



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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A.G.M. AND ANNUAL GET TOGETHER

Our A.G.M. will be held on Sunday 24th October at **Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Rd, South Yarra** from 12 noon till 4 p.m. So bring your lunch and meet fellow Clan members. Tea & coffee will be available. [Melways ref 2M, B6].

CMSA President's Report July 2004

On Sunday 4th July 2004 a special service was held at The Scots' Church called Kirkin' o' the Tartans. Now this may not be clear what this is all about. What it refers to is that there had been a rebellion in 1745 in Scotland and the British Parliament passed the Disarming Act of 1746 which banned the carrying of arms, the wearing of Highland dress (tartans) and also the music of The Great Highland Pipe. This amounted to oppression of the national pride of Scotland. However some clans' people smuggled a piece of tartan into church each year on a particular Sunday to seek God's blessing on all the clans and all they represented. After 35 years this law was repealed.

Over more recent times migrants from Scotland who have settled in places such as North America and Australia have had similar services which allow Scots living abroad to remember and commemorate a part of their origins in some way. In Melbourne this gathering of clan members and the symbolic presence of tartans at a service began in 1988. Each year it has been well attended and our clan was represented again this year.

A notice of the ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF CLANS has been received to be held on Sunday, 10 October, 2004. A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter. It will be an enjoyable get-together. Please let us know if you are able to come.

From the Clan Macmillan International Centre we have heard that Jane, wife of our Chief George, is not well but is receiving excellent treatment. As George cannot possibly respond to all the messages we have been asked not to contact him. On behalf of our members the committee has sent a card to the CMIC.

The CMSA was represented by June & Max Senior at the Port Arlington National Festival on the Queen's Birthday weekend. It was one of the extremely windy days that we have had and they had a very difficult time holding the tent from being blown away. We thank you for your efforts.

There is interesting reading to be had in the magazine called Scots. It is the Journal of the Scots Heritage Society. There are articles reflecting on Scotland's past & present plus the most beautiful photographs of Scotland's landscape as well as fauna & flora. Also I hope you have noticed our advertisements in the Scottish Banner, the only Scottish monthly newspaper publication, and the Quarterly Journal of The Genealogical Society of Victoria called Ancestor.

Please keep in touch. June Danks.

A story from the MacMillan past...

Harold Maurice Macmillan (1894-1986)

One story of how MacMillan's have contributed to history.

The son of an American-born mother and the grandson of a founder of the London publishing house of Macmillan & Co., he was educated at Balliol College, Oxford. He distinguished himself in combat during World War I and entered politics after the war.

He sat in the House of Commons from 1924 to 1929 and from 1931 to 1964. When Winston Churchill formed his World War II coalition government (May 1940), Macmillan, who had bitterly condemned British "appeasement" of Nazi Germany in the late 1930s, was appointed parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Supply. After 10 months as colonial under secretary, he was sent (Dec. 30, 1942) to northwest Africa as British minister resident at Allied Forces Headquarters, Mediterranean Command.

There his efforts to secure good relations with Dwight D. Eisenhower, Charles de Gaulle, and other high Allied officers improved his skills as a politician. At the end of the war in Europe, Macmillan was secretary of state for air in Churchill's "caretaker" government (May-July 1945).

After the Conservatives regained power in 1951, he was successively appointed minister of housing and local government (October 1951) and minister of defense (October 1954) by Churchill and then served as foreign secretary (April-December 1955) and Chancellor of the Exchequer (1955-57) under Sir Anthony Eden.

He was appointed prime minister on Jan. 10, 1957, following the resignation of Eden in the wake of the Suez crisis, and was elected leader of the Conservative Party 12 days later.

Macmillan immediately had to deal with a national shortage of money, and his Chancellor of the Exchequer, Peter Thorneycroft, resigned (January 1958) in protest against government spending. Macmillan worked to improve British-U.S. relations, which had been strained by the Suez crisis, and his old partnership with General, now President, Eisenhower was helpful in this regard.

