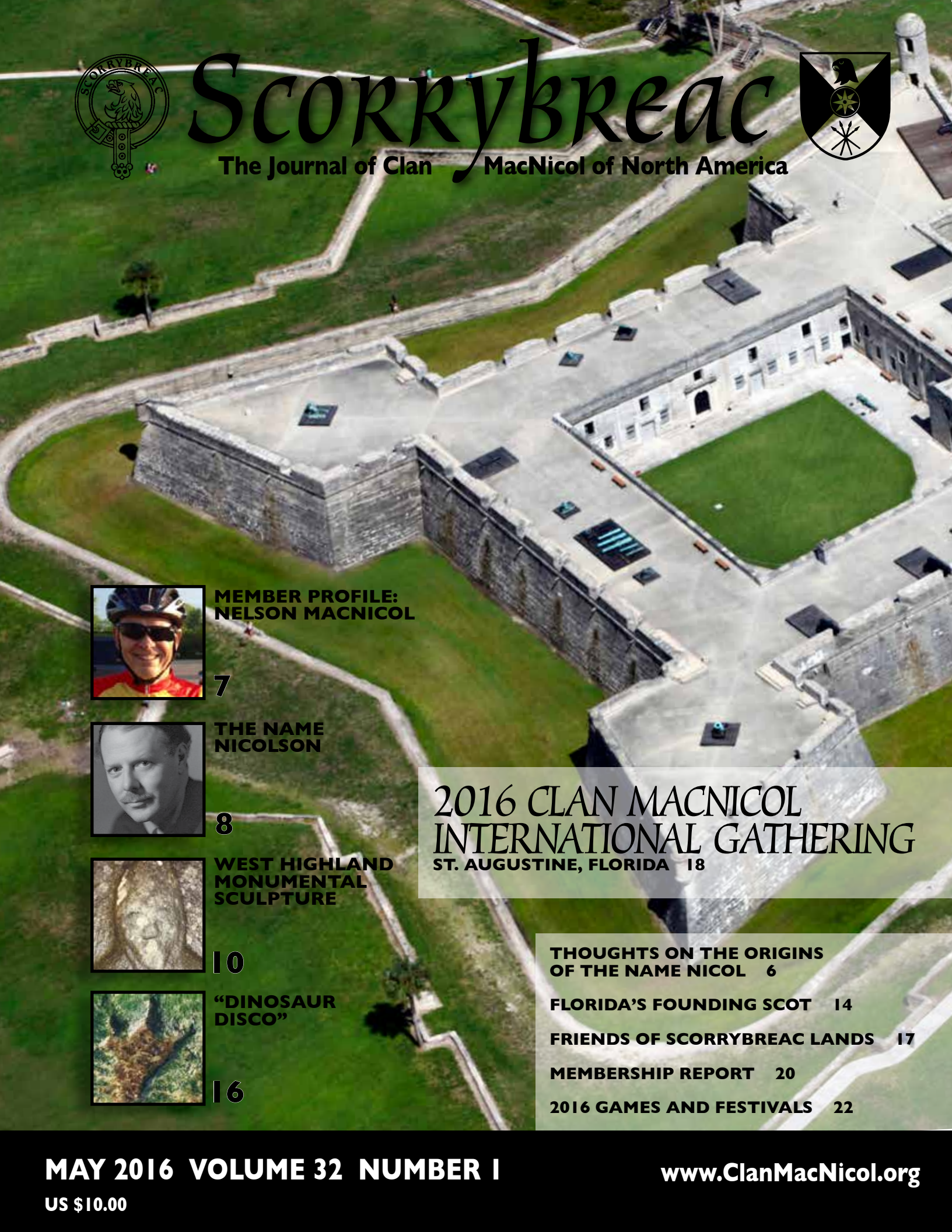




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FROM THE PRESIDENT

ONCE AGAIN I AM TYPING my contributions to a spring issue of our Clan journal in one of the two towers of Clan member **Marilena Castenetto's** late medieval Castle of Cassacco, located in northeast Italy.

On the surface, winter and spring appear to be quiet seasons for our Clan Society. In fact, much is happening: tents and booths at games and festivals are being arranged, preparations

Jeremy with Karen McNicol Dhaenens her daughter and granddaughter at Stone Mountain Games in Georgia (October 2015)



for the annual North American Gathering are gathering momentum, and of course here is the spring issue of the Clan journal!

2016 INTERNATIONAL CLAN MACNICOL GATHERING IN ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Our principal 2016 International (and North American) event will take place during the first weekend of October (Oct. 6-9, the Columbus Day weekend). This will be our biennial International Gathering in St. Augustine, Florida.

On this occasion, we will be hosted by our Director, Web Portal Administrator and Florida State Commissioner **Cliff Wolf** and his wife **Claudia** who live in Crestview on the northwestern side of the state.

Over eighty Clan members and relatives have already signed up with Cliff, including our Chief **Scorrybreac** from Australia along with his complete immediate family.

There will be additional overseas participants from Australia, New Zealand and Scotland, as well as a great turnout of members with their families from Canada and the U.S.

Please refer to the article in this issue for further details of the anticipated proceedings.

2016 GAMES AND FESTIVALS REPRESENTATION

As in years past, we are planning to staff Clan tents at several Highland games and Scottish festivals in Canada and the U.S.

The provinces and states involved so far are: Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Québec; Arizona (one already held), California (two already held), Colorado, Florida (two already held), Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada (one already held),

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New Hampshire, North Carolina (one already held), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.

Thanks to all our Games Commissioners whose hard work and dedication make all this possible.

I look forward to many of you joining our Games Commissioners at Clan tents later this spring, summer and fall in North America (see the related article in this issue). You are assured of a warm kinship welcome, and a wonderful day of Scottish entertainment, athletics and food.

2016 HARMAN NICHOLSON OF BALVENIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As an important reminder, the Clan is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to be made available to members in good standing and their children and grandchildren ages 6-18 years to help offset expenses incurred in the pursuit of Scottish clan and Gaelic activities.

Interested persons are urgently invited to contact **Brenda Nicholson Pritchard** or **Bruce McNichols** at their earliest opportunity to request an application.

PASSING OF JOHN NICOLL IN SWANSEA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

The sad news just arrived of the passing of **John Nicoll** in Australia at the age of 90. John served with distinction for over two decades as Lieutenant to the Chief (an honor unique to the Australian part of the Clan), and as President of the New South Wales Clan Branch and thereafter of Clan MacNicol Australia. He was a cheerful, gregarious and energetic soul who was deeply attached to the welfare and advancement of the Clan. He and his wife **Penny**, formerly Editor of *The Southern Cross* (Clan MacNicol's journal in Australasia) and a long-serving Officer of the Clan "DownUnder", traveled extensively and are remembered by many members whom they met in North America. Our heartfelt condolences to Penny.

NEW LIFETIME CLAN MEMBERSHIPS

As we approach the 31st anniversary of our Clan Society's foundation in 1985, I would like to give thanks to the following three new lifetime members whose generosity and trust we really appreciate: Bret and Rita Marie Robinson of Wallingford, Pennsylvania; Mary Lou Nicolson Klimek of Cochrane, Alberta; and Brenda Faye Nicolson of Victoria, British Columbia.

Finally and as always, I invite any of you to contact me directly by phone, e-mail or letter about any Clan matter—check my masthead listing for ways to reach me.

Jeremy Nicholson



GREETINGS FROM THE NEW CO-EDITOR

by James Nickelson

WELCOME TO THE MAY 2016 issue of *Scorrybreac*! As I finish my contributions for this issue from South Carolina, I can reflect on how pleased I am to have been given the opportunity to make significant contributions to this journal. I have been a member of the Clan MacNicol for well over 15 years and have always eagerly awaited the next issue knowing that I would learn something new. Whether you are new to Clan MacNicol, or have been involved longer than me, my goal is to keep that sense of excitement alive in everyone who reads *Scorrybreac*.

