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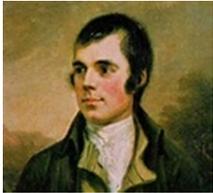


Bruce McAlpine

President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We had hoped to have word from the Lord Lyon regarding our petition in the last quarter of 2016. We have not yet received any word one way or the other and the Lord Lyon Court will be on holiday until January 9, 2017. We remain hopeful for word soon.



It's hard to believe we are back into January with another season of Burns' dinners upon us. Robin and I have had such a full schedule these past weeks that we have not made arrangements to attend a dinner. For those of you having the privilege to participate in a Burns celebration this year, please send us your photos so we may share in the next newsletter.

Save the date and mark your calendars for the 2017 MacAlpine Society Annual General Meeting (AGM), Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the 72nd Annual Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Fergus, Ontario Canada. This event will be hosted by our Canadian Commissioner Bruce MacAlpine. Watch for details on our Facebook page and in the next newsletter.



Robin and I hosted the Clan MacAlpine Society tent at the Ventura Seaside Highland Games, October 8th & 9th and attended a clan dinner on October 7th. We introduced "The Lost Sheep" game to get young kids more involved in the games. We asked children if they could help us find our sheep (they were posted around Clan Row). The tick tack toe game-like board allowed the kids to track their finds and return to our tent for a prize. Winners received a treat of

their choice (candy bar, crackers, or Rice Krispy treats). There were no losers. We had wonderful feedback from parents and other clans. They loved seeing the kids really involved in something other than collecting the stamps from each tent.

We had a great time with many family visitors to the games and welcome by the other attending clan members.



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The Lost Sheep Game



While we were in Scotland for the family convention, I picked up kilts and sporrans in Edinburgh for my McAlpine grandsons here in Ventura, CA. We are starting at a young age to help our grandchildren learn about and appreciate their Scottish heritage. There are so many things we can share with them about the men and women from whom we came.

Pictured are: son David, Me, son Dale, grandsons Ethan, Luke, and Daniel

May you all be blessed with good health and happiness in this New Year. We hope to see you from time to time at family events and Highland Games.

In Kinship,
Dale



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Submitted by Michael T. McAlpin



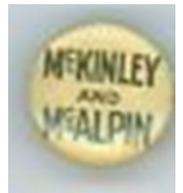
General Edwin Augustus McAlpin, a New York politician was a Vice Presidential hopeful during William McKinley's campaign for Presidency in 1896.

McAlpin had enlisted in the Civil War as a drummer boy at age 17, but his father rescinded the action due to his youth. After the end of the war, he was old enough to enlist in his own right and in 1869 joined the 7th Regiment of the New York Militia, (later the New York Guard) with the rank of Private. In 1874 McAlpin attained the rank of First Lieutenant in the 71st Infantry Regiment (New York) where he was promoted in 1885 to Colonel, a role he retained until his military retirement in 1887. After retiring from the service he was appointed Adjutant General of the State by Governor Levi P. Morton, in 1895 with the rank of Major General.



McAlpin, a strong candidate, failed to gain the nomination at the Republican Convention, the Vice-Presidential candidate nominated was Garret Augustus Hobart, a New Jersey politician. Theodore Roosevelt was nominated as McKinley's running mate for his second term.

Had McAlpin won the VP nomination, he may have been VP for both McKinley's terms. As McKinley was assassinated shortly onto his second term, there may have been a McAlpin President.



McAlpin Family Tree DNA Surname Project Up-date

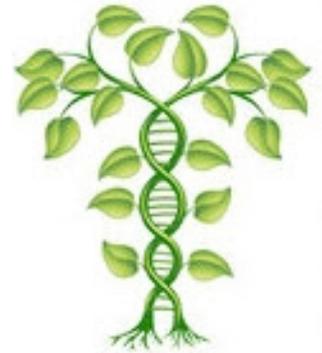
Submitted by David Hobbs

For this up-date of the McAlpin surname project at Family Tree DNA, I wanted to share information on a couple of resources for those interested in bringing together traditional genealogical research with findings from DNA analysis. The first is the just published [Genetic Genealogy in Practices](#) by Blaine Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne from the National Genealogical Society's Special Topics Series (available from Amazon on Kindle). It provides a great introduction on how to apply DNA heritage information to genealogical questions.

