

Remember Those from Whom You Came

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Commander's Note

I would like to thank Sue Potter for her service as Secretary for the Society, and a hearty welcome to Laura McAlpine who has agreed to take up the position. I look forward to seeing Laura at the Oban Games in Scotland in August. Following the games, we will take some time to visit some of the old homesteads in the Kilmartin Glen, always a fascinating time.

We have a new milestone to celebrate, with over 1,500 members on our Facebook site alone, each perhaps representing multiple persons in a household.

I enjoyed attending the Loch Norman North Carolina Games, but missed the Greenville Games, having picked up a mild Covid case, but am back on my feet, and looking forward to the Grandfather Mountain Games next month. I hope to meet up with many of you there.

Please look at our upcoming events and stop by at any of these events. If you should have the desire to host a tent, we can certainly assist.

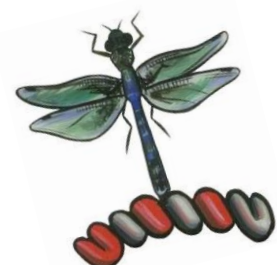
As our President, Dale McAlpine has laid out in his message, we are moving forward on the process of obtaining a Chief. As Commander I am required to seek out anyone who claims descent from a hereditary Chief of the family, or who believes they have a claim to the Chiefship.

Over a decade ago, we engaged Scottish Genealogist Hugh Peskett to search for any possible hereditary Chief. He concluded that there was none. Most recently, we have asked Dr. Bruce Durie to assist in this effort, and although neither has been able to determine a past Chief, nor a descendant line, and while it seems unlikely that anyone will come forward with proof of descent, it is possible that someone considers him or herself a suitable candidate for Chief. If this someone exists, please will they make themselves known to the Society as soon as possible.



Le gach deagh dhùrachd
With every good wish,

Michael T McAlpin
Commander
House of MacAlpine



President's Letter

Hello Family,

I wanted to give you a quick update on board activities of the House of MacAlpine.

We have commissioned Dr. Bruce Durie BSc (Hons) PhD OMLJ FColIT FIGRS FHEA QC to act as the Bailie in hac parte in our name. Dr. Durie will file a document with Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland that the House of MacAlpine intends to petition the Lord Lyon for a Family Convention to find consensus on a Chief of Name and Arms of MacAlpine and communicate with the Lyon Office, the Subscribers, the Commander and any Supervising Officer or other official appointed by the Lord Lyon in this regard and another other required documents.

This is the next step in our long journey to name a Chief. As you know, we held a Family Convention in 2016 to nominate Michael T. McAlpin as Commander. His appointment was approved in 2017. Dr. Durie will represent us in the next steps before the court. The process is a long one and we want the family to realize we still have a long road ahead.

We will keep you all apprised of our progress each step of the way.

I would like to thank Sue Potter for her service as secretary. She stepped up when we needed help and we appreciate it. We wish her well. Additionally, thanks to Laura McAlpine for agreeing to take over in the secretarial role. I know she will be a great asset to the team.

In Kinship,
Dale



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The Arms of Michael T McAlpin

Submitted by Robin McAlpine

This is the eighth in a series of articles relating to the MacAlpine arms.

Michael Todd McAlpin Commander of the Name MacAlpine as Commissioned by the Lyon Court.

The Arms are matriculated from his fourth Great Grandfather Neil McAlpin born 1758 Kilmartin, Scotland, died 1831 North Carolina.

Having served as a junior officer in a Highland Regiment with Lord Cornwallis, Neil settled in North Carolina following the American War for Independence.

As Western lands opened, the family migrated through Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, and later to Oregon and Washington.

Michael was born in Washington State in 1952. His Arms were matriculated with differences in 2008.

Blazon

Arms: Gules on a bend Argent between in chief a fir tree eradicated Argent and in base an ancient crown Or a sword in bend Gules hilted and pommeled Or a bordure engrailed parted per pale Azure and Argent.

Crest: a green darner dragonfly Proper

Motto: Na Bitheam Coitcheann "Not a Common Man"

Matriculation: The arms are recorded on page 17 of volume 89 of date 10 July 2008 in "The Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland".

