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CLAN MACKENZIE STARTS DNA PROJECT

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CASTLE LEOD PROJECT

REPORT FROM CABARFEIDH

*The following report has been received from our
Chief, Cabarfeidh:*

We had a successful open season this year with a wide variety of weather conditions. Curiously our greatest number of visitors tended to come on the fine days whereas one would expect rain to drive people indoors. The private tours were

down a little on last year but this, one suspects, is due to the reluctance of some people to fly! As far as the major restoration project goes we have decided that the private funding route stands more chance of success than using public funds. This is partially due to Heritage Lottery drying up and partly due to excessive bureaucracy. **Andrew Wright [the architect] and I will present a lecture on our plans at the 2005 International Gathering so make sure you are there!** As far as repairs and maintenance go we have kept up to date with all essential running repairs and have actually improved upon a considerable number of the 19th century exterior fittings. Public reaction to the Castle (and to us!) has been extremely favourable. We are obviously seen as something special and different, and many have commented that this is the most authentic and nicest castle they have seen in Scotland. [Ed: See our report of the AGM- \$4,600 sent this year from Canada for the Castle Leod Project!]



Here is the "Best Clan Tent" at Fergus. This Forbes Clan came up from Michigan to steal the award from Clan MacKenzie. They did look good though and we knew we were in for a fight.

Cabar Feidh Newsletter:

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WHO WENT BEFORE - PART 5
SCOTLAND VIA LATTER DAY
SAINTS
BY RAD MACKENZIE

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Earlier articles have described methods of searching for family information using chiefly Canadian sources. Beyond this, getting information about Scotland's records has not been examined. There have been cases where beginners have gone to the "source", that is to say they have made a trip to Scotland to search the records on site. This is an approach that is not available to all of us and in fact is often very disappointing. Most of

the material is available to us in a much easier way; the original records have been gathered and are mostly held in the Scottish Archives who have permitted transcription teams from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons) to record the entries and these are available to you and I at their Family History Centres. Phone your local Mormon church to find out where the nearest Family History Centre is located to you. If you are just now starting to trace your roots in Scotland, the first source to explore are these famili-

ties, which make available a wealth of recorded material gleaned from church records, and are the major depository of data important to us and the easiest to examine. The various documents were first transcribed onto microfiche which since 1976 have been updated regularly and recently CD-ROM editions have been made available. Showing the congregation records of the various parishes, information was taken from the Old Parochial Registers which were kept from about 1700 by the local parish ministers. These vital records are known as the **International Genealogical Index** or IGI and

REGION: SCOTLAND		: ROSS AND CROMARTY		AS OF AUG 1984		PAGE 273		N 15	
NAME	SEX: M MALE / F FEMALE / H HUSBAND / W WIFE	FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE	EVENT DATE	B	E	S	SOURCE	BATCH	SERIAL SHEET
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		KENNETH MACRAE	20DEC1799	ROSS AND CROMARTY, LOCHBROOM		09SEP1981OK	M110752	0008	
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		MURDO MCKENZIE/ISABEL MCLEOD	13SEP1836	ROSS AND CROMARTY, STORNOWAY	26NOV1982SE	17DEC1982SE	C110882	3233	
MC KENZIE, BARABET		MURDO MC KENZIE/ISABELLA MAC LEOD	13SEP1836	ROSS AND CROMARTY, STORNOWAY	06MAY1976SG	29OCT1976SG	12NOV1976SG	7535825	20
MC KENZIE, BARABIL		ALEXR MC KENZIE/	MAR1746	ROSS AND CROMARTY, DINGWALL	28MAY1947IF	10OCT1947IF	C110822	1565	
MACKENZIE, BARBA		DONALD NOBLE	12JUN1857	ROSS AND CROMARTY, KILLBARNAM	09SEP1981MT	09SEP1981OK	M110681	0035	
MACKENZIE, BARBAL		LEWIS MACKENZIE	27FEB1800	ROSS AND CROMARTY, LOCHBROOM	09SEP1981OK	09SEP1981OK	M110752	0012	
MCKENZIE, BARBARA		ALEXR MCKENZIE/	19JAN1705	ROSS AND CROMARTY, LOGIE-EASTER	27MAR1982AZ	21APR1982AZ	10JUN1982AZ	C110772	0377
MCKENZIE, BARBARA		RODERICK MCKENZIE/BARBARA DALLAS	06JUL1705	ROSS AND CROMARTY, CROMARTY	26AUG1982IF	28OCT1982IF	16NOV1982IF	C110612	0581
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		ALEXR. FRASER	24JUN1742	ROSS AND CROMARTY, FODDERTY	02JUN1982LG	18JUN1982LA	11JUN1981LA	M110652	0108
MC KINZIE, BARBARA		JAMES MC KINZIE/CATHNE. URQUHART	16NOV1754	ROSS AND CROMARTY, RESOLIS	09MAR1982WA	23MAR1982WA	14JUL1982WA	C110792	0388
MCKENZIE, BARBARA		DONALD MCKENZIE/BARBARA MCCULLOCH	19DEC1757	ROSS AND CROMARTY, CROMARTY	27AUG1982IF	29OCT1982IF	16NOV1982IF	C110612	2217
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		WILLIAM MACKENZIE/BARBARA DINGWALL	13APR1759	ROSS AND CROMARTY, URRAY	16MAY1981LA	11JUN1981LA	18JUN1981LA	C110852	0084
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		THOMAS MACKEDDIE	30JUN1768	ROSS AND CROMARTY, RESOLIS	09SEP1982SW	09SEP1982SW	M110792	0232	
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		THOMAS MACKENZIE/MARGRET MCLENNAN	18SEP1768	ROSS AND CROMARTY, URRAY	16MAY1981LA	12JUN1981LA	26JUN1981LA	C110852	0458
MCKENZIE, BARBARA		RODERICK MCKENZIE/KATHRINE BAILLIE	20APR1770	ROSS AND CROMARTY, URRAY	16MAY1981LA	12JUN1981LA	26JUN1981LA	C110852	0800
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		MURDOCH MCKENZIE/JANET BANKS	01APR1774	ROSS AND CROMARTY, CROMARTY	16MAY1981LA	12JUN1981LA	26JUN1981LA	C110852	0800
MC KENZIE OR MC KENZIE, BARBARA		JAMES MC KENZIE/BARBARA MC KENZIE	30JAN1778	ROSS AND CROMARTY, RESOLIS	28AUG1982IF	30OCT1982IF	17NOV1982IF	C110612	3062
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		GEORGE STEWART	23JUN1780	ROSS AND CROMARTY, URRAY	09MAR1982WA	23MAR1982WA	15JUL1982WA	C110792	1416
MCKENZIE, BARBARA		ANDREW MCKENZIE/MARJORY HOSSACK	06MAR1781	ROSS AND CROMARTY, NIGG	09MAR1982WA	20MAR1982WA	13JUL1982WA	C110782	0352
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		JOHN MACKENZIE/BETTY BAINE	26FEB1791	ROSS AND CROMARTY, DINGWALL	23APR1982IF	21MAY1982IF	15JUN1982IF	C110622	2552
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		JOHN MC KENZIE/MARY CANTACH	16MAR1791	ROSS AND CROMARTY, ROSEMARKIE	09MAR1982WA	24MAR1982WA	15JUL1982WA	C110802	0438
MCKENZIE, BARBARA		ANDREW MCKENZIE	09MAR1792	ROSS AND CROMARTY, CROMARTY	17NOV1981SL	17NOV1981SL	M110672	0865	
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		JOHN MACKENZIE/ELISABETH BAINE	18OCT1793	ROSS AND CROMARTY, DINGWALL	23APR1982IF	21MAY1982IF	15JUN1982IF	C110622	2663
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		COLIN MC KENZIE/BARBARA FRASER	26OCT1794	ROSS AND CROMARTY, URRAY	25FEB1977SL	22MAR1977SL	12JUL1977SL	7628525	37
MCKENZIE, BARBARA		HUGH MCKENZIE/ISOBEL AIRD	01DEC1795	ROSS AND CROMARTY, CROMARTY	31AUG1982IF	02NOV1982IF	18NOV1982IF	C110612	4455
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		DAVID MUNRO	JAN1798	ROSS AND CROMARTY, CROMARTY	19OCT1972SL	19OCT1972SL	7128651	26	
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		LACHLAN MACKENZIE/CATHARINE FORBES	25MAY1798	ROSS AND CROMARTY, KNOCKBAIN	11SEP1981SL	22OCT1981SL	28OCT1981SL	C110732	0577
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		KENNETH MAC RAE	29JAN1800	ROSS AND CROMARTY, LOCHBROOM	08NOV1973AZ	27MAY1973AZ	7233913	25	
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		COLIN MC KENZIE/BARBARA MC LENNAN	27MAY1801	ROSS AND CROMARTY, KILLBARNAM	23JAN1982LA	05FEB1982LA	19FEB1982LA	C110682	1428
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		KENNETH MC KENZIE/	05NOV1802	ROSS AND CROMARTY, FODDERTY	13MAR1982AZ	10APR1982AZ	UNCLEARED	C110652	1599
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		JOHN ROSS	1804	ROSS AND CROMARTY, DINGWALL	10JUL1975LA	10JUL1975LA	7431813	28	
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		ALEXR. MACKENZIE/CHRISTIAN FORBES	10JUN1804	ROSS AND CROMARTY, CROMARTY	31AUG1982IF	02NOV1982IF	18NOV1982IF	C110612	4964
MACKENZIE, BARBARA		JOHN ROSS	16JUN1804	ROSS AND CROMARTY, DINGWALL	09SEP1981OK	09SEP1981OK	M110622	0185	
MCKENZIE, BARBARA		JOHN MCKENZIE/ISOBELLA ROSS	03JUN1805	ROSS AND CROMARTY, NIGG	06MAR1982WA	20MAR1982WA	13JUL1982WA	C110782	0532
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		ALEXANDER MAC RAE	FEB1807	ROSS AND CROMARTY, DINGWALL	24MAY1973SL	7222902	7023213	82	
MC KENZIE, BARBARA		JOHN MAC DONALD	21NOV1808	ROSS AND CROMARTY, STORNOWAY	02JUN1971SL	02JUN1971SL	7023213	46	

