A. Bourdain]
- The Vassar College 1997 Vassarion Yearbook
- Twin Cities [MN] Pioneer Press from Jan. 13, 2008
- <https://www.theellentheatre.com/>
- Phone interviews with associates at Montana State University's College of Art & Architecture and Museum of the West.
- Memories from her son, Ned Phares





Faith and Ray McInnes  
Co-Commissioners  
Australia & New Zealand



### Well Done, Hamish & Imogen McInnes!



Above: At the Newcastle Highland Dancing Championships on 9th March, Hamish placed 1st and Imogen placed 3rd runner up in the Adults Championship. On March 20 Hamish returned to Scotland for six months to continue his dancing tuition

and competition, with an eye toward the World Championship the last week of August.



Left: Imogen McInnes graduated nursing in December from Mater Private Hospital in Brisbane

### 2019 Australia Tours: Soul Music & Comedy

“The Proclaimers” Scotland’s soul brothers, twins Craig and Charlie Reid, are bringing their “Angry Cyclist Tour” from their latest and 11th album to Australia and New Zealand in May. With three decades of soul/funk/pop/rock music under their belts, they will perform in 8 New Zealand locations: Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Wellington, Auckland, Hawkes Bay; and 10 Australian venues: Toowoomba, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Newcastle, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Geelong, Adelaide, Perth.  
<https://www.themusicouse.com.au>

“Danny Bhoys—Age of Fools Tour” will bring acclaimed Scottish comic Danny Bhoys to Aussie shores with a new humorous show. Danny will present his unique brand of funny observations and anecdotes in Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra, Newcastle and Sydney.  
<http://www.abpresents.com.au>



#### Coming Events & Highland Games

- 31 March: Ringwood Highland Games, VIC
- 6 April: Bundanoon Highland Gathering, NSW
- 13 April: BBC Highland Gathering, Toowong, QLD
- 19-20 Apr: Maclean Highland Gathering, NSW
- 2-5 May: Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, NSW
- 13-19 May: Copper Coast Cornish Festival, Yorke Peninsula, SA
- 25 May: Berry Celtic Festival, NSW
- 26 May-2 June: Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival, NSW
- 14-18 June: Scottish Week, Sydney, NSW
- 15-16 June: Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular, Boonah, QLD
- 28-30 June: Kilmore Celtic Festival, VIC
- 29 June: Tartan Day Tattoo/Gathering of the Clans, Wongawallan, QLD
- 1 July: Tartan Day nationwide



## A Bit from Bonnie



Bonnie MacInnis  
Commissioner,  
Eastern Canada

**Editor's Note:** An internet browse brought up this fascinating article in the July 20, 2006 issue of *The Chronicle Herald* in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Newspaper columnist Peter Duffy interviews a volunteer at the Tinsmith Museum in Shubenacadie in central Nova Scotia. That volunteer was a retired doctor, Donald Ross MacInnis, then 83, who well remembered a dramatic 1932 robbery when he was only eight.

**Dr. Ross MacInnis (1924-2014) loved medicine, history, guns, and re-enacting WWII events. He followed in his father's footsteps, Dr. Dan MacInnis, who served Shubenacadie and rural Hants County in the 1950s and 1960s.**

**Here's the excerpted article.**

"I'm in Shubenacadie at the community museum, listening to the town's retired doctor describe a long-ago bank robbery gone terribly wrong...It was August 1932 and Ross MacInnis was only eight at the time. His father, Daniel, was the doctor here.

The bad guys were S.A. Rafuse, a former bank manager from Breton, his brother-in-law Gerald Freckelton of Halifax, and paroled bank robber Edison Boutilier of Halifax. Ross points to their pictures. Each man is well dressed, wearing suit, tie and fedora. Their target was the Shubenacadie branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. According to the retired doctor, the robbers believed, wrongly as it turned out, there was bullion from a nearby gold mine in the vault.

It all started going horribly wrong when paroled Boutilier decided to blow the whistle. Thinking it might help with his parole, Boutilier spilled the beans to the Mounties, who alerted Halifax police. According to Ross, Boutilier was ill prepared so the Mounties decided to help him by providing him with an unloaded Colt and a car taken from bootleggers.