Macmillan himself supervised the conduct of foreign policy as prime minister. He had several conferences with presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, and he visited Nikita S. Khrushchev in Moscow (February 1959). At home, Macmillan gave firm support to Britain's array of postwar social programs. He led the Conservative Party to a resounding victory in the 1959 general election by effectively contrasting Britain's prewar unemployment with its postwar full employment under the slogan "You've never had it so good."

The Nassau agreement (December 1962) between Macmillan and Kennedy, that the United States should furnish nuclear missiles for British submarines, enraged Charles de Gaulle, who then was head of the French state and who insisted on a Europe uncontrolled by the United States. The subsequent French veto (Jan. 29, 1963) of Great Britain's entry into the European Economic Community was a severe blow to Macmillan.

For most of his term Macmillan had been held in high esteem by his party. But Britain's adverse balance of payments led the government to impose a wage freeze and other deflationary measures from 1961 on, and this caused Macmillan's government to lose popularity. Another setback was an apparent Soviet espionage attempt involving John Profumo, the secretary of state for war, which ended in the latter's resignation (June 1963). Macmillan's reputation was partly rehabilitated by the successful negotiations (July 1963) among Great Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union for the Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, but demands continued within his own party for a new and younger leader, and, after undergoing surgery, he resigned his office on Oct. 18, 1963.

Macmillan refused a peerage and retired from the House of Commons in September 1964. He then began producing his memoirs:

Winds of Change, 1914-1939 (1966); The Blast of War, 1939-1945 (1967);
Tides of Fortune, 1945-1955 (1969); Riding the Storm, 1956-1959 (1971);
Pointing the Way, 1959-1961 (1972); At the End of the Day, 1961-63 (1973);
and The Past Masters: Politics and Politicians, 1906-1939 (1975).

He later accepted a peerage and was created an earl in 1984.

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VALE

Reproduced in part from the Clan Cameron Newsletter [Vol 26, No.3, June 2004]

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of Cameron of Lochiel, who died on 26th May, 2004. Lochiel collapsed at his home at Achnacarry and died peacefully.

He has been a much loved and respected Chief of Clan Cameron since the death of his father Sir Donald Walter Cameron of Lochiel the 25th Chief in 1951.

Lochiel had gained respect not only from his Clan but also from the wider community of Scotland to which he gave so much of his time.

He was educated at Harrow and Balliol College, Oxford, and became a chartered accountant. After the death of his father he gave up his position in London to run the Achnacarry Estate. However he was also sought after for positions on the boards of a number of Scottish and London based companies.

His eldest son, born in 1946, Donald Angus Cameron, Younger of Lochiel, is now Lochiel, 27th Chief of Clan Cameron.

Donald Angus's eldest son Donald Andrew is now Younger of Lochiel

COUNCIL OF CLANS

The Annual Luncheon of Clans [a Scottish get together] is to be held at the Karralyka Centre, Mines Rd, Ringwood East. It will include the customary 'Haggis Ceremony', the Scotsraig Scottish Country Dancers, and, the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club. The cost is \$35.00 per head. For further information please contact: Robert Stewart (9891-6450) or E-mail: randjstewart@optusnet.com.au

CORRESPONDENCE

A number of Newsletters have been received:

- "Clan Call" from The Clan MacMillan Society of Scotland [thanks Lorna], and,
- one from the "Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand".
- Also a News Update from the "Clan Centre".
- And, another card from Judie whilst in Viet Nam.
- The second issue of the 'Clan MacMillan International Magazine' where a picture of CMSA members appears on the back page.

RINGWOOD HIGHLAND GAMES

The McMillan Clan was again represented at the Ringwood Highland Games on a very warm and windy Sunday in March. This social day was spent 'relaxing' and 'catching up' with fellow clan members, also members of other Clans, and, passers-by with an interest in McMillan ancestry. The only visible change was the absence of the Chieftain of the Ringwood Games, Sir Rupert Hamer K.M.C.G., E.D., Hon. L.L.D. (Melb), L.L.M. who passed away shortly before the Games.

THE KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN

On Sunday July 4, 2004 I and a number of other members ventured to Scots Church (Kirk) on the corner of Collins & Russell Sts Melbourne, for the annual Kirkin' of the Tartan service. All participants assembled at the Sunday School area behind the Church.

