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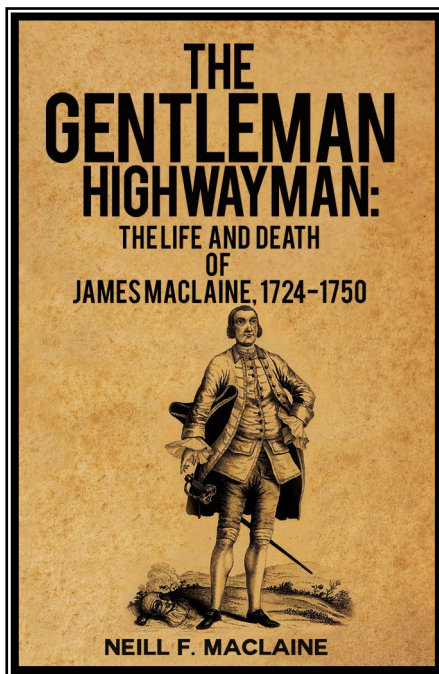
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PRESS RELEASE

Pegasus Publishers are pleased to
announce the publication of *The
Gentleman Highwayman* by Neill
F. MacLaine, available to order
from bookshops or direct from the
publisher.

ABOUT THE BOOK

A 21st Century take on an 18th
Century "grub ballad". The Gen-
tleman Highwayman follows the
lives and exploits of two young
Irishmen caught up in the
"Bewitching Pleasures" of the
London of the late 1740s.

The story follows the two around
the risky and perilous vicious cir-

cle that becomes their existence -
obtaining cash at the end of a pair
of pistols in a vain attempt to sus-
tain a lifestyle beyond their reach.
As soon as their ill-gotten gains
are wasted on chasing rich women
and keeping up appearances, the
quicker they find themselves back
out on the Road "for a Recruit";
eventually leading to an ignomini-
ous death for one and a sharp exit
for the other.

The Gentleman Highwayman is
meticulously researched and
crammed full of fascinating his-
torical facts on Scotland, on 18th
Century London, on highwaymen
and highway robbery, on crime
and punishment, on Colonial
America, and so much more. A
real educational feast!

A must for admirers of the film
'Plunkett & Macleane' intrigued to
know their true stories and fates.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Neill F. MacLaine was born in 1963 in Highams Park in North East London.

Educated at The Plume School in Maldon, Essex and at the Chelmer Institute of Higher Education in Chelmsford, Essex, he went on to have a successful career in Construction Management and now holds the position of Director in a highly regarded Property Management company based in London. Since 2000 he has been a Freeman of The City of London and since 2004, a Member of the Chartered Institute of Building. He is a member of both the Clan MacLaine of Lochbuie and Clan Maclean Association.

Neill lives with his family in the village of Tiptree in Essex, famous for its strawberry jam making, where he devotes as much of his spare time as possible-usually late at night when everyone else has turned-in to his genealogical researches and writings. He is a direct descendant of Rev. Archibald MacLaine D.D. (1722-1804), James MacLaine's elder brother.

CONTACTS

Copies of *The Gentleman Highwayman* can be purchased direct from the publisher by visiting our website:

www.pegasuspublishers.com or by calling 01223 370012. Contact can be made with the author via the publisher.



Pipe Bands that wear Maclaine of Lochbuie Tartan.

As at 2016, the pipe bands named below are those that are known to wear the Maclaine of Lochbuie dress tartan.

Red Rose of Lochbuie Pipes and Drums – Netherlands.

The Red Rose of Lochbuie was established in 1990 and is the officially recognized band of Clan MacLaine of Lochbuie. The Band performs and participates regularly in events in Holland and abroad, and participated in the 2009 Homecoming Gathering in Edinburgh.

Coastal Scottish Pipe Band WA Perth, Western Australia.

The band was founded in 1898 and adopted the Maclaine of Lochbuie tartan in 1975. They are a significant pipe band that has participated in events across Australia and New Zealand.

Gortaclare Pipe Band – Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Founded in 1923, adopted the Lochbuie tartan in 1970. The Gortaclare is a substantial band that participates in events across Northern Ireland.

