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Coming in the next issue... Another chapter in the life of Donald A. MacRae, the PEI farm boy who grew up a scholar, classicist, legal educator, and internationalist.

Citadel Hill (Fort George) – Allen McRae

Our visit to Citadel Hill began with a large limo/bus picking us up at the Four Points Halifax Hotel just before 9:00 am on Wednesday, June 14th. Special thanks to Bill McRae. The fort is very impressive with its large dry moat and high, thick walls. Inside is a huge flat open area which allows access to all of the different living

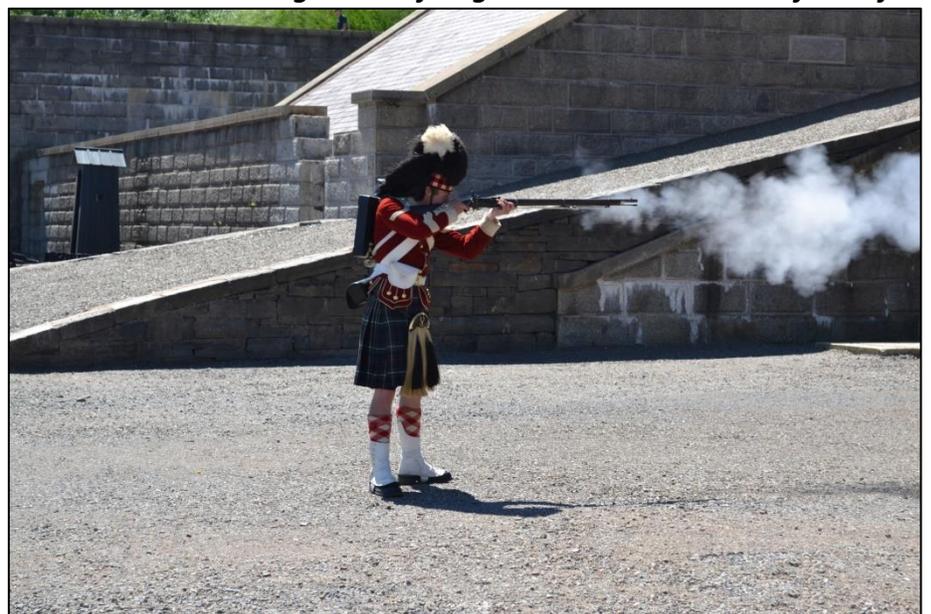


quarters, offices and storage areas for the men who would have lived in the Citadel. There are about 27 different exhibits and attractions to see which would take about four hours to complete. The view of the city and waterways from the upper walkway was fabulous. One could hear and see bagpipers of the 78th

Highlanders playing in the courtyard below. We all waited for the noon cannon to go off after much pomp and ceremony leading up to the firing. Alas, the gun crew had some problem with the powder and it did not fire. Which MacRae tampered with the gun? After leaving we crossed the street to the Halifax Alehouse. This building had an interesting history as it was once used by the Salvation Army. The food was excellent and produced the best fish chowder we had on our trip. We passed on our compliments to the chef, who returned a big smile to us. What a great start to our gathering!



78th Highlander firing an authentic Snider-Enfield rifle



Our Tour Guide in white jacket

Ben (Armour) McCrea & Family – Development of the city of Halifax

On the evening of June 14th dinner at the Baton Rouge Restaurant, a restaurant located in the Halifax Historic Properties, we were fortunate enough to have Mr. Scott Armour McCrea current CEO of the Armour Group Limited (a leading Real Estate Development and Investment Company in Atlantic Canada) along with his son James Armour McCrea join us for dinner. Scott was gracious enough to take time from his busy schedule to join us and give a presentation on his father (to the McCrea's family and to our misfortunes Scott's father passed away in 2008 at age 73) who was in 1972 the founder of the Armour Group Limited at age 32. Mr. Ben (Armour) McCrea was a prominent engineer and developer within the city of Halifax who has worked diligently with City Councils of Halifax to preserve as much as possible the historic values and integrity of the city along with the developments encompassing new growth and buildings within its downtown core.



Bill MacRae, James & Scott McCrea, Owen MacRae

Born in Salisbury, New Brunswick in 1940, Ben earned a Civil Engineering Degree from the University of New Brunswick and a Masters in Science (Engineering) from the University of Illinois.

A leader in environmental sensitivity and conservation, he pioneered the use of sea water as the primary source of cooling and heating for buildings in North America and constructed Park Place V (the province's first privately developed multi-tenant commercial building in Nova Scotia to achieve the "Green Building Council of Canada's office building" certification by the *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design* program, or *LEED*. It used 40 per cent less energy and consumed 40 per cent less water than existing conventional business buildings of the day.)

Many of Ben McCrea's happiest moments were spent fishing and hunting in rivers and fields, and his reverence for nature was evidenced by his lifelong commitment to conservation.

He provided active leadership in programs such as:

- Ducks Unlimited in Nova Scotia and received the Ducks Unlimited Legacy Award (of which he was a National Director of the Board)
- The Annapolis Royal Wetlands Project of which he generously contributed to
- The establishment of the Greenwing Legacy Project and in 2006 was awarded The Lieutenant Governors Greenwing Conservation Award (later named the McCrea Legacy Centre) at the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, (which includes an Interpretative Centre and Marsh Trail)
- And a Scholarship Program to promote wetlands education for students.

Through his life he was the recipient of numerous awards recognizing his professional and community leadership, including:

- The 2009 Halifax Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year Award
- The 2010 Lieutenant Governors Conservation Award - Wild Atlantic Salmon Conservation
- The 2010 Engineers Nova Scotia F.H. Sexton Gold Medal.
- In 2012 was recognized by being inducted into the Nova Scotia Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame for his business and entrepreneurial contributions
- The Queens Golden Jubilee Medal
- The City of Halifax - 250th Anniversary Gold Medal
- University Of New Brunswick - Engineering Dept. Wall of Fame

He contributed generously to numerous other causes including:

- The Sacred Heart School (of with he was a Founding Director of the Board)
- McCrea Legacy Centre

- Harry M. McCrea Memorial Scholarship
- Mount St. Vincent University
- The MBA-Engineering Management Scholarship at University of New Brunswick.

He was involved with and served on many community and national boards such as:

- Director of Fundy Tidal Power Corporation
- Nova Scotia Place (now The Nova Scotia World Trade Centre)
- Council of Maritime Premiers Advisory Group
- National Research Council of Canada Standing Committee on Building Codes
- Miramichi Salmon Association
- He was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers
- A member of the Nova Scotia Association of Professional Engineers
- The North British Society
- And the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.