Representatives of about 20 Clans are piped into and out of the church, where they present their Clan Tartan at the altar for dedication. The Choir was excellent. Following the service we adjourned to the first floor above the Sunday School area to have our lunch, tea and coffee was also available.

We were entertained with a few numbers from the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club. In all a quite interesting & enjoyable Sunday outing.

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Baile Gean - Newtonmore

News Update - April 2004

Since 1st November, 14 have signed the Visitors' Book in the Clan Room. 2 from Canada, 6 from the USA, 1 from Scotland and 5 from the rest of the UK.

Please advise anyone you know who is planning a trip to the Clan Centre to let us know in advance whenever possible.

Dear All,

Graeme has started putting together the next Clan MacMillan Magazine. Its enlarged format means more pages and he would like to include more news from Branches and Societies, so if you have articles for publication (with photographs if possible) about past and/or future events, please send them to him here at the Clan Centre or via email to graeme@clanmacmillan.org. He will try to include your article(s) if he has copy in good time. We hope to get it away to the printers by mid May.

Over our winter months (summer of course in the southern hemisphere) we saw the publication of the new Clan MacMillan International Magazine, a more ambitious publication than its predecessor. Our ultimate goal is to attract some advertising so that we can afford to create a colour magazine and by having more pages we hope to give our members more news from around the world and of course value for money.

There are still a lot of improvements to be made to the outer Clan Display at Finlaystone. Our new display boards already sport a collage of photos from the Clan Conclave at Finlaystone in 2000, and a double board spread of photos of the Great Return in 2002. If any of you have photos you can spare of the Liberty Gathering 2003 in New York organised by the Clan Society of North America I would be delighted to have them so that I can do a similar display of that event. There's nothing that appeals to members (present or future) more than pictures of their clansmen having fun!

On St.Valentine's Day I had the pleasure of joining the Clan MacMillan Society for Scotland at an evening of music and entertainment, held in the Celtic Tree restaurant at Finlaystone. I admit that I was feeling sorry for myself not having had a better offer on that romantic date but soon realised that I was mistaken. I had a lovely meal in good company; was entertained by wonderful music and was taxed mentally by a Scottish Quiz.

I had the good fortune to be in the company of "ex-pat" Peter MacMillan, resident south of the border in Lancashire whose knowledge of Scottish History and Robert Burns put most of us to shame! I basked in reflected glory as our team won.



This is one of the pictures I took at the Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore. For more information on what life was like in the 1700's go to www.highlandfolk.com

I came across this Highland Folk Museum when I was on my own trip to discover my Cruickshank roots (circa 1760) at Pluscarden Abbey near Elgin and it is a very sobering thought that my ancestors probably lived in similar houses.

At the Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore, Highland Region, whole buildings and their environment have been lovingly and painstakingly reconstructed, using authentic skills and technology of the period. **"Baile Gean"** (the Gaelic for the "township of goodwill") is a genuine recreation of a Highland farm of around 1700. Buildings have been constructed of traditional materials of wood, stone and turf and built by traditional methods.

On our trip to the Museum we travelled through the village of Newtonmore and were held up in a queue of traffic whilst filming of the TV series *"Monarch of the Glen"* took place outside the town hall. Yes, we saw *Archie* and *Hector*. Of course I met Alistair Mackenzie (*Archie*) in real life at Finlaystone when I almost tripped over him outside the Applehouse. It had to be the day when I was looking particularly scruffy, without a scrap of make up on! (No change there then!). For those of you interested, I thought he was *tiny and rather weedy*, but charming all the same. He was filming *"The Last Great Wilderness"*, directed by his brother, and cast and crew were on location at Finlaystone House for just over a week and during that time we had a chat and he gave me his autograph.

Coincidentally he also officially opened the Highland Folk Museum in 2000.

I digress. For those of you who wish to find out more about how your ancestors lived you will find the Museum website very interesting at www.highlandfolk.com.

Well, I've run out of space but will finish off by saying a collective "thank you" to those who have continued to meet the Chief's Conclave 2000 Challenge; it makes a terrific difference to our whole existence!

