

# WINTER 2019

## Message from the PRESIDENT



Greetings MacRae family,

Allen and Gaylle McRae of Nanaimo, extend the welcome mat to attend the Annual Clan MacRae Society of Canada Gathering to be held May 2 – 5, 2019.

They have a wonderful program planned, and I hope that many of you will plan to attend.

In the photo below, is a very special woman. The gracious Lady of the Eilean Donan Castle in Scotland. She is the Honorary Commander of the Clan MacRae Society worldwide. Also, the Honorary President of our own Clan MacRae Society of Canada. Marigold MacRae is surrounded by family and friends celebrating her 90 Birthday. On behalf of our Canadian Society, we wish her many more years ahead.

I want to thank those of you who have contributed to this issue of the Kintail and to our new Editor and Webmaster, Sharon Graves MacRae for a job well done. Watch for our new website later this month.

Slainte,  
Owen

[www.clanmacraecanada.org](http://www.clanmacraecanada.org)



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### BALMORALS OFF!

As we express our thanks to Dorothy and Emerson MacRae for generously sponsoring this issue of Kintail.



### REMINDER:

Membership Application forms for Clan MacRae Society of Canada Are Available on our website:  
**<https://www.clanmacraecanada.org/>**  
If you are not sure when your membership expires contact Gail McRae.

**INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY:** \$20 per year or \$50 for 3 years  
(One Household + minor children)

**LIFE TIME 70 PLUS:** \$150

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# UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH LECTURES WERE FASCINATING AND ENLIGHTENING

ARTICLE|PHOTOS: CYNTHIA MACRAE

Following the AGM, Clan MacRae headed to nearby University of Guelph which houses the Centre for Scottish Studies. This is the oldest and leading academic unit in North America that carries out research and teaching on Scottish history and culture with an emphasis on the Scottish Canadian community.



By way of introduction, we were given an overview of the Scottish Studies archives and special collections on a wide range of topics, including agriculture, business, religion, clan information, emigration and chapbooks (pamphlets with short stories, poems and ballads). This was followed by a very entertaining talk by Professor Kevin James on the dynamics of Scottish migration to Canada. He highlighted the Scots deep-rooted culture of mobility and outlined the factors that describe distinct phases of emigration from the late 1700's to current times. The significant contribution of Scottish people to the development of Canada was underlined.

Finally, we benefited from a talk by Professor Elizabeth Ewan about charters—medieval land deed documents that can reveal much about the life and genealogy of early Scottish settlers. That is, if you can read Latin! We gained a real appreciation for historians' sleuthing abilities in deciphering and learning from these ancient records. A few examples of land charters were on display for us to view.



JOANNE MONAGHAN & OWEN PRESENT A BOX TO ELIZABETH CONTAINING THE CLAN MACRAE SOCIETY OF CANADA HISTORY

# NOVEMBER 11, 2018

ARTICLE|PHOTO: GAIL CHRISTINA MCRAE

On a beautiful sunny, crisp November 11th day in White Rock, B.C., we remembered those who fought and died for Canada. We also remember those who fought, came home and left their memories with us. This year was especially memorable as it was the 100th Anniversary of Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's passing. I was honoured to stand alongside our President of the Clan MacRae, Owen MacRae and fellow Clan member, Dave McRae while Owen laid the Clan MacRae wreath.

Even though 100 years have passed, you would be hard pressed to find a Canadian who had not heard of John McCrae's famous war memorial poem "In Flanders Fields." I know as a young girl in elementary school we had to memorize this

poem and recite it to the class. Now and then when I am reminded of John McCrae I still manage to repeat his poem to myself, while picturing those white crosses and thinking of the young men who lay beneath them. So many of them who left us far too soon with dreams they never fulfilled.

On November 11th I always think how fortunate I am to be here. I had two grandfathers who fought in WW1, and both managed to return home. My Great Grandfather Alexander McRae along with five of his six sons, Robert, William, John, Archibald and Alex, signed up for WW1. The family had only arrived in Canada between 1908 & 1910. By 1914 some were already off to war. Below is a little tribute to Alexander and his five sons who returned home safely.



