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Clan MacTavish & Thompson

Thomson & Thomas & Todd

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First World Wide
Gathering of our
Clan



AIMS AND GOALS OF THE CLAN

As Chief Designate, I would like to share with you some of my heart-felt Aims and Goals for Clan MacTavish.

As we have all experienced the frustration caused by the lack of historical information available on our Clan, updating the Clan's history in applicable reference books would certainly be of great importance.

Secure that future generations have a quick and easy access to the ancestral backgrounds. Of course, this will be accomplished by maintaining the Family Genealogies on computer in the Clan Records.

Clansmen, who are blessed as members of the most ancient Clan in the Scottish Highlands of Argyll, find ourselves with much ground to make up. Being dormant of a registered Chief for two hundred years, one or two Clans have taken liberties concerning the past. Therefore, for our PRIDE, for our HERITAGE FOR OUR CLAN, we must make every effort to have the true facts be known. It is about time that we promote our Clan to all our Clansmen. OUR PRIDE MUST SHOW.

Over the next few years, it is hoped that a small part of Dunardry could be reclaimed, to enable us to have the Clan Seat back on Scottish soil.

To erect a "CAIRN" at our first World Gathering on Dunardry soil and attach a commemorative plaque signifying the Ancient Lands of MacTavish.

By fulfilling these Aims, we have the satisfaction of doing our best to compensate for the long dormancy and to strengthen our name throughout the Scottish world.

Yours aye
Dugald MacTavish
Chief Designate
MacTavish of MacTavish

March 1993

From the Seannachie's Archive

Our Clan Badge

The wearing of a Crest Badge is a symbol of kinship within a Clan or Family of Scottish heritage. It survives from an old, but interesting, custom recognized in heraldic law.

Years ago, many Clan chiefs and heads of families gave their followers a metal plate of their crest to wear as a badge. This was affixed to their clothing by a strap and buckle. When not being worn, the strap and buckle were coiled around the crest badge.

The modern badge takes this form, with the crest encircled with a strap and buckle. This is the only form that a Clansman is permitted to display. Only the Chief and his heir may wear the crest without the strap and buckle.

This badge, with the Crest of Clan MacTavish, a Boar's Head within the strap and buckle, is a symbol of our family kinship and an ever-present reminder of an age-old custom and is a means of showing pride in our heritage.



MacTavish Clansman Badge

The Boar's Head itself is not an uncommon symbol on Clan's Crests or Arms. It is found on the Arms and/or Crests of several unrelated Clans throughout the Highlands like Clan Urquhart, Clan MacIntosh, Clan Gordon, Chattan, Chisholm and both Campbell of Glenorchy and of

Lochow. The wild boar, a tenacious beast, well known for its ferocity, was perhaps greatly admired by our highland ancestors.

A first for Clan MacTavish - Thompson

For the first time since the start of Clan MacTavish (Tause-1100), a Chief of Clan MacTavish has been invited to be the Games Chieftan of the 18th New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain in Lincoln New Hampshire on September 17, 18, and 19, 1993.

Clan MacTavish - Thompson will also be the featured Clan of the Games. This will give our Clan a great deal of exposure and provide us with a solid start to our tenting endeavors. I invite all Clansmen to join with me in this honor. I realize it will not be possible or feasible for all Clansmen to attend but it will be important for us to have a number of Clansmen representing the Clan, getting experience with tenting, and sharing the honor bestowed upon us.

The Chieftan of the Games opens and closes the Games, takes the salute from the famed Scotts Guards, is reviewing officer etc. and promotes the Clan.

This will be a very memorable first for our Clan and all who can take part will share the honor with me. Please let me know if it is possible for you to attend.

Our Clansmen Connection

The following excerpt and accompanying charts were taken from a book entitled The Clans, Septs, and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands, written by Frank Adam, F.R.G.S., F.S.A (Scot.). It was first published in 1908 by W. and A.K Johnston, and G.W. Bacon Ltd., Edinburgh and London. In 1955 Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, Lord Lyon, King of Arms K.V.C.D. Advocate, revised Frank Adam's work and in the subsequent two editions his name appears as co-author. This work is considered the most reliable reference for Scottish geneology to date.

