



MacFarlane's Lantern

NEWSLETTER OF

Clan MacFarlane Society

Summer 1988

No. 29

Founded at Grandfather Mountain July 1973 with 49
charter members and Ian MacFarlane president

War cry: Loch Sloy! Motto: This I'll Defend Badge: Cranberry
Gathering tune: Thogail nam do theid sinn Crest: A demi-savage
holding a sheaf of arrows in his right hand and pointing with his left
to the imperial crown, granted by Regent Moray to Andrew, 14th Chief,
for the Clan's services at the Battle of Langside

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello! I am Raymond Fayne McFarlin, newly elected president of Clan MacFarlane Society. I wish to express my gratitude to all the past and present board members, commissioners, vice commissioners, clan members, patrons, friends and relatives for their loyal assistance in propagating the goals of the Clan MacFarlane Society.

Our Clan is on the move and growing rapidly in numbers, and we need and want each member's support in making this year's achievements of awareness of our Society's goals a good one.

I charge each member with the responsibility of attending at least one event, (if physically able), activity, function, bazaar-fair, festival, school or church social or family reunion in your area and enlighten attendees about our proud Scot heritage and tartans. After doing so, please advise your district commissioner (a list will be posted in a future Lantern) either by phone or short message. Be sure to take pencil and paper with you on this outing so you can take names of prospective members and send them to Mary MacFarlane Thomas, 8 Malvern Ave. Apt. 4, Richmond, VA 23221. Mary is our vice president for membership.

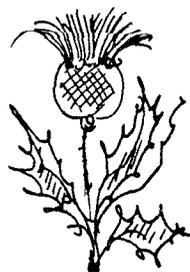
Again I wish to thank you for your support. United we accomplish many good things; divided we barely exist. I have given you direction and hope that you will comply.

This Clan is your Clan - This Clan is my Clan - From California - Past the new York Islands - From the Gulf Stream Waters - Through the Northwest Territories - This Clan is made for you and me.

Feel free to drop me a line or call.

Loch Sloy!

Ray



Raymond F. McFarlin
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

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ADDRESSES NEEDED

The postal department was unable to deliver Lanterns to the following members at the addresses given, nor were new addresses available. If anyone can help us, please do so. Send correct address to me, Geneva Montgomery, 5059 Pretty Lake Road, Dousman, Wis. 53118 so that I can send these persons Lantern No. 29.

George L. Clapham, formerly of Orlando, Fla.

Sally Hedges, Breckenridge, Colo.

Isabel Sked, Boca Raton, Fla.

Pamela Kibellus, APO New York



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among members of Clan MacFarlane
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tions for this newsletter to editor
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How does our new president keep his battery charged? Here is a listing and it's for only half a year! Ray McFarlin with brother Rod McFarland (how they come to have different last names is another story) on Jan. 30 attended the 12th Annual Robert Burns dinner at Humphrey's Inn, Charleston, W. Va. Ray's wife Katie and Rod's wife Wilma enjoyed the evening with them.

Mar. 5 they enjoyed a special Scottish musical at Akron University. "The Gathering of the Clans" starred Billy Anderson.

Mar. 17 they marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Huntington, W. Va. dressed in MacFarlane ancient hunting attire (green).

Mar. 24 they set up a table and display with Winnie Powers, representing Scotland, at the Civic Center in Huntington, W. Va. for school cultural awareness. Approximately 80 countries were represented.

Mar. 27 the local Ironton newspaper gave them full page coverage on their Celtic warrior attire and how it was made.

The March issue of Motor Home Magazine featured the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Pictures used for this article included Rod and Ray in Celtic warrior attire in front of Clan MacFarlane tent, July 1987.

April 20 they set up a display on Scottish culture on the courthouse lawn in Lawrence County, Ohio to help raise money for the historical society to build a museum - Ironton, Ohio.

April 27 they attended the Huntington Arts Galleries with Mr. Washington Piper to help with culture events awareness.

May 13 they attended the Kentucky Scottish weekend at General Butler State Park at Carrollton, Ky. with Ralph Galloway and his wife who manned the Clan MacFarlane tent. Howard Miller and his wife helped maintain the same tent adjacent to Ralph's tent.