On the day of the robbery, seven policemen were hiding in the bank. The robbers were on their way, Boutilier at the wheel, but the closer they got, the more he began to sweat. He didn't see any Mounties. They'd told him they'd stop his car for something like a broken tail light, they'd find the guns, etc., and the police would have them. But Boutilier didn't know the Mounties planned to kill them all to get big publicity.

Boutilier delayed their arrival as long as possible, then drove up to the bank and let out Rafuse just prior to the 3:00 p.m. closing. The plan was for Rafuse to keep the manager talking until the others could burst in. Freckelton came in and yelled, 'It's a holdup, boys!'


No, it was a complete foul-up. The police popped into



view and shooting started. According to Dr. Ross, only Freckelton had a loaded gun, but he was killed before he even fired a shot. Up to 50 shots were fired, or more, the police all emptied their guns. Rafuse surrendered, but Boutilier ran out the door and almost made it. But one cop ran through and shot him leaving. Boutilier collapsed in the street, shot from behind.

And it was then, says Ross, that his father happened upon the scene. 'Dad ran over to him, just as a Mountie came out, cocked his pistol, ready to shoot him in the head. The Mountie said he was a dangerous bandit and he would shoot him. Dad said, No! He's dying anyway. He's shot through the lungs.' The Mountie relented, allowing the elder MacInnis to send Boutilier to hospital in Halifax, where he recovered enough to testify against Rafuse, who eventually served four years in prison.

'Dad came home at suppertime', said Ross as he finished the story, 'and said there was something terribly wrong, that the police were somehow involved.' At a coroner's inquest several days later, the police officers involved swore they'd stumbled across the robbery and claimed the robbers started shooting at them, so they defended themselves. Only one officer was charged, with conspiracy to incite a crime, but was acquitted.

Quite simply, it was a terrible day both in the history of Shubenacadie and also in the life of the MacInnis family." 

### **Highland Games & Coming Events**

<b>6 April</b>	<b>National Tartan Day</b>
<b>26-28 April:</b>	<b>Ontario Welsh Festival, London, ONT</b>
<b>3-5 May:</b>	<b>JP Collins Celtic Festival, St. John, NB</b>
<b>18-20 May:</b>	<b>156th Victoria Highland Games, BC</b>
<b>25 May:</b>	<b>Kingston Scottish Festival, ONT</b>
<b>30 May-2 June:</b>	<b>Gathering of the Scots, Perth-Andover, NB</b>
<b>8 June:</b>	<b>Georgetown Highland Games, ONT</b>
<b>14-15 June:</b>	<b>British Columbia Highland Games, Coquitlam, BC and Coburg Scottish Festival, ONT</b>
<b>15 June:</b>	<b>Walter Valley Celtic Folk Festival, AB</b>
<b>22 June:</b>	<b>Kingsville Highland Games, ONT</b>
<b>22-23 June:</b>	<b>Manitoba Highland Games, E. Selkirk, AB</b>
<b>23 June:</b>	<b>Edmonton Scottish Highland Gathering, AB</b>

## Happy World Whisky Day!

*Slainte* and Cheers for World Whisky Day on 1 May.

Here are some whisky bits to celebrate.

### World's First Whisky Cuppa'

Tomatin Distillery offers the world's first barrel-aged whisky black tea, a collaboration with eteaket, the world's leading loose leaf tea experts. This limited-edition whisky tea blends black teas from Assam, Ceylon and Fujian, then ages it in bourbon barrels. The non-alcoholic tea retails at £6 (US \$7.81) with 20 servings and comes in a distinctive turquoise tin. <https://www.eteaket.co.uk>

### Inaugural Raasay Whisky Taking 2020 Orders

R&B Distillers opened the Isle of Raasay's first distillery in 2017 and is taking pre-orders for its inaugural 2020 Raasay Single Malt. R&B projects production of 150,000 bottles and says, "it is the location, an island off an island [reached by ferry from Isle of Skye], with complex geology, water and climate--and probably the best views from any distillery in Scotland—that makes Raasay ideal for our innovative whisky." Pre-orders are open now for Christmas 2020, £99 (US \$129) at <https://www.raasaydistillery.com>.