It illustrates the family connection between the MacTavishes, Tawessons, and Thompsons

(8) *MacTavish, Thompson, etc.*—The MacTavishes, Tawessons, Thompsons, etc., are said to derive their origin from *Taus Coir*; an illegitimate son of one of the Lords of Lochow, who lived in the days of King Alexander II. Henry White ("Fionn") said:

Many of the Argyllshire MacTavishes now make Thompsons of themselves, while others are known as Tawessons. The surnames, MacLehose and MacLaws, are regarded as corrupted forms of *Mac-Gille-Thomas*—son of the gille or servant of Thomas. There was a strong colony of MacTavishes in Strathglass at an early period.

But these repudiate dependency on Clan Campbell, and MacTavish of Dunardrie is chief of that clan, whilst Thompson of that ilk on the Border is regarded as a remotely connected or indeterminate connection of the MacTavishes.

List of Clan Septs and Dependents (Arranged under the Clans with which they are Connected)			
Clan Buchanan	Clan Buchanan —contd.	Clan Campbell —contd.	Clan Campbell of Loudoun
Colman.	Marterson.	Dunoon.	Hastings.
Donslevy.	Murchie.	Dunoon.	Loudoun.
Donslevy.	Murchison.	Harris.	
Dove.	Risk.	Harris.	Clan Chattan
Dove.	Ruskin.	Hawes.	See names under
Gibb.	Spittal.	Hawson.	Mackintosh and
Gibson.	Spittel.	MacConochy.	Macpherson.
Gilbertson.	Watson.	MacConochie.	Clan Colquhoun
Harper.	Watt.	MacGibbon.	Cowan.
Harperson.	Yull.	MacGlaich.	Kilpatrick.
Lennie.	Yulle.	MacInnes.	Kilpatrick.
Lenny.	Yule.	MacIvor.	Macintosh.
MacDonald.		MacIvor.	MacCowan.
MacDonald.	Clan Cameron	MacKellar.	Clan Cumming
MacAslan.	Chalmers.	MacKissock.	Buchan.*
MacAslan.	Clark.	MacKissock.	Condon.
MacAslan.	Kennedy.	MacLaws.	Conyn.
MacAslan.	MacChricht.	MacLehose.	MacRiven.
MacAslan.	MacChlery.	MacNichol.	Niven.
MacAslan.	MacGibson.	MacOran.	Russell.
MacCalman.	MacGibbie.	MacOwen.	
MacCalmond.	MacHall.	MacPhedran.	Clan Davidson
MacCammond.	MacIrvine.	MacPhun.	Davis.
MacChruiter.	MacMartin.	MacTaus.	Davis.
MacColman.	MacOrin.	MacTavish. ¹	Dawson.
MacCormack.	MacOrrie.	MacThomas.	Day.
MacDonald.	MacPhail.	MacUre.	MacLade.
MacGibson.	MacSocley.	Tawesson.	MacLade.
MacGilbert.	MacUrie.	Thomas.	MacLade.
MacGrossich.	Macvail.	Thomson. ²	MacLade.
MacInally.	MacWalrick.	Thomson. ³	MacDavid.
MacIndee.	Martin.	Thomson. ³	
MacIndoe.	Paisl.	Ure.	Clan Drummond
Mackinlay.	Sorley.		Gross.
Mackinlay.	Taylor.		Gross.
MacMaster.			MacGrosser.
MacMaurice.	Clan Campbell		MacGrosser.
MacMurchie.	Bennetyn.		MacGrosser.
MacMurchy.	Burns.		MacGrosser.
MacMyer.	Burns.		MacGrosser.
MacWaltie.	Burnett.		MacGrosser.
MacWhirter.	Cosnochie.		MacRobbie.

¹ MacTavish is reckoned a clan itself, and Thomson a sept thereof.
² Buchan is held a distinct and *pro-Cumming* Tribe.