My academic and early professional background is in history and archaeology. I had the pleasure of excavating at a Roman fort on Hadrian's Wall in England before I began graduate school. The following summer, I helped with excavations at an 18th—19th century

blackhouse thought to have been the birthplace of Flora MacDonald. Flora is famous for her role helping Bonnie Prince Charlie escape after the Jacobite defeat at Culloden only days

before his stay at Scorrybreac. But aside from the historical significance of the location, this site was especially important to me as I first met my wife Anita when she volunteered at the excavations.

Because of my background, the articles I have written for *Scorrybreac* have been about history and archaeology. But I am always open to suggestions. Please feel free to send me your ideas, or even your questions about possible future topics. More importantly we welcome submissions and we want you to share your story. Just as we included a profile of Clan member Nelson MacNicol in this issue, we would like to share a profile of at least one member in each issue. Please share your story of how you became involved in the Clan and what you do to promote the Clan or to show your MacNicol pride.

I look forward to meeting many of you in St. Augustine in October! In the meantime, I hope that you enjoy reading this issue as much as I enjoyed my part in creating it. 🍷



The remains of the Flora MacDonald house at Milton, South Uist. Historically it would have looked like the dwellings seen in the movie Rob Roy. That's me on the left, the only one not wearing a jacket.



THOUGHTS ON THE ORIGINS OF THE NAME NICOL

by Cliff Wolf
with Jeremy Nicholson

DURING A RECENT VISIT TO BARI, capital of the Puglia region in southeastern Italy, Jeremy reported that he lodged at the Nicolaus Hotel, the name of which he found intriguing because of its obvious resemblance to the Nicol eponym of our Clan. The owners of the hotel clearly had a punning sense of humor—in English no less—as they named the on-site watering hole “The Nicol Haus Bar” [sic].

The personal name *Nicol* is a diminutive of Nicholas or Nikolas, a male given name derived from the Greek name Νικόλαος (*Nikolaos*), a combination of the words for “victory” (νίκη; *níkē*) and “people” (λαός; *laós*). The name can be understood to mean victory of the people. The Greek word (νίκη; *níkē*) is derived from Egyptian *nekht*, meaning “to be strong” or “powerful.” In addition, “laos” or “λαός” in Greek, originates from the word root “-las,” as found in the word “λα-τομετο” meaning “stone” or “rock” (in Greek Mythology, Deucalion and Pyrrha recreated the people after they had vanished in a catastrophic deluge, by throwing stones behind their shoulders while they kept marching on).

The name became popular through Saint Nicholas, the 4th Century Bishop of Myra in Lycia, Asia Minor (situated in modern-day Turkey), the inspiration for Santa Claus (Klaus is the customary German or Dutch nickname for

someone named Nicholas). Santa Klaus comes from Saint Nicholas; the Dutch Sint Niklaas was shortened to Sinterklaas and Americanized as Santa Claus. The customary English spelling of “Nicholas,” using an “h,” first came into use in the 12th century and has been firmly established since the Reformation, though “Nicolas” is occasionally used. The Orthodox, Catholic, and the Anglican Churches celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas every year on December 6th.

In Greece, the name and its derivatives are especially popular in maritime regions, as St. Nicholas is considered the protector saint of seafarers—as well as merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers and students throughout Europe. St. Nicholas is also the Patron Saint of Russia, and many Russian pilgrims to this day visit his Basilica in Bari, where Russian Orthodox ceremonies are conducted in the crypt by his tomb.

Regarding the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas, Jeremy remembers that growing up in Brussels the principal gift-receiving day for Belgian children was December 6, not December 25. Jeremy was the envy of his childhood neighborhood pals since his parents observed both the 6th and the 25th, so that he and his brothers could look forward to presents on two occasions in December. ❧



MEMBER PROFILE: NELSON MACNICOL



I STARTED TEACHING IN 1970, COACHING HS athletes in 1971 and became a distance runner in 1978. While coaching I established contacts with local T-shirt producers. As my kids grew up I used these contacts to have shirts made for my family. We had shirts made for running and other family events. I would copy a low resolution MacNicol crest from the internet and my T-shirt friends would make a design for my now extended family. The last Clan MacNicol shirt was worn by the twenty-two members of our personal “Clan MacNicol.”

After twenty-two marathons and scores of shorter races, I gave up running in 2011. The injuries were becoming too frequent and painful. I had started riding bicycles in 2009. When the running ended, the biking became serious. I typically bike 150 to 170 miles per week and I try to compete in a bike event every four to six weeks. Rides are usually 100 km or 100 miles long, and they provide a training goal and help keep me focused.

About four years ago I became more interested in my Scottish roots and became a member of the real Clan MacNicol. I started to attend Highland games here in Florida, got myself a kilt, and I met Cliff Wolf at a Clan MacNicol tent. Cliff had access to high resolution files of the MacNicol crest. This gave me the ability to have custom bicycle jerseys made for my son Brian MacNicol and myself.

We have worn these jerseys while training and we wore them in an eventful bike event in Illinois two summers ago. While riding in a pace line at about 18–20 mph I allowed my front tire to contact the rider directly in front of me and I fell, on my head. It was bad—a concussion, two broken ribs, broken collar bone, a hole in my lung and lots of “road rash.” My helmet was broken, but worse than that when I awoke in the ambulance the first thing I saw was the EMT cutting off my custom made MacNicol jersey! I became an angry Scotsman but my protests were ignored.

I’m fine today and I’m back to serious (for an old guy) bike riding. I managed to get the company to make me another jersey. So all is right and my son Brian and I will continue to promote our Clan in local bike events.

“Meminisse sed Providere” 🐓



THE NAME NICOLSON

Sir Harold Nicolson's Opinion of his Name

For those members of the clan society with the surname Nicolson (in all its variations) it might be amusing to hear one person's opinion of his name. Harold Nicolson was a diplomat during both World Wars who later became a prolific writer.

years renovating the castle and designing the now-famous gardens. The gardens have been opened to the public since 1938. After their deaths the Castle was given over to the National Trust which currently maintains the property as a popular tourist attraction.

While waiting to be awarded a peerage which never came, Harold mused about his name and

HAROLD NICOLSON WAS BORN in Tehran, Persia, as the third and youngest son of the British diplomat Arthur Nicolson. Harold joined the Foreign Service in 1909 with postings in Madrid and Constantinople before serving in London during World War I. It was Harold who hand delivered the revised declaration of war to the German Ambassador in London. In 1920 Harold was named a Companion in the Order of St. Michael and St. George for his role in the Paris Peace Conference.

Harold continued in foreign service with postings to the League of Nations, Tehran, the Home Office, and Berlin before resigning in 1929. After a brief editorial career, he turned his attentions to writing and politics. He served as a Member of Parliament from 1935–1945. After losing the 1945 election he focused his efforts on his writing career, encouraged by his wife Vita Sackville-West (a prolific poet and novelist). Harold also became a prolific author of novels, political commentary and his own diaries with over thirty-five books to his name.

