



# CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY (Australia)

NEWSLETTER NO 23 JULY 1991

## MACMILLAN

CREST BADGE : *A dexter and a sinister hand brandishing a two-handed sword, proper.*

MOTTO : *Miseris succurrere disco*  
(I learn to succour the distressed).

Gaelic Name : *MacGhille-Mhaolain.*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all members. I do hope you are all in good health as we approach mid-winter. My best wishes for a speedy recovery to anyone not feeling well at this time.

We had a successful day at the Ringwood Highland Games on 24th March. A lot of interest in our display was shown by all who walked by our tent and generated a lot of discussion. Thank you to the members who visited our tent and welcome to our new members. It was an enjoyable and successful day.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining permission to use Scotch College grounds by the Yarra River for our Annual General Meeting and Barbeque on SUNDAY, 6th. OCTOBER 1991. Please put this date in your diaries now.

This was the venue annually from 1982-1987 when former President Donald MacMillan was a Master at Scotch College. The committee hopes that this central venue will enable members from all areas to attend and we would love to see you all on that day. On page 3 you will find more information and a map.

I was saddened to learn recently of the death of Lady MacMillan, who died peacefully on 29th. April. Max & I had the pleasure of meeting Lady MacMillan at Finlaystone in 1985 and again in 1990. We both felt a great admiration for her and enjoyed the time we spent in her company.

I have written to George and Jane sending our deepest sympathy from all members of the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia.

Kindest regards, June Senior.

## THE MACMILLAN ENDEAVOUR

The Story of the Clan

by Christopher W. McMullen.

In our March 1989 Newsletter we mentioned the above book by Christopher W. McMullen. It had been highly praised by our own Clan Chief. We sent for copies of this book and these have now arrived.

Steven McMillan, our Secretary, has kindly written the following:

This book is an introduction to the heritage and vocation of the Clan MacMillan. The Reverend Somerled MacMillan's book "Bygone Lochaber" inspired Chris to further research of this and other material. It is only recently that Chris has become interested in the history of the clan.

I found this book easy to read and understand.

Chris has done a lot of research into various aspects of the clan.

It deals with each arm of the clan in turn:-

The Lochaber MacMillans - The Galloway MacMillans - The Knapdale MacMillans.

He sets out family tree from 1040-1057 to 1963.

There are several black and white photos included, and an extensive bibliography to encourage others in research.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this book please contact Steven McMillan. The cost is \$20.00 plus postage.

## FAMILY TREE

I have had contact recently from John Rice who has kindly given me a copy of the Family Tree he is researching for member Ian McMillan. You will find a copy of the Family Tree as an insert in this Newsletter. John writes:-

"Please find attached the Family Tree for the Deniliquin Chewton McMillans. There are a few interesting areas, you have a case of cousins marrying. (Thomas McMillan and Ellenor Annie McMillan): Hamilton McMillan married 4 times as did his first son, also named Hamilton. As with most research into Family Trees in Victoria, the BDM indices reveal a large quantity of information. It is however sometimes difficult to understand the copperplate writing, therefore any mistakes in my tree could be attributed to this problem. I would of course welcome any additional information that clan members may have on this side of the family. If this Family Tree generates any interest I could maybe be persuaded to carry out a one name search for all McMillans who have lived in Victoria from 1837 onwards.

Some of your clan members anticipating the production of their Family Tree with a computer, may be interested to know that the attached chart was produced by an IBM Clone Computer in conjunction with a public domain programme called "Brother's Keeper".

It is important when researching family lines to check several sources for information, the Family Tree is made up of a lot of small facts, in some cases from obscure areas. For example the Port Phillip Electoral Roll for 1849 indicates that the following McMillan males had the right to vote:

Archibald	Brighton.
Hugh	Ashby Village, Geelong.
John Gordon	Ryrie Street, Geelong.

A small number of McMillans also are named in the Victorian Squatters listing. Passenger listings for ships arriving in Victorian ports is also very accessible".

I am very grateful to John for sharing the McMillan-Deniliquin Chewton Family Tree with us. There may well be a member who, on reading the information, will find their family has some connection with this Tree. If so we look forward to hearing from you.

June Senior

### THE JOHN KNOX TREE

Our Clan Chief's Christmas letter (printed March 1991) also included the following poem which I am sure all members will enjoy reading:

In 1556, John Knox, the reformer of the Church of Scotland, celebrated the first reformed communion in western Scotland in the garden of the 5th. Earl - the so-called 'good earl' - of Glencairn, who then lived at Finlaystone. It's said that he took the service under the yew known as the 'John Knox Tree', which is certainly old, but may not be old enough.

In fifteen hundred and fifty-six  
The Scotch were on the rocks:  
The Presbies seemed in a terrible fix,  
When back strikes Knox.

