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In Memory Of Donald MacAulay, Lifetime President



Submitted by
Chief Emeritus
Hector
MacAulay

IN MEMORY OF LIFETIME PRESIDENT DONALD MACAULAY

On the 14th April 2020 the clan lost a great friend, supporter and activist with the passing of Donald MacAulay. He served the clan with distinction as a member of our executive committee and in recognition of his service was made our lifetime Honorary President in August 2013. His family originated from Benbecula where his Great Great Grandfather was the local Sheriff.

Donald was a distinguished Edinburgh lawyer where he was a partner with a leading law company. He was a very enthusiastic executive committee member of the clan and gave continuous service from 2003 when he was elected on to our executive committee. He first attended a clan gathering at Tulloch Castle Hotel, Dingwall in August 2002 along with his lovely wife Eileen who also became a valued member of the clan. For those of you who were fortunate enough to meet them at clan gatherings will recall the enthusiasm and exuberance they brought to the occasion.

It was fortunate for the clan to have had Donald's legal expertise available at a time when there was so much uncertainty in the aftermath of the Lord Lyon rejecting Ian MacMillan MacAulay's petition requesting recognition as a new hereditary Clan Chief. At that uncertain time, he gave the clan a sense of direction with the updating of our constitution to include the election of Clan Chiefs and to assess our charitable status as serving no purpose.

His contribution was invaluable in helping to lay the foundations of a successful democratic clan. For me, it was a pleasure having worked with him over many years. The support and encouragement he gave me during the time I served as Clan Secretary and also Clan Chief will always be remembered and appreciated.

Hector MacAulay
Chief Emeritus

Thank you from Eileen MacAulay

"I wish to thank the many clan members who contacted me on hearing of Donald's passing. Their expressions of sympathy and kind words were very comforting and much appreciated."

Submitted by
Laurence
MacAuley



THREE MACAULAYS HONOURED BY QUEEN!

Clan MacAulay offers its congratulations to the following three highly worthy medal recipients honoured by the Queen in the 2020 New Year Honours List. To have three award winners with Macaulay connections really is quite wonderful!

Clan member **Barry Macaulay** from Mallusk, County Antrim, N. Ireland has been awarded The Medal of the Order of the British Empire 2020 (BEM) for his services to disability sports.

The medal recognises the positive contribution that Barry has made to the disability sports sector in Northern Ireland over a period of 27 years thus far. Barry's passion and dedication has made a significant impact within disability sports, providing lots of new opportunities for people with a disability to get involved in sports. In addition to this, Barry has provided strong strategic input for strengthening Disability Sport NI and other disability sports organisations and clubs as well as providing input into policy affecting the provision of disability sports in Northern Ireland.

Barry was overwhelmed to be named on the New Year Honours List commenting, "This truly is a great honour and one that I will be very proud to receive. I have always been deeply passionate about supporting people with a disability and creating opportunities for people with a disability and long term health conditions to get involved in sport and active recreation.

"I have met so many inspirational people through my experiences and I plan to continue playing an active role in the disability sports sector and supporting people with a disability for a long time to come."

Barry has tirelessly supported charitable organisations through a number of voluntary roles, most significantly as Board Member of Disability Sport NI between 2009 and 2017 including undertaking the roles of Vice Chairperson and then Chairperson between 2012 and 2017. Through this role Barry poured heart and soul into the charity to ensure its sustainability and to help create a strong disability sports sector in Northern Ireland.

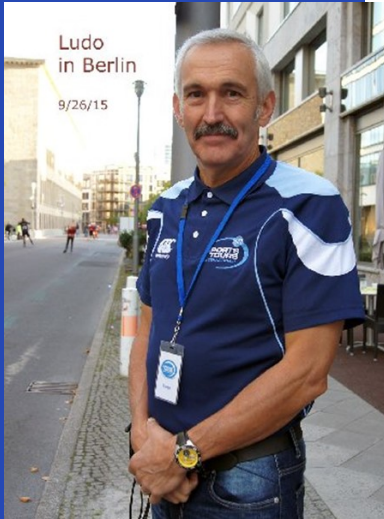
Kevin O'Neill, Chief Executive Officer of Disability Sport NI welcomes the news saying, "It is fantastic to see the great work that Barry has dedicated his life to recognised through this prestigious award. Barry played a vital role within Disability Sport NI and helped to make it the charity that it is today.

I would like to offer a sincere congratulations to Barry on behalf of everyone at Disability Sport NI."

In addition to his role within Disability Sport NI, Barry championed inclusive participation in sport as a Board Member of Sport NI between 2008 and 2014. He was a strong advocate of sport for blind people through his links with the Blind Centre for NI, NI Blind Sports, RNIB, Jordanstown Schools and set up the visually impaired football programme with the IFA. Not one to shy away from a challenge or an adventure, Barry has organised several trips for people with sight loss including a tandem cycle the length of Ireland from Mizen to Malin and a climb up Ben Nevis. Barry also regularly acted as sighted pilot for people with sight loss to enjoy tandem cycling across many clubs and as a sighted guide for runners with sight loss.

Having spent the earlier part of his career working as a social worker for children and adults with a disability, Barry went on to develop a strong career with RNIB NI. He is currently Director of The Stroke Association in NI where he continues to champion physical activity and the associated health benefits for people with a disability and long-term conditions.

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THREE MACAULAYS HONOURED BY QUEEN!

Ludwig (Ludo) Macaulay from Salisbury, England has been awarded The Member of the Order of the British Empire 2020 (MBE) "For Services to the Wider Community and the Fire Fighters Charity".

Following 32 years of service with the Wiltshire Fire Brigade, Ludo has helped local and national organisations and benefited (as an event organiser) many thousands of people in mostly sporting challenges whilst raising significant sums at the same time for particularly the Fire Fighters Charity.