In the 1930s Harold and Vita purchased the ruined Sissinghurst Castle in Kent. They spent



his forthcoming title. He wrote this in his diary in May 1948:

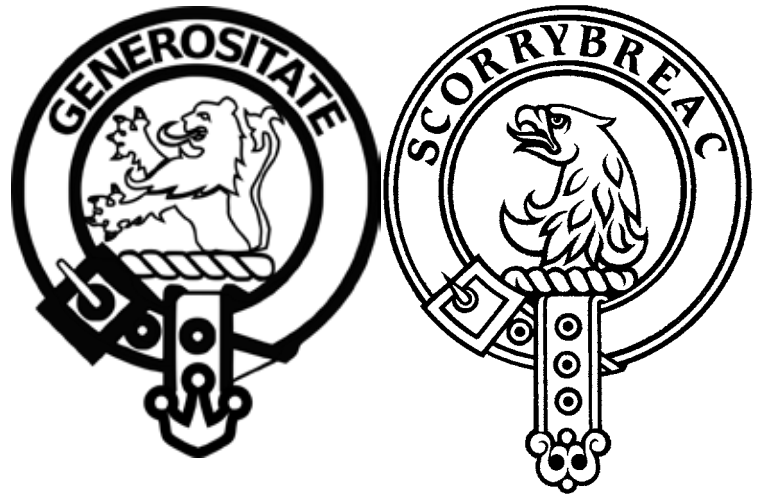
But I am amused to find in myself a fat grub of snob-bishness. I have always hated the name "Nicolson" as being a common plebeian name. I don't mind it for myself, since "Harold Nicolson" is familiar and all right. But I hate it for Viti [his wife Vita]. Thus if I were made a real peer, I could change it to "Cranfield." But if a life-peer, I could not change my name, and "Lord Nicolson," and even more so, "Lady Nicolson," would sound absurd. Now really at my age I ought not to mind such things. And yet I am conscious of that little grub or slug inside me. How little one knows oneself, even when one probes and pokes and is amused!

From the Diaries and Letters of Harold Nicolson, Vol. 3, the Later Years

Although not members of the Clan MacNicol, Harold Nicolson's family played a major indirect role in the establishment of our Clan Society. Harold's father, Sir Arthur Nicolson, was granted the title *1st Baron Carnock* in honor of his foreign service. It was Harold's nephew David, the *4th Baron Carnock*, who was granted the title *Chief of Clan Nicolson* by the Lord Lyon in 1984. This act prompted the challenge from our chiefly line in Australia and the establishment of our Clan MacNicol Societies. Harold's grandson Adam Nicolson, a third generation writer, now holds the title of *5th Baron Carnock* but has not claimed the title Chief of the lowland Clan Nicolson. ❧

Why Are There Two Clans?

The Clan Nicolson vs. the Clan MacNeacail



IF YOU HAVE RESEARCHED OUR CLAN HISTORY on the internet or in some publications, you may have learned that there was a Lowland Clan Nicolson in addition to our Highland Clan MacNeacail (or MacNicol). Since Nicolson is an Anglicized form of MacNicol, confusion between the two names and the two clans is understandable. However, they are two very distinct groups, and there is no known genealogical connection between the two chiefly lines.

The Clan Nicolson's chiefly line is traced back to an Edinburgh lawyer named James Nicolson who died about 1580. His son John was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia as John Nicolson of that Ilk and Lasswade in 1629, but his line died out by 1826. In the early 1980s David Nicolson, the *4th Baron Carnock* (see article above), learned that he was descended from John Nicolson's brother and thus was eligible to petition the Lord Lyon King of Arms to be recognized as Chief of Clan Nicolson.

While David Nicolson was making his petition to the Lord Lyon, several dedicated clan members including Burke and Harman Nicholson of Atlanta aided in the petition of Ian Nicolson of Australia, direct descendant of the Nicolson Chiefs of Scurrybreac. In 1988 the Lord Lyon determined that Ian Nicolson could be declared Chief of the Highland Clan MacNeacail, so long as he changed his name to MacNeacail, the Gaelic spelling of Nicolson. And thus he became Iain MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scurrybreac, Chief of the Highland Clan MacNeacail. His son John is our current chief. ❧



West Highland Monumental Sculpture

By James Nickelson

Figure 1:
Two typical examples of West Highland Grave slabs from Iona showing the common elements of floral patterns, a sword, galleys and miniature figures.



SCOTLAND WAS HOME TO MANY unique traits throughout the medieval period due to its position at the far corner of Europe. Among these was a decorative style distinct to the Western Highlands of Scotland which, although probably in common use, rarely survives in any form other than in sculptured grave slabs and effigies. The carvings are restricted to areas of the Diocese of the Isles and the Diocese of Argyll, which were associated with the Lordship of the Isles throughout the 14th and 15th centuries.

With more than 600 monuments in the West Highland style on record, the majority of them are concentrated around Iona. Members of Clan MacNicol are more likely to encounter the small sample of monuments available on St. Columba's Isle at Skeabost, Isle of Skye. Although at least four monuments of the West Highland type are associated with the island, three remain at the site and all of

these are the rarer effigy type carvings. These were mentioned briefly in an article about the Cathedral ruins on St. Columba's Isle which appeared previously in *Scorrybreac* (vol.31, no.1).

Although there have been numerous books on this subject, most of them are from the 19th and early 20th centuries. The most comprehensive study of these monuments is *Late Medieval Monumental Sculpture in the West Highlands*, published in 1977 by JWM Bannerman and KA Steer. They classified the monuments, identified several schools of craftsmanship producing them, and analyzed the decorative elements represented on them. Unfortunately, this wonderful book is long out of print and nearly impossible to find, with either access to a university library or inter-library loan usually required to get a copy.

The style of the carvings is relatively uniform with various elements standing out against a shallow-carved background in what is called a false- or flat-relief. Foliage patterns, reminiscent of Celtic interlace, appear prominently on many of the carvings. In many examples the foliage patterns surround depictions of swords or the figures of men or animals. Less commonly, a single man will be depicted as a full size effigy carving. Distinctive West Highland galleys called *birlinns*, appear regularly on these monuments as they are used in the heraldry of the MacDonalds, Lords of the Isles.

Although very few of the West Highland monuments are inscribed, fifteen include inscriptions with dates, ranging from 1489 to 1555. These fifteen stones clearly show a change in the font



LOMBARDIC Blackletter

Figure 2:
Comparison of Lombardic style and Blackletter style fonts.

used circa 1500. The four inscriptions dating 1489–1500 are in Lombardic capitals and the eleven dating 1500–1555 use Blackletter. Perhaps the most interesting

inscription comes from the tomb of Abbot John MacKinnon in Iona Abbey dated 1498 which bears both types of lettering.

The swords, which are representative of those used in Scotland, transition in style shortly before the change in font styles. There are three main types of swords shown on the effigies (Figure 3). The first and earliest is the single-handed sword with lobed pommel (no.2) similar to Viking swords (no.1), but typically with curved cross guards. Later swords developed a round or disc-shaped pommel (no.3). The larger claymore (no.4) was popular in the Highlands and appears to be an evolution of the earlier Scottish swords as the guards with flared ends evolved into the pierced quatrefoil ends. Fourteen of the claymore carvings also bear dated inscriptions with one from 1495 in the

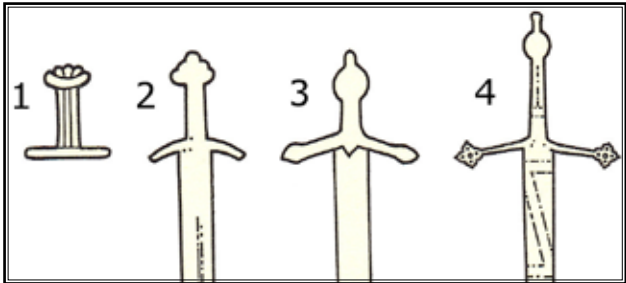


Figure 3:
Comparison of sword hilt styles featuring (from left to right) a classic Viking-style lobed pommel, early Scottish lobed pommel, later Scottish disc pommel, and two-handed claymore.

principal schools of design which did not have exclusive geographical or temporal boundaries: Iona, Kintyre, Loch Awe and Oronsay, with a minor school of Loch Sween. Generally speaking the schools fall within the 14th and 15th centuries, except for the Oronsay School which dates to the 16th century.