### World's First Distillery Re-opens after 500+ Years

Lindores Abbey—considered the 'spiritual home of Scotch whisky' from the first recorded mention in the 1494 Exchequer Rolls—re-opened in 2017 after a break of 523 years. The distillery, using a mixture of traditional and modern production processes, offered 6,000 litres to cask in 2018, all reserved in one month. In 2019 the distillery is offering the chance to purchase a cask from its second year of production. This would be a "Special" buy, your personalized cask starting at £1,100 (US \$1,471) before taxes and VAT. <https://lindoresabbeydistillery.com/>

### Glenmorangie's Unique Re-use of Whiskey Barrels

Glenmorangie Distillery uses its American ex-bourbon casks of white oak only twice to ensure the smooth, round flavor of its signature single malt, The Original, but the company has also pioneered some groundbreaking inventions using its wooden casks. Building on the 1843 distillery's reputation for expertise with wood by its renowned Men of Tain craftsmen, Glenmorangie found partners to make the world's



first wooden sunglasses and the first wooden bicycle created with whisky cask staves. In 2016 Glenmorangie with Finlay & Company announced handmade wooden eyeglasses, 60 pairs from one cask, followed in 2017 by a lightweight wooden bicycle produced by Renovo of Portland, Oregon. In 2018, Scottish surfer Mark Boyd, the first person to test the Glenmorangie Surfboard, won the 2018 Scottish National Surfing Championships. What might be next?... <https://www.glenmorangie.com>



*Today's rain is tomorrow's whisky.*



#### Coming Events & Highland Games

- 6 April: National Tartan Day!
- 2-5 May: Shetland Folk Festival
- 12 May: Gourock Highland Games
- 19 May: Gordon Castle Highland Games
- 23-26: Orkney Folk Festival
- 25 May: Blackford, Atholl & West Lothian Highland Games
- 1 June: Helensburgh/Lomond & Cornhill Highland Games
- 9 June: Glamis Castle & Ardrrossan Highland Games
- 16 June: Cupar Highland Games
- 22 June: Drumtachty Castle Highland Games

# History Nearly Forgotten - Islay 1918

## by John McInnis

Islay, the outermost of the Inner Hebridean islands, protrudes into the Atlantic right into the sea lanes of northern approach from North America to Great Britain. Those sea lanes between Ireland and Scotland were a bottleneck for shipping men and supplies during World War I to relieve the British. They were also prime property for German U-boats to lurk and torpedo ships.

Today Islay is famous for strong, peaty malt whisky, tourism and the hospitality of its people. That charitable hospitality was in full evidence in an almost-forgotten two incidents in 1918. The sinking of the SS Tuscania in February and HMS Otranto in October claimed the lives of about 700 men in the last year of the war.

With a population of about 6,000, Islay had already lost 150 of its sons on the Western Front. Every household grieved someone. Then the carnage came to them. The Tuscania, a former US luxury liner, held more than 2,000 US troops and 500 British crew when it was torpedoed on February 5.

Most were rescued by British ships in the convoy, but those who made it into lifeboats were not so fortunate. The boats were swept into the rocky coastline cliffs of Oa and dashed to pieces. The farmers living nearby rallied to save who they could. But it turned from a rescue to a recovery job.

This was a massive disaster for a small island to manage. In 1918, Islay had no electricity, no air service and few motor vehicles. The civil authority on this almost crime-free island was a police sergeant on a bicycle, named Malcolm MacNeill. Sergeant MacNeill painstakingly recorded the details of each and every body washed ashore, in a notebook which today is kept in the Museum of Islay Life.

Despite their trauma, the islanders worked tirelessly to bury the dead with dignity. They did not have an American flag for the funerals, so a

small group of locals hand-stitched one from the materials they had – working late into the night. That flag has been preserved by the Smithsonian Institution.