As president of The Armour Group, one of Ben McCrea's first and most influential projects some 40 years ago was the transforming of three downtown city blocks full of run-down buildings into what is now known as Halifax's "Historic Properties". Originally being constructed during the Napoleonic Wars by Nova Scotian businessmen such as



Enos Collins, a privateer, smuggler and shipper whose vessels defied Napoleon's blockade to bring American supplies to the British commander Duke of Wellington. These properties helped make Halifax prosperous in Canada's early days by aiding trade and commerce, but these privateers also frequently used their vessels as vehicles for smuggling and privateering during the War of 1812. The project became a turning point in how Halifax managed urban renewal. It includes the oldest storefront in Halifax and the site of the famous 18th-century tavern "The Great Pontack" (built prior to c.1754) where James Wolfe planned the siege of Louisbourg and Quebec City. Other buildings on site include The Privateer Warehouse (c.1790); The Red Store (c.1812), King's Warehouse built (c.1831) - (now The Carpenter Shop), Wooden Storehouse/Loft, Collins Bank (AKA "The Halifax Banking Company" built by Enos Collins (c.1832) (which eventually became the CIBC bank) / Simon's Warehouse (c.1854).

When built/repared/reconstructed in the mid-1970s the Historic Properties, was the first development in Atlantic Canada to use sea water for heating and cooling purposes. It was a cutting-edge innovation that helped earn the downtown development accolades for its environmental sensitivity.



Over his career, Ben and his company were responsible for developing many landmark properties in downtown Halifax including Founders Square (where the company currently resides on the 14th floor), a project which preserved seven pre-confederation structures around one of the city's largest office towers. The main foyer displays several busts of the city's first most notable persons, William Annand, Samuel Leonard Shannon, Sarah Howard, Joseph Howe and Jonathan McCully.

The Armour Group was also behind the development of the RBC Waterside Centre. The construction project involved restructuring several old buildings across from the Historic Properties and building a nine-storey office building while keeping the 19th & 20th century facades of the following buildings.



The Harrington MacDonald-Briggs Building

1865 Hollis Street; 1866 Upper Water Street, Halifax

- CONSTRUCTION DATE(S) - 1820/01/01 to 1820/12/31
- Architecturally, is valued as an example of the Georgian style.

The Fishwick & Company Building

1861 Hollis Street, Halifax,

- CONSTRUCTION DATE(S) - 1820/01/01 to 1820/12/31
- Architecturally, is valued as an example of the Georgian style

The Shaw Building

1855-1859 Hollis Street, Halifax

- CONSTRUCTION DATE(S) - 1903/01/01
- Valued for its architectural design by S.P. Dumaresq

The Imperial Oil Building

1860 Upper Water Street, Halifax

- CONSTRUCTION DATE(S) - 1926/01/01 to 1927/12/31
- Architecturally, is valued for its early twentieth century Classical style.

The development was substantially completed by early 2014. The Royal Bank of Canada committed to occupying four floors of the building, including the ground level, in order to house their Atlantic Canada regional headquarters and flagship downtown branch. The Royal Bank proceeded to hold a competition open to students and recent graduates of the adjacent Nova Scotia College of Art and Design seeking a "Signature Artwork" for their new office/development.

Scott Armour McCrea himself has been an active participant of various boards and non-profit organizations within the community, most recently these have included Mount Saint Vincent University, Pier 21 Society, and Royal Host Inc. His accomplishments have led to the receipt of several Awards including Canada's top 40 under 40, Halifax's Business Person of the Year 2006 and one of Atlantic Canada's top 50 CEOs. Scott is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and the University of Toronto where he studied business and economics. These days Scott as CEO of the Armour Group is leading the charge on the restructuring of an old vacant 5 acre lot of the Halifax waterfront with the latest stunning development under construction on the boardwalk called the "Queen's Marque".



Again thanks go out to Scott for joining with us to share some stories and to the following web sites for the information and pictures they provided that were included in this article.

Canadian Precast Prestressed Concrete Institute Web Site

JA Snow Funeral Home's Web Site on the Obituary of Ben McCrea

Scott Armour McCrea's Bio

The Armour Group's Web Site

Wikipedia's Historic Buildings of Halifax Web Sites

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill M^CRae

Member, Board of Directors for Clan MacRae Society of Canada

Clan MacRae Society of Canada thanks the following members for their Donations. This greatly helps with our objectives to promote, encourage and educate about CLAN MACRAE.

Sterling & Jean MacRae

Lorne & Doug Rae

Maritime Museum Tour

We visited the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Thursday. Thanks to Bill's arrangement, we were guided through the collection and exhibits by Derek Harrison who oversees educational programs at the museum. Derek was able to provide a great overview of what to see of interest. This museum has the largest marine collection in Canada and is supported by the people of Nova Scotia. One needs more than a brief visit to take everything in.

Personally I found the Titanic information and artifacts so interesting not to mention haunting. Hard to realize that such a grand 'unsinkable' ship would end up at the bottom of the ocean. Finding and cataloguing information, artifacts, photos etc. has to have been an overwhelming task.

Derek led us into a still functioning replica of the original store where all things nautical can be purchased. In the middle of the floor stood a cast iron pot-bellied stove. We then observed a room where Derek still hand stitches sails etc.



Looking down from the second floor we could see several small craft randomly displayed. Luckily it was the area where the opening of Exhibits Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Halifax Harbour Explosion was taking place Thursday afternoon. Of course one had to attend. I was impressed with the introduction including a knowledgeable representative of the Mi'kmac. The displays included the wonderful Hope and Survival: The Halifax Explosion Memorial Quilt by artist Laurie Swim. The exhibit is a must see! This large open space is used for receptions, weddings and gatherings of all sorts during the year.

For me the magnificent lighthouse lamp on the main floor was a must see. If I could have it in my backyard I would be overjoyed. Not to forget the mascot of the museum ~ Merlin the Parrot. A

very handsome fellow who seemed to be enjoying the comings and goings of visitors.

- Doreen Powell



WATERFRONT WAREHOUSE: Dinner, Thursday, June 15

On Thursday evening, June 15th, members of the Clan MacRae gathered at the Waterfront Warehouse, located on Halifax's historic waterfront. Nautical and rustic themes abound; from a ceiling-mounted dory, foghorn, ship's wheel and a variety of marine artifacts. In a previous life, the building

was used to repair tugboats.

A number of tables were reserved for the Clan, keeping us close together but also able to visit other tables. The restaurant is famous for its variety of seafood delights and did not disappoint. Approximately 25 Clan members enjoyed the evening.

- Linda MacRae

MacRae Library & Gardens

I was pleased when Linda MacRae asked if I would write about my thoughts and comment on what I learned during our time in Truro this past June, which was for Corin and I our first MacRae Clan experience.