The Iona School, named for the island where most of the monumental sculpture is found was the most prolific. The Iona school monuments are Grave-slabs typically tapering towards a bottom and usually featuring a sword or miniature person as the main element supported by foliage. The stone used appears to have been imported from the Loch Sween region. Iona craftsmanship represents the most detailed,

the most diverse, the most numerous and the most widely distributed of the West Highland monuments. Most known effigy slabs belong to the Iona school of carving.

Carvings of the Kintyre School are concentrated almost entirely on the Kintyre peninsula and also use stone from the Loch Sween area. Kintyre ornamentation is described as blocked out and devoid of the fine surface etching of the Iona school, with less variation and inventiveness in design elements. The Loch Awe School is generally limited to Mid Argyll. The design is generally crude with the foliage and figures being roughly-cut and blocky. The stone used for Loch Awe carvings is not uniform and appears to be local, suggesting the work of a traveling carver. The minor Loch Sween School describes only three slabs found at Kilmory which are only described as dissimilar to the other schools.

When the Lordship of the Isles was forfeited by the MacDonalds to James IV in 1493, support for the schools of carving declined. The Kintyre and Loch Awe schools soon disappeared, and the aforementioned changes in the font and style of swords appeared in the Iona School. The Oronsay School then developed, perhaps as a continuation or modification of the Iona School. Oronsay grave-slabs bear foliage patterns described simply as elegant, typically accompanied by claymore-style swords, miniature figures, or galleys. Where inscriptions appear, they are all in the blackletter font.

The majority of the effigies depict men in one of the two main types of armor worn in the Western Highlands. Many of the effigies have fully sculptured heads, and the depth of the relief of the faces suggests they may have had a portrait-like level of detail. Although the effigies accurately represent the human form, they fail to transfer the same level of detail to the rest of the body. This trend is particularly noticeable on effigies with warriors holding spears, where an accurate representation of the bend of the elbow is never fully achieved (Figure 4).

Effigy carvings, regardless of the school, would have been the most expensive to produce, and therefore would likely have been restricted to the chiefs and the chieftains, or the upper lev-

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Figure 5:
The MacSween Effigy from Skeabost featuring a warrior in the early aketon armor with bascinet, single hand sword, and three sets of initials.



els of ecclesiastical society. Given their expense, these effigy slabs may have been used by several successive generations. This idea is supported by an inscription showing that one effigy marked the resting place of at least five generations of MacKinnons (Figure 4). Clan MacNicol's own traditions hold that 28 generations of chiefs are buried in Nicholson's Aisle at Skeabost, the site of another effigy carving (Figure 6).

Effigies from St. Columba's Isle

The most prominent of the effigies on St. Columba's Island is referred to alternately as the Knight Effigy or the MacSween Effigy (Figure 5). It presently sits south of the cathedral ruin in what appears to have been the south transept. It measures 2.0m by 0.61m tapering to 0.55m at the bottom and is about 15cm thick. It is carved from bluish schist, which may have

come from the Sleat peninsula. The figure is an armored man in relief within a sunken panel. Like more than 30 other contemporary effigies, he is dressed in the common armor of the period, consisting of a highly pointed bascinet helmet, mail aventail to protect the neck and shoulders, and a knee-length quilted surcoat called an aketon.

Figure 4:

The Mackinnon Effigy features a warrior in the early aketon armor with bascinet, sword with lobed pommel, poorly represented elbow detail, foliage decorations, and an inscription indicating multi-generational use.



Figure 6:

The Nicolson Effigy from Skeabost featuring a warrior in later plate armor and holding a two handed claymore.

The figure's right hand grips the end of the sword-belt and the left grips a sword of indeterminate date. The sword's pommel is significantly worn but more accurately suggests a lobed design than a round one. To the right of the head are three rows of three letters each "MMS, RMS, IMS" in Blackletter which suggests a family of MacSweens. To the left is a figure treading on an animal thought to represent St. Michael. Bannerman and Steer suggest that it can only be roughly dated between 1350 and 1500, but the presence of the Blackletter font would strongly indicate its continued use at the end of that range.





Figure 6

presence of the claymore places this effigy to the 16th century. Although it is poorly preserved, it appears similar and is likely contemporary to the effigy of Alexander MacLeod at Rodel on Harris known to have been carved in 1528. The MacLeod effigy is part of a much more elaborate tomb with many elaborately carved supporting elements (Figure 7).

Inside the burial chapel known as Nicolson's Aisle is a later effigy often referred to as the Crusader Effigy, or as the Nicolson Effigy (Figure 6) due to its association with the chapel. This effigy is carved in higher relief than the MacSween effigy, but is in a poorer state of preservation. The figure is dressed in plate armor which appeared in Scotland in the late 15th and early 16th centuries. Plate armor is thought to have appeared in the West Highlands later than the rest of Europe because warfare there was more concerned with small scale raiding than with the sieges common to the rest of Europe. Additionally, the high expense of such armor and the availability of qualified armorers may have been a significant factor.

The Nicolson effigy holds a claymore between the legs with the left hand gripping the hilt and the right the guard. The pres-

A third effigy found to the north of the cathedral ruin is probably that of a woman. It is described as carved in a primitive manner, showing the skeleton of a woman with hoof marks on either side of the skeleton to indicate she was killed by a bull. There is no indication of the date of this grave slab and it may not even be medieval. An early archaeological survey of St. Columba's Isle tells of a second effigy dressed in an aketon and gripping a sword but it was described as "...so much broken that it was impossible to recognize anything except that it contained a similar figure... [to the MacSween effigy]" and its location is currently unknown. The Skye & Lochalsh Museums Service has a grave-slab with foliage patterns and an effigy on the reverse that may have come from St. Columba's Island but it is uncertain if this was listed in any of the sources.



Figure 8:

Detail of the Nicolson Effigy from Skeabost showing the distinct but weathered facial features.

Since most of the effigies which survive today are focused in the south nearer to the heartlands of the MacDonalds as Lords of the Isles, those found farther afield must surely be associated with prominent individuals. It is no surprise that some would be found on St. Columba's Island as it was once center of the Bishopric of the Isles. Furthermore, that the MacNicol's may have purchased an effigy depicting a man in plate mail lends support to their importance in the region.

And to pose one final question, is that a hint of the Nicolson Nose I see on the face of the Nicolson effigy? 🐷

Figure 7:

The Tomb of Alexander MacLeod at Rodel on Harris featuring an effigy in later plate armor holding a two handed claymore and surrounded by detailed figure carvings.



FLORIDA'S FOUNDING SCOT

With our upcoming North American gathering being in St. Augustine, it is interesting to learn of the role a Nicholson played in the early territorial history of Florida.

Gerald Ensley, a retired writer for the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper, wrote an article about Dr. Malcolm Nicholson for the St. Andrew Cross, the newsletter of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee. His original work inspired the following article.

MALCOLM NICHOLSON WAS a first generation Scottish-American born in South Carolina in 1789, the second child of Angus Nicholson and Anne McCall who had emigrated from Invera-

ray, Scotland in 1775. Once grown, Malcolm settled in Burke County, Georgia and became a highly respected physician. He later moved to Decatur County, Georgia where he continued to practice medicine while growing cotton and becoming a land speculator. In the 1820s these interests drew him to the Florida Territory. There he purchased a 4,000-acre plantation in Gadsden County, near modern Tallahassee.

Before Florida became a state in 1825, its two largest cities were Pensacola, the former capital of Spanish West Florida, and St. Augustine, the former Capital of Spanish East Florida. When the first meeting of the territorial legislature was held at Pensacola in 1822, the representatives from St. Augustine had to travel by water for 59 days to reach the meeting. When the next session met in St. Augustine, the western



delegates had a relatively easier 28-day trek to attend.

