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# MacAulay Matters

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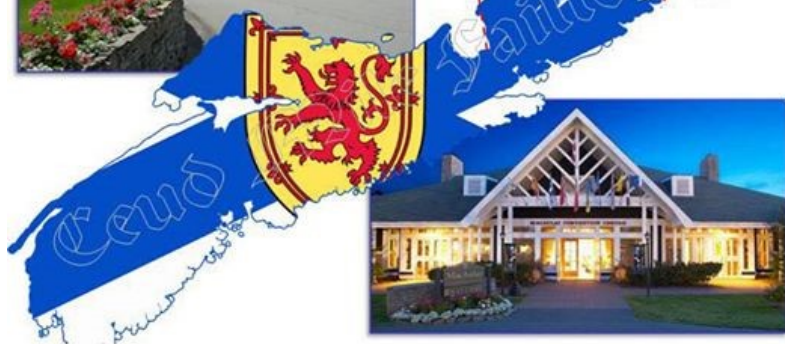


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CLAN MACAULAY OF THE CANADAS

**August 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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**This is your newsletter. We welcome interesting stories and pictures. No limits to your creativity! It's about sharing everything MacAulay.**

[ Photo: Catriona MacAulay MacKenzie with husband Don at the Carrickfergus Gathering, August 2017; photo by Bill Guiller]



## In Loving Memory: Catriona MacAulay MacKenzie

*A Tribute.*

It was with great sadness I heard that Catriona had passed away on Sunday 26th November 2017 after a very brave fight against cancer.

Catriona will be fondly remembered as a most popular member of our Clan MacAulay Executive Committee which she served with distinction.

I met Catriona for the first time at our Clan Gathering in Stornoway in 2006.

She was attending her first Clan Gathering along with two of her cousins from Canada. I always remember her telling me how much she enjoyed the whole experience and in particular our most memorable bus trip to Bernera on the west coast of Lewis which is where her family originate from.

As I got to know Catriona I felt she would be an ideal person to serve on our executive committee and in 2007 I asked her if she would be prepared to join. She felt honoured to be asked and immediately said yes. In no time at all she took on the role of Treasurer and Membership Secretary which she carried out with great efficiency right up to the 2017 Clan Gathering when she retired.

Catriona was a tower of strength at all our Clan Gatherings held in Scotland. She took on the responsibility of organising and fronting our registration desks. She organised raffles and on a number of occasions organised the entertainment and generally helped with the smooth running of the events. All tasks carried out with great enthusiasm.

She was well supported by her husband Don, a professional musician who is also from Lewis and like Catriona a fluent gaelic speaker. During the last few years Catriona and Don hosted our executive meetings in their Sauchenford home where they both made us most welcome with their incredible hospitality. No meeting would be complete without tea and a wonderful spread of Catriona's home baking.

Her efficiency, commitment, kindness and friendliness enriched our lives.



She will be greatly missed but her legacy lives on.

Hector MacAulay  
Clan Chief

Photo (left) with the Executive at the 2015 Oban Gathering.

Photo (right) with dear friend Betty Ribble at the 2015 Oban Gathering.



Dear Clansfolk,

Myself and Eileen were unable to attend this year's Clan Gathering, the first we have missed in fifteen years. I know the event in Carrickfergus was one of our best ever and I would like to send my belated thanks to our Clan Commissioner for Northern Ireland Laurence McAuley as well as Barry Macaulay for organising such a successful Clan Gathering. Reading the first issue of "MacAulay Matters" made me realise what I had missed.

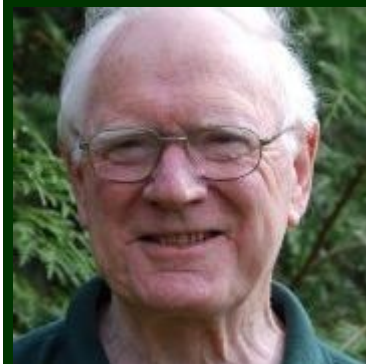
It was very encouraging for me to hear that there was a very well attended AGM at the gathering which resulted in new blood coming on to the committee. I believe the clan is stronger than ever with many more MacAulay events being held around the world. Our new Secretary Joan MacAulay is to be congratulated on producing such a high quality newsletter "MacAulay Matters" This is a tremendous initiative by Joan and I very much look forward to reading the next issue. I know that Joan will be a tremendous asset to the clan.

As your Honorary President I am hugely encouraged to see so many talented people coming forward to join our clan and contributing their skills in so many different ways to the further development of Clan MacAulay. With expertise of communication and social media skills within our ranks we now have the opportunity to promote our clan gatherings in such a way that was not possible before.

I see it as a very exciting time for Clan MacAulay as together we promote the spirit of kinship and friendship in bringing our people together.

Yours for the Clan,  
Donald MacAulay, Honorary President

**A message from  
Honorary President  
Donald MacAulay**





Commissioner for  
Northern Ireland  
Laurence McAuley



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information about  
Ardencaple Castle  
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## Book Review: The Clan of MacAulay Novels!

With the Carrickfergus Gathering over and all the associated stress that hosting and organising such a huge event entailed, I was looking forward to a week lying relaxing in the Portuguese sun with the enjoyment of a good thriller on my Kindle to pass the time.

Having come across a trilogy of books that had grabbed my attention due to having the words "A Clan of MacAulay Novel" in the descriptive titles, I was obviously intrigued and soon had them all downloaded.

The popular paranormal mystery trilogy written by US author R. S. Guthrie and featuring Denver Detective Bobby Macaulay (Mac) commences with 'Black Beast', followed by 'Lost' and closes out with 'Reckoning' (although it is not the final Detective Bobby Mac book).

I will not spoil your enjoyment of the books by revealing the plots, suffice to say that they are all fast-paced action horror thrillers revolving around brutal murders and the fight of good against evil.

Woven into the plot is Bobby Mac's Scottish ancestry, in the form of the Clan of MacAulay, ancient warrior protectors of all things good. Paramount in this quest to fight the all-consuming evil is the crucifix of Ardincaple, the Clan's ancient weapon of faith!

Not being a great lover of horror, the books from my perspective were certainly something new, however, I thoroughly enjoyed them and look forward to the next in the series.