I don't have *the Gaelic* but wish you continued success with whatever endeavours you undertake this year.

Pauline

WEB NEWS

http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mcmillan

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Check the Clan MacMillan Cemetery Page for new Index's including Frankston, Hazelwood & Yallourn
 Try out the Links at the bottom of the Web page. You'll be surprised how many cemeteries are now online!
 'Surfing' the web recently I came across these Mac's. I hope you find someone your missing.

SURNAME	GIVEN	DIED/BURIED	AGE	BORN	CEMETERY	REMARKS
McMILLAN	James Andrew	22.1.1993		SB	Caloundra, Qld	
McMILLAN	Oliver Roy	23.11.1991		68y	Caloundra, Qld	
McMILLAN	Pauline Mary	18.1.1988		SB	Caloundra, Qld	
McMILLAN	Archibald J	8.12.1987		14.12.1903	Tammin, WA	h/o Doris. Father
McMILLAN	Elizabeth		77y	26. 9. 1957	Tammin, WA	w/o Charles Ellis.
McMILLAN	Robert	21.6.1956		50y	Tammin, WA	
MacMILLAN	Ralph	16.5.1974		7.4.1947	Nambour, Qld	
McMILLAN	Ian	31.7.1991			Wellington, NSW	Mac'
McMILLAN	Molly	12.10.1988		68y	Wellington, NSW	w/o Pat
McMILLAN	Pat	14.11.1978		60y	Wellington, NSW	h/o Molly
McMILLEN	Linda Ellen	21 9.1986		85y 3.2.1901	Wellington, NSW	s/w Milton Harold
McMILLEN	Milton Harold	12.9.2000		6.10.1924	Wellington, NSW	N446510 pte 30 inf bn,
McMILLAN	Thomas Roy	12.3.1991		81y	??	h/o Irene. f/o/Irene
MacMILLAN	Shannon James	5.9.90		30.3.1977	Tewantin, Qld	
McMILLAN	Eric	25.4.1994		1.2.1910	Tewantin, Qld	
McMILLAN	Christina May	9.7.1916		8.7.1916	Woombye, Qld	
McMULLIN	Charlotte	7.1.1920		75y	Woombye, Qld	
McMULLIN	John	3.5.1915		44y	Woombye, Qld	
McMULLIN	Lillian Anna	20.6.1956		73y	Woombye, Qld	
McMULLIN	May	26.5.1945			1883Woombye, Qld	
McMILLAN	Alex. Rodney		1989		1925Buderim, Qld	
McMULLIN	Mervyn James	22.10.1984		4.3.1906	Buderim, Qld	
McMILLAN	Alexander	23.4.1904		69y	Gulgong, NSW	h/o Mary Ann
McMILLAN	Lily May	29.8.1909		23y	Gulgong, NSW	nee Stahl, w/o Alexander
McMILLAN	Mary Ann	13.4.1928		79y	Gulgong, NSW	w/o Alexander
McMULLEN	Florence L	21.01.1945		76y	Gulgong, NSW	nee Wilson, w/o Daniel
McMULLEN	Daniel J	17.6.1919		57y	Gulgong, NSW	h/o Florence L
McMULLEN	Percy Daniel	9.11.1996			Gulgong, NSW	h/o Dulcie
MacMILLAN	Dorothy Edna M	15.11.1995		75y	Mount Isa Qld	p-2, pl-15,#34
MacMILLAN	Irene May	4.6.1975		64y	Mount Isa Qld	p-1, pl-15,#31
MacMILLAN	Russell Jock	17.4.1977		77y	Mount Isa Qld	p-1, pl-15,#31
McMILLAN	Charles Edward	16.9.1981		55y	Mount Isa Qld	p-1, pl-13,#31
McMILLAN	Ivy Theresa	24.6.1994		65y	Mount Isa Qld	p-2, pl-8,#13
McMILLAN	Reginald Hugh	27.1.1962			Mount Isa Qld	Grave # 1155
McMILLAN	Gordon	7.3.1981		66y	Trangie, NSW	Stumpy' h/o Elise, father
McMILLAN	Heather	15.10.1982		62y	Trangie, NSW	wife, mother, Grandmother
McMILLAN	Jeffery Stanley	9.9.1976		60y	Trangie, NSW	husband, father, grandfather

