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FAILTE, Mo Charaidan

I REGRET THAT, as I open this edition of the "Bulletin", I have sad news for you.

We were all greatly saddened by the news of the deaths of Senga McEwan, who died in June, and who was one of the founder members of this Clan Society in 1977, and of Ian McEwan who, until November 1994, had audited the Society's accounts.

Regrettably neither had been able to attend any meetings for some time due to ill health. Senga is survived by a sister and Ian by his wife Phyllis, a son and a daughter.

Sadly I have to record, also, the death of Betty Ewen who died, in her London home, in April this year. All three will be sadly missed by the Clan and our heartfelt sympathies go out to their families. Eulogies to all three appear later in this "Bulletin".

On a happier note, Charlie and I attended, by invitation, the launch of a New Tartan - "The 1856 McEwan Tartan". This had been commissioned by McEwan's the Brewers to mark the founding of their Fountain Brewery in Edinburgh in 1856. It seems odd to mark the 140th Anniversary!

I was disappointed that the Clan Society had not been made privy to this from the outset.

During the launch, which took place at the entrance to the McEwan Hall in Edinburgh, the representative from the company who handle the Brewers' Public Relations suggested that we should make an approach to McEwan's for sponsorship.

I thought that this might be worthwhile pursuing and consequently have written to McEwan's and now look forward to the results of their deliberations.

As we now approach the end of 1996, I send to you all, wherever you are, on behalf of the management committee and myself, the compliments of the season.

"Nollaig math is bliadhna mhath ur"

Alan Ewing

THE CLAN EWEN SOCIETY GATHERING

THE CLAN EWEN SOCIETY GATHERING and Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society was held on Saturday, 1st June, 1996 at the Kilfinan Hotel, Argyll at 2.00 p.m.

Chairman Alan Ewing welcomed members and friends, special greetings being extended to overseas members:- Donald Ewing from South Australia, David and

Ellen Enoch from Colorado and to our other new members, James and Myra Ewen from Auchtermuchty, Fife, Scotland.

Apologies were received from Honorary Member, Nicholas Wills the owner of the "Otter Estate" and our appreciation and thanks go to him, for his continued support and interest, which was noted and recorded. Other apologies were from Bill McEwan, Australia, Paul McEwan, U.S.A., Ella McEwan, Inverness, Ted and Ruth from Wiltshire, John and Betty, Coatbridge, Lt. Col. and Mrs. McEwan, Cornwall and Douglas McEwen, Kent.

The death of Miss Elizabeth Ewen from London was recorded with much sadness.

Minutes of Previous A.G.M. were read, approved and signed. The Treasurer and Secretary gave their reports. Then moving on, the Secretary displayed the handsome Visitor's Book presented by Lt. Col. G. McEwan from Fowey, Cornwall which will be kept at the Kilfinan Hotel. Col. McEwan has been thanked warmly for his generous gift.

Genealogist Murdo reported on some of his correspondence and successes in research, while following up leads in Cornwall.

Clan Manager Ron gave an update on information about Clan Sales and Merchandise, movement of sales stock, being particularly successful from the Hotel at Kilfinan.

The meeting continued with the election of office-bearers and as before the present committee were re-elected after proposals and seconders. Under the approval of newly elected officers, Clan Manager Ron Ewing went on to explain the proposed plan for the Clan Room at the Kilfinan Hotel and the excellent cooperation in giving facilities and time we have had from Lynn and Rolf Mueller. The new banner, designed and sent by Paul McEwan was much appreciated and we are still anxious to have McEwan articles for display.

The Annual General Meeting and Gathering of Clan Ewen Society

will be held at 11.30 a.m.
on Saturday, 7th June, 1997

in the Kilfinan Hotel, Kilfinan, Argyll
with a walk to the Cairn at 2.00 p.m.

Old Friends and New Members all welcome

A letter from Robin McEwan in Inverness, proposing a Clan Meeting there, was read and it was decided to arrange a meeting there in the Autumn.

The A.G.M. and Gathering would, of course, be held at the usual time and place - namely, "The Clan Room", Kilfinan Hotel on the first Saturday in June. The meeting was closed with thanks to the Chair and Committee.