During the second session, the legislators decided to find a central site to hold future meetings to make travel easier for everyone. In 1823 they selected John Lee Williams from Pensacola and William Simmons from St. Augustine to find the site for a new capital. The two men met at an abandoned Apalachee settlement known as Tallahassee, meaning “old fields” or “old town” by the local Seminole bands. After negotiating for ownership with the Seminole, Tallahassee became the new state capital.

In 1824 the legislature asked a group of three local residents, including Dr. Malcolm Nicholson, to build the new territorial capitol. They selected the site where three log cabins were built to house the first meeting of the legislature in Tallahassee, which occurred in November and December 1824. The following year when the legislature created Leon County from Gadsden County, Dr. Nicholson was one of the men who picked Quincy to be the county seat for Gadsden County.

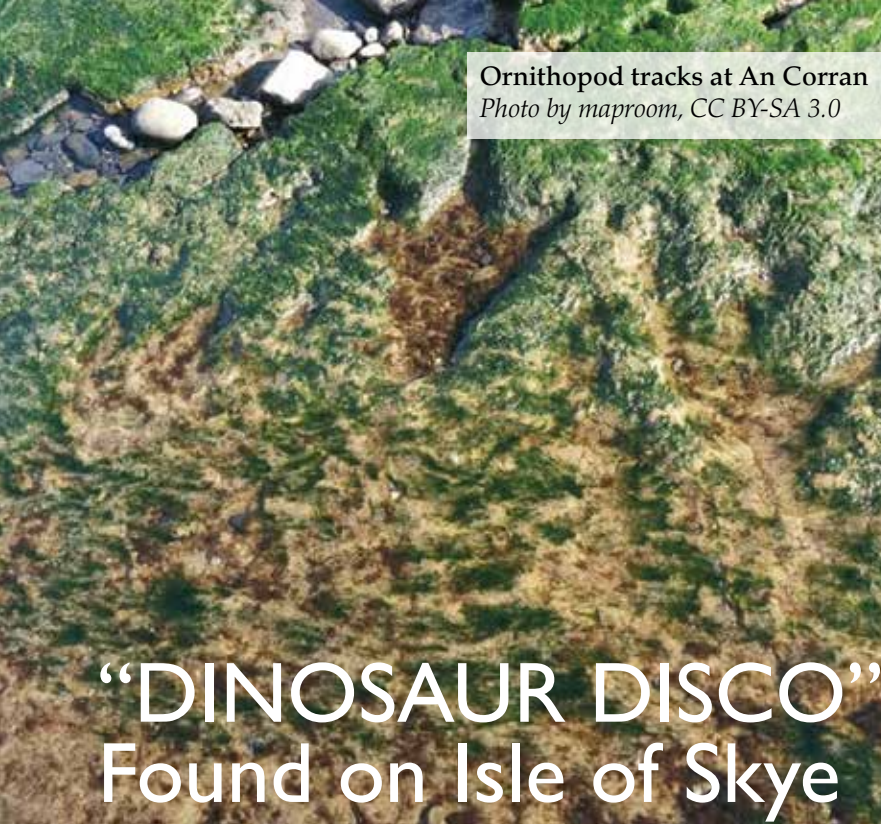
In 1825, after his role in the founding of Tallahassee, Dr. Nicholson married Mary Avirett, the daughter of a plantation owner from South Georgia and he began construction on a larger house. About 1828, the family which would eventually grow to include seven children, moved into the new home. Although Dr. Nicholson had hoped to give up medicine to concentrate on farming, his skills were in such demand that he left operation of his cotton plantation to one of his brothers and

continued to serve as the doctor for Gadsden County. When he died in 1840, the Floridian newspaper called him the “Father of Medicine in Florida.”


Dr. Nicholson’s house is considered one of the oldest houses in Florida, and it still stands about three miles east of today’s city of Havana. It was a one-story wood-frame house with two wings straddling a breezeway. It is best known by modern residents as Nicholson’s Farmhouse Restaurant, a popular dining spot opened in 1988 by Paul Nicholson, a two-term Gadsden County Commissioner and great-great-grandson of Dr. Malcolm Nicholson. Nicholson Farmhouse Restaurant sprawled across five buildings on the property, including the original Nicholson home, serving steaks and seafood and attracting diners from all over the area.

The restaurant was sold and eventually closed in 2004. The property is now owned by Lynn Badger and known as White Dog Plantation—operating as a venue for weddings and receptions and as a bed and breakfast. The original Nicholson house is being restored to become a museum. If you are driving to St. Augustine for the gathering in October, or ever happen to find yourself on I-10 near Tallahassee, the Nicholson Farmhouse sounds like a site well worthy of a detour. ❧





Ornithopod tracks at An Corran
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Sauropod tracks found near Duntulm Castle © Steve Brusatte

“DINOSAUR DISCO” Found on Isle of Skye

In what Forbes has hailed as one of the “10 most incredible fossil finds in 2015,” a team of paleontologists from the University of Edinburgh has discovered a slew of fossilized dinosaur tracks on the Isle of Skye, the ancestral home of Clan MacNicol. The find in April 2015 (announced in December of last year) took place near Duntulm Castle at the north end of the Trotternish Peninsula.

By Rene Holbach

from our Australian journal, *The Southern Cross*

DOCTOR STEVE BRUSATTE, THE LEADER of the team that made this fossilized find said that “the new tracksite from Skye is one of the most remarkable dinosaur discoveries ever made in Scotland. There are so many tracks crossing each other that it looks like a dinosaur disco preserved in stone.”

The Team did not set out to discover Scotland’s largest dinosaur site that day. As Dr Brusatte wrote on his website, he discovered the “dinosaur disco” by chance, as his team was returning to their cars at the end of a long day of collecting fossils.

The tracks themselves are huge—individual footprints are up to 70 cm in diameter and are only accessible at low tide. So what sort of dinosaurs made these tracks? They were sauropods, some of the largest land animals which ever lived, and had huge bodies, four legs and long necks. The ones on Skye would have grown to at least 15 metres in length and would have weighed more than 10 tonnes. These gigantic beasts would have roamed the Isle of Skye around 170 million years ago, the Middle Jurassic Period.

These are the first sauropod tracks to be found in Scotland—the only evidence of their living in Scotland found prior to this was

a small number of bone and teeth fragments. Fossils from the Middle Jurassic Period are rare. According to the University of Edinburgh, the Isle of Skye is one of the few places in the world where they can be found.

The first dinosaur fossils were found on Skye 30 years ago. One of the most remarkable sites is at the beach at An Corran in Staffin, where a family of two legged, herbivorous ornithopods left a series of tracks 165 million years ago. The tracks are visible in the sandstone, when they are not covered by the high tide or by sand, according to *theskyguide.com*.

As much fun as this new dinosaur discovery is for Skye residents and tourists, it is also hugely significant to our understanding of sauropods. As Dr Brusatte wrote on his website, “along with some other recent tracksites, this shows that colossal dinosaurs were at home near and even in shallow water, contrary to their image as land-bound behemoths.”

The great thing for us is that both of these dinosaur sites are on publicly accessible lands, so we all have something to add to our itineraries the next time we go to Skye. The exact locations of both the Staffin and Duntulm sites can be found on *skyguide.com*. 🗺



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF SCORRYBREAC LANDS,

Your past generous support has certainly enabled the trustees to more efficiently manage and plan for the upkeep and maintenance of our wonderful and spectacular Clan MacNeacail Land at Portree.

This continuing scheme has enabled those remote from Skye to still contribute in a positive and meaningful way to the preservation, continuance and maintenance of the wonderful Clan Lands of Scorrybreac.

Spring is once again upon the Highlands, which means the grass and weeds will again battle for their part of the Clan Lands, only to be kept under control by our mowers and the Volunteer group, funded and supported by your contributions.