Intrigued by the Clan MacAulay connection, on returning home I made email contact with the author Rob Guthrie and asked him a few questions... that I knew MacAulays from around the globe would like answered. Rob kindly agreed to answer them for *MacAulay Matters*.

But first, a quick note from Rob about the origins of the Bobby Mac series:

"I grew up in Wyoming, which is where my other series, the James Pruett Mysteries (Blood Land, Money Land, Honor Land) is set. I always knew I wanted to write about the town in which I grew to manhood. But having lived in Denver, Colorado for over twenty years, before returning to Wyoming, I also wanted to write a crime/detective series based in the bigger city. I originally didn't intend it to have a supernatural element at all. But...as a child reader, I grew up on Stephen King, and I loved horror movies. That said, there was a particular creative, elemental part of me that needed satisfaction. So, when I decided there was a supernatural story that I needed to tell, I knew I did NOT want to write something totally preposterous, like vampires or werewolves (especially since, for me, that whole genre had forever been emasculated by the "Twilight" series).

So I thought, what about a "supernatural" plot line that was more along the track of true Good versus Evil? An ages-old conflict and how it might affect a conservative, modern day detective."

### **Q1. Rob I take it you have a Scottish family background?**

I do. But it is more than a few generations back. I traced my roots back to the last (or first) I could find of Guthries in the United States. At the time, sites like Ancestry.com were in their infancy and I never attempted to go backward to the old country. It's something I still long to do today.

And more than that, I need to research my MATERNAL roots on my father's side. My grandmother was a McIntyre. That is actually where I got the idea for my character. He first appeared to me in his nickname form: Bobby Mac. Robert McIntyre. But I don't like to use actual names that are meaningful to me in my writing. Only because it distracts me. That is why, in my other series, I changed the name of my Wyoming hometown. I didn't want the distraction of that town name always getting in the way.

So I needed a closely-related Scottish surname, from which I could derive "Mac". I began my research, and I found the Macaulay clan! The more research I did into the Macaulay clan, the more I realised there was indeed a deep, centuries-old honor in the clan...one that actually meshed well with my "Good versus Evil" theme! I read a lot about Ardincaple.



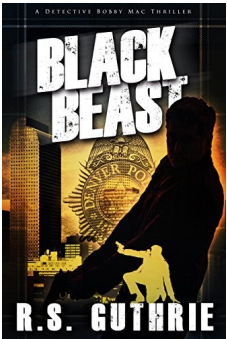
# INTERVIEW WITH RS GUTHRIE, AUTHOR OF DETECTIVE BOBBY MACAULAY cont'd

## Q2. Do you have a MacAulay in there somewhere?

Who knows? One day, I do declare, I will find out! When I first felt my Scottish blood roil up inside, not to sound too cliché (because it was far more profound than that) was when I first watched the movie *Braveheart*, it swelled inside me. For me it wasn't just a well-done (if somewhat fictionalized and mildly-controversial, at least from an actual historical perspective) epic movie...it was more like a religious experience. The Scottish predicament and the clan uprisings and eventual solidarity against the tyrannical king, and the fight for independence from the overarching tyranny of England. It aroused in me feelings I never knew were there.

I've read many books, and seen many depictions of the American Revolution...our own declaration of independence from the same tyranny, centuries later...and I have to say my blood never so roared inside me. I know, without any doubt, that hundreds of years of Scottish DNA was somewhere buried inside me, because what I felt as I watched the epic struggle and independence won for Scotland, was nothing short of feverishly patriotic!

I've attended several Scottish festivals in Denver over the years. I don't have many things on my "bucket list", nor very many places in the world I wish to visit before I die, but I WILL visit Scotland. That much I have promised myself.



## Q3. If not...why choose Clan MacAulay?

As you research back in certain clans, names, etc., you know better than many how convoluted the various spellings, interrelations, and clan crossover becomes. It's been a while since I did that research, but I remember distinctly, nothing short of the *Hand of God* guiding me through the piles of research. Moving me toward the final choice. And it was the (perhaps Divinely-inspired, for what reason I will leave up to each man and woman to decide for themselves) guidance, for lack of a more accurate depiction of my direction then, that led me to find, embrace, and use the name of the honorable Clan MacAulay.

## Q4. Will you visit Ardincaple when you go to Scotland?

I can tell you Ardincaple is first on my list of Scotland locations, topping even Guthrie Castle!

Having sent Rob a copy of the first *MacAulay Matters* he replied:

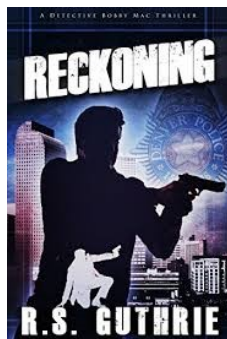
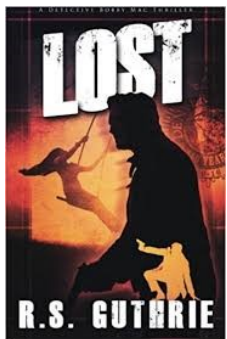
"I sincerely hope this helps toward your article. Always, at any time, you *must* feel totally welcome to reach out to me whenever you desire, even if just to catch up! I am truly honored...honored in a way only a true Scotsman can be honored, I imagine...to be included in any part of your esteemed Clan MacAulay traditions, gatherings, newsletter, and all of it. As I read the newsletter with a dedicated, interested eye, it, too, causes my blood to course through my veins with that Scottish DNA coming alive!"

Rob's father would appear to have also had a strong sense of Scottish identity as to finish he related the following family patriotic story. "My father died at 50, far too young. As it happened, the summer before his own death, he and my sister had taken a long drive in the car, cross-country, to attend (of all things) my McIntyre grandmother's funeral. During the drive, my father, usually a closed-mouth sort when it came to himself, told my sister, "The only thing I want when I die, other than my ashes put into Halfmoon Lake, is for the bagpipes to play *Amazing Grace* at my funeral. He was not at all religious (in fact, he was a Science teacher), nor had he ever spoken of his own feelings of ancestry much, but he did make this "request" to my sister.

In our small town in Wyoming, finding a piper, much less a good one, was impossible. We finally located one over 400 miles away. The man immediately agreed, drove the 400 miles on the day of the service, dressed out in full Scottish kilt and regalia, played the most haunting version of *Amazing Grace* I've yet to hear, and drove home, the same day. He also *adamantly* refused any payment, not even for fuel. He said only, "It was a great honor.."