In addition to Arms Granted by the Lyon Court, Michael carries a Commission as Commander Ad Interim of the Name MacAlpine after due consideration of a Family Conclave otherwise known as a Derbhfine.



COMMISSION by the Lord Lyon King of Arms in favour of Michael Todd McAlpin, Senior as Commander of the Name of McAlpine.

Unto All and Sundry whom These Presents Do or May Concern, We, Joseph John Morrow, One of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, Doctor of Laws, Lord Lyon King of Arms, send Greeting: Whereas it has been represented to Us without a Chief of the Name of McAlpine difficulties have arisen in maintaining the well-being of the McAlpines at home and overseas: That in order to preserve the spirit of family, traditions and kinship of the said people of the said Name, a Commander *ad interim* should be recognised to rally the said people, to convene meetings thereof and to preside thereat during the absence of a Chief; That the Principal Men and Women that now are of the Name of McAlpine have, after due consideration by way of Family Conclave, otherwise known as *derbhfine* selection, selected and recommended to Us Michael Todd McAlpin, Senior, residing at 2380 Saddlesprings Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia, United States of America, as a fit and proper person to be recognised as Commander *ad interim* of the said Name: Now Therefore We, after due consideration and investigation, being well satisfied as to the good qualities, abilities and loyalty of Michael Todd McAlpin, Senior and of his fitness for the said Office, do by These Presents Recognise and Confirm the said Michael Todd McAlpin, Senior as Commander of the Name *ad interim* for a period of ten years from the date hereof with power and commission to him to do and perform all acts and functions proper to the Commander of the said Name in the personal absence of the Hereditary Chief thereof, in the same manner and to the same effect as if he had been specially appointed and instructed by such Hereditary Chief; And We direct These Presents to be recorded in the Books of the Lyon Court (Probative Writs Section): In Testimony Whereof We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this Nineteenth day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and Seventeen before this witness Elizabeth Ann Bruce or Roads, Stawdoun Herald of Arms.

Elizabeth Ann Bruce
Elizabeth Ann Bruce
(Witness)



Joseph John Morrow
Joseph John Morrow
Lyon

The Homestead Project MacAlpines at Ardrishaig

Submitted by
Mark S.C. McAlpin
Sennachie elect

"Ardrishaig (from the Gaelic ardriseach, 'height full of briars'), is a seaport village in South Knapdale and Glassary Parish, about 10 miles south of Kilmartin. It has long associated with MacAlpines.

The village stands on the West side of Loch Gilp, at the entrance of the Crinan Canal.

Ardrishaig is the centre of an extensive herring fishery, and mainly consists of plain-looking cottages with a few neat villas, situated on a green hillside; Queen Victoria and Prince Albert landed here August 18th, 1847, on their way from Inverary to Ardverikie. The population of the village in 1861 was 902, today it is about 1200.



SYNOD OF ARGYLL

This Synod of Argyll was erected by the General Assembly on 18th Dec. 1638. To it were then assigned the five Presbyteries of Dunoon, Kinloch, Inveraray, Kilmore, and Skye. Kinloch is now styled Campbelltown, and Kilmore we call Lorn. Skye was transferred to the Synod of Glenelg in 1724. The Synod Register of Argyll begins at 24th April 1639. There is a blank in the Record from May 1661 to 29th Sept. 1687.

PRESBYTERY OF INVERARAY

[This Court first appears on Record as the Presbytery of Argyll. It is so styled in 1604. In 1628, when the Synod of Argyll was set up, this Court is named the Presbytery of Inveraray. The Presbytery Register begins at 13th Oct. 1691. There are gaps in the Record from 14th April 1762 to 17th May 1714, from 27th Sept. 1725 to 7th Aug. 1731, and from 17th May 1753 to 27th April 1778. The Separate Register is very incomplete.]

