

The Non Oblitus



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And all varient spellings. Published in the interest of the MacTamhais families

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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for the courtesy of your telephone call. I was glad to hear from you again after such a very long time. I congratulate you upon your up-coming matriculation of arms.

You mentioned that, in an E-Mail to Mr. L.B.Thompson, I had stated that you would "never be chief" of Dunardry, a statement which, if made, has been proven to be wrong. However I have a copy of that unfortunate E-Mail and cannot find in it that statement. The date was 18 July '97.

I have, however, found the following statement: "Rumour has it that he was recently in Scotland and was told by Lyon that he would not get the chiefship...". Clearly the surmise of the rumour was wrong, and for that I apologize. I am also sorry that our communications have been poor.

I was sad that I never heard back from you after my offer to run a regular notice in the Clan Campbell quarterly *Journal* about your MacTavish organization some time ago, and it was entirely for lack of information that I was, in personal correspondence with Mr. Thompson, obliged to pass on the little I had been able to gather about the possibilities of your petition to Lyon. I was touched by what you told me in confidence about your conversations with Lyon.

I am glad that you cleared up the business of my having seen notices from Highland Games and papers that you were calling yourself "Chief" before your grant of arms had been completed by Lyon. As I mentioned in our conversation, this was what had caused me the greatest concern. I am grateful that you explained that you had made clear to them that you had applied for the arms and that it was the Games people or reporters who in each case had mis-quoted you by prematurely calling you "Chief".

No FAX arrived from you yesterday, but perhaps it will be there this morning.

Sincerely,

Diarmid A. Campbell



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Kathleen MacTavish, Oregon, wife of Roger lost her life in a tragic automobile accident while driving with their daughter and grandson.

Jim Thompson, Medina, Ohio, Member NA 384 husband of Judy passed away of illness.

Our deepest sympathies to the families.
The Editor

NOTICE BOARD

The Clan Council Meeting will be held during the Loon Mountain Games, in New Hampshire September 17-19th, 1999. The exact day, location and time of the meeting will be announced in the Summer edition of the Non Oblitus. All clan members are invited to attend.

There is still room for a few people on the April tour. If you missed the deadline for your deposit you have one more chance. Call: 802-295-1893 for further details between the hours of 5pm-8pm EST only please.

If you haven't paid your dues, please send them right away-we cannot continue to grow the clan without your support. *Please don't forget your membership number!*

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Editors Notes



As your new editor, and as a first time editor , I would first like to congratulate Jonathan Thompson for the fine work he did on the previous issues. I also ask your indulgence on this first issue and promise to improve the quality of the next issue. That said, any questions or comments you may have regarding the clan, this newsletter or any other information that you would like to see included would be welcome.



OUR FAMILY STORY

I wanted to find a space where Clan members can tell all of us some of their family history. Any interesting bits and pieces of information about your family would be welcome here. Please send me anything you think Clan members would be interested in regarding who your family was or what they've done that's a little out of the ordinary. I will start with my paternal grandfather, George G. Thompson.

George G. Thompson, born at Wabash, IN, December 7, 1886, Died February 23, 1941, Marion, IN. He was one of a handful of steam engineers in the country. When the President decided to upgrade the White House heating system he hand-picked George to install the very first central heating system. George spent four months living in Washington, DC while designing and installing the system. He returned to Marion afterward and said that he had spent some time in the House and Senate listening to the politicians and he now understood why nothing was getting done: "They were all putting each other to sleep with their long winded speeches".

“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 Arms to entitle me, however, to Supports, to which as Chief I certainly have Right, it will be necessary to trace myself up to the root”.

(It is noted that Simon McTavish, The Kinsman who Laclan referred to, had the differenced Arms. (Granted to himself between April and June of the same year).

**The Strange Case of the MacTavish of MacTavish Armorial
By Col. Strome Carmichael Galloway. 1995:**

Lachlan MacTavish was granted the Arm's and title of, “MacTavish of Dunardry” April. 1793. The Grant of Arms did not state that Lachlan was also “Chief of the Clan MacTavish.” This was apparently an oversight on the part of the Lord Lyon of that time. The Lord Lyon who granted the Arms was John Hooke Campbell. This oversight could have caused a very serious situation whereas the MacTavish would be considered a Sept of some other Clan and not a Clan within itself.