I will one day visit Scotland. And I know that I will find my father's presence there. And I will drink a pint for him."

"Thank you again for this incredible honor, Laurence. It makes the research and decision to use Clan MacAulay, all those years back, all the more satisfying!"



**Commissioner  
for Pennsylvania  
Cyndi Macauley**



## DRIVE LEFT? DRIVE RIGHT? WHICH SIDE OF THE ROAD?

I never gave much thought to driving on the right side of the road until I visited Scotland and Ireland. My husband Jim and I decided it would be more relaxing to travel by train and bus instead of trying to navigate a circle in a vehicle on the left side. Nor could I imagine driving on the left side while travelling along the Northern Ireland coast with dramatic cliffs that could clearly end your life if you made one wrong move. I couldn't even cross intersections without miscalculating the direction of traffic! Jim was often pulling me back out of harm's way.

So, after a discussion with Bud and Tena MacAulay Lush at the Carrickfergus gathering, I decided to do some research on the subject. I read an interesting article on the [worldstandards.eu](http://worldstandards.eu) website and a couple of different articles that backed up the info, including the [history.com](http://history.com) and [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com) websites.

During feudal times (violent societies), riding on the left side was more convenient because most swordsmen were right-handed and they preferred to have their right arm nearer to an opponent and their scabbard further away. Also, it was easier for a right-handed person to mount a horse from the left side because the sword was worn on left side, hence, mounting and dismounting on the left side of the road was safer. There is also archaeological evidence suggesting that the ancient Romans drove carts and chariots on the left for the same reasons.

During the 1700's, teamsters in France and the United States hauled farm products in big wagons pulled by several pairs of horses. The driver sat on the left rear horse and needed his right hand to lash the team onward. The wagons were driven on the right side so they could see oncoming wagon wheels on the left side of the wagon.

The Colonies drove on the left but after the independence from England, switched to the right side. Also, the French immigrants influenced driving on the right side of the road. The first law requiring drivers to keep right was passed in Pennsylvania in 1792.

Before the 1789 French revolution, aristocracy travelled on the left side of the road and the peasants on the right. After the revolution, the aristocracy wanted to keep a low profile so they joined the peasants on the right side of the road. Napoleon's conquests also spread 'rightism' to other countries.

The territory in Canada (Quebec) down to Louisiana that was controlled by the French drove on the right side and the territory occupied by the English drove on the left (British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland). During the 1920's, all driving switched over to the right to conform with the rest of Canada and the United States.

Traffic regulations were made in most countries during the 1800's. In 1835, left handed driving was made mandatory in Britain. Countries part of the British Empire were influenced by driving on the left such as India, Australia and areas of Africa. Also, Japan was influenced by the British to drive on the left because the first railway was built in 1872 with the help of the British.





## LEFT? RIGHT? CONT'D

The purchase of vehicles from the United States often influenced which side of the road was driven. Henry Ford produced the Model T in 1908 with the driver seat on the left and the vehicle was driven on the right side of the road.

The remaining countries that drive on the left would incur a massive cost to make the change to the right side including new vehicles and road signs, etc. According to my research, the only European countries left that drive on the left are United Kingdom, Ireland, Cyprus and Malta.

## MACAULAYS CROSS SCOTLAND'S MAGNIFICENT NEW QUEENSFERRY CROSSING BRIDGE

On 3rd September 2017, just 24 hours before HM the Queen officially opened the world's newest and biggest bridge of this structural design, two of our very own Clan members walked across it, having been fortunate to obtain the special access passes required for the event. Over 250,000 people had applied for the honour of being amongst the first to walk across this superb example of engineering and Scottish vision. Our Treasurer Ken Carter and his wife Linda were 2 of the 50,000 who were lucky enough to win tickets in the ballot for the walk across.

Ken and Linda thought it was such a great Scottish occasion that it was too good an opportunity to miss for another "outing" for Clan MacAulay tartan as you can see from the picture below.

The idea paid off as the MacAulay colours created a great deal of interest and Ken and Linda ended up as part of the fabulous promotional video (watch at 2:50 of the [video](#))!

All in all, a superb day out and a nice wee extra bit of PR for our Clan.

Thanks to Ken and Linda Carter (MacAulay) for sharing their experience!



**Membership/  
Finance Secretary  
Ken Carter**

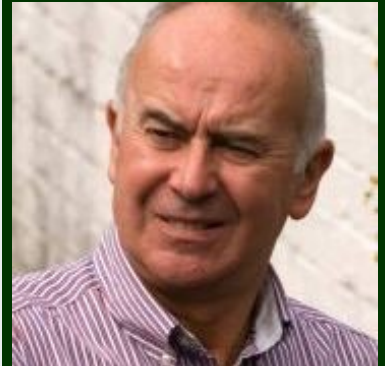


Photo courtesy of  
Ken and Linda Carter

# THE MAGIC OF DNA



## why do it?

Kathy McCauley  
Silverton, Oregon USA

I started getting DNA tests for my family and myself because I wanted to see if it would help with my traditional family research. In one instance, the mystery still exists. Along the way, though, I've met new relatives and have added more ancestors, relatives, and sources to my family tree that were validated with DNA test results. With time, patience, and some luck, it can be a verifiable secondary source for your family tree research.

If you're interested in learning about genetic genealogy and DNA testing, the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) is the place to begin. It has very informative articles for beginners and experienced researchers. The principles of DNA and genetic genealogy are going to be the same no matter where you test. The ISOGG provides a good list of resources for beginners here:

[http://www.isogg.org/wiki/Beginners'\\_guides\\_to\\_genetic\\_genealogy](http://www.isogg.org/wiki/Beginners'_guides_to_genetic_genealogy)

Another place to look for information is on the websites of your testing company. AncestryDNA and Family Tree DNA (FT-DNA) both have extensive "learning" pages on their websites. And there are a great many blogs that are very informative, accurate, and well-written.

Although I've been looking at DNA test results for about 3 years now, I still consider myself a beginner. Lurking at dedicated Yahoo Groups (such as the "R1b-DNA" group for y-DNA testing) has been very educational. It takes a while to learn the lingo, but if you keep at it, it will sink in. It's much like learning a new language.