Islanders pulled together to respond to the Tuscania sinking. What they could not know is that this was only a preparation for a much bigger disaster to come.

Like the Tuscania, HMS Otranto was carrying US troops across the Atlantic in a convoy when disaster struck. But it wasn't an act of war that sank the Otranto on October 6, 1918, within weeks of the armistice. It was a navigational error in a storm. As the convoy approached the west coast of Scotland in near hurricane conditions, there was confusion over their exact position. The Otranto was rammed by another ship in the convoy - HMS Kashmir - which ripped its steel hull wide open.



*The American Monument placed in 1920 by the U.S.*

The Kashmir and the rest of the convoy sailed on, under orders not to give assistance for fear of U-boat attack. Despite the ferocious weather, the Royal Navy destroyer, HMS Mounsey, came to the rescue under the command of Lieutenant Francis Craven. Almost 600 soldiers successfully jumped for their lives onto the deck of the Mounsey. Many others tried and failed, crushed to death between the two ships.

By the time the Mounsey left the scene, there were still

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hundreds of men aboard the sinking Otranto. Their best hope was to be swept towards one of the beaches on Islay's Atlantic coast. But the Otranto was lifted by a huge wave and dumped down onto a reef that broke its back and tore the ship to pieces.

Only 21 men made it ashore alive. Some were pulled from the sea by members of Donald-James McPhee's family. They were shepherds and used their crooks to reach survivors - the length of their staffs, the distance between life and death. But this was largely a recovery operation with bodies piling up along the coast. Some of the 700 victims of the Otranto and Tuscania disasters were never found.

After the war, the remains of the American soldiers were exhumed and returned home. Only one American - Private Roy Muncaster - is still on the island. At the request of his family, he was left to rest where the people of Islay buried him.

There is a large lighthouse-shaped memorial on Islay's bleak Mull of Oa placed in 1920 by the US near the site of the recoveries.

The sinking of the Otranto accounted for some of America's heaviest losses at sea during the 1914-18 war. In 1918, the Tuscania disaster represented the biggest single loss of US military lives since the American Civil War. Yet the stories of these ships are not well known - lost perhaps in a century of Islay mist.

**This article by John McInnis was drawn in part from a BBC news article dated May 1, 2018 by reporter Glenn Campbell, an Islay native.**



*Sgt. MacNeill recorded each body washed ashore. Today his notebook is in the Islay Museum of Life*



*Cartoon  
courtesy of  
Faith McInnes*

# Fort Maginnis – Gone But Not Forgotten

by John McInnis

This U.S. Army post was established in 1880 in the Montana Territory by Captain Daingerfield Parker, 3rd U.S. Infantry, and named for Major Martin Maginnis formerly of the 11th Minnesota Infantry. The few visible remains are located just off a narrow gravel road (1411 Collar Gulch, Lewiston, MT) near the present-day ghost town of Giltedge (an old mining camp) and just down the road from the 'Heart-K' ranch in Fergus County, Montana. Good luck finding it.



Photo courtesy of [http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort\\_Maginnis](http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort_Maginnis)

A roadside historical marker near the old site is posted on US Highway 87 about 14 (paved) miles east of Lewistown. It reads as follows:

“Established in 1880, Fort Maginnis was located about 8 miles north of here. This country was great buffalo range before that time, but cattlemen were bringing in stock from the western valleys and cowboys trailed Texas longhorns in from the southeast. There wasn't room for both cattle and buffalo, so the latter had to go. Soldiers protected cattle from being mistaken for buffalo by hungry Indians, encouraged settlement of the Judith Basin west of here, and patrolled the Carroll Road to keep supplies rolling between Carroll (near the mouth of the Musselshell River) and Helena. By 1890 the post was no longer needed, the threatening Indians having been relegated to reservations, and the fort was abandoned with civilian blessings.

There were also quite a number palefaced parties who were handy with a branding iron and prone to make errors as to ownership of their neighbors' cattle. Such careless souls were known as 'rustlers'. Sometimes the cattlemen called on these pariahs with a posse and intimated that

they were unpopular with a hangman's noose. Usually such a visitation cured a rustler or two permanently.”