FOR "I", "S", "D", "N" SEE PAGE 11 OF INSTRUCTIONS AND REGION FICHE

A = ADULT CHRISTENING B = BIRTH C = CHRISTENING D = DEATH OR BURIAL F = BIRTH OR CHRISTENING OF FIRST KNOWN CHILD M = MARRIAGE N = CENSUS W = WILL ALL OTHERS = MISCELLANEOUS

This is an extract from the Mormon Church's International Genealogical Index (or IGI). On the left is the name of the individual recorded and then the name of the husband, if a marriage, or the parent's names, if a Christening or a birth. Note the parent mother's name is always shown as her maiden name. The second column describes the woman as F or W, meaning female or widow. The third column describes the event: c=christening, b=birth, m = marriage; the 4th column gives the date of the event, and the 5th column gives the PARISH where the event took place. The remaining columns are internal to the Mormon Church, though the last two columns identify the microfilm where the original records may be viewed.

currently contains birth, baptismal and marriage records with over two hundred million entries of pre 1885 events. A few parishes even have some death records also. The IGI records are arranged by regions, in the case of Scotland by the county [most Mackenzies came from the County of Ross & Cromarty, otherwise known as Ross-shire, or from the counties Inverness-shire, or Sutherland] and are further organized by family name, then Christian name and, finally, in chronological order.

Scanning these records you can locate individuals by birth date and their parent's names. Careful searching can result in a long family line being discovered if, as is often the case, the family stayed in the same parish for a number of generations. Keep an open mind and follow all possible spellings of the names you are interested in; today we enjoy fixed spelling rules which in earlier days were not in place with the result that entries are frequently recorded phonetically, and different documents sometimes show various spellings for the same person.

More information is shown on the entry in the original parish register; this may include witnesses at

the child's baptism and here you may identify other family members, uncles or grandfathers, of the child. A photocopy of the actual Register is available and to access it is necessary to arrange for a loan of a microfilm copy from the main depository at Salt Lake City, a straightforward process that will result in you having a temporary loan of this film for you to examine, entry by entry. There is much more held in the depository, many records that if reviewed may give you more important information such as the census, will indexes, and indexes of civil registration. In some instances the listings of items held for a parish will show the Statistical Record (described earlier) and possibly books and periodicals concerning the history of the parish or prominent residents. Some of these will not relate to individuals in your family but do help you get a more complete picture of the area and the times.

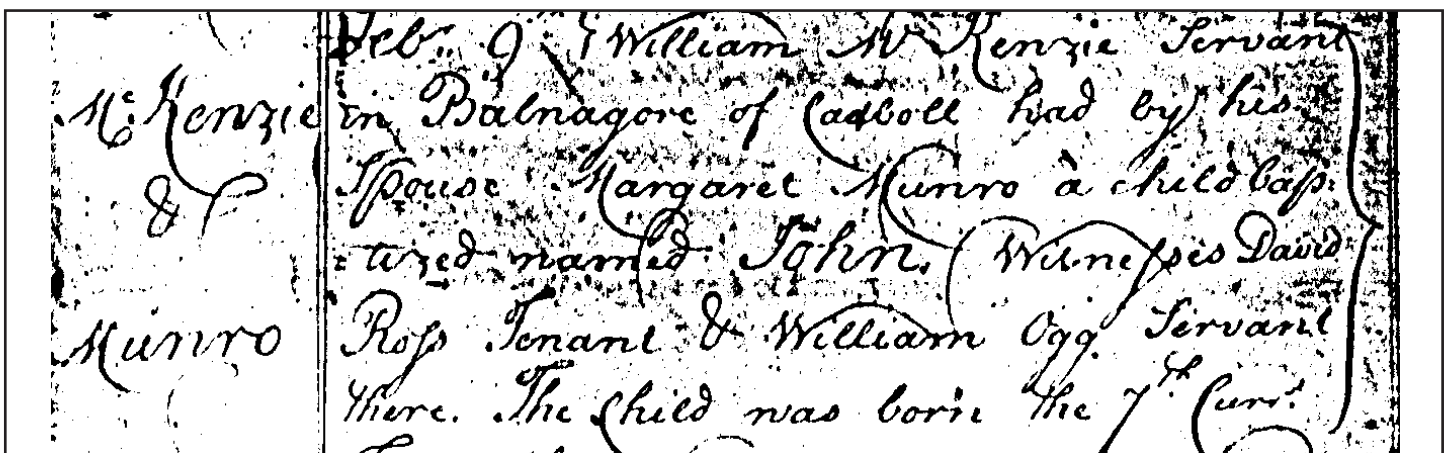
To find out what might be of interest, ask at your local Mormon Family History Centre to look at the catalogue holdings and examine the items listed for the parish that concern you. Sadly in some cases the

holdings are minimal but in others there are quite a quantity.

A convenient assist to your efforts is the availability in some centres of the data on CD-ROM. Using computer equipment, these records can be called on to respond quickly to your enquiry and print-outs are available of the information that surfaces. Make enquiries about the availability of this service at your local Centre. At some time, after examining the IGI and perhaps reviewing the Old Parochial Register for your area of interest, you may wish to look through whatever other records that might have some information

Sasine and Deed records relate to property owners (who were in the minority), but if your information is that your forbears owned land, it is worthwhile looking into these.

Monumental Inscriptions searching cemeteries can be discouraging work, many people were not in the financial position to erect stone monuments and typical wood markers have long since gone. Teams are going through the various cemeteries and recording the



This is an extract from the IGI microfilm of the birth register of the Parish of Fearn, Ross & Cromarty for the year 1791. It reads: Feb 9th William McKenzie Servant in Balnagore of Cadboll had by his spouse Margaret Munro a child baptized named John (Witnesses David Ross Tenant & William Ogg Servant there. The child was born the 7th current).

stones still standing and even uncovering stones that are buried under the turf. The results of these surveys are available for a few locations already completed and further searches are under way.

The Highland Family History Society lists 17 burial grounds completely indexed as of November 2003. In addition the Society has the 1851 census indexes for many locations in Caithness, Sutherland, Ross-shire, Inverness-shire and Nairnshire. This group issues a journal several times each year where members can list their areas of research (in the hope of making contact with someone on the same trail) as well as essays and articles on topical subjects. Overseas membership is £11 or £8 for pensioners.

If interested, write to:
Highland Family History Society
c/o Mr. John H. R. Durham
11 Braeside Park,
Balloch,
Inverness, IV2 7HL,
Scotland

Military Records:

It is possible your ancestor's regiment still exists, or if not, was joined to another regiment that is still active and regimental museums are worth your correspondence. Records of individuals may not be available but background of the Regiment and its service areas is good supporting material.

We are faced with the fact that all things have a beginning and for us this means that although today there is data being recorded in many locations, these same locations do not have an indefinite history. Sadly, you will arrive at a point where records just do not exist. You might wish to note the

following:

For the most part:
 Old Parochial Registers started -
 late 1600's
 Seceding Presbyterian records -
 early 1700's
 Non Conformist Church records-
 early 1500's
 Kirk Session records-
 mid 1600's
 Monument Inscriptions in
 Cemeteries- mid 1600's
 Military Records-
 early 1700's
 Newspapers- mid 1600's
 Deeds- late 1400's
 Sasine records-
 early 1600's
 Census records- early 1800's
 Civil Registration- mid 1800's

From this you will see that as you go back through the years, the sources become fewer and your likelihood of getting information prior to these dates is minimal. Should you be planning a trip to Scotland and intend visiting Edinburgh, you may wish to explore the facilities of the New Register House, the headquarters of the Register-General for Scotland. Here is the most comprehensive collection of source material in Britain. There are records of every birth, marriage and death in Scotland since January 1, 1855, census lists for 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901. As well, all of the old pre-1855 records of more than 900 parishes are held here. Examining these treasures requires a personal visit with a modest fee charged. This will be a line-by-line examination of many documents so take all the pertinent information already gathered and allow yourself plenty of dedicated

research time to go thoroughly through the indexes.

CLAN MACKENZIE SEPTS - MURCHISON

We include under this sept name the other varieties of spelling - Murchie, Murchison and MacMurchy, etc.

Murchisons were long and trusted followers and became honoured standard bearers to the Mackenzies of Seaforth and were appointed governors of Eilean Donan Castle.

This is what is reported in Black's *The Surnames of Scotland*, first published in 1946. Black's is a particularly useful book as it records when and where a particular surname first arises in Scotland: **MURCHIE**. Duncan Murchy, a follower of the earl of Cassilis, was respited for murder in 1526. Kath. Murchie recorded in Watten, 1663 (*Caithness*). Robert Murchie, burgess of Irvine, 1664. See **MURCHISON**, **MACMURCHIE**, and **MURDOCH**.