FAWKNER CREMATORIUM AND MEMORIAL PARK: <http://www.fcmp.com.au/>

SPRINGVALE & St KILDA CEMETERIES: <http://www.necropolis.com.ausearch>

CANBERRA CEMETERIES: <http://www.canberraconnect.act.gov.au/comfamily/cemeteries.html>

CEMETERIES in SOUTH WEST VICTORIA: <http://members.datafast.net.au/marrtronics/CEMINDEX.HTML>

WAVERLEY CEMETERY in N.S.W: <http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/cemetery>

'HARKING BACK' by Llew Vary, J.P.

Written especially for the Morwell 'Advertiser', beginning July 30th 1942

Hazelwood Station was situated to the south of Maryvale and was divided from that station by a dog-leg fence which commenced at Eel Hole Creek somewhere near the spot where Applegate's bridge crosses that creek and ran in a north-easterly direction over the Ridge for over a mile and then took an easterly course until it met Bennett's Creek which formed the eastern boundary.

The western boundary was the Morwell River upon which the homestead was built and still stands. The southern boundary was Billy's Creek and it was on this creek that the P.R. was acquired. This portion is now known as the Flats or Soldiers Settlement, it being resumed for that purpose after the 1814 – 1818 war.

Hazelwood was taken up by a man named Ken Bennett, after whom that creek was named..... The writer can remember as a boy listening to a conversation between his father and the late Mr. Charles Du Ve, at the time Clerk of Courts, at Rosedale, who stated that he had been stock riding on Hazelwood during Bennett's time. He described Bennett as a very nice kind hearted Englishman and at this stage I will describe an episode which Mr. De Ve described during the conversation already mentioned..... Here it is:-

Bennett discovered some of his cattle had been speared. Now he had been very good to his blacks as he called them and they liked him, so he informed them that this spearing stock must stop and until it did there would be no more backy, no more sugar, no more flour, etc. The blacks declared they did not do it, but that it must have been the Yarram-Yarram fella and accordingly some time later they declared war on the Yarram-Yarram fella and brought back thirty human tongues as proof that they had put an end to the cattle spearing for some time at least. This, it was stated, so preyed on Bennett's mind that he decided to get out, which he did and afterwards settled on the Lachlan River in N.S.W. I have also been told that he died there as the result of a blackfellows spear, but I have not been able to ascertain the accuracy of this statement.

The next holder of Hazelwood was Mr. John Mcmillan, a Highland Scotchman, standing over 6 ft. and built in proportion, who took over in 1859. He had six daughters and three sons (Donald, John and Alexander) all born on Hazelwood. The latter served in the South African War of 1898 – 1902 and John who stood over 6 ft. 6 in. and like his father built in proportion, served in the Great War of 1914 – 1918 and was with Throssell when that soldier won the V.C.

An article in the Melbourne 'Argus' of that time commenting of that deed, said Throssell was ably assisted by a big Gippsland sergeant named Mcmillan, who was as game as he was big.

Hazelwood under Macmillan's ownership soon became famous for its magnificent breed of shorthorn cattle and although he did not register his stock, his herd was recognized as one of the best in Victoria. Buyers came from other states to purchase his young bulls and on one occasion he sent 30 bull carves to a Queensland station. His fat bullocks were also famous and when sent to Newmarket always topped the market.

It has just occurred to me that I have neglected to mention the late Mr. Donald Macmillan, who was the eldest son born on Hazelwood as already mentioned in 1860 and educated at Scotch College. He was the only member of the family who took up public life and was elected to the Morwell Shire Council in 1895 and after serving several years, proving himself to be a very able councilor, he resigned and went to live in Melbourne, where he was a well known figure, being a Justice of the Peace, he was for years Chairman of the Bench in the suburb he resided.