He spoke in a voice resembling thunder,  
'Good Earl of Glencairn', quoth he,  
'Let's hold a reformed communion under  
The John Knox Tree'.

Centuries go and centuries come:  
The yew continues to be  
The sentinel of a family home,  
The family tree.

With time the tree's a bit thin on top,  
And it's braced where its trunks have splayed,  
How long can it lean on its brand new prop?  
Please, one more decade?

The family tree must fall one day  
And turn to a kneaded clod,  
Is nothing immune to change and decay?  
Just the hand of God.



## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members since our last Newsletter. We sincerely hope they enjoy our kinship and Newsletters.

Ian Thomas McMillan, Maiden Gully, Victoria  
Alf McMillan, Blackburn, Victoria  
Myrna Anne Robertson Clayton, Victoria  
Rex James Bell, Blackburn, Victoria.

A special welcome to these and all our members to attend our annual B.B.Q on 6TH. OCTOBER 1991. See page 3 for details.

## VALE McMILLAN

We regret to learn of the recent death of Hector McMillan of Rye. Hec was a brother of Colin McMillan of Ballarat, Uncle of Val Gaskell, brother-in-law of Jean, and cousin of Bruce and June. We extend our sympathy to all the family.

## CORRESPONDENCE

I have received a number of letters since our last Newsletter with your fees. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to know you enjoy the Newsletters. Many thanks to all those who have taken the time to write.

## CLAN NEWSLETTERS

Thank you to the following Clans on receipt of their Newsletters:

Clan MacFarlane Society(in Australia); Clan MacLean Association; Morrison Clan Society of Aust.Inc., and a copy of "Bell Chimes" from member Mick Bell. Mick has also given us a photostat copy of the Bell Crest and a copy of the International Heraldic Art:Explanation of the meaning of the Armorial Bearings. Thank you Mick.

## SCARF WEAVER

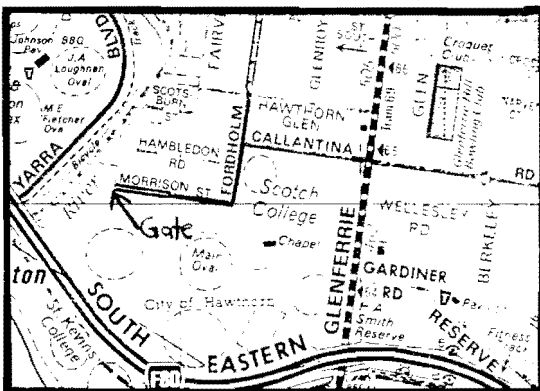
I have received a letter from Scarf weaver Wallace Barns, 204 Civic Parade, Altona 3018. Telephone(03)3981153. Mr Barns weaves tartan scarves,5 feet long plus fringes and approximately 10 inches wide. The cost to Clan members would be \$45.00. He has a stall each month on the THIRD SUNDAY at the Williamstown Art & Craft Market. In his letter he mentioned he has three basic MacMillan tartans. Anyone interested could contact Mr Barns or visit him at the market.

## B.B.Q AND A.G.M OCTOBER 6, 1991. TIME 12 NOON

As mentioned in the President's letter we are fortunate to have Scotch College grounds as a venue for our annual gathering on Sunday October 6, 1991. It is some years since we have had a large number attending so hopefully this year the date and venue will be more suitable. Below you will find a map and instructions . Please bring your own food and drink. Also any material you have on the MacMillan Clan which may be displayed and viewed by those attending.

At the Annual General Meeting it will be necessary to elect Office Bearers. The existing committee would appreciate assistance and we would be grateful if people willing to help would contact June Senior,Steven McMillan or Bruce McMillan.

We are a small Clan and as a Committee member your commitment to the Clan would be minimal, but very necessary if we are to continue in the future.



LOCATION MAP FOR AGM AND BARBECUE 12 NOON  
AT SCOTCH COLLEGE SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER '91.  
MELWAY MAP 59, REFERENCE B1.

Proceed through gate at end of Morrison Street into Scotch College grounds to picnic area near Boatshed by the Yarra River.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN This most impressive service will be held at Scots Church Collins Street, Melbourne on Sunday August 18, 1991 commencing at 11 am. After the service Clans will meet in the Scots Church Hall in Russell Street. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. We must vacate the hall by 2 pm. Please come and join the McMillan Clan.

ANGUS McMILLAN - PATHFINDER... Continued

While the Count and his party were struggling for survival, McMillan was characteristically exploiting his discoveries. A change had occurred in his relations with Lachlan MacAlister. MacAlister had an inkling of McMillan's ambition to strike out on his own, leading him to revise his plans to instruct the overseer to complete his achievement by reaching the coast at Corner Inlet.