All annual donations will be forwarded to the "Urras Clann MhicNeacail" toward the end

of each year, once North American members have submitted their contributions through Scorrybreac Fund, Inc. (tax-deductible in the US) in the USA, or to Clan MacNicol Society in Canada, so as to reduce the transfer fees and conversion from US\$ or CDN\$ into a single transaction.

The annual donation is once again suggested as **\$100** (or about \$8 per month), so as to equate to the suggested £65 pounds per annum.

In the USA, please make checks payable to "Scorrybreac Fund, Inc." This account is being used to enable us to keep the funds separate from other Clan funds and to enable a direct transfer to the Trust once all pledges are received. Mail to Dick Nicoll, 19 Dignon Road, Billerica, MA 01821-2146. In Canada make checks payable to Clan MacNicol Society and send them to Jacques McNicoll, 202 rue Berlioz, Apt. 203, Verdun, Quebec H3E 1B8, Canada

Thanks from Mal Nicolson, the coordinator for the worldwide fund "Friends of Scorrybreac Lands" on behalf of "Urras Clann MacNeacail."



Friends of Scorrybreac Lands

By Mal Nicolson, Gymea, Australia



2016 CLAN MACNICOL INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

St. Augustine, Florida, U.S.A.

THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 TO 9



Clan MacNicol Society of North America confirms its hosting of the 2016 International Clan Gathering from Thursday evening, October 6 to Sunday evening, October 9 in St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest town in the United States. See the original article on pages 26–27 of the November 2015 issue of *Scorrybreac*.

The local organizer is the Clan’s Web Portal Administrator Cliff Wolf who with his wife Claudia reside in Florida.

Cliff reports that over 80 participants have already registered with him which is an excellent turnout.

Of particular significance is the participation from Australia of Clan Chief John MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac and his wife Jenni. They will be joined by both their sons: their older son and Clan Tanist, Luke with his wife Kate—who originally comes from St. Augustine—and three

grandchildren; and their younger son Adam and his wife Natalie.

Cliff is well advanced in his preparations for an exciting Gathering which will feature the following events:

- Thursday**.....*Informal welcome cocktail party and dinner*
- Friday**.....*Directors’ meeting (private), group leisure activities and evening dinner*
- Saturday**.....*Group leisure activities and evening gala Ceilidh*
- Sunday**.....*Clan information meeting, group leisure activities and informal farewell dinner*

The principal locus for group events will be the Holiday Inn St. Augustine - Historic District conveniently situated near the tourist center of town.

The Clan has negotiated a favorable group rate booking of non-smoking queen bed rooms with the Holiday Inn St. Augustine - Historic District at the favorable rate of US\$109 per night plus 10% tax. These special rates cover the period from October 4 (2 days before the start of the Gathering) to October 10 (1 day after the end of the Gathering). Upgrades are also available at higher rates: king suites with sofa bed at US\$129 + tax (up to 4 guests), and two queen family suites with sofa bed at US\$129 + tax (up to 6 guests).

Room availability however is limited and decreasing rapidly so that all not-yet registered Gathering participants must make their own hotel reservation as soon as possible, but absolutely no later than July 31, 2016.





Please phone the Holiday Inn St. Augustine Historic District **In-House Reservations Department** directly at 904 494 2100. Callers must provide our group name **Clan MacNicol Gathering 2016** to ensure that they receive the appropriate rate and are included in the guest room block attendance.

Reservations can also be made on-line via the International Hotel Group website, *ihg.com*. At the top of the opening page, enter "St. Augustine FL United States" and your date of arrival and date of departure. This will generate a list of IHG properties in the area. Click on the first hotel listed which is ours ("Holiday Inn : Hist. District"). Then, at the prompt "Have a Group Code?", enter the Gathering's reservation code CMG. Press "CHECK AVAILABILITY", and you will find the three different types of rooms available and their prices.

Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card. However, no deposit is required at the time of reservation. Cancellations may be made without penalty up to 24 hours before the date of arrival.

Further details of planned activities will become available for viewing on the Clan's website www.clanmacnicol.org. They will also be communicated directly to those who have contacted the organizer, Cliff Wolf, to register their attendance.

It is crucial that Clan members, families and friends who would like to attend the 2016 Gathering but have not yet contacted Cliff kindly do so at their earliest opportunity **but absolutely no later than the end of July 2016**.

Please e-mail Cliff at wolfc@cox.net or phone him at (850) 240 6128. ✉



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MAY 2016

Dale Nicoll and Jacques McNicoll

During the last five months, your Clan Society has received with gratitude a total of 7 new memberships: 2 from 2 Canadian provinces, and 5 from 5 U.S. states.

We welcome our new members and look forward to many years of a mutually satisfying and productive association.

It is our further pleasure to report that over the same period 16 membership renewals have arrived from 6 provinces in Canada, 1 from Australia, 1 from England, 1 from Italy, 6 from Scotland, 1 from Sweden, and 24 from 13 states in the U.S., totaling 50.

Twenty-nine new and renewing members significantly helped the Clan Society by contributing a donation in addition their annual dues, with eleven exceeding the \$5 level. Thank you so much to each of you: these funds will greatly assist the Clan in its increased attendance at Scottish festivals and Highland games throughout North America!

Forty-two new and renewing members generously contributed to the Scorrybreac Fund for maintenance of the Clan lands on Skye, including thirteen who exceeded the basic \$5 level. Ben Chraicig will continue to flourish thanks to your donations.

Many thanks again to all for your support: your interest and generosity keep the Clan Society going!

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE BY JULY 15

Members who need to renew for 2016 are invited to complete the separate renewal form, which has been inserted for everybody in this issue. Please return it by **JULY 15, 2016** to the indicated address in the U.S. or Canada—as appropriate—with your check made out to “Clan MacNicol Society, Inc.”

The fee for 2016 has been set by the Directors at \$35 equally for Canadian and U.S. members (\$30 plus an optional donation of \$5 towards maintenance of the Clan lands on the Isle of Skye in Scotland). This is unchanged from 2015.

Any members who wish to renew for multiple years, please note the appropriate line in the renewal form and complete it accordingly.

LIFETIME CLAN MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

We are delighted to congratulate three new lifetime members whose generosity and trust we really appreciate: Bret Richard Robinson and his wife Rita Marie of Wallingford, Pennsylvania; Mary Lou Nicolson Klimek of Cochrane, Alberta; and Brenda Faye Nicolson of Victoria, British Columbia.

They have subscribed to our lifetime membership program which is based on a two-tier fee schedule: \$350 for members (whether new or renewing) 65 years of age and older, \$525 for those under 65 years of age.

The enclosed membership renewal form has a specific line to be completed by those who wish to opt for a lifetime membership (and never again have to worry about annual renewals.)

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As a reminder, on-line annual membership renewals using a credit card are now possible by accessing the Clan website at www.clanmacnicol.org.

To conclude, if you have any question about your membership status (especially if you find any error or omission), contact Dale for the U.S. or Jacques for Canada as soon as possible and we will be happy to assist you.

NEW MEMBERS

(Mid-November 2015 to May 2016)

CANADA

British Columbia

*Roy Nicol..... Victoria

Ontario

*Ruth McNichol Fields St. Catharines

U.S.A.

California

Alan E. and Linda Nichols..... Seal Point

Florida

*#Emily E. Garrett..... Satellite Beach

Pennsylvania

Bret Richard and Rita Marie Robinson.....

