

The Clan MacBeann



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Editor's Corner

Wow! We have certainly had a lot of spectacular events for our clan in recent months. From the Alan Bean Memorial Dedication & Inauguration Ceremony in the McBain Memorial Park to the Clan Gathering in Manchester, New Hampshire, Clan MacBean has many reasons to celebrate. (You can read much more about both of these events further on in this edition).

I recently met—for the first time in person—our new assistant genealogist, Steve Bean, and his lovely family at the Stone Mountain Highland Games. He shared that they were enjoying all of the new experiences connected to their Scottish heritage together. Their enthusiasm reminded me that is the point. We don't have events just to fill up a social calendar or to make a bigger social media splash. We want to see people make connections with their family: both immediate and extended. We gather to remember the contributions from the past and to set our sights on the future exploits of this vibrant clan.

As you gather with loved ones during this Christmas season, may you feel the bond you share with them and with your proud heritage. There is always a place for you in the upcoming celebrations in store for Clan MacBean. Don't miss your part in them!

Beannachd Dia dhuit (Blessings of God be with you),

Amber Lane

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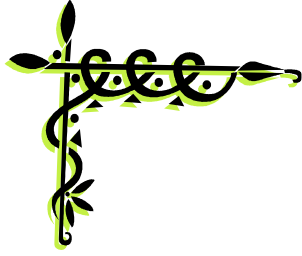


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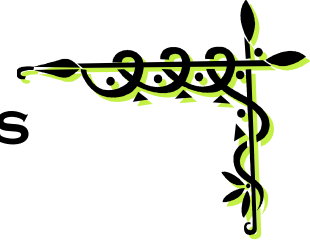
Richard McBain of McBain

CHIEFS OF CLAN MACBEAN

1. Bean 'Mor' mac Maolmoire, liv. c.1280/90s
2. Maolmoire / Milmoir mac Bean, liv. 1305,1345
3. Paul mac Milmoir (MacBean), est. liv. c.1368
4. (name unknown)
5. (name unknown)
6. Paul (MacBean), est. liv. c.1450
7. Gillies mac Phail (MacBean), liv. 1492
8. William mac Gillies (MacBean), liv. 1543
9. Paul mac William (MacBean), liv. 1568
10. Angus mac Phail (MacBean), liv. 1609,1631
11. John mac Angus MacBean, liv. 1619, 1655
12. Paul MacBean, married in/bef. 1655
13. William MacBean, d. 1736 – bef. 13 Mar 1741
14. Gillies 'Mor' MacBean, d. 16 Apr 1746
15. Donald MacBean, d. bef. 22 Sep 1792
16. William MacBean, d. 1849
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18. Alexander Farquhar MacBean, d. 1901
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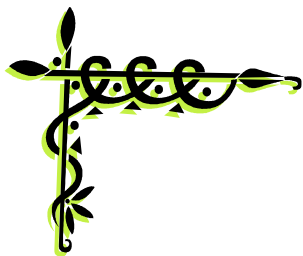
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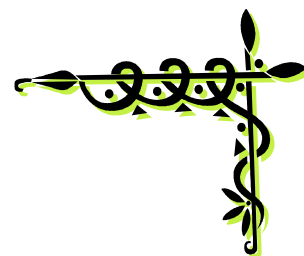
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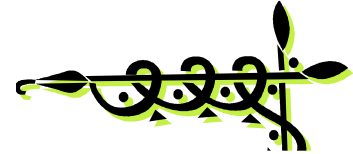
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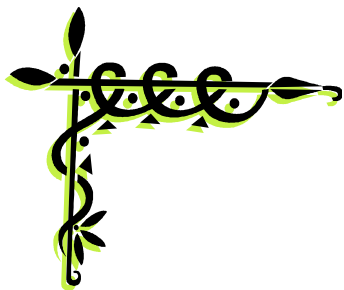
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GATHERINGS OF THE CLAN



The Clan Association, having undergone four reorganizations and name changes, as it expanded in scope and membership over the course of the first 125 years of its history:

Descendants of John Bean of Exeter (1660):

- Exeter, New Hampshire, 1896
- Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1897
- Manchester, New Hampshire, 1898
- Portland, Maine, 1899
- Boston, Massachusetts, 1900
- Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1902
- Concord, New Hampshire, 1903
- Newburyport, Massachusetts, 1904
- Derry, New Hampshire, 1905
- Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1906



- Manchester, New Hampshire, 1972

The Clan MacBean in North America, Incorporated:

- Wichita, Kansas, 1977
- Jackson, Michigan, 1982
 - Lakewood, Colorado, 1987
- Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, 1992
- Wichita, Kansas, 1996

The Clan MacBean (Worldwide) Incorporated:

- Colorado Springs, Colorado, 2000
- Williamsburg, Virginia, 2004
 - Denver, Colorado, 2008
 - Ventura, California, 2014
- Stone Mountain, Georgia, 2018
- Manchester, New Hampshire, 2022

The John Bean of Exeter Family Association:

- Lincoln, Nebraska, 1967





the past and future



Looking back on the contributions of Alan Bean & forward to the work of our new chief

Words and photos by Phillip Beane

August 6, 2022 was going to be a big day for Clan MacBean and for my wife, Jennifer, and me. We had planned to go to the Alan Bean Memorial ceremony when it was originally scheduled back in August 2020. We paid for the tickets and added a tour of Scotland and were to spend some time in the Inverness area. COVID canceled those plans but instead of a refund, I did get a credit towards a future tour which we decided to use this summer.

The sad deaths of Chief James McBain and his wife, Peggy, in the past year now meant that a new Chief of Clan MacBean/MacBain had to be put in place. My own Mother and Father had known McBain and his wife since meeting them in the 1980's. I had met him when I was President of the Clan MacBean, and when he came to

the Sumter & Greenville, SC, games, I acted as sort of an aide for both. But now, their son Richard, was going to be inaugurated as the new Chief of Clan MacBean, and we had the chance to be present for that historic occasion.



Jennifer Beane at Clava Cairns, as seen in Outlander

We flew Business Class from Raleigh-Durham to London. It was my first time in Business Class, and it will be hard to go back to Coach. From London, we flew to Inverness and arrived on August 2nd. We wanted to be in Inverness a few days before the ceremony so we could explore the area where the MacBean Clan had lived so long ago. Of note, the standing stones made famous in the Outlander TV series are

just outside of Inverness at the Clava Cairns. Jennifer ran up to the big stone that Claire Randall

had touched. Claire had then been transported in time back to Scotland of the 1740's, but thankfully, Jennifer is still here with us today.

The MacBain Park is not on a regular tour route, so I paid a driver extra to take us to the park on Thursday before the Saturday ceremony. We found it with no trouble. We were the only visitors, and we wandered around and took pictures. The Alan Bean memorial was very well done. We drove on down to Dores and signed the Clan MacBean guest book. The waitress at the Dores Inn knew exactly what we were talking about and quickly brought the guest book out for us to sign. There is a great view of Loch Ness from the Dores Inn.

That night was the Annual Meeting and dinner for Clan Chattan at the Lochardil Hotel in Inverness. At the dinner, Jennifer and I were seated at a table with 8 members of Clan MacBean. I do believe that our Clan had maybe 40 people present for the dinner and our new

Chief, Richard McBain of McBain, was a guest and speaker.

At our table was John MacBain, brother of Allan MacBain who will become the "chieftain" of Clan MacBean for the UK. After the work on the Alan Bean memorial



was stopped by COVID in March 2020, John was asked by Richard to be the local representative to deal with the stone masons and other workmen to get the project completed. After the original masons did

not work for a year, John approached some masons who were very expensive and couldn't guarantee a finish before October 2022. John then found a local stone mason, and he and that gentleman finished the memorial, two benches, and worked on the older Chief's Memorial further up the hill. John was instrumental in getting the Alan Bean Memorial finished within budget and on time. For that our entire Clan should be thankful.

Our new Chief made a few comments at the dinner, and it should be noted that the Lord Lyon presented Clan Chattan with

its very own coat of arms. This heraldry is for the organization of Clan Chattan and every member is entitled to wear the special coat of arms. It doesn't belong to just any one individual, like the coat of arms of a clan chief.

On Saturday, we took a cab from the Kingsmill Hotel to the McBain Park. We got there a little early, and many people were already there

helping to set up the chairs, flags, PA system, and cameras. Jennifer stayed in the middle of the crowd, and I moved to the side so we could get different angles for our photos and videos.

It was a beautiful day. There were blue skies with some white clouds, a nice, brisk 60 degrees, and a slight breeze. Although Loch Ness was very close, it was not visible from the park then due to the summer foliage.

The road that runs by McBain Memorial Park is quite narrow and steep. People were parking along the road and forming up for the parade to enter the Park and begin

the ceremony. The City of Inverness also sent a representative to this very important regional event. Local bicyclists rode by, and some paused to watch the very colorful proceedings.



(l to r) The minister, an Inverness official, the Chief, Lord Lyon, and a representative from Clan Macintosh

Mr. Philip Beddows of the UK was doing a great job as MC for this event. He is also a Clan Historian and the Seanachaidh to the Chief. (I am

glad I am writing that title and don't have to pronounce it.) The dignitaries marched in behind the official Clan MacBean piper, Stewart McBain, who played a special pipe tune that was made especially for the Chief of Clan MacBean.

First, was the dedication of the memorial to Astronaut Alan Bean who took the Clan MacBean tartan to the moon and back. A truly notable achievement--if you ask me.



They played a recording of Alan Bean's daughter, Amy, who talked about her father and his connections to Clan MacBean. The Chief gave formal recognition to John MacBain and others who gave of their time and efforts to have the memorial completed on time.

Next, the Lord Lyon, Joseph Morrow, gave a talk about the importance of the ceremony inaugurating the new Chief of Clan MacBean.

I talked with the Lord Lyon afterwards about the significance of our Chief living in Arizona. The Lord Lyon stated that adhering to all the requirements and duties of the office was much more important than where the Chief lived. He pointed out that over the centuries so many clansmen had gone to other parts of the world and that it would be expected that some chiefs would also live away from Scotland.

The Lord Lyon told me that inaugurations, like the one that day, were important, and that he was there representing the Scottish Community. He felt strongly about

the clan and family system that exists in Scotland. He feels that it gives so many a sense of identity, a sense of belonging, and a word he used...rootedness. Clans were original formed for safety and community. They can still fulfill a role today in giving one a Scottish community they can belong to.

We moved on to the actual inauguration of our new 23rd Hereditary Chief of Clan MacBean. The Lord Lyon spoke about the



Presentation of the cromach

history of these events. Philip Beddows gave the genealogy of our line of Clan MacBean chiefs and presented Richard with a special and elaborately made "Cromach". Money from many Clan members went towards the purchase of this special shepherd's crook.

The chief talked about the future of the Clan and the history of the McBain Memorial Park. Whiskey was passed out, and a toast was given to the New Chief of Clan MacBean. It was a wonderful and moving ceremony.

The group then moved to the village of Dores and had refreshments in a tent that the people at the Dores Inn had set

up right on the shores of Loch Ness. It was quite chilly for those of us from the American South, more accustomed to 90-degree weather in August.

Later, the chief talked to me about how pleased he was about how well the whole thing had come together. He explained that the 4 main organizers of the event all lived in different locations on both sides of the pond. And, that most had met for the first time only on the day of the Clan Chattan Annual Meeting on Thursday. Thanks to everyone's efforts, the ceremony went off very well.

The chief discussed his wish that Allan MacBain assume the role of Clan Chieftain and represent him at events where he can't attend, particularly in the UK. There is some discussion by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs about the role of Clan Chieftains but our chief feels strongly about the position.

Richard also told the story of finding a penned tune for a piper

in his father's papers. The tune had apparently been authorized by his grandfather back in the 1970's for a pipe band in Calgary. Philip Beddows posted the tune on Facebook, and a man named Stewart McBain had copied it and learned to play the tune. He volunteered to travel hundreds of miles to McBain Park and play the tune for this ceremony. The chief appointed him the Clan Piper for the UK.



Piper Stewart McBain

The chief also discussed the YouTube sites for Clan MacBean and Clan Chattan. With 100 subscribers, YouTube gives page holders a lot of privileges, to include live streaming. This could be used for future events such as the Clan Gatherings, etc.

This trip was certainly a bucket list for myself and the whole adventure exceeded all my expectations. The Scottish people, the weather, and the countryside were wonderful and made the trip one I will remember always.





in the NEWS



The Inauguration article as posted in *The Press & Journal*
Evening Express of Aberdeen



'This is definitely home': New Clan MacBean Chieftain travels back to Scotland from Arizona for inauguration

By Ross Hempseed, August 6, 2022

Richard McBain has become the new Chieftain of Clan MacBean.



Picture by Sandy McCook.

The new Chieftain of Clan MacBean Richard McBain has said that coming back to Scotland is like coming home – despite being born and raised in Arizona.

Richard McBain, 65, currently resides in Tucson but has travelled back to his family's ancestral land to take up the mantle of Chieftain following his father's death. He is the 23rd Chieftain of Clan MacBean, part of the historic sept of Clan Chattan, dating back to the 15th Century. Coming back, Mr McBain said, is "a double-edged sword" as rising to the highest clan position is only after his

father passed away on March 7 at age 93. Mr McBain had already begun taking on duties for the last 10 years to fill in for his ageing father.

Richard McBain travelled from Tucson, Arizona, to take up the mantle of Clan MacBean Chieftain.



Picture by Sandy McCook.

While his roots are Scottish, Mr McBain was born in Arizona in 1956 after his parents moved and his father set up a successful photography business. He would let his young son help at the shop, and by the time he was 17, Mr McBain had already photographed 200 weddings. He attended Southern Illinois University, where he studied photography and

English, before setting off for San Francisco, where he lived for 10 years. A keen outdoorsman, Mr McBain has swum from Alcatraz Island to the shore of San Francisco Bay and enjoyed riding his Ducati 900 SS motorbike.

In 2013, his father tasked him with restoring the [McBain Memorial Park](#), located on the high hills above Dores. The park had suffered from theft and vandalism but many improvements have now been made, including Scottish Wildcat statues, the McBain Park road sign, and the new Alan Bean memorial area. [Alan Bean, part of Clan MacBean](#), was the fourth man to walk on the Moon and the first person to take a piece of tartan to the Moon, which was MacBean tartan.

Mr McBain spoke about the anticipation in the run-up to becoming Chieftain. He said: "It's a day you know is coming, in my case since I was born. I've been doing this job for around a decade since my father slowed backed off from major duties. It is wonderful to be here with old friends."

"Our family came through Canada many generations ago and eventually ended up in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Somehow, my father ended up going out to the desert in Arizona, which is one of the only places in the world where saguaros grow (giant cactus)."



Richard McBain and his wife, Lisa MacFarlane, amongst the giant saguaros in Arizona.

Clans represents traditions of old Highland way of life

"I was born in Arizona, so when I first made the trip over to Scotland in the 1980s, it was absolutely mystical. I could not believe that the first time I set foot in the area where our lands are, there was a special feeling, and I am a sceptical person, so I was surprised to feel that. This is definitely home, [it's just a shame I can't come back here more often.](#)"

On becoming Chieftain, Mr. McBain's main goal is to create more interest in the history and more interconnected Clan MacBean, whose members have spread across the globe. Thousands of clan members now reside in countries like the USA, Canada, Australia, and part of Africa.

Speaking about the importance of clans in promoting [Scottish traditions and culture](#), Mr. McBain said "they are the flag that people rally to" to learn about Highland history. He wants to educate the younger generation on the sacrifices

and stories of their ancestors who lived, fought and died as part of the clan. Mr McBain added: “Your history and your own personal family are tied up in the clans if you’re a Highlander. “As you come

into this world and learn from the people who run the clan you will learn stories about your own family that you didn’t know.”



at culloden

Pictures of the memorial pavers at the Culloden Battlefield Center



Contributor Phillip Beane standing on the walkway in front of the Culloden Battlefield Cultural Center





GENEALOGIST'S GEMS



As a thank you to Pete McIlwain for his many years of dedicated service to Clan MacBean, some Members of the Board and others contributed to fund this in-depth, chromosomal ancestry research for him. Below is the fascinating report by Dr. Tyrone Bowes of Ireland on Pete's genetic homeland.

GENETIC HOMELAND: A SCOTTISH CASE STUDY

by **Dr. Tyrone Bowes**

Introduction

A simple painless commercial ancestral Y chromosome DNA test will potentially provide one with the names of many hundreds of individuals with whom one shares a common male ancestor, but what often perplexes people is how one can match lots of individuals with many different surnames? The answer is quite simple.

Approximately 1,000 years ago, one's direct medieval male ancestor, the first for example to take the 'Milvain' surname, was living near others with whom he was related but who took other surnames like MacMichael, Cunningham, and Carmichael. Given that 1,000 years have passed since paternally inherited surnames became common, there will be many descendants of those individuals some of whom will today undergo commercial ancestral Y-DNA testing. Hence the surnames of one's medieval ancestor's neighbours will be revealed in today's Y-DNA test results.

Early 19th century census data demonstrates that Irish and Scottish surnames could still be found concentrated in the areas from which they originated. One can therefore use census data to determine the origin of the surnames that appear in one's Y-DNA results, identifying an area common to all, and reveal ones 'Paternal Ancestral Genetic Homeland.' The genetic homeland is the small area (usually within a 5-mile radius) where one's ancestors lived for hundreds if not thousands of years. It is the area where one's ancestor first inherited his surname surrounded by relatives who inherited others. It is the area where one's ancestors left their mark in its placenames, its history, and in the DNA of its current inhabitants. Since modern science can pinpoint a paternal ancestral genetic

homeland, it can also be used to confirm it by DNA testing individuals from the pinpointed area.

Notes of caution!

1. Science has demonstrated that each of the estimated 1,500 unique Irish surnames had a single founding male ancestor (a Surname-Adam), which is an estimated 1,500 Adams from whom anyone with Irish ancestry (and with one of those unique surnames) can trace direct descent. But science has also demonstrated that only 50% of males with an Irish surname will be related to their surnames founding ancestor, the other 50% of people will have an association that has arisen because of what are called ‘non-paternal events,’ usually a result of adoptions or maternal transfer of the surname. Since Scotland adopted a similar clan-based society these scientific findings can be applied to Scotland and people with Scottish paternal ancestry.

2. Often people are looking for their DNA results to trace back to a specific area. One must remember that the results typically reflect one’s ancestor’s neighbours from around 1,000 years ago (when surnames first appeared). As a result, if one’s Scottish ancestor was descended from an Irish or Anglo-Saxon settler, Viking raider, or 12th Century Conquering Norman, one’s DNA results will reflect earlier Irish, English, Welsh, French, and possibly Scandinavian origin. One must approach this process with an open mind!

Interpreting the Y-DNA test results

To pinpoint a paternal ancestral genetic homeland, one must first identify the surnames that appear as one’s closest genetic matches upon commercial ancestral Y-DNA testing. Those surnames, particularly ones that recur among one’s closest genetic relatives will typically reflect the surnames of one’s medieval ancestor’s neighbours. Mr ‘McIlwain’s’ closest and most frequent genetic surname matches as revealed upon commercial ancestral Y-DNA STR and SNP testing are detailed in Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

67 Y-DNA STR Marker Matches							
Surname	Match Date	Markers Tested	Genetic Distance	Big Y STR Differences	Y-DNA Haplogroup	Paternal Country of Origin	Earliest Known Ancestor
Cunningham	February 09 2016	1 to 111	6	Not Available	R-M269	Scotland	John E. Cunningham, b. 1755 and d. 1845 (N.S.)
37 Y-DNA STR Marker Matches							
Surname	Match Date	Markers Tested	Genetic Distance	Big Y STR Differences	Y-DNA Haplogroup	Paternal Country of Origin	Earliest Known Ancestor
Cunningham	February 09 2016	1 to 111	4	Not Available	R-M269	Scotland	John E. Cunningham, b. 1755 and d. 1845 (N.S.)

Figure 1: Snapshot of test subject ‘McIlwain’s’ closest genetic surname matches as revealed in a Y-DNA STR database. The more Y-DNA STR markers two people share, the more recent their shared paternal ancestor once lived. Highlighted font denotes each surnames associated ethnicity or location of an earliest recorded paternal ancestor; **Scottish/Scotland**, **Scottish-associated**.

Closest SNP Matches			
Surname	Non-Matching Variants	Shared Variants	Match Date
Carmichael	36237, 19172703, 20563661, 1	636635	11/20/2019
McMickle	9172703, 20563661, FT120559	557710	09/09/2019
Gaston	0320, 25849167, 20497988, B	438411	2/27/2019
Brabazon	7, BY140760, BY2573, 2049798	462054	2/27/2019
Jones	, 20497988, BY26321, FGC284	440828	2/27/2019
Wyght	3019672, 7546314, BY66444,	462077	2/27/2019
Coyle	533761, Z42603, BY140760, 20	461942	2/27/2019
Wilder	0497988, 7238654, BY26199,	439034	2/27/2019
McInvale	5, BY17947, BY17949, 2049798	460520	2/27/2019
Gaston	A10320, 20497988, 19674065	446817	2/27/2019
CARROLL	7, BY26717, 7742027, 149083	439905	2/27/2019
McMichael	, FT120559, FT122520, FT3493	797813	9/22/2020
Bunn	45, BY13461, 20497988, BY11	463617	2/27/2019
Murphy	BY140760, FGC32888, FGC328	461936	2/27/2019
Murphy	BY140760, 19153084, 160045	459981	2/27/2019
Flynn	988, BY44298, BY55572, BY182	453996	2/27/2019
McKenna	140760, 20497988, BY26985,	451419	2/27/2019
Burns	8112828, BY26985, BY26986, B	451199	2/27/2019
Witbeck	A2475, BY43096, 11727291, 1	444360	2/27/2019
Gaston	320, 20497988, BY42893, BY44	430739	2/27/2019
Gaston	5396616, 21602719, 20497988	466484	2/27/2019
Quigley	714, BY39715, BY39716, BY39	463765	2/27/2019

Figure 2: Snapshot of test subject McIllwain's closest Y-DNA SNP genetic surname matches. The more Y-DNA SNP mutations two people share the more recent their shared paternal ancestor once lived. The test subject's closest Y-DNA SNP genetic surname matches are NOT RANDOM; they are dominated by individuals with Scottish or Irish-associated surnames, some of which like McMickle/McMichael (red arrows) and Murphy (yellow arrows) recur among his Y-DNA results. Highlighted font indicates the ethnicity associated with each surname: Scottish, Irish, multiple-associated ethnicities, Mainland European.

Upon commercial ancestral Y-DNA testing the test subject did not match others named 'McIllwain,' see Figures 1 and 2. This indicates that the test subject may not be directly descended from a McIllwain-Adam, literally the first male ('Adam') to take that surname who lived approximately 1,000 years ago when paternally inherited surnames became common. The test subject's Y-DNA results are dominated by both Scottish and Irish surnames, which is not uncommon and merely reflects the close shared ancestry among both nations, the result of many movements back and forth over millennia, see Figure 3. However, the dominance of Scottish-associated surnames among his closest Y-DNA STR and SNP matches indicates that his direct male ancestor was living somewhere within Scotland an estimated 1,000 years ago, see Figure 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The STRs examined in the Y-DNA111 test are short repetitive sequences of DNA that can be amplified or deleted with each generation. In contrast, SNPs are far

more permanent mutations. SNP testing can offer a more accurate glimpse of the precise chronological development of surnames among related males. Similarly, SNP testing reveals that the Y-DNA revealed surnames are not random, and are dominated by Scottish surname, see Figure 4. Block display of the test subject's terminal SNP matches reveals that Scottish McMichael, Carmichael, and McIlwain surnames have arisen among related Scottish males approximately 475 years ago, see Figure 4.

Closest Recurring Y-DNA SNP Surname Matches			
Surname	Non-Matching Variants	Frequency	Min. Time to a shared Patern Ancestor/years
Gaston	15	10	375
McMickle/McMichael	15	2	375
Jones	16	5	400
Carroll/Carrell	18	7	450
McInvale/McInville ¹	18	4	450
Burns/Byrne/Byrnes/O'Byrne	19	25	475
Murphy	19	6	475
Bunn	19	2	475
Gleeson/Gleason/glisson	20	7	500
Quigley	20	4	500
Walsh	20	4	500
Blake	21	4	525
Cullen	21	2	525
Martin	22	2	550
Doyle	23	5	575
Sullivan	23	4	575
Beatty/Beattie/Beaty	24	7	600
Fowler	24	3	600
Singleton	25	2	625
Wilson	25	2	625
Adams	26	2	650
Ball	26	2	650
Burnett	26	2	650
Davidson	26	2	650
Phelps/Phillips	26	2	650
Johnson	27	4	675
Haynes	27	3	675
Carson	27	2	675
Hawley	27	2	675
Kenny	27	2	675
O'Neill/O'Neall	27	2	675
Toole	27	2	675
Treacy	27	2	675
Williams	27	2	675
O'Brien	28	4	700
Cobbs	28	3	700
Lumsden	28	2	700
Taylor	28	2	700
Field	29	2	725
Fitzpatrick	29	2	725
Reynolds	29	2	725

Figure 3: Recurring SNP matches reveal a mix of Scottish and Irish surnames. SNP testing revealed 246 genetic relatives, 155 of whom had surnames that recur among his results (detailed). Highlighted font indicates the ethnicity associated

with each surname: **Scottish**, **Irish**, **multiple-associated ethnicities**, **Mainland European**.

*McInvale is also a possible corruption of Gaelic Irish McConville which is exclusive to County Down in Southeast Ulster.

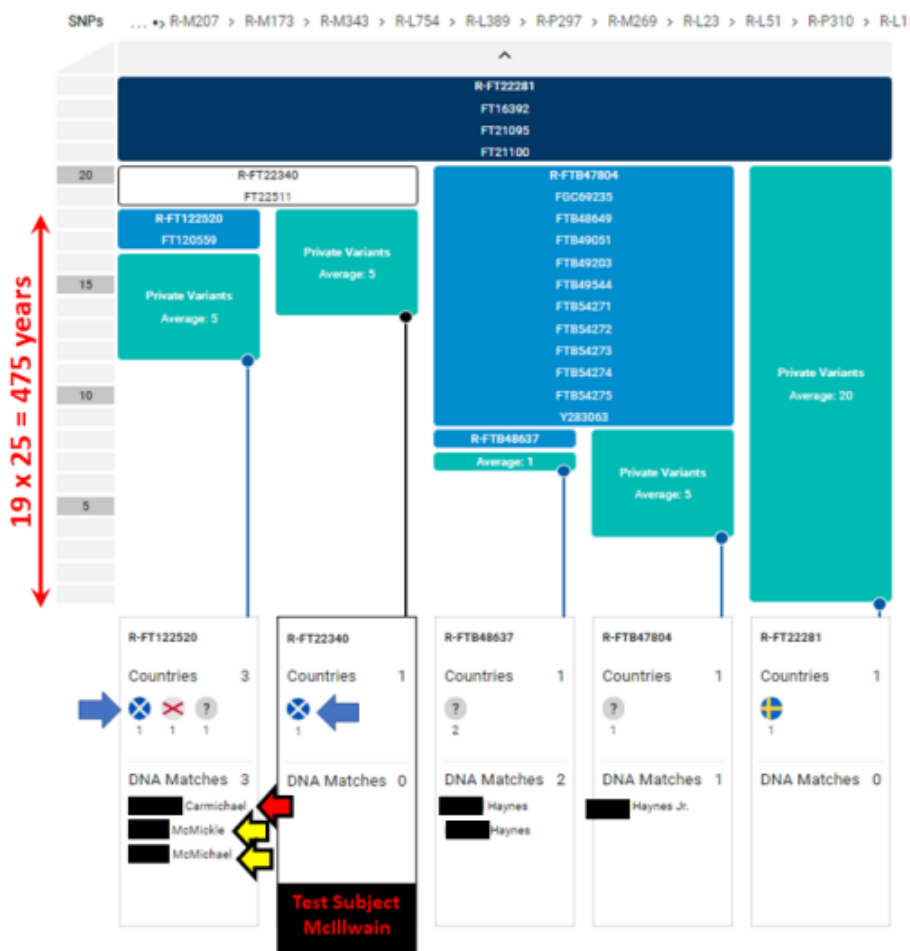


Figure 4 (next page): Block display of Mr. McIllwain's closest SNP matches. While the STRs examined in the Y-DNA111 test are prone to replication or deletion with each generation, SNPs are far more permanent mutations. SNP testing offers a more accurate glimpse of the precise chronological development of surnames among a group of related males. Research at Scottish Origenes has revealed that a Y-DNA SNP mutation will occur on average every 75 years in a patrilineal relationship, which means that a grandson can expect to differ from his grandfather in a single SNP mutation. However, the relationships revealed in a Y-DNA SNP test are not linear, which means that each SNP mutation can represent a generational difference (25 years) at the very least. Block display of the test subject's terminal SNP matches reveals that Scottish McMichael (yellow arrows), Carmichael (red arrow), and McIllwain surnames have arisen among related Scottish (blue arrows) males approximately 475 years ago.

The Scots Irish McIlwaine Surname

Scottish surnames arose approximately 1,000 years ago in an agrarian society. As a result, farmers with each surname could still be found in early census data concentrated in the area where their surname first appeared or in the area where one's ancestors first settled. One can therefore examine the distribution of Scottish farmers named 'McIlwain' to determine how many Scottish clans used that surname. The 1841 census revealed that the small number of McIlwaines in Scotland were born in Ireland. In contrast, the McIlwaine surname is common in Ireland where distribution mapping reveals that it is associated with Ulster in the north of Ireland which was heavily colonised by Scots and English in the early 17th Century settlement, see Figure 5. In Ireland, the descendants of Gaelic Irish and Normans are predominantly Catholic in Irish census data, while those descended from Plantation Scots and English are overwhelmingly Protestant. Distribution mapping of farmers named McIlwaine reveals 3 distinct groups of Protestant (Plantation) farmers spread throughout Ulster, see Figure 6. Many Scottish surnames like 'McIlwaine' have gone extinct in their native Scotland as a result of the Plantation of Ulster that began in 1610AD.

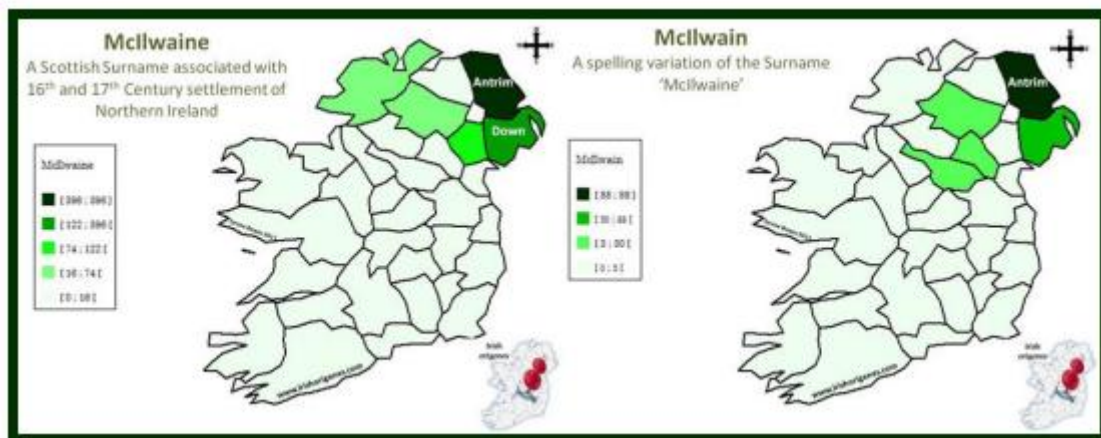


Figure 5: Distribution mapping of the McIlwain/McIlwaine surname in Ireland. Census data reveals that individuals named McIlwaine/McIlwain were not distributed evenly throughout Ireland but concentrated in Northeast Ireland in an area that was heavily colonised by Scots in 1610AD. Images taken from the Irish Surnames database <https://www.irishorigenes.com/surnames-database>

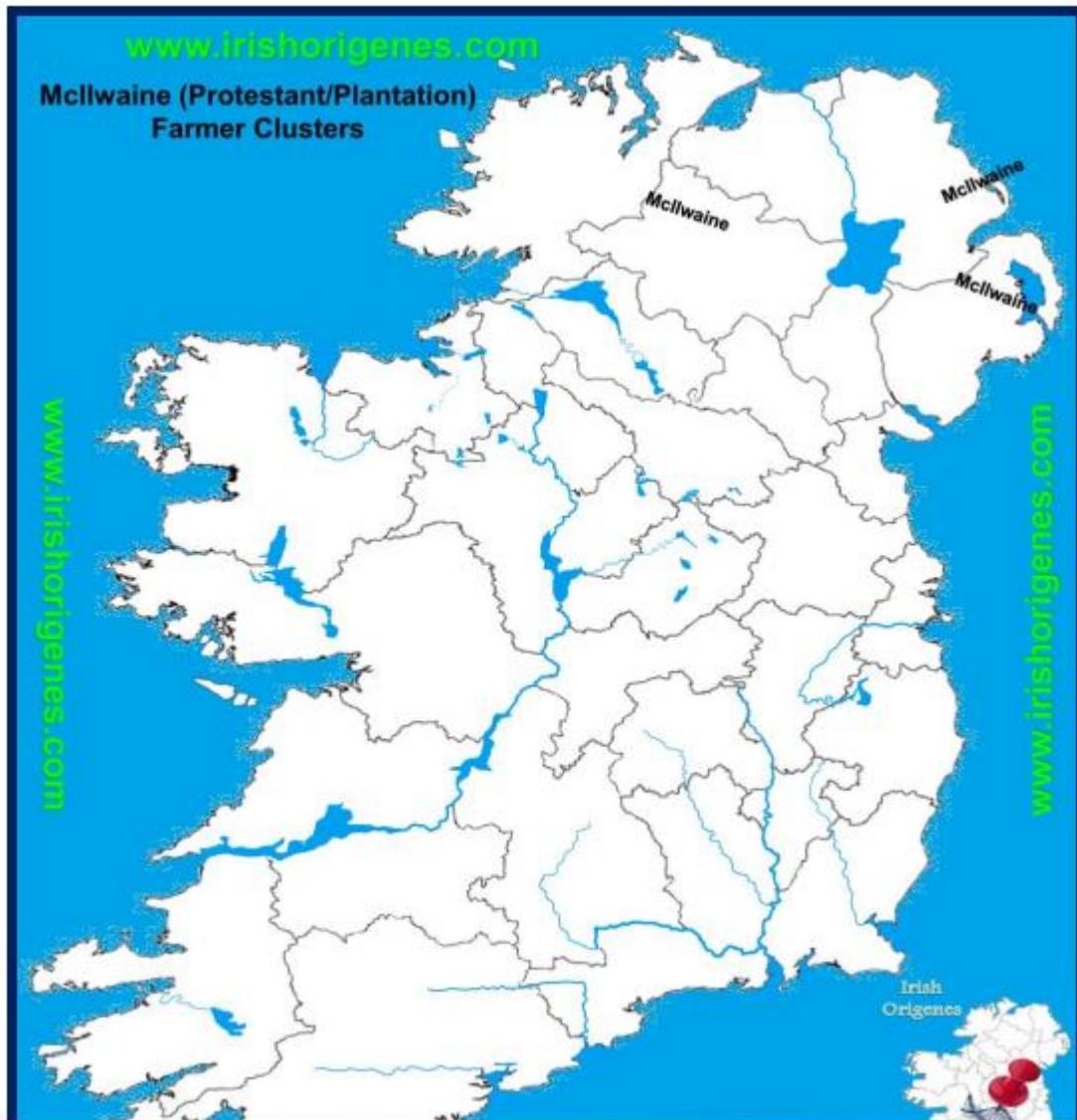


Figure 6: The Plantation Scots Irish McIlwaine farming communities. Census data reveals that the McIlwaines/McIlwains were overwhelmingly Protestant in early census data and hence the descendants of Scottish 17th Century settlers. An examination of the distribution of farmers named McIlwaine reveals 3 geographically distinct groups within Ulster in the north of Ireland. Each surname is positioned in the location where farmers (Protestant, male, Heads of household) with that surname concentrated in early census data. The most common spelling is detailed in each location. Surnames are positioned as they appear on the Irish Origenes Plantation Surnames of Ireland map, free to view online <https://www.origenesmaps.com>

A Paternal Ancestral origin within Southwest Scotland

The method of using genetic surname matches as revealed by commercial ancestral Y-DNA testing to pinpoint a paternal ancestral genetic homeland works by exploiting the link between the Y chromosome, surname, and land, which are typically passed from father to son through the generations. In the absence of a link to the land the process becomes more challenging. The link with the land is greatest among the farming community, and since farmers can still be found farming the land where their ancestor lived when he first inherited his surname, or where one's ancestor first settled, one can plot where farmers with the surnames that appear in one's Y-DNA results originate and identify an area common to most if not all.

Commercial ancestral Y-DNA testing revealed that the Scottish McMichael, Carmichael, and Cunningham surnames dominates among the test subject's closest Y-DNA matches, see Figures 1 and 4. The Y-DNA results reveal that the test subject's paternal ancestor lived among a group of related Scottish males among whom appeared the McIlwaine, McMichael, Carmichael, and Cunningham surnames.

Distribution mapping of Scottish farmers named McMichael, Carmichael, and Cunningham reveals that they only occur together within Southwest Scotland in an area where much of the population would have departed for Ireland in the early 17th Century, see Figure 7. An examination of the surnames associated with Galloway in the far southwest of Scotland reveals several surnames that appear among the test subject's closest and most frequent Y-DNA genetic relatives, see Figures 1, 3, 4, and 7. The spelling of a surname can change over time and distance, and usually at the whim of an administrator unfamiliar with a surname. Research at Irish and Scottish Origenes has demonstrated that many 17th Century Plantation-associated Scottish surnames were 'Irishised,' with Scottish 'McCrintle' becoming Irish 'McReynolds,' 'Semple' becoming 'Hemphill,' and 'Roxborough' evolving into 'Roseberry.' An examination of the surnames associated with Southwest Scotland reveals Scottish 'Milvain' which over time and distance has evolved into Scots Irish 'McIlwaine' in Ulster. The test subject's Y-DNA results reveal a paternal ancestral origin within Galloway in Southwest Scotland.

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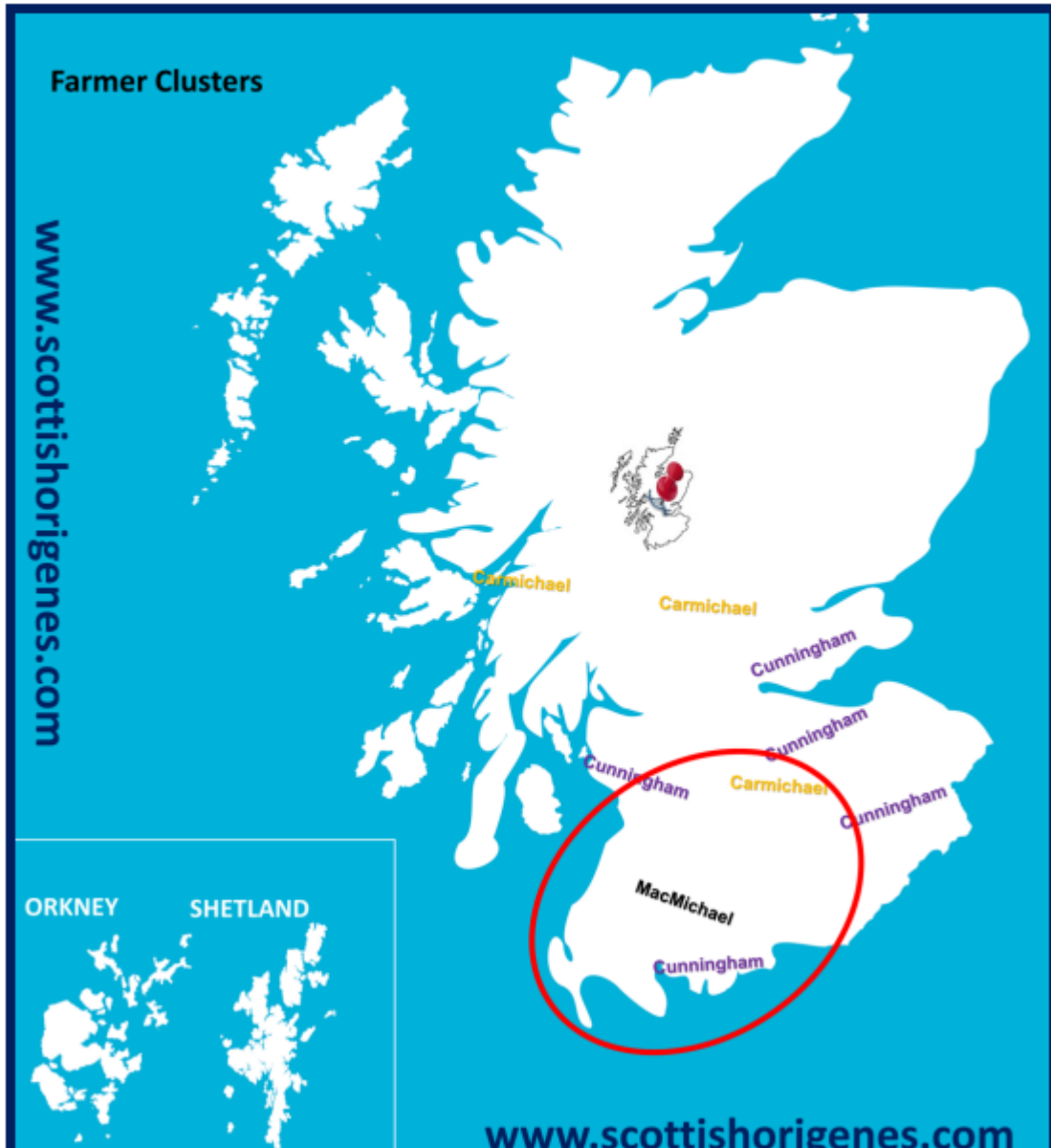


Figure 7: Overlay mapping reveals a paternal ancestral origin within Southwest Scotland. Y-DNA testing reveals that the McMichael, Carmichael, and Cunningham surnames arose among related males living in a specific Scottish location. Distribution mapping of Scottish farmers named McMichael, Carmichael, and Cunningham reveals that they occur together within Southwest Scotland in an area where much of the population migrated to Ulster in Northern Ireland during the 17th Century. Each surname is positioned in the location where farmers with each surname concentrated in early census data. The most common spelling is detailed in each location. Surnames are positioned as they appear on the Scottish Origenes Surnames map, free to view online <https://www.origenesmaps.com>



Figure 8: The Surnames of Galloway in Southwest Scotland. Farmers in Scotland still concentrate in the area where their surname first appeared. An examination of the surnames of Southwest Scotland reveals the Scottish ‘Milvain’ surname (**black arrow**) surrounded by surnames that appear as close Y-DNA STR or SNP matches (**red arrows**). Each surname is positioned in the location where farmers with each surname concentrated in early census data. The most common spelling is detailed in each location. Surnames in **red font** are associated with a single geographical area within Scotland. Image taken from the Scottish Origenes Surnames of Scotland map, now free to view: www.origenesmaps.com

The Clan Territories of Southwest Scotland

By examining the locations of the castles and towerhouses that are historically associated with a particular surname, it reveals that medieval Scotland was a patchwork of territories dominated by nearly 400 notable clans and families. Modern commercial ancestral Y-DNA testing and research at Scottish Origenes has revealed that almost everyone with Scottish paternal ancestry will be genetically related to at least one of these prominent clans or families that once ruled over one’s paternal ancestral genetic homeland. An examination of the castles and towerhouses of Southwest Scotland reveals an area dominated by Gaelic clans, see Figure 9. Research at Irish and Scottish Origenes has revealed that many of the Galloway Gaelic clans are of ultimate Irish origin, evidence of the close genetic link between Ireland and Scotland.

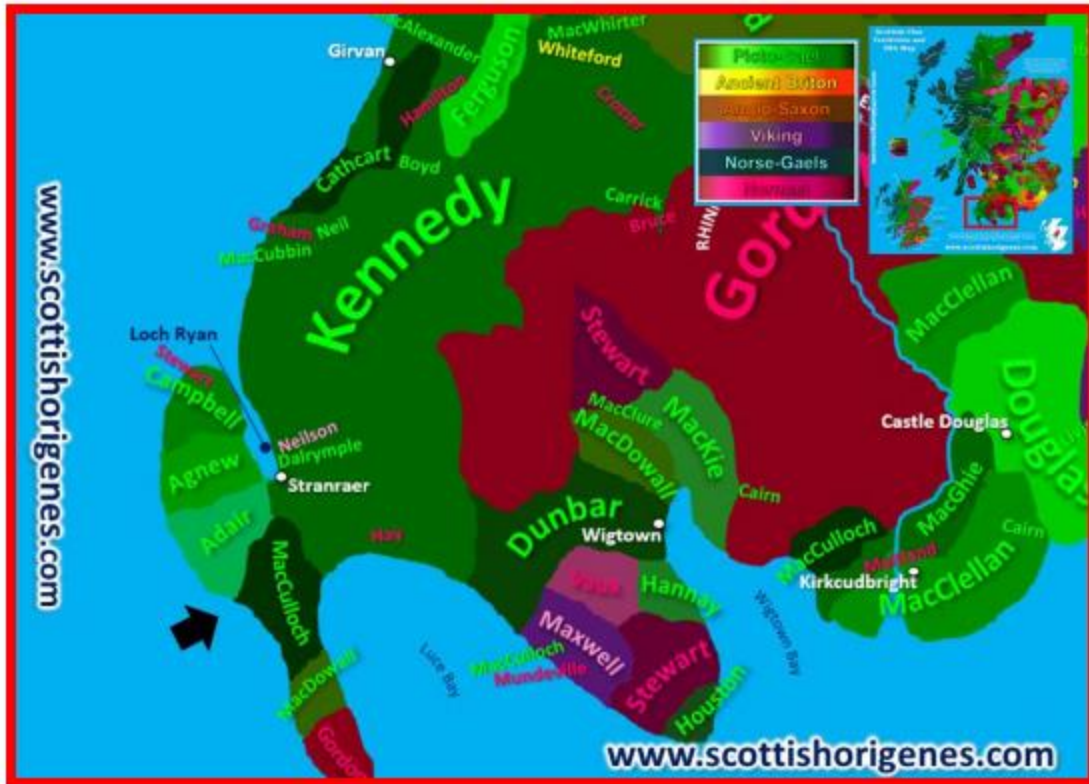


Figure 9: The principal Medieval Clans and Families of Galloway in Southwest Scotland. An examination of the clans and families of Southwest Scotland reveals an area dominated by Gaelic clans. The map reveals that the test subject's Milvain ancestors (**black arrow**) lived surrounded by clans that have revealed an ultimate Gaelic Irish origin. The clan map was reconstructed based on the location of castles and towerhouses and their historically associated clans and families. Image taken from the Scottish Origenes Clans of Scotland map, now free to view: www.origenesmaps.com

Mr McIllwain's 'Scottish' Paternal Ancestral Genetic Homeland

Early census data reveals that the Scottish Gaelic Milvains farmed the lands just south of Stranraer between Loch Ryan and Luce Bay, and it is there that the test subject's Scottish Paternal Ancestral Genetic Homeland is to be found, see Figure 10. It was there that the test subject's direct male ancestor lived when he first took the 'Milvain' surname approximately 1,000 years ago. His paternal ancestor lived among a tribal group of related Gaelic males among whom arose other surnames like MacMichael, Carmichael, and Cunningham. When one's ancestors and their genetic relatives have lived in an area for a long time, one will often find evidence of their links within that area in the surrounding monuments and placenames. Although an examination of the surrounding area failed to reveal

castles, towerhouses or placenames associated with the test subject's Milvain ancestors, they will have left evidence of their long ancestral links with this area in its history, and in the DNA of the current inhabitants.

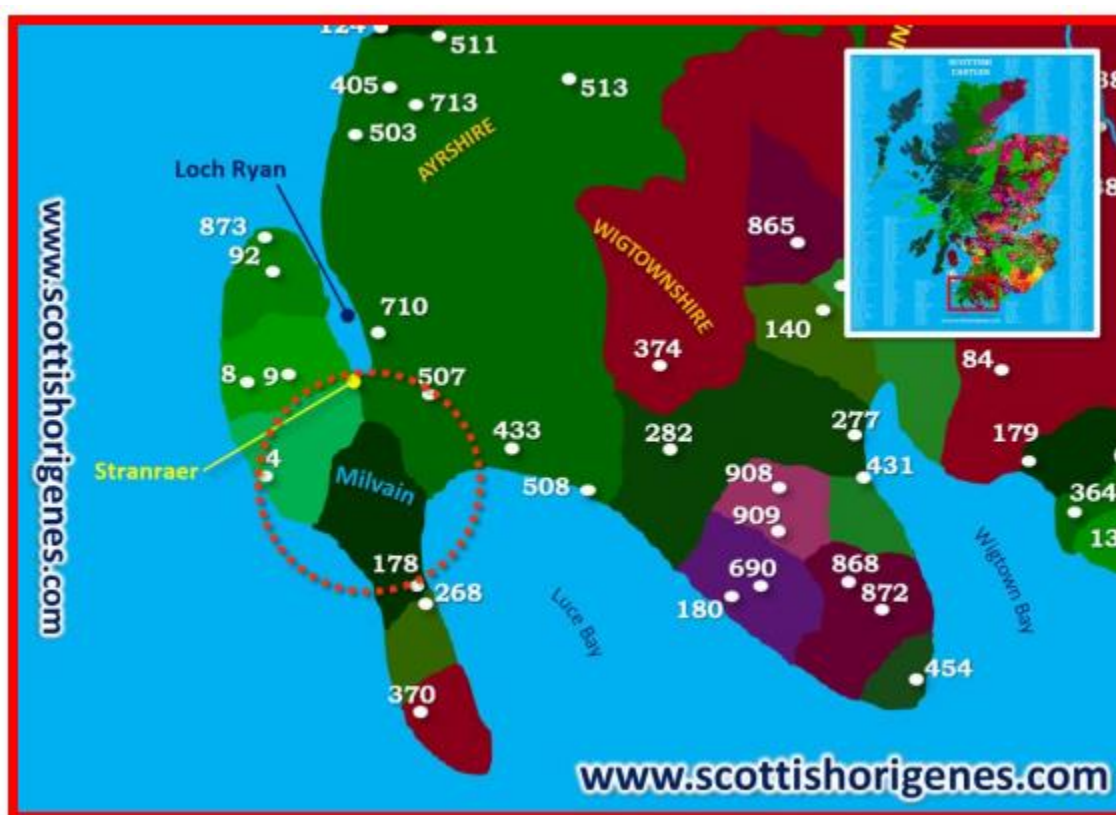


Figure 10: Mr McIlwain's Scottish Paternal Ancestral Genetic Homeland. Early census data reveals that the Milvains farmed the lands just south of Stranraer between Loch Ryan and Luce Bay, and it is there that the test subject's Scottish Paternal Ancestral Genetic Homeland is to be found (orange broken circle). It was there that his paternal ancestor lived when surnames first appeared in Scotland. Mr McIlwain's paternal ancestors will have left evidence of their ancestral links with this area in its history, but also in the DNA of the current inhabitants. Image taken from the Scottish Origenes Castles of Scotland map, now free to view: www.origenesmaps.com

Brythonic Celts

The hundreds of Y-DNA Case Studies conducted at Scottish Origenes has produced a Y-DNA map of Scotland, see Figure 11. That map reveals that the modern Scots are a diverse bunch descended from Neolithic farmers, Celts (Ancient Britons, Picts, Scots and Irish Gaels), Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and Normans. Clues to the ethnic origin of the test subject's paternal ancestors can be found in his R-M269 genetic marker and the mix of surnames at Irish,

Scottish, Welsh, and English origin at the 12-marker level which reveals that his paternal ancestors were the Brythonic Celts whose Y-DNA signature dominates Scotland, see Figure 11.

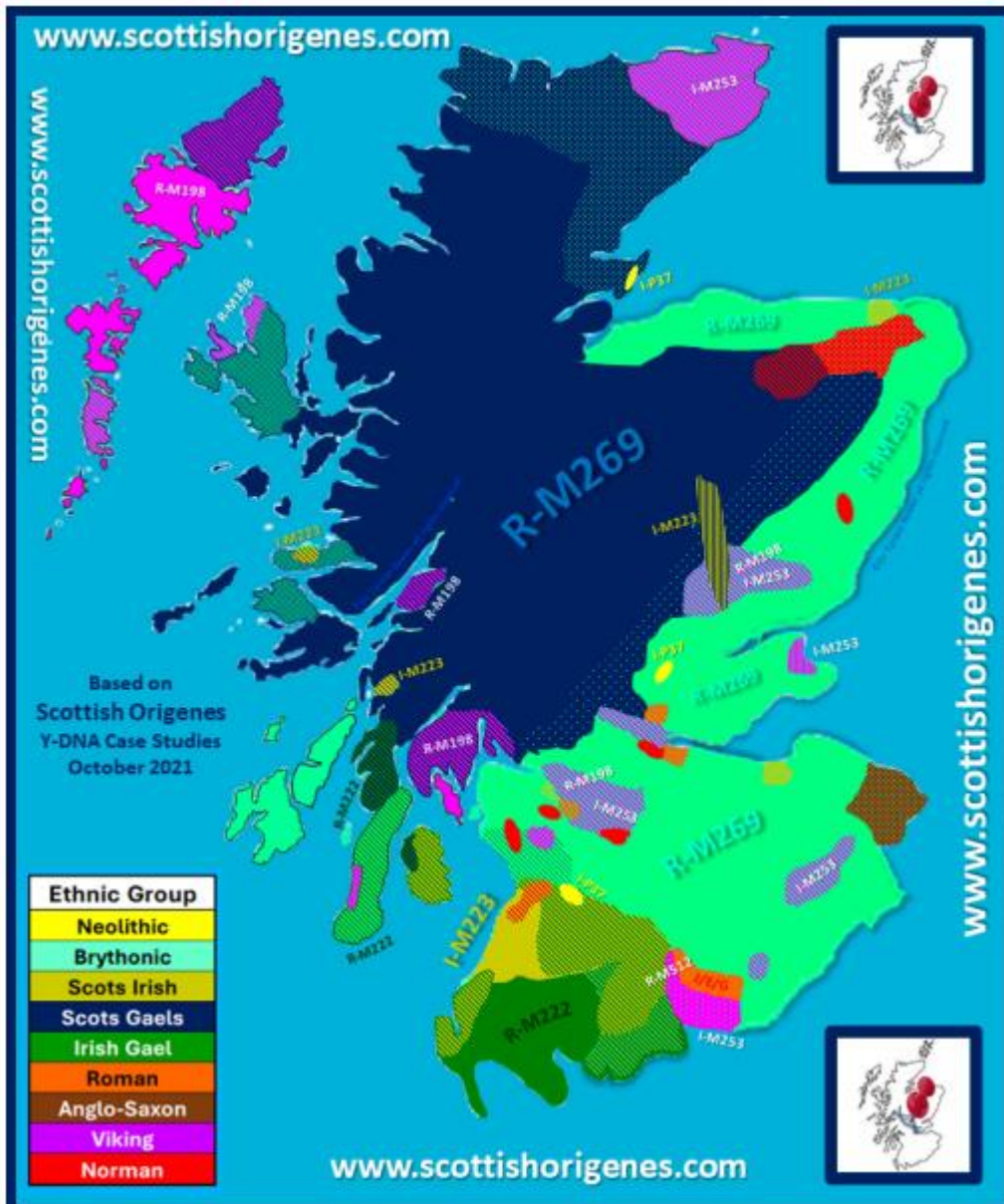


Figure 11: The Scottish Origenes Y-DNA ethnicity map of Scotland. Y-DNA Case Studies at Scottish Origenes reveals an ethnicity map of Scotland. The test subject's paternal ancestors were the Brythonic Celts whose Y-DNA signature dominates much of Scotland. The Celts arrived from Central Europe in waves from around 800BC onwards.

How to confirm the McIlwain Paternal Genetic Homelands

One must keep in mind that this is a scientific DNA approach to identifying an origin. As such, the connection to an identified area can be confirmed by Y-DNA testing males with the surname of interest from the identified location. The Scottish origin within Wigtownshire can be confirmed by Y-DNA testing males named Milvain from Southwest Scotland.



GAMES & EVENTS



Submitted by Vern Ela

Region 13 Coordinator

I hope all of you have had a pleasant summer, and that those of you who were affected by our last two storms, Ian and Nicole, have come through unscathed. I have news concerning some upcoming Highland Games and Festivals here in Florida.

Clan MacBean has had a Clan Tent at the Central Florida Highland Games for the past several years and has been a sponsor at the Games each year. Though we will not be a sponsor at the 2023 Games, we will most certainly have a Clan Tent, and would welcome any members who would like to attend, to join us. The Games will be held on January 14th and 15th at Central Winds Park, Winter Springs, FL. For more information, the website is: <https://flascot.com/index>. The Central Florida Highland Games is one of the best attended Scottish heritage events in Florida, and is about the 5th largest Games in the U.S. It is a fun weekend for everyone in the family. I hope to see many of you there!

More news: **The Scottish American Society of South Florida has chosen Clan MacBean to be the Honored Clan at its 39th Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games! This event will be Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Plantation Heritage Park, 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, FL 33317. The website for registration is: <https://www.sassf.org/Festival>.** Clan MacBean has had a Clan Tent at this event for the past few years, and it is one of the most friendly and pleasant events we've attended. There are children's games, contests, and many enjoyable attractions. Plantation Heritage Park is a beautiful, landscaped park in the lovely city of Plantation, just west of Ft. Lauderdale. As Honored Clan, we are hoping for a really good turnout of Clan MacBean members. There is usually a cèilidh scheduled at the event hotel on the Friday night prior to the Games, and our president, Pete McIlwain, is looking to arrange a display of Scottish artifacts at the hotel. When arrangement have been finalized, I will let everyone know.

Any of you who are interest in attending either or both of these events, and would like more information, or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at: vern@ela-family.org, or by phone: 407-399-2353. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in person at the Games!



GAMES REPORTS



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

July 7-10, 2022

Submitted by Billy McBee

This year's festival, the 66th anniversary of the Games, began on a somber note. The event known as "The Bear" (a five-mile uphill run to the Grandfather Mountain Park), traditionally held on the evening before the Friday commencement of the Games, was marred by tragedy: an automobile struck a group of runners, resulting in the death of one, with three others hospitalized.

In contrast, Friday dawned bright and fair with a delightful breeze for the eventual 80-degree high. While Annie and I arranged our tent, a typical first-day crowd of about 10,000 was gathering to enjoy the bagpiping, athletic competitions, sheep-herding demonstrations, music events, and busy vendors. We were happy to be in a row of other Clan Chattan affiliates.

Several visitors spent some time with us: early arrivals Kim and Robert Durden, followed by my cousin Karen Smith with sons Jacob and Walker, from Spartanburg, SC.



They enjoyed their first-ever visit to these Games, watching the activities, sampling the food, and chatting in between. After packing up for the night (you can never tell what the weather on the mountain will do!), our first day ended at the Clans Reception in a local hotel, where our friend Ed Miller (one of the stage musicians) delivered Robert Burns's famous Ode to a Haggis, and we all enjoyed plenty of good food and made some new acquaintances.

Saturday was another fine NC day, with a visit from clan members Bill and Brad McIlwain with their wives and other family members; it was great to see them again



after a couple of years (due to COVID).



Among other new visitors, we met Jon Bean from KY



, and Eli Shook, whose grandmother was a Bean, and who was entered in the wrestling event for the first time. The Games total attendance for this second day was about 30,000.



Sadly, Sunday's weather resembled previous experiences: rain had begun in the middle of the night and was still falling when we left in the afternoon. It reminded

us of the following often-heard phrase, "There is no such thing as inclement weather; there is merely inappropriate clothing." We wonder if that's Scottish in origin...

By noon, Clan members who had said they'd be there for the parade did not arrive - perhaps because of a lack of appropriate clothing! Nevertheless, Annie and I decided to march in the traditional Sunday Parade of Tartans



[Photo by Bonnie Glenn]. The Games were called off after that, although we were not allowed to pack up and leave until 3:00. Many thanks to Adam Beard and his family for making it to the tent that afternoon, which brightened up our Sunday! Despite the rain, our visitor log showed a total of 25 visitors for the weekend.

Sometimes It takes really determined conveners and visitors to endure Grandfather Mountain's weather. As Shakespeare wrote in Henry V, "Once more unto the breach, dear friends!"





the gathering



AN ACCOUNT OF THE 13TH QUADRENNIAL CLAN GATHERING

by **Pete McIllwain**

The Clan association held its 13th Quadrennial Gathering at the Hilton Doubletree Inn in Manchester, New Hampshire, on Friday and Saturday, 8-9 September, 2022. To begin with, we owe a great debt of gratitude to our Clan Treasurer, Bob Bean, of Pelham, New Hampshire, for picking up and running with the ball following the untimely death last January of our event organizer, George Wiseman. Without Bob's frantic hard work, this event would not have happened at all. From all of us, THANK YOU, Bob.

By way of background, this event marked the 50th anniversary of our 2nd Gathering, which was held in Manchester in 1972. A major event during that Gathering, the association (then known as "*The Clan MacBean in North America*") dedicated a memorial stone to Scottish-born immigrant John Bean of Exeter; famous as patriarch of one of the most prolific family lines of the Clan in America. The Gathering this year afforded the opportunity for attendees to see the memorial stone and to pay our respects to John Bean's memory.

Since the 1992 Gathering in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, the Clan association has endeavored without fail to hold a Gathering every four years, and which is

to be held in conjunction with a stockholders' meeting of the Clan association's business operating entity--the Clan MacBean Inc. This time around, there had occurred an unprecedented confluence of events and factors which militated against a robust attendance. As had often been the case with the Clan MacBean historically, we ended up with a small but stalwart band--only of about 25 in attendance, hailing from California, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, other parts of the US, and from Canada. But, in spite of the headwinds we "got 'er done" and had a great deal of fun while doing so!

What was truly different at this Gathering was our effort to cover the meetings and presentations on Saturday by video teleconferencing. The VTC coverage was far from perfect, but we gave it a good effort. Suffice it to say we learned a lot about how to do it and how not to do it. And for the first time, we were able to offer business meeting proxy voting by email, an opportunity of which an amazing 119 members from around the world participated.

No question that the highlight of the Gathering was the presence of our Clan Chief, Richard McBain of McBain. On Saturday, Richard gave a presentation on

his view of his proper role as Chief and vision for the Clan going forward.

Certainly, one of the highlights of the formal dinner on Friday evening was the opportunity for members to have their photos taken with the Chief and with the Clan's authentic "Moon Tartan."

Richard held forth with great energy and ebullient good humor again during the informal farewell dinner on Saturday evening, making that event especially fun. More than any other factor, your being there made the event worthwhile to attend.

THANK YOU so much for coming, Richard. In many ways YOU made the show. Kinchile!

On behalf of the Clan's Genealogical Department, Thomas Bean presented a briefing on development of family trees and the intricacies and mysteries of DNA as related thereto. We won't attempt to summarize what is to us mostly black art beyond our understanding. However, the salient message is that the Clan has several active and ongoing DNA projects. If you have not done so you should at least get a "basic" DNA test done and then sign-up (submit your data) in one or more of the Clan's ongoing DNA projects. The more members that participate, the better and more accurate the result for all. Get with the program, y'all.

There were six Directors physically present for the Directors' Meeting on



Friday morning, plus three attending via "zoom" connection and the Chief was in attendance as an ex-officio member. Board discussions centered on a review of membership statistics and sharing of ideas for best methodologies for outreach and appeal for expanding membership more effectively in the years ahead.

The Board also discussed possibilities of being able to provide some funding for Regional Commissioners and/or Conveners to reimburse them for expenses incurred in providing Clan tents at Games and so forth. Members should hear more about this in due course.

The business meeting of the corporation, which sets the basis for operations for the next four years, was very much pro-forma. The most important part is that the 13 incumbent Members of the Board of Directors volunteered to continue to serve and were subsequently re-elected.

Lastly, looking forward to the 14th Quadrennial Clan Gathering, in 2026; The Clan's REGION 2 Commissioners, Larry and Susan Bane of Fairfield, California, have volunteered to be the organizers. Initially they are going to look for a venue in which our Gathering could be held in conjunction with a Games and/or Scottish Festival- -perhaps somewhere in Arizona. Should be quite exciting... Mark your calendars and watch this space for news.



NEW MEMBERS



Our warmest welcome to all our new clan members.

Jana Bean--Magnolia, AR
Catrina Wittekind--Flagstaff, AZ
Richard & Diana Wales--
 Glendale, AZ
Erik Ohlin--Vista, CA
Cynthia Butler--Roseville, CA
Brendan Kearney--
 Sacramento, CA
Candace Torres--Vista, CA
Phillip Winter--Cumming, GA
Trevor Alexander--
 Leonardville, KS
Mark Worster--Berkley, MA
Caitlin Ryan--Medford, MA
Charles Bailey--Saco, ME
Hunter Cousino--Newport, MI

William Kalacinski--Enfield,
 NH
Kathleen Stokes--Portland, OR
Angela Marie von Borstel--
 Grass Valley, OR
Deborah Phillips--Indiana, PA
Samuel Speight--Edgefield, SC
Robert Bailey--Manchester, TN
Spencer Bain--Nashville, TN
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