Bettinger and Parker Wayne point out that 99.9% of the DNA that any two people on earth carry is exactly the same. Genetic genealogy is only interested in the 0.1 % of DNA that varies between individuals. The more matches there are in the Y chromosome (father's line), mitochondrial (mother's line), or autosomal (combined) DNA profile of two individuals it follows that they have a greater genetic kinship. Identical twins will have very few, if any, discernable mismatches in their 0.1 % of genealogically significant DNA and 5th cousins will conversely have only few segments of matching DNA.

For those of us who have had their genealogical DNA analyzed through Family Tree DNA there is on-going notification process whereby we are sent an email when identified "matches" of others in their database have been located. In my own case none of these FTDNA identified "matches" has been close enough to lead to a definitive family tree match. Hundreds of cousins have been identified, but I have yet to identify one "sitting" on my traditional family tree (the one with the names of individuals on it).

The results of this DNA analysis have been quite useful though in outlining the picture of the migration map of my ancient (before census, marriage and baptismal records, wills and other written records) relatives. In outlining the kinship of humans during the time of pre-history, DNA is been quite useful in documenting large branches of the Y-DNA (father's line) and mtDNA (mother's line) genetic trees. These branches are called haplogroups and they form the interior branches of one's deep ancestral family tree.



With the advent of DNA analysis in the mid 1980's it became possible to bring together evidence for genetic hereditary relationship with the results of traditional archaeology. With such a development, the timeline and trail of the multiple movements of humans out of the "cradle of humans" in Africa to the modern lands of Australia, Asia, and Europe could be more accurately described and illustrated.

The second resource I wanted to share with you can be found at:

<http://www.abroadintheyard.com/maps-britain-ireland-ancient-tribes-kingdoms-dna/>. The maps on this site outline the names of regions and the peoples who resided in them in the British Isles. These names were, in many cases, given to these regions, and peoples, by Roman and Greek geographers. These maps though valuable and historic in themselves become all the more interesting when compared to the recent mapping of DNA data by genetic genealogists from Oxford University. Their research findings have shown that over the past 1,500 years, and in many regions for longer, generations of the Irish, Scots, Welsh, and English have resided in the same general area and that their regional identity is closely paired with their genetic kinship. As we include more "McAlpins" in our on-going surname project research we hope to get a deeper understanding of the regional and genetic identity of those who identify with this ancient and historical Scottish heritage.