**OWEN MACRAE, GAIL MCRAE, DAVE MCRAE**



**Back Row: L-R Alexander Jr., John, George and Archibald  
Front Row: Alexander Sr. & Jane McRae**

**ARTICLE|PHOTO: GAIL CHRISTINA MCRAE**

Alexander McRae (Father)- born July 7, 1858, and lied about his age to follow his son’s into war. He joined the army on January 25, 1916, at the age of 58. He was with the 121st Overseas Battalion “Western Irish” when he developed pneumonia, and somehow they realized his real age. He was discharged March 15, 1918, at the age of 60. Robert McRae (Son)- joined the Army on November 9, 1914, and by April 29, 1916, he was reported missing in action. On June 8, 1916, he was officially reported as being a prisoner of war at Giessen, Germany. When he was discharged in March of 1919, he received \$480 for the time he had spent as a POW. On Roberts return to Canada he went into the logging industry, and within five years he had died after falling off a log boom. William McRae (Son)- signed up in New Westminster with the 47th Battalion on November 7, 1915, and arrived in England on November 22, 1915. I was told his rate of pay was \$18 - \$20 per month while in the army. He was later discharged on June 19, 1919.

John McRae (Son & my Grandfather)- signed up with the 47th Battalion on June 13, 1915, and embarked for France on August 10, 1916. While in Le Havre, France he was granted ten days leave to return to his birthplace of Elgin, Scotland to marry Christina Moir, my Grandmother. John returned to France and ended up at Vimy Ridge. John was very reluctant

to talk about his experiences in war and there was only once that I know of that he shared with his eldest Grandson, Bruce McRae about the morning they took the Ridge. John returned to Canada on August 14, 1919, and went to work with Lucky Lager Breweries.

Archibald McRae (Son)- enlisted on April 3rd, 1916 with the 121st Battalion, same Battalion as his father and served in the front lines of Vimy Ridge. Archibald was receiving \$31 per month and was discharged on April 28, 1919. Alex McRae (Son)- joined the Army on November 9, 1914, and serves as a private in the 29th Battalion (Tobin’s Tiger’s). Alex was a piper and was transferred from the pipe band in 1915 to become a bomb thrower. He was also a stretcher bearer on the front lines in France. On November 16, 1917 while in Passchendaele, France, his unit was being shelled and four members of the band, who were working as stretcher bearers, were killed with a single shell. Alex was only 20 to 30 feet away from his pipe band comrades. Alex being a piper gave me some of his music sheets, and amongst it, I found a handwritten poem I would like to share with you. I have tried to find out who may have written this poem, as it refers to a different war than Alex was in. Maybe someone out there may know!

The Alamein Pipes on the Road to Berlin  
They skirled through the thunder at El Alamein  
They led the Eighth Army again and again  
The 51st leading Montgomery in  
Wi the Alamein pipes on the road to Berlin

The Seaforth, Glengarians, Cameron’s as well  
The Black Watch who are known as the “Ladies from Hell”  
The 51st leading Montgomery in  
Wi the Alamein pipes on the road to Berlin

They came from the crofts  
They came from the glens  
They came from the pits  
They were all fighting men  
To Africa’s desert and Sicily’s shore  
From Normandy’s beaches through Europe they tore

Now welcome the fighters home to the glen  
And welcome the peace they bring wi them  
The far away lilt stealin’ over the lynn  
It’s the Alamein pipes on the road to Berlin

Author Unknown

# JOHN MCCRAE

P.E.I.'S CONNECTION TO JOHN MCCRAE AND HIS FAMOUS POEM IN FLANDERS FIELDS

.... READ MORE HERE:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-john-mccrae-pei-connection-1.4895204>

THE SOLIDER BEHIND 'IN FLANDERS FIELDS' .... WATCH HERE:

<https://youtu.be/U3OGSGM0HOI>

IN FLANDERS FIELDS AUTHOR'S WINNIPEG RELATIVES CARRY ON TRADITION

.... READ MORE HERE:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-in-flanders-fields-1.3314342>



Greeting to you All,

In an effort to explain our vision of the Lt.-Col. John MacRae Statue in Calgary, the only one in Western Canada, I wish to invite all of you to view the following website which describes the Organization's project along with some aerial views, and a great photographic record of the annual event, which I believe is in its 10th year.