The following report was compiled by Colonel Strome Carmichael-Galloway, respected member of the Canadian Heraldic Society and Banner Man for Chief of the Carmicheal as well as the Heraldic Adviser to MacTamhais MOR, (Dunardry)

Late in the 18th Century, (17th April 1793) the claimant to the Chiefship of the MacTavishes was recognized as such by the Lord Lyon and obtained Arms as “MacTavish of MacTavish and Dunardry”. However, the ‘Grant’ had “mistakenly” not added the title, “Chief of the Clan.”

The Lyon of the day was John Hooke Campbell

The arms were quartered 1st and 4th CAMPBELL (the well-known gyronny of the Duke of Argyll, (gold and black) and the Marquis of Breadalbane and other armigerous Campbells (families) and 2nd and 3rd a buck's head, etc. for THOM(P)SON, anciently the adoptive Arms of MacTavish or devised at that time for MacTavish by the Lord Lyon.

Normally, the 1st quarter of any shield of Arms is the ensign armorial of the name of the armiger. Therefore, this shield would be taken as that of a man whose surname was Campbell, which, of course, is NOT the case.

Furthermore, the crest granted along with this coat-of-arms is the boar's head crest as used by both the Dukes of Argyll and the Marquises of Breadalbane, the two main houses of the name of Campbell. This too, is a strange concession on the part of the Lord Lyon. Six other titled CAMPBELLS (baronets) all have the Campbell gyronney as their 1st quarter if they bear quartered Arms, or occupying the entire shield. It is also of note that none of those six have the boar's head as their crest. Why then, would a man named MACTAVISH be granted the Crest of the Chief of the Clan Campbell and of the principal Chieftain (Breadalbane), when others bearing the same name of Campbell were either denied it, or petitioned for totally different crests? With the Campbell quartering (especially since it occupies the 1st quarter), and the Chiefs boar head crest. It poses several questions; namely:

Was MacTavish accepted as a direct descendant of Campbell of Argyll from a son possibly named Thomas, (Tause) who had abandoned the name of Campbell in preference for the patronymic MACTAVISH i.e., in Gaelic “son of Tammie”? Once a name is abandoned it is usually a heraldic inconsistency to show the Arms of the abandoned name in the 1st quarter. In other words it would seem more proper that MACTAVISH would occupy the 1st quarter.

How did the petitioner, or his “benefactor” Simon MacTavish influence the Lord Lyon to grant Lachlan MacTavish the CAMPBELL crest and CAMPBELL quartering? And, if he did, why? It is understood that Simon MacTavish was a very rich man from a North American trading company and a “social climber”. Did he feel that by obtaining a crest and arms belonging to the Dukes of Argyll and Marquises of Breadalbane, as Lachlan MacTavishes Arms, that this would indicate a close relationship to those two noble families, with his own future in mind? Did he bribe the Lord Lyon to accept Lachlan MacTavish a genuine Campbell?

It would seem that Simon MacTavish wanted to “eat his cake and have it too”. That is, he wanted the personal prestige of a blood linkage with the great House of Campbell as represented by Argyll and Breadalbane but he also wanted to become a Chief (i.e.: of the MacTavishes, as was written after Lachlan died three years later), and not just a Campbell cadet. If this was the case either he bamboozled the Lord Lyon, or carried out a shady deal with that Lord Lyon.

It is understood that the petitioner, Lachlan MacTavish was the rightful Chief of the MacTavishes, but Simon MacTavish, with pedigree manipulation and a long purse, obtained his Arms, with a “Bordure of the Second” which would be incorrect.