MURCHISON, MURCHESON, MURCHIESON.

An Englishing of Gaelic *MacMhurchaidh*, 'son of Murchadh,' Englished Murdoch. Fowill Morthoisson was burgess of Inverness, 1452. John Murchosone was witness in Peebles, 1473. Findlay Murquhason and Neill Murquhason or Murquhosoun were tenants in Tirie, 1541. Alexander Murquosoun and John, his son, were cruelly slain in Caithness, 1566. Johnne Murchosoun was reidare at Kintail, 1574 and in 1582 Donald Murchesoun was presented to the same church on the demission of John. Ewander Murchieson of Octerteir took the Test in Ross-shire, 1685. Duncan Murchison in Achtatoralan and Donald Murchieson in Auchtertite appear in 1728.

MACMURCHIE, MACMURCHY.

Gaelic *MacMhurchaidh*, son of Murdoch. A sept known as *Siolachadh Mhurchaidh*, said to have been descended from one Murdoch, a natural son of Angus Mor of Islay, was formerly numerous in North Uist. Kathel Macmurchy was one of an inquest at Dumbarton on the lands of Polnegulan, 1259. [Ed; there follows a very long list of Macmurchys which we shall not repeat. If you

would like a full transcript then let us know and we shall copy and send it to you.

A Murchison is included among the famous “the four Johns of Scotland”: They were John Mackenzie of Hilton, who commanded a company of Mackenzies, John Mackenzie of Applecross, John MacRae of Conchra and John Murchison of Achtertyre (this last was probably related to the “Donald Murchieson of Auchtertite” in Black’s above.

The following report included in *Letters from a Gentleman in the North of Scotland*, lists the clans who took part in the 1715 rebellion and sheds light on the relative strength of the Mackenzie clan. It is noteworthy that the Murchisons are included:

The underwritten Clans or Tribes were engaged in the late Rebellion: most of them are armed, and commit depredations.

The M’Kenzies, and the small Clans, viz. The M’Ra’s, the M’Lennans, Murchiesons, and the M’Leods of North Assint, and M’Leys inhabiting the Countries belonging to the late Lord Seaforth.

Mention has already been made of the most famous of the Murchisons - Donald, factor to the Earl of Seaforth. He collected the exiled earl’s rents and avoiding the attempts of the government to seize these monies, he secretly sent them to the Mackenzie chief. The full story was included in the September 2003 issue of Cabar Feidh and can be found on the new website:

www.electricscotland.com/mackenzie

OBITUARY

We regret to report the death of the past president of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas



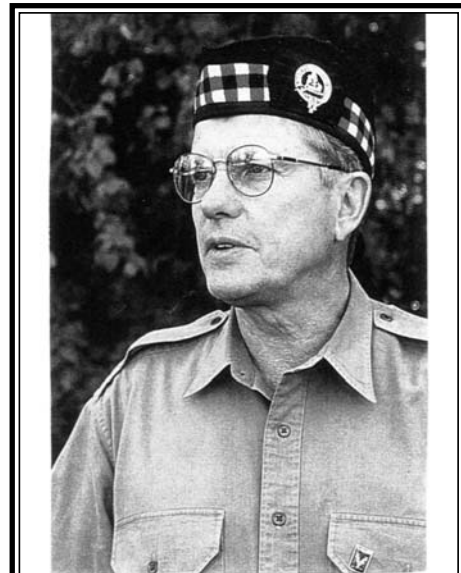
This picture was taken at Fergus. Alan McKenzie, who is also a member of Clan Fraser Society of Canada is pictured here, on the left with Lady Saltoun, Chief of Clan Fraser and one of the honoured guests at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games with Malcolm A. Fraser, Vice Chairman and W. Neil Fraser, Chairman of the Clan Fraser Society of Canada.



Clans in the shade at Sarnia



We couldn't resist taking this shot of a pipe band called "Cabar Feidh" at Sarnia. Pity they didn't use the Mackenzie tartan to complete the picture!



Stephen R. McKenzie
25 January 1930 – 9 August 2004

Inc., Stephen R. McKenzie. He was at the Gathering in Strathpeffer in 2000 and in my conversations with him I was pleased that he was such a strong supporter of the Castle Leod Project and under his leadership the donations from the United States increased substantially.

Here is a letter we received from his daughter, dated 23 August, 2004:

Dear Clan Mackenzie Friends,

It is with great sadness that I write to tell you that my father, Steve McKenzie, Past President of Clan Mackenzie Society of the Americas, passed away on Monday,

Eilean Donan Castle receives world-class accolade in new book

A HIGHLAND star of films and TV has been included as the only British entry in a book of the world's most beautiful sights.

Eilean Donan Castle, at Dornie near Kyle, is ranked alongside the Taj Mahal and the Grand Canyon in the new book *Unforgettable Places to See Before You Die*.

The castle has been the backdrop to movies including *Highlander* and *Loch Ness*.

Also included in the book of 40 top places, by travel writer and photographer Steve Davey, are Uluru, previously Ayres Rock, Rio and Venice.

Situated on a remote island, connected to the mainland by a craggy causeway, and with its mist-shrouded ramparts, Eilean Donan has been dubbed Scotland's most romantic castle.

In his book, Davey describes Eilean Donan as combining "a spectacular location and a colourful history in a way that makes it everything a Scottish castle should be".

He praises the castle's "severe beauty".

Casia Zajac, of the Highlands and Islands Tourist Board, said: "Eilean Donan is one of Scotland's most beautiful icons."

Despite the recent poor weather, crowds have continued to flock to Eilean Donan this summer and the attraction was busy yesterday. Up to 27 people work there. Castle keeper Rod Stenson was not available for comment, although he was reported to be thrilled with the accolade.

Despite its romantic image, Eilean Donan has a bloody, 800-year-old history.

Named after St Donan, a hermit who once lived in the island, Eilean Donan was built in the late 13th century on the sight of an ancient Pictish fortress by Alexander II.

The castle sat at the heart of the sea kingdom of the Lord of the Isles and was first used to defend against Viking raiders. It later became the clan home of the MacKenzies and their bodyguards, the McCraes, for more than 300 years.

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Eilean Donan Castle. The newspaper report were sent in by Vancouver Commissioner William MacKenzie

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August 9th, 2004. His death occurred as a result of a chronic lung condition called Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis - scar tissue on the lungs - aggregated by the effects of a virus.

In spite of the lung condition, which he had had since 1999, dad enjoyed an active lifestyle. He was blessed with good overall health, most recently having hosted the Mackenzie tent at the San Diego Games on June 19-20. He passed away after a 3-week bout with illness, surrounded by his loving family. Mom, my sisters and I are very thankful for the wonderful support we received after dad's death - and continue to receive - from our friends and our extended family - particularly our Clan Mackenzie friends.

On Friday, August 13th, a memorial service was held for dad at Green Hills Chapel, in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. It truly was a celebration of life! In spite of the short notice, there was a wonderful turn out for the event. Our spirits were lifted by the amazing pipe music of Robert Hackney, Pipe Major of the Nicholson Pipes and Drums. Following the ceremony,

Our world of wonders

TRAVEL writer Steve Davey is obviously a man of taste who knows real beauty. Few would argue with his decision to include Eilean Donan Castle as one of the unforgettable places to see before you die.

The iconic Scottish landmark is one of only 40 sites chosen from around the world and sits alongside

the Taj Mahal, the Grand Canyon and Ayers Rock in the list.

Quite how Mr Davey chose Eilean Donan is not clear. On his journey to Dornie he would probably have driven along the side of Loch Lomond, passed through Glencoe and under the shadows of the Five Sisters of Kintail. It's a pity he could choose only one.

Here is an interesting viewpoint of Eilean Donan Castle. It was of course the "Mackenzie Stronghold in the west" until it was destroyed in 1719 at the Battle of Glenshiel. The present castle is a construction erected in the 20th century and is owned by the McCraes.

we toasted dad at a reception held at Hennesey's Tavern in Redondo Beach, and wrapped up the day with pie and coffee at mom and dad's house. What a heart-warming send off it was!

To everyone in Clan Mackenzie, thank you for your support over the years. You were always in dad's thoughts. A meticulous planner, dad enlisted our assurance that we would carry forth with full preparations for the upcoming Seaside Games in Ventura, October 9th and 10th, also that we would continue to build on the work that he did in support of Clan Mackenzie into 2005 and beyond.

Sometime after the service it occurred to me that 'celebration of life' is what Clan Mackenzie is all about. It is not simply a celebration of ethnicity" as our Irish-American priest, Father Cavanagh called it; rather it is a celebration of family ties and connections - which in my mind is the very essence of life itself!

Dad joined Clan Mackenzie because of his interest in his own family history, but he served Clan Mackenzie - first as Commissioner of Southern California, and later as President of Clan Mackenzie Society of the Americas - because of his love for family and his belief that helping people make a connection to their heritage was the best way to strengthen family ties. He will be greatly missed.

Yours aye,
Ann McKenzie Stansbarger

THE HISTORY OF THE TOKYO PIPE BAND

■ 1975 on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Tokyo.

After placing an advertisement Pipers and Drummers in the English language newspaper the Japan Times, Japanese first Piper, Dr. Masami Yamane (Inventor of the Bagpipe Tuner) was able to master a band of six Pipers. . . Scottish, Australian two Americans and two Japanese. . . to welcome the Queen to Japan.