Benraw Pipe Band Co. Down, Northern Ireland.

Established in 1946, this well established band participates in events across Northern Ireland.

Hornsby RSL Pipe Band NSW, Australia.

The band was established in 1961 and is focused primarily on events within New South Wales.

City of St. John's Pipe Band St John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

Originally formed as the Newfoundland Pipe Band in 1973 – but changed their name to City of St John's in 1988 to more accurately reflect their home base.

Litchfield Hills Pipe Band Litchfield County, Connecticut, USA.

Established in 1976, the band performs primarily within the State of Connecticut.

Sites of Interest at Lochbuie

Compiled by Lorne MacLaine of Lochbuie - 26th Clan Chief

MOY CASTLE

The original fabric of Moy dates to the first half of the 15th Century. Initial construction probably started during the time of John, 3rd Lochbuie, and would have been completed by his son Hector, 4th Lochbuie. What structure preceded Moy Castle is unknown, probably a defensive dun within a barmkin (a 2 to 3 meter walled enclosure within which were located dwellings), but history records that Hector, 1st Lochbuie, received a grant of land in 1360. It would have been at this time that the previous residents of the Lochbuie area, the Macfadyens (to use the modern spelling convention), would have been encouraged to seek alternative lands.

The Castle first appears on record in a royal charter of March 1494 confirming John, 5th Lochbuie, as being in possession of the lands, which he and his predecessors had held from the Lords of the Isles. The castle was abandoned in 1752 following the completion of a new house (currently the stable block) to the north west of the Castle.

Moy Castle is a 4-storey tower castle with garret. In the center of the ground floor is a well with a depth of 1 meter. The well is cut into solid rock but always has a constant supply of fresh water.

A stairway built into the wall leads from the ground floor to the first floor. At the first bend in the stair-



way, the outline of a doorway is visible, above which are the remains of a wooden lintel. Was this the wooden lintel into which Murdoch, 6th Lochbuie, had the Gaelic words "food and drink for the MacCormacks" carved?

The first floor is an impressive barrel-vaulted chamber that probably served as the main hall in the original arrangement. At the NE end of the hall there appears to be a raised platform or dais. Two original mural chambers serve the hall in the diagonally opposed east and west corners. There is a garderobe or latrine chute still visible on the SW wall. Near the angle formed by the limbs of the chamber is a hatch providing the only access to a well-constructed pit-prison, 3,3 meters in depth and 1,2 meters square at the base. Within the pit, there is a constant supply

of water at a depth of 1,7 meters, and interestingly, the base of the pit prison is appreciably above the outdoor ground level. There is currently no knowledge of how the water is supplied to the pit.

Spiral stone stairs and a short lintelled passage lead from the stairs to a narrow apartment formed within the thickness of the SE wall, perhaps intended as a bed-chamber. The second level of rooms is reached through a fine original doorway with pointed arched head composed of four voussoirs and the dressed surround uniformly wrought with a broad chamfer. The next two stories had floors of wood, though the walls are 2,2 meters thick.

Externally the most interesting features are the upper works of the tower where the parapet is embattled with broad merlons and crenelles of deep and narrow proportions. Each turret is provided with small windows and smaller square openings, probably firing apertures. A steeply raked loop with a double aperture protects the entrance to the castle.

Building materials of the castle are schistose slabs quarried from Laggan, harled stone, and beach boulders, all laid with lime mortar. Quoins and margins to all openings are fine-grained sandstone

quarried at Carsaig. Large blocks of slate paving for the parapet-walk were probably quarried from Ballachulish.

Still clearly visible between the Castle and the shoreline of Lochbuie loch, are the original galley slips that where the Clan would have hauled their galleys onto dry land. Little evidence of the barmkin, that surrounded the castle and would have contained both small wooden shelters and animal enclosures remains, but the barmkin was clearly marked by the Royal Commission who surveyed the site in the late 1970's.