570 CLANS, SEPTS, AND REGIMENTS OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS			
Septs and Dependents	Clans with which they are Connected	Septs and Dependents	Clans with which they are Connected
Sanderson .	MacDonell of Glean-garry.	Thomson .	MacTavish, Gordon.
Sandison .	Gunn.	Todd .	MacLeod of Raasay.
Shannon .	MacDonald.	Tolmie .	Robertson.
Shaw .	Mackintosh.	Toonochy .	Mackintosh.
Shin .	Fraser.	Tooh .	"
Sims .	"	Toehach .	Mar.
Simpson .	"	Toward .	Lamont.
Simon .	"	Toward .	"
Small .	Murray.	Train .	MacDonald.
Smith .	Clan Chattan.	Turner .	Lamont.
Socley .	Cameron, Mac-	Tweedie .	Fraser.
	Donald, Lamont.	Tyre .	Macintyre.
Spalding .	Murray.	Ure .	Campbell.
Spence .	MacDuff.		
Spess .	"	Vass .	Munro, Ross.
Spittal .	Buchanan.		
Spittal .	"	Wass .	"
Sporran .	MacDonald.	Watson .	Bohnanan.
Stalker .	MacFarlane.	Watt .	"
Stark .	Robertson.	Weaver .	MacFarlane.
Strachan .	Mar.	Weir .	MacNaughtan, Mac-
Swan .	McQueen.		Farlane.
Swanson .	Gunn.	Wemyss .	MacDuff.
Syme .	Fraser.	Whannell .	MacDonald.
Symon .	"	Wharrie .	Macquarrie.
		White .	MacGregor, Lam-
Taggart .	Ross.		ont.
Tarrill .	Mackintosh.	Whyte .	"
Taves .	Farquharson.	Williamson .	Gunn, Mackay.
Tawesson .	Campbell.	Wilson .	Gunn, Innes.
Taylor .	Cameron.	Wright .	Macintyre.
Thain .	Innes.		
Thomas .	Campbell, Mac-	Yule .	Buchanan.
	Tavish.		
Thomson .	Campbell, MacPar-	Yule .	"
	lane.	Yule .	"
Thompson .	Campbell, Mac-		
	Tavish.		

Highland Games



Tradition has it that the first Highland Games were begun by Scottish King Malcolm Canmore around 1060 as a way to give his soldiers martial exercise.

Clan and social activities are an important part of Highland Games as old friendships are not only enriched, but many individuals not affiliated with a clan or society are able to learn interesting information through the open and generous nature of the clan or society representatives who participate.

The MacTavish-Thompson Clansmen are encouraged to man tents at Highland Games in their areas. As to what Highland Games our clan will be represented at with clan merchandise for sale can be obtained by the Lt. Aux of your division or write to me at P.O. Box 27072, Ottawa, Ontario, K1J 9L9.

From a Scottish Hearth

A selection of easy-to-prepare traditional Scottish recipes that you and your family can enjoy at home.

The Selkirk Grace
Some hae meat but canna eat,
and some wad eat that want it.
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thanket.

Robert Burns

Basic Scone Recipe

2 Cups Flour	1/8 Teaspoon Salt
3/4 Teaspoon Baking Soda	1 Teaspoon Sugar
3/4 Teaspoon Cream of Tartar	1/8 lb. Butter
	2/3 Cup Buttermilk

Sift the flour, baking soda, cream of tartar, salt, and sugar into a bowl. Cut the butter with a pastry blender or a knife. It can also be rubbed in with your fingertips until very thoroughly blended. Stir in the buttermilk. Turn on to a floured board and knead a little, for less than a minute.

Divide the dough in two. Make a round out of one half and roll out to one inch thick. Cut the round in four pie-shaped wedges.

Lightly oil or butter the griddle. Heat slowly to medium hot heat.

Bake the first four scones five minutes on each

side until risen and lightly brown, then turn and bake for a few minutes on the other side.

Repeat with the other half of the dough.

Yield: eight large scones.