Since then the band has grown in size and talent. In 1987, under the instruction of Piping Tutor Michael Green and Pipe Major Atsushi Yamane (Dr. Yamane's son), the band started gearing up international competition. In May 1987 they made their competition debut at the Jakarta Highland Games and finished in the top ranks.

See their web site:
http://plaza12.mbn.or.jp/~TOKYO_PIPE_BAND/tokyo.htm

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who have joined recently;
Mrs Jennie (MacKenzie) Keeping,
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Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N4

Jann Mackenzie Steel Lane, Ph.D.
14 North Vista de Catalina
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Campeon MacKenzie,
10422, 139 Street,
Edmonton, AB, T5N 2K5

David Wood MacKenzie,
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Tara, ON N0H 2N0
Gordon J. McKenzie,
120 Country Club Place,
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This photo was taken outside our clan tent at the Owen Sound Celtic Festival. Note the budding tenor drummer keeping proper time!



The Clan MacKenzie tent was often a busy centre of activity at the Owen Sound Celtic Festival.

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SARNIA HIGHLAND GAMES

AUGUST 21, 2004

There were just seven clans at Sarnia this year and being the last clan to arrive we had a real problem trying to find a space to erect the tent. Finally we "persuaded" a band group who had taken up a space normally reserved for the clans to move on some where else.

Manning the tent this year were Alan McKenzie supported by Bob and Olga McKenzie. It proved a very quiet day, but splendid weather, so we were not complaining. We failed to recruit any new members but a last minute buying spree rescued us; and in the end we had very acceptable sales.

One most unusual feature of the Games was the Parade to open the Games. This year it was decided by the organizers to have each clan follow one of the bands onto the field. Alan, took the clan banner, leaving Bob and Olga to look after the tent. The parade drum major came by, took one

look at the lone Mackenzie with the clan banner and made some comment along the lines "couldn't you find a few sheep to add to your number?" The nice part of this new scheme was that Alan was tucked in behind the Fergus Pipe Band and they were in MacKenzie tartan so we did not need any sheep to show our strength!

CALGARY HIGHLAND GAMES

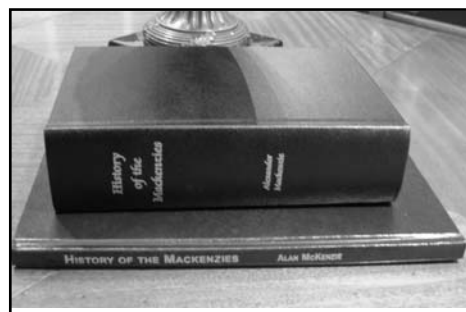
September 4, 2004

This report from Betty Hall in Calgary:

Ruari with neighbor Linda's help and unneeded advice from Nadine and self erected the Mackenzie tent approx 7:30 a.m. Shannon & Evan arrived to help at the Air Cadets tent. Shannon's advice in leaving Mackenzie Clan Maps open on table proved to be most popular. Alex MacKenzie from Bon Accord and Shannon provided many answers to the steady stream of interested guests.

Saturday a.m. Volunteers Cec & Phyllis Mackenzie from Edmonton., Janet Ollerenshaw, Joan Winwood, Elizabeth Costello and son David all took turns during the afternoon. Evan arrived with his Air Cadet pals to assist Cec & Alex in taking down the tent which Cec took to the Canmore games on the Sunday.

As mentioned much interest was shown at the Mackenzie tent and we had eight names and addresses added to our list of Mackenzies. Thanks go to all the volunteers for an enjoyable time at the Highland games. Hopefully we will have another history session before our annual Christmas party.



Fancy one of these hardcover Mackenzie Clan History books for Christmas, or as a gift for your Mackenzie relatives? Then see the adverts on the back page.

CANMORE GAMES

September 5, 2004

Following on from Betty Hall's report above comes this from Commissioner Cec

Phyllis and I took the Calgary display to Canmore and set it up for the Games there on Sunday. Only a couple of guests registered but I got one paid membership. Two ladies wanted info on the 2005 gathering, so I gave them the clan web page you had in the magazine.

The weather was ideal for both events, and the crowds were large. I believe there were eight clans at Canmore; some years there have only been three.

CLAN PICNIC & AGM

BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

Despite the fears of the rush of hurricanes moving our way and visions of being washed out - it did not happen. The weather was warm and glorious for this most popular event. Although the numbers were down for this year many of those who attended said we had the best fun ever. We were joined by the Georgina Finlay Dancers - eight of them plus Georgina - and they gave a wonderful display of Scottish country dancing. They then had an interval where they enticed some of the braver clanspeople present onto the dance floor to try their skill at some dancing themselves. The Georgina Finlay Dancers were excellent at helping us through our steps and we performed to a pretty high standard.

Doug Kelly, husband of the picnic organizer, Liz Kelly, was our piper for the day. A piper always attracts some of the other visitors to the village to see what's going on.

Alan set a Clan quiz. This comprised a number of colour photos of castles and people with the requirement that these be identified. Easy if members read the newsletters and remember them! There were three tied winners, Iain Mackenzie-Gray, Mary Jane Gray and Joyce Mackenzie Hirasawa and husband Jack. They received prizes.

Once again we were privileged to have Jessie Mackenzie Glynn with us and this year she brought two guests with her, visitors from Scotland. Jessie is 99 and she looks forward to attending next year when she will have reached the magnificent age of 100. I must say

that Jessie has always been a huge supporter of the Clan MacKenzie Society. Once we sorted out the correct spelling of "Mackenzie" we have been firm friends ever since! Spelling Jessie's name incorrectly is not a mistake you make twice! As a former Latin school teacher that discipline is well ingrained, and that is as it should be.

Items were on sale at the picnic and Alan sold out all copies of his newly published book, *History of the Mackenzies* and had to take orders from others who were after copies.

The meal was good and afterwards members went for a casual stroll around this 1840s village. The AGM was well attended and took place at 2.30 p.m.

A very relaxing and enjoyable day.

OWEN SOUND CELTIC FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 18, 2004

This Festival was a first for us. When we looked at the telephone Directory and saw how few Mackenzies there were living in the city we were, perhaps, a trifle bothered that perhaps the longish trip to this city was a bit of a long shot.

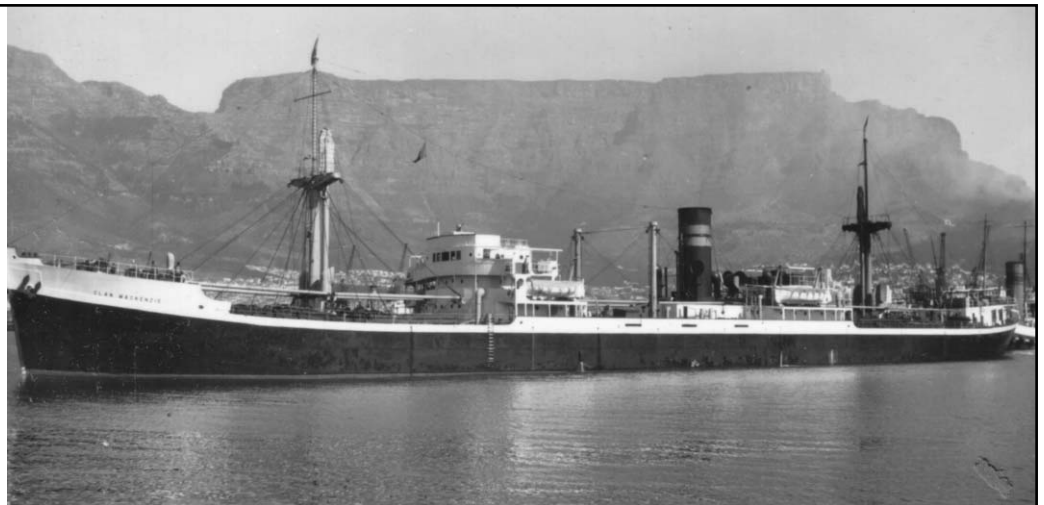
In fact this delightful community attracts thousands of people for this big annual event and the city was looking good with lots of flowers, colourful banners and other symbols of the event. Our clan tent was, I regret to say, the only one present. Well the other clans' loss was our gain. We were very busy most of the day with interested visitors, who asked lots of questions about the Highland clans. Rad and Grace MacKenzie, Alan McKenzie and Pat and Evert Jansen were on hand helping out at

the tent. Alan, Evert and Pat took part in the long parade through the city before an enormous crowd and we were greeted with much applause. Alan and Evert carried the banner and were flanked by two attractive lady dancers carrying swords. Nine pipe bands took part in the well-organized parade which took place in bright sunshine. The parade actually terminated by our clan tent and by this time there was a huge crowd of people thronging past our booth. Immediately opposite to our tent were our members, Joyce Mackenzie Hirasawa and her husband Jack and their two boys. They also had a busy day measuring enthusiasts for new kilts, which they make.

Lots of street entertainment took place along the short road where our tent was located - singers, dancers, jugglers, storytellers, and musicians - and that continued to attract crowds throughout the day. Sales of Clan merchandise was good, but much to our delight we recruited four new members; and it is not hard to believe that we shall get a few more from other interested parties who took brochures but had little money in their pockets at the time.

Commissioner Rad MacKenzie had done some good work by putting together a binder listing all of the Scottish surnames which were associated with a clan, either as a clan in its own right or as a sept of another clan. This proved to be a useful addition to the source material on hand providing answers to the wide variety of questions we get thrown at us at events of this kind.