We are proposing the Statue to possibly be at the west end entrance into the field of crosses. We are currently raising the \$2,500.00 fee requested by the City of Calga-

ry Parks Foundation, as a fee to move this project forward.

Any donations can be sent to Owen or treasurer Allen.

Please enjoy and send your comments on. I thought this was a fitting time since Remembrance Day is so close.

The Field of Crosses has garnered a lot of Media coverage on CBC, Global and CTV networks in the past 10 days.

Link:

[www.fieldofcrosses.com](http://www.fieldofcrosses.com)

Best Regards,  
Darrell MacRae,  
Calgary

## Read More

GARDENER'S COTTAGE AT "EAGLECREST" SUMMER HOME OF ALEXANDER DUNCAN MCCRAE

.... READ MORE HERE:

<https://www.michaelkluckner.com/bciw9eaglecrest.html>

CATHEDRAL GROVE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

.... READ MORE HERE:

<http://www.cathedralgrove.eu/text/01-Cathedral-Grove-1.htm>

THE HISTORY OF SCOTLAND IN 25 OBJECTS — HARPOON POINTS

.... READ MORE HERE:

<http://ebooks.visitscotland.com/25-objects/>

# PROPOSED STATUE IN CALGARY OF LT. COL. DR. JOHN MCCRAE, AUTHOR OF "IN FLANDERS FIELDS"

ARTICLE: ALLAN MACRAE

1. The lead Non-Profit Organization is to be resolved soon.
2. Parks Foundation Calgary is the Project Gift Administrator and probably the construction manager.

<https://www.parksfndn.com/>

3. The structure of the fundraising process through Parks Foundation Calgary is described in their website and the FAQ below. There is a need for a \$2500 deposit to start the funding process. This initial \$2500 will not be tax deductible, but all subsequent major donations made through Parks Foundation will be tax-deductible.

4. I would be responsible for fundraising, and would be the nominated Project Leader. No spending would proceed until all funds are raised and no organizer, including myself, will make any money from the John McCrae statue project.

5. The sculptor would be Ruth Abernathy, subject to availability, who did the two Ontario sculptures of John McCrae. The Calgary sculpture will not be identical to the Ontario versions, and will be a new design.

Ruth received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Wilfrid Laurier University on October 30th.

<http://ruthabernathy.com/>

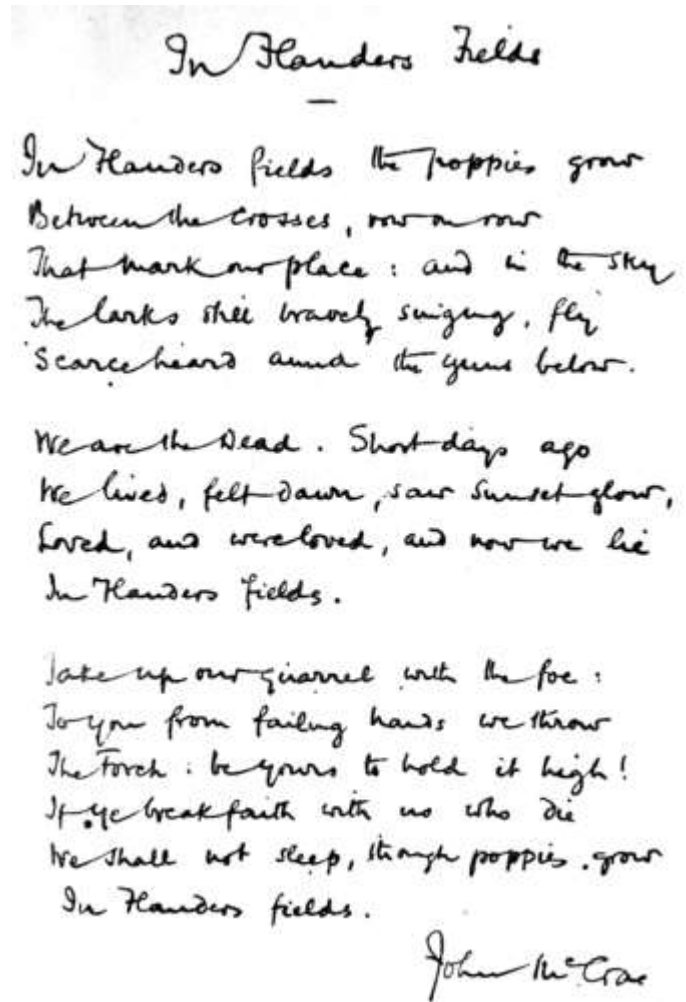
6. Author Susan Raby-Dunne will collaborate with Ruth Abernathy on the design of the new John McCrae sculpture.