Historical notes:

Following the death of Ewen, John's (5th Lochbuie) celebrated fourth son, Hector Mor of Duart, and the Maclean of Scallastle, expelled John from Moy Castle in 1538. John died shortly thereafter. In 1540 John's son Murdoch Gearr, Short Murdoch, returned from Antrim and supported by the MacCormacks, recaptured Moy and expelled Scallastle. Murdoch was legitimated in 1538, he being the issue of his father's union with a servant when Duart had previously incarcerated him around 1520.

In January 1679 Hector Maclean and John Campbell, seized Moy Castle from Lachlan, 11th Lochbuie, who was imprisoned in Duart Castle for 6 months, and was still demanding restitution of his castle and lands six year later in 1683. The Maclaines opposed the Revolution Settlement and joined the Royalist cause at Killekrankie. As a consequence, in October 1690,

Lochbuie was obliged to surrender to the government, whereupon Archibald, 10th Earl of Argyll, garrisoned Moy Castle with 24 men under the command of Colin Campbell of Braglen. The Castle was restored to an aging Lachlan, now 83 years old and his heir Hector (of the Knochbreck fame – the first Jacobite victory of the 1689/90 war) in 1697.

In 1752, John, 17th Lochbuie, abandon the Castle when he moved to a new house, but this did not stop him from using the castle to forcibly confine Hector Maclean of Killelean and Allan Maclean of Kilmory in 1758.

tired is 1997 and now follow my personal passions. Music and the collection of modern firearms top the list now that more advanced age prevents me from spending the time afield that I would like. Of course, my Church and Family tops all else.

I dropped out of clan activities, both internationally and locally when my youngest Granddaughter was diagnosed with leukemia on her sixth birthday. Things looked pretty bad in those days. We were told that if she survived, the extensive therapy would deny her the ability to function in a normal classroom. Well, a few days ago, she was graduated from High School as one of the Valedictorians of her class with a 4.0 GPA. (Just had to drop that in as a proud grandfather)

My wife, Carolyn and I live in Ohio, USA where we are both still active in community activities including the Local Historical Society and Local musical groups.

In addition to these activities, I have served as a local Pastor, Chief of a local Fire Department, Major and LRT commander of the CAP-USAF, Ohio Wing. Group XII

I am looking forward to helping with the newsletter and clan affairs here in the US.

Oh by the way, most folks west of the Mississippi know me by the nick-name "Grizzly", so if you get an email signed "Grizz" that's me.

Thanks, Lochbuie, for the chance to assist the clan.

By: W.L.McCormick

Meet the Editor



Wilbur McCormick

Greetings again, my fellow clansmen. It has been about a decade since I last was associated with the clan as editor of the newsletter. In those days it was called "The Battle Axe" and all copies were published and mailed. Now we are moving into the electronic delivery. Having edited the "E-Mag" for the Christian Outdoor Fellowship of America for several years, I am quite at home with this type of distribution.

For those of you who don't know me from the old days, I am an old, retired History and Computer Science High School Teacher. I re-



June 5th, 2017

To all,

I have some very sad news to report. My dear wife Phyllis of 54 years passed away this morning at around 7:00 AM from a heart attack. She was 72 years old, too young, too soon. I will make it through this with the help of your prayers. She is now with her mom and dad and Jesus.

Larry A Dirr aka chainsaw02



I have received the final details in respect of the Tattoo, so it is appropriate that I restate the arrangements in respect of the Tattoo, our attendance at the Argyllshire Gathering, our Clan dinner on Mull, and the gathering at Lochbuie. Please read though the proposed plans and should you have any questions, please come back to me.

Tuesday 22nd August

The Tattoo.

* We are to assemble on the North Pavement of Lawnmarket (Castlehill security barrier) at 19h00, where we will be met by the security team who will subse-

quently lead us to the Great Hall within the Castle.

* If you purchased your Tattoo tickets though "Clan promotion code" you will automatically received a "special pass" with your Tattoo tickets that will allow you access to the Great Hall. If you purchased tickets "outside" the promotional code, you are not currently included in the retinue or ceremonies on the Esplanade. If you are affected or are aware of individuals who did not make use of the promotional code, but wish to be part of the retinue, such individuals need to confirm their desire to be part of the retinue by lodging their names and ticket details to tickets@edintattoo.co.uk

* 19h15 to 19h30 escorted to the Great Hall.