As I am an “Aggie” from the University of Manitoba in 1975, and someone who has spent his whole working career in the production of food at various levels I have seen many new and amazing innovations in Agriculture. It was very rewarding for me to spend a short time in the MacRae library and listen to the various people talk about the role and impact that “Herbie” played in the development and eventual achievement in making Truro a fully-fledged Agriculture University offering not only Under-graduate degrees but Post- Graduate degrees.

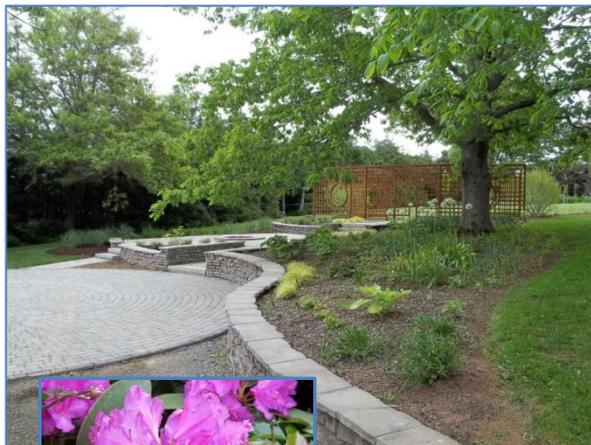


Front row LtoR: Owen MacRae; Evelyn (Ebby) Darden; Judy McRae; Corin Raine; Mary Ruth McRae; Herbert MacRae's daughter Anne MacRae Estey

Middle row: Marie Mullally; Gaylle McRae; Doreen Powell

Back row: Bruce McRae; Nicole, Trevor, Tracy and Troy MacRae Peverley; Bill McRae; Allen McRae; Judy Hickman; Marc Villeneuve; Cynthia MacRae; Larry McRae; Al Raine; Linda MacRae; Linda York

Personally the biggest take away from our time at the MacRae Library was to know that Herbert MacRae stood for the Science behind Agriculture, he believed modern Agriculture Science could make for a safer and more secure food supply. He stood for that belief and pushed forward to make Truro part of the Dalhousie degree program. People like Herbert MacRae are difficult to find and we were glad to see the Library was named in his honour.



Our visit to the library was followed by a tour of the Truro campus. The first garden we toured was the Alumni garden site. Plants from different regions are tested at Truro for their hardiness and adaptability to the Truro area. Students from the Engineering faculty built the gazebo as a class project in the mid 1980's. It has proven to be a very popular area for weddings and graduation photos.



In 1994 “Friends of the Garden” was created. They are a group of Alumni that volunteer on a weekly basis to assist in the maintenance and up keep of the garden. They also created the perennial garden. Within the perennial garden is an area dedicated to roses. It is circular in shape and contains many varieties of roses, some roses are quite old and difficult to find. We also wandered through the granite slopes of the rock garden which is home to many alpine plants.

We thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was great to see how the Truro campus has evolved and that one of “our own” was instrumental in the direction the faculty took.

- Al & Corin Raine



The newest member to join our Society is Daniel MacRae Boudreau, resident of Dartmouth, NS. We met this young gentleman at the Welcome Reception Tuesday evening. Daniel is researching his ancestors; and, when he heard about our Clan Gathering he was excited to join us for some of the events. We all enjoyed his presence, humour and knowledge. Being a descendent of former Dean Donald MacRae, and having received his paralegal diploma, Daniel arranged for Clan MacRae members to visit the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax to look at the portrait of former Dean Donald MacRae (1914–24).



(Back row, from left) **Daniel MacRae Boudreau**; **Allen McRae** (Nanaimo, BC); **Larry McRae** (Winston-Salem, North Carolina); **Owen MacRae** (White Rock, BC); **Bruce McRae** (Wheat Ridge, Colorado). (Front row, from left) **Ebby Darden** (Dallas, Texas); **Mary Ruth McRae** (Winston-Salem); **Gaylle McRae** (Nanaimo)

Read more about the visit at:

[https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/news-events/news/2017/06/20/a_descendent_of_former_dean_donald_macrae_and_clan_macrae](https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/news-events/news/2017/06/20/a_descendent_of_former_dean_donald_macrae_and_clan_macrae_members_enjoyed_a_visit_to_our_law_school.html)

[members enjoyed a visit to our law school.html](https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/news-events/news/2017/06/20/a_descendent_of_former_dean_donald_macrae_and_clan_macrae_members_enjoyed_a_visit_to_our_law_school.html) and, see the Spring 2017 Edition of KINTAIL for Charles MacRae’s article on his grandfather Dean Donald MacRae.



This hooked rug was made by Marie Helen Camus on Cape Breton Island, NS In Gaelic it reads: “A Hundred Thousand Welcomes”

The Clan MacRae Society of Canada says, *A Hundred Thousand Welcomes to New Members of Clan MacRae*

Brodie MacRae & Francesca Perez, Alec & Gayle MacRae, Col. Stuart & Helaine McRae, Daniel MacRae Boudreau

Friday Dinner, Truro, June 16 – Cynthia MacRae

Friday evening the Clan remained on the Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus and moved to Jenkins Hall for a reception and dinner. We were treated to bagpipe music by Terry White and Judy Hickman had decorated the tables in beautiful Scottish style.



*Judy Hickman,
Cynthia MacRae,
Linda York,
Allen MacRae, Linda
MacRae, Owen
MacRae, Terry
White*

Following the excellent dinner of Atlantic salmon, Alec MacRae gave a presentation about his family’s maple syrup operation, “MacRae’s Rocky Ridge Maple” in Nuttby Mountain, Nova Scotia. It was fascinating to learn how the production of maple syrup has evolved from buckets on trees for tapping and cast iron pots over a fire for boiling the sap, to plastic taps connected to flexible plastic tubing for collection and an evaporator to reduce the sap until it becomes syrup. (There was so much interest in Alec’s talk that arrangements were made to tour his facilities the next day.)



Corin Raine presented with a jug of maple syrup from Alec MacRae

The evening was topped off with a performance by the Colchester Highland Dancers Association which included an extensive repertoire of jig, step, reel, fling, sword and other highland dances. It was especially nice that one of the dancers (in green) introduced and explained some of the history and technique of each dance.



News from the 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING June 17, 2017 Truro, NS

1. The following motion was proposed and carried: “That all members of the Society be encouraged to include the Society logo on banners and other printed materials, as a unifying and identifiable symbol of our distinct Society”. It was pointed out that in 2005 the Society had officially adopted the logo/design which was the result of collaboration among Robert MacRae, Anne Brand, and Elizabeth Dungate. The design was the work of Tina Graham.