<p>ARDRISHAIG (Q.S.).</p> <p>[A church, built on a site granted by the Commissioners of the Crinan Canal, was opened in March 1859, and was served for a time by Royal Bounty Missionaries. The parish was disjoined from Lochgilphhead and South Knapdale, 1st March 1875.]</p> <p>DONALD MACLACHLAN, app. in 1853 1853 [afterwards min. of North Knapdale].</p> <p>JOHN MACKINLAY, app. in 1855 1855 [afterwards min. of Copton].</p> <p>HUGH MACALPINE, probably son of 1859 Duncan M., farmer, Argyllshire, and student at Univ. of St. Andrews, 1833-4, and Glasgow, 1855-7.</p> <p>JOSEPH MINNES, app. in 1857 [after 1857 wards min. of Ulispol].</p> <p>NEIL MACDOUGALL, app. in 1862 1862 ord. to Ardrishaig in 1863 [afterwards min. of Gaelic Church, Rothesay].</p> <p>VOL. IV.</p>	<p>ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, app. in 1864 1864 [afterwards min. of Rillfinichen].</p> <p>PETER MORRISON, app. in 1866 1866 [afterwards min. of Tobermory].</p> <p>DUNCAN MACDONALD, app. in 1870 1870 ord. to Kirkcubright 21st Dec. 1871.</p> <p>ANGUS MACPHEE, ord. 28th March 1872 1872 adm. first min. of the parish 29th March 1875; trans. to Kilmarnock 4th May 1876.</p> <p>DONALD MACCORMACK, ord. 19th 1870 Sept. 1876; trans. to South Knapdale 23rd Dec. 1876.</p> <p>MALCOLM MCCOLL, born Kilmartin, 1830 Argyll, 1881, son of Neil M., master-joiner, and Catherine Minnes; educated at Univ. of Glasgow; assistant at Port Dundas, Glasgow; elected 30th March, and ord. 11th May 1880; res. 6th Jan. 1901; accidentally drowned in the Crinan Canal 20th March 1901. He was unmarr.</p> <p>A</p>
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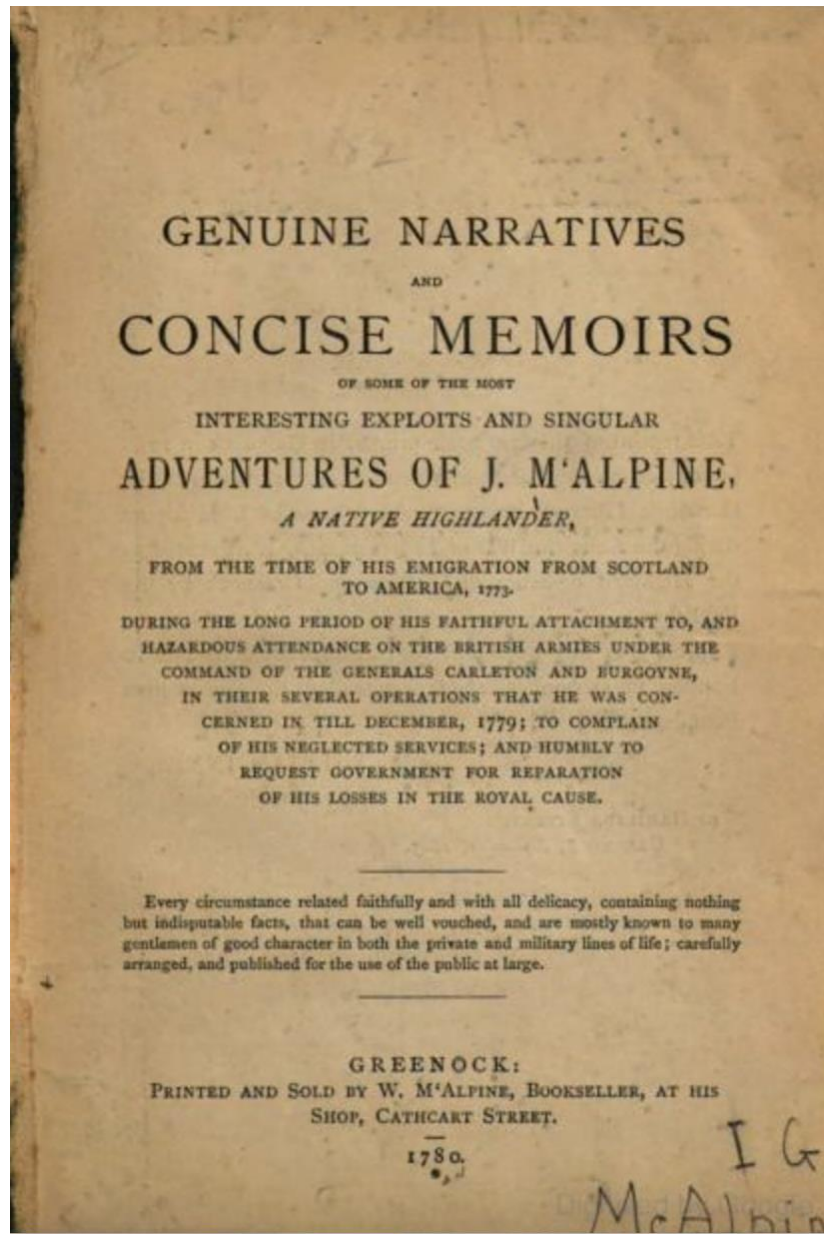