* 19h30 to 20h25 refreshments in the Great Hall, talk through, rehearsal and speeches.

* 19h30 Clan pipers will be collected from the Great Hall to join the tune-up with the Massed Pipes and Drums and will return at 20h10. (Thomas Fuller).

* 20h25 to 20h30 - move to the Drawbridge.

* 20h35 to 20h45 - Clan on the Esplanade.

* 20h45 - Salute Taker arrives.

* 20h50 - Gaelic Toast.

* 20h50 - Move to seat.

* 21h00 - Show begins.

* Our Clan Piper (Thomas Fuller) will lead the Clan down through the Castle precincts onto the Esplanade.

* Most important ... **we must all be attired in tartan** kilts or tartan trews for the men, and tartan skirts and/or tartan jackets and/or serapes for the women.

* "Mobile" children are welcomed but no prams.... and for the men, **no sgian dubhs...** leave them in the hotel (security reasons).

* Banners and standards will be carried by Clansmen.

Thursday 24th August

Argyllshire Gathering at Oban.

* At 10h00 the "march" from Argyll Square (just in front of the pier in Oban) commences heading for the gathering's field. Those who wish may join the march, its approximately one mile in distance. Alternatively go straight to the field. I would suggest to aim to arrive at the field at 09h30 to avoid congestion.

* We have a "Clan Tent" at the north end of the field with seating.... somewhere to sit and chat in relative comfort in between exploring the venue and watching the events of your choice.

* At this stage nothing formal has been arranged for the evening, but it is probable by August we will have arranged an informal gathering (spot/pub/restaurant).

Friday 25th August

Oban to Craignure and Clan Dinner.

* A tour of the Oban Distillery has been arranged for 11h00. However we must advise the distillery in advance of numbers who wish to go on this tour. The cost is GBP 10.00 per head.

Should you wish to undertake this tour, please advise Barry Hartman <barryh334@hotmail.com> .

* Please remember to book your vehicle onto the ferry from Oban to Craignure.

* Clan Dinner at The Isle of Mull Hotel - 19h30 for 20h00. **Please advise me of the numbers in your party attending the dinner.** This is important as I obviously need to advise the caterers.

Saturday 26th August

Gathering at Lochbuie.

* This will be an "exploring day" visiting the various historical sites associated with Lochbuie and the Clan. Please dress sensibly and remember that Mull weather is quite capable of delivering all four seasons in a single day.

* Please respect that Lochbuie House is a private residence and is not to be explored. Jim and Patience Corbett have been gracious hosts to many Clans folk over the past years, and their privacy is to be respected.

Sunday 27th August

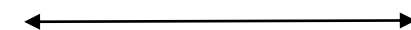
Tour of Iona .

* Nigel Seymour, a Lochbuie clansman and a native of Iona, will lead this walking tour. Please indicate to me whether you wish to explore Iona and the likely number in your party. The actual tour start time has yet to be set, but I would expect it to be around 11h30. Travel time from Craignure to the Iona ferry is approximately one hour. No cars are allowed on Iona.

I am looking forward to this Clan week and renewing our past friendships. Although Tattoo tick-

ets may be hard to come by at this stage, should you know of any fellow clans people who are contemplating attending the Oban and Mull events, please pass on this information.

Lorne MacLaine of Lochbuie.



Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date - 4/23/17

In Attendance - John Earl, Pat Wainer, Barry Hartman and Tom Wenger

1) Treasurers Report - \$7,371.53.

2) Clan Book

The book being written by Nicholas Maclean Bristol will be ready in about a month

Lorne is putting together a book of about 80 pages to start at 1745 for each Chief and at least the two major septs .

Both books should be ready to publish this summer.

3} Clan Gathering

Barry has made arrangements for a Clan tent at the Oban games. This will be the first Clan tent set up at the Oban games.

Barry has set up a MacLaine of Lochbuie Piper trophy which will be ongoing for 6 years.