We shall likely attend this Celtic celebration in future years; and we shall try and persuade other clans to attend this spirited, enjoyable and well-run festival.



*We found this photograph on eBay and could not resist it.
This handsome merchant ship goes by the name of "Clan Mackenzie."*

Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas - Canadian Chapter

Interim Financial Statements

December 31, 2003

Income and Expenditure Account

Expenditure	\$	\$	Income	\$	\$
Personal Donations to Castle Leod account		1,115.00	Nevada net income		7,895.03
Society Donations to Castle Leod Account		2885.00	Donations (tax receipt)		2,746.63
Catering & Rentals		673.95	Officers donations (Note #1)	3,071.82	
Other Grants and Donations given		80.00	less expenses claimed	<u>3,039.82</u>	32.00
Postages		2,278.32	Membership dues		6,783.51
Printing & Publishing		3,282.38	Interest received		2,191.46
Stationery & Office Supplies		1,126.15	Profit from sales		2,189.19
AGM & Picnic		2,399.79	GST Recovered		779.94
Sundry Expenses (tent equip. pinsels, etc)		1,486.94	Other Income		194.79
Nova Scotia Gathering of the Clans net		6,209.91			
Bank Charges & Cheque books		225.73			
Sub total		21,763.17			
Net Surplus Income over Expenditure		1,049.38			
		<u>\$22,812.55</u>			<u>\$22,812.55</u>

Castle Leod Project - Accounts

Expenses	\$	Income	\$
Paid to Castle Leod Project 2003 (see Note #2)	4,000.00	Balance in hand at December 31, 2002	10.00
		Per Personal Donations	1,115.00
Balance in Hand - December 31, 2003	10.00	Clan Society Donation	2,885.00
	<u>\$4,010.00</u>		<u>\$4,010.00</u>

Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2003

Assets	\$	\$	Liabilities	\$	\$
<u>Cash at Bank</u>			Capital Account 1/1/2003	96,849.44	
CIBC - Nevada Account	1,254.75		Surplus Income for 2003	<u>1,049.38</u>	
CIBC - General Account	1,369.39		Total Capital	<u>97,898.82</u>	97,898.82
ING Bank Account at Interest	<u>78,764.07</u>				
Total Cash at Bank	<u>81,388.21</u>	81,388.21			
<u>Other Assets</u>			Castle Leod Project a/c		10.00
Inventory at cost		11,734.29			
Nevada fees paid in advance		769.35			
GST Receivable		779.94			
Other receivables		0.00			
Inventory of 1894 Books		1,138.78			
Inventory of W.L.Mackenzie books		1,461.67			
Inventory of Donald Mackenzie Books		286.58			
Payments in Advance		<u>350.00</u>			
		<u>\$97,908.82</u>			<u>\$97,908.82</u>

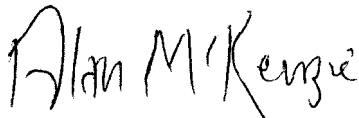
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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note #1 - During the year two officers claimed for travelling and other expenses amounting to \$3,039.82 and these claims were offset by donations amounting to \$3,071.82 from these officers. There was a net benefit to the Clan MacKenzie Society amounting to \$32.00.

Note #2 - The total of funds sent to the Clan Mackenzie Charitable Trust for the Castle Leod Project came to Pds45,278.68 for the period up to Dec 2002. The \$4,000 sent in 2003 converted to Pds1,717.48, thereby increasing the funds remitted from the Society and its members to Pds46,996.16.

I hereby certify that these accounts are a true and accurate reflection of the financial activities of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas - Canadian Chapter for the Year ended 31 December, 2003



Alan McKenzie, ACIB, FICB, F.Inst.D., FSA Scot, Treasurer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

The Minutes for this Meeting are too long for inclusion in this magazine. So a brief report on some of the more interesting items is given only. Much of the content of the Minutes comprises reports by Commissioners of the Clan on events that have taken place in their respective territories, much of which has been reported in detail in previous issues of the Newsletter. Members who require a full set of Minutes can receive them in hard copy or by e-mail; just let me know and I will send a copy; contact: Alan McKenzie, 580 Rebecca Street, Oakville, ON L6K 3N9 or email at alan@mkz.com .

During the year we lost the services, as Commissioner, of Dr. Ken Mackenzie-Smith, because of health problems. Ken has done a great job for us and we wish him well in the future. For the time being, therefore, we have no Commissioner for Eastern Ontario, which includes the City of Ottawa, and we desperately need a volunteer or two to step into the breach.

On the other side of the coin we are pleased to announce that we have two new Commissioners: they are Alistair (Alex) D. MacKenzie of Bon Accord, Alberta, who will be assisting other commissioner in Alberta. We also are pleased to welcome John Richard Mackenzie as Commissioner for North West Territories. John Lives in Yellowknife and a Member Profile on him is included in this issue of the magazine.

Glen W. McKenzie, Commissioner in charge of the Clan Database welcomes more genealogies which can be sent in GEDCOM format to him. If you have such family data or wish to access the database then contact Glen with your questions. He is at gmckenzi@mts.net .

The Clan MacKenzie Society picnic held in conjunction with the AGM was pronounced another big success. The attendance was down this year but members were extremely keen to continue the event and Black Creek Pioneer Village has been booked for next year Sunday, September 11, 2005. Jessie Mackenzie Glynn hopes to be at that picnic again. She will be 100 years of age!

Mention was made at the Meeting that electricscotland, the largest Scottish website in the world has given us our own web page for Canada. The address is www.electricscotland.com/mackenzie . Mackenzie family histories are particularly welcome so if you have done yours then send it to us as a pdf file and it will appear on our website.

Membership is at an all-time high: 412 members: Ontario 241, Quebec 18, B.C. 44, Alberta 44, Manitoba 11, Saskatchewan 2, Nova Scotia 9, New Brunswick 1, Newfoundland 2, PEI 2, North West Territories 1, United States 32, Australia 2, New Zealand 2, Scotland 1. Total 412.

The following Commissioners were confirmed: Alan McKenzie - Commissioner at Large; Alistair D. MacKenzie - Commissioner Oakville/Burlington; Alistair (Alex) D. MacKenzie - Commissioner - in Alberta; Cecil A. MacKenzie - Commissioner - Edmonton; Glen W. McKenzie - Commissioner - Computer Genealogist; Ian Stuart Mackenzie - Commissioner - in British Columbia; James P. McKenzie - Commissioner - Quebec; Joan MacKenzie - Commissioner - in British Columbia; John Richard Mackenzie - Commissioner - North West Territories; Ken Mackenzie - Commissioner Hamilton/Niagara; Michael Hugh Mackenzie - Commissioner, Manitoba; Norman MacKenzie - Commissioner - Toronto; Radleigh A. MacKenzie - Commissioner Northern Ontario; Sir Roderick Mackenzie of Scatwell - Commissioner - Calgary; William John MacKenzie - Commissioner - Vancouver; Rick McKenzie Melucci - Commissioner - Clan Forum Internet; Olive Bowen - Honourary Commissioner, Nova Scotia; VACANT - Commissioner for Ottawa/Eastern Ontario.

See separate report on a proposal to send funds to the Castle Leod Project.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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We had a number of complimentary comments from members when renewing their membership dues - for which we thank you.

Thanks again, Alan, for a wonderful issue of Clan Mackenzie Bulletin. When it arrives I drop everything and read it cover to cover. I was happy to see my sister and brother-in-law mentioned - Janet and Neil Ollerenshaw. I have just returned from visiting them in their lovely home in the foothills. Janet has been very active in their [Alberta] group's study of the history of Scotland,

Jean Shantz, Waterloo, Ontario

I enjoy "Cabar Feidh" - keep up the good work.

G. Jackson Mackenzie, Kanata, Ont.

Cabar Feidh is an excellent Clan magazine and I look forward to reading it. We appreciate all your work in editing it. It was nice seeing you at Maxville,

Wm Douglas MacKenzie Robinson,
Ottawa, Ont.

Great job Alan! I appreciate the magazine very much.

Dennis Ross Mackenzie, Edmonton.

Great job on the Newsletter!

Stella MacKenzie Cleave, Mission,
B.C.

Your ongoing magnificent work to tell us details of our common ancestry is greatly appreciated Alan. Your Clan MacKenzie Society newsletters are heirlooms. Thanks so much!

Roddy MacKenzie, Vancouver, B.C.

Roddy followed up a few weeks later with another message:

Hi Alan,

Sad news. My son Ruaridh (age 14) was smashed into the boards during a hockey game this weekend. At the hospital it was determined that his collarbone has been broken. The good news is that the hospital set Ruaridh's collarbone and tells us it will properly heal. However, Ruaridh is now prevented from playing any sport until it does.

Ruaridh is Captain of his high school rugby team. To date his team is undefeated, and is now entering its final month. It

looks like this year again it may (as it did last year) win the Vancouver city championship. However, this weekend's hockey disaster knocks Ruaridh, not only out of ice hockey, but also out of the remainder of this season of rugby. A tough break!

In other news, I attended the annual black tie dinner of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada yesterday evening. As always, it was a great MacKenzie experience, as you Alan will recall from the year you accompanied me. And guess what? The next Commanding Officer of the Seaforths will be a MacKenzie! Rob Roy MacKenzie will become CO in a year or so.

Roddy MacKenzie, Vancouver, B.C.

Keep up the good work - you really deserve a medal.

Anne MacKenzie, Brantford, Ont.