..... Wallingford *Lifetime*

Texas

*#Darcy and Karen Hoff..... China Spring

Virginia

*#Thomas B. and Linda Nicholson..... Richmond



RENEWING MEMBERS

(Mid-November 2015 to May 2016)

An asterisk * preceding your name means that you generously donated to the annual upkeep of the Clan Land on Skye, and a crosshatch # in the same position denotes that you made an extra gift to the Clan Society beyond your annual dues. Furthermore, when the asterisk and/or the crosshatch is marked in red (*#), this recognizes your donating an extra amount beyond the basic \$5, for which sincere thanks.

Those members who have gone the extra mile and joined the Friends of Scorrybreac Lands with a five-year commitment of support are gratefully identified by the designation FoSL at the end of their listing.

Members will have the year of their renewal indicated in parentheses after their names, in particular those who have renewed for two years or more, or a year (or years) in advance, e.g., (2015-16), (2017), etc.

SCOTLAND

*Robin and Linda MacLennan...Dufftown, Banffshire (2016)
 *Andrew Nicoll..... Broughty Ferry, Dundee (2016)
 *Esther and Peter Bremner..... Huntly, Aberdeenshire (2016)
 *Lilian Macleman..... Keith, Moray (2016)
 *Arthur and Margaret Brown.....Dufftown, Banffshire (2016)
 *Theresa Macleman and Antony Tippin.....
 Huntly, Aberdeenshire (2016)

SWEDEN

*Karen Nichols-Rexwall and Ronnie Rexwall....Ljung (2015)

U.S.A.

Arizona
 *Alice Nicholson..... Scottsdale (2015)

California

*Priscilla Reiss.....Fullerton (2015)

*#Alan Wendell and Annamaria Nichols.....Livermore (2016)

*#Walter W. Nicholson..... Long Beach (2015)

*#Robert D. Nicol..... Napa (2018-20) FoSL

*Virginia Woodis.....Pacifica (2016)

*#Carol "Ray" and Sally Nichol..... Quincy (2015)

*Malcolm and Irene Willis.....Westminster (2015)

Colorado

*Thomas P. and Sandy Nicholson.....
 Highland Ranch (2015-16)

*#Chris McNichols.....Westminster (2015-16)

Connecticut

*#Doris and Michael Nicol Marinaro.....
 South Glastonbury (2015)

Florida

*Moreau P. Estes..... St. Augustine (2015)

*#Cliff and Cindy Olstrom..... Tampa (2015)

Georgia

*H. Burke Nicholson III..... Atlanta (2016)

*Lisa and Dexter Beck Jr..... Marietta (2015)

Massachusetts

*Pamela Nicoll..... Billerica (2016)

*#William and Ann Nicholson.....Natick (2015-16)

Nebraska

*#Wm. Laird and Eleanor McNichols..... Omaha (2015)

Ohio

*#Kathleen Nicol and Michael Metzger..... Sunbury (2015)

*James and Lynn Nickell..... Dublin (2015)

South Carolina

*#John V. and Ellen Nicholson.....Ridgeway (2015) FoSL

Tennessee

Samuel and Joanne Miller.....Oak Ridge (2015)

Utah

*#Ken S. and Tammy Lawrence..... Clearfield (2015)

Washington

Rev. Robert D. Nicholson..... Seattle (2015)

Jean Nicolson-Church.....
Port Coquitlam, British Columbia (2016-21)

Shirley and Sherri Nicholson-Ross.....
Port Hardy, British Columbia (2016)

Peggy Nicholson..... Halifax, Nova Scotia (2016-19)

Margot and Cameron Nicolson-Trott.....
 Collingwood, Ontario (2016)

Jean-Jacques and Nicole Charron..... Garson (2016-19)

William Francis Nicholson..... Norland, Ontario (2016-19)

Jeremie and Kerrie Charron..... Sudbury, Ontario Lifetime

Carla and Douglas Nicolson-Johnston.....
 Thornbury, Ontario (2016-17)

Andrew and Jean Carruthers.....
Beaconsfield, Québec (2016)

Hélène McNicoll..... Château-Richer, Québec (2016-17)

U.S.A.

Ken E. Nicolls.....Flagstaff, Arizona (2016)

Bruce C. McNichols..... Green Valley, Arizona Lifetime

Suzanne Nichol..... Harbor City, California (2016)

James and Judith Nicol..... Newhall, California (2016-17)

Edward and Valerie Nicolson.....
 San Francisco, California (2016-17)

Linda and Dexter Beck Sr..... Rockledge, Florida Lifetime

Jeremy D. Nicholson..... Atlanta, Georgia Lifetime

Graham S. and Gay Nicholson... Canton, Georgia (2016-17)

Lois Nicolson Upham.....Covington, Georgia (2016-17)

Erica Duncan and James Harmon.....
 Decatur, Georgia (2016)

R. Burke Nicholson Sr.... Sandy Springs, Georgia (2016-17)

Dr. Patricia K. Nicol..... Frankfort, Kentucky (2016-17)

Larry and Susan Nicol Saunders.....
 Baltimore, Maryland (2016)

Lois V. Seamon..... Chesterville, Maine (2016)

Ronald Stuart Goodburne..... Alpena, Michigan Lifetime

Donald D. and Reta J. Nicholson.....
 Columbia, Missouri (2016-18)

Thomas and Mary Nichols..... Missoula, Montana (2016)

Guy Williams..... Bordentown, New Jersey (2016-17)

Colleen and Brock McFall Nicholson.....
 Clayton, North Carolina Lifetime

Robert Byron and Lisa Nichol.....
 Wilmington, North Carolina Lifetime

Kenneth and Carolyn Nicoles..... Norman, Oklahoma (2016)

Dr. Scott and Susan Nicolson..... Albany, Oregon (2016)

Michael and Beverly Nichols..... Aloha, Oregon (2016)

Ed and May Dowlin..... Pine Grove, Pennsylvania (2016)

Dr. Patricia L. Robinson-Linder.....
 Wallingford, Pennsylvania Lifetime

Scott and Natasha Nicol.....
 Pawleys Island, South Carolina (2016-2019)

Thomas and Brenda Nicholson Pritchard.....
 Knoxville, Tennessee Lifetime

John and Elizabeth Nicol Evans.....
 Powell, Tennessee Lifetime

Robert L. Nichols..... Arlington, Texas (2016-2019)

Olive H. Pearson..... Fort Worth, Texas (2016)

Ronald Wayne Nickell..... Granbury, Texas (2016)

David and Diane Marx..... San Antonio, Texas (2016)

Leland R. Nicholson..... Bracey, Virginia (2016)

Mary and Herbert Long..... Richardsville, Virginia (2016)

PREVIOUSLY RENEWED MULTIPLE YEARS MEMBERS

Finally, we are separately listing members who previously renewed in advance for one or more years: their names and places of residence appear below, with the remaining year or years of paid membership noted in parentheses. As of May 2016, there is a remarkable total of 48 such memberships for which we are truly grateful!

CANADA

Michael and Karen Klimek.....Lloydminster, Alberta Lifetime

Rowland Nichol..... Calgary, Alberta (2016-21)

Erron Nicolson..... Grand Forks, British Columbia Lifetime

Brent and Traci Nicolson.....
 Kamloops, British Columbia Lifetime

NOTE: Extra gifts from these members (FoSL, Scorrybreac Fund, Clan Society) were recognized in the newsletter issue when their multiple-year renewals were first listed— they are not repeated here.