CONCLUSION: This strange set of events seems to have resulted in:

(A). A statement in the Encyclopedia Canadiana that John George MacTavish (note spelling), d.20July,1847 “second son of Lachlan MacTavish (note spelling) Chief of Clan Tavish (note omission of “Mac”), changed his name to “MacTavish” to conform to the spelling of his “distant kinsman”, Simon MacTavish, upon being taken on in the employ in the fur trade. Simon, the wealthy fur trader who returned to Scotland to pass himself off as the Chief, after the death of Lachlan in 1796, seems to be the culprit. Canadiana, Vol. 6., page 303

(B) Simon MacTavish, desiring to share the glory of the Campbells as well as assuming the Chiefship of the Lord Lyon. And, in such statements as confuse the issue such as:

I. “Other feudatories of MacChalein MOR (Campbell’s of Argyll) were the MacTavishes of that ilk at Dunardry in North Knapdale

II, MacTavish, Thomson, Tawesons, Thompsons, etc. are said to derive their origin from Tauscoir, a son of the Gillospic O’Dwayne, a Lords Lochow who lived in the days of King Alexander 1st. (The Lords of Lochow were the progenitors of the Campbells).

(C). The late Henry Whiteing says of the MacTavishes: many of the Argyllshire MacTavishes now now make Thom(p)sons of themselves where others are known as Tawes... There was a strong colony of MacTavishes in Strathglass at an early period.

“The Clan MacTavishes after a more than 200 year dormancy, once again has its Lineal heir, a three feather Chief, granted by Lyon Court 23 July 1997. The MacTavish (Thom(p)son) is Clan and not a Sept, as stated by one or two other Clans.”

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Registration of Arms by the Lord Lyon was begun in 1542. Many armigers failed to register their Arms, feeling that it was none of Lyon's business in almost every case Arms borne before 1542 (especially in the Highlands where the Clans were a law unto themselves) were "adopted". That is, the Chief chose his own emblem or emblems for display on his possessions, his tomb and so on. Highlanders used a round leather targe, not a Lowland (Norman Type) shield, so did not place their symbols on such accoutrements but rather displayed them on the CLAN BANNER, carried by their Banner Man, or flown over their castle or keep.

In 1672, registration of Arms was made compulsory, or anyone using or in any way indicating that the Arms were theirs were subject to fines and the destruction of *any* carvings, etchings, paintings, engravings etc. they possessed, unless Lyon allowed them. So, naturally even Lyon had to assume a lot and believe certain claims. Most of which would be mere tradition or myth.

Strome Gallaway

CHIEFS MESSAGE

Since the December, 1997 issue, I had returned to North America to prepare for the 1998 summer games season. The first event I attended was the Western Mass. games at the end of June and I ended the season at the Ocala FL. games in mid November. Late word just received from Comm. Dr. Darrell Blain, region # 6, the Montgomery Alabama games have asked our Clan to be the Honored Guest of the Games. It would be nice for anyone located near there to turn out and share the Honor.

The six months spent in Scotland produced results that just would not have been possible to achieve from this side of the Atlantic. The most important find was in January, the "footings" of the original site of the MacTavish Castle. 'The West of Scotland Archaeology Service' carried out a survey and the findings and verification were turned over to me. In the report, it states that it is Medieval (1100 - 1200) and the size of the structure, (15 feet by 27 feet) would indicate it was a Castle. There will be much more on this at a later date.

Mr. Campbell mailed the letter to me the very next day. One week later, it was reported to me that a Thompson, in Australia, e-mailed the Clan Campbell web page and the membership Chairman, Walter J. Campbell, sent an e-mail to her which appears in Part 1 of the MacTavish/Thom(p)son Heritage.

I telephoned Mr. Walt Campbell and after a 'nice' conversation, he sent an e-mail to our Clan, which also is shown in Part 1.

I have no doubt that Walter J. Campbell is a gentleman and was following what had been provided by the Clan Campbell. I do feel that we have started to 'correct' some of the improper information which has been spread over the past 200 years (if not more) and do feel that we have made great headway at least on this side of the Atlantic!

What remains now is how are you; the Clan Members going to handle it. It is all well and good, that I, as the Chief correct the injustices, but now is the time for the Clan Members to hold their heads a little higher, to walk a little taller and to 'correct' anyone who tries to continue what they have been taught by their leaders, in the past. This is truly the time for all good Men, and Women, to come to the aid of their party.