Stuart Royal Broth

1/8 lb. Butter	1/4 Teaspoon nutmeg
4 Cups Leeks	1 Tablespoon chopped parsley
5 Cups chicken consommé or bullion	1/4 cup oatmeal (or rolled oats)
1/2 Teaspoon salt	Whipped cream
1/4 Teaspoon pepper	
1/4 Teaspoon (allspice)	

Melt the butter in a frying pan. Wash the leeks thoroughly in several waters before cutting in one-inch pieces. Fry lightly in butter.

Bring the consommé or bullion to a boil in a soup pan and add the salt, pepper, allspice, nutmeg, and chopped parsley. Then add the leeks and rolled oats.

Simmer for one hour.

Serve with a teaspoon of whipped cream per serving.

The first worldwide gathering of our clan

Plans are underway preparing for our First Worldwide Gathering in Scotland. A number of Clansmen have voiced interest in this project and it is hoped that this will take place every four years. We are aiming for 1994 or 1995, depending on the numbers interested.

It is planned to offer two choices; an all-inclusive plan or land arrangements only with Clansmen making their own way to Scotland.

Enclosed please find a questionnaire. Filling out and returning the questionnaire to the Clan is NOT a commitment but, rather, to allow us to get some idea of the interest in such an event. Please fill out and return as soon as possible and let us know whether you have an interest or not.

It is hoped that this Gathering can work into family holidays. If we decide on a two-week trip, approximately 5 days will be required by the Clan with the land arrangements and historical outings in Argyll of the Clan's old lands, etc. The remaining 9 days could be your own time to either stay in Scotland, England or Ireland!!! The Clan is in the process of obtaining group fare rates which will offer very good value.

ODE TO MACTAVISH

A MacTavish knelt at
Dunardrie
Holding a handful of earth,
Let it run through his
fingers,
His mind keen to linger
On kinship, the past and its
worth.

A MacTavish heart swells at
Dunardrie,
Sighs in passion and pride,
Knapdale has scars upon
her,
Where clansmen defended
with Honour,
This land for our families to
bide.

Our Kinsmen rose at
Dunardrie,
Mustered to so Bonnie-a-
Prince,
They fought like the Boar,
Our motto sits o'er,
Bravery not often seen
since.

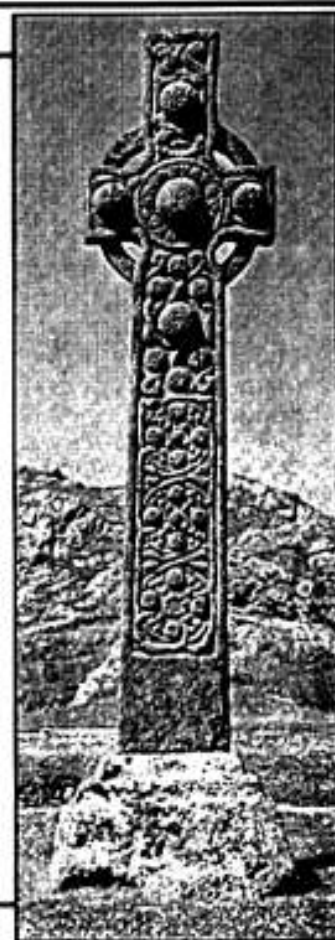
The Forebears look over
Dunardrie,
Their interest, goodness
and kind,
Here they will remain in
Until we regain it,
Bring them solace of mind.

So Clansmen kneel at
Dunardrie,
Salute the Kinsmen of late,
Feel the belonging,
Your heart will be longing
Our Kinship will never
abate.

Steaphan
Thompson MacTavish 1992

A great Christian
monument
carved from a
solid block of
mull granite and
fixed into a
stepped stone
pedestal.

Standing 14 feet
high and elabo-
rately decorated
on both faces, it
probably dates
from the early
ninth century.