Among the many MacAlpines at Ardrishaig in the 1860's was Hugh MacAlpine, the Presbyter of Ardrisheag.

While Hugh was Presbyter of the Church there were three other MacAlpine families in Ardrisheag, comprising 11 people.

Among the names on the War Memorial at Ardrisheag is Sgt Donald MacMaster MacAlpine who was with the R.A.F and was killed December 7th, 1941

James McAlpine A Native Highlander



James left Scotland in May of 1773 and arrived in New York in June 1773 with his wife and family.

He purchased 600 acres in upstate New York from Colonel Reid for 10 shillings per acre. This land was part of the New Hampshire Grants, legally granted to New Hampshire, but the grants were disputed by New York.

The New Hampshire Green Mountain Boys, an armed Militia led by Ethan Allen that enforced New Hampshire's claims to the area burned him out eight days after he arrived. The New Hampshire Grants later became Vermont.

Seeking safety, he moved to within four miles of the British Fort of Crownpoint on Lake Champlain in November 1773 and farmed.



Barracks at Crown Point

James McAlpine A Native Highlander (continued)

In May 1775, after Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold led the Green Mountain Boys to seize Fort Ticonderoga, they sent a small force to capture Crown Point.

The British soldiers at the ruined fort numbered less than a dozen men, and they were quickly overwhelmed and taken prisoner.

James McAlpine was attacked by 30 American troops in May 1776 and then held prisoner before being then released back to his farm.

Two weeks later he was attacked and taken prisoner again for being a loyalist before being released once again by Colonel Hay of the American garrison.

A few days later he was taken prisoner again by a sergeant from Captain Barnes's party at Crownpoint and sent to the jail at Albany.

He was again released after some number of days and sent home.

James then went to American-occupied Fort Ticonderoga to obtain supplies but was informed that to acquire supplies he would have to take an oath of allegiance to the Patriot cause, refusing to do that, he went home without supplies.

Then hearing that the Americans were to burn all the dwellings around Crownpoint, and confiscate all the cattle, James went to see the Commander of British Forces in Canada, Lieutenant General Sir Guy Carlton then on the flagship Commodore on Lake Champlain.

Reporting to General Carlton, MacAlpine gave an accounting of American forces in the area, details of the American deployments at Fort Ticonderoga and went on to become a provisioning officer for the British Army in the area.

Later, he provided valuable service to Generals Burgoyne and Powell but was never suitably recompensed for his efforts on behalf of King and Country, and was not reimbursed for his many losses and expenses. On December 23rd, 1779, he and his family boarded the Ordnance ship Houghton and set sail for England, where they landed thirty days later.

He continued to make his grievances publicly known, and requested ample payment be made for made for "the losses I have sustained by my loyalty, and for the services I have rendered my king and country in the wilds of America."

Private John MacAlpine of the Black Watch

Private John MacAlpine (service Number 5573) of The First Battalion of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) was killed on November 11th, 1914.

The first to fall from the village of Cambuslang (South-east of Glasgow), he is depicted on the Cambuslang War Memorial statue by Alexander Proudfoot. He is buried in the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Ypres, Belgium, panel 37.

