



# CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our summer has arrived, I think. At least it is a bit warmer and the blossoms have bloomed and gone, carried off by the cool wind blowing off Lake Ontario. This wind is a blessing in the summer when it is hot, but it does delay things in the spring because the cold water takes longer to warm than the land.

Next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of this Branch and instead of being the "COB" we are now "Clan MacLennan Canada". This may sound important, but it really means that other branches have closed- not for having too few members, but because nobody came forward to run them. We are trying to avoid a similar fate by inviting new members onto the Executive, because we need new ideas that can appeal to a new generation. We keep our Newsletter going because there are a lot of members who prefer to get it in the mail or may not have easy access to email – it works for Max in Australia and we hope it will keep us alive here. From experience, we know that a visit from the Chief is a sure magnet to bring people out. We are working on such plans but he has been here twice in the decade so we may be pushing our luck. If you have other ideas, please let us know.

We welcomed two new members to the Executive at our May meeting. Gord and Bernice Keane (Dutton) joined us when Ray and Lorna (Tillsonburg) showed them the "Short" route. Bernice is the daughter of the late Mrs. Ada Boyd and they have a daughter who is a keen bagpiper. Ada was one of the original members of the COB, so the tradition continues. One of our Executive members, John K. MacLennan (Kitchener) sent in a brief family tree and is interested in finding relatives connected to his line. I have included a shortened version here to fit into the available space, but please contact John if you are interested in tracing a connection.

Those who are going to the July Gathering in Edinburgh should take note of the arrangements copied from the Australian Newsletter. Please refer any queries, particularly ones about payment, to Melanie at [lhbb.rogers.com](http://lhbb.rogers.com) because she is going and understands how these things can be worked out. I wish you all the best and hope you have a wonderful time. If you can spare the time and money, try touring in the Highlands. I am a first generation Canadian (arr. 1971) and the scenery is breath taking, as well as being so concentrated that you have to keep going if you are trying to get an overall impression. Edinburgh is a great city, but it is in the Highlands that you realize how hard the living must have been in spite of the beauty. If you have been in the Highlands, you will know that small places need exact routes or you may end up touring anyway! For details of the big event, see page four of this Newsletter.

I am sorry to tell you that there are **twenty one** members whose dues are outstanding for the financial year 2008-2009. Please bear in mind that payment of next years dues (2009-2010) start on 1 August,2009 and it is a sad thing to start our Anniversary year with so many outstanding receipts. If you miss payment, you go on the "endangered species list, so please check your membership card and RSVP us or the card may become a treasured memory. We do allow as much leeway as possible, but loss of membership means \$25 to rejoin, so please act now. On the other hand, quite a few members have paid in advance, so you could clear the arrears and pay for 2009-2010 together.

Cheers,  
Robin

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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

I am shortening this section to make way for the rest of the material I need to include.

The list of games is unchanged from the March letter. We received an invitation from the Uxbridge Games but our "Visiting" members were already committed elsewhere so we had to turn the invite down. We are getting a second tent , so we may get there next year. If anyone is nearby and can check out those games, please let us know.

**MEMBER'S NEWS**

The following is John MacLennan's brief family tree:

Kenneth (G.G.Grandfather)-12 children  
d. Glamis, ON 1888

-John d. 1852. Daughter to Salem, Oregon.

-Farquar (Frank) to New Zealand 1857

-Alexander to Nebraska (1871) & Oklahoma (1891)

-Donald to Tiverton (1855) d. Norwood, ON

-Kenneth (g.grandfather) to Cape Breton.

-Jane b. P.E.I. d. Detroit, 1933

-James b. P.E.I. d.1930

-Katherine b. P.E.I. d.1919, Plentywood, Mont.

-Anna Bella b.P.E.I. d.1939, Superior, Wisconsin

John Kenneth(Grandfather), Glamis, ON

This may not give you a great deal of information, but all the names are MacLennans and to follow up info on married names is beyond the scope of the brief summary .

To follow up any leads, please contact:

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Kitchener, ON N2M 2B6  
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**Receipts & Disbursements**

August 1,2008-May 8,2009

Receipts

Bank Balance Aug 1,2008 1,778.28

Member's Dues

-2007-2008 50.00  
-2008-2013 310.00 360.00

Clan Sales -2008 118.00

Fergus Dinner Draw 75.00

G.I.C. & Bank Interest 85.95  
U.S. exchange 4.75 643.70  
2,421.98

Disbursements

September/ March Newsletters  
-Copy 94.92  
-Postage 73.29 168.21

Bank Balance May8,2009 2,253.77  
Royal Bank G.I.C. 3,000.00  
Branch Total 5,253.77

Changes to the Directory

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**Family History - Sharing the Past Article 9 – British and Canadian Cousins, Robert and Lilian - How I found them Part One By: David MacLennan**

In my own research, I have found several cousins on both sides of the family AND all of them were living and quite willing to share the information they had picked up over the years. In the next few articles I will relate to two different avenues I was able to follow which enabled me to locate an additional and I might add a very large group of relatives as well as a history of a prominent Canadian Branch.

As mentioned in previous articles, **RESEARCH INFORMATION** is often found in strange places.

The following information comes from an article written by Donna Przechaa a founding member of the Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego.

...When you are researching, it is really important to take notes on what you examined and what you found — even if it wasn't productive.