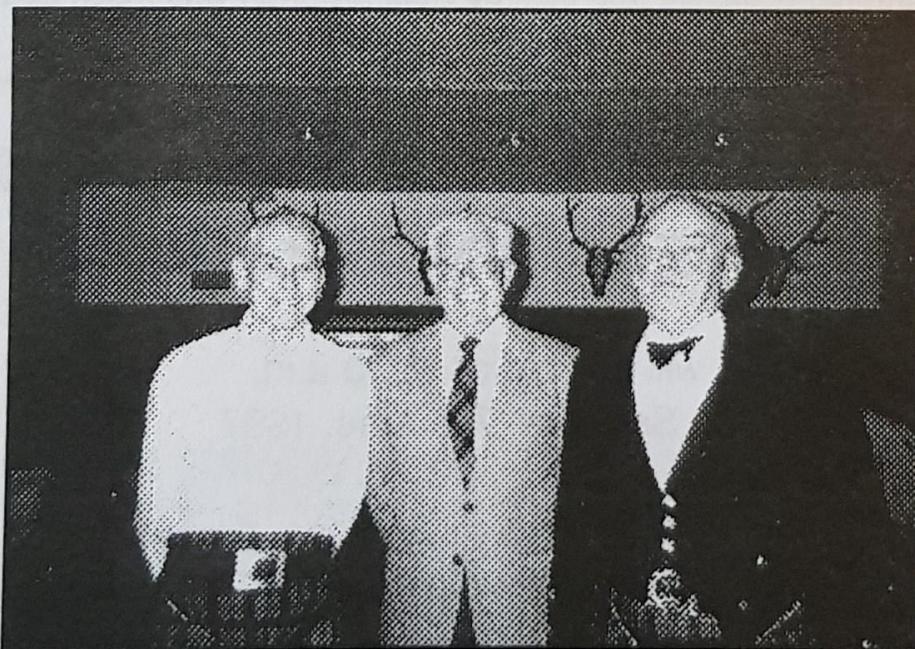
E. McEwan Williamson, Secretary

EVENING GATHERING AND CEILIDH FOR CLAN EWEN SOCIETY

FOLLOWING ON from the Annual Meeting and walk to the Cairn, the day continued with an evening Ceilidh of music and dance, a chance for members to mix in a more relaxed and social atmosphere and to get to know one another better. Especially for our overseas members, as their time is limited to their length of stay, which may be only short. So extending the day to the evening, gives us an added bonus in being able to extend our warmest greetings to all new members and friends at the Gathering.

This year was the first of, we hope, a regular event. The Ceilidh was a success and can continue as an enjoyable and relaxing evening.

As these photographs are taken from this year's gathering, it was a warm and friendly occasion, in good company.

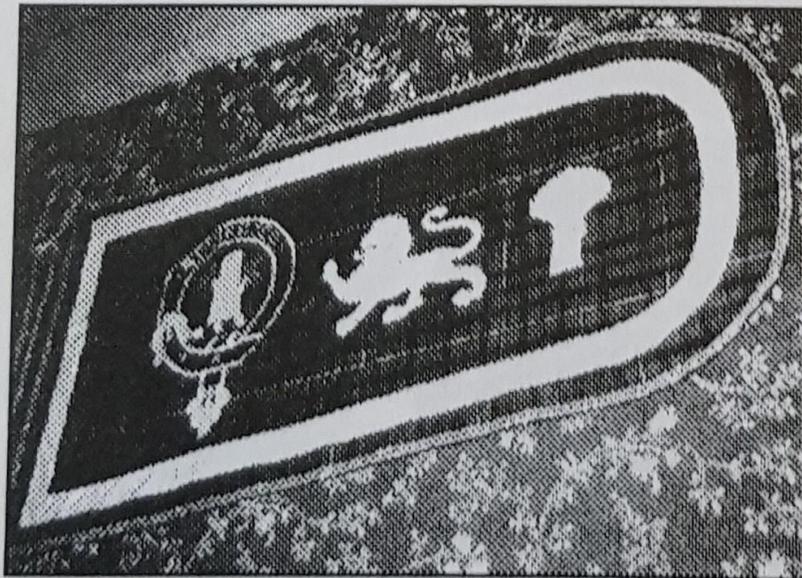


Photograph of James Donald Ewing from Australia, flanked on the right by our Chairman, Alan Ewing, and on the left, our Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, Charles Ewen

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT CLAN GATHERING AND EVENING OF CEILIDH



MR. WILLIS is the owner of Otter Estate and Kilfinan Hotel. He has accepted an honorary membership of our society, offered with appreciation for his support. The photograph was taken just before the A.G.M. when he had met Clan Office Bearers and members of the Society.



THE "CLAN BANNER" from an idea and design by Paul McEwan, developed and produced by Bunty Forsyth Mason, our American and Australian correspondents working in tandem, each showing us the world's not that big a place that we can't all connect and work together. A warm thank-you to you both.

Photograph: Taken by Paul in U.S.A.



Photographs of James and Myra Ewan, from Auchtermuchty, Fife, taken at the Clan Ceilidh



David and Ellen McEwen Enoch, from Colorado, U.S.A.

"OPEN MEETING" AT BALNAIN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1996 AT 2.00 P.M. - INVERNESS

Chairman Alan Ewing welcomed members and friends. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to give members in the Inverness area an opportunity to meet committee and other members. Unfortunately, very few responded to the invitation and the gathering was very small.

However, a warm welcome was given to Ella McEwan from Inverness, Nairn MacEwan and his daughter Karen, Helen McEwan from Muir of Ord and Peter McEwen who had been the instigator of the meeting at Balnain House. Fred MacAuley, the Chairman of the Balnain Trust, was also welcomed.

Apologies were received from Committee members Duncan, Ron and John and also from Professor and Mrs. McEwen from Dundee and James Ewen from Auchtermuchty.

The first item on the agenda of the meeting which was termed "wash up" from the A.G.M. could not be discussed fully as Ron Ewing was not present. However, Ron had given a verbal statement concerning details and revenue from the Ceilidh, via Murdo.

The general opinion was that the Ceilidh had been a success and should be held again.

Item two. The Chiefship was reported on by Alan - he had continuing correspondence with Sir John McEwen and explained about the cost of establishing a Commander and eventually a Chief. Charles and Alan had visited Edinburgh for the launch of the new Tartan from the Brewers of McEwan's Ales. The Tartan was displayed and a lively discussion took place in good humour.

We would like to keep a good relationship with the Brewers as there is the possibility that they might sponsor the application for Chieftainship of the Clan.

Item three. The letter from Frank MacEwan Owen of Boulder, Colorado, was read and discussed. It was agreed from this discussion that the Chairman would write to him suggesting that he become a member of the Society first, before any other negotiations could take place.

Item four. Murdo spoke briefly on his successful research into John Bew's genealogy and how connections had been made and followed up by him in Cornwall.