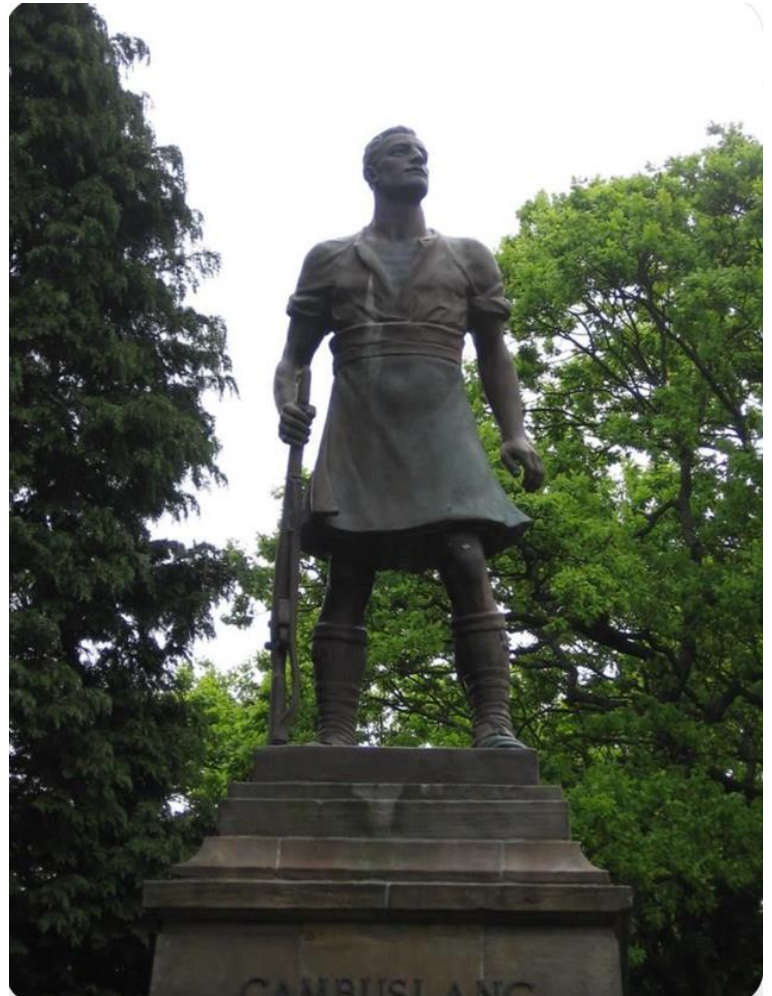
On 13 August 1914, 31 officers and 1,031 soldiers of the 1st Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) embarked for France as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) and took part in a series of battles and fighting withdrawals, while the German Army pressed forward relentlessly. During October and early November, having suffered a large number of casualties, the 1st Battalion The Black Watch, as part of the 1st (Guards) Brigade took part in three separate battles which made up the First Battle of Ypres:

- Langemark (21– 24 October 1914)
- Gheluvelt (29 – 31 October 1914)
- Nonne Bosschen (11 November 1914)

By 11 November, despite receiving some reinforcements, the strength of the battalion had been reduced to 9 officers and 228 soldiers who, as part of the BEF holding the Ypres area, numbered only about 7,850, including reserves. They were to face twenty-five battalions of the Kaiser's elite Prussian Guard, numbering 17,500 men. The main assault came just north of the Menin Road and fell upon The Black Watch, Scots Guards, and Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

The battle: 'Between 6.30 am and 9 am on 11 November, was the heaviest bombardment so far experienced by the British forces. As the bombardment lifted, a Division of the Prussian Guard, ordered by the Kaiser to break the British line at all costs, attacked the front.

Under cover of the bombardment, a strong enemy force drove back D Company and the two platoons of A Company entrenched at the southwest corner of Polygon Wood. C Company under the command of Lieutenant Anderson and in a strong point (point d'appui) 380 yards from the south and west corner of Polygon Wood held out firmly.



Private John MacAlpine of the Black Watch (continued)

This split the attack into small parties of 20–30 Prussians, many of whom were soon lost in the woods behind. As they emerged from the back of the woods the guns of 41 Brigade Royal Field Artillery, sited one thousand yards away, opened direct fire on the enemy at a range of 300–400 yards.

The effect was devastating, and the German attack faltered.

On 12 November 1914, the day after the battle, the strength of the 1st Battalion The Black Watch had been reduced to 2 officers and 109 soldiers.