Major Martin Maginnis was a son of Irish immigrants, Patrick and Winnifred Devine Maginnis. (Kinfolk anyway.) His father was from County Clare and his mother from Galway. Patrick and Winifred immigrated to New York in 1836 (or 1838). Martin was born October 27, 1841 on his family's farm near Pultneyville in Wayne County.

Patrick worked as a contractor on the New York Central Railway. In 1851, he moved the family west to LaSalle, Illinois where Patrick worked on the new Illinois Central railroad. The family moved again in 1853 to Goodhue Township near Red Wing, Minnesota to return to farming. The area became a large and prosperous agricultural center.

Young Maginnis was educated in the public schools, and in Minnesota he attended Hamline University but left early to take charge of a Democratic newspaper. Martin had come to know William Wallace Phelps, a lawyer and part owner of the *Red Wing Sentinel* newspaper, and William J. Colvill, its first editor. Colvill

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took young Maginnis under his wing, liberally sharing his library with him and enjoying together the abundant hunting and fishing in the area. By early 1861 Maginnis owned the *Red Wing Sentinel*, while Phelps edited.

But as the Union became split by war, Martin enlisted as a private in the First Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, April 18, 1861. He was promoted to first lieutenant in September 1862 and to captain in July 1863. Next he was appointed major of the Eleventh Minnesota Volunteers in September 1864 and ordered to join the Army of the Cumberland, where he served under the command of General George H. Thomas until mustered out with his regiment in July 1865.

He served with distinction at 1st and 2nd Bull Run, Antietam and Gettysburg, and most notably at Cemetery Ridge on July 2, 1863 – a war hero at age 21.

Maginnis, with his two brothers, helped organize a party of 140 men and 40 wagons to head west, arriving in Helena in September 1866 to join the Montana gold rush. The enterprise soon went bust and by 1867 Maginnis was publishing and editing the *Rocky Mountain Gazette* which later became the *Helena Independent*.

He was elected as a Democrat (he was intensely partisan) to the U.S. House of Representatives (Montana was then a Territory and he had no vote) and served from March 4, 1873 until March 3, 1885. During his congressional years, Maginnis made an impressive mark: convincing Congress to build Forts Custer, Keogh, Logan and Maginnis, opening navigation on the Missouri River, opening reservation land to white settlement, and encouraging railroad building to promote settlement of Montana—all measures designed to increase the territory's population.

Montana gained statehood in November 1889 and Maginnis was made State Commissioner of Mineral Lands (1890-1893), serving with great distinction. He was instrumental in procuring the grant of lands for Montana State University and built numerous state facilities. He was later a key

figure in sorting out laws on matters of land and mineral rights ownership and rail routes.

In 1900, he was appointed U.S. Senator-Designate to fill the vacancy caused by the forced resignation of William A. Clark (notorious in Montana history for extensive bribery and business corruption), but was denied his seat, probably because he had been improperly appointed by the Governor. Montana politics was a real mess at the time. Corruption was a way of life.

Martin Maginnis was highly acclaimed in "Progressive Men of the State of Montana", a massive work of over 1,500 pages and published before his death. He died of gangrene in Los Angeles, CA on March 27, 1919 and is buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Helena, MT.



*Martin Maginnis, a captain here, was promoted to major one year later in 1864.*



# The McInnes Island Lighthouse

## by John McInnis

As you ship out from Seattle, WA or Vancouver, BC into the Pacific and northward up along the Canadian coast toward Alaska, your boat passes by and weaves through a considerable number of islands, large and small. This deeply forested coastal region is the ancestral home of several First Nation societies including the Haida, Tlingit, Tsimshian, Kwakwaka'wakw and dozens of others.

Vancouver Island is the big one stretching to the northwest from Seattle and Vancouver, bounded on the south by the Strait of Juan de Fuca nearer Seattle and on the north by the Strait of Georgia. This one narrows severely in its northwest reach to under ½ mile, limiting boat traffic generally to shallow draft and narrow cruisers and fishing boats. I cannot guess at the number of smaller islands – many are just pointy rocks poking out of the sea, but all are a hazard to the unwary sailor in fog and rain.