In kinship,
Dunardry

In the October 1997 Non Oblitus, you might remember that I made a vow to all the Clan members, the following is within keeping of this Vow:

CAMPBELL Part 1

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with our Clan's rightful place in Scottish history. The information appearing here, is the result of many years of searching libraries for whatever could be found on the Clan MacTavish. The two dominate statements were, "*A Ancient and Noble Clan*", and, "*listed as a Sept of the Campbell*". As I have mentioned many times, I did not feel the latter to be so, but it was not until 1992 when a copy of the Clan Campbell Journal was sent to me that it became clear that there was reason for my 'inner' feelings that I had harbored for so many years:

Using ONLY Clan Campbell articles I shall prove that we, the MacTavish, are the senior line of the Clan Campbell and that, in fact, the Campbell's are an ancient off-shoot of the MacTavish and as Chief, I recognize the Campbell's as a SEPT of Clan MacTavish. But first, let me state I am not attempting to CHANGE history, enough of that has been done already, but what I am attempting to do, is live up to the vow I made to each and every Clan MacTavish clan member, who have the right to know of their rightful and proud heritage which has been hidden, changed and denied them by the Clan Campbell's constant re-writing of the history of the Western Highlands, to suit their purpose. At this very time, Alaister

Campbell, the late Executive Officer of the Clan Campbell, recently retired, and now, the Honorary Chief Executive Officer, who is in his retirement re-writing three books on the Clan Campbell history yet again. Let me also remind everyone, I have no ill feeling towards any Campbell, and as you know, we do have a few Campbell members who believe in our cause and are recognized as our kin, and to go one step further, all Campbell's, are our kin and are a part of Clan MacTavish.

Here then is the start of the rightful Clan history:

A booklet which appeared into our family's hands in the early fifties started my search for the truly rightful place of the Clan MacTavish. It was in 1992 that I petitioned the Lyon Court for recognition as Chief of Clan MacTavish. Also in 1992, a Ian Campbell Journal was sent to me by its editor Mr. Diarmid Campbell. In the issue was the Campbell family tree and that is when I suspected that an injustice was being carried out. Until my Confirmation became a reality I could not divulge my suspicions or my findings. Here then are the facts of the matter.

Niall D. Campbell, 10th Duke of Argyll wrote a booklet entitled 'THE CLAN TAVISH', this booklet was written in late 1800's it appeared in two parts in the Oban Times, Jan. 1st, 1910, 1st part and the 2nd part on Jan. 8th 1910, 2nd. Quote: "Giollasbuig O'Duibne, 16th of Lochow", repudiated his first wife, a daughter of Sween the Red, who built Sween Castle, 1100 to 1150.

This union produced two sons, Tause and Ivor. (Recent Campbell information says Tause was the second son of the two illegitimate sons. The Duke however, says Tause is the eldest and does not mention the he's illegitimate, this is a cover up. In the Duke's article he states, "Their Arms the Gyronny with its tinctures changed to Argent (silver) and Azure (blue). I had attempted to find something regarding this change but I had no success until this past January (1998) while in Scotland. On January 7th I visited Alaistair Campbell at his home and we spent two hours together.

I had requested the meeting to let Alaister know my intentions re the MacTavish and the Campbell's and that I recognized the Campbell's as being a sept of MacTavish. I explained my

reasoning to Alistair; that Tause was the first born son of Giollesbuid O'Duibne, (the ancient original name), and as such, was the Lineal Heir to the O'Duibne line, even though his father repudiated Tause's mother and younger brother Ivor. (It was two generations later, that the nickname, 'Cam Buel', for 'crooked mouth', was used and later, the "P" was added to make it Campbell.) Alistair picked up a book and said, "but Dugald, the boys were illegitimate sons they do not count, it's written in the history". I asked him, "who wrote the book?" of course, it was by the Campbell's.

"Scotland on Sunday" newspaper, called and asked how did my meeting with Alistair go and I gave her a "blow by blow" account at which she asked, would I mind if she called Alistair. I supplied the phone number to her and she called. This also appeared in the paper, this time Alistair answered the same question from her as, "In those day's, families picked the Chief", etc.. etc.

(I had asked Lyon Court a couple of years ago about this very thing and the answer was, "Dugald, that was ancient times and nobody can prove OR dis-prove such statements).