2. It was proposed and agreed by consensus: That a new position of “Good Will Ambassador for Clan MacRae Society of Canada” be established. This appointment would be made by the President and one other member of the executive for any member in good standing in the Society. The person traveling to other countries would represent our Canadian Clan at world Clan gatherings or other functions. On returning they would prepare an article for KINTAIL. It was agreed by consensus. No vote was taken.

3. Current Board of Directors:

Honorary President & Honorary Commander of Clan MacRae Worldwide

Marigold MacRae, Our Gracious Lady of Eilean Donan Castle

First and Past President, Robert MacRae Victoria BC

A. Officers and Executive – Annual Election – two-year term – by election at AGM

President Owen C. MacRae White Rock BC.. - *Term Expires 2018 AGM*

1st Vice President Central . Peter McRae Toronto ON - *Term Expires 2017 AGM*

Vice-President Pacific Dave McRae Abbotsford BC - *Term Expires 2018 AGM*

Vice-President Prairies Darrell MacRae Calgary AB - *Term Expires 2017 AGM*

Vice-President Atlantic Judy Hickman Truro NS - *Term Expires 2017 AGM*

Secretary Linda MacRae Toronto ON - *Term Expires 2018 AGM*

Treasurer Allen McRae Nanaimo BC - *Term Expires 2018 AGM*

B. Select Appointments – five-year term – Executive appointed

Membership Secretary Gail McRae Surrey BC - *Term Expires 2018 AGM*

Editor of Kintail Linda York Burlington ON - *Term Expires 2020 AGM*

Web Master Linda York Burlington ON - *Term Expires 2021 AGM*

C. Directors at large – three-year term – by election at AGM

Bill McRae Halifax NS - *Term Expires 2018 AGM*

Doreen Powell Calgary AB - *Term Expires 2018 AGM*

Dr. Alan MacRae Charlottetown PE . - *Term Expires 2018 AGM*

Barbara Duff Hamilton ON - *Term Expires 2019 AGM*

Charles MacRae Toronto ON - *Term Expires 2019 AGM*

Cynthia MacRae Russell ON..... - *Term Expires 2019 AGM*

Marie Mullally Ottawa ON - *Term Expires 2019 AGM*

Troy Peverley White Rock BC - *Term Expires 2019 AGM*

4. Our original website that Leslie McRae established and donated to our Society clanmacrae.ca started many years ago. Technology has changed dramatically since that site was published. At the prior year’s AGM the Board of Directors and membership were advised that Linda York had undertaken the task of capturing the site data, reviewing it and preparing updated data where needed. A committee set up included: Owen, Suzanne McRae, Bill McRae and Linda. With the data prepared, Suzanne contacted our then Webmaster Kevin MacRae and subsequently attempted to upgrade our original site. For all her work in this endeavour we thank Suzanne.

Earlier this year, Owen, Suzanne and Linda decided it would be best to start over with a modern web hosting company. WIX.com was chosen for the cost involved and for the ease in which to get our new site up and running. Set up, changes and updates are easy as no computer code experience is necessary. Linda volunteered to be the new Web Master. The new technology makes it easy although a bit time consuming to incorporate all the data from our original site. We are not quite ready to “go live” but soon. We used the same basic format, so it will look familiar to you. The new site address will be: clanmacraecanada.org **We will let everyone know when it is ready.** When completely up and running, our new site will have, among others:

- a Member Only section, where members can (1) login and download pamphlets, logos, forms etc for use at our Clan tables for Highland Games & Festivals, (2) access annual AGM Minutes, (3) etc.
– to have access to this area membership dues must be up-to-date
- a feature that counts and shows number of visitors to the site
- galleries of pictures that can be scrolled through
- background music



Jimi the Piper Weds

Jimi McRae, well known to all who have visited Scotland for our Clan Gatherings as Jimi, the Piper, earlier this year married his sweetheart Carole, in a traditional Scottish wedding at the Smithy at Gretna Green near the border with England.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17 – Linda MacRae

The Annual General Meeting of the Clan MacRae Society of Canada was held in the Riverview Room, Jenkins Hall on the beautiful Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus. Following the meeting, a buffet lunch was served, catered by the University. The afternoon was free time for the members. Many chose to visit the location of the Rocky Ridge Maple Syrup, owned by Alec and Gayle MacRae.

At 6:00 pm that evening, the Clan gathered for a buffet roast beef dinner at the Holiday Inn. This was an enjoyable and social evening with many displaying Clan colours. It was a fine event to end a busy day.

Ladies: Gayle MacRae, Janet Folsom, Gaylle McRae, Ebby Darden, Cynthia MacRae, Lynn McRae, Judy McRae, Mary Ruth McRae, Judy Hickman, Corin Raine **Gentlemen:** Larry McRae, Bill McRae, Allen McRae, Bruce McRae, Owen MacRae



Kirkin' O the Tartan



On a lovely Sunday morning in Truro, NS, a piper led the Clan MacRae Society of Canada and a few visitors from the Clan MacRae Society in the U.S. into the First United Church of Truro. Soon after entering, the Clan Society members moved to place representative Tartans on a table at the front of the church, and Ebby Darden from Dallas, Texas - a Director of Clan MacRae Society of North America - delivered the following information about the origin of the "Kirkin' O the Tartan": While this practice celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage, it is a Scottish-American custom, and today a Canadian one. According to legend, while the wearing of the kilt and playing of the bagpipes was banned during the Act of Proscription, Highlanders hid

pieces of tartan fabric and brought them to church to be secretly blessed at a particular time in the service. However, in 1943 when Dr. Peter Marshall (born in Scotland, chaplain of the United States Senate, and pastor of the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church) was considering ways to raise funds for a mobile kitchen and/or medical supplies to send back home to the U.K., he preached a sermon entitled, "Kirkin O the Tartan", and the service had a Scottish theme. The St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. assisted Dr. Marshall with the service. Today "Kirkin" services are held throughout the year, especially on St. Andrew's Day and Tartan Day. President of Clan MacRae Society of Canada Owen MacRae read the scripture from the Old Testament. Rev. Valerie Kingsbury honored the young graduates in the congregation; and one of them delivered the message. At the end of the service the Clan Society members proceeded out of the sanctuary led by our piper of the day. A very nice service enjoyed by all.

- Janet Folsom

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 **Barbara Duff** ▸ Clan MacRae Society of Canada
July 22 at 1:33pm · 🌐

<https://fergusscottishfestival.com>

Don't miss the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Ontario next month. I am sure you are aware that it is both Canada's and Ontario's 150th anniversary but you may not know that extra sponsor dollars are going into the festival this year for that very reason. Their slogan is "Scotland without the airfare."

Our amazing line up of music will keep your toes tapping



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Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Canada

The Fergus Scottish Festival is an annual three-day celebration of Scottish heritage. Experience the best of Scotland in Canada, without the airfare.

