

Remember Those from Whom You Came

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Hogmany!

Only one nation in the world can celebrate the New Year or Hogmanay with such revelry and passion – the Scots! But what are the actual origins of Hogmanay?

It is believed that many of the traditional Hogmanay celebrations were originally brought to Scotland by the Vikings in the early 8th and 9th centuries. These Norsemen paid particular attention to the arrival of the Winter Solstice and celebrated its passing with some serious partying.

It may surprise many people to note that Christmas was virtually banned in Scotland for around 400 years, from the end of the 17th century to the 1950s. The reason for this dates back to the years of Protestant Reformation, when the straight-laced Kirk proclaimed Christmas as a Popish or Catholic feast, and as such needed banning.

Up until the 1950s many Scots worked over Christmas and celebrated their winter solstice holiday at New Year, when family and friends would gather for a party and to exchange presents which came to be known as hogmanays.

There are several traditions and superstitions that should be taken care of before midnight on the 31st December: these include cleaning the house and taking out the ashes from the fire, there is also the requirement to clear all your debts before “the bells” sound midnight, the underlying message being to clear out the remains of the old year, have a clean break and welcome in a young, New Year on a happy note.

Immediately after midnight it is traditional to sing Robert Burns’ “Auld Lang Syne”. Burns published his version of this popular little ditty in 1788, although the tune was in print over 80 years before this.

*“Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot and auld lang syne
For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
We’ll take a cup o kindness yet, for auld lang syne.”*

To learn more about Hogmanay, visit <https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofScotland/The-History-of-Hogmanay/>

Commander's Note

Wishing you all the best of the New Year.

The MacAlpine's have had a great year enjoying the festivities of the games and activities around the world.

It is exciting to see the number of events that have been added, and I was fortunate to be able to attend many of them in Scotland and the USA.

We continue to map out our ancestral homelands, and I look forward to the results of our next exploratory search. The feeling of identification with our place of origin becomes a part of the mind, not only with our combined personal and ancestral memories, but with the whole community and the culture where they lived.

Understanding that each home, each field, each hill and stream was named with affection, and bore special meaning reinforces our combined experiences and ties to our heritage.

I look forward to meeting and chatting with many of you in 2024.



Le gach deagh dhùrachd

With every good wish,

Michael T McAlpin

Commander

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President's Letter

Happy New Year!

I trust you all had a wonderful holiday season. Robin and I had a busy Fall, including Thanksgiving with Robin's sons and Christmas in Florida, just us. A quiet day of reflection of the birth of Jesus and football.

We are settled in Lakeland, Florida to volunteer at the Aerospace Center for Excellence (ACE) and helping them get ready for their annual SUN 'n FUN Fly-in. This is the largest airshow in the East, just after Oshkosh. We enjoy the warmer weather and volunteering with like-minded friends.

We will be in attendance at the 42nd Annual Robert Burn's Dinner Celebration in Reno, Nevada, hosted by the Nevada Society of Scottish Clans, January 27th, 2024. They will be posthumously recognizing our own Janet McAlpine for her service to the Nevada Society. This event is held at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino Hotel. For more information visit this website. <https://www.nvssc.org/burns> We hope to see some other McAlpine's there to help us celebrate one of our own.

Being in Florida allows us to host a House of MacAlpine tent at the 46th Central Florida Highland Games, held in the Central Winds Park, Winter Springs on January 13th - 14th. We hope to see you there! For more information can be found at: <https://www.flascot.com/>

Funny story...Robin was talking to one of the staff at ACE and she discovered when she asked the name of their new child, they are also of Scottish decent and hail from the MacGregor Clan. Upon further discussion, she found that they have never been to any Highland Games. We have invited them to be our guests at the Central Florida games. They are excited to attend with their young son. It's amazing the things we find out when visiting with new friends.