My Trip To Scotland ~ 2016

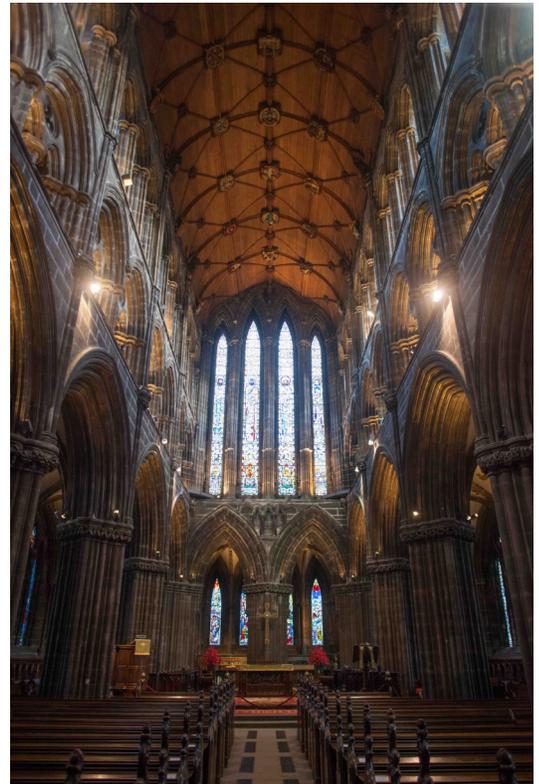
Submitted by Heather McAlpine

I have always been very grateful for how involved my family is with our heritage. Ever since I can remember, my grandparents, Doug and Janet McAlpine of Reno, Nevada, have taken me to Scottish events like the Burns dinner, Highland games and various Celtic festivals. It's always held a special place in my heart to be able to share that with them. I started traveling internationally at the age of 14, and I have always wanted to visit Scotland and experience the culture of the region. With inexpensive airfare in the late fall, I planned my trip for November. Iceland and London were also on the itinerary, which were both awesome places in their own right.

The first thing I noticed after landing in Scotland (besides the lush green landscape, mixed with the most incredible fall colors I have ever seen) was how friendly everyone was. I truly felt like I was at home. Glasgow was the first stop on our trip, and we stayed in a beautiful flat with a couple from London who were both working artists in the city. I should mention, my travel companion and I used the company Air Bnb for all of our lodging, so a lot of times we were staying with the residents of the houses we were renting out. I think this provided a really incredible opportunity to immerse ourselves in the area and local culture, moreso than if we had stayed in a

hotel. Glasgow was a wonderful city. Sort of rough around the edges in some parts, but contained some lovely architecture and history in others. My favorite experience in this city was wandering into a small pub on Argyl Street, and listening to a group of about twenty people play some Scottish tunes as we sipped on some awesome beer.

On our third day in Scotland, we rented a car and drove into the Highlands. I would have to say, this was the highlight of my trip. I had planned a route to drive through Glen Coe on our way to Inverness. Words cannot describe the beauty of this area. I've seen plenty of photos of these dramatic mountain peaks, but there's nothing like seeing it with your own eyes.



Being a photographer, I was having a field day, and would stop every mile or so to take photos despite the cold and rainy weather.

It was also on this trek to Inverness that I came across a Highland Cow, and got to feed one and get some really awesome photographs of him. He was such a gentle creature.



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After a chilly overnight stay in Inverness, we drove to Stonehaven, on the eastern coast of Scotland. We traveled over rolling hill after rolling hill, through snow, and fields of heather. Caught the sunset at Dunnottar Castle, and then headed to Edinburgh.

Edinburgh took my breath away. One of my favorite parts of the visit was seeing the portrait of Kenneth MacAlpin in Edinburgh Castle, and exploring the mysterious “cloves” scattered all over the city. I am also a big fan of JK Rowling and the Harry Potter book series, so seeing all of the Harry Potter related areas like the Elephant House, Greyfriars Cemetery and the school she based Hogwarts on was pretty awesome.

I made memories on this trip that will certainly last a lifetime. I have found though, upon coming back to the U.S., that I already want to go back. There is so much of Scotland that I wasn't able to see, so I hope to someday save up enough money to travel and live there for at least a month or two. Despite the limited time I had there, I was still able to see a lot of the country without feeling too rushed.

The food was great... along with eating the standard Scottish fare, there is a lot of amazing food from other cultures. We had some of the best Indian curry I have ever eaten, as well as some fantastic Spanish food.

Ultimately, I can't recommend visiting Scotland enough. I truly felt like I was at home there, and the beauty, history, and kindness of the locals is enough to make you never want to leave.



Clan MacAlpine Society Kilt Pins

Custom designed by Mark McAlpin, incorporating elements of the boar's head, pine tree, crown, and sword, all of which are linked to the MacAlpines, and appear prominently in MacAlpine Heraldry.



The pins are made of silver weighing approximately 1 ounce -
Dimensions are 4"x 1 1/8"

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