FERGUSSCOTTISHFESTIVAL.COM



This is an invitation to join us on a cruise has been organised to travel around Britain, Ireland and France from the 5th-17th August 2018 which will visit many of the ports that Scottish settlers left from. On board will be lecturers who will be giving talks on various subjects relating to the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry and hope you may be interested. Our website is www.ambertravel.ca and Facebook site is [Scottish Diaspora Reunion Cruise](#). Attached to Kintail email is 2 pages of further information. Jenny Bruce, Tour Director.

NEW GLASGOW LOBSTER SUPPER: Monday, June 19 – Linda MacRae

Members of the Clan MacRae arrived at the famous New Glasgow Lobster Supper to the sounds of Piper Matthew MacLaine outside the venue. Given that the weather was beautiful, it was a wonderful welcome. Many MacRae's from Prince Edward Island joined this evening so a total of 54 people were present.



Owen MacRae, Bill & Lynn McRae, Leon & Janet Folsom, Larry & Mary Ruth McRae, Sterling MacRae, Judy & Bruce McRae, Marie Mullally, Doreen Powell, Nicole Peverley, Trevor Peverley, Ebby Darden, Troy & Tracy Peverley, Allen McRae

Our hosts were Sterling and Jean MacRae, one of the original founding families of this supper almost 60 years ago; it began as a project of the Junior Farmers. Several years ago, the MacRaes and the Nicholsons bought out the other shareholders; they continue to run it together to this day. The “Supper” employs about 200 people during the tourist/lobster season.

After a social time enjoying all the mussels you could eat, Piper MacLaine piped the head table into the room. Sterling MacRae welcomed us and told us the history of the “Supper”. While we were dining, we were entertained by fiddler, Mary Smith accompanied by Lou Doiron on guitar and vocals.

For those who are not familiar with this famous PEI landmark, dinner consists of all the mussels you can eat; the same for seafood chowder; a lobster with a variety of salads, a choice of desserts, tea and coffee. Typical PEI strawberry shortcake (made with biscuit, not cake) seemed to be the favorite. After the dinner, Sterling offered a tour of the lobster holding tanks and many people took him up on it.

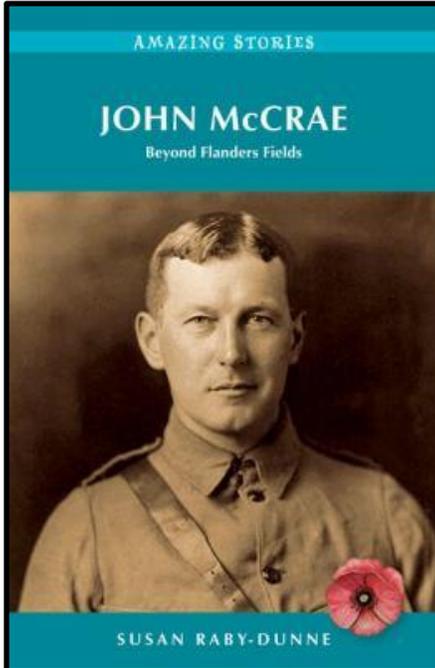
It was a wonderful evening and just the right event to end the week of Clan activities.

**Balmorals Off!**

As we express our thanks to **Bill & Lynn McRae** for generously sponsoring this issue of Kintail.

John McCrae, Beyond Flanders Fields by Susan Raby-Dunne

reviewed by Susan MacRae, Victoria BC



There is a new book out about our most famous Canadian Clan member, John McCrae. It is published as part of Heritage House's AMAZING STORIES series. This is Raby-Dunne's second book about John McCrae, the first was *Bonfire: the Chestnut Gentleman* (2012) in which she tells the story behind the poem *In Flanders Fields* from the point of view of McCrae's beautiful horse Bonfire. In this new book published in 2016, we learn more about McCrae's early life, his education and his military career. The reader also learns the details of several of the First World War battles in which his company, the First Brigade of the Canadian Field Infantry, was engaged. We suffer with the First Brigade through an interminable waiting period on Salisbury Plain in south western England where the cold, wet and wind take a heavy toll on both men and horses. We journey with them to the continent and their first involvement in active warfare. And we learn the horror of the first gas attacks in the Second Battle of Ypres in which the Canadians fought bravely and paid dearly with a heavy loss of life.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae was highly respected by his soldier colleagues and the nurses and doctors with whom he worked. He died January 24, 1918 and his funeral several days later was attended by over 500, officers, non-commissioned officers, nursing sisters, and private soldiers. The esteem, affection and respect in which he was held cannot be overstated.

This short book gives a lot of detail, has an excellent bibliography, is well indexed and stays with you long after you have finished reading it. I highly recommend it.

John McCrae: Beyond Flanders Fields ISBN 978-1-77203-157-7 by Susan Raby-Dunne.

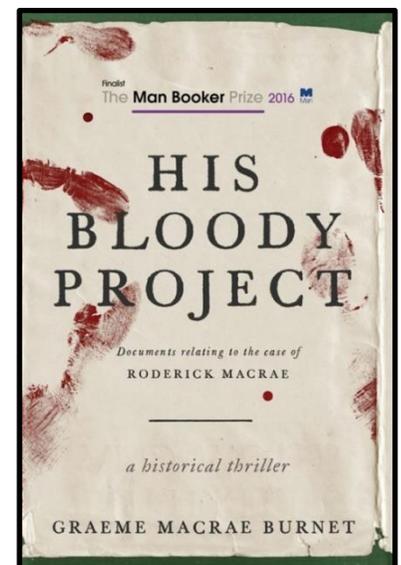
His Bloody Project: Documents Relating to the Case of Roderick Macrae

by Graeme Macrae Burnet

reviewed by Susan MacRae, Victoria BC

Another new book of interest to clan members was a finalist for the Man Booker Prize in 2016. The author, Graeme Macrae Burnet, has Macrae in his name and he uses Macrae country in Wester Ross to situate his story. Those of us familiar with Applecross can almost visualize where the action is taking place.

His Bloody Project is a gripping crime novel that tells the tale of a brutal triple murder in a remote Scottish farming community on the Applecross peninsula in 1869. The murders lead to the arrest of seventeen-year-old Roderick Macrae. There is no question that Macrae committed this terrible act but what would lead such a shy and intelligent boy to commit such a crime? The story is presented as a collection of documents "discovered" by the author. *His Bloody Project* opens with a series of police statements taken from the villagers of Culdrie, Ross-shire. They offer conflicting impressions of the accused; one interviewee recalls Macrae as a gentle and quiet child, while another details him as evil and wicked. Chief among the papers is Roderick Macrae's own memoir in which he outlines the series of events leading up to the murder in eloquent



prose. There follow medical reports, psychological evaluations, a courtroom transcript from the trial, and other documents that throw both Macrae's motive and his sanity into question. The reader has to continually remind herself that this is fiction, all the various documents make it seem so real. Will young Roderick hang for his crime? The social context in which the story is set makes the reader strangely sympathetic to the young man's plight. Graeme Macrae Burnet's multilayered narrative will keep you guessing to the very end. *His Bloody Project* is a deeply imagined crime novel that is both thrilling and entertaining. If you like crime fiction, you will enjoy this book and gain a richer understanding of life in the small isolated Highland villages of Kintail.