Item five. The Treasurer gave some further updates on the Heritage Centre Fund which stands at £733 and stock held which stands at £968. The Treasurer's Account at present standing at £1,150, so Clan Finance Balance is £2,851. There being no further business the Chairman was thanked and Fred MacAuley of the Balnain Trust was asked to say a few words.

Mr. MacAuley expressed his pleasure at Clan Ewen Society being present at Balnain and invited all to tour the House. He was thanked for his invitation and everyone had a most interesting and enjoyable visit to the Home of Highland Music.

Eleanor McEwan Williamson

"THE LAST CHIEF"

MY HEART is as heavy as the blade of a claymore. Night fires burn, but their amber glow throws no heat. I feel a chill, but not of age, but apprehension. Tomorrow I must seal the fate of all my Clansman for I will resign the Barony of Otter to the Campbells. The future will see me as a quitter without cause. Records for my actions will be kept in dark places, places dark and cold like my heart is now. I mourn not the loss of Otter for my own sake. My time is near at hand to make settlement with God, but my Clansmen will suffer and be scattered about. The ramparts will fall into decay and ruin by time. Will the Clan somehow rise again after my passing? Will they find strength and unity without a chief? I pray to my God that will come to pass.

As I look at the stars I see an endless universe. The seeds of the Clan have been planted with season. May those seeds prosper and scatter over the earth. My grave marker won't weather the time, but my deed of resignation will be duly noted. Perhaps some day someone will know the pain I feel and say to himself, "Rest Sween MacEwen, rest at last."

by Paul McEwan

WILLIAM McEWAN

BREWER, POLITICIAN AND PHILANTHROPIST

WILLIAM McEWAN was born in the famous brewing town of Alloa in 1827. His association with the trade must have started early, as his father was a local ship owner and his consignments must have included many a hogshead of Alloa ale. His sister had also married into a famous Alloa brewing family, the Youngers.

William started work briefly in Alloa, Glasgow and Huddersfield, before settling in Edinburgh in 1851. He started to learn his trade at "Jeffrey's" Heriot Brewery in the Grassmarket area. After five years and with the financial help of his Younger in-laws, William left to establish his own brewery on the west side of Edinburgh. Situated at Fountainbridge, the Brewery was built and opened in the same year, 1856. The four wells sunk on the site, lay within what was called Edinburgh's "Charmed Circle", a geological fault containing the purest of fresh water covered by a thin layer of sandstone. The Caledonian Railway ran past the new buildings and a rail siding was laid directly into the brewery making it easy for coal and barley to be shipped in and the finished products shunted out.

The site was ideal for not only producing quality ale but also for market expansion.

Unusually, amongst Scottish Brewers, there were initially no maltings at the Foun-

tain Brewery, malt being purchased from outside suppliers. All expansion concentrated on brewing capacity and the Fountainbridge beers were exported to every part of the British Empire and eventually to South America. By the 1880s the Fountain Brewery covered some 12 acres and employed hundreds of workers, exporting beers to overseas markets, hence the "Export" and "Pale India" ales were born, with India, Australia, New Zealand and the West Indies becoming the new expanding markets. McEwan's ales travelled well on long sea voyages and kept their condition in hot climates. Fountain Brewery had become a leading brewing concern.



A new Tartan marks the launch in 1856 of McEwan's Brewery.

EDINBURGH'S LORD PROVOST, Eric Milligan and his wife Janis, helped launch a brand new tartan in the Capital last week.

They were modelling custom-made garments, sporting the new 1856 Tartan, which has been created by the Scottish Brewers of McEwan's Ales to commemorate the year in which Fountainbridge Brewery was founded by William McEwan.

The Lord and Lady Provost are pictured at the launch with Lieutenant Colonel Alan Ewing, left of picture, and Charles Ewen, right, of the Clan Ewen Society and John McKillen of the Scottish Tartan Society. The colours of the tartan were customised to symbolise the life of William McEwan - navy blue, to reflect his Scot's heritage and maritime adventures; dark green symbolising the original bottles used to export McEwan's ales, scarlet and black which recalls the robe and hood of the honorary degree given in recognition of his services to the University and light brown representing the brewer's ingredients, barley and malt.

... CONTINUING the story of William McEwan, in 1884, on the ter-centenary of the foundation of the University of Edinburgh, an appeal was launched for funds to enable the completion of an extension to the University. The prominent local brewer, contributed £1,500 and was consequently invited to join the Appeal Committee.

There was, in addition to the University extension to the medical school, a great need for a suitable graduation hall. So in 1886 William McEwan suggested to the University authority, that if they acquired land next to the University, he would pay for the building of a graduation hall. The scheme was approved and work began in 1888. The University decided that the finished building should be named McEwan Hall in honour of William, who wanted to provide the University with a large and splendid building which might also serve as a concert hall for major orchestral performances.

Designed by Rowand Anderson, the hall was built in early renaissance style with a Grand D shaped hall with steep raked galleries, the domed centre flanked by two projecting towers, each arranged with spiral staircases for each gallery. A sculpture over the door depicts a graduation ceremony and a Latin inscription records McEwan's generosity, the domed roof, being surmounted by an ornamental lantern, 30 feet high.

The Hall itself was finished by 1894 but McEwan then undertook a lavish scheme of decoration in Fresco and Mosaic. The decorations by artist William Palin, took some three and a half years to complete and showed something of how the ideal of a University was viewed and held at the time.

With a total cost of £115,000, the sum being met in full by William McEwan, the Hall was officially opened on December 5th, 1897 with a ceremony at which the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law was conferred upon William.

The McEwan Hall still provides a scene of grandeur for the University of Edinburgh graduation ceremonies. Two former graduates adorn the sides of the stage to watch over all proceedings, to the left Sir Walter Scott with the admonition "Watch weel", to the right is Thomas Carlyle, with the words, "Work and despair not". Within the outer rim of the dome on a wide blue band is an inscription written in gold.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding. Exalt her and she shall bring thee to honour".

William McEwan, Brewer, Philanthropist. The Fountain Brewery had become a limited company in 1889, with a capital of £1 million.

William, now company chairman, decided to retire from the business as an active participant and to concentrate more on his political activities. He stood as a liberal candidate several times, winning his seat against a Labour Temperance and a Unionist candidate. He became a staunch supporter of Gladstone, as well as a highly regarded constituency M.P. In 1895, standing for the third time, he

was unopposed, winning over all opposition including the Temperance League. With the gift to the city of McEwan Hall in 1897, William was given the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh in recognition of his generosity. Among his other gifts, William gave a Rembrandt to the National Gallery and £16,000 left in his will to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. Due to ill health he did not defend his seat in 1900. He declined a peerage but was made a Privy Councillor in 1907.

William was described as a reserved and kindly man, popular and well liked by his constituency and all its people.

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IRISH HISTORY OF McEWAN'S

The High Kingship, A.D. 380 - 1022

IN NIALL OF THE NINE HOSTAGES, who ruled at Tara from 380 to 405 a.d., appears the greatest ruler of the race of Conn. Ulster and Leinster could not forgive her defeats and remained an enemy of the High Kings, but Ulster had to surrender her pride of place. Seeking new lordships of their own, in 332 a.d. the "three Collas", princes of the race of Conn, marched against the "Great Wall of Ulster" and slew in battle Fergus, the last King of Concobar's race. The defeated Ultonians had to retreat east of the Bann and Lough Neagh, and there, behind a third defensive wall, now called the "Danes Cast", they retained their independence in the small Kingdom called Ulidia, which covered Antrim and Down. The three Collas then set up a new Kingdom called Oriel (Oirgialla: "Eastern Vassals"), which covered the present Monaghan, Louth, and Armagh. It was regarded as an offshoot of Connacht and is part of the expansion of the Dal Quinn. But Emain Macha became a grass-grown solitude, as all the great pagan forts, even Tara, were destined to be after the coming of the faith.

The time of Niall is a remarkable one for Irish unity, the ruin and reshaping of Roman Britain and the first coming of the Christian Faith to Erin.

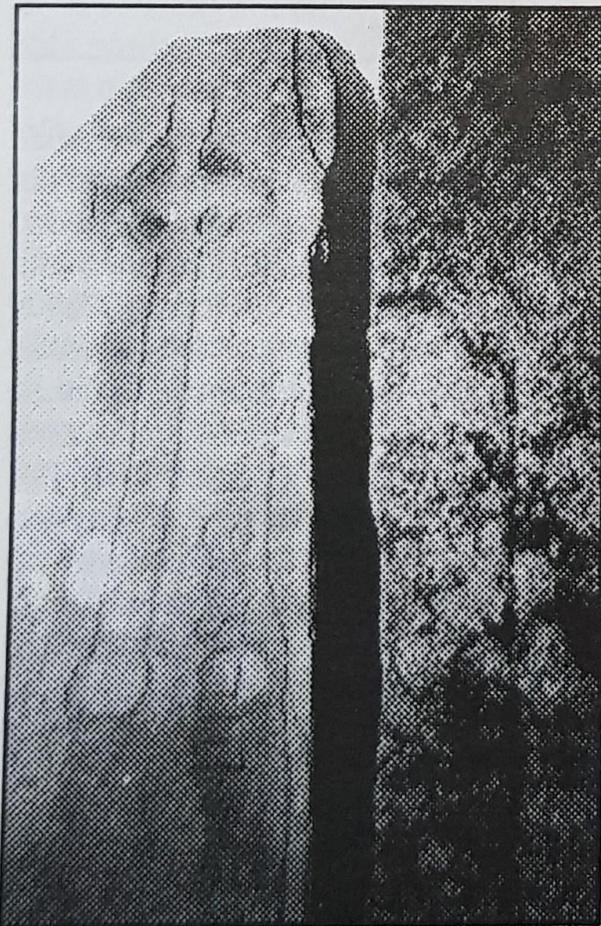
Niall was a splendid hero of the Gaelic blood, a great warrior, "Kind in hall and Fierce in fray". Of his many sons, Laeghaire succeeded him as Ard Ri. From others descended the High Kings of Ireland, who were known till 1022 a.d. as the

Ui Neill, or descendants of Niall. Two of his sons, Eoghan and Conall, about 400 a.d. marched northwards, conquered north-west Ulster and founded a new state variously called the Kingdom of Aileach, the Northern Kingdom, or Ulster. Its capital was Aileach, a great stone-built cashel on a hill north-west of Derry.

Eoghan, the senior, took for his share, Inishowen (Inis Eoghain) and Tir Eoghain (the land of Eoghan) and his descendants the O'Neills were lords in central Ulster till 1603, while Conall, the younger, took as his domain Tir Conaill (Conall's land). From him descended the O'Donnell's (MacDonnell). In time this new Kingdom subjected both Oriel and Ulidia by 1000 a.d. and built up a new Kingdom of Ulster. About the same time bands of Gaels began to cross the 30 mile strait between Antrim and Argyll and make settlements among the Picts of "Alba" (the Irish Scot's name for Caledonia), eventually making a lasting conquest giving Scotland (Alba) a stamp she has never lost.