More people every day are participating in DNA testing. If you are female, atDNA is your only bet for genealogical research. Males can take both atDNA and yDNA tests, which can be a very useful combination.

Taking a DNA test isn't magic, though. Receiving your results is just the beginning. You (or the person you choose to manage your kit) will have to put in some time for your test to bear fruit – the identities of those elusive common ancestors.

Well... I hope this helps a little. For you who are new to DNA testing, don't let it intimidate you. Just read a little here and there, and let it sink in. Ask questions. There's a lot of info out there on the internet and plenty of places to lurk and learn.

## UNDERSTANDING THE DNA PROCESS AND THE MACAULAY DNA PROJECT

Jim McAuley  
FTDNA Clan MacAulay Project Group Administrator  
Southwest USA Clan MacAulay Commissioner  
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There are several DNA testing companies available to the public. The three major types of DNA tests are: Autosomal, Mitochondrial (mtDNA) and Y Chromosome (Y-DNA)

**Autosomal DNA** refers to the 22 pairs of non-sex human chromosomes in the cell nucleus.

An individual's autosomal DNA is the result of contributions from both parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, etc.

The average amount of DNA contributed from any one ancestor will become less with each successive generation and the contribution from any one ancestor may become too small to provide adequate information beyond the fourth preceding generation.

**Mitochondrial DNA** (mtDNA) is the DNA from the cell outside the nucleus and is passed down from the mother to both male and female children. This provides information regarding the extended straight female genealogy.

**Y Chromosome DNA** (Y-DNA) is the one of two sex chromosomes present in the nucleus of a cell and the Y chromosome is only passed from father to son and provides information regarding extended straight male line genealogical information.

**There are two types of Y-DNA tests.**

The first type of test available was the Short Tandem Repeat (STR) test that measures the number of times a pattern repeats in specific location on the Y-DNA and are called markers. The number of repeated patterns at any of the various locations can change when the DNA is passed down from father to son. This change is called a mutation and can occur randomly with an increase or decrease in the number of repeats with any one of the locations. The STR patterns can provide indications of family genealogies.

The second type of test is called a SNP test (pronounced snip). This is a single variation in the DNA sequence in a specific location. Once these SNPs appear they are passed down from father to son in subsequent generations. As a result, if two people have the same SNP, that means they have an ancestor in common sometime after the SNP first appeared.



For a complete picture of family and Clan ancestry and historical emigrations requires both those who have and have not emigrated to test their DNA and combine that with traditional family genealogy.

In my case family genealogy could only get me back to New York City in the 1840s. Thanks to Walter, the son of our past Clan MacAulay secretary, tested his Y-DNA. It turned out that he is my closest DNA relative. We have a common ancestor within the last 1100 years and I found my second, third, and fourth great-grandfathers' records in Paisley, Scotland.

The FamilyTree DNA Clan MacAulay surname project has more than 260 members and thanks to many of them who have invested many hundreds to thousands of dollars for advanced DNA testing, we have identified unique groups of people that can confirm emigration and genealogical information for different Clan MacAulay geographical and family groupings.

As more people participate in the DNA testing and we combine that information with family Clan history and genealogies, we will be able to provide a more complete picture of our common MacAulay Clan heritage.

## FROM TRADITIONS TO DNA AND THE MACAULAY OF LEWIS SUB-PROJECT

Lucas McCaw  
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Traditionally, genealogy has been the hunt for ancestors and descendants using word of mouth, paper documents, and sometimes theories or predictions. Research into the structure of extended families has always been limited by memory and the existence and quality of records. In modern times, documentation has generally been detailed and accurate, but those traits are progressively weaker the further back in time we go, until they virtually disappear. We are then forced to rely on old stories, traditions, and even myths which often contain embellishment, wishful thinking, or fabrication. And so until recently, many genealogists have struggled to research their ancestry much further back than the late 18th century, especially in Scotland. The lack of consistent records before the early 1800s has hampered anyone wanting to understand the connections between related families.

In the last decade technological advancements in the area of DNA sequencing has helped to overcome, or at least strongly weaken the above known limitations. Nowhere has this been more effectively demonstrated in the study of paternal line research, or "surname studies." As surnames in most western cultures are based on the male family line, the use of the Y chromosome (found only in men) has rapidly become the de-facto standard in modern genealogical research for surnames. Currently, there are numerous research groups using DNA samples from men around the world to piece together long-forgotten relationships. One such effort has been to reconstruct the Macaulay family of Lewis.

In the MacAulay of Lewis "family tree" one can see various named DNA mutations found on the male Y chromosome after high level testing. They show those which are found in the whole family, and some that are contained only in specific branches of a family. By comparing mutations between males, trees can be built showing how each branch is related to each other. Up until now, many of these branches were not connected, and their potential inter-relationships could only be imagined. Points where different branches meet actually represent a specific male ancestor who once lived, and was born with a brand new mutation that can be detected in only his descendants today.

As more males test, a more complex tree is able to be built up from the resulting genetic data. There are several branches that are already connected to each other, allowing us to see which lines in the Macaulay family of Lewis are more closely related than to others. We can then use partial historical records to start identifying possible named ancestors that fit into these points.

At present, there are only ~15 males linked to the Isle of Lewis family who have submitted their DNA to be tested. As this represents an obviously small percentage of the whole Macaulay tree, we are hopeful of new Macaulay men to help build up the tree even further and help clarify the connections between even more branches of this large international family.



Males who are interested in this venture, or have specific questions about the process involved can contact me via email to discuss testing options and research goals. This is especially for those believed or known to be connected to the Lewis group. My maternal ancestry ties into the Macaulay family of Lewis

Generally, only one male from a known branch of a family is required, and it is often much more affordable if family members can contribute to the testing to balance the moderate cost required. Successive tests can sometimes be required to build upon the previous test results. Everyone involved can then reap the rewards.

**Editor's Note: My sincere thanks to Kathy, Jim and Lucas for the time they spent in submitting these articles.**

# THE MAGIC OF DNA

*We have  
defined groups  
with ancestors  
from the Isles  
of Lewis and  
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Ireland and  
those who are  
from Scotland  
and Ireland.*

## Spotlight on our Clan Commissioners



## JAMES A. MCCAULEY CLAN COMMISSIONER, NEW YORK STATE

When my Grandfather, Charles Davey McAuley, arrived in the US from NI, Immigration added a 'c' thus changing his name to McCauley.