<http://susanrabydunne.com/>

Susan wrote the non-fiction biography "John McCrae – Beyond Flanders Fields", published in 2016. It is a remarkable piece of scholarly research and an "intimate look at the complex healer/soldier." This book is nominated for the 2018 Golden Oak Award.

7. The Calgary Foundation has been approached and while no formal commitment has been made at this early stage for funding, has expressed verbal support for this endeavour.

8. We have not finally decided on a site for the sculpture – two sites on Memorial Drive are current possible locations and the Calgary Parks Department has visited one site to date and considers it suitable.



# CLAN MACRAE OF CANADA 2019 GATHERING AND AGM



ARTICLE: Allen and Gaylle McRae

Happy 2019 to all of our members of the Clan MacRae of Canada! Now that all the holiday celebrations are past for another year, we can look ahead to another gathering of our cross country MacRaes. This is Allen and Gaylle McRae here inviting you to join us **May 2-5** in our "Harbour City" of Nanaimo, B.C. on Vancouver Island. We have been busy planning some island sights and activities for you, so we do hope you will join us.

Rooms are booked at our beautiful **Coast Bastion Hotel** situated in the downtown area of the city. We think you will enjoy this choice as the hotel is directly across from our harbourfront walkway which you'll be able to enjoy during your stay. Each room has a view of the waterfront and many look across at Nanaimo's 1853 Hudson's Bay fort known as the **Bastion**.

On **Thursday evening**, May 2 we will be pleased to invite you to our home for a welcome reception starting at 7 pm. Transport to and from the hotel will be provided if you do not have a car.

**Friday morning** will be an early start for a bus trip we have planned in order to show you a few of our island treasures nearby to Nanaimo. We'll have a walk among ancient trees, view a very nice waterfall [sorry-not Niagara size], explore an eclectic market area, see a bit of MacRae history and even a place with a royal connection. Sound interesting? We hope so. **That evening** we'll take you to Canada's only floating pub for dinner and time to relax.

**Saturday morning** will see us back at the hotel for the AGM. This of course is open to all members. Just before the AGM, the executive will be getting together. The AGM will be

followed by lunch catered by the hotel staff. We have left **Saturday afternoon** free for people to enjoy at their leisure. However, for those who wish to take a walking tour with Allen and Gaylle, that can be arranged. In the **evening**, we'll meet at the **St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall** about one block's walk from the hotel. This fairly new facility will be the site for our banquet featuring a locally catered west coast type buffet, giving us time for visiting and entertainment. Anyone needing a ride can arrange that with one of us.

**Sunday morning**, we'll meet again at **St. Paul's Church**, this time to join with Rev. Clara Plamondon and her congregation for the worship service. We understand that Rev. Plamondon is excited to know that we will be part of that service. This church is one of the oldest continuously functioning parishes in British Columbia dating back to 1859 when the Hudson Bay Company granted it the land upon which it sits today. This then would draw our gathering to a close.

We do hope that you will consider coming to Nanaimo, May 2-5. We are excited to be planning this event. We promise to do our best to show you west coast hospitality.

## **Are you interested?**

While we haven't mentioned any costs at this point, we can say that they will be quite similar to those of past gatherings. They will of course be influenced by the number of participants.

**So that we can get an idea of how many will be coming, we are asking you to let us know by email by January 31 if you think you will attend.**

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Allen and Gaylle McRae



# JOHN GRAHAM MACRAE'S COAT OF ARMS AND GENEAOLOGY

ARTICLE: OWEN MACRAE

Troy and Tracey (MacRae) Peverley are travelling throughout New Zealand and Australia. While in Australia, they had the opportunity to visit our DNA cousin, John Graham MacRae, who lives in Vermont, a suburb of Melbourne, Aus. John Graham MacRae is a cousin to Larry McRae and myself. We still don't know where our families connect other than that we are cousins. (Include photos of Troy and Tracey with John Graham MacRae). Also, photo of Owen MacRae, Surrey, B.C. and Troy( MacRae) Peverley of White Rock BC. John Graham MacRae has his own coat of arms approved by Lord Lyon and his family tree documented back to 1288.