However you round Vancouver Island, if your Captain clings to the Canadian mainland coast, you will enter Queen Charlotte Sound. Most mariners sailing north along the British Columbia coast follow the “Inside Passage”, as it is sheltered from the open Pacific Ocean by strings of islands. Though mostly protected, this route does have a few significant gaps where vessels are exposed to ocean swells.

Between these islands are numerous inlets offering small boat access into the interior for a few miles at most. One of the larger openings is Milbanke Sound at the south end of Princess Royal Island, which is bounded by a smattering of islands to the north and the Bardswell Group of islands to the south. Milbanke

allows ship traffic from Port Hardy (on the northwest end of Vancouver Island) to the inland port at Prince Rupert, BC.

At the tip of Princess Royal is yet another Island – Price Island. Not through yet. Off the south tip of Price are about 40 tiny “islands” – many too small to stand on. One of these is McInnes Island.

All along these coastlines and islands are lighthouses. Twenty-nine are unmanned and automated. Twenty-seven are “staffed”, meaning some regular human presence. Thirty-five more are “unwatched”. And, that is on the British Columbia coast alone.

McInnes Island is a rocky lump with a flat clearing on top some 100 feet up, about 8/10 miles in circumference and maybe 26 acres with a man-made clearing at the top. One of the manned lighthouses sits on it. Originally (since 1921) an unwatched light was situated there, but in the 1950s the Aluminum Company of Canada was given license to develop a mining and smelter operation some 200 miles inland near Kitmat. Anticipating increases in shipping up the Milbank Sound, a permanent, manned lighthouse facility was built in 1953-54.



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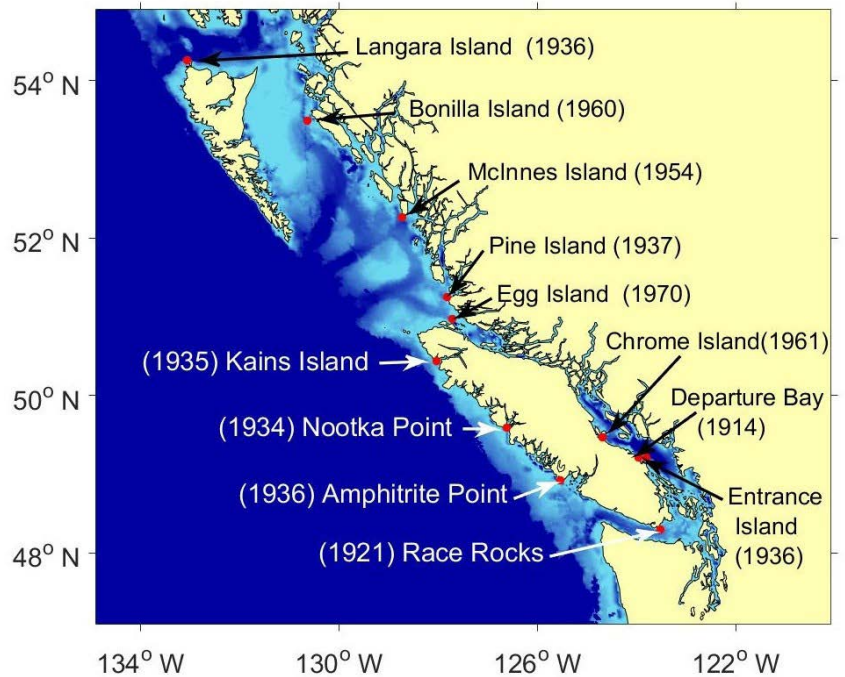
The Station consists of six concrete buildings and is recognized for its sturdy construction and architecture as well as its utility and is protected under the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act. There are even a helipad and diesel-powered winch-driven cable (called a 'highline') to haul up heavy supplies. The highline is anchored to another small rock just off the 'beach'. Supply boats could maneuver between the two islands and just under the cable to attach cargo to the highline. Before helicopters, this was the only way to get supplies in. It is still necessary for heavy cargo.