The bottom line is, in old documents, which I have searched out in the record offices in Scotland, in the Mitchell Library in Glasgow and other venues. It is apparent that a great amount of effort has been done by the Campbell's to alter the position of the MacTavish, so much so, that much of it contradicts itself to the point that it becomes very obvious that it was covering up the facts.

During our visit together, Alistair mentioned that he was an "armature" heraldic artist and showed me a rather large ledger book, with a hand painted Clan Campbell tree. My eyes notice two shields of Argent and Azure, with the name MacTavish printed beside them. I was most surprised and delighted and said to Alistair, "the 10th Duke mentioned that the MacTavish Arms were differenced from the Campbell by having the tinctures changed to the Argent and Azure, where did you find that"? Alastair looked a little bewildered, (I thought) and replied, "I don't know where that came from" (meaning, the colors he happened to use, (another consequence) yes, the Lord Lyon in 1793, when the Arms were granted to Lachlan with the Campbell black and gold on our shield, was of course, John Hooke Campbell another coincidence, it's getting to be a habit. In a more recent Campbell journal, 1993, it had changed again, this time showing Ivor a generation after his proper place and, Tause, TWO generation later, which would mean that the daughter of Sween the Red who built Castle Sween between 1100 and 1150, she would have been over a hundred to give birth to Ivor, and, well over two hundred years old when giving birth to Tause, the older brother of Ivor. This truly belongs in the 'Guinness book of records', remarkable, what !!

Why and how, such discrepancies from the (as they consider themselves), "the ULTIMATE Highland Clan" could ever have taken place ? I think the answer is quite obvious. The most recent Campbell Journal, 1998, is now changed once more and I am delighted to say, getting closer to the facts.

If I may digress for a moment, on 21 May an E-mail was received from a lady in Australia stating that she had also ask Clan Campbell for information on the name Thompson and had received the word that Thompson was in fact Campbell and that MacTavish was not a Clan etc, etc. When I received this e-mail it angered me so much that I made a phone call to Diarmid Campbell, editor for the Journal, at his home in Denver CO. And I must admit, I was so upset that I was about to see a lawyer to sue the Clan Campbell And himself for slander and libel unless a full apology for some of the past comments both verbal and in print that he was responsible for.

The letter that he mailed, the very next day appears on the cover of this issue. I was quite happy to see that they listened and acted on my request. I then had an e-mail sent two Clan Campbell web pages to see just what they were putting out, here is the info that a Walter Campbell sent back,,