News from the divisions

South Central

Clan MacTavish-Thompson Worldwide is indeed alive and on the move in the South Central Division, under the guidance of Lt. Aux. Jack McTavish and, wife, Patricia. Many activities are in the planning stage (some even getting to the execution stage). Pat is compiling a computer listing of all known Mc and MacTavishes in the South Central Division. Upon completion, each will be sent a letter and membership application. Although our initial efforts have been towards MacTavish, we have not forgotten our related brethren and will soon begin to compile Family listings for Thompson, Thomas, Thomson and Todd.

Each of us must remember our immediate family. Promotion of the Clan within will spread promotion throughout the nation. As an example, Pat (a Thomas) and I have family members in Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington and, probably, several others we don't even know about. Clan Memberships can help bring our families back in touch.

We have not yet been successful in getting a news release about our Clan's revival and its activities in the Dallas newspaper. We do expect publication in several suburban papers in the very near future.

Numerous Highland Games will be held in the South Central Division this year. Our current plans are to attend the ones at Arlington and Salado, Texas, as well as, Tulsa, Oklahoma. If all goes well, we will have a Tent (information booth) at each of these Games. This does not rule out others for this year. This is a wonderful way to sign up new members.

Pat is the genealogist in our family and has accumulated moun-

tains of information, some of which she has already transferred to her Family Roots computer program. Pat is setting up Clan membership lists, records and forms.

We are looking forward to meeting Beverlee Glouie from Wichita Falls, Texas, and invite her to meet us at the "Tent" at some of the Games. In kinship,

Jack & Pat McTavish,
Lt. Aux. South Central Division

Mid Canada East

We, in Ontario and Quebec, are growing by leaps and bounds in this our first year, close to twenty members so far and more on the way. I have spoken to most clansmen in the Division and we are all looking forward to the possibility of a Worldwide Gathering with Dugald as a newly matriculated Chief of our Clan.

Meanwhile, we will be setting up a Clan Tent at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville (near Ottawa) this August and Highland Games in Fergus (near Toronto), also in August and hopefully at the Highland Games in Toronto in August or September. We hope to see many of you there as well as signing up new members. There has even been talk of fielding a Highland Games Team. Can anyone toss a cabor? Of course, if there are any volunteers to help man the tent, please let me know!

Most of our membership is in the Ottawa area at the present time and hopefully our local group will get together for an informal gathering soon.

We send our best wishes to all clansmen worldwide and, particularly within our own division, Ian MacTavish in Kakabeka Falls in Northern Ontario, for all his interesting family histories.

See you at the Games!

Lt.Aux. Malcolm MacTavish,
Mid-Canada East Division

United Kingdom

I have been busy preparing for the first worldwide gathering of our clan for the past year. As you may know it will be held in the town of Dunoon in Scotland.

The location is perfect. Dunoon is renowned as "the Gateway to the Highlands." The people have even offered their town as a base point for the clan.

Clansmen Ian Thompson and Graham "Chalkie" White-Todd are anxious to meet Dugald in June when he visits. We hope to have one or two new members by then.

"We have also been digging up some wonderful clan history which will make interesting reading," says Steaphan.

"To all the Lieut. Auxiliaries in Canada and the United States, we offer our friendship and we in the U.K. are pleased to be in the family with you."

Till next time, in kinship:

Steaphan Thompson MacTavish
Lieut. Auxiliary, U.K. Division.

Mid Atlantic

Clan MacTavish - Thompson will be host to a clan tent at the Central Virginia Scottish Festival and Games Saturday, May 22.

Lieut. Auxiliary Frances (Thomas) Lawrence, who will man the tent, has recently become a member of the Richmond Virginia Scottish Society.

Frances is hoping to sign up many new members and is very excited about it all. She won't have to do everything alone however. Wayne Thompson of Silver Spring Maryland has volunteered to give Frances a hand.

They have promised to send us some pictures for the next issue. We know they will do a great job and wish them good luck.