Up to this time it had been (north of the Roman wall) a Pictish Kingdom, divided in two by Drum Alban. The Scots of Ireland controlled northern and western parts beginning with founding the Kingdom of Argyll ("the eastern Gael"), or Scottish Dalriada by the Prince of Dalriada in north Antrim, Fergus MacErc and his three brothers crossed over the strait in 470 a.d. . . . *to be continued.*

by Paul McEwan

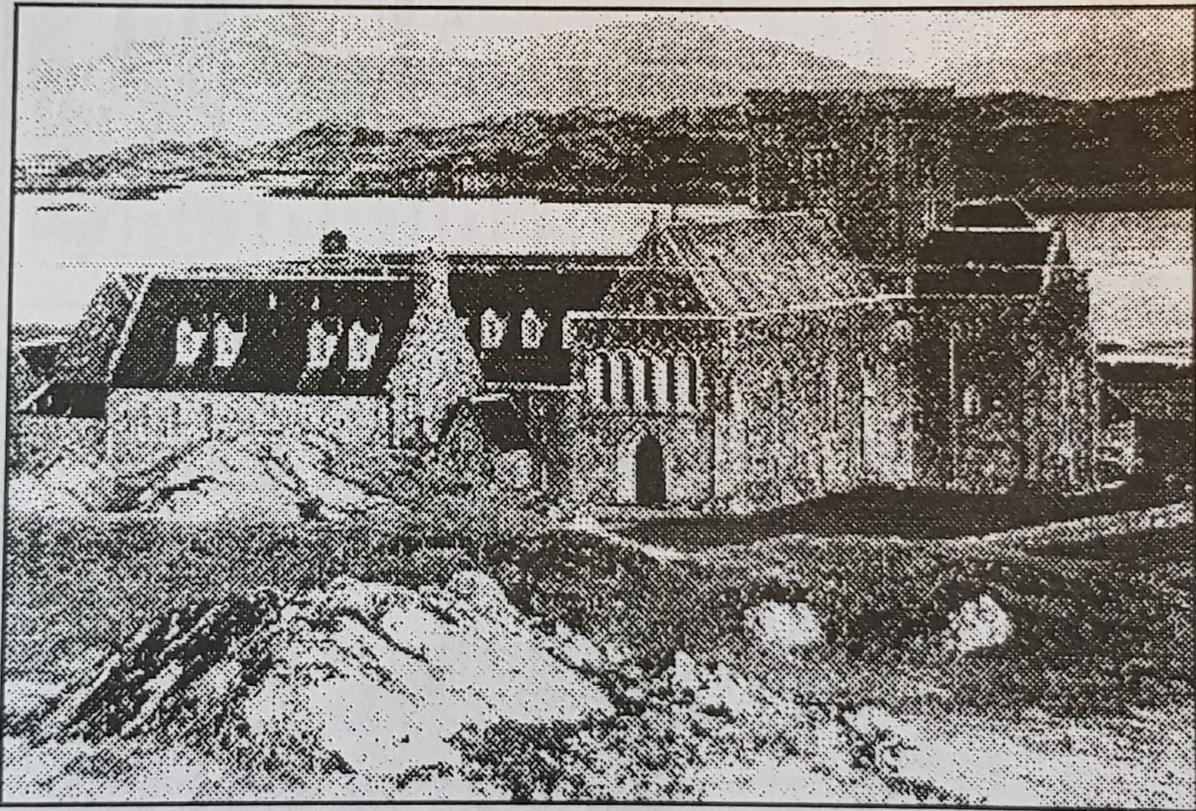


First Shown in Bulletin 32

In the Abbey Museum on Iona where most of the ancient carved stones of Iona are placed for safety and preservation there is No. 45 labelled Eogan's Stone. It is a ringed cross with the royal orb at the base, with a side inscription "Or (Oit) ar an main Eogain". It translates as "A prayer for the soul of Eogan". The stone probably stood upright, but one can only speculate as to who the ancient Ewen was and who erected the stone in his memory on Iona. Could he have been an Abbey Monk?

by Eleanor Williamson

According to the Lyon conjectural tree in Bulletin 32, Niall of the Nine Hostages who was High King of Ireland at Tara, had a son named Eoghan who became King of Ailech in northern Ireland. Eoghan was baptised personally by St. Patrick. Eoghan died in 465 a.d. Another of Niall's sons, Conall, became King of Tir Conaill. St. Columba, who founded the Abbey on Iona was a descendant of Conall. It could have been in the memory of Eoghan, King of Ailech that the stone was erected on Iona. It could have been as Eleanor Williamson suggested, an Abbey monk. In any case it is good to know the name is immortalised with Kings at the Abbey of Iona. Eoghan which became Ewen, McEwan, etc.



Iona Abbey

On the Ireland map of 1216 a.d. (page 464) note the close proximity between Tir Conaill and Iona across the narrow Irish Channel. The map shows the two regions held by the sons of Niall. Also marked are areas, their descendants landed at and became part of Dalriada, dispersing into what is now Argyll and right across Scotland.

PEDIGREE CHART

Michael John COCHRAN
 NAME
 SHANFORD REACH
 STREET, ADDRESS OR P.O.
 Currumbun Ck. Rd
 STATE
 Currumbun Valley
 Qld 4223 Australia.