Subj: Fwd: MacTavish vs Thompson

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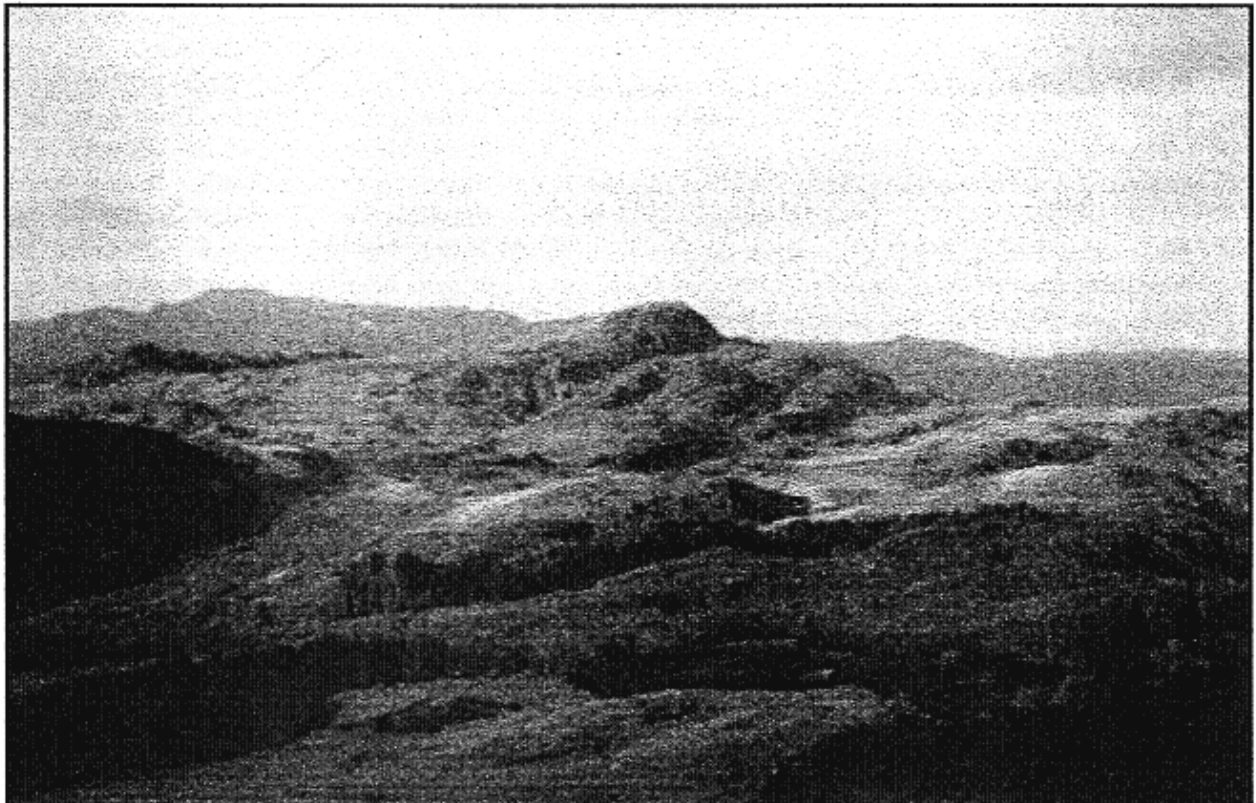
From: Aquaburnco

To: Dunardry

Wow, did you step into something. First, the family MacTavish is of Clan Campbell ancestry/descent. This family was likely founded by Sir Thomas Cambel who was a landowner "in Kintyre" (more specifically Knapdale) in 1293. He was a contemporary and presumably a cousin of Sir Cailein Mor of Lochawe. (Where the Chief of Clan Campbell gets his title Mac Cailen Mor).

His descent is said to have been from a natural son of an ancestor of the Lochawe Cambels. The MacTavishes of Dunardry, an old fort above the highest lock of the Crinan canal, were long a landowning family in Argyll (Under the Duke of Argyll, Chief of Clan Campbell). The later Dunardry house was demolished to make way for the Crinan Canal.

Dunadd, The Womb of Scotland, on Dunardry Soil as Seen From the Top Of Cruach Mor



Now, a few years ago a man, who was born in Canada, claimed he was chief of Clan MacTavish, left Canada, purchased a few acres of land in Argyll, (yes, the land under Duke of Argyll), moved a trailer house onto the land and petitioned to Lord Lyon, King at Arms to name him Chief of Clan MacTavish. The Lord Lyon stated there is no Clan MacTavish but he could be chief of the name MacTavish, which really means nothing. As an example you are chief of your name, meaning anyone who has that family name that want, could follow you, but you are not a clan. MacTavish has been, is now, and most probably will always be sept of Clan Campbell.

Now, Thompson is a sept Clan Campbell which means you are allowed to wear either the Thompson tartan (which is light blue) or the Campbell Ancient tartan as a Campbell. The choice is yours. The Clan Campbell Society, North America, Commissioner of the State of North Carolina is named Virgil Liner, who is descent of Thompsons, and owns both tartans (Campbell and Thompson). Now his wife is a Lindsey, so he also wears the Lindsey tartan at times, (through marriage) and their children can wear any of the three through birth. Virgil told me he wears the Lindesy tartan to remind his children they came from all three stocks, and not to forget the mother's heritage.

Lord Lyon, King at Arms, Scottish history and heritage, and Clan Campbell all consider your family name as sept Clan Campbell and this guy MacTavish some what of an odd one because when he passes (dies) who will take over what he claims?

If you wish, let me have your mailing address and I will post off to a few papers on the Society. (it's free, which should appeal to a Scot). I hope this helps with your question on Thompson and Clan Campbell.