**Why did you become a Clan Commissioner of Clan MacAulay?** I became a member because I have a strong urge to connect with my roots. It all started when my dad, James George McCauley, asked me to 'find his family' about two months before he passed away. Using [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), I found my Grandmother's family who helped me find the McAuley family from Carrickfergus. I then presented my Dad with his family tree going back generations. He said he didn't want it for himself, he wanted me to share with his grandchildren and future generations. You see, my Dad had leukemia and never told anyone until a month before he passed. He wanted me to be able to tell his family's story after he was gone.

**Born:** Queens, New York

**Lives:** Upper East Side, Manhattan, New York

**Current profession:** I'm currently a Global Digital Project Leader for MetLife, one of the largest insurance companies in the world. I've been employed there for over 18 years.

**Favourite hobby/pastime:** Locally, my wife and I enjoy going to dinner at various restaurants throughout Manhattan. I'm a fanatical sports fan. And travel. You could say that we like using our passports!

**Who you admire:** My Dad, James G. McCauley, who directed me towards this McAuley family journey. Admired because he was simply the glue that kept the US McCauley family together.

**Favourite beverage:** Kettle One vodka with club soda and a slice of lemon.

**Favourite music:** I love 1980's European alternative rock. Depeche Mode and U2. Two bands that I've seen in concert in the states and Europe.

**Favourite place to travel:** Hvar, a Croatian island in the Adriatic Sea. We go every year while we visit my wife's family. I can't explain the island. You'll need to just Google the photos to understand.

**Personal motto:** If you want something done right, do it yourself.

**Branch of the MacAulays:** Carrickfergus. My Great Great Grandfather was Charles McAulay, Great Grandfather was William and my Grandfather was Charles Davey McCauley. In fact, Laurence McAuley and I are cousins

**Oldest MacAulay ancestor traced in your lineage:** Charles McAulay, Carrickfergus (1812-1884)

**DNA testing:** Not yet

**Interesting facts:** At a younger age leading up through my college years, I was a very successful pitcher in baseball (popular US sport, pitcher was my position). My efforts led me to be elected in my college Athletic Hall of Fame. I'd never worn a kilt in my life until the 2017 Clan Gathering in Carrickfergus. And I did it commando style, hopefully unbeknownst to others. Right after college, I was an actor for short period of time. I was in an AT&T TV commercial that aired for months. And, I'm looking for a kilt maker to customize one for me.

# SUSAN CALWELL (NEE POLLARD) MEMBER

**Why did you become a Member of Clan MacAulay?** My mother was a McCauley. All my life I heard stories from her and my grandfather about McCauley family. You could say I was raised on “McCauley”! My grandfather was one of twelve children and I was lucky enough to know most of my great aunts and uncles. They were all full of stories about the family and their escapades. I’ve dreamed of learning more and connecting with other McCauleys – of being an “official” member of this wonderful clan.

**Born:** Memphis, TN, USA

**Lives:** Memphis, TN but I’ve lived several other places – career moves mostly – Houston, TX; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL, and Raleigh, NC; but Memphis is home! No matter where I landed, something about Memphis always called me back so I guess this is where I’m supposed to be!

**Current profession:** I recently retired after a 40-year career in computer technology. I started as a Systems Engineer with a hardware company out of Boston, Massachusetts, Data General later EMC, now Dell. I also worked in Professional Services for Oracle Corporation and as a Director of IT for Hilton Hotels. For the last 13 years, I owned my own recruiting agency, helping corporations find and hire IT personnel. I got into computers by accident but it’s been the perfect career for me because I love figuring out how things work, solving puzzles, and demystifying technology for people.

**Favourite hobby/pastime:** Well, I love history and so anything having to do with the past is on my radar. I spend a lot of time tracing ancestors, especially my McCauley line. This leads to a lot of trips to old cemeteries, ancestor’s home towns, courthouses, etc. I’m a member of Memphis Heritage which is an organization dedicated to protecting historical buildings. I read a lot – mostly non-fiction or historical novels. I travel to places connected with historical events... I love just spending time with friends.

**Who you admire:** Queen Elizabeth II. She’s dignified, strong, dedicated, upholds tradition and shows great patience -- qualities in short supply these days.

**A unique talent:** I don’t know how unique it is but I’m pretty good at taking something complex and explaining it in such a way that it’s understandable and relative.

**Favourite beverage:** Hands down – gin and tonic!

**Favourite music:** I love all kinds of music so this is a hard one but overall it has to be Mick Jagger & The Rolling Stones “You Can’t Always Get What You Want”

**Favourite place to travel:** Another hard one since I love to travel. I’ve traveled all over the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, Bahamas, Grand Cayman, Caribbean Islands, Amsterdam, France, England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Hungary, Austria. If I have to pick a favorite it would be Ireland – I loved everything about it especially the Irish people! Closer to home would be New England, especially Boston.

**Personal motto:** If life gives you lemons, make lemonade (and add a little gin)

**Branch of the MacAulays:** I descend from John McCauley, purported to have been born in or near Carrickfergus, Antrim, N. Ireland in about 1766. He migrated through North Carolina and a good paper trail begins in 1803 in the Natchez territory of what would later become the state of Mississippi. My direct line is: John McCauley (Sr.) > John McCauley (Jr.) > Joshua Saxton McCauley > John Franklin McCauley > Johnnie Lou McCauley > me

**Oldest MacAulay traced in your lineage:** Although DNA testing suggests our oldest ancestor came to North America through New York, Pennsylvania, or even Canada, there’s no paper trail until the John McCauley I mention above. We are hoping that further DNA testing will connect the dots back further.

**DNA testing:** I have taken the Ancestry.com DNA test (which is autosomal). I have transferred my results to FT-DNA, MyHeritage, and Gedmatch.

**Interesting facts:** Get in contact with me via my email [sccald@gmail.com](mailto:sccald@gmail.com). I’d love to collaborate on DNA and traditional family history research.

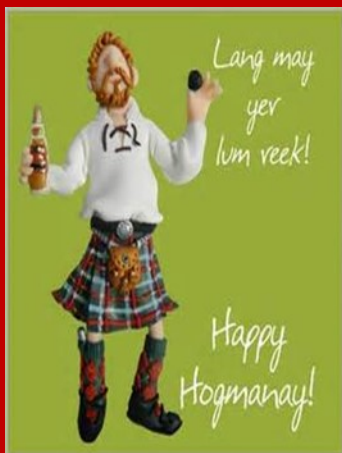
## Spotlight on our Members





**Clan Chief**

**Hector MacAulay**



## A LOOK AT SCOTTISH HOGMANAY CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Hogmanay in Scotland is a great festive time, steeped in many customs and traditions. Why it is called Hogmanay is anybody's guess. The word itself has been around since 1604 when it first appeared in written records and it is thought may have its origins in France. There has always been a strong connection between Scotland and France which dates back to the "Auld Alliance" when many words and traditions were shared. The French word Aquillaneuf and the word L'an neuf translates to New Year. However, the Hebridean Isles trace back the word Hogmanay to their Scandinavian ancestors who held a feast of the yule where animals were slaughtered for the feast and the night before was called the Hogg-night.

One of the ancient Hogmanay traditions is held on New Year's Eve when the household spring clean their house as it is considered ill luck to welcome the New Year in a dirty uncleaned house. The act of cleaning the entire house is called the "Redding" i.e. getting ready for the New Year.

The first stroke of the chimes at New Year is known as the bells. After the bells have rung people go first footing. The first person to enter a house after midnight on New Year's Eve is believed to affect the household's fortunes in the year to come and ideally should be a tall dark-haired man. Those going out first footing should carry a bottle of whisky to offer a drink, a lump of coal to signify that the house will keep warm for the year, black bun or shortbread, to signify that the household won't go hungry for the year and a silver coin to bring prosperity to the household for the year.

Friends, family neighbours and even strangers are welcomed in with a handshake and the words "A Happy New Year" or "A Guid New Year Tae Ye" (A good new year to you) and then offered a dram and a bite to eat. This is usually followed by a toast. A traditional Scottish New Year toast is: "Lang May Yer Lum Reek" which means, "Long may your chimney smoke" and originated when people had coal fires and if the chimney was smoking it meant that you could afford coal and keep warm. Another New Year toast said by Scottish people is: "A Guid New Year to Ane An' A' and Mony May Ye See" which translates as "A good new year to one and all and many may you see."

Scottish people have long associated the New Year with fire and a time for new opportunities and cleansing of the old life. The fires are said to ward off the evil spirits. Just to mention a few events held every year, we have the "Fireball Procession" in Stonehaven, burning of the "Clavie" at Burghead. A Clavie, which is a cask filled with wood shavings and tar, is set alight and paraded through the town. There is a ceremony called the "Flambeaux" in the village of Comrie. Torches which are made from small trees and dipped in paraffin are lit on Hogmanay and carried through the village. Similar events are held elsewhere.

Street parties have also become common in recent times. Perhaps the most famous being the street party held in Edinburgh and televised as the Hogmanay Live Show. Finally, New Year is not complete without resolutions which are made at New Year. Scots may seem a sentimental race which harks back to the past but we are also a race who looks forward to the future and so Scotland is credited with the invention of the New Year Resolution.

Have a great Hogmanay.

Slàinte Mhath  
Hector MacAulay

# The history of Ardencaple Castle

*Editor's Note: As RS Guthrie's novels (Page 4) focuses on the Ardencaple MacAulays, I thought it would be interesting to include some information about the Castle. Enjoy!*



Only one tower of Helensburgh's Ardencaple Castle now remains, but it is still a beacon which calls members of the Clan MacAulay from all over the world.

Most of the ancient castle was demolished in July 1959, but it is very close to the hearts of clan members no matter which variant of the spelling of their name they use.

What is the magic of the ancient 'Fort of Arncaple'? It is not a happy story, indeed in many ways it is tragic — but it is also the romantic history of the clan and indeed of Helensburgh and Garelochside.

The MacAulay clan once ruled the land from Ardincaple, as it was spelt then, to Portincaple, Loch Long. Now only the tower and a quadrant of houses in the town, and the Ardencaple Hotel at Rhu, bear the name.

The first record of the castle is in a script of homage to King Edward 1 of England signed by the Scots in 1296. Among the signatories was one Maurice de Ardencaple.

Mary, Queen o' Scots and daughter of James V, is said to have been a member of royal parties to Ardencaple in happier days before her tragic end.

In 1787 the castle was bought by the Duchy of Argyll. The Duke of Argyll restored the castle — and what he restored was essentially the building which was demolished in 1957. In 1862 he sold the castle to Sir James Colquhoun of Luss.

In the 20th century the castle was bought and restored again by Mrs Henrietta MacAulay-Stromberg, and in September 1927 it was thrown open to the public in aid of a nursing charity — perhaps its last great occasion.

Mrs MacAulay-Stromberg saw her dream of the castle becoming a centre for the MacAulay clan come true for a day at least, as members travelled from all over Scotland to contribute the then enormous sum of £700 to the good cause. She was the last family owner of the castle. After she died in 1931 the life rent of the property went to Adelaide Parker Voorheis until 1935, when the castle was sold to Mr and Mrs Hendry, who sold the Tower Lawn to a consortium of developers who developed that ground into a housing estate in 1936-37.

During World War Two the Navy requisitioned the castle, which they finally demolished in 1957, leaving one battle tower standing.

This tower was used as a navigational mark for submarines returning to Faslane until the early 1990s. When the nature and size of submarines changed, replacement navigation towers were necessary in the Firth off Helensburgh, although the tower is still a navigational mark for general shipping on the Clyde.

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# In Loving Memory

Submitted by Jean's  
grandson Lance Heslop

## HONOURARY MEMBER JEAN MCCAULEY

Born Jennifer "Jean" Livingstone in Chelsea, England on Nov. 25, 1916 (d. Nov. 7, 2017).

She emigrated to Western Canada after the end of WW1 as a young girl. Eventually settling in B.C. where she would meet and marry "Pete" George Stuart McCauley - 1901-1969 (a descendant of Antrim MacAulays / McAuleys). They relocated to Manitoulin

Island, ON and would become the forebears of 8 children, 19 grandchildren, 35 Great-grandchildren, 26 Great-great-grandchildren (and counting).