Barry will email Alan in Australia to ask about the handouts he made which will be useful in Oban.

Barry will also confirm where to send all material for the Tattoo parade and Oban games.

At this time, no other action is required of the Council

4) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 30, 2017



Moy Castle

Work Continues

Historic Environment Scotland have awarded us another grant of 80% of the total cost (circa £32,000) so that work can be completed around the door and access areas.

The stone lintel above the door is cracked in two places and will be secured using stainless steel straps and fixings. The access steps up to the door will be cleaned and re-set or replaced and the stones around the entrance cleaned and re-pointed. The door, an early 20th - Century addition will be repaired and all the work will be logged for archiving purposes. Some further work will also be completed on the upper floor levels.

From: *Mull Archaeology Matters & Chronicle of the Mull Historical & Archaeological Society*, Peter Leach, Editor

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address.

LOCHBUIE IN THE LIMELIGHT

As part of the coming participation at The Edinburgh Tattoo, three new banners meeting The Lord Lyons requirements were designed by Alan Maclean, the Chief's Lieutenant for Australasia and the Pacific. Each banner is 1 metre (39 inches) square and one incorporates key quadrants of our Chief's heraldic arms, one is our new "corporate" Clan image, and one gives our clan origin in Gaelic.



By: Alan Maclean

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Deadline for submissions for the September Newsletter.

11 September 2017



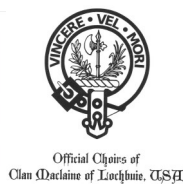
Lochbuie makes Clan History

As clan members, we spend much of our time looking into the past. Looking for ancestors, looking for artifacts, looking for clan historical stories and personalities. What if a clan chief decides to add to history and perhaps start a new chapter.

After a little research, Lochbuie discovered that, to his knowledge, no clan chief has ever had an official vocal group. The nearest to it was a Harpist the family had some two hundred years ago.

Making new history, on the 5th of May, 2017, Lochbuie signed a letter to the D. M. Davis Male Voice Choir of Jackson, Ohio, USA, confirming their appointment as the Clan Maclaine of Lochbuie's official choir in the United States of America.

In recognition of this honor, at their summer concert on 11 June this year, the official letter was presented to the Jackson Historical Society for its records and a certificate was presented to the Matkay Cultural Arts Center for display.



Official Choirs of
Clan Maclaine of Lochbuie, USA



Gillean of the Battleaxe

Gillean-na-Tuaigh.

b. ca.1210.

Malise

Maolisa mac Ghilleanthain.

Progenitor of the clan name.

Fought under Alexander at Battle of the Largs. b.ca 1235.

Malcolm

Maolcaluim mac Ghilleathain.

Signed the Ragman Roll in 1296. Fought under Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn in 1314. b.ca. 1270.

John

Iain Dubh or Black John.

John had two sons – Hector, the

first Lochbuie chief and progenitor of Clan Gillean of Lochbuie – and Lachlan, the progenitor of Clan Gillean of Duart and the first chief of the Macleans of Duart.

The Lochbuie Chiefly line.

1st - Hector – *Eachainn Reaganach* or Hector the Astute. Hector the Astute.

Granted lands in Mull and at Lochbuie by the Lord of the Isles in 1360. Hector had two sons, Murdoch, 2nd Lochbuie, and Charles – *Tearlach mac Eachainn* - progenitor of the Macleans of Kingairloch and the Macleans of Dochgarroch.

2nd – Murdoch – *Murchadh Ruaidh* or Red Murdoch.

3rd - John. Received charter of lands in Lochiel, Duror and Glencoe from the Lord of the Isles in 1461.

4th – Hector. Witnessed a charter in 1478. Two sons – John (5th Lochbuie) and Murdoch, 1st of Scallastle.

5th – John – *Iain Og*. Received a royal charter for all lands granted by the Lord of the Isles from King James IV in March 1494. A favourite of James IV. His tenure as chief is notable for the numerous conflicts he embarked upon during the late 1400's and early 1500's. Father of Ewen of the Little Head (fourth son). b.ca. 1470. d. 1537.

To Be Continued in September: