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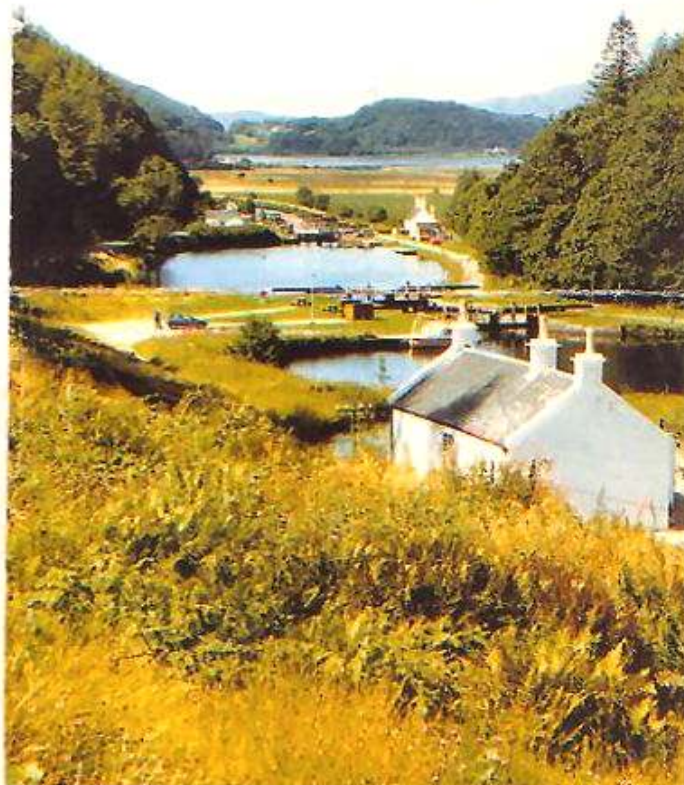
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A view of Dunardry

Looking west with Cruach Mor
sloop on the left

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Edward Stuart Dugald MacTavish
MacTamhais Mor



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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

This being the last issue of the Non Oblivis for the year 1997, I will briefly cover and end the two year vendetta carried out by a Ms. Laudine Appel, along with six minor players who she used in turning them against myself and the Clan.

To further her own cause she also found an ally in Diarmid Campbell, editor of the Clan Campbell Journal (not surprising) who published parts of a document Ms. Appel had sent to him from the Standing Council of Chiefs which Ms. Appel had "blanked out" some of the text stating that it was secret information. I was most surprised that Mr. Campbell, who does such a professional job producing the Campbell Journal, would print an article without first checking his facts. (more on the possible motives later) An article also appeared in a newsletter by "The Association of Scottish Games and Festivals" February 1997 under the heading "Warning:False Mactavish Reported". (reported of course by Ms. Appel)

I do not wish to spend too much space to the silly motives leading up to the actions carried out by Ms. Appel. For that reason I have included a letter sent to me by Jane K. Robitaille, chairperson of the Western Massachusetts Highland Games. This letter says it all! Thank you Jane! I had planned to "do" quite a job on Ms. Appel and the small group of followers but reacting would place me on thier level which of course be lowering myself. As I said, Jane Robitaille's letter along with Ms. Appel's actions does not require any further discussion.

The remainder of this "year end" issue is devoted to the wonderful year we have had and some of the people who made it so. I would also ask you to support your regional Commissioner by submitting for the regional newsletters. Send in your bio's, stories etc. They have volunteered to help the Clan and need your support so please contact him/her and see what you could help with. I know your Commissioner will thank you, the Clan thanks you and I will thank you.

Inaugural Clan Tour

ANNOUNCEMENT

Some interest has been shown asking if we can offer Clan members a tour of Dunardry and of the areas that were of importance to Clan Mactavish-Thom(p)son's ancient history. We are pleased to announce that we are preparing the inaugural Dunardry tour for mid March 1998.

The tour will be personally conducted by Chief Dugald and will consist of eleven days (ten nights) starting at Glasgow airport. You will be met with our own bus transporting you to your lodge in Lochgilphead (the finest accomodation in the area) which will be 'your home' for the next eleven days.

The following morning you will be taken to the lands of Dunardry visiting such sites as the first known location of the Clan and the last home of the Chiefs; the Crinan Canal; the Dunardry Locks and bridge; and stand on the summit of Cruach Mor with a marvelous view of Crinan Bay and Dunadd, the latter considered to be the 'womb' of Scotland.

Other day trips will include a shopping day in Oban; a visit to Carnasserie Castle where the young Chief of the Clan, Dugald, as officer of the guard, was hanged from the highest parapet; and the Kilmartin church yard, the burial ground of the MacTavish Chiefs. Visit also Castle Sween where the mother of Tause, our progenitor, daughter of 'Sween the Red', was born. See ancient standing stones and a 14th century MacTavish Chief's standing stone. And much more!

You will be invited to a real Scottish *Ceilidh* (party) which includes a true Scottish dinner, entertainment complete with the pipes, a band and Scottish Highland dancing. (You will be invited to take part and to learn the Highland Fling.) A gold medal winner will sing some Gaelic songs and a Scottish dance band will have you 'toe tapping' through the evening. This evening of entertainment will be hosted by Chief Dugald. At the conclusion of the tour you will be bussed to Glasgow for your return trip or, if you decide to stay in the UK longer, can easily carry on to Edinburgh or London by train, bus or air.

We are looking for a maximum of ten couples but a few singles can also be accommodated. Interested members can contact Chief Dugald directly, by phone or e-mail at the address below. We must know as soon as possible and by no later than the 15th of February whether you wish to attend the inaugural Clan tour. All details, dates and costs will then be sent to you after contacting the Chief. A deposit of U.S. \$200.00 per person will be required to reserve your spot.

This will be a long remembered event and you will be a part of the **FIRST EVER** Clan gathering held on the Ancient MacTavish-Thom(p)son Ancestral Lands of Dunardry. Don't delay contacting Chief Dugald.

Contact the Chief directly at:

Phone 011-441-546-602700 (remember Scotland is 5 hours ahead of EST zone.)
E Mail dunardry@aol.com

BULLETIN BOARD

Last Call For Overdue Membership Fees

Deadline March 15th

For those of you who have delayed sending your fees - get those check books out and mail your dues to arrive prior to March 15th. This new year will see many surprising and vital developments in our Clan's history which you won't want to miss. Please make your checks payable to Clan MacTavish/Thom(p)son and send to your Membership Secretary at the following address:

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
Membership Secretary
4301 B2 Riverside Drive
Dayton, OH. 45405-1332

Remember to include your Membership ID number on ALL checks or correspondence you send us !

We Need You!



The Clan is looking for enthusiastic individuals to assume the position of Commissioner in each of the following regions:

CANADA
FLORIDA

SOUTHWEST USA
NORTHWEST USA

MIDWEST USA

As a Commissioner you would, among other things, attend local Clan gatherings, oversee membership recruitment and produce your own regional newsletters.

OR.....

Perhaps you are interested in coordinating the family trees of our Clan members. If so, you might like to become our Genealogical Librarian. For further information on these two positions contact Chief Dugald directly at:

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Dunardry@aol.com

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Electronic Newsletter

We would like to start up an electronic newsletter soon for those of you who want to 'click and read'. You could read at anytime and it will be in color. If you are interested send your e-mail address to our Membership Secretary, Jonathan Thompson at MacTamhais@aol.com so we can add it to your file.

Ms Laudine Appel

93 Audley Road
Springfield, MA 01118
September 1, 1997

To whom it may concern;

In late April and early May, I received three telephone calls with messages left on my answering machine from a woman identifying herself as Laudine MacTavish. She stated that it was very important that she speak with me regarding the Western Massachusetts Highland Games, of which I was the chairman. She had been informed that a particular individual would be attending whom she knew to be a fraud, and it was imperative that she speak with me as soon as possible. I returned her call on May 4, 1997, and spoke with her for 88 minutes (copy of phone bill attached). While I cannot possibly convey the entire conversation, I can capsulize her main points. She stated:

1. That the person calling himself Dugald MacTavish, and claiming Chiefship of Clan MacTavish, is a fraud. His name is not Dugald but is Edward Stuart. She referred to him throughout the conversation as "Eduardo".

2. That her cousin, a female by the name of Carol MacTavish, is the rightful chief.

3. That in the past, a Lachlan MacTavish was in financial trouble so sold his land and title of Chief to Carol's ancestor. This could be verified by reading some book whose title she named.

4. That Carol has no children and so the title of Chief will go to Laudine's son, which is why she was trying to stop the fraudulent Dugald. She wanted her son to have his rightful title.

5. That Dugald was selling life memberships in the clan for \$500. and telling people that he planned to build a clan center with the money. He told the organizers of the games at Grandfather Mountain that the clan center would be built there. Many people are asking him for their \$500. back now that they realize he is a fraud, but they are not receiving anything.

6. That Dugald was removed from the grounds of Grandfather Mountain by undercover police in 1996 for selling memberships and kilts.

7. That if I knew the Kilgores in New Hampshire, they were very supportive of Dugald because he promised them something when he became Chief.

8. That Rita Thompson was very supportive of Dugald because he promised her that he would appoint her as the next Chief. Dugald has a son who has nothing to do with him, and so Rita would be appointed.

9. That she has documentation from Scotland supporting her claim and proving Dugald to be a fraud. She asked me to call a Sir George Wey (?) in Scotland who would verify her claim.

She quoted many names and dates which meant nothing to me. She threatened me with a lawsuit if I allowed Dugald or Rita to represent the Clan MacTavish at our games, and asked if she could attend instead. She stated that she collects no money from members for dues.

The motive becomes clear

I told her that she was merely a strange voice on the phone, that for all I knew she could be a fraud herself, and that I certainly could not just take her word for something like this. I told her that I would need to see some type of documentation to support her claim, after which I would consider the matter. She said she would send me copies of all documents by Fedex the following morning. Nothing ever came.

She had also stated that she was a doctor, in OB/GYN, who practiced in the Baltimore area for many years. She had had a heart condition which forced her to retire a few years ago, but that she had become a lawyer. She was not practicing law, but was working at a rape crisis center. She thanked me for listening.

Because her entire claim seemed bizarre, I tried to check out her professional credibility on the internet. Not finding her listed as either a doctor or a lawyer, I began a series of telephone calls the following day, May 5, 1997. I checked with various offices and medical associations in the Baltimore area (phone bill attached) only to find that she was not showing up anywhere as a doctor. I checked under both the name of MacTavish and Appel, which she said was her married name.

By May 7, 1997, the Fedex package had not arrived and I was beginning to wonder just who this Laudine MacTavish/Appel was who threatened me with a lawsuit. I took the day off from work and continued my investigation, first calling Sir George Weys in Scotland. He stated that he was expecting my call because "Dr. MacTavish told me you would be calling". He definitely did not support her claim. I did not get any sense that he supported either person, but that in fact each had to provide the necessary paperwork to prove their case. He explained how the process works, that it takes time, etc. He stated that Dugald had submitted paperwork but that Dr. MacTavish had not that he was aware of. He also stated that if the paperwork was not correct or complete that they could not tell the petitioner what to do; they had to get that advice elsewhere.

I continued my calls to medical boards, libraries, a member of the Saint Andrew's Society, and then legal associations. There was a male Dr. Appel in the Baltimore area whose office I called, believing that he would be aware of another Dr. Appel in the area. He was not, and stated that he would be aware if there was as the name was not common. Despite great efforts on my part, I found no evidence to substantiate the claim of Laudine being a medical doctor. I did find that she had graduated from Mount Vernon Law School in 1957 or 1958 but had never passed the bar in Maryland. It was my conclusion that the woman had not been honest with me. Our committee voted unanimously to disregard her claim and threat and to invite Rita Thompson back as the representative for Clan MacTavish, which we did. I have never heard from Laudine MacTavish/Appel again.

Sincerely,

Jane K. Robitaille
Jane K. Robitaille

Back to Dunardry

The night of November 7/8 th.1997 was very dark and very quite . It brought back memories of nights aboard the Canadian destroyer H.M.C.S. Haida while on patrol on the Atlantic in the 1940's, however then there was the hum of the engines and, on calmer sea's, the constant roll of the ship as well as the gentle movement as we ploughed through the sea. I had never known such pitch dark nights as a young seaman of 17 years, but this was much different for there was no movements of the ship and no sound of the powerful engines or the rushing sea as we steamed on.

Yes, this was much different, it was just as dark but void of *all* sounds and movement. It was an eerie feeling yet, strangely, peaceful. What could this mean, could this be imagination only or could it be that a distance in *time* was reconnected ! There was no sound, no gust of wind , no sense of a presence, yet, there was something. I wish I could say that a distant voice or the feel of someone else was there or, a clap of thunder, it would have more impact and make for a more interesting story for you, and, would not have surprised me, but, it was just a strange, *calming* sensation.

I had just arrived from Canada on British Air, flight 092, Toronto to Glasgow then rented a car for the two hour drive to the town of Lochgilphead in the Western Highlands. I had made this same trip five times before, the most recent, just five months previous, and even though each time was exciting and wonderful, *this time* was the most meaningful. This was the result of the previous trips which started in 1992. Let me take you back to what led up to this meaningful day....

One Saturday, In November of 1991, my nine year old grandson Michael, was at my house on the pretense of helping me to move some box's around. I say pretense, for it was the excuse this Grandfather used to spend a nice day with him, to rent a couple of movies, get bags of chips, drinks etc, and have a great time, however, to satisfy my *son in law*, and so that Michael didn't have to tell a *fib* when asked, " What did you do at Papa's ", (for he always was asked), we did move a few small p box's from one cupboard to another, then we had a party!! One of the box's Michael picked up had written on it, 'CLAN STUFF', this was a box my Father passed onto me shortly before he died in 1970. I was aware since 1949 that one day, I would be Chief of the Clan but still being in the military then, raising a family, I was not the foremost thought in my mind, but I must say, I was proud of the thought of it. When I lost my Father, 14th February 1970, I found myself not in a position to do anything about it, but, continued my search for anything 'positive'. All I seemed to find, ever since I first delved into the MacTavish history, always seemed to :place; the MacTavish as apart of the Clan Campbell. This caused me much anxiety, for I knew the Clan MacTavish was in fact a Clan unto itself. Still I searched but found very little to prove my thoughts correct. It was very demoralizing.

When Michael asked "Papa, what does this box mean, CLAN STUFF"! As I told Michael about my Father giving the papers on the Clan to me, Michael wanted to know more. We got a couple of glasses of 'Coke' and I started to tell him about a Clan, the dormancy and the finding out that our family was found, in 1949, to be the Lineal Heirs. Young Michael's eyes were growing larger and larger as I related the fact that my Uncle then my Farther were the Lineal Heirs to the Chief ship of the Clan, but had not taken steps to take on the duties. Michael interuoted me, " Papa, do you mean, you, your the Chief of the whole Clan in tgheworld" ?, I laughed, for his expression showed, excitement, wonderment and puzzlement all at the same time. I replied, " yes Michael, if I except it, I guess I am, at which point Michael's expression changed and very seriously said, " Oh Papa, you have to, its your responsibility", I laughed again, for he looked so cute and sincere and said " If you really think so Michael, my be I will.

Later that afternoon, it was time to take Michael home and that evening, waiting to watch the eleven o'clock news, I was going back over the wonderful day spent ,enjoying my Grandson's visit when his face flashed before me and I could see his sweet face with expression and his words, "Oh Papa, you must, it is your responsibility" . I then realized that I, years before Had the same thoughts about my Father, *but*, never said it out loud. This was the start of the internal battle within me. In my heart, I knew it was the time to ' stand up and be counted' but, my mind was asking, " do you know how to be a Scottish Chief and, do you have the financial means to

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accomplish it" ? Of course, the answer to both questions was NO, but then my heart would say, " it is an obligation, you must do it", and so it went and finally I had to make a division, 'If I do take it on, there is no turning back, its either, go all the way or, don't go at all', I made one more trip to the Ottawa main library, and again read

MacTavish see Campbell :

This was what I needed, for even though I had seen this countless times before, this time it gave me the answer to what *must* be done. Two months later, March 1992 I made my first trip to Scotland and the moment I set foot on the ancient Granted lands of Dunardry to The MacTavish, I knew, I felt, this was destined to be.

The five ensuing years, at times, seemed to be *'just too much'*. Many hurdles kept cropping up and as soon as we would clear one, two more were there, it was a very frustrating time, to say the least. Finally on June the 10th of this year, my last meeting with Sir Malcolm, Lord Lyon, he apologized and made comment to the fact that he again, giving me one more hurdle and told me, "this will be the finale one". It was a 'dandy'. I had to prove that Lachlan, who died in 1796, knew he was Chief, for some *unknowand reason !* the Lyon Court records entered 17th April 1793 by the Lord Lyon John Hooke Campbell, *surprisingly*, did not show him as Chief. (We will have more on this later) It was going to be imperative to solve this. Frankly, I was worried for I had no idea of where to start.

I flew back to Canada on Friday the 13th of June (I wonder if this last hurdle was going to be the bad luck)? I arrived at my home near midnight and knew I could not do much until Monday morning, the 16th. Five days later, 21st June, I sent the following fax to Sir Malcolm;

21st June, 1997

Lyon.