A mention of the natural features of this excellent station would not be out of place, excellent I say it was because, if one glances at the magnificent farms which are providing for such a large number of families, and the splendid quality of the soil it will not be hard to realise the sound judgement these hardy pioneers had when choosing land upon which they intended to make their homes.

This brings to mind the homestead (what a beautiful position) situated on a hill near the river with sloping ground on every side and whichever direction one looked there was a view that would gladden the heart of the most fastidious poet or painter. In the spring the wattle blossom traced the course of the river as it meandered on its way to the Latrobe. The ghostly white gums with their strips of bark rattling in the breeze; the old stock yard with its four rails and a cap and the old mulberry tree in the garden, now nearly 100 years old; all bring back kind memories of the pleasant times I spent there as a small boy...

But enough of this sentimental stuff, I've undertaken to write a record of the doings of the pioneers, so let us get on. Somehow I cannot help thinking of the man who rode this station from one end to the other with the object of choosing the most suitable site to build his homestead, and now that the country is all opened up and we know it almost as well as we know the city streets, there is not a better spot on the whole of the run to build a home. This applies to all the stations and it would be interesting to know just how long it took to pick the spot on which to build.

VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA 1851 - 1852

Diary of Alexander Campbell McMillan 1852 (contd).

10th This morning came in with a Strong Breeze fair against us, towards evening it came a perfect calm. In the glooming the Captain and Doctor had a row, Caused by the Doctor catching the Second Mate in the Young women's apartments.

11th This morning is very calm not a move on the water, the Sun shining beautifully. We got our Boxes up to day for the last they Say. Some of us made ready for to Catch some Albatrosses, And lines was thrown over, after some time one of them was taken, two being all that was about the ship, how astonishing it is to see the instinct of these Birds, when the first was taken, his comrades took hold him by the back of the neck and pulled back all his might, nor did he leave him till the other was raised out of the water at the main chains. The other was taken shortly after, they were both very big, none of them was measured. A Young shark was Swimming about us to day, he was only a foot or so long.....

For a speciman of the living Stock Some of us carry about, I may write one instance. To night the Matrons Husband's Simet was searched, and 270 lice found on it, for size beats any ever reered in Scotland.-

12th This morning the wind is very favourable about 8 A.M. it rained slightly. And by 12 noon it cleared up a fine Sunny day. They are affraid of the water being short before we can arrive at Geelong.

13th This morning is very dull, it rained a little through the day, about noon the wind came against us, and Continues So all night. The day is very cold.

14th The wind is still a head this morning, we have divine Service as usual today. Poor Hind is now recovering fast, he labours surprisngly among his helpless Family.....

15th This morning the wind is rather against us, we have done very little progress for the last week.... We have a Case of Tyfus Fever to day, Mansfield daughter, And An other Case of Ship Fever. A Mrs Dawson the Doctor's assistant's wife, (English).

16th The wind is still worse to day it is blowing the very aint? We should go. The youngest of the Glencoe Lads was very unwell for almost a fortnight back, with a severe Colic. Now I am happy to be able to state that he is on the recovering side, but very weak yet.

17th This forenoon the Ship was put about, And we are now steering our course, in the evening shaols of Porpoises are swimming about us and some Blackfish also.....

18th This morning the ship is going her course freely, last night it blew pretty fresh, And our Main top Galan yard broke in two, it is quite new lately put up. The is a misfortune for we will loose the use of the two sails on its account till the Carpenter will be done with an other yard, about 8 P.M. last night a Irish woman had a miscarriage. She was within 3 months of her time.

19th This morning was very foggy, And very Calm, by 10 A.M. a slight breeze arose, And the Cry of Square the Main yard overjoyed each breast, the breeze got stronger as the day advanced. And now (4 P.M.) we are going at a fine rate. By the time we retired to bed we were going 10 Knotts an hour.....

20th This morning the wind is all we could wish, the main top galan yard is replaced to day. And again we are all right.

We got our full allowance of water to day back again, it is thought there is fortnights water on board and we hope to be at our destination in about a week.

21st The wind is greatly in our favour to day also. Nothing has happened among us today, we had divine Service at the usual hour.