University of Calgary Convocation 2017 - Bonnie MacRae Kilb

Bonnie is the daughter of Ken & Simone MacRae, and sister of Darrell & his wife Gloria and Gary & wife Dawn; all of Calgary, AB and Clan members. I had the pleasure of meeting Bonnie and her husband Brad in Vancouver last year. She is an incredibly talented, extraordinary woman; and yet makes one feel so comfortable in her presence. She recently received the Order of the University of Calgary – **view at** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAshb5459Bc&feature=youtu.be>
Learn more about Bonnie at <http://macraekilb.com/index.php/bio/>

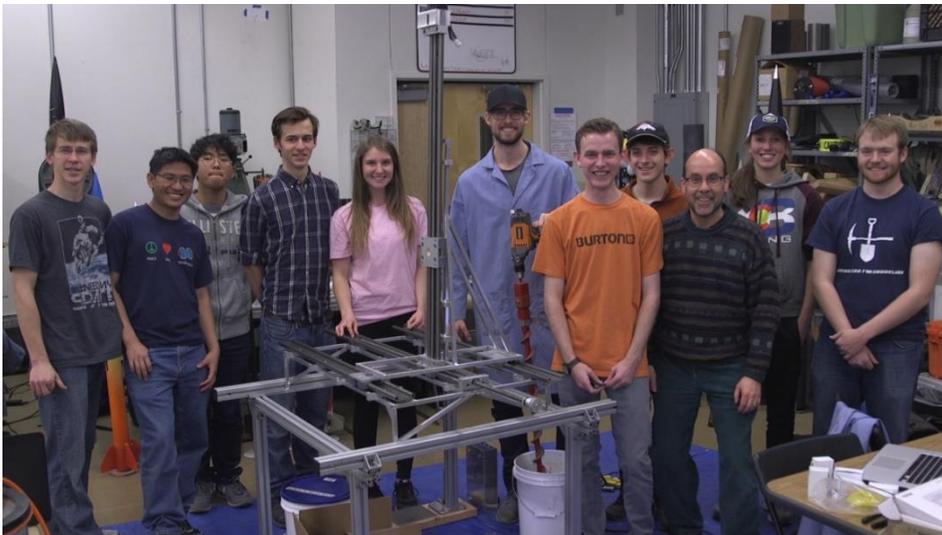
From the desk of Darrell MacRae

Subject: Multifaceted Mines team takes on NASA's Mars Ice Challenge | Colorado School of Mines | Newsroom

Posted: March 20, 2017

Here's an article about Clan members Bonnie & Brad MacRae-Kilb's son Justin. Justin is going to the prestigious Colorado School of Mines and Minerals, Golden, Colorado, USA. Golden is located close to Denver; and is the site of the Clan MacRae Society of North America's 2017 Reunion. May be an interesting item for Kintail, **DM**

A team of Colorado School of Mines students is one of just eight finalists in a NASA competition to design and build a system to extract water from the subsurface of Mars, and their ideas have a



chance of someday making it into space. The [Mars Ice Challenge](#) is a special edition of [NASA's Revolutionary Aerospace Systems Concepts – Academic Linkage \(RASC-AL\)](#) brand of competitions. Student concepts are normally confined to papers and presentations, but to celebrate the 100th anniversary of NASA Langley Research Center this year, the eight chosen teams are being awarded \$10,000 each to

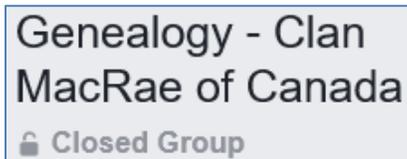
construct ice extraction prototypes and bring them to Virginia to demonstrate their effectiveness. The Mines team named the project Hidden Ground-Water Extraction Low Load System, or H.G. Wells—a reference to the author's novel "War of the Worlds," which tells the story of Martians invading Earth for its water. Perhaps unsurprisingly, petroleum engineering majors Steve Benfield

and Justin Kilb are in charge of the drilling subsystem. "I'm very interested in drilling engineering," said Benfield, who's had summer internships at oil rigs. However, their prototype actually uses an auger, a drill that includes a blade to bring material up, unlike the systems used in oil drilling today.

"There's very little similarity," Kilb said. "In the industry, we use fluid and compressed gas to remove cuttings. But water doesn't typically exist as a liquid on Mars, and there's no compressed gas either." Still, some of the same factors have to be taken into consideration, Kilb said. There's the weight being put on the bit, the rate of penetration and the strength of the equipment needed for successful extraction. Mines Petroleum Engineering Associate Professor Bill Eustes, an expert on terrestrial drilling, has proven to be a valuable resource. "As a Canadian, we don't have as many opportunities to work in space," said Kilb, a transfer student. "To possibly contribute to something that could land on Mars is pretty cool. To have even gone through the same process that NASA engineers go through is cool."

Read the full article at <http://www.minesnewsroom.com/news/multifaceted-mines-team-takes-nasas-mars-ice-challenge>

Genealogy Group on FaceBook



Joanne Monahan, Deb Gemmell and Sharon Clayton (all Canada Society members) have approved changing this Facebook Group from a Secret Group to a Closed Group. People who search Facebook for the words "Genealogy" and "MacRae" will now be able to find the group and request to join. Only group members will be able to see the postings. The screen shot here shows

how the group has been set up. Any group member can create postings without administrator approval, and other members are encouraged to react to and comment. Although the group's name is "Genealogy - Clan MacRae of Canada", membership is not limited to those of us who live in Canada. However, a Canadian connection or family history will help to keep the postings relevant. People don't have to join FB to post or see others' postings. – Sharon Clayton

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 Any member can add members, but an admin or a moderator must approve them.

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 [Ask questions]

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Photos throughout: [Judy McRae](#), [Larry McRae](#), [Owen MacRae](#), [Linda York](#)

It is with sadness we announce the death of:

Helen MacRae, one of the charter members of Clan MacRae Society of Canada;

Margot Young Hamblen, member of Clan MacRae Society of Canada since 2004;

Andrew Gilbert Windsor, husband of Cindy Windsor our Registrar for the Clan Gathering in Halifax Truro this year;

Beth Cecelia McRae, mother of Dr. Allan MacRae, member of the Board of Directors Clan MacRae Society of Canada.