Today, it serves as a lighthouse but with sophisticated radio signaling equipment to allow ships to detect precisely where they are in Queen Charlotte Sound. However good at signals and lights, the Keepers had to be adept at construction, repair and maintenance skills as well as cooking, etc.



McInnes Island was named for Thomas Robert McInnes, a physician who served in the House of Commons, the Senate, and finally as Lieutenant of Governor of British Columbia from 1897 to 1900. We might suppose there was a Native name for the place beforehand since almost every terrain feature had names to aid in navigation.

Thomas Robert McInnes (11/5/1840 - 4/5/1904) was born in Lake Ainslie, Nova Scotia to Scottish immigrant parents. He studied in the US at



Harvard University and elsewhere, earning a medical degree from Rush Medical College. McInnes served in the Union Army during the American Civil War before returning to Canada. He initially settled in Dresden, Ontario but relocated to New Westminster, British Columbia in 1874. McInnes established himself as a physician and surgeon attached to the Royal Columbian Hospital, and also served as a coroner. In July 1878 he was appointed as superintendent of the provincial Lunatic Asylum.

McInnes became mayor of New Westminster in 1877. He served in the House of Commons for a time and was appointed to the Canadian Senate in 1881 by Prime Minister John A. Macdonald. He resigned his Senate seat in 1897 upon his appointment as Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. In June 1900, after 2½ turbulent years, McInnes became the only Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia dismissed from the office. So they named a wee island for him.

Here is a copy-and-paste link to a short but entertaining narrative by one of the facility's builders. It opens as a PDF file, so you need Acrobat or similar reader.

[http://lighthousememoires.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Ken\\_Stewart\\_Story.pdf](http://lighthousememoires.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Ken_Stewart_Story.pdf)





# Getting Your Own Coat of Arms

by Ken McInnis

The office of Lyon King of Arms dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The Lord Lyon is the sole King of Arms in Scotland. He is Head of the Heraldic Executive and the Judge of the Court of the Lord Lyon which has jurisdiction over all heraldic business in Scotland. In 1672 a further Act of the Scottish Parliament authorized the creation of the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland. This Register is maintained by the Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records and contains an official copy of every Coat of Arms granted in Scotland since 1672. While the office is a “government” position – the office is paid not by the government, but through the Queen’s household.

On 12 November 2017, I was advised by Dr. Bruce Durie (who championed both my and Past President Malcom McInnis’ cause in Scotland) that the Lord Lyon approved my petition for arms to be granted to my ancestor and, ultimately, matriculated to me. When I say “matriculated”, the arms are basically “granted” to my ancestor and after such proofs are provided/approved they are “approved and passed” with suitable differencing. Remember – they have to be changed somewhat as no two grants of arms are the same. Hopefully, very shortly Malcom and I will have the painted Letters Patent in our hands. For those of you interested in obtaining your own arms – be advised – this is a long process and patience is a virtue. There will be much correspondence back and forth to ensure the proper/appropriate information is documented correctly in the Letters Patent. Remember, all arms – including these – will be included in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland.



*Grant of Scottish Arms  
From the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland  
To  
Kenneth Lee McInnis of Catlett, Virginia*



For background information, as an American citizen, and thus not normally falling within the jurisdiction of the Lord Lyon, the granting of my arms took the form of a grant to my, or as described in the Letters Patent, the petitioner’s great-great-great-great-grandfather, Duncan McInnis, who was born in Cumberland County, North Carolina (of Scottish descent) at a time when what is now the USA was subject to the British Crown and, accordingly, within the Lord Lyon’s jurisdiction. The jurisdiction ended when the Treaty of Paris was signed by representatives of King George III of Great Britain and representatives of the United States of America on September 3, 1783, which ended the American Revolutionary War. So, basically, what this is saying – if you had an ancestor in the American colonies prior to the Treaty of Paris – you can have arms granted to that ancestor of Scottish descent.