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME AS NO. _____

ON CHART NO. _____

2 Robert H COCHRAN
 BORN
 WHERE
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED 10 Apr 1962
 WHERE HEITH HLN/ST

1 Michael John COCHRAN
 BORN 1 MAY 1923
 WHERE CARSTORPINE HLN/ST
 WHEN MARRIED 1 AUG 1994
 DIED
 WHERE

3 Norma BENNETT
 NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Mary Elspet Helen MACEWEN
 BORN 24 May 1900
 WHERE Dyke MOR/ST
 DIED 8 Mar 1967
 WHERE Farnham SUR/EN

Michael COCHRAN
 BORN 13 Feb 1849
 WHERE LKS/ST
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED 23 Jun 1928
 WHERE HLN/ST

Margaret KIRKE
 BORN
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

(Rev.) John MACEWEN
 BORN 6 May 1851
 WHERE Dyke MOR/ST
 WHEN MARRIED 14 Feb 1888
 DIED 5 May 1918
 WHERE Fudmorn MOR/ST

Julia Lily HICKLE
 BORN 10 Nov 1865
 WHERE KIN/ST
 DIED 2 Aug 1904
 WHERE Dyke MOR/ST

15 Robert COCHRAN
 BORN
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 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED 3 Dec 1891
 WHERE PER/ST

Margaret TAYLOR
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 DIED 17 Jun 1887
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(Rev.) John MACEWEN
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 WHEN MARRIED 23 Oct 1844
 DIED 13 Jun 1886
 WHERE Dyke MOR/ST

Mary KALNTASH
 BORN
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 DIED
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John HICKLE
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 WHEN MARRIED 6 Sep 1848
 DIED 11 Jun 1885
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Margaret LYALL
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MISS AGNES (SENGA) McEWAN - A TRIBUTE

ONE OF THE FOUNDER MEMBERS OF CLAN EWEN SOCIETY

TO TRY TO pay a meaningful tribute in a matter of a few minutes to the life of anyone who lived for 91 years is in itself quite a challenge but to sum up, in a paragraph or two, the life of someone who has lived life to the full as Senga seems to have done, verges on the impossible.

Although Senga spent most of her years in and around Glasgow she was in fact born in Mauchline in Ayrshire. Perhaps it was even in these very early formative years that her love and appreciation of the beauty and splendour of the countryside was born.

Having moved to, and lived in, the Ibrox area for most of her years it is unclear whether or not she was ever a fan of the Rangers, that is the football team whose home ground was not too far from where Senga stayed. But there is no doubt at all that she did become more than just a great fan of another "Rangers", that being those associated with the Girl Guides.

It's more than likely that Senga was one of the first Girl Guides in the Glasgow District and her affiliation with the Guides was to last way beyond her early years of Rosebuds, uniform and badge winning achievements, for Senga went on to be involved in Guide Rangers and then on into the Trefoil Guild itself where she was indeed very much a part of all that took place within that Fellowship for many, many years.

Senga's working life began with her employment with the Shepherds Friendly Society, from which she became a Civil Servant. She enjoyed good health through most of her life and this, coupled with the fact that she never married, gave her the freedom to do what she liked best, which was in the main part to travel.

Unlike most of her generation who probably never went much further than our own land, Senga made good use of her own particular situation. Being footloose and fancy free she travelled the world. No destination too distant, no challenge too big. If the phrase, "Been there, done it, seen it, got the T shirt" has a Scottish origin then I would put my money on Senga as the source, for she literally had. The T shirt bit I'm not too sure of though, for all reports I've received make it quite clear that Senga was every inch "a lady". She was the "lady" of the family and was quite content to let others have all the "hands on experience" of cleaning and cooking and everything else that goes to make a household and family run efficiently.

Yet she was a lady with a tremendous amount of charisma for no matter where she went, no matter what company she found herself in, her friendly manner and ease of conversation quickly had those around her enthralled by her stories and eagerly waiting for more.

Whether out walking or climbing, rambling or "holidaying", Senga would be in her

element. Her interest latterly in the Clan Ewan was no exception to this. Her years, as well as her personality and keen memory made her weekend trips not only interesting for her but for the many she enjoyed close fellowship with.

Senga was not only an interesting person but she herself was interested in people. Even when she moved into sheltered housing she kept an active interest in all that was going on round about. Some may have said she was just plain nosy, but it was more than that, for Senga loved life and life for her meant people.

She moved to Henderson House and then onto Clarence Court where she was to end her days. The love, care and attention she received at Clarence Court was a credit to both the staff and to Senga. She enjoyed being pampered and being cared for and was always pleased to receive visits from her minister, John Christie, and her Elder, Carol McGregor, who both speak fondly of Senga's friendly personality and interesting conversations.

Apart from having a hip operation the only other major surgery Senga experienced was having a pacemaker fitted 10 years ago. But having listened to just a tiny fraction of the details of her life I would think we would be quite justified in saying that Senga not only had a pacemaker but was indeed herself a pace-maker. She did and saw many things that most of her generation and many others will only have dreamed of.

This pen and ink sketch of Senga's life can be little more than an outline, but nonetheless it is an outline made to which each one of you can add your own memories, fill in the blanks, add the highlights, and even the "lowlights", colour it with your own stories and experiences not only today but in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Senga was an amazing woman, who loved life and lived it to the full. Like the rest of us, she was no saint, but her faith and belief in God can be seen threaded throughout her life. Her Church, whether in Ibrox or in her latter days in Hyndland was an important part of her life and that faith will now have its realisation in her death as she passes on to go to, and be with, her heavenly Father and dwell with Him for all eternity.

(This is the tribute paid at Senga's funeral by the Rev. Jean Hess on 20th June, 1996.)