The First Battle of Ypres was arguably the most critical defensive battle fought by the British in the Great War and, with the added support of French artillery batteries, the German attempt to break through to the Channel Ports was halted.

UPCOMING HIGHLAND GAMES

Look for the MacAlpine Tent



Join us for the **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 7-9, 2023**
at **MacRae Meadows, Grandfather Mountain, Blowing Rock Hwy, Linville, NC 28646**



Join us for the **Argyllshire Gathering, held at Mossfield Stadium, Oban, Scotland - August 24th, 2023**



Join us for the **51st Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival October 20 - 22, 2023**



Join us for the **Charleston Highland Games November 3-4, 2023**
at **Riverfront Park**
1061 Everglades Ave
North Charleston, SC 29405

Greenville Highland Games May 26-27, 2023



Presented by the
Greenville Scottish Games
at Furman University



A bit blustery, and gusty, but
the rain held off till the end.



These Games
are fast
becoming a
favorite.

Thanks to all
who came out
and made these
games a
success.



The Greenville Games always have a special tribute for to the military for Memorial Day

Loch Norman Highland Games. April 14th and 15th 2023



It has been since 2014 that the MacAlpines were at the Loch Norman Games held in Huntersville, just outside of Charlotte, N.C. at the beautiful Historic Rural Hill location. It was great to be back at this beautiful setting.

Thanks to members Charles McAlpine and Donna Shea, and Hanna Apthorpe.

And we were delighted to have Scotland's preeminent genealogist, Dr. Bruce Durie stop by and spend some time with us.



Dun Rostan

Dún (pronounced doon) is a Gaelic word meaning Fort, Castle, or Fortified Hill, Usually circular in shape and often built on a suitable crag, or hill.

Duns may have been the residences of single, high-status families.

Dun Rostan (Fortress of the Rose) is one of the many duns that dot the landscape of the Kilmartin/Knappdale area.

Dun Rostan is less than 5 miles south of Achnamara on unimproved roads alongside Loch Sween.

The circular fort, about 35 feet across, holds a commanding view of Loch Sween, the Island of Danna, the Sound of Jura and the Isle of Jura



House of MacAlpine Information

We invite you to learn more about by going to our website <https://macalpein.com/> and reviewing the wealth of information found there.

We hope you enjoy receiving your quarterly issues of this newsletter, *Remember Those from Whom You Came*. We enjoy keeping you up to date with articles pertaining to our heritage and activities our members participate in.



We have many contributors on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6366603471/>

On our website, <https://macalpein.com/>, you will find our store where you can order clan items. You will also find information on membership, the MacAlpine DNA project, and a variety of other items about MacAlpine history and heritage and the work we are doing to seat a clan chief.

We also offer the opportunity to support your Society by finding "Funding Projects" in the menu. When one makes a donation to House of MacAlpine, we are able to participate in or support heritage activities

Donations can be earmarked for:

- ◆ General Society Operations
- ◆ Society Clan Tent Fund
- ◆ Kilmartin Museum Fund
- ◆ Pipe and Drum Band Fund
- ◆ Highland Dancing Fund

We look forward to seeing you at Highland Games. We post where we will be in each newsletter, just look for a MacAlpine banner and celebrate your heritage by meeting fellow MacAlpine's.

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House of MacAlpine Store

If you need some retail therapy, look no further. Our new store will offer a small showing of MacAlpine themed products.

<https://macalpinesociety.myshopify.com/>

All proceeds from sales will go to support, highland dancing and piping scholarships, tent hosting supplies, and research projects. The store can be reached by clicking the link above or from our website,

<https://macalpein.com/>



Hills and Streams and MacAlpines Unisex Tee



Hills and Streams and MacAlpines Women's Tee



Tartan Mug 11oz



Tartan with MacAlpine Mug 11oz



Hills and Streams and MacAlpines Mug 11oz



Boar's Head Lapel Pin



Boar's Head Challenge Coin



MacAlpine Tartan Poker Cards

MacAlpine Kilt Pin



Custom designed by Mark McAlpin, incorporating elements of the Boar's head, pine tree, and all other symbols of the MacAlpine's, they appear prominently in MacAlpine Heraldry. The pins are made of silver weighing approx. 1 ounce Dimensions are 4"x 1 1/8" - \$75 USD