New Members



We heartily welcome our newest members:

Kevin G. McTavish..... [redacted] Ontario
Clifford W. Thompson..... [redacted] Maryland [redacted]
Robert & Cynthia.....
Thompson..... [redacted] Colorado [redacted]
Eileen Richardson..... [redacted] Ontario
Samuel & Joanne.....
duPont..... [redacted] yland [redacted]

Jean (MacTavish) Lindokken..... [redacted] Ontario [redacted]
Violet (MacTavish)
McKenziec/o Je [redacted] kken
Jean Avery..... [redacted] alifornia [redacted]
Neil & Eleanor
MacTavish..... [redacted] Ontario [redacted]
James McTavish..... [redacted], Ontario [redacted]
Ernest Williams..... [redacted] California, [redacted]
John & Margaret McTavish..... [redacted] Ontario [redacted]
David (Thompson) Ingoe
& wife, Beth,..... [redacted] AB [redacted]

Lt.Aux.- New England Division:
Robert & Dagmar.....
Coquillette..... [redacted] Mass. [redacted]

Lt.Aux.- Mid-Canada West Division:
John & Laurell
MacTavish..... [redacted] Manitoba [redacted]

Lt.Aux - Western Canada Division:
Kenneth MacTavish..... [redacted] Alberta [redacted]

In kinship, it might be nice to drop a line welcoming them to the family.

Congratulations are in order for Lt.Aux. Western Division Ken McTavish. Ken is our first North American Lt.Aux. to sign up a clansman. Two weeks ago, Ken signed up his uncle, John MacTavish of Oakville, Ontario. This past week, he signed up David (Thompson) Ingoe of Calgary. Great job, Ken. Once the other Lt.Aux. get into it, (it's only a matter of time) our clan will grow by leaps and bounds.

Clan appointments will be for a year's duration which can be extended by the clan. We still require LT.Aux. in many areas of North America. All Clansmen are asked to contact relatives who may be interested in supporting the Clan.



Miracles do happen

Alastair William John Mynck MacTavish, our first clansman born into the Clan on April 30, 1993. Seven pounds, eleven ounces of bonnie laddie. He is hereby appointed as an honorary life member of the Clan MacTavish-Thompson. Proud parents John and Laurell MacTavish, Lt. Auxilliary of mid Canada west division are thrilled.

Welcome Home Erin Iverson

We are very happy to announce that seven-year-old Erin Iverson has finally returned home. Ern was the victim of a tragic accident five months ago when she was hit by a pickup truck near her home in Carleton Place.

Little Ern, the grand daughter of clansman E. D. "Mac" McTavish of Ottawa, suffered severe multiple injuries. She put up a heroic fight to live and doctors at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, CHEO, say that her survival is nothing short of a miracle.

To Mac's daughter Heather and her husband Rod Iverson, I would like to say, God is good, our prayers were with you.

Some Other Publications
that we will advertise in:

The Clansman
Six issues a year
\$14.95 one year
\$23.55 two years
\$31.60 three years
P.O. Box 8805 Station "A"
Halifax, NS B3K 5M4

The Highlander
Six issues a year
\$19.50 one year
\$35.00 two years
Circulation Dept., P.O. Box
44086 Chicago Il. 60644-0086

The Scottish Banner
12 Issues a year
\$17.27 1 year
\$29.96 two years
P.O. Box 724 Niagara Falls,
ON L2E 6V5

Clan MacTavish - Thompson

Application for Membership

New Member_ Life Member_ Former Member_ CMW ID Number _____

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION: _Clan MacTavish _Scottish _Affiliate

Applicant's last name (Surname) First Middle Given name or nickname

Spouses last name (Surname) First Middle Given name or nickname

Maiden name (if applicable) Title or Degree (if applicable)

Street Address Apt

City State/Province Zip/P.C. Phone number

What is your connection with Clan MacTavish? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Membership Dues (Yearly)

Charter Member	\$35.00	Includes genealogy, newsletter, dues and parchment
Annual Membership	\$10.00	Includes newsletter, dues and certificate
Life Member	\$300.00	All of the above and in Clan archives
Benefactor Member	\$	"Dunardry fund" Write for details
Associate Member	\$7.00	Includes newsletter

For he/she who wishes they were Scottish and could be part of a real Clan.
Make cheques payable to Clan MacTavish
Location _____