Also, for the first time, we have been invited to host a MacAlpine tent at the Tallahassee Highland Games on February 3rd - 4th. If you are in the vicinity of the Florida panhandle, we would love to meet you and talk all things Scottish heritage. For more information visit: <https://tallyhighlandgames.com/>

Looking forward through our travel for 2024, we are working on plans to host a tent at the Seaside Games in our hometown of Ventura, CA in September. If you want a great coastal getaway, this is the place to go for some vitamin "sea" and all things Scottish.

Have you ever wondered who can host a tent at your local games? You, that's who. We have a clan tent kit that is available for those willing to step up to the fun. Just reach out and we can give you all the info. needed to get started.

We still have funds available to family members for the purpose of bagpipe, Gaelic, Scottish dance lessons and other ventures that support and further our Scottish heritage. Send an email to president@macailpein.com

To stay up on House of MacAlpine activities for the next year, you can visit our website for 2024 calendar of events. <https://macailpein.com/calendar>



Hoping the New Year brings you all good things,

In Kinship,

Dale

The Arms of Finn Alpin

Submitted by Robin McAlpine

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

Born in Denmark, Finn Alpin formerly served in the Danish military until he moved to Sweden.

He has worked for the State Department since 2001.

Finn is married and has four children and has been a member of the MacAlpine Society since 2003. In 2005 he became a Commissioner and has been serving as a member of the board for many years as a member at large.

As an active member, Finn has been involved with the Society in Scotland for the meetings and Gatherings in 2004, 2009 and 2016.

He is currently involved in local politics and serves on the election committee and holds a position in the lower court as a Lay Judge. He has been serving in the Swedish National Guard since 2014.



The motto “Cuimhnich” (meaning “Remember”) and the crown in base and boars head in Chief were the wish of Finn. The general design and colours were decided by Lord Lyon. The Arms follow the design of previously granted MacAlpine Arms. The Sword in a bend represents the name of MacAlpine and the Crown and Boars -Head are symbols relating to the ancient Royal House of Alpin and the Kingdom of Dalriada in Argyll. The livery colours symbolize the Scottish national flag. Finn received the Letters Patent, by mail, in January of 2011.

Blazon: Arms: Azure, on a bend Argent between in chief a boar's head couped and in base an antique crown Or a sword in bend point upwards Azure hilted and pomelled Or. Crest: A dexter hand Proper grasping a chaplet of laurel leaves Vert between a pair of eared bullhorns parted per fess the dexter Azure and Argent the sinister Argent and Azure. Motto: Cuimhnich Grant: The Court of the Lord Lyon, 3rd December 2010. 75th page of the 89th volume of the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland. (painted on vellum, by David Allan, Artist at Lyon Court)

The Homestead Project

Droineach, Keilbeg, Keills and Keills Chapel

Submitted by Mark S.C. McAlpin, Sennachie Elect

About 6 miles south of Tayvallich down a single-track road lies Keills Chapel, dedicated to St. Cormac



The chapel is a simple rectangular shape common to many chapels built in the Western Highlands. The chapel dates from 13th century but it is believed that people had been worshipping here since the 8th century.

The chapel contains almost 40 carved stones, which range in dates from the AD 700s to the 1500's.

Many are carved in decorative patterns. There are examples from all five 'schools' of sculptors working for West Highland patrons in the later Middle Ages (1300s—1500s). These sculptors worked in Knapdale as well as at Iona, Loch Awe, Kintyre, and Loch Sween. Curiously there is a grave-slab depicting a harp (similar to the Queen Mary Harp in the



Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh).

Most significant among the chapel's collection is the Keills Cross, a free-standing high cross dating to the 700s. It's an excellent example of fine stone craftsmanship and is very similar to crosses found on Iona. It is the only example of its type on the mainland. The cross is carved on one side only.

The Homestead Project, Droineach, Keilbeg, Keills and Keills Chapel (Continued)

Just before Keills Chapel are the old MacAlpine homesteads of Droineach, Keills House, and Keillbeg.