Yours Aye! Walt Campbell

Needless to say, I was once again rather angry! I phoned Mr. Walter Campbell, told him who I was and asked him what did he think he was doing etc, etc. When I finally stopped after having my say, Walter told me he had been supplied a large number of sheets of printed material, (no doubt from Diarmid and his cousin, Alistair the Unicorn Pursuivant and, Honorary Executive Officer of Clan Campbell) , Walter said that he was going by what he was told but was so very sincere I know he would not have done those things had he known. He then sent the three following e-mail's, and what impressed me was the fact that he did this on his own, not waiting to check with Diarmid, Alistair or, his Chief. Contacted him and told him that he is a man of character and I thanked him. Here then are the e-mails he sent out, the first one, to me ...

My sincere thanks for your kind words, but my honor insists that when a mistake has been made, and it was made through honest error, you must admit it was yours and do your level best to correct.

Letters and e-mails have been posted from me, admitting the error, a letter has been posted to the President of the Clan Campbell Society, telling of what wrong I have done and the corrections attempted, and that never again will there be any posting or writing on my part concerning there is no Clan MacTavish nor you as the Chief of that clan.

As matter of fact, just a few moments ago I received a message concerning MacTavish and I then Recommended that individual go to your web site and provided the written address of the proper mailing address to contact by mail. This format will be my future guide in such cases. I must be totally honest thought, and admit, that if a Thompson, or such family name, wishes to join Clan Campbell Society , after my telling of your Clan and all I know of it, I will not hesitate to sign them With our Clan Society. I will honestly try to have all understand there is a Clan MacTavish and that they have a very forgiving Chief.

After all is said and done, my feeling is, **WE ARE FOR CONTINUING THE HERITAGE OF SCOTLAND IN THE "NEW WORLD", REGARDLESS OF WHICH CLAN IT IS.** Where ever they be, Scotland forever.

Yours, in Scottish kinship. Walter J. Campbell

Many thanks for your address, and please, I feel quite bad about the total misunderstanding on my part in the relations of Clan MacTavish. There has been quite a few more messages which have left here in the past 24 hours, as I am now in the process of "tracking down" all Thompsons (with various spellings of that family name) and sending them what I now know.

Your Chief, in our telephone conversation, mentioned a UK publication that stated more on the subject, and please, if you contact him tell him it was made a matter of high importance for me to obtain a copy. A copy is now in the mail to me, and will be used in the future.

My feelings in this matter have, to put it bluntly, put me in the pits, as useless, inaccurate information, resulting in slander, has been published on my part and a hard honest effort will be made to correct all that can be.

Again, convey to all my sincerest apologies, especially to your Chief, and know, if the cards had been dealt in a reverse fashion, it is honestly felt I could not have been so forgiving.

*Sincerely,
Walter Campbell*

This next copy is what Walter has re-sent to as many people that he can remember that had asked for info on MacTavish and Thompson, to correct what he had informed them

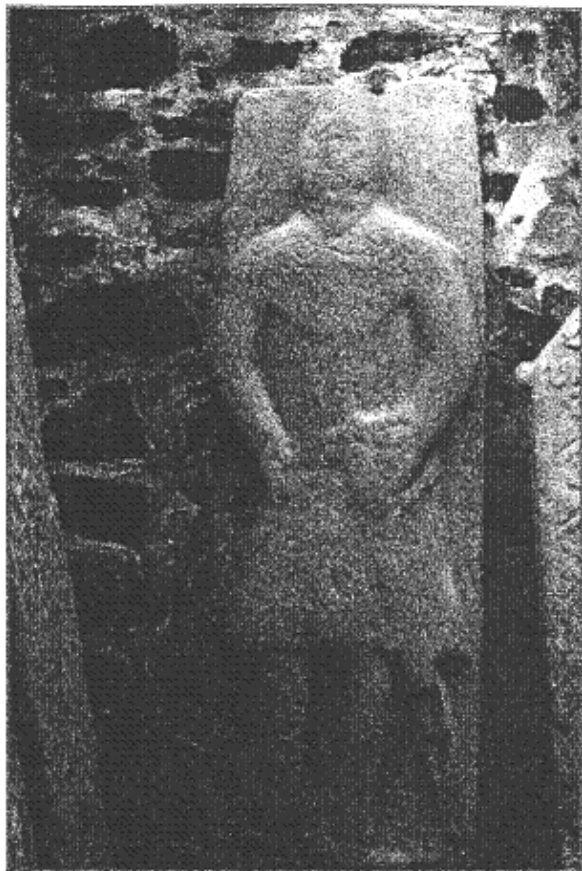
On 98-06-01 you sent me an e-mail titled MacTavish. I regret that the information returned to you was far from correct, in fact was wrong in just about every sense of the word. Since the posting of my reply I have been in contact with an individual whose word I trust, and I must ask you to totally disregard the message I sent. I must also ask you one favor, in fact, I would strongly ask that if you sent the information I sent to any other person please, contact that person and ensure they understand the facts given are far from correct, and they should disregard what was given. Please ask they destroy what was given and forget what was said.