Condolences to all the families from Clan MacRae Society of Canada.

Helen Marguerite Wade MacRae (May 18, 1944 - May 27, 2017)



Helen Marguerite Wade MacRae, 73, died at home in Halifax on May 27, after a short illness. She was born in Halifax, the third daughter of the late Dr. Donald and Gladys (Wade) MacRae.

After receiving her early education in Halifax, she trained as an RN at the Victoria General Hospital, graduating in the class of 1965A. She initially worked in the Recovery Room before moving to Burlington, Vermont, to work in intensive care, later returning home to work in the Emergency Department. Through the Emergency she developed a huge interest in drug research. She facilitated liaison between Toronto's Alcohol and Drug Addiction Research Foundation and the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry. This proved to be a happy mix and the Metabolic Unit was established

where she continued involvement with alcohol and marijuana studies. At that time she also was initiated in the newly emerging world of computer-generated data collection. This became a springboard into clinical research, an involvement which continued over the years.

Returning to Halifax, she coordinated Gyne-Oncology Clinical Trials which led to the foundation of a provincial health care registry. Having computer science and business courses, she furthered her education at Dalhousie, achieving a Certification in Public Administration. She then worked with the Canadian Study of Health and Aging, and, remaining with Gerontology, coordinated dementia trials. She attained Certified Clinical Coordinator designation when first offered in NS,

before leaving in 1996 to work as a clinical research associate in Atlantic Canada. Her writing hobby became evident in the 1970s, when writing patient education materials and departmental papers to help secure grant funds. Articles promoting equestrian sports found their way to print, and in 1998, she collaborated with others to produce two business magazines for the Community Business Development Corporation. She enjoyed her volunteer work with the Red Cross and Emergency Services (amateur radio operator), and a trip to Scotland researching her Scottish heritage. Most who knew her, knew of her great love of animals whether they were equine, canine, feline, or feathered. Classmates have suggested these words about Helen: "stay connected, loyal, compassionate, kind, full of fun/life, so many interests".

Helen is survived by her four sisters, Libby Douglas, Dr. Donna Curry (Dr. John), Mary Pellerin (Gordon), Dr. Peggy Leighton (Dr. Ross), Aunt Betty Pettet, eleven nieces and nephews, and twelve grand nieces and nephews.

Contributions in memory of Helen may be sent to a charity of your choice.



Margot Young Hamblen

Suddenly entered into rest at the Brockville General Hospital, on Monday, June 5, 2017. Margot Young Hamblen, at the age of 83 years. Beloved wife of William Hamblen. Dear mother of David (Gail) and Eric (Patty Ann). Fondly remembered by her granddaughter Elise Ann Hamblen. Daughter of the late Rev. J.D. and Helen McRae. Margot was a long time water colour artist, as well as a well-known soloist in the area. She leaves a wide circle of friends. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Sleeping Children Around the World, 28 Pinehurst, Toronto, ON M9A 3A5 will be gratefully acknowledged. Send condolences, place a donation, light a memory candle or share a special thought of Margot online at www.irvinememorial.com.

Andrew Gilbert Windsor (February 18, 1952 - June 25, 2017)

Andrew Gilbert Windsor, beloved husband of 32 years to Cynthia, beloved Dad to Tobias and Breanna, Shawn and Christine and Sharilyn and Duncan, proud and loving "Bubba" to Nikki, Ashley, Jason, Charlotte and Emelia, and adopted son of Joan and Franklin Windsor of Ottawa, died suddenly from natural causes with his wife in his home in Pownal, PEI on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

Andrew was a man full of spirit, love and commentary. He took care of and loved his family, most of all his Cynthia. He will be greatly missed, and will live on with us as we remember and retell all of the moments and stories of a truly remarkable friend, father and husband who meant so much to so many people.

Andrew built his home and roots for his family in Ottawa but really found himself in his last years as an Islander. Here with Cynthia, he made friends and connected with family. He worked with care restoring their family's homestead in Pownal until his very last minutes. As he is laid to rest here, he will join a lineage of family past who we know will welcome him. We find great comfort in that. Tonight as we type this looking out at the stars over Pownal Bay as he so loved to do, we realize that no matter where we are in the world we can look up at those same stars and find him looking down on us. The struggle is over now Dad, relax and watch the show! We hope we all continue to make you proud (and laugh).

Arrangements entrusted to MacLean Funeral Home Swan Chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.macleanfh.com

Beth Cecelia McRae 1920-2017

The death occurred at the Western Hospital, Alberton, on Saturday, July 8, 2017, of Beth Cecelia McRae, of Alberton, age 97 years. Beloved wife of the late Arthur J. McRae. Born at Alberton on August 6, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Joseph B. and Lottie (nee Kinch) Callaghan.

Dear mother of Dr. Allan MacRae, of Charlottetown, Arthur, of Alberton, and Marjorie (Bob Fraser), of Summerside. She is also survived by a step-brother, Eugene Callaghan, of O'Leary, as well as a sister-in-law, Barb McRae, of Kildare Capes. She is also survived by her numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by siblings, Grace Praught, James, Earl, Beatrice Hancock, Larry, and Claude.

As an expression of sympathy memorials to the Rev. W. J. Phillips Residence or to the Alberton Museum would be gratefully appreciated. <http://www.rooneyfh.ca/>



My MacRae / McRae Research Part 2 by Joanne Monahan

In 2008, having entered all I knew about my ancestors on my Mac Reunion software, as well as my Ancestry tree, I was ready to tackle the first question I listed in my Kintail Spring 2017 Article, the one which concerned my GG grandmother, **Christy McRae**, nee MacRae, (b. June 17, 1822, Kintail, Ross-shire, Scotland; d. Mar. 30, 1904, Roxborough, Stormont, Ontario), wife of Duncan Ban McRae (b. ca 1819 Ross-shire Scotland; d. Feb. 6, 1902, Roxborough, Stormont, Ontario).



1) Was Christy McRae (nee MacRae) directly descended from the Royal House of Stewart and the Plantagenets, as a genealogist had "skimpily" outlined in a chart for my grandfather MacRae? As noted in my previous article, my immediate MacRae relatives certainly didn't give credence to this claim.

Although of no significance in relation to answering my question, what did I already know about Christy and Duncan Ban McRae? I knew from my grandfather's writings (Kith and Kin) that like many highlanders Christy and Duncan Ban were victims of the cruel "clearances", when thousands of crofters were driven from their forefather's holdings. I knew that after they had set sail for Canada with their family in 1849 they were faced with another hardship. During the voyage one of their children had died after contracting a fever, and due to the

fear of spreading the disease had to be buried at sea. Apparently Christy's grief was so great her hair turned white over-night. I still wonder if this is really possible, although popular history portrays Marie Antoinette's hair doing the same thing before she faced the guillotine.