Records for the MacAlpines that once lived in this area are scarce, it is believed that the last MacAlpine living here was Margaret McAlpine (born 1761), who lived in Droineach about 1803



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 hill-side;

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert landed here August 18th, 1847, on their way from Inverary to Ardverikie. The population of the of village in 1861 was 902, today it is about 1200.



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.



SYNOD OF ARGYLL

THE Synod of Argyll was erected by the General Assembly on 18th Dec. 1688. 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 1694. In 1698, when the Synod of Argyll was set up, this Court is named the Presbytery of Inveraray. The Presbytery Register begins at 12th Oct. 1691. There are gaps in the Record from 14th April 1702 to 17th May 1710, from 27th Sept. 1720 to 7th Aug. 1731, and from 17th May 1763 to 27th April 1778. The Separate register is very incomplete.]

ARDRISHAIG (Q.S.).

[A church, built on a site granted by the Commissioners of the Crinan Canal, was opened in March 1850, and was served for a time by Royal Bounty Missionaries. The parish was disjoined from Lochgilphead and South Knapdale, 1st March 1875.]

DONALD MACLACHLAN, app. in 1853 1855 [afterwards min. of North Knapdale].

JOHN MACKINLAY, app. in 1855 1856 [afterwards min. of Coyton].

HUGH MACALPINE, probably son of 1853 Duncan M., farmer, Argyllshire, and student at Univ. of St Andrews, 1853-4, and Glasgow, 1855-7.

JOSEPH FINNES, app. in 1857 [after-1857 wards min. of Ullapool].

NEIL MACDOUGALL, app. in 1862 1863 ord. to Ardrishaig in 1862 [afterwards min. of Gaelic Church, Rothesay].

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ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, app. in 1804 1804 [afterwards min. of Kilfinichen].

PETER MORRISON, app. in 1806 1806 [afterwards min. of Tobermory].

DUNCAN MACDONALD, app. in 1870; 1870 ord. to Kirkmichael 21st Dec. 1871.

ANGUS MACPHEE, ord. 28th March 1872; adm. first min. of the parish 23rd March 1875; trans. to Killinan 4th May 1876.

DONALD MACGHEHEN, ord. 19th 1870 Sept. 1875; trans. to South Knapdale 23rd Dec. 1876.

MALCOLM MCCOLL, born Kilmartin, 1880 Argyll, 1881, son of Neil M., master-joiner, and Catherine McInnes; educated at Univ. of Glasgow; assistant at Port-Dundas, Glasgow; elected 30th March, and ord. 11th May 1889; res. 25th Jan. 1901; accidentally drowned in the Crinan Canal 20th March 1901. He was unmarr.

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The Homestead Project, MacAlpines at Ardrishaig (continued)

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



UPCOMING HIGHLAND GAMES - Look for the MacAlpine Tent

Join us at the
Central Florida Highland Games
January 13, 14, 2024



Join us at the
Tallahassee Florida Highland Games
February 3rd and 4th, 2024



Join us at the
Phoenix Scottish Games
Gilbert Regional Park, Gilbert AZ
March 1-3, 2024



Kilmartin Museum

In 2018 the MacAlpines were one of the many patrons who donated to the remodeling of the Kilmartin Museum. With the reopening of the museum plaques signifying the donors have been mounted on the entrance wall. donation.

The totally remodeled museum is now open, and is better than ever. We are proud to have been involved



The Elizabeth Sword

The first new sword of state to be presented to a monarch for more than 200 years has been made as a “symbol of Scotland” and named after Elizabeth II.



The ceremonial sword was presented to the King in Edinburgh as a part of the Coronation.

Inspired by the Scottish landscape, the sword was commissioned to replace the Sword of State, also known as the Papal sword, which is part of the Scottish crown jewels but can no longer be used at public events owing to its deteriorating condition.

The Elizabeth Sword was commissioned at a cost of £22,000.

The designer was Mark Dennis, former Ormond Pursuivant of Arms.