Strzelecki reached Melbourne in May 1840. At that time, McMillan was busy in making a fresh track from Monaro towards the New Country in June, with a dray and 400 head of cattle. He crossed Fainting Range and got the dray and provisions as far as Navigation Creek, which he crossed sixteen times in three miles. At Rainy Flat, a stockyard was erected and he halted for a week, clearing the road beyond Shady Creek about fifteen miles south of Ensay.

Here McMillan was overtaken by Lieutenant Ross, who was a protege of Lachlan MacAlister. Ross handed McMillan letters from his employer, ordering him not to take the stock further south until he had found a road to a harbour.

McMillan, visibly angry, mounted his horse and rode into the bush, hoping that the vigorous exercise would help him to clarify his anxious thoughts. He resented Ross with his naval uniform and air of authority. His attitude had implied that McMillan had failed to reach the coast and that he had been chosen for the task. McMillan was puzzled by the change in MacAlister. Previously, his employer had accepted his advice with enthusiasm and encouraged him to form stations further and further south in the country he had discovered, so that the dash to the coast could be accomplished in a shorter period. With great difficulty, McMillan had brought his dray and stock to Shady Creek, the limit of his southern expansion. The worst of the journey was over. If he were to obey his later orders - and he could not see how he could refuse since Ross had evidently been sent to see that they were carried out - the cattle must be driven back to Ensay, a journey that could take at least two weeks. With the possibility of winter rains, the delay could be longer.

McMillan was angry and felt frustrated. He mentally listed his assets - A first rate physique and vigorous health, a good horse, a knowledge of Gippsland surpassed by none other, an ability to lead an expedition to a successful conclusion, good relations with the natives - the one asset he lacked was capital to set up his own station

Steven McMillan...to be continued.



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m. NATHANIEL McMILLAN #104  
m. JOHN McDANCE (1819-1907) #18

HAMILTON McMILLAN (1830-1912) #19  
m. Letitia Bell #76  
m. Mary Boyce (1827-1898) #20  
m. Fanny Mathews #77  
m. Emma Loder #78

2-LETTITIA McMILLAN (b. 1853) #83  
m. David Smith #98

2-HAMILTON McMILLAN (1855-1925) #21-  
m. Mary Ann Rafter (1855-1882) #79  
m. Ellen Mary Louisa Hoinville (d. 19  
m. Jane Bowen #82  
m. Mary Ann Stone #87

2-WILLIAM McMILLAN (1856-1906) #22-  
m. Mary Jane Elliot #27

2-NATHANIEL McMILLAN (1858-1902) #23-  
m. Margaret Sophia Sparks (1857-1926)

2-JAMES ALEXANDER McMILLAN (1860-1899)  
m. Orpah Holmes #40

2-ROBERT McMILLAN (b. 1863) #89  
m. Jessie Susanna Rogers #132

2-THOMAS McMILLAN (b. 1868) #90  
2-JOHN McMILLAN (b. 1875) #91  
m. Annie Elizabeth Brent #92

JOHN McMILLAN (b. 1832) #13  
m. Mary Regan (b. 1836) #14

ELLENOR ANNIE McMILLAN (b. 1873) #  
m. THOMAS McMILLAN (1873-1940) #9

JAMES McMILLAN (1855-1925) #43  
ELIZABETH McMILLAN (b. 1864) #113  
m. Francis James Oyston (b. 1858) #114

JAMES McMILLAN (1835-1877) #4  
NATHANIEL McMILLAN (1838-1882) #1  
THOMAS McMILLAN (1835-1895) #3  
m. Annie Milligan (b. 1838) #6  
m. Mary Elizabeth Keogh #11

AGNES McMILLAN (b. 1865) #127  
MARY ELLEN McMILLAN (b. 1868) #7  
THERESA McMILLAN (b. 1870) #8  
THOMAS McMILLAN (1873-1940) #9  
m. Ellenor Annie McMillan (b. 1873) #

LILIAN McMILLAN (b. 1875) #10

ALEXANDER McMILLAN (b. 1840) #105  
2-MARTHA McDANCE (b. 1844) #106  
2-ROBERT McDANCE (b. 1846) #107  
2-WILLIAM McDANCE (b. 1848) #108  
2-AGNES McDANCE (b. 1850) #109  
2-EDWARD McDANCE (b. 1854) #110



1873) #89 ————— WILLIAM HENRY SMITH (b. 1871) #99  
 | — DAVID EDWARD SMITH (b. 1873) #100  
 | — MARY LETITIA SMITH (b. 1876) #101  
  