He is probably best known locally for helping to start and organising a series of popular Road and Trail Races in Salisbury, including as a UK Athletics accredited Race Director - various 10k races, the Salisbury 10 mile RR, the Salisbury Half Marathon RR, Race For Men 10k/HM and the popular Salisbury 54321 Marathon, which saw its 24th year in 2019 and a record 1,104 starters.

Ludo still organises a team delivering the Salisbury Fire Station's monthly Charity Car Boot Sales on Ashley Green, now in its 35th year, in aid of the Fire Fighters Charity.

Previously Ludo had attended and then helped coordinate for over 40 years the Salisbury City Centre charity collections at Christmas time with local Firefighters.

Nationally he is best known in UK Fire Service circles for heading up over the last 20 years, the Fire Sport UK's sporting Section for Walking & Mountaineering activities, its Flag Ship event being the National 3 Peaks (sub-24 hour) mountain Challenge (climbing the three highest peaks of Scotland, England and Wales, namely Ben Nevis, Scafell and Snowdon with a total walking distance of over 23 miles). This event up till 2018 saw over 18,000 successful individual completions covering a 25-year period and helped raise several millions of pounds towards many charities and good causes. In 2003 such was its status that it featured in National Geographic magazine. Incidentally in 2005 a full team from Clan MacAulay led at the time by Chief Diarmuid MacAulay and featuring future chief to be Hector MacAulay successfully competed the challenge.

In 1998 Ludo was voted UK Fire Services 'Sports Person of the Year' and in 2005 awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for services to Sport. He has helped and advised many other events around the UK including walking challenges in the Lake District, South Downs, Jurassic Coast, Dartmoor, and the Tunnel 2 Towers 5k Road Race, that ran in the Capital for several years from the Olympic year of 2012, assisting London Fire Brigade members.

Upon retirement from operational Fire Fighting in 2005, Ludo joined the Fire Fighters Charity (formally the FSNBF) as a National Fundraising Officer, organising and helping many Brigades and Fire & Rescue Services with larger and significant events. Eventually specialising in the coordination of participants on Sporting & Overseas events until 2012, Ludo has travelled widely around the World on 20 Charity Treks on five Continents and major sporting events such as marathons and the Tunnel 2 Towers New York, many in aid of the Fire Fighters Charity.

Since 2004, Ludo Macaulay has been a finalist in no less than four 'Spirit of Fire Awards' with the Fire Fighters Charity – including Fire Station Rep of the Year, Retired Rep of the Year, and winning twice with the 'Event of the Year' and another with the 'Team of the Year'. In 2008/9 he was part of a team that won the prestigious 'Charity Third Sector' – 'Fundraising Team of the Year'. Locally in 2018 Ludo won the Salisbury Journal & Spire FM 'Lifetime achievement Award'.

98 year old **James Charles Macaulay Booth** from Somerset, England has been awarded The Medal of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) on the Queen's New Year Honours List for services to charity and the community in Devon and Somerset.

George David Macauley



meet the member

Position in Clan MacAulay: Member

Why did you become a member of Clan MacAulay? I met Joan McAulay at the Clan tent at the Highland Games in Victoria, BC Canada a few years ago and she encouraged me to become a registered Clan member (after also convincing me and several of my children to march in the Clan parade for the Victoria Highland Games).

Birthplace: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Where do you currently live: Victoria, British Columbia (BC), Canada

What's your current job or profession? I am a trained lawyer and economist and provide consulting services primarily to the BC government in relation to economic modeling, policy development and procurement fairness oversight.

What's your favourite past time? Spending time with my wife and family doing whatever we can together.

Who's someone you admire and why? I admire Tommy Douglas who led the introduction of universal health care in Saskatchewan and was instrumental in its adoption at the federal level for all of Canada. He was a man of strong principles who tried to do what he saw as the right thing, even in the face of extreme opposition.

What is your most unique talent? I can build things into Excel spreadsheets that my clients had not originally contemplated, but which do things that they had always wanted to do.

What's your favourite beverage? I drink a lot of green tea at home, diet Pepsi when green tea not convenient, and have taken a liking to Mai Tais during recent holidays in Hawaii.

What's your favourite kind of music? I enjoy many types of music but particularly enjoy Rock and Folk – Three of my favourite performers are Neil Young, Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen.

What's your favourite place to travel and why? My wife and I recently visited one of our sons in Utrecht, Netherlands and had an amazing time in Utrecht, Amsterdam, Rome and Florence. We have 5 children and have done limited traveling with the exception of biennial vacations in Hawaii and shorter trips to California (Palm Springs and Disneyland). These trips have provided a great opportunity to spend time making memories as a family and preparing our children for their adventures as adults (which they have successfully realized).

Your personal motto? I don't have a formal motto, but I probably subscribe to the Cub Scout motto of "Do Your Best" (Dyb, Dyb, Dob, Dob).

Which branch of the MacAulays do you hail from? We have not traced our roots definitively back to Scotland but we had always understood that it was the Ardincaple branch.

What's the name of the oldest MacAulay ancestor you've traced back in your line, DOB, place? Rev. Andrew J. Macauley (1817-1864) emigrated from Belfast Ireland around 1855, settling in Southern Ontario. His father was Henry Macauley.

Have you taken a DNA test? I have not taken a DNA test, but my son Jacob has taken the Ancestry.ca DNA test.

John Patrick “Pat” Curley

MEET THE COMMISSIONER

Position in Clan MacAulay: Commissioner for the state of Tennessee, USA

Why did you become a Commissioner of Clan MacAulay? I became a commissioner because there wasn't one in the area and I was asked to take on the role. I felt very honored to be asked!

Birthplace? Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Where do you currently live? Nashville, Tennessee, USA

What's your current job or profession