"I am humbled to have had the opportunity to work with so many talented Scots craftspeople to create this tribute to our late Queen – a new Sword for Scotland and the new King, to last for the next five hundred years."



The Elizabeth Sword (Continued)

In his role as Ormond Pursuivant of the Court of the Lord Lyon, Mr. Dennis was also the presiding Officer assigned by the Court for the MacAlpine Family Convention held in Scotland in 2016 which resulted in Michael T. McAlpin being commissioned by the Court as Commander of the MacAlpines.



51st Stone Mountain Highland Games



stone mountain highland games

and scottish festival

One of the largest Games in North America, with nearly one hundred clans in attendance, the Stone Mountain Games were once again a great event.



51st Stone Mountain Highland Games (continued)

The MacAlpine's were well represented, with dozens in attendance.



Dale and Robin
volunteered in the
children's area this
year.



Charleston Highland Games

Submitted by Charles McAlpine

The House of MacAlpine has been well represented in the southeastern United States over the past month. Very shortly after the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, our next stop was in the beautiful city of Charleston, SC where we hosted a tent at the Charleston Games which took place November 4th, 2023.



The Charleston Games are among the oldest and most popular in the southeast. While it is not the largest in the US, it still draws about 10,000+ guests each year. As usual, this year they presented a stunning display of the beauty of the “Low Country of Coastal Carolina” and organized a world class event at Riverfront Park in North Charleston.

The site of the games is different than what you would typically see with a mountain theme (e.g., Grandfather Mountain, Stone Mountain etc.). Instead, you are treated with an entrance path through magnificent grand oaks filled with Spanish Moss which opens to a meadow on the banks on the historic Cooper River. The water view alone is enough to make you stop for a moment just for a photo. At that point, you begin to smell the aroma of delicious food being prepared, and the sounds of bagpipes being played in the distance.

Further down the path, you enter the area with tents and games. The venue is set up in a thoughtful way surrounding the game field, so every Clan tent had a front row seat to watch the games. Almost 50 Clans were represented. There was an impressive vendor section with tons of goodies you could purchase, and a pavilion for the dancers to show off their talents. Plus, there were different music venues, a falcon display, sheep herding, fiddling, poetry readings, and a huge kiddie section. The MacAlpine tent was in a choice location where we had the expansive river views to one side, and the athletic competition on the other side. It was a perfect spot!



Charleston Highland Games (continued)

The weather was excellent, but chilly in the morning. We had a cold wind blowing off the river in the morning that caused your teeth to chatter. Most of our earlier AM photos were a little blurred due to the shiver in the wind -haha. However, as if by magic, (and with the help of a little prayer) the sun came out in all its glory and warmed all the guests and spectators for the rest of the day. The weather was perfect!

We had a very active tent as usual. It was well decorated with posters, banners, flags, photos of the homeland near Kilmartin, and exhibits to showcase the research projects underway regarding our ancient heritage. Of course, we also had snacks and a wide choice of adult libation to sample. Throughout the day we had a steady stream of visitors ranging from other Clan comrades in fellowship, Charleston socialites, friends, and kids of all ages. We even had the pleasure of having a couple of special guests hang out most of the day: Published author - Signe Pike (books available on Amazon.com), and her travel companion/researcher - attorney Meagan Gentry. They had just completed a tour through Scotland visiting ancient sites and taking notes (including in Kilmartin) and their stories were fascinating. Having them as part of our group was a treat and really added to the fun of the day.



After the games had concluded and everything was packed away, we all stopped by a local pub located in a historic town square area in North Charleston. It gave us a chance to reflect on the good feelings of the day, relax a little, watch some games on the big screen, and grab some good food before heading home.

Charleston Highland Games (continued)

Overall, it was a picture perfect, well organized, and flawlessly executed highland games day!