IN PRAISE OF CABAR FEIDH

*Version by Murdoch Matheson
and Norman MacLeod*

[We are much obligated to a good friend, Dr. Watson Buchanan, a medical doctor living in Dundas, Ontario and a true scholar of Scottish history. He and his wife are also Gaelic scholars and Watson sent us the following verses. They are a translation from the Gaelic and if any member would like the original Gaelic version then let us know and we shall get you a copy. Here is an extract from Watson's letter to us:

"A charaid!

*"Here is the war cry of Clan MacKenzie - the Cabar Feidh (Horns of the deer). It was composed circa 1716 and there are several versions. The ones here by Matheson and MacLeod are deemed the best. Both were in service to the MacKenzies. It is from *An lasair* (The Light) by Ronald Black, Edinburgh, Birlinn Ltd. 2001."*

Dr Watson Buchanan, Dundas]

[As a further challenge to our members and committees across Canada may I be permitted to put forth a project? A group of Mackenzies to get together and submit what they understand by the meaning of this poem. Some points are very obscure and it needs some pooling of the minds to uncover some of the verses. A review of the history of the era of 1716 would be a major help. Let us have your views and we

shall publish them.]

Here's a toast to the deer's antlers,
A cheerful and merry one;
Though they're far from their country,
Son of God, speed them to their land.
May I be hanged and crucified
And not enjoy my clothes
If I don't rejoice to see you rise
With the brave strength of all
who're kin.

I have seen you armed with guns,
Ready, prepared and well-equipped -
Chasing Munros is your excellent
pastime,
You gave them their morning dip;
Sutherland men performed no exploits,
Their strength deserted them in fright
At seeing the deer's head on you
When your antlers rose over you.

The Laird of Foulis was a fool
When he went to war with you;
Munros and Roses -
Silly old clowns they were.
Frasers and Grants,
In camp they wouldn't stop,
And Forbeses fled in confusion
To the old house of Culloden.
They all fled, there did not wait
Even one man in three of them;
The Earl of Sutherland ran home,
His pistols did not fire;
MacKay of plunders got away,
Calling for the fastest horse
To make his retreat with
When your antlers rose over you.

That's where there was terror
As we chased them over passes,
South of us and north of us
Fleeing fast from your headgear
Like a bird-flock from the bleak hills
With a scowl upon every man,
Descending from the mountain-tops
To plains and to sea-shores.
They called a ferry, got a coble, [viz: a
short flat bottomed rowing boat for crossing rivers]

And took little credit from what
happened.
What bad thing had fired them up
When no spark could light their
muskets
And so many Munro grandees
Were launched skull-over-heels?
They took to retreat
When your antlers rose over you.

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Pre-Mackenzie Clan Gathering Tour July 31-August 8, 2005

'Castles and Glens'

An easier tour staying 6 nights in one hotel, 2 in another!

(Saturday, July 30, 2005, depart the US for Glasgow)

Sunday, July 31, 2005: Arrive in Glasgow in the morning. We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel in Stirling where you can unpack and rest. Later that evening we will meet for dinner. Overnight Holiday Inn Express, Stirling. (D)

Monday, August 1, 2005: We begin our tour by visiting the Wallace Monument and then Stirling Castle where we will have lunch. Then it is on to St Andrews for the afternoon. Overnight Stirling. (B)

Tuesday, August 2, 2005: After breakfast we will travel to the majestic Culzean Castle in Ayrshire. After lunch of your choice at the castle we will visit Rabbie Burns cottage in Alloway and see his beautiful monument and gardens. Upon departing for our Stirling hotel we will have dinner at The Riverside, a converted farmhouse. Overnight Stirling.(BD)

Wednesday, August 3, 2005: This morning we depart our Stirling hotel and visit the famous Falkirk Wheel. In the afternoon, travel to Jedburgh Abbey and Melrose Abbey in the borders. We'll have dinner on our way back to Stirling. Overnight Stirling. (BD)

Thursday, August 4, 2005: This morning we'll travel to Edinburgh and board the open-top coach for a tour of Edinburgh, visiting the Edinburgh Castle. Optional tour in the afternoon to the Royal Yacht Britannia. You will have time on your own for dinner in the evening before travelling back to Stirling. Overnight Stirling. (B)

Friday, August 5, 2005: Depart for Edinburgh with a stop in Linlithgow to see a woolen mill outlet. Enjoy more of Edinburgh. Dinner on own. Have an exciting evening at the famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo in the evening. Overnight Stirling. (B)

Saturday, August 6, 2005: Depart Stirling and travel north via Glen Almond to Pitlochry. This is a beautiful village with sights and shopping galore and the famous salmon ladder. We then visit the Braemar Castle and time for tea in Toumintoul (the highest village in Scotland) before having dinner in our Nethybridge Hotel. Overnight Nethybridge Hotel. (BD)

Sunday, August 7, 2005: We will leave Nethybridge and travel to the Moray Firth coast via Keith and arrive MacDuff. You'll enjoy the famous Buckie Drifter Fishing Museum on the firth. From there it is on to Elgin and the Elgin Cathedral. We'll visit the Sueno's Stone, believed to be the largest pictish sculpture known, on our way back to the Nethybridge Hotel. (BD)

Monday, August 8, 2005: We'll leave Nethybridge heading toward Strathpeffer and visit the Culloden Battlefield near Inverness. Once you are registered in Strathpeffer for the Gathering, you can check into the hotel or B&B which you booked or we will check into our hotels in Inverness and transport you the 12 miles back to Strathpeffer for the torchlight walk and BBQ and then return you to Inverness.(B) We find that every hotel in Strathpeffer and the surrounding area is fully booked in advance with coach parties not related to the Gathering. Therefore we have taken hotels in nearby Inverness and are planning to have available a shuttle between the hotels and Strathpeffer for your convenience and at a nominal charge.

(If you are not attending the Gathering we can make other onward arrangements for you.)

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MACKENZIE CLAN GATHERING 2005

Post-Gathering Tour August 14-21, 2005

'Mystical Islands'

Sunday, August 14, 2005: We make our departure from the final Gathering day as late as possible so that you may partake in all of the festivities. It is hoped that departure will be no later than 5pm. We will stay in the Royal Hotel in Thurso.

Monday, August 15: This morning we'll take the early ferry to Stromness, Orkney. You will have the day to enjoy visiting Skara Brae, a Neolithic prehistoric village; Skail House, a 17th century mansion; the Italian Chapel, beautifully built with scraps by Italian prisoners of war; Scapa Flow, and the Kirkwall Cathedral. Ferry back to Thurso. Overnight Royal Hotel, Thurso. (BD)

Tuesday, August 16: Enjoy your breakfast and then we begin a beautiful coastal drive to Ullapool, a lovely fishing village in Mackenzie lands. Enjoy lunch and a bit of shopping and then we board the ferry for the 2½ hour scenic sail to Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. Overnight, Seaforth Hotel, Stornoway. (BD)

Wednesday, August 17: Today, a visit to a Black House, and the Standing Stones of Callanish await us and then, a bridge over the Atlantic! Yes we drive to the Great Bernera Island where we'll see a restored Norse mill, and an Iron Age village! We'll also have time to drive to the Isle of Harris and visit a tweed center. Lunch on a beautiful sandy beach. In the evening we'll ferry to Ullapool for overnight. (BLD)

Thursday, August 18: Driving along the stunning Loch Ness, we'll stop at the Drumnadrochit Visitor Centre to learn more about the mysterious monster. Our drive takes us along the shores of Loch Oich and Loch Lochy as well and then through Spean Bridge and to Fort William for lunch at the Alexandra Hotel. We continue on to Oban via the shores of Loch Linnhe and the Firth of Lorn. You will have time to roam in Oban. Overnight, Regent Hotel, Oban. (BLD)

Friday, August 19: After an early breakfast we ferry to the Isle of Mull, where the picturesque and colorful village of Tobermory awaits you, and then to the Isle of Iona where St Columba first introduced Christianity to Scotland. If you prefer, you can spend either the day in Iona or the day in Tobermorey. Overnight, Regent Hotel, Oban. (BD)

Saturday, August 20: Our last tour day finds us in Edinburgh. You will have an open-coach tour of the city, and then have the day to yourselves exploring your favorite sites. We end our mystical tour with the grand Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Overnight, Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport. (B)

Sunday, August 21: Board your flights bound home!

Due to time/weather/unknown there may be variations on the above.

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From the Editor:

If you are planning to go to the Clan Mackenzie Gathering in Scotland next year then these additional tours planned by Pam and Angus Mackenzie can help you build a larger and more interesting holiday. Angus, a Commissioner of the Clan in the USA and a member of the Canadian Chapter, is a Gaelic speaking expert in travel around Scotland and his previous tours were pronounced a great success! Contact Pam or Angus directly if you need more information. By the way, I hear that a number of people have already booked for the Gathering next year and two side trips are already filled to capacity. So it does pay to plan well in advance if you can.

Reservation Form

Please complete the following information and mail it with your deposit to:

Mackenzie Holidays PO Box 469 Honeoye Falls NY 14472

Toll-free: 1-877-756-1767pin7268

TRAVELER(S) NAME(S): _____

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Their relationship to you: _____ Their telephone number: _____

Tour: ☐ Castles and Glens ☐ Mystical Islands ☐ Both (\$100 off total per person)

Deposit: \$300 x _____ (number of passengers) = \$ _____ Total

Balance is due June 01, 2005. I enclose a check _____, or, use the following credit card (only if you are faxing or mailing this form, if by email we will call you for number):

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Expiration Date: _____ Name on Card: _____

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Signature of Cardholder: _____

Do you have reservations for accommodations during the Gathering? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you registered yet for the Gathering? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have special needs? If so, please describe: _____

We have arranged for a 10% discount on airfares via Air Canada and Continental between July 26 and August 25, 2005.