**Jean with Lance on her 100th birthday!**

She would remain independent and healthy for 100 years. Living on her own for the past 48 years, she remained very active with her church and in her community of Tehkummah, ON right up until her final few weeks. She lived nearly 101 years in good health, of sound mind, and always warm of heart. She was indeed the very heart of our large McCauley family. RIP



TO ALL AND SUNDRY WHOM THESE PRESENTS DO OR MAY CONCERN, We, William Goldwyn MacAulay Lush, of The Canada, Doctor of Science & Philosophy, 1<sup>st</sup> Chieftain & High Commissioner of The Honourable Clan MacAulay of The Canada, send Greeting: WHEREAS, JENNIFER (JEAN) MCCAULEY of Tehkummah, Manitoulin Island, in the province of Ontario, Canada was presented as a candidate for

Honourary Membership, accepted by The Clan Executive Committee, and approved by THE RIGHT HONOURABLE HECTOR MACAULAY, of Clieff, Scotland 15th Ancient, and 3rd modern, Chief of The Ancient and Honourable Clan MacAulay, whose Chiefly Arms are hereto affixed.

KNOW YE THEREFORE, that as of the date 28<sup>th</sup> day, July, 2016, we have maintained ratified and confirmed as We Do By These Presents MAINTAIN, RATIFY AND CONFIRM unto the Candidate JENNIFER (JEAN) MCCAULEY of Tehkummah, an Honourary Membership, The Ancient and Honourable Clan MacAulay.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have subscribed these Presents and the Crest of The Canada is affixed hereto at Beaverton, Township of Brock, regional municipality of Durham, province of Ontario this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand, and sixteen.

MacAulaidh ga Brath!



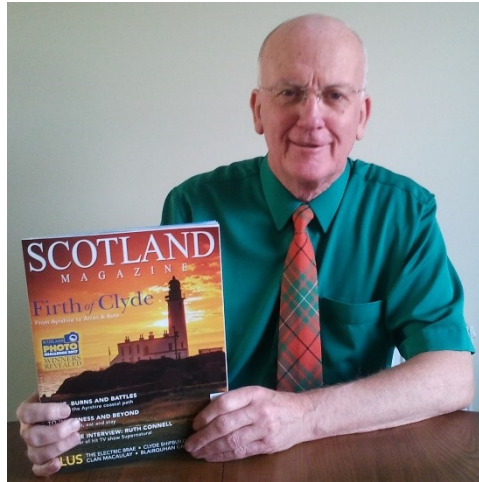


## MACAULAYS IN SCOTLAND MAGAZINE!

I have just read an article about Clan MacAulay in the latest issue of the Scotland Magazine written by well-known historian James Irvine Robertson, who to use his own words “tells the tale of another great family.” We all agree with that.

The excellent two-page article concentrates on the history of the Ardencaple MacAulays, which of course is well known to all of us.

Unfortunately, there is nothing about the Lewis or Wester Ross MacAulays other than a brief reference informing readers that “MacAulays were to be found on Lewis and on the shores of Lochbroom, on the adjacent mainland. Their patronymic is believed to come from the Norse Olaf and they followed the MacLeods of Lewis”.



Perhaps we need to give more prominence to the Lewis MacAulays in our publicising of the clan and also the Wester Ross MacAulays to whom I belong. My father and all our ancestors were from Kintail and while our history may not match that of the Lewis or Ardencaple MacAulays, nevertheless we did exist and played our part in Highland affairs of the time.

The writer did mention how an “extraordinary renaissance” took place twenty years ago when an association of MacAulays was formed. I am proud to say that I played a part in that momentous event which was the launchpad for the success we are experiencing today.

If you are interested in the Clan MacAulay article go to [www.scotlandmag.com](http://www.scotlandmag.com) where you should be able to read the article online.

Hector MacAulay  
Clan Chief

## SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MACAULAYS



Social media has become such a big part of our lives. I think the one of the reasons the 2017 Gathering was such a huge success was partly due to their brilliant and frequent use of social media. To keep the momentum of the interest in Clan MacAulay rolling, I have volunteered my services as Social Media Co-ordinator.

In addition to our Clan MacAulay Facebook page, we now have a Clan Twitter account with the handle @macaulay\_clan. We've been tweeting about the 2018 Gathering in Nova Scotia and retweeting items of Scottish interest. Everyday brings new followers. The tweets regarding the 2018 Gathering in Cape Breton have resulted in interest from people attending from as far away as Australia!

In the new year we will be introducing podcasts with items of interest to Clan MacAulay including topics such as the DNA project, genealogy, Highland Games, etc.

If you have any events coming up email me at [doug@clanmacaulay.ca](mailto:doug@clanmacaulay.ca) and I'll post it to Facebook and Twitter. And drop me a line with ideas for Facebook posts, tweets, podcasts or feedback.

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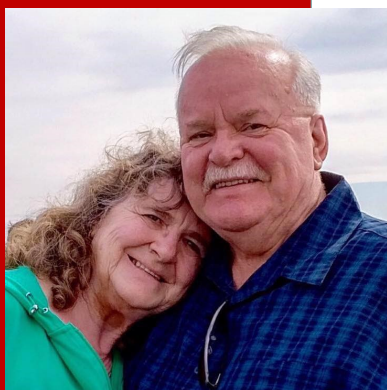
# Gathering of the MacAulays 2018 Canada

## YOU'RE INVITED TO CAPE BRETON, NOVA SCOTIA AUGUST 16-19, 2018

*It means a great deal to have the Clan MacAulay gather at Inverary. Since my parents bought the Inverary we have participated in many gatherings but to have an International gathering of MacAulays tops them all. Our area is steeped in Scottish heritage and to be able to share our history, our scenery, our culture as well as connect with MacAulays from different areas is pretty special.*

*We are all looking forward in participating in the event. We feel as though we have a great selection of activities to showcase the region. I would suggest that those attending should allow for lots of time either before or after the gathering to explore areas such as the Cabot Trail and the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Park is a must see as well as other parts of Nova Scotia.*

Scott MacAulay  
Gathering Chair



Bud MacAulay Lush, Chieftain & High Commissioner, Clan MacAulay of The Canadas and Ernest MacAulay, Commissioner, Atlantic Canada are delighted to invite our MacAulay family, friends and future friends (of all spellings!) from around the world to beautiful Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Picture this ... August 16 2018 ... you drive up to our host hotel Inverary Resort on beautiful Bras d'Or Lake near Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Whether you've a first timer to a Gathering or a little more experienced, you're warmly welcomed by your fellow MacAulays.