In closing I want to sincerely thank Michael McAlpin and Mark McAlpin for traveling over with the House of MacAlpine tent kit and hosting our tent. I enjoyed being part of your team in promoting our family name and heritage. We have a great story to tell, and I sincerely think there is a growing interest in people who hear it. I am hopeful the Charleston Games will be a regular stop for the House of MacAlpine each year going forward. Also, for any would-be travelers coming to the area, I recommend staying a few extra days to enjoy all the hospitality, history, world-class restaurants, and sights to see from one of the most beautiful cities in the country!



Respectfully,

Charles McAlpine

House of MacAlpine

Coastal Carolina

*We'll Take a Cup of
Kindess Yet for
Auld Lauge Syne*

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

In the mid 1760’s, a Presbyterian census was taken throughout Scotland by the “Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge

The report describes living conditions as abysmal. *“There are several instances indeed of rheumatic and nervous disorders, particularly among the lowest class of the inhabitants, owing to their living in cold and damp houses, to their enjoying but a scanty share of the comforts of life, and in some cases perhaps to the indiscreet use of tea and spirituous liquors.”*



The record further shows that a laborer’s annual earnings were as follows:

	Pounds	Shillings	Penneys
7 Shillings per week for the summer and harvest quarters	9	2	0
6 shillings a week for the winter and spring quarters	7	16	0
Total annual earnings	16	18	0

The annual expenses of labourers, consisting of himself, a wife, and four small children, are recorded below:

House rent, including a small garden and potatoe ground	1	0	0
1 1/2 stones of oat meal a week at 1 S 8 d the stone	6	10	0
Milk and butter a week 1 shilling	2	12	0
Tea and sugar, a year	0	15	0
Soap, candles and salt, & c.	0	15	0
Tear and wear of their Sunday's clothes	1	0	0
A working jacket, vest, breeches, shirts, stockings, clogs			
handkerchief and hat for the man	1	10	0
A bedgown, petticoats, shirt, stockings, clogs, handkerchief and cap, for his wife	1	0	0
A new vest, breeches, &c for each of the four children at 10 shillings			
for each suit	2	0	0
School wages for two of the children	0	12	0
Coal or peats for fuel	1	0	0
Total annual expenses	18	14	0

“Give me your tired...” (continued)

“The annual expenses exceed the...annual earnings by 1 Pound, 16 shillings; but the deficiency may be made up by the wife’s industry, as she generally works in hay time and harvest, by which she may earn about 1 Pound at an average, and by spinning the remainder of the year, may earn about 1 Penney per week, besides doing the business of her family. When potatoes are a good crop, there will be a saving in the article of oatmeal, which is generally expended in purchasing better clothes, or a little butcher meat.”

Searching for opportunity, and fleeing from, poverty highlanders began to scatter, many crossing the oceans, settling in the Scots communities of Australia, Canada and North Carolina.

In the mid 1750’s the population of Kilmartin Parish was about 1,700, 50 years later, it was less than 600.

Flowers of the Forest - Donald Cameron of Lochiel

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to a true guardian of Scottish heritage, Donald Cameron of Lochiel.

As the 27th Chief of Clan Cameron, his name is synonymous with a rich and storied history. A close friend of the King, Donald's leadership and service extended well beyond the boundaries of his beloved clan. For nearly two decades, he dutifully served as the Lord Lieutenant of Inverness, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to our community.

More than a clan chief, Donald was a loving father, a devoted friend, and a steadfast advocate for the Lochaber region. His courage and wisdom were equaled only by his compassion. The sudden loss of this remarkable man leaves a void in the hearts of his clan.



Flora Mac-Alpin. Episode de la Cour de Jacques VI d'Ecosse

Flora Mac-Alpin. Episode from the Court of James VI of Scotland

Submitted by Marc Joyau MacAlpine (France)



Flora Mac-Alpin. Episode from the Court of James VI of Scotland, is a very strange book.