Would you like an airline quotation?:

☐ Yes ☐ No . If yes, for dates: _____ to _____.

I have read, understood and agree to, the "Terms and Conditions" below.

Also, I accept _____ decline _____ travel insurance.*

Signature of Traveler: _____

*Travel insurance is available from Access America, linked to our website, or call us for a brochure.

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Dear Travelers,

We strive to be sure your tour is a wonderful experience but find we must ask you to accept our terms and conditions policy.

Yours truly,

Pam and Angus Mackenzie

For me to get my wishes
 (It's what woke me from my slumber)
 He to whom the elements submit
 And whom everything obeys
 Must hurry you to your country
 With dignity and honour -
 You wouldn't leave to Lowlanders
 What did not belong to them.
 You would vanquish men of business
 No matter who might tackle you:
 You put down the Clan Munro
 Though they thought it impudent,
 Driving them in fearful rout
 While Evanton went up in sparks
 With flames rising to the skies
 When your antlers rose over you.
 I've seen you in the north
 And what a mighty chief you were:
 Sutherlanders were in your care
 While Caithnessmen paid you
 homage,
 And all who were at feud with you
 And didn't wish to visit you
 Could expect to be scourged
 To a land they didn't own
 By splendid warriors of your kindred
 Who won't succumb to frightful
 panic,
 Men with helmets, dirks, sharp
 daggers -
 Your challengers could not repel them;
 Lovat's host will come to crush you
 And they will run off timidly
 And they'll flee from your forehead
 When your antlers rise over you.

And if you've sailed the oceans
 With your swift cross-tree'd vessel
 And, with your retinue of gentlemen,
 Being routed with cannons,
 You're the son of the Northern Earl
 And to a host you were leaderlike,
 And you'll make an attack again
 That will disadvantage somebody.
 When the Marquis [*The Marquis of
 Seaforth?*] comes home to us
 With the fine men for serving him,
 Numerous horsemen will come to
 your conflict
 Staying with you over to Assynt,
 Who'd mount an attack upon their
 castle
 Till every stone of it was knocked
 down -
 When a levy's raised by William
 Your antlers rise over you.

You're sated with porridge, Munros,
 And swollen with kale,
 But no warrior's the worse of it
 For filling you up free;
 Though you carried much cheese
 From the shielings of Assynt
 I've seen no feast in Foulis
 Though many were the chickens there;
 Pointy castle, nest of eagles,
 Starving dogs and servants there,
 Not a stick is seen on fire there
 Unless there's a drop of porridge
 there;
 No beef is seen in any pot there
 Without a chicken to make gruel,
 For they're gathered in by begging
 When the cost goes up too high for
 them.

There's not a bird in the skies
 More offensive than the eagle,
 Her behaviour's not the same at all
 As that of deer in the mountains -
 Though they get up early
 To try out the watercress,
 She'll be on top of an old starved
 horse
 Dragging out his entrails.
 She put a talon in his carcase
 And with this paddle took his blood
 out:
 The wretched bird in search of evil,
 All the dogs fight with her;
 She's a putrid chicken on the wing,
 Goodness knows where she'd land -
 If she's stuck to her bad habits,
 Where she slept was no better.

There's no bird to be had
 In the world that resembles you:
 Your flesh can't be eaten -
 Scripture has cursed it.
 Though your plumage is straight
 Like a true pointed arrow
 And though they've called you the
 'true bird'
 You have the Devil's own talons.
 Many a herd on a cold mountain
 Armed with a cudgel of a stick
 Roundly curses your hue to his wife
 And beats the bravery out of you
 When you make a strike upon the
 lambs
 And hunger drives you mad -
 When you come across deer's antlers
 You must do what he commands.

Donald's alder rafter
 Is a joke in this land of theirs -
 Wouldn't you Munros tell me so
 So I'd know how to move it?
 And I'd send good information
 To George the relation
 That the tacksman of Dundonnell
 Fed him to keep him going.
 You're the beast with the least respect,
 honour or wisdom
 That's ever frequented this land;
 A third of your increase you've drunk
 and you've eaten,
 Aren't you the foolish chicken!
 The Munros despatched you upon an
 errand,
 Aren't you the ignorant blockhead!
 And though the MacKenzies gave you
 respect
 You weren't worth a third of it.

So that's how it is, O world -
 How fickle and changeable you are!
 I have seen, O Seaforth
 Of the fierce sounding pipes,
 That there was no tribe in Scotland,
 Even if in bed with Mac Cailein,
 Who'd hold up their face to you
 When your antlers rose over you.
 There'd rise with you in right and
 justice
 With a third of your strength,
 threateningly,
 All between Assynt and the south
 And away out to rocky Scalpay,
 Each man seizing a firearm,
 A grey sword or a little gun -
 Sir Donald of Sleat would be with you
 When your antlers rose over you.

The Moidart men would rise with you
 When your banners were unfurled:
 With their stained blue-black blades
 They would wound the cavalry;
 MacAllister and MacKinnon
 With their efficient culverines,
 When they joined a battle
 It's unlikely they wouldn't fight.
 You will once again be cheerful
 In battlemented Brahan -
 With your father's kin attending you,
 Who would dare to threaten you?
 Wine will be drunk all over your
 house
 And the whisky of the still,
 And many pipes will be tuned
 When your antlers rise over you!

MEMBER PROFILE

JOHN RICHARD MACKENZIE

John Richard MacKenzie, was born in Richmond, Quebec on July 5, 1953. John is married to Josephine, nee Tees. They have 4 children, Duncan, 22, Taya, 19, Tanice, 14 and Dylan, 13.

John received his primary and secondary education in Quebec. While in High School, John joined the Black Watch Army Cadets in Montreal and later, the Black Watch R.H.R 3rd. Battalion (reserves). After completing High School, John went on to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces. After having successfully completed and survived basic training at CFB Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. He was posted to CFB Kingston, Ontario where he attended the School of Communications and Electronics (CFSCE). After various postings in Canada, John chose a career in industry over the army and, in 1978, re-located to the Northwest Territories where he joined the mining industry. He worked as an underground raise and drift miner in the NWT, Yukon and Northern Saskatchewan. After working underground for several years in remote locations, John met and married Josephine in Yellowknife and now wanting to base himself in Yellowknife, began working in the area of transporting supplies from Yellowknife, over the "winter ice roads", to mines and exploration camps in remote sites north of the Arctic circle. In 1997 John was invited to work at Canada's first diamond mine owned by BHP Billiton Ltd.. His work involved training individuals, primarily from Northern communities, in the area of Heavy Equipment Operation.



John is presently employed by Buffalo Airways Ltd, Yellowknife in the position of Safety Director. He recently established a Safety Management System for Buffalo Airways, one of only three such safety programs to be approved by Transport Canada,

Buffalo Airways Ltd. transports passengers and freight to communities in the North as well as transports freight and supplies to mines and remote exploration sites throughout the Arctic. Within Buffalo Airway's fleet is the largest number of working vintage DC-3's, DC-4's and C-46 aircraft in Canada or the U.S. Also in Buffalo's fleet are Bombardier 215's, which are used for fire fighting water bombing operations. These aircraft and operational crew are usually leased to various government agencies and are ready to travel at any time wherever they are required in Canada or the U.S.

John's activities include community events, local political sponsorships as well as building motorcycles in his spare time
[Ed: John is the brother of Joyce MacKenzie Hirasawa, an active member of the Clan MacKenzie Society in Toronto, whose family firm, Sons and Daughters of Scotland, makes kilts!]

John was recently elected as Commissioner for the Clan MacKenzie in the Northwest Territories.]

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MACKENZIES

It is that time of year again when we wonder what on earth to give our kin for Christmas. Here are a couple of thoughts. For just \$20 you can give a membership in the Clan MacKenzie Society in Canada and the new members will receive a package including a Certificate of Membership and the most recent issue of the News letter *Cabar Feidh* and a few other things as well.

If you would like to give something from the many items of Mackenzie inventory that we hold then go to the catalog which is now on line. Look for the following:

www.electricscotland.com/mackenzie and select the catalog listed and send in your order. We shall mail in time for Christmas (provided you get it to us in good time) directly to your family member or to you, as you wish.

CLAN MACKENZIE DNA PROJECT

We have mentioned DNA Projects for some time; and have run articles in previous newsletters about the work done by Professor Bryan Sykes at Oxford.

So we thought to ourselves, is this the time for us to dip our toe in these waters? After all, genealogy is now the most popular hobby in the world; and while many of us have been pouring through dusty records hunting for our elusive ancestors, suddenly we now discover that there is another way to complement our researches. The "other way" is to compare the y-chromosome of two male Mackenzies and see if they match. If they do then the chances are near certain that these two people descend from a common male ancestor and the same surname is a link which helps verify this.

Single surname projects are the latest thing to hit the world of genealogy. So we used the Mackenzie chat line: CLAN-MACKENZIE-L@rootsweb.com to test the temperature of the water. The result was very positive and several Mac/McKenzies sent a reply asking to be included. Not only that but, at the time of writing, 10 people have submitted their names and paid the fee to have their y-chromosome analysed. Add to this four other McKenzies who had already started a DNA Project for their family (three of them match) and we have 14 participants before even advertising the project worldwide through the various Clan MacKenzie newsletters.