 1925) #21 ————— HAMILTON JOHN McMILLAN #80  
 | m. Jean Mitchell #102  
 | — MARY JANE McMILLAN (b. 1878) #81  
 | m. Henry Allan #64  
 | —2 ELLEN McMILLAN (1883-1896) #30  
 | —2 ANNIE McMILLAN (b. 1865) #31  
 | —2 SARAH ANNIE McMILLAN (b. 1887) #32 ————— DORIS IRENE CLARK (b. 1905) #121  
 | m. Ted Clark (b. 1884) #55 | — HORACE CLARK (b. 1906) #122  
  
 | —3 ALEXANDER McMILLAN (b. 1890) #83  
 | —3 MARTHA McMILLAN (b. 1892) #84  
 | m. John Henry Thomas #103  
 | —3 ROGER McMILLAN (b. 1894) #85  
 | —3 DAVID EDWARD McMILLAN (1896-1897) #86  
  
 1906) #22 ————— LETITIA McMILLAN (b. 1878) #61  
 | m. Robert Henry Poor #67  
 | — SARAH JANE McMILLAN (b. 1879) #62 ————— HERBERT SUTTERBY (1899-1900) #74  
 | m. Byron Hugo Sutterby #65  
 | — MARY ELIZABETH McMILLAN (b. 1881) #63 ————— CHARLOTTE HAZEL MARY DAVIES (b. 1904) #69  
 | m. William James Davies #68 | — WILLIAM JAMES DAVIES (b. 1906) #70  
 | | — EDNA MAY DAVIES (b. 1909) #71  
 | | — EVAN FRANCIS DAVIES (b. 1911) #72  
 | | — AMY ETHEL DAVIES (b. 1913) #73  
  
 | — WILLIAM HENRY McMILLAN (b. 1884) #33  
 | — ROBERT McMILLAN (b. 1887) #34  
 | — CHARLOTTE AMELIA McMILLAN (b. 1888) #48  
 | — FREDERICK JOHN McMILLAN (1891-1928) #47 ————— FREDERICK WILLIAM McMILLAN (b. 1913) #124  
 | m. Mildred Pauline Dawkins #56 | — ROSALIE McMILLAN #125  
 | | — LINDA McMILLAN #126  
  
 | — FRANCIS EDWARD McMILLAN (1895-1963) #49  
 | — BESSIE MAY McMILLAN (b. 1897) #50  
 | — ARTHUR LESLIE McMILLAN (b. 1900) #60  
  
 1902) #23 ————— WALTER NATHANIEL McMILLAN (b. 1882) #35 ————— WALTER GREENVILLE McMILLAN (b. 1907) #95  
 1857-1936) #28 | m. Jane Rosabel Diana Lilian Holloway #57 | — SYDNEY McMILLAN (b. 1910) #96  
  
 | — HERBERT ARTHUR McMILLAN (b. 1883) #36  
 | — AMY ROSE McMILLAN (b. 1887) #37  
 | m. Thomas Wellar Barns #58  
 | — MINNIE MARGARET McMILLAN (b. 1890) #51  
 | m. James Willcox #59  
 | — EDITH MAY McMILLAN (b. 1892) #52  
 | m. Alex Lorimer Hill #66  
 | — ERNEST JOHN WILLIAM McMILLAN (1898-1921) #53  
  
 (1860-1890) #24 ————— MARY ORRAH McMILLAN (b. 1862) #41  
 | — JAMES ALEXANDER McMILLAN (b. 1863) #42  
 | — EMMA McMILLAN (b. 1885) #54  
 | m. Joseph Frederick Youens ? #75  
  
 #89 ————— DORIS MARGARET McMILLAN (b. 1899) #133  
 | — JESSIE LOUISA McMILLAN (b. 1902) #134  
 | — ENID DULCIE McMILLAN (b. 1908) #135  
 | — HENRY ERIC McMILLAN (b. 1909) #136  
  
 #90  
 191 ————— ELIZABETH WINIFRED McMILLAN (b. 1896) #93  
 | — DORIS ANNE McMILLAN (b. 1898) #94  
 | — JOHN HAMILTON JELS McMILLAN (b. 1912) #97  
  
 . 1873) #12 ————— MARY ELLEN McMILLAN (b. 1910) #15  
 0) #9 | — JOHN THOMAS McMILLAN (b. 1912) #16  
 | — LESLIE ERNEST McMILLAN (b. 1915) #17  
  
 ) #43  
 64) #113 ————— FRANCIS JOHN McMILLAN OYSTON (b. 1892) #117  
 1858) #114 | — HAROLD ARTHUR OYSTON (b. 1893) #118  
 | — OLIVE LOUISA MARY OYSTON (b. 1897) #119  
 | — LESLIE ERNEST OYSTON (b. 1900) #120  
  
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 0) #9 ————— MARY ELLEN McMILLAN (b. 1910) #15  
 . 1873) #12 | — JOHN THOMAS McMILLAN (b. 1912) #16  
 | — LESLIE ERNEST McMILLAN (b. 1915) #17  
  
 #10

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