22nd This morning is much the Same as yesterday, the child Male got one of the Sailor boys very dirty, And examined him, And found his all living with creatures he ordered him to strip to the skin And then threw buckets of water on him, And cut his hair to the very skin. I cannot describe the torture the poor fellow got, the Ship is rocking very much to day and yesterday, a poor half sily Irish lad when washing his dinner dishes slipeed his foot with the roll of the ship, And got his face serverly cut on the pail he was washing in.

VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA 1851 - 1852

Diary of Alexander Campbell McMillan 1852 (contd).

23rd This morning the wind is in our favour and strong, we are now about 900 miles from our destination.

24 To day the Ankor Chain is taken up out of the holds And set in order for our anking, to day by 8 A.M. a breeze got up in one minute And before Sails could be taken of the ship She was going upwards of 12 Knotts, And at night it blew a fresh Gale as the sailors Call it.

25th This morning the wind is very high, the waves are mostly as high as any we experienced yet, which Causes us to get your? inside out with rolling.

26th The sea is rather lower to day. We look forward to next week to set our foot once more on terra firma although in a foreign land, the hope enlivens a great many of us, But it is said of the Irish that some of them express a wish that the voyage might last for six month to come yet, the wind is right after us. Some of them has said to myself that this place is good for mate & drink, I myself confess the truth of this statement.

27th to day we expect to see a sight of Australian land Cape Otway).....

This being the last general cleaning day we gave thorough cleaning from stem to stern, two Irish women having cast out about a Scraper, the one threw it at the other, and being struck on the head, was severly hurt. She was sent to the Hospital. I am sorry to have to Say that at about 7 P.M. we had another death among us, it is the woman that had the last miscarriage, the name is Kerr, the body is carried on the Poop.

28th We have seen land about 7 A.M. this morning. As many as has lost friends on board, feels lonely at the thought of landing. Poor McKenzie grat? like child. The funeral of this woman to place by 12 Noon. Many thought the corpse would be taken to Shore but it was not the Case. She has left one Infant about a year old. In the evening we Came close to the entrance of the Bay through which we have to pass to Geelong, the entrance being dangerous, we hove to all night.....

29th Early this morning we entered the Bay, And has Cast Ankor owing to the Pilot being in with some other vessels, at the mouth of the Bay on the left hand side is lying the "Isabelle Watson" a total wreck. This is the vessel we spoke to at the Canary Islands on the 28th Dec. She was not an Emigrant ship, but she had 60 passengers on board of which 7 women and 2 men was lost here.....

The entrance of this Bay is from a mile to a mile and a half wide, And is scores of miles wide in side. The Pilot made no appearance to day...

30th This morning every eye was on the shore as they came on deck, anxious to see at Boat, hoping for some intelgence as to what came of the Pilots all, fortunately Williamstown Harbour Master was at the wreck, and taking pity on us, he and another Man Came on board, And by one P.M. we were under way for Geelong. By 6 P.M. we were ankored with in two miles of our destination.

31st By day break we set sails again and about 8 A.M. our ankor was cast within 7 miles of Geelong, for large vessels can not get nearer, owing to the shallowness of the water....
The town look schattered from the Ship.

EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

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HELP WANTED!

Dear June,

I guess you are wondering why I am writing to you. Last year my husband Rick and myself spent 2 days on the "Isle of Arran". The purpose of the visit was to do some research on my ancestors. Whilst there we visited the Historical Museum at Brodick and happened by chance to meet a lady called Grace Small, she gave me your address as she thought you may be able to help me.

Grace was saying you are associated with the McMillan's here in Australia, but didn't know if it was the same ones that I am associated with.

My Great Great Grandparents were Thomas and Mary (we believe it is Mary) McMillan, who lived at Lamlash. Their son Alexander was my Great Grand-father, who was born around 1835 and came to Australia around 1855, he married Mary Ann Ashby, (we were told they married at Maitland, N.S.W. but we are not sure about that now).

I was wondering if you would be able to help me find out more information on the McMillans.

I have just received this letter from Helen Richardson of Helensburgh, N.S.W. ed.

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