Arrived back in Canada last Saturday the 14th. On *Monday I started* to search at the Ottawa Library and after searching three books on the Canadian fur trade, found the following;

"A kinsman of mine who has lately made his appearance in England with an immense Fortune, acquired in the wilds of North America, has put upon me to take out Armes - To entitle me, however, to Supporters, to which as Chief I certainly have Right, it will be necessary to trace myself up to the Root.";

The book written by;

Marjorie Willens Campbell

Published by;

MacMillan Co. Of Canada Ltd. Toronto 1957

Title;

'THE NORTH WEST COMPANY'

page number;

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It appears that the Unicorn Pursuivant knew of what he spoke. I do hope this will "clear the last hurdle."

I shall be returning to Scotland in October and will give my new address at that time, until then, the present address will remain the same.

It was nice speaking with you again;

Sincerely,
Dugald

On the 23rd of July, Lyon responded with the Copy of the Warrant for Letters Patent:

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The follow-up to the 23rd of July letter from Lord Lyon, advising that a Warrant was issued that date, to the Keeper of the Records to prepare 'Letters Patent' leading to the Confirmation.

The following letter was waiting for me when I arrived at the Lyon Court on November 14th. The cover letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Roads, Keeper of the Records, as you see, is asking for me to give approval to the text of the Confirmation, which will be placed in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland. The page number and Volume and folio # are left blank as is the day, month and year making it official. I have contacted my son, Steven Dugald, to forward his birth certificate. I also have contacted the Clan bank account, to send me a draft of the stated amount and then I will go to Edinburgh to insure it will be dated this year, 1997. I think you all deserve to share the experience of the finalization of this five year quest, thus ending the 201 year dormancy. Now that this has been accomplished and we are a true and official Highland Clan, with a voice of a Chief so that we now can continue to our rightful place, and learning of our *misplaced* roots and who, and what, we really are. I have had to keep this information, more or less, to myself, but I do admit, at times I have allowed some of my 'passion' on our Clan history to show through. The Confirmation, duly dated and announced to the Scottish world by the Lyon Court, will clear the way for me to pass this exciting and, startling revelation to you. To this end, starting in 1998, I will begin to pass on to you the factual documentation found in my search for the facts.

Court of the Lord Lyon
Edinburgh, Scotland
27th October, 1997.

Dear Dunardry,

I now enclose the draft text of the document of Confirmation of the Armorial Bearings of MacTavish of Dunardry and I would be grateful if you could read this through and let me know that you are happy with the terms.

I have not made mention of your marriages as no certificates have been lodged concerning these facts other than the marriage certificate of your second marriage. If however you would wish your son and heir apparent mentioned, please let me have sight of his full birth certificate giving the names of his parents.

The Exchequer dues on the Confirmation amount to 472 Pounds and I would be grateful if you could let me have a cheque for that sum made payable to 'Lyon Clerk for H.M. Exchequer'. I have no address on the document as you indicated on the telephone that you did not yet know your permanent future address but perhaps you could let me have a note of the appropriate address if this can be included.

