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WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE.

CLAN MACLENNAN

NEWSLETTER

Central Ontario Branch

CANADA

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year and all the best for 2008! In most parts of Canada let's hope the worst of the weather is behind us. We all seem to have been coping with large amounts of snow, even down here in the so-called "banana belt". I don't mind snowfalls, but I do object when it falls in instalments spaced apart by a few hours, which means one lot is only half cleared when the next fall starts.

Chief Ruairidh will celebrate his 31st birthday on April 22nd and his sister Kirsteen's birthday is on the 23rd April. There is also the news that Kirsteen and James are expecting their first child in June. Happy Birthdays, Congratulations and best wishes from all of us in Canada and the U.S.

A preliminary list of the 2008 Games in Canada is included here but it appears that the World Gathering of the Clans in Edinburgh in July 2009 is getting urgent. Two websites, www.thegathering2009.com or www.clangathering.org give details and you can also register your interest to receive an email of their monthly Newsletter update. Max in Australia sent the following extract:

"To attend the major events of The Gathering 2009 you will need to get hold of a 'Passport'. This includes entry to both days of Highland Games at Holyrood Palace, a place in the Clan Parade and a seat at the Clan Pageant on the castle esplanade. Passports will go on sale via our website at the end of March but a pre-booking form will go on-line on February 26th. We would encourage anyone who is keen to book their tickets prior to the general release that they fill in the form and post it back to us with payment details. This form is particularly aimed at large groups looking for tickets as you will only be able to buy 6 online".

Elsewhere on the website they give prices for the three levels of 'Passports', (gold, silver and bronze).

Clan Associations are recommending that individual interested members make their own applications for the passports because it will take too long to gather names. We understand the present limit is 8,000 applications, possibly due to size limitations on the castle esplanade. Max also mentioned that they are getting 'silver passports' as they feel this is the best option. It has also been suggested that all the MacLennans be accommodated in the same place and the Chief is checking if this is possible.

Melanie is gathering information for us and will include this on our website and may be able to advise you on details (see addresses below the heading of Newsletter). The important first step is to get your 'Passport', because other details can be settled later. Chief Ruairidh hopes to have the MacLennan gathering in Edinburgh on 24th July, the day before the World Gathering, but this is still not finalized.

I am sure there will be a lot of headaches for the organizers because such an event has not taken place before, so they really are guessing at how many will attend. While Edinburgh may be the best place to showcase the Chief's, they may find both the venue and the accommodations are liable to be swamped. Clan Associations, particularly for the larger clans, are world wide as are Scots who have emigrated. Let us know if you hit any snags.

We welcome two new families who have joined us, Johnathon & Rebecca from London and John William (Bill) from Waterloo. Jessica (Halifax) has moved to River Denys and rejoined. Unfortunately, two members have passed away recently and the notices are included here while we hope to give additional details in a future Newsletter Dorothy was the widow of "Wee Donald" MacLennan, a Chief's Lieutenant for the U.S., who died in 2005. Wendell Walton, husband of Lois (our secretary until September last) passed away suddenly last month.

It is too early in the year to give my usual rant on late dues but we are still waiting for 22 subs for this year. After you dig yourself out, please send us an RSVP (remember, send vun present), which was due on 1st August, 2007. We usually allow a year's grace before we write members off (five are being dropped this year), but make every effort to warn them.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

The latest list of 2008 Games we have is:

B.C.

May 17 Victoria
June 28 Coquitlam
July 5 Penticton

Nova Scotia

July 12 Halifax
July 18-20 Antigonish

Ontario

May 24 Sudbury
June 14 Georgetown
June 21 Spenserville
June 21 Sarnia (??)
June 27-28 Hamilton
June 28 Cobourg
July 1 Embro
July 4 -6 Kincardine
July 12 Chatham
July 12 Haliburton
July 19 Orillia
July 18-19 Cambridge
July 25-26 Uxbridge
Aug. 1-2 Maxville
Aug. 8-10 Fergus
Aug.23 Almonte

We will check these again before the next letter. It is good to see Hamilton on again but rumour has it that it may only be every second year in future. Sarnia used to be late in August, hence the query against that date although they cancelled last year and this may be the reason. We have received an expression of interest from Uxbridge to attend their Games. Are there any of our members in the area who could check out these Games on July 25-26 this year? I do pass quite near Uxbridge on my way to Ottawa for the Maxville Games a week later but that would mean either a three hour drive each way or finding a place to stay for a few days.

At present we are planning to go to Georgetown, Hamilton, Cobourg, Maxville and Fergus, with Cambridge also under consideration. If anyone is going to other Games, please let us know your impressions, particularly if Clans are represented. Usually, Games are enjoyed by all ages because of the wide variety of entertainment rather than individual tastes.

You can also come and go as you please all day. Please remember that we are the only active Branch in Canada, so we would welcome accounts from Games outside our area, even if they do not appear on the list. If you live Down East, in B.C. or in the U.S., let us know what is on in your neck of the woods.

FLOWERS OF THE FIELD

DOROTHY OJALA MACLENNAN
(January 21, 1936-January 5, 2008)

The family of Dorothy announces her passing on Saturday, January 5, 2008. Services will be private, but please take a moment to reflect on a special memory you may have of Dorothy.