June 4 they manned the Clan MacFarlane tent at the Huntington Harris River Front Park. There was a small turnout since this was the first year for these Games. Ray entered the amateur events and placed second overall. Not bad for an aging out-of-shape desk jockey.

June 5, Rod and Ray drove to Charleston, W. va. to attend a cultural event at the University of Charleston, which contained several arts and crafts exhibits plus ethnic displays. The U.S. Airforce Band performed and there were boat rides and marathon events. Dr. Richard Scott Blair from Oxon Hill, Md. and a dancer were in attendance. They asked Rod to dress in early 18th century Scottish attire and Ray to dress in 14th century Celtic warrior attire and accompany them while they performed on stage.

Ray asks, "How about the rest of our Clan brothers and sisters out there? What have you been doing to help promote Scottish awareness in your areas? Come on, we are very curious and interested in reading some articles from all over."



WHYTE BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE

Donald Whyte, the eminent Scottish genealogist, has now published "WALTER MACFARLANE: Clan Chief and Antiquary", a copy of which was available for inspection at the recent annual meeting and was received with enthusiasm by those present. At that meeting the secretary was authorized to order 150 copies which members may order from the secretary for \$6.00 including mailing. The Society will make a reasonable profit through the transaction.

The book is paperback and contains about 70 pages. Order from John L. Harris, Jr., M.D., Secretary, Sotheby Square Number One, 2151 Broadway, S.W., Roanoke, Va. 24014 with check made out to Clan MacFarlane Society in the amount of \$6.00.

The book may also be ordered from the publisher for \$6.00 including postage.

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A MacFARLANE MID-ATLANTIC REGION GATHERING
FROM Charles MacFarland, vice president for games and Commissioner
for Mid Atlantic Region

Come to the TARTAN BALL at the Fort Meyers Officers' Club near the Pentagon in Alexandria, VA the evening of Oct. 22. The Highlanders of the Kena Shrine are the sponsors and the Clan MacFarlane is the Honored Clan. Let's get out there and have a fun Scottish evening, a Clan Gathering, and help the Shrine help sick children.

The evening will feature dinner and dancing. Music will be provided by the Bob Smith Quintet, a 'Moonlighting Group' comprised of members of the U. S. Army Band and the Highlandaires, who have a great Scottish repertoire. The Shrine pipe band will also perform and all pipers and drummers are welcome to join during the 'mass band presentation.'

The cost is a very reasonable \$25.00 per person and formal Scottish attire is preferred.

If you don't want to drive home after such a wonderful evening, or you're coming in from out of town, Clan member Jim Perry, who is organizing this terrific evening, has also arranged for rooms at the Quality Inn in Arlington, VA. The motel will be \$45.00 per night. Contact Jim at (703) 451-7683 or write to him at 7225 Hadlow Drive, Springfield, VA for reservations and/or information. Jim also says that he plans to have a hospitality room with food and drink at the hotel.

From the Mid Atlantic Region hoping to see you all there.

Loch Sloy! Ben Williams, Charley and Harriet MacFarland.

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Officers for 1988-1989 elected at the annual meeting were those suggested by the nominating committee as presented in Lantern 28.

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RONALD L. O. MACFARLANE OBE WRITES

Following are excerpts from a report for 1987-1988 to the annual meeting of Clan MacFarlane Society:

"I am writing this report for your President, John, to let him and you know how I have been occupying myself on my MacFarlane research since I returned home. (Ronald, who lives in Hertfordshire, England, attended the 1987 annual meeting.)

"My own research work has been centered mainly on Walter's brother Dr. William, who succeeded him as Chief, and William's eldest son, John. This interest was sparked by my discovery at Ardchattan Priory, Argyll in 1987, a letter from an Edinburgh lawyer containing a statement of William and John's assets and liabilities, dated January 1779. This showed that although they were heavily in debt, their assets were sufficient to cover them. These were not only the Arrochar and other property in Scotland, but valuable estates in the island of Jamaica, bequeathed 25 years earlier by William's unmarried brother, Alexander. I obtained from the Scottish Record Office a copy of a deed entered into by William in May 1779 whereby he surrendered all his properties in Scotland and Jamaica to trustees acting for the creditors. In return William and John were to be allowed to continue to live at Arrochar, and would receive 300 pounds a year for the support of themselves and their daughters. Attached to the deed was a detailed list of the names of the creditors and the amounts owed them, totalling nearly 100,000 pounds - a sum equivalent today to at least two million pounds.