IAN McEWAN 1908 - 1996

THE FIRST NOTE of interest about Ian McEwan was the date of his birth:- 08-08-08. He grew up in Paisley (26 Cotton Street) the youngest member of a family of seven children. The father, Henry McEwan, was a hammerman with Babcocks & Wilcox, while his wife, Rebecca McEwan ran a small sweet shop in Cotton Street. At some point when the older children left home, Rebecca, who was now a widow, took Ian to live at 40 Bank Street. However, when a widowed daughter died leaving three children Rebecca and Ian moved into their house in

78 Seedhill Road to care for the grandchildren.

On leaving school at 14, Ian became a signalman's boy at the Stoney Brae signal box just west of Gilmour Street Station. There he became acquainted with Andy Wilson who had the Stoney Brae Yard where horses were broken in. Andy introduced Ian to his nephew Alec Orr who lived in Kilbarchan and who was ages with Ian. Through Alec, Ian became a member of the Kilbarchan Badminton Club, and they both spent camping holidays together. Unwilling to accept a transfer to Aberdeen, Ian lost his job and then purchased a small Ford lorry (probably part financed by Andy Wilson) and drove round surrounding districts of Paisley like Houston and Kilbarchan selling Stevenson's Lemonade. By 1935 Ian had had a chance of a job as a member of a building "gang" with Siegwart Cement Floor Co. which was based near Paisley Harbour. He soon became a foreman of a "gang" and his log books show a diversity of contracts including the B.B.C. Transmitter at Burghhead (1935), the Kilmarnock Co-op (1936) and Pringle Mills, Hawick (1938).

In 1937 while on one of their camping holidays in Cornwall with Alec Orr, they arranged a tennis foursome with the campsite newsagent's daughter and her friend Phyllis Stocks. This "blind date" resulted in a three year courtship between Ian and Phyllis, mainly through letters, public telephone calls between Paisley and Penzance at pre-arranged times, another Cornish camping holiday, and a meeting at Wembley. Their wedding took place at the village of Gulval near Penzance on 1st January, 1940. New Year's Day was not a public holiday in England at that time but Ian took advantage of his Ne'erday holiday to marry and return to Scotland with his bride before resuming work on 3rd January.

By 1941 Ian and Phyllis were living at 84 Seedhill Road after a short stay in a top flat tenement - when Phyllis once remarked she would burst into tears whenever "Home Sweet Home" was played on the wireless - this flat being a far cry from a Cornish home beside an orchard and near the sea. By this time they had a daughter, Sheila, and their son, Robin, was born in 1948. With Phyllis' Anglican connection Ian now became a confirmed member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Paisley and this opened up a social life of Men's Club and Badminton Club for Ian and Mother's Union and Women's Guild for Phyllis and of course Sunday School and later Choir and Youth Club for their children. Ian held posts of Rector's Warden and for many years was a member of the Church Vestry.

At work, Ian had been encouraged to attend night school for courses on civil engineering and architecture and by the late forties had joined the office staff in Blythswood Square, Glasgow where he spent the rest of his working life, ending up as Contracts Manager. The family by this time had been joined by Ian's father-in-law, Lewis Stocks who moved from Cornwall after Phyllis' mother died in 1954, and the tenement flat in Seedhill being a bit small there was a removal to 47 Quarry Road, Paisley.

When Ian retired in the early seventies he was soon asked to return on a con-

sultative basis, which suited him well as the thought of retirement did not appeal to him at all. A heart attack in the early eighties and a serious fall from a ladder (whilst washing upstairs windows) forced Ian to slow down, albeit slightly, for he and Phyllis were both actively involved in the Clan Ewen Society and the Paisley Philosophical Institution of which Ian was Treasurer for 16 years. It was about this time they applied for Sheltered Housing in Rothesay to be near their daughter Sheila, Charles and their twin daughters. Both Ian and Phyllis were doubly delighted when Robin and Deb also produced twin daughters. Sadly Phyllis grew increasingly senile and was admitted to a Paisley Nursing Home. Ian then moved to a Sheltered Flat in Rothesay at the end of 1994 and Phyllis was transferred to a Rothesay Nursing Home in February, 1995.

In Rothesay Ian made many friends especially at St. Paul's Church and by the spring of '96 he had purchased an electric wheelchair as walking had become painful for him. He appreciated the independence the chair gave him and enjoyed the fairly flat road from his flat to visit Phyllis. Whilst negotiating a high kerb, his chair keeled over and he was later admitted to the local hospital for observation and tests. Just over a week later he died of bronchial pneumonia, just two weeks before his 88th birthday.

IN REMEMBRANCE

A TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH MADGE EWEN

IT IS WITH SADNESS that we have to report the death of Betty, who died at her home in London on 19th April, 1996, aged 73.

Betty had never been to Kilfinan, but she had wanted to, and had made arrangements to come to the A.G.M. on 1st June. She had asked St. Thomas' Hospital to bring forward a leg operation, so that she would be able to travel and be with us on our walk to the Cairn, sadly, it was not to be.

Betty was born in London. Her father was John Meston Ewen, born in the Parish of Skene in Aberdeenshire. He moved to Ayrshire to join the police and then on to London as a "Bobby" in 1909. During the 1914-18 war he was released to join the army, afterwards, he returned to the police service in Deptford where Betty was born on 15th April, 1923. Her father died in 1960.