OWEN MACRAE, TROY PEVERLEY, AND LARRY MCRAE



TROY, TRACEY, AND JOHN

# JOHN GRAHAM MACRAE'S COAT OF ARMS AND GENEAOLOGY

with issue;

**ARMS** Argent, a bar (fess) Azure, between two mullets in chief and a heart between two passion nails in conjoined in base Gules.

**ARMS AS INITIALLY PROPOSED AS**, *Argent, on a fess Azure, between in chief a lion rampant between two mullets, and in base a heart Gules, between two passion nails conjoined of the points in base Sable, three garbs Or.*

**CREST** A lion rampant Gules, grasping in the dexter paw a sword Azure, hilt and pommel Or.

**MOTTO** BY HONOUR, WITH FORTITUDE

L.R. LXXVIII:27 6th. December 1994

**LINEAGE**

2. ES. Duncan Allen McRAE 9/12/1892- /10/1962 mar.1921 Mabel Ruth SPENCE(R) 1900-1993 Edua. James SPENCE(R) -1939 & Ruth SIRETT -1979

3. ES. Christopher McRAE Sometime in Glenose, 8/10/1860-1918 m. /3/1892 Mary Ann FRASER -1922 dau. Alan FRASER & Anne MACLENNAN sister of Margaret below.

4. ES. Duncan "Callanish" MACRAE, in Knock & Glenose, bapt.6/8/1806-1877 mar. 1857 Margaret MACLENNAN sister to Anne above, da. Alexander Grandson of Alexander MACKENZIE 5th of Clearwater m. Christina McRAE C1810-1871 da. Duncan "SEALGAIR" MacRAE & Margaret McRAE, dau. Colin MACRAE in Conchra, (Wadsetter)

5. 2S.ESur, Christopher "Mor" MACRAE,, The Tennant of the lands of GREATER (MIEKLE) INVERINATE, Later in Teang, North Uist, 1770-1749 m. 1797 Isabella dau. Colin MACRAE IN CONCHRA, and sister of Margaret who married Duncan "SEALGAIR" Macrae

6. ES. Farquhar MACRAE, Tennant of INVERINATE -C1820 m. 1769 Margaret MACRAE, said dau. John (2S. DUNCAN "NAM POIS" Macrae & Janet MacL.FOD OF RAASAY) & Mary MACRAE (da. DUNCAN, tutor of CONCHRA.

7. ES. Christopher MACRAE, Sometime Chamberlain of Kintail, Tennant Of Great Inverinate, m. Catherine (Christina) MACLENNAN

8. 2S.ESur. Farquhar MACRAE, Tennant of Great Inverinate

9. 2S.ESur. Duncan MACRAE, Tennant of Inverinate

10. ES. Donald MACRAE, Tenant of Inverinate

11. 2S.ESur. Donald MACRAE, Tenant of Inverinate

12. 2S. Farquhar "DUBH" MACRAE, Constable of Eilean Donan Castle & Chamberlain of Kintail, 1st Tennant of Inverinate m. ?? MACCULLOCH OF PARK.

14. ES. Finlay MACRAE

15. ES. Christopher MACRAE

16. ES. Finlay DUBH MacGillechroisd, Progenitor of the Black Macrae's in Kintail

17. ES. Christopher Dubh of Clunes, (Tutor of Bisset's daughters), believed brother (possibly a cousin) of Paul the Wolf, the last acknowledged Chief of Clan ANRAIS ( ?? m. Dau. Duncan CAMPBELL Br. to CRAIGNISH)

19. S. Maurice of Clunes -C1300

20.