"I had previously obtained from Dumbarton Library a copy of the Memorial in the Process of Sale of the Scottish estates at the instance of 'Hugh Mosman, eldest son and heir to the late Hugh Mosman, Writer in Edinburgh.' In fact the only Mosman in the list of creditors was John Mosman, merchant in Edinburgh for 150 pounds; one assumes the debt was transferred to Hugh. It was only because of a change of the law in Scotland that he was able to force the sale. In the memorial, dated 1784, Mosman complained that none of the creditors had 'drawn a sixpence' since the sequestration in 1797. The estates were sold at well below their estimated market value.

"I have yet to discover the details of the sale of the Jamaican estates, but it appears that the creditors continued to be paid off up to at least 1801. By that time both William and John had died. John died in London (How did he come to be there?) in May 1782 (ie before the sale of the Scottish estates), and William at Bredisholme, Lanarkshire in April 1791, at the age of 90.

"According to the history (p.149), John had a younger brother, Robert. It was suggested that this Robert was a writer who lived in London (near to the place where John had died). This prompted me to inquire further into his activities, and found that he was a man of some distinction. For many years he kept a school for the sons of gentlemen at Walthamstow, and many of his pupils went on to make names for themselves. Concurrently he was a writer; he edited two newspapers and was the first to report the proceedings of Parliament. Because note-taking was not allowed, he did this from his excellent memory. It seems from my inquiries that Robert has not received the credit he deserves as the first Parliamentary reporter! At the time of his death in 1804 in a road accident, he had completed a major work on the poems of Ossian. Unfortunately I have not been able to prove him to be William's son, but I intend to continue my inquiries.

"The third piece of work on which I should like to report is in connection with an article by Bob Morrow, titled "The Mystery of Mrs. MacFarlane" in the April 1988 issue of the Scots Magazine, which some of you may have read. This described a sensational happening in Edinburgh in 1716 when Mrs. Catherine MacFarlane, wife to John, Writer to the Signet (lawyer) shot with her husband's pistol an Englishman, one Captain John Cayley who was making sexual advances on her. My friend Duncan Macfarlane, who lives in Guildford, lent me his copy of "The Life of Duncan Forbes of Culloden" by George Menary, which contains considerable reference to John and Catherine and shows that both were close friends of Duncan (a distinguished figure in Scottish history as Lord President of the Court of Session during the time of both the '15 and '45 Risings.) I have written a following letter to the Scots Magazine in the hope that other correspondents will be able to throw more light on the lives of John and Catherine and their family connections.

"Unhappily the year has not brought any major advance in our search for our chief, although each year our knowledge of our Clan history expands, and hopefully will eventually bring its reward."

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KNOW YOUR OFFICERS - continued from Lantern 28

Vice president for membership - Mary MacFarlane Thomas

Mary has been very interested in the Clan MacFarlane Society since 1979-80 when she first discovered it existed. She was elected vice president for membership for several years after joining the Society and in 1983 was elected president for two years.

She has been a secretary by training and spent almost 18 years as secretary to several deans at the University of Richmond, VA. It was there she met her husband, Haley F. Thomas when he came to the University of Richmond to teach French and Spanish in 1965. Because of her husband's poor health, she stopped working at the university for many years, but recently returned for a year and a half. She now enjoys working part time in a consignment dress shop. She also does volunteer work for Senior Citizens and is active in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, singing in the choir and working on the Altar Guild.

She is planning to rewrite some of the material sent out to those who inquire about memberships and work on a History of the Clan MacFarlane Society, combining some of the information regarding the Society at its inception in 1911-12 in London and up to the present.

Chaplain - Frank E. Wismer III

Frank Wismer, our clan society chaplain, is a priest of the Episcopal Church and serves as the rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Sinking Spring, PA. He is also a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve and serves the 6/68 Armor Bn. He holds the rank of Captain. Frank is married and has two children, Jennifer, who is nine, and Zachary, ten. His wife, Nancy, is a nurses' aide.