Our first thought was to introduce this idea at the Clan MacKenzie Gathering, but actually there is no need to wait that long and candidates can start immediately. We can certainly add more participants at the Gathering but by then we hope to have a database running into the hundreds.

There is a full page advert on the next page (page 18) and members can join by following the instructions.

What do we expect to find from this study? Our guess is, from other surname studies, such as the MacLeod Clan, that around one third of participants will share the same DNA, indicating a common male Mackenzie ancestor, based upon a 12-marker series. This can be additionally verified by adding further analyses on a 25 and 37 marker basis.

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MACKENZIE/McKENZIE SURNAME DNA PROJECT

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

FAMILY TREE DNA, OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

We invite all male Mackenzies (however the name is spelled) to join in this exciting new project to help connect your family tree to other close family Mackenzies through the analysis of your DNA y-chromosome.

The cost is \$99 per person.

Candidates for this project will be required to provide their name and an email address so that feedback can be provided and so contact with other close kin is available.

Because of the CONFIDENTIALITY aspect your results will not be publicized, except, that your name and email address will be passed on to others who share your Y-chromosome. Once you are able to contact each other then, of course, it is then up to you to decide how much information on your family tree you wish to pass on. THIS IS A GENEALOGY PROJECT and has nothing to do with identifying paternity issues.

WHAT IS THE Y-CHROMOSOME?

All males are born with one y and one x chromosome. Women are born with two x chromosomes. The y-chromosome is passed (UNCHANGED - except for a mutation about every 500 generations) from father to son only. Therefore if two people share the same y-chromosome then it is reasonably certain that they both descend from a common male ancestor and since this project only involves people with the name of Mackenzie then it becomes a near certainty that they are related - and that is what genealogy is all about. Two people sharing their respective family trees with each other might endeavour to discover where their respective families connect. That may not be possible, as the common male ancestor may have lived several hundred years ago.

How does the analysis work? You will be sent a sampling kit and will be asked to (painlessly) scrape the inside of your mouth and send the result to Family Tree DNA, who will process the result through the University of Arizona. You will be advised of the result. The analysis will measure the findings against others of the same name against 12 markers. You will be advised of the names and email addresses of others with the same 12 markers (or even 11 markers), as they are likely descended from the same male Mackenzie ancestor as yourself. It is possible at a later date to request purchase further analyses based on a 25 or even a 37 marker test and this may confirm whether or not the relationship is recent - say within the last 500 years. Your DNA will be stored for 25 years at no extra cost.

What about the Ladies?

Unfortunately since females do not have a y-chromosome this project cannot involve them personally. So Mackenzie ladies should, in such circumstances, contact a near male Mackenzie relation to undertake the test; a brother, father, cousin etc.

How do I proceed? Send your name and address to the Project Coordinator, Alan McKenzie, Lieutenant to Cabarfeidh for Canada at alan@mkz.com. If you do not have email but wish to participate then write to him at 580 Rebecca Street, Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6K 3N9. If, however, you are in a hurry, then complete the QUICK START form you will find on the following website: http://www.ftdna.com/surname_join.asp?code=C14461

You will be sent the necessary instructions, and can be invoiced, or you can pay by secure credit card. Full confidentiality will be preserved by all parties.

For more details on DNA, the y-chromosome, and Family Tree DNA look up the following website at www.familytree.com

This Invitation is being advertised in all countries where there is a Clan Mackenzie Society. We anticipate, from the response to our initial enquiries, that this Project will be a huge success, and will answer a lot of questions about the name of Mackenzie in the Highlands of Scotland.

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Participants will be advised of their analyses results with an explanation of their likely heritage - 40% of Americans show that their male ancestor came from Europe. We shall put each person in touch with all those others who share the same yDNA by passing on their respective email addresses. Those who do not have email must find a friend or relation to handle this or, as a last resort, the project coordinator (Alan McKenzie) will act on your behalf).

Several lady Mackenzie members have also got quite excited about this project, despite the fact they cannot participate, as women do not carry the y-chromosome - it is passed only from father to son. However, they have requested, and in three cases, paid for, their brother or other male relative to take the test.

We are very excited about this project and in due course we shall provide information about the results. However we shall not disclose to the world the names of the persons participating. Privacy and confidentiality is necessary. Once members get in touch with their kinsmen the detailed disclosure of family trees is up to them.

To see a video go to:

www.ftdna.com/videoaudio.html

A HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN DEALS WITH A CREDITOR

IN former times, when the Highland chieftains were pretty much a law unto themselves, one of these magnates condescended to get into the debt of a low-country tradesman, presumably from Glasgow, and as he seemed in no hurry to pay, the creditor made a journey in person to the laird's abode to seek and obtain payment. He arrived at night, during the alleged absence of the laird, had his supper and was put to bed. On getting up in the morning and looking out at his bedroom window, he observed, to his horror, a man dangling from a tree right opposite to the window.

On a servant appearing he asked the meaning of what he had seen, and was coolly told in reply:

"Oh! Just a Glasgow merchant who had the impudence to come here to dun and bother the laird about some bawbees he said were owing to him." The creditor took the hint and decamped without waiting to see the laird, or making mention of his account. The suspended figure which scared the creditor was, however, in reality, only a made-up semblance of humanity, got up for the purpose which it so effectually served.

[Ed: We found this on the [electricscotland](http://www.electricscotland.com) website.]

PROFESSOR GRAEME MORTON - THE FIRST CHAIR IN SCOTTISH STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

We are pleased to report that following an extensive search among a number of highly qualified candidates, the University of Guelph has selected the first Chair in Scottish Studies in North America. He Professor Graeme Morton, who came from the University of Edinburgh in August to take up his new role.

At a crowded colloquium at Guelph in October Professor Morton was introduced to an enthusiastic group of Scottish history buffs. The Chair was established in part due to a major pledge by the Scottish Studies Foundation of \$1 million, being 50% of the amount needed to fund a Chair in perpetuity. At the Colloquium was the President of the University, Alastair J. S.



Professor Graeme Morton with the gavel presented to Alan McKenzie, representing the Scottish Studies Foundation.

Summerlee, who was born in the Isle of Skye. He made a presentation of a gavel to the Scottish Studies Foundation in recognition of their donation and pledge. In the absence of the President of the Foundation, David Hunter, who was tied up with his job as Vice President and Chief Engineer of CTV, the award was received by Alan McKenzie, a governor and a past president of the Foundation.

See the photo with Dr Graeme Morton.

McKENZIE REUNION AT DROMORE

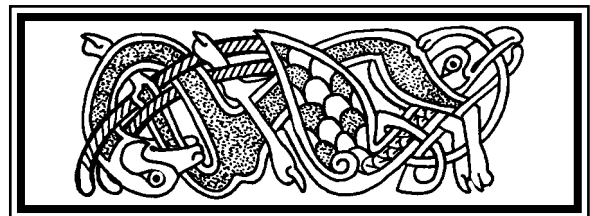
Helen and Bill McMeekin sent us a report just before we were about to go to the printer with this latest Newsletter.

"We had an annual McKenzie Reunion the end of July at Dromore. We had hoped to take a picture of one of our older members, Charlie McKenzie, with his three new great grandchildren. Two little boys and a girl were born within six weeks of each other this spring - two of them were born within fifteen minutes of each other!! But the photos did not happen.

Now Charlie is preparing to celebrate his 80th birthday on the 18th November. Yet another descendant of James McKenzie (1786-1862), our pioneer ancestor, is celebrating as well. May (Braithwaite) Watson will be 89 at the end of November. Our most senior member, Ruby (Long) Sharpe, celebrated her 96th birthday in September! All three are in good health and still living in their own homes - must be the good Grey County water and clean air that's contributing to the longevity of these folks!

Please continue the great work with the Clan MacKenzie. We do always look forward to the Newsletters.

All the Best,
Helen and Bill McMeekin"



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CLAN MACKENZIE HISTORY BOOKS FOR SALE

History of the Mackenzies with Genealogies of the Principal Families of the Name by Alexander Mackenzie

If you have hopes of tracing your family back to the earliest Clan Mackenzie Chiefs then this is the book for you!

Originally Published in 1894 this volume has been reprinted by the Clan MacKenzie Society in hardcover with an added Introduction, a Preface by the Clan Chief, the Earl of Cromartie, as well as a new Index, some portraits of Mackenzies, plus a map and glossary.

A must for every Mackenzie bookshelf. This big volume runs to 822 pages and the new index has 5,000 names to help find your ancestors.

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A HISTORY OF THE MACKENZIES BY ALAN MCKENZIE, FSA SCOT

This NEW book has just been printed and is restricted to only 100 copies in this first edition. It is a complete reprint of the serialised History Series which was published in the Cabar Feidh Newsletter. Large size (8.5" x 11") hardback with gold lettering. There is some additional material at the end of the book - A Listing of the Mackenzie Clan Chiefs and Kings of Scotland; a Listing of the Cadets and Landed Families of the Mackenzie Clan, and a "Fragment of a Mackenzie MS Beginning at page 139 and breaking off at 174; Being an Account of the Struggle between the Mackenzie and the Glengarry People". This old manuscript was written in the script of circa 1650 and deals with the long feud between the Mackenzie Clan and the MacDonnells of Glengarry.

The book is well illustrated with black and white pictures and portraits and has 170 pages.

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