21.2S. GILLEON OF THE AIRD, Chief of Clan Anrias, Progenitor of the MACKENZIES OF KINTAIL by 3S., MACLENNAN's by 4S. (a da. m. BISSET OF LOVAT)

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**MACRAE** Graham Duncan 3/4/1922-

A Passive Claimant to the Chiefship of the name.

m. 16/6/1945 Marjory Joyce BROWN 10/3/1923-

dau. Robert Marshall BROWN & Viola DAVIES.

issue, John Graham, 5/8/1946-

Robert Duncan, 20/11/1954-

Janet 2/3/1949 m. 4/7/1971-

Graeme Hugh WRIGHT

This information and more, can be found in the book "Legault's Australasian Armorial".

Other authors/contributors : Macrae, John G | Franks, Ian L | Armorial and Heraldry Society of Australasia | Heraldry Australia Inc | Company of Armigers (Australian Branch)

# In Memory of Keith MacRae

It is with great sadness that I am advising my friends and family of the sudden death of my brother Keith MacRae, on Thursday December 6, at his home in Lancaster, Ontario. He had had some health issues in the past couple of years but his death still comes as a shock to our family.

His death comes 5 years to the week that Dad died!!

His wake is next Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 7-9 in Lancaster, with another wake on Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11 am, followed by funeral at 11:30 at our church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

His obituary can be found at [www.munroemorris.com](http://www.munroemorris.com). — Brenda Cavanagh

# In Memory of Hugh MacRae II



It is with sadness that we report that Hugh MacRae passed away on Monday, October 8th.

Hugh was one of the founders of the Clan MacRae Society of North America in 1973. He served as President of the Society until the early '90's. Agnes MacRae Morton, co-founder of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, was his aunt.

He was a frequent visitor to Scotland and in the 1970's became friends with the late John MacRae of Conchra. He was an avid supporter of the effort to identify and name a Chief of Clan MacRae.

He had a room in his house decorated entirely in the various MacRae tartans.

A funeral service is planned at 11 a.m. Oct 15 at St. James Episcopal Church, 25 S. Third St in Wilmington, NC

Hugh MacRae II, civic leader and mall builder dies - News - Wilmington Star News - Wilmington, NC

<https://www.starnewsonline.com/news/20181009/hugh-macrae-ii-civic-leader-and-mall-builder-dies>



**To live in the hearts of those  
we leave behind is not to die.**

**Thomas Campbell,  
Scottish Poet (1774-1844)**

Willie McRae, legendary Pinehurst caddie who carried for U.S. presidents and tour pros, dies at 85.

<https://www.golfdigest.com/story/willie-mcrae-legendary-pinehurst-caddie-who-carried-for-us-presidents-and-tour-pros-dies-at-85>

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**Application for Membership**  
**The Clan MacRae Society of Canada**  
<https://www.clanmacraecanada.org/>

**Name/s:** (Please list all names of family living at the same address (ie., minor children)

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Address .....  
City/Town, Province ..... Postal Code .....

Email Address ..... Tele ( ..... ).....

**Qualifications**

If your name does not show the basis for membership, please explain your MacRae connection. For example, "My maternal grandmother was Mary MacRae." .....

**Membership Dues:**

Individual/Family \$20 for 1 year \$.....  
(One household + minor children)

Individual/Family \$50 for 3 years \$.....

Life Time 70 plus \$150 \$.....

My Gift to the Clan Society \$.....

**Total Enclosed** \$.....

**Membership No.:** .....  
(Completed by Membership Secretary)

**Today's Date:** .....

**Please check the areas in which you have an interest:**

- Clan MacRae social activities
- Hosting Clan tent at Scottish festivals(s)
- Contribute articles to Newsletter
- News of other MacRaes
- Fundraising
- Promoting Clan MacRae
- Genealogy
- Serve on Committee or Board of Directors
- Highland music, literature, etc.

**Clan MacRae Official Variants and Septs Names**  
(Includes all combinations of Ra/Rae/Rath with or without "Mc" or "Mac")  
Crae, Cree, Macara, Macarra, Maccra, Maccrath, MacCrae, Maccraith, McCrady, MacCraw, MacCray, Macrae, MacCrea, Maccrath, Maccree, Maccrie, MacKereth Macrath, Maccroy, Macgrath, Macgraw, Machray, Macra, Macraith, Macrach, Macray, Macrie, McRae, McCrae, McCrea, Rae, Raith, Ray, Rea, Reath