Frank plays the bagpipes and is a member of the Hawk Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band. In September of last year, he traveled to Scotland and England. He spent a week in each country, and while in Scotland had the opportunity to visit Luss, home of a goodly portion of the MacFarlane Clan.



The previously described 14-day trip to the MacFarlane Country from May 29 through June 12 is shaping up very well. We now have 26 persons signed up and expect more before the cut-off for registration. A final itinerary will be mailed to all members within the next 20-30 days.

For those of you who would prefer a shorter trip and on another date, Harriet MacFarland is preparing another tour of some 8 days in July or early August. Information on this tour may be obtained from Harriet at the following address:

Mrs. Harriet MacFarland
2995 Hope Mills Lane
Adamstown, MD 21710

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"Lifted" from THE SCOTTISH AMERICAN, March-April 1986 with thanks
(The moon was full.)

A Line or Two . . .

By Robert A. Hall
THE EXILE

The blood of many peoples in my veins,
The genes of many peoples in my face;
How did the Celtic few pass down to me
A Highland heart—and Scotland's pride of
place?

Why did I early love the skirling pipes?
Or usually choose the so unstylish plaid?
Whose roaring blood gave me a taste for peat
In whisky when the man was still a lad?

When other children played at Jesse James,
When Crockett was the hero for a boy;
When they in dreams became bold Robin
Hood,

Then I'd pretend to be the great Rob Roy!

What dancer on my long genetic line
Has taught my feet the fling and eightsome
reel?

(Inept, of course, but dancing all the same,
The hairt tae Scotland's heritage is leal!)

And when at last the tugging was too strong,
It pulled my heartstrings to the hills of "home";
I saw Balquidder's braes and Islay's shore—
More than a land, this Scotland is a poem.

I twice have danced the reels in Princes Street,
And twice have learned what all the poets say:
"You will be back; when Highland blood is
strong,
No heart is fully happy when away."



FROM OUTGOING SECRETARY'S DESK

I spoke to our new President, Ray McFarlin, and advised him that because the annual meeting was held at the end of the month, rather than the beginning of the month (Alexandria, Virginia instead of Grandfather Mountain) it did not give much of a chance to have the minutes ready by the August 10th deadline for insertion in the newsletter. Ray agreed. Therefore, the minutes of the July 23, 1988 meeting will be published in the December 1988 newsletter. One reason for the delay is to ensure that the minutes are complete and as exact as possible so that those who were not in attendance will have a good idea of what transpired.

One important item that did come up was the trip to Scotland. In 1983 Ian MacFarlane, our past president and founder began to check into possibility of having our annual meeting and dinner-ceilidh in Scotland. In 1984 I picked up the idea. We wanted to use the Cobbler Hotel as our host hotel because it was the seat of MacFarlane territory. However, two years ago the Cobbler was sold and this delayed any plans we would have been able to make. Last year we made contact with the new owners of the hotel. To our delight the new owners of the hotel were happy to make arrangements for the Clan MacFarlane Society to stay at the Cobbler and prepared a sample itinerary for a trip to be held in August. Below is the itinerary. A final itinerary is being prepared and will be available before the end of the year and will include a trip to Edinburgh for the annual Tattoo.

John Harris had also planned a group trip to Scotland to be held in May. There was a discussion of the two trips at the annual meeting. A number of members noted that the trip in August would be preferable since it would allow children to be out of school for the summer. Also, a number of people cannot take more than two weeks vacation at one time. It was agreed that the two trips would stand. Those interested in going on the trip being handled by John Harris would contact Dr. Harris accordingly. Those interested in going to Scotland in August per the itinerary below would contact Harriet MacFarland. John can be reached at 703-344-3344. Harriet can be reached, after 8:00 P.M at 301-831-8279.

Respectfully submitted

Harriet MacFarland
Past-Secretary

Hopefully our itinerary will be mailed out by our Travel Agencies in the very near future.