First, because we don't know the author. The book, published in 1877, is part of the "Library of Christian Youth" approved by Monseigneur the Archbishop of Tours (Indre-et-Loire, France), undoubtedly Charles Theodore Colet (1806-1883). It is the property of the publishers, "Alfred Mame et sons", from the same city of Tours.



Recumbent figure of the Bishop Charles Colet (Cathedral of Tours).

Then, because it is about a severed head, perhaps that of James IV of Scotland who, after a reign full of troubles, lost his life in the bloody battle of Flodden, September 9, 1513.

In the **Introduction** to the book (p. 7 to 11), we learn that at the end of this battle, a headless body was found under a pile of dead. This body wore an iron belt, which James IV also had the habit of wearing "to atone for the criminal weakness which he had shown by entering into a pact with the leaders of the Scottish nobility who had revolted against his father and had murdered him in Beaton's mill, June 18, 1488" (pp. 7-8). The mortal remains, which were not authenticated with certainty, were not even given a burial.

Flora Mac-Alpin. Episode from the Court of James VI of Scotland (continued)

The book is then divided into three chapters.

In the **first chapter**, entitled “The Secret Cupboard” (p. 13 to 50), we meet Flora Mac-Alpin, a charming blonde with big blue eyes, around eighteen years old. She is the ward of Master Lancelot Young, who commonly introduces her as his niece. The man lives in London, where he is a Master glassmaker at the Court of Queen Elizabeth, the mother of James VI. Flora Mac-Alpin's uncle, usually cheerful, content and in a good mood, has become taciturn and seems very preoccupied, speaking “only about death and coffins” (p. 20). This change in behavior followed the mission entrusted to him by Queen Elizabeth to remove the precious stained glass windows from the Sheene monastery and place them in St. Michael's Church in London.



Clayton & Bell, east window (1859), Church of St Michael Cornhill, London.
Photo : P. Hildebrand.

Miss Griselda Grimm, a distant relative of Lancelot Young whom he took into his service to manage his household and watch over Flora, believes she has the explanation for this change of mood : Master Young belongs to the secret society of the Templars, an ancient order of chivalry founded at the time of the Crusades in defense of Jerusalem, whose members were said to worship a human head which they carried with them on their trips. And, precisely, she discovered that Master Young hides, in a small piece of furniture, an embalmed and perfectly preserved head ! The artisan would therefore have recently committed a crime to obtain a human head and his trouble would come from there.

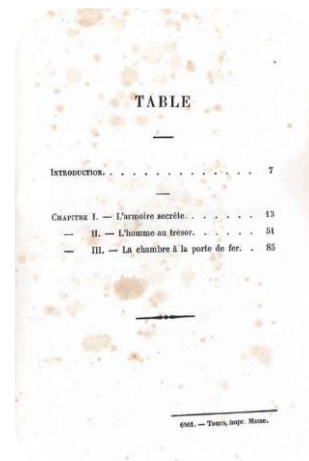
Learning that his secret has been discovered, the glassmaker, upset, makes two declarations : he does not belong to the order of the Templars and Flora is not his niece, but the daughter of a mysterious character, formerly eminent at Court of Edinburgh, who entrusted her to his care. And he tells the three of them must leave as quickly as possible for Scotland. But on the origin of the severed head, he gives no explanation.



Dans le fond du petit meuble se trouvait une tête embaumée et parfaitement conservée. (P. 36.)

Flora Mac-Alpin. Episode from the Court of James VI of Scotland (continued)

The **second chapter** is titled “The Treasure Man” (pp. 51 to 84). If Master Young is so keen to go to Scotland, it is because he has the firm intention of obtaining an audience with King James VI to give him a treasure. Unfortunately, while they are very close to Perth where the King's Court is established, with his two companions they are practically kidnapped by Lord Ruthven, brother of the Earl of Gowrie. The three unfortunate people are then taken to the manor of this sad family, compromised in the trap set for Mary Stuart, the mother of James VI, from which she was not to escape alive.