It seems I placed faith in an individual who provided me what I considered fact, on septs of Clan Campbell. I now find those facts and bits of information are possibly wrong, and in fact slanderous. Please accept my apology for what has gone, and accept my promise that the information given will no longer be provided by me. My sincerest apology for any problem caused.

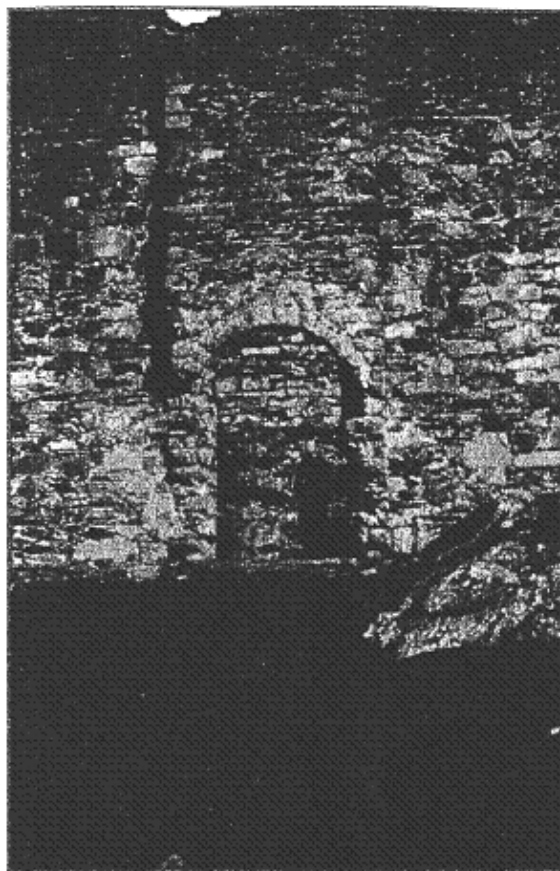
*Yours Aye!
Walter J. Campbell,
Membership Chairman, Clan Campbell Society, North America.*

As I said, this is a man to be respected and I ask all MacTavish/Thom(p)son Clan members to take a moment to send Walter J. Campbell, Membership Chairman, Clan Campbell North America, a short note thanking him for his handling of this matter after he knew the facts. Walter can be E-mailed at: WJCFAYNC@aol.com or drop a note to, Walter J. Campbell, 6412 Newcastle Rd., Fayetteville NC, 28303-2137 or phone; (910) 864-4231 *I ASK YOU ALL* to do this for it is important to show that we, the Clan MacTavish / Thom(p)son, are truly representatives of SCOTTISH KINSHIP. We have made a friend within their camp, let's show what we are made of.

**The Mac Tavish Chiefs Standing Stone
at Kilmartin Church Yard**



**The Entrance of Castle Sween,
Birthplace of Tause's Mother**



**CARNASSERIE CASTLE WHERE CHIEF DUGALD AT 21 YEARS OLD WAS
OFFICER OF THE GUARD. HE WAS HUNG FROM THE HIGHEST
PARAPET DURING THE MANMOUTH REBELLION IN THE 1660'S**



Gayle & John Kilgore in the Traditional Highland Dress



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