Thursday evening begins with the fellowship of a welcome reception with appetizers and chowder at the Lakeside Landing. Friday ... choices! Events include a welcome breakfast followed by time to dig into our MacAulay connections and then choose between (A) a guided storytelling tour and Marag brunch at the Highland Village or (B) demonstrations of the history of the kilt, a Gaelic lesson and ceilidh at the Gaelic College. In the evening we'll kilt up, put on our finery and enjoy the formal banquet in the Conference Centre. On Saturday you have more choices! Decide between (A) 18 holes of golf at Bell Bay Golf Club or (B) a hike to Uisge Ban Falls, a tour of the Alexander Graham Bell Museum and/or a sail on Bras d'Or Lake with Amoeba Sailing Tours. In the evening it's time to party like a Cape Bretoner at a Kitchen Party at the Lakeside Landing. Sunday we bid farewell to our MacAulay friends, both new and old, and family.

We hope that whether you're from Canada or away you'll join the 2018 MacAulay Gathering. If you are planning to attend the entire weekend and participate in the many Gathering events, please click [here](#) to register. If you are planning on only attending some of the events, please click [here](#) to register. Slàinte mhath! See you in August!

Desperately seeking your MacAulay photos! As you'll see in the following pages, we're looking for people, places and the unique! Send them to [joan@clanmacaulay.ca](mailto:joan@clanmacaulay.ca) with the Subject "MacAulay Matters Photos", your name and a brief explanation of the photo.



# MacAulays and MacAulay Places ... in Photos

## WATCH FOR IT!

Netflix is currently filming *Outlaw King*! The story of "how the great 14th Century Scottish 'Outlaw King' Robert The Bruce used cunning and bravery to defeat and repel the much larger and better equipped occupying English army."



wedded bliss ... Michael Macauley and Morgan Hatfield  
at the Charlotte Vineyards and Winery in Ste. Genevieve, MO  
August 19, 2017

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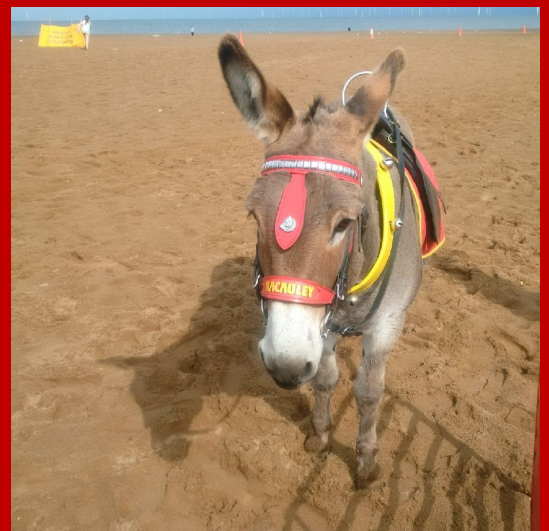
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Ruth Cooper, Commissioner for New Zealand at the Hororata Highland Games



Look at the size of this rainbow trout! Caught in the MacAulay River, New Zealand by Ruth Cooper's brother Ian Satterthwaite. The river is so remote the only spectators were banded dotterels He smoked it with manuka sawdust.



Who knew? A donkey named McAuley in Skegness England



# MacAulays and MacAulay Places ... in Photos



Brian Macauley celebrating St. Andrew's day in Boston MA. But Brian, where's the wee dram of whisky?

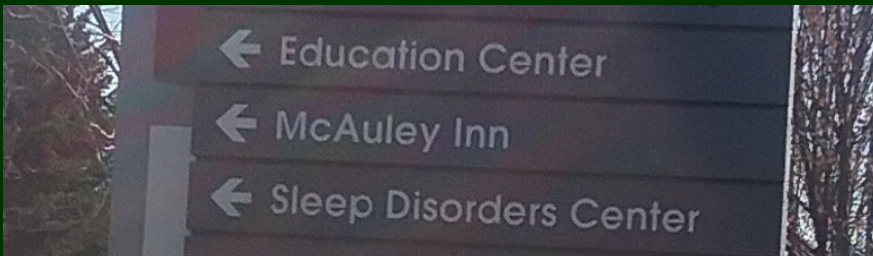
## Attending a Robbie Burns Day event?

Be sure to take photos and send them to the Editor at [joan@clanmacaulay.ca](mailto:joan@clanmacaulay.ca) with your name and event location to be included in the March edition of *MacAulay Matters*! Have fun out there!

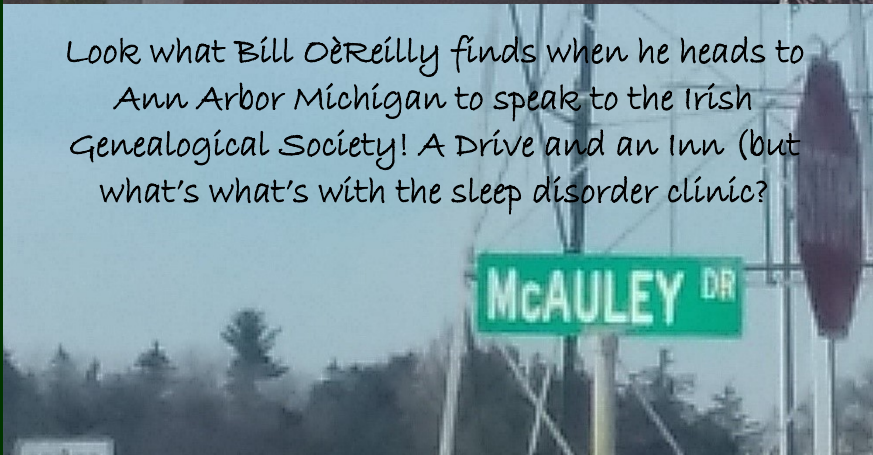
Yes, it was a lovely day to stop on the highway to take a picture of McAuley, Manitoba, Canada



Yes, the ever elusive Clan MacAulay Canada winter logo reappears just in time for the winter solstice.!



Look what Bill O'Reilly finds when he heads to Ann Arbor Michigan to speak to the Irish Genealogical Society! A Drive and an Inn (but what's what's with the sleep disorder clinic?



Doug Doughty celebrating St. Andrew's Day in Toronto!

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