Of family interest, further writings regarding Christy, whose father was a sheep farmer, reveal that before coming to Canada she won many prizes due to her proficiency with the art of knitting. Even later during her life in Canada, her blankets, carpets and fancy work, all the work of her own hands, were greatly admired.

Now back to the question of how authentic the above mentioned "skimpily outlined chart" was. What clues did I have to Christy's possible royal heritage? Letters to my grandfather from his sister Margaret Phillips (nee MacRae) alluded to conversations she'd had with their grandmother (Christy) regarding her ancestor's connection to Scotland's royal family. Moreover, included with my grandfather's notes was the family tree which the genealogist had created for him in the 1950s. The chart led upward from **Christy** into the past through successive MacRae males, a **Donald**, a **Murdock**, a **Duncan**, a **Donald**, a **Christopher**, and an **Alexander MacRae, Chamberlain of Kintail** and his second wife, **Mary MacKenzie**. Then miraculously the chart also continued **upward from this Mary MacKenzie** thorough eight generations to **Annabella (wife of an Earl of Huntly)**, whose father was **King James I of Scotland**, and whose mother was **Joan Beaufort**, a granddaughter of **John of Gaunt** and a great granddaughter of **King Edward III**. I needed a lot more than this chart to believe these connections. Now you understand my first question.

My first plan of attack in 2008 was to contact the Clan MacKenzie to determine whether the line of Alexander MacRae's second wife Mary MacKenzie was actually descended from royalty. To my surprise there was total agreement from Graeme MacKenzie, who directed me to Rev. Alexander MacRae's book, *History of the Clan MacRae with Genealogies* (see 1.). After downloading a free copy from the Internet, but finding the pages difficult to maneuver, I purchased a hardcopy.

The *History of the Clan MacRae with Genealogies* is amazing. I discovered that **Alexander MacRae was Alexander of Inverinate MacRae, Constable of Eileen Donan Castle**, and that his wife **Mary MacKenzie was Mary of Dochmaluag Strathpeffer MacKenzie**. With it I was able to not only trace Alexander of Inverinate's ancestors back to his 8G Grandfather, Maurice of Clunes MacRath, I could read the details of their lives. Furthermore, on page 370 of Appendix F, I discovered that Mary Mackenzie's ancestors coincided with those on my grandfather's chart. Still dubious that these people were my ancestors, my next task was to trace their line forward to see if they had a descendant named Christy MacRae who married a Duncan Ban McRae. But if they did, how would I know for sure that it was my Christy married to my Duncan? Christy MacRae and Duncan McRae are very common MacRae names. As I write this article I have sixty-three Duncan MacRae/McRae names on my tree, as well as sixteen Christina/Christy MacRae /McRae entries.

I continued my search. Chapter 8 in the MacRae history provided great detail on the life of **Christopher MacRae**, who was the son of Alexander of Inverinate and Mary MacKenzie. He was tacksman of Aryugan, and known as Big Christopher of the Cattle. Although page 124 listed his son Donald, who had a son Duncan, thereafter I had hit a brick wall. Whereas my chart listed a Donald in the following generation, page 124 only listed a John. I decided to examine my Ancestry hints. Perhaps cousins, even distant ones would have pertinent information with valid sources. Actually that's how I obtained the attached photo of Christy MacRae. My 3C, Bill Ferguson, who's also descended from Christy and Duncan Ban, had attached it to his tree in 2012, but in 2008 Ancestry wasn't coughing up anything significant, so I gave up. Without dates and the names of spouses, even other genealogical websites such as Scotland's People seemed useless.

Finally in 2015 Family Tree (autosomal) DNA connections solved my problem (see 2.) Following up on my detailed reply to a MacRae DNA match, a co-administrator of the MacRae/McRae USA DNA Project asked me if I knew the **names of the children of my Christy and Duncan Ban**. When I named them (**Alexander, Catherine, Jessie, Christina, Donald and Ellen Flora**), I was told to look at **page 449 in the Additions and Notes** section of the *History of the Clan MacRae with Genealogies*. This page is a **continuation of page 124 (line 10 from the bottom)**, which as stated previously, listed Donald as a son of Big Christopher of the Cattle,

with a son Duncan. To my excitement, page 449 continued Christopher's descendant line, in a manner that reminds me of the ongoing radio vignette which says, "... and now for the rest of the story..."

Donald who had a son **Duncan**, who married with issue; **Murdock**, son of Duncan who lived at Dornie, married to Mary MacRae, sister of Farquhar, mentioned as Dr. Downie's herd (page 148), with issue; **Donald** married Kate MacDonald Carr, with issue; **Christina** married to **Duncan MacRae**, Inverinate, with issue in **America** — **Alexander, Donald, Catherine, Christina, Ellen**.

The only child that was missing was **Jessie, another aunt of my grandfather**. In spite of this I was quite sure that I now had proof of my Christy MacRae's royal roots. So confident was I that I allowed myself to become sidetracked, a common problem when working on genealogy, and something that has even happened to me while writing this article. I wanted to learn more about Christy's mother, Kate MacDonald Carr. It was a new surname and I was curious, but soon realized it would be difficult to find any information on her.

The final clincher for my Christy's heritage came in late 2016 when my family's DNA connection with Tina Glen-Riddell was finally determined. Through her I realized that my **Kate MacDonald Carr was actually Kate MacDonald who lived in Carr**. Tina, who lives in Scotland, and is a descendant of Mary MacDonald who lived in Carr, has an extensive tree, which was initially created by her MacRae uncle, a genealogist. Her tree included her Mary MacDonald's sister, **my Kate MacDonald, wife of my Donald MacRae with a daughter Christy, married to a Duncan Ban McRae**, as well as their children, **my G grandfather, Donald as well as his siblings, Alexander, Catherine "Kate", Jessie, Christina and Ellen Flora**. There was no doubt whatsoever. My GG grandmother was descended from royalty, as apparently most Caucasians are whether they know it or not. The challenge was to find the connection, and it was really exciting to have done so. It makes history so much more interesting.

Another bonus of connecting with Tina is that I also learned that the parents of my GGG grandmother Kate MacDonald, (b. 1794, Carr, Kintail; d. before 1841), were Duncan Bain MacDonald (b. 1761; d. 1849, Carr, Kintail), and (Oh my goodness!) another Christina MacRae (b. 1760, Carr, Kintail; d. 1838, Carr, Kintail). Who were her parents? Each new discovery leads to more questions. How many more MacRae lines will I find, and are they connected?

Tune into the next edition of the Kintail to learn how I'm doing answering more of the questions I asked in the Spring 2017 edition, and perhaps others.

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