This grant was then matriculated for the petitioner to show that he is a descendant of Duncan and the name of McInnis with suitable differencing as no two sets of Arms are the same and they are the personal property of the individual. **That’s right – the personal property of the individual.** Which is why I am pushing for IACM members to cease using the “*Ghifft dhe Agus An Righ*” crest, as that is the personal property of William John MacInnis, issued on 25 January 1961. In fact, I intend

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to take this one step further. Once my arms are issued, I intend to discuss this matter first with the IACM Board of Directors and Advisors and then – with their approval – contact the offices of the Lord Lyon and the Standing Council of Chiefs in an effort to have them both designate the IACM's crest as the "most appropriate" crest for ALL MacInnes to wear. Perhaps that's another article...

Back to the story: The design of my arms incorporates elements appropriate for a western Highlands and Islands clansman. To begin with, the shield is quartered by a cross Vert (Green) which is the Iona Cross. In the dexter chief (top/right) portion of the shield is a castle of two towers which represents Kinlochaline Castle – a Clan stronghold. In sinister Chief (top/left) is a Lymphad or ancient sailing ship which represents the fact that the family descended from the Isle of Jura, Scotland, a seafaring clan. In dexter base (bottom/right) is a boar's head which is used widely in Scottish Heraldry. In this case it represents the fact that McInnis was an ancient clan. On the sinister base (bottom/left) is a gyronny of eight in yellow and black which is the symbol for Argyle, the area of Scotland where the Isle of Jura is located. Some, if not most people, associate the gyronny of eight with the Clan Campbell. Well, in my case, it could be both as my ancestor Duncan McInnis was married to Sarah Campbell, daughter of Lauchlin Campbell. Also included on the arms is a "Chief" which is a charge on the coat of arms that takes the form of a band running horizontally across the top end of the shield which is where the differencing between my arms and my ancestor's takes place. On Duncan's Arms there are three cotton flowers. On my shield there is a cotton plant with a torch on either side representing the petitioner's career in Communications and his Masonic "search for more light".

Above the Shield is placed a helm befitting the petitioner's degree with mantling of blue and gold, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest which is a dexter cubit arm (right arm from the elbow) sleeved in Clan MacInnes tartan holding aloft a bearded axe with the Motto "Dare to Defend". Finally, the use of a Pennon – or personal flag – bearing the arms and motto was granted for use by the petitioner.

One of the things found most pleasing in the matriculation of arms was allowing the arm to be clad in tartan which is rarely done and actually places the tartan under the authority of the Lord Lyon which – considering the fact that Clan MacInnes does not have a Chief or a voice on the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs – is a way of "protecting" our tartan. The bearded axe was used to represent the fact that most of the descendants of Duncan were farmers and/or had military service.

Even though my lineage was traced back two more generations to Angus McInnis who departed the Isle of Jura along with 10 persons under his care on the Diamond of Glasgow in 1744, the Lyon Court grants the arms to the first individual found worthy and under the Lyon Court's jurisdiction. Is this a long process – yes! Everything must be documented and if not documented it must be explained to the satisfaction of the Lyon Court. Documented means certified copies of birth/death/marriage certificates; copies of Last Will and Testament(s); Estate records; War Between the States records to include muster rolls; Soldier and Sailors Relief Paperwork. Basically – everything stated must be backed up with documentation.

What happens now? Well, after first sitting back and recollecting the 30 plus year process this endeavor took over a dram of Isle of Jura Scotch – as a Scottish Armiger – or individual that bears Arms – the petitioner no longer wears the crest of the Chief of the Clan or the crest of a Clan Association, he wears his personal crest with a feather and he flies his own personal flag and displays his arms over the fireplace. Most importantly, he can pass them down to his children and their children with suitable differencing approved by the Lyon Court. Who wouldn't want that? With that in mind – my son Scot Ryan McInnis has his own petition in front of the Lord Lyon at this very moment. My daughter Heather Ailene McInnis and youngest son Kenneth Ross McInnis will begin their petitions shortly. Yes, daughters can obtain arms as well - the adventure continues.....



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