Betty never married, most of her working life was spent in the Accounts Department of Stone Engineering. Betty, while working at Stone's went to an open-air meeting of the Christian Fellowship. From this first meeting, she has belonged to and been a part of Novar Christian Fellowship in London for 40 years. In 1980 Betty retired to look after her mother. But in 1982 Betty required a triple by-pass operation which was only partially successful.

In the last 20 years she underwent a number of operations and had on-going treatment at St. Thomas' Hospital. Betty had suffered a lot of pain and weak-

ness over a number of years, but never complained about her situation or condition.

She loved travelling and spent some of her holidays in Switzerland. But her love of Scotland, brought her back time and time again, especially to Aberdeenshire and the valley of the River Dee.

The fellowship in remembering Betty, said of her tremendous patience and bravery and they especially valued her time and love given in particular to the Women's Fellowship. She will be dearly missed.

A letter received from her own physician Dr. M. M. Webb Peploe of St. Thomas', shows the level of warmth and deep respect in which she was held. He says "Please accept my sincere sympathy. Betty was always brave and uncomplaining and I always enjoyed seeing her on her regular visits with us. I, also, will miss her".

During a short ceremony, arranged by her cousin Harry Nicol, Betty's ashes were scattered at her favourite spot, the bridge over the River Dee at Cambus o-May.

For Betty, Senga and Ian, God Bless! For we, the Ewen Society will sadly miss all of you.

EDITOR'S REPORT

FIRST, AN APOLOGY, as I was unable to get to the meeting at Balnain House, a place I must visit in the near future. I did not meet our members from the Inverness area. Maybe I will see you in June at the Gathering.

Secondly, congratulations to everyone on the committee, who spent their time and energy putting together the evening Ceilidh, which myself and my family thoroughly enjoyed. I think that's probably all the committee, apart from me!

Also, there are some good reports and family stories coming in for the Bulletin. Keep them coming.

If you do not see an article in print at first, I have not forgotten about it. It could come out in a later Bulletin, as a link to something else.

Several articles coming up are a very good read and will be featured, such as, Thomas Forsyth McEwen, his travels from the Caribbean to Australia and the Windjammers and Schooners he sailed on across the Atlantic, sent in by Bunty Mason.

The continuing history of Clan Ewen's origins and its Irish connections. Sent in by Paul McEwan.

From Nova Scotia, story of a well known pipe band leader and teacher, a renowned piper in his own right and an internationally recognised pipe band leader, as well as being very close to home, sent in by Scott Williams.

A report on place names and their continuing link with the place of origin of the Clan. Moving across countries and continents, pin-pointing where descendants of the same Clan moved and emigrated to. Very often, the only thing the Clan survivors, who were removed from their land, could take with them, was the name and place of their birth.

So I hope there is something of interest there for all. Or if you have something yourself, send it to me, to reach us by March of next year. For the rest of this one, I wish you good health and happiness. Haste ye back!

GREETINGS FROM YOUR TREASURER!

A NUMBER OF OUR members have not paid their subscription for some time and these are people who I know want to continue their membership. If the Clan Society is going to survive the subscriptions must come in.

The year starts on 1st October and perhaps I could ask overseas members to send me dollars for small amounts rather than cheques. In a recent bank transaction a \$12.00 U.S.A. cheque was valued at £7.29 sterling, but the bank took £5.00 for cashing it, leaving £2.29. American \$ notes can be cashed for £2.00.

CLAN EWEN HERITAGE CENTRE APPEAL

I WISH to thank the following members who have supported our appeal:

Deanne and Byron McKeown and their family
Ruth Metter, Major H. McEwan, all from the U.S.A.
John Radford, Canada
Douglas McEwan, England
Elizabeth R. McEwan, Scotland
John McEwan, Australia.

NEW MEMBERS

THE COMMITTEE takes great pleasure in welcoming the following new members:-

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CLAN EWEN SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 3rd JUNE, 1995 to 31st MAY, 1996

INCOME

Subscriptions Year Single (44)	£308.00	
Subscriptions Year Family (26)	234.00	
Subscriptions Life Single (6)	390.00	
Subscriptions Life Single (1)	90.00	
Interest on Treasurer's Account	45.30	
Donations	34.60	
Sale of Clan Items	509.28	
Items Out of Stock	6.50	
Clan Ewen U.S.A.	37.29	1654.97
Expenditure over income		905.57
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		2560.54

EXPENDITURE

Printing of two Bulletins	644.00	
Postage of two Bulletins	212.46	
Other Postage	125.76	
Purchase of Braces	79.31	
Purchase of 10 Ties and 30 Scarves	195.46	
Purchase of 30 Badges, 20 Kilt Pins and 20 Key Rings	359.08	
Purchase of Tartan	33.17	
Purchase of 22 Books	369.28	
Purchase of 100 Postcards	18.66	
Purchase of Envelopes for Bulletins	76.90	
Adverts in Scots Magazine, Oban Star and Highlander	230.73	
Interior Design charge for Clan Room	90.00	
Photocopies	14.50	
Sundries (Includes Statue and Silver Brooch)	104.73	
Refund for Item out of Stock	6.50	2560.54

TRADING ACCOUNT

Opening Stock	251.00	Closing Stock	872.03
Purchases	1021.79	Statue	39.83
Statue	39.83	Silver Badge	23.00
Silver Badge	23.00	Tartan	33.17
Tartan	33.17		
Profit	108.52	Sales	509.28
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	1477.31		1477.31
Assets at 31st May, 1996		Assets at 2nd June, 1995	
Closing Stock	968.03	Closing Stock	251.00
Heritage Fund	562.99		
Treasurer's Account	1010.04	Treasurer's Account	1895.60
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