(Ed. Note) Dorothy was the widow of the late "Wee" Donald MacLennan. For the last ten years or so of "Wee" Donald's life, Dorothy drove him wherever he wanted to travel, even to Games in Canada. I last saw them at Maxville in 1997, when Donald had planned to go to Fergus, but didn't feel well enough and headed home. She was worn out as well.

WENDELL WALTON

On February, 2008, suddenly and peacefully of pneumonia at home in his 81st year. Survived by his beloved wife Lois (nee Taylor), daughter Wendy Elliot, son Terry (Susan) and granddaughter Jessica Regan (Todd). Served in the R.C.A.F. 1944-46. Visitation and a celebration of his life to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum would be appreciated.

(Ed. Note) For donations, the address is: Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum 9280 Airport Road West Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0 Tel: 905-679-4183 Ext. 229

(Lois is currently in hospital recovering from surgery. We all send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.)

We hope to add to these notices later.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
August 1, 2007- March 14, 2008

Receipts

Bank Balance August 1 ,2008		2,236.08	
Members dues - 2005-2007	60.00		
2007-2008	225.00		
2008-2011	<u>90.00</u>	375.00	
Clan Sales – Cambridge	35.50		
Maxville	31.00		
Fergus	<u>48.25</u>	114.75	
Fergus dinner draw		115.00	
G.I.C. Interest		<u>26.50</u>	<u>631.25</u>
			2,287.33

Disbursements

Newsletters – July & Sept.			
Copy 11.80 + 67.49	79.29		
Postage	75.49		
Envelopes	9.11		
Labels	<u>17.09</u>	180.98	
Royal Bank G.I.C.		1000.00	
Service Charge		<u>1.00</u>	<u>1,181.98</u>
Royal Bank March 14, 2008			1,685.35
Royal Bank G.I.C.			<u>3,000.00</u>
Branch Total			4,685.35

Members

Owing 2006-2007	5
2007-2008	22
Paid 2007-11	49
Comp.	<u>2</u>
	78

FAMILY HISTORY Part 5 – THE INTERNET

By David MacLennan

Before I begin this article on the Internet, I would like to review the past topics in order to organize our worktable.

1. Collection

The most important point here is to develop a system you understand, and one you can add onto the information you have found out about your family. This can be done using a filing system, a computer database and the use of a genealogy / family history program (computer or hand written). The bottom line is that you must **organize** yourself and your information. Your research will be far richer and less confusing if you have an idea where you're going and what you need to get there.

Store your information in a safe place using a filing system. Keep all interested family members informed as to what you're doing. You might find another family member interested in helping you.

2. Documentation

Obtain (the original or photo copy) of Birth, Baptismal, Marriage, Death Certificates, Burial records, Maiden names, Family legends, Journals, Diaries, Wills, Deeds to land, etc. Having a valid document will give you proof of what you have concluded. Remember the genealogist's motto: **"Without proof, there is no truth"**.

3. Research

Research the whole family, including siblings, and look for help outside of the family:

- Family History libraries (municipal, provincial, national, university)
- LDS Centers (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)
- Genealogical Societies (municipal, provincial, national)
- Professional Genealogists
- Internet organizations (family history websites, mailing lists)

The Internet – "Why is the Internet worth my time and effort?"The Internet is made up of millions of people making it a community with huge amounts of information. I have found the Internet an extremely useful tool in assisting me in my own research. The following links will give you a good start on using this resource.

A.What's there for me?

There is genealogy data available online! You can view this information first by browsing the Internet using a search engine such as Google. Simply write in the search box, "Internet genealogy" and you will be given numerous areas to browse through.

The first place that I recommend on the Internet is Cyndi's List of genealogy sites <http://www.cyndislist.com>

There are literally thousands of sites on this list that are indexed and organized in such a way that even I could figure out where to go for assistance.

However, having said that, before you start this journey into researching your family, BE WARY, just because it is printed doesn't mean the work is either accurate or correct! I can't state it enough; "Check all data"! Never accept any information as being valid until you can verify it, or at the very least, have a citation for the data's source. You may be spending your good time on something that is irrelevant to you family.

I will start at the one site that has given me a great deal of information at the great price of 'FREE'. It is called Rootsweb – a commercial – non-commercial site and is found at: <http://www.rootsweb.com>

Rootsweb is a volunteer-run project with the goal of providing large quantities of data to the online genealogical community. Please check it out; it will be well worth your while. I was actually able to come into contact with relations in Wales, France and yes, good old Toronto. Although not MacLennans, they were part of my family on my mother's side.

B.Getting free information from the experts.

Go to; <http://www.genealogy.com/university.html>

This site has been set out in a lesson plan format. You will be introduced to a number of worthwhile lessons that will assist you in getting around the Internet on your own.

All of the information originates from Genealogy Research Associates and is by professional genealogists. They have volunteered their time to assist those on the never-ending quest to finding out more about their family's history.

Please investigate the whole site, you find all sorts of goodies for those interested in using the Internet as a research tool. The HOME page link has much more information dealing with specific topics.

As always; for those that want to share with the rest of the Clan, please get in touch with me with problems, solutions or both at dmac44@rogers.com until then, happy hunting.

Yours in Kinship – Dave

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