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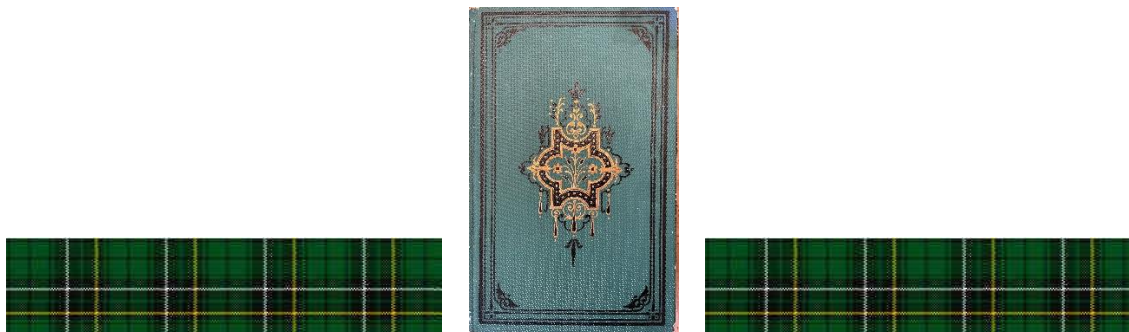
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1868. — Paris, impr. Mame.

The **third and final chapter**, “The Room with the Iron Door” (p. 85 to 139), tells how the two bad brothers also manage to capture the king and lock him in a circular room in the tower of their manor, guarded by a warrior all clad in iron, visor lowered on his face and a drawn sword in his hand. But when all seems lost, a young page of the king, Sir John Ramsay, manages to save the king and allows Master Lancelot Young to give the treasure to the sovereign... treasure which is none other than the famous severed head.

The end of the book allows us to know the circumstances in which the Master glassmaker obtained this head in the monastery of Sheene, why he wants to offer it to the King, and whether or not, it is really that of James IV (but this will not be presented here, so as not to spoil the reader's pleasure !). It also allows us to discover the true identity of Flora Mac-Alpin which, on the other hand, must be revealed here because it necessarily interests the members of House of MacAlpine. Flora is actually the daughter of Francis Stuart, Earl of Bothwell, a relative of the king. And as this story could not end otherwise, young Flora marries Sir John Ramsay, knighted by the king to reward him for his bravery.

It is particularly pleasant for House of MacAlpine to know that one of the books intended for French youth at the end of the 19th century is about Scotland and that the MacAlpine name is in the spotlight.



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We invite you to learn more about House of MacAlpine by going to our website <https://macailpein.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*, which contains articles of interest and activities our members participate in.

For those of you on Facebook, check us out. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6366603471>
We have many contributors to that site.

On our website, <https://macailpein.com>, you will find the store where you can order clan items, get membership information, find information on the MacAlpine DNA Project, and a variety of other sections about MacAlpine history and the history of House of MacAlpine of Canada

Check out "Funding Projects" to discover ways one can make a donation to House of MacAlpine. It is through your donations that we are able to participate in or support heritage activities. Donations for can be allocated to : ♦ General Society Operations ♦ Clan Tent Fund ♦ Kilmartin Museum Fund ♦ Pipe and Drum Band Fund ♦ Scottish Dancing Fund.

Watch for Highland Games in your area. Look for a House of MacAlpine tent and celebrate your Scottish Heritage with us! We look forward to seeing you.

Need MacAlpine Gear? Shop Here

We are pleased to announce the opening of the MacAlpine Society Store. The store will offer a small display of MacAlpine themed products. Proceeds from sales in the store will go to continue funding for highland dancing and piping scholarships, tent hosting supplies, and research projects. The store can be reached from the link on our website menu or directly at:

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



If you're interested in hosting a MacAlpine tent at Highland Games, check this website to find one near you.

<https://highlandgamesandfestivals.com/scheduled-events/>

Then email me if you'd like more details...

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MacAlpine Bagpipe & Drum Band of Canada