Financial Statement for October 1987 through July 31, 1988

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 1,680.00	
Dues from Oct. '87 - July, 1988.....	4,935.61	
Life memberships.....	308.66	
Donation.....	250.00	
Monies/Annual Meeting.....	1,050.00	
McFarland Merchandies.....	203.50	
Total Income to Date.....	8,427.77	\$ 8,427.77
Expenditures to Date.....	5,043.28	5,043.28
Balance Checking Account.....	\$ 3,384.49	\$ 3,384.49

A S S E T S

Shearson-Lehman	\$ 4,358.50
First Al Bank- Life	
Membership Acct.	551.14
Balance Checking Acct.	3,384.49
TOTAL ASSETS TO DATE.....	\$ 8,294.13

P L E A S E T A K E A L O O K

if your cover is stamped with - REMINDER - pay dues this month that means your dues are to be paid in August, 1988. The family amount is \$15.00 and single membership is \$10.00. Mail check to: Dr. Harrold H. Miller, Treas., 7581 Al Highway 53, Toney, Al 35773

NEWS OF THE CLANSMEN

The Scottish Heritage Society of Huntsville and Wernher von Braun Post 220 of the Tennessee Valley of the Scottish American Military Society, a national organization, held its first mini-gathering at 7581 Alabama Highway 53, Toney, Ala. May 28. Commander of SAMS Post 220 is Dr. Harrold H. Miller, Clan MacFarlane treasurer.

"This was the first event of its kind to be held in North Alabama," Dr. Hal said, "and all members are looking forward to adding this activity each year to their Robert Burns night and annual St. Andrews Day dinner."

Although the activity was for members and guests of SHSH and Post 220, all interested persons of Scottish heritage may join the organizations and are invited to attend the gatherings, Hal said.

Included in the day's events were the Kilted Mile Run, Tartan Tennis Tournament with the opening ceremony featuring the SAMS Color Guard and the Huntsville Highlanders Pipe Band. There was also a demonstration of Scottish folk dancing, Scottish field games, parade of the tartans, genealogy tent, Clan tents (including one for MacFarlane), a display of antique cars and a Scottish harp player.

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An estimated 200,000 watched as the newly created post, the Wernher von Braun Post 220 of the Tennessee Valley marched in the annual Mule Day parade at Columbia, Tenn. Apr. 9, and leading the Scottish contingent was the Post's newly formed honor guard, carrying the national flag and flanked by the St. Andrews and Clan MacFarlane banners, the latter carried by Dr. Harrold Miller. Immediately following the honor guard was the eight-man drum and pipe band of the von Braun Post which played many famous Scottish songs en route during the five-mile march through downtown Columbia.

Behind the pipe band, members of the Scottish Heritage Society of the Tennessee Valley marched in their 13th Century costumes of Robert the Bruce, a medieval king of Scotland. The group of 10 men and women wore homemade reproductions of the clothing, armor, and mail of the times and included a mounted Scottish knight with lance.

Mule Day, the largest non-mechanized parade in the world, is an annual affair with over 300 entries. The von Braun Post was privileged to have been invited to the annual affair and intends to take part each year due to the receptive mood of the crowd to the Scottish marchers.

(Information taken from THE PATRIOT, spring edition of the Scottish-American Military Society, Ltd. publication.)

FROM YOUR EDITOR'S DESK

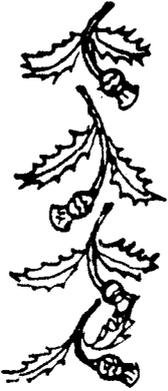
The Milwaukee Highland Games were held June 4 and promise to become one of the major Scottish events, if the enthusiasm of those attending is an indication. The Games came to the fore after the close of the Civil War in 1864 and flourished for more than half a century. The advent of the first World War in 1914 caused the Games to be cancelled. In part, this was because it was felt the tension in the relationship between British and Germans in Milwaukee would be a deterrent and the Canadian competitors would not be present, adversely affecting the quality of the Games. The Games emerged again in 1986.

Deadline for material to reach me for Lantern 30 is Nov. 10. Send contributions to me, Geneva Montgomery, 5059 Pretty Lake Rd., Dousman, Wis. 53118.

Lock Slay!
Geneva

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