2016 GAMES AND FESTIVALS WITH CLAN MACNICOL REPRESENTATION

by Jeremy Nicholson

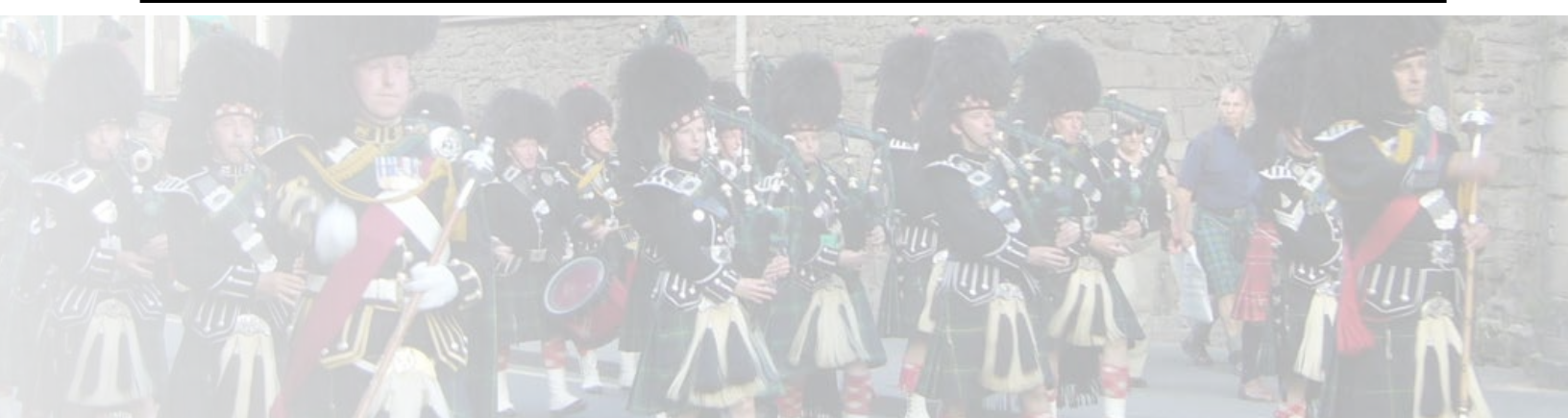
I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT OUR 2016 spring schedule of Highland games and Scottish (and Celtic) festivals is well underway, with the summer and fall cycles quickly approaching.

Our Clan Society is truly fortunate in having an excellent cadre of energetic state and provincial Games Commissioners. Helped by their families and friends, they represent the Clan throughout North America and provide a valuable and effective service for which we are all grateful.

CALL FOR NEW GAMES COMMISSIONERS AND VOLUNTEER HELPERS

Members in the U.S. and Canada who are interested in representing or helping our Clan MacNicol at events this year (or next) should contact me—Jeremy Nicholson—or my Deputy—Ken Lawrence—at their earliest convenience to discuss the responsibilities and benefits involved. Our contact details are listed on page 2 of this and every issue of our Clan journal.





REPRESENTATION AT 2016 GAMES AND FESTIVALS

Here is a chronological list of all games and festivals where the Clan was or will be represented at a tent or booth in 2016 (a provisional total of 36 games and festivals in 4 provinces and 18 states—plus 1 games overseas in Scotland.)

JANUARY

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, Winter Springs
CLIFF AND CLAUDIA WOLF
January 16

FEBRUARY

Northeast Florida (Jacksonville) Scottish Highland Games, Green Cove Springs
CLIFF AND CLAUDIA WOLF
February 27

MARCH

Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland Games, Phoenix
BRUCE MCNICHOLS
March 19-20

APRIL

Ardenwood Scottish Faire Tartan Day, Fremont, California
DALE AND MARILYN NICOLL
April 2

Colorado Tartan Day, Longmont
JACY AND FLOYD MORRIS WITH KEN LAWRENCE
April 9-10

Las Vegas Highland Games, Nevada
KEN LAWRENCE WITH KRISTIN AND JACOB LAWRENCE
April 16-17

Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, North Carolina
TOM AND BRENDA NICHOLSON PRITCHARD
April 16-17

Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Festival, Woodland, California
DALE AND MARILYN NICOLL
April 23-24

MAY

Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Arlington
LYNN AND SHEROLYN NICHOLS
May 14-15
First-time representation at these games for many years

Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Vancouver Island, British Columbia
DEB NICOL WITH ALLAN AND CHRISTINA MADDOCK
May 21-22

Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games, Maryville, Tennessee
TOM AND BRENDA NICHOLSON PRITCHARD WITH DOUG AND ROBIN HARRILL
May 21-22

Greenville Scottish Games, South Carolina
JAMES AND ANITA NICKELSON WITH BILL R. AND JOAN NICOL
May 28





Alma Highland Festival & Games,
Michigan (tentative)
BRUCE GOODBURNE
May 28-29

JUNE

Glasgow Highland Games,
Kentucky
**BRUCE AND JUDY MACNICOL
WITH TOM AND BRENDA
PRITCHARD**
June 4-5
*Clan MacNicol will be the
Honored Clan this year.*

Utah Scottish Festival & Highland
Games, Lehi
KEN LAWRENCE (tentative)
June 10-11

Georgetown Highland Games,
Ontario
**KIM NICOLSON SIMPSON
WITH STEWART AND MARIE
NICOLSON**
June 11

Chicago Scots Scottish Festival and
Highland Games, Itasca, Illinois
**JANE NICOLL STOVER AND
CARL STOVER**
June 17-18

JULY

Payson Scottish Festival, Utah
**KEN, TAMMY AND
KRISTIN LAWRENCE**
July 8-9

Cambridge Scottish Festival,
Ontario (tentative)
**KIM NICOLSON SIMPSON
WITH STEWART AND MARIE
NICOLSON**
July 15-16

Portland Highland Games, Oregon
**KEN, TAMMY, JACOB AND
KRISTEN LAWRENCE WITH
CAMILLE DELK**
July 16

Glengarry Highland Games,
Maxville, Ontario
JACQUES MCNICOLL
July 29-30

Dufftown & District Highland
Games, Banffshire, Scotland
**WITH JEREMY NICOLSON
AS BARON OF BALVENIE**
July 30

Montreal Highland Games,
Québec
JACQUES MCNICOLL
July 31

AUGUST

Colorado Scottish Festival,
Snowmass Village
JACY AND FLOYD MORRIS
August 6-7

Fergus Scottish Festival &
Highland Games, Ontario
**KIM NICOLSON SIMPSON
WITH STEWART AND MARIE
NICOLSON**
August 13-14

Maine Highland Games, Topsham
BILL E. NICOLSON
August 20

Festival Celtique de Québec,
Québec City
JEAN MCNICOLL
August 20-21

Bitterroot Scottish Irish Festival,
Hamilton, Montana (tentative)
TOM AND MARY NICHOLS
August 20-21

SEPTEMBER

Calgary Highland Games, Alberta
**MARY LOU NICOLSON-
KLIMEK WITH KIM COOK,
AND JENN AND JEAN
NICOLSON-CHURCH**
September 3

San Francisco Scottish Highland
Gathering & Games,
Pleasanton, California
DALE AND MARILYN NICOLL
September 3-4

Canmore Highland Games, Alberta
**MARY LOU NICOLSON-
KLIMEK WITH KIM COOK
AND JENN AND JEAN
NICOLSON-CHURCH**
September 3-4

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish
Highland Games
**JACY AND FLOYD MORRIS
WITH KAREN AND
BLAKE NICOLSON**
September 10-11

New Hampshire Highland Games,
Loon Mountain, Lincoln (tentative)
DICK AND CAROL NICOLL
September 17-18

OCTOBER

Celtic Fest & OktoberFest,
Carbondale, Colorado (tentative)
JACY AND FLOYD MORRIS
October 7-8

Stone Mountain Highland Games,
Georgia
**R. BURKE NICOLSON WITH
JEREMY NICOLSON**
October 15-16
*Jeremy will host a regional reunion
dinner after the games on Saturday,
October 15.*

NOVEMBER

Scots on the Rock Celtic
Festival, Moab, Utah (tentative)
KEN LAWRENCE
November 5-6

Tucson Celtic Festival &
Scottish Highland Games, Arizona
(tentative)
BRUCE MCNICHOLS
November 5-6