Yours sincerely,

Signed Elizabeth Roads

THE FINAL TEXT

The Text of the Confirmation

Form D

To all and Sundry whom There Presents Do or May Concern. We Sir Malcolm Rognavauld Innes of Edingight, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Writer to Her Majesty's Signet, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting: **Whereas**, EDWARD STEWART DUGALD MACTAVUISH OF DUNARDRY, Chief of the Clan MacTavish, residing at Cairnbaan, having by Petition unto Us of date 10 June 1992 Shewn; THAT he, the Petitioner, born Montreal Quebec, Canada 14 July 1929, is the only son Andrew Dugald MacTavish, Holder of the Military Medal, sometime Royal North West Mounted Police, and his wife (married Regina Saskatchewan 2 April 1921) Greeba Olivia LaLanne' THAT the Petitioner's said father, Andrew Dugald MacTavish (born 20 December 1890 and died 14 February 1970) was the second but eldest son with issue (his elder brother John William MacTavish, Holder of the Military Medal, died without issue 24 December 1954) of Andrew Dugald MacTavish, and his wife (married 17 January 1888) Margaret Maria, daughter of John Henry MacTavish, THAT the Petitioner's said Grandfather (born 24 September 1866 and died 18 September 1943) was the second but eldest son with issue (his elder brother James William MacTavish died without issue 12 April 1900) of William MacTavish, Governor of Assinaboia and Rupertsland, and his wife Sara McDermott, THAT the Petitioner's said great-grandfather (died 23 July 1870) was the eldest surviving son of Dugald MacTavish, Writer to the Signet, Sheriff Substitute of Kintyre, and his wife Letitia Lockhart; THAT the said Dugald MacTavish (died Campbeltown 23 July 1855) was the eldest son of Lachlan MacTavish of Dunardry, Surveyor General of Taxes, and his wife Mary Loch; THAT certain Ensigns Armorial are recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland (volume 1, folio 563) of date 17 April 1793 in name of the Petitioner's said great-great-great-grandfather Lachlan MacTavish of Dunardry; AND the Petitioner having proved (*primo*) that he might be OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED in the name EDWARD STEWART DUGALD MACTAVISH OF DUNARDRY, and (*secundo*) that the aforesaid Ensigns Armorial might be confirmed unto him and his heirs, Chiefs of the Name and Arms of MacTavish, KNOW YE THEREFORE that Conform to our Warrant of date 23 July 1997 We have for aught yet seen (*primo*) that he might be OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED in the name EDWARD STEWART DUGALD MACTAVISH OF DUNARDRY, and (*secundo*) MAINTAINED, RATIFIED and CONFIRMED as We do by These Presents MAINTAIN, RATIFY and CONFIRM unto the Petitioner and his heirs, Chiefs of the Name and ARMS of MacTavish, the following Ensigns Armorial, as depicted upon the margin hereof, and matriculated of even date with These Presents upon the ---- page of the --- Volume of Our Public Register of ALL Arms and Bearings in Scotland, vifelicet- Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Gyronny of eight Sable and Or, 2nd and 3rd, Argent, a buck's head cabossed Guiles attired Or on a chief engrailed Azure a cross crosslet fitch between two mullets of the Third. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Sable doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a boar's head erased Or langued Proper, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON OBLITUS"; by and in all Places of Honour, to be taken, numbered, accounted and received as Nobles in the Noblesse of Scotland; In Testimony Whereof We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereof at Edinburgh, this ---day of---in the ---Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and 97.

Conclusion

The box marked "Clan Stuff", that Michael has picked up, contained papers and correspondence from the Lyon Court in Edinburgh between Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, the Lord Lyon at that time, (the Father of the present Lord Lyon, Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight) hoping that my uncle, John William MacTavish, would petition the Lyon Court to take on the responsibilities of Chief of the Clan now that the Chiefly line was found after the dormancy. Due to a life threatening illness, my Uncle was in no condition to step in and take on the duties. These letters were from 1949 through 1953 which I think at that time, Sir Thomas felt it was a lost cause. My Uncle passed away in 1954.

Lachlan MacTavish, petitioned Lyon Court in 1793 and was granted the Armorial Arms of the MacTavish. He died in 1796. His heir, Dugald MacTavish, was a minor of fourteen years
Dugald went onto study law and was appointed HM *Writer to the Signet*. He became the *Sherrif* and *Provost* of Campbeltown in 1821, built Kilchrist House in 1824 and with his wife, Letitia Lockhart, raised 11 children. Dugald died 1855. The eldest son, William, sailed to Canada in 1833 as an 18 year old clerk for the Hudson Bay Company. He took up duties at Norway House on the Red River and later took on the duties as Factor at Fort Garry (Winnipeg). He married Sarah McDermott and raised four children. William became the Governor of Assinibois and Rupertsland. William died in 1870. His eldest son, Dr. James William married Agnes Cally and died in 1900 without issue. His younger brother, Andrew Dugald, banker, married Margaret Maria MacTavish raised 7 children, Dugald died in 1943. His eldest boy, John William, was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the 1914-1918 Great War. He died in 1954 without issue. His younger brother, Andrew Dugald, also awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the First World War. Andrew Dugald married Greba LaLanne and had two children, He died in 1970. Hi son, Edward Stewart Dugald MacTavish petitioned the Lyons Court 10th June 1992 and was successful being Confirmed on the 23rd of July 1997 and therefore becomes the 26th Chief of the Clan MacTavish. I have come to Scotland this time to return the Clan Seat back on the ancient granted Estate Lands of Dunardry and to put the Clans Noble and Ancient history into print so that it will never be "misplaced" again ! Lets us go back in time