...Beginning genealogists are usually vitally interested in finding ancestors and extending back in time as far and as fast as possible. For many people, the leap to the "old country" is the primary goal. In this quest they tend to overlook important clues that are vital to a complete family history. Once they have reached the end of the line in the ancestor quest, it is possible to take some time to review and perhaps come up with new clues. It is also a very relaxing, pleasurable exercise to retrace your steps and realize how much you have learned and where the knowledge came from.

What do I look for when I am going back and reading some of the following resource areas I have researched in the past?

#### Census Records

The census was probably one of the first documents where you found family information — or maybe you didn't find your family. If you did find an entry, [I hope that you took a photocopy of the page](#). Go back and study it again. First, look at neighbors on the same page. Now that you have found more information on the family, you might see that parents or siblings are living nearby. If you are still looking for the wife's family, take a closer look at older couples nearby. It might be worthwhile getting the film again and looking at people on nearby pages. Did you overlook a "Pa" in the citizenship column indicating he had made his declaration of intent to become a citizen or "Na" meaning he was already naturalized? These papers should be on file and often have valuable information. Look at all the other columns. Whether or not he owned property could be important, as there are land records that should be investigated.

If you were unsuccessful in finding someone in the census, perhaps it is time to take another look. The census can be pretty frustrating when you first start, but after you become familiar with its format it isn't so bad...

#### Vital Records

Go back and re-examine those birth, marriage and death certificates. That woman you didn't know who provided the information on the death certificate might now be recognizable as the daughter whose married name you hadn't yet discovered.

#### Online Maps

Records that contain addresses, such as censuses, death certificates and city directories, were not always that meaningful if you couldn't get a map of the city. You didn't know if people lived a block apart or miles. With interactive online maps, you can see exactly, right down to the block, where they lived. If you have a baptismal record from a city church, you can look up the church address and have a pretty good idea of where the family lived.

#### Letters

It is always fun to go back and read old letters and you may pick up new information. Perhaps someone wrote to you about a family that you thought was unrelated but now you can fit him or her into your expanded family tree. Or maybe cousin Robert said he was going to go down and visit the cemetery in the spring. Get in touch with him and see if he has anything new. You might have exchanged a lot of letters with a fellow researcher 10 years ago and haven't heard anything since then. It might be time to follow-up.

Genealogy has become a profitable industry, for good or ill. One benefit is that new information is being created on a regular basis. Some of it is free, some is for sale and some has a free teaser with the rest having a price. It pays to go back periodically and see what has transpired.

The next article will include more places to look on the Internet and how I found cousin Lilian and a whole cemetery where almost all interred are cousins.

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](mailto:dmac44@rogers.com) until then, happy hunting.

Yours in Kinship – Dave

**CLAN MACLENNAN 10<sup>th</sup> WORLD GATHERING Edinburgh, Scotland, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2009**

The basis for this Gathering of our Clan will be the Express by Holiday Inn Edinburgh City Centre, 4 Picardy Place, (top of Leith St.)Edinburgh, EH1 33T (ph.0131 558 2300 or from overseas 44 131 558 2300). It is a 5 minute walk to Princes Street, a 10 minute walk to the Royal Mile and a little bit further on to Holyrood Park. Located near the St. James Shopping Centre and the Edinburgh Playhouse Theatre. It has free internet access within their business Centre and free access of 30 minutes a day per room. (*Ask at Reception for voucher*).

The Time Table of events follows:

**Day 1 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009**

**4-6pm. Registration Desk will be open to greet arrivals**  
**7pm. Informal meal at the Express by Holiday Inn (*at own expense*)**

**Day 2 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

10am-12noon. Registration Desk will be open.

12 noon-2pm. Lunch break.

2-4pm Clan Parliament at Express by Holiday Inn (*All should attend and participate*)

6-11pm. Clan Dinner in Castlehill Room at The Scotch Whisky Experience, 354 Castlehill, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, with a Ceilidh in the Amber Bar of the Whisky Bond. Clansfolk wishing to take an active part in the Ceilidh please advise at time of booking. For those so inclined afterward, adjourn to Dean Brodies traditional Bar across the road.

**Day 3 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**9am-6pm. 'The Gathering 2009' at Holyrood Park.**

**At your own leisure and pleasure, with our Clan's tent your meeting place and base for the day.**

**7.30pm Clansfolk with aq Passport for "The Gathering 2009" to marshal(*in alphabetical order in the vicinity of Holyrood House*) for the Clan Parade up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle and be seated in the Castle**

esplanade for the Clan Pageant from 10pm to 11pm.

**Day4 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

9am-6pm. 'The Gathering 2009' at Holyrood Park

At your own leisure and pleasure with our Clan's tent your base & meeting place for the day.

3pm. Our Clan's farewell meeting at our Clan MacLennan tent in "The Gathering 2009".

7pm. Informal farewell evening meal at the Express by Holiday Inn (*at own expense*)

(The total package cost is GBPounds 65- Excluding entry to "The Gathering 2009" event. Accommodation and meals at own expense, except for the Clan Dinner & Ceilidh which is included in the package. No charge for babies, of course, but children have to pay full price as we are operating on a no margin basis.)

**Bank Details for Payment are:**

**Gold Deposit Account. Sort Code 83-23-10. Account number 00796991 at the Royal Bank of Scotland.**

**Options are: Transferring funds on line, with a bankers draft or mailing a blank cheque payable to Kirsteen Eckersley at "Ben Alisky" west Street, Fochabers, IV32 7DJ.**

**All funds should be transferred by the 1<sup>st</sup> July, after that date any remaining tickets will be released to non-clan members. For further enquiries contact Kirsteen on Ph. 44(0) 134 382 0105 or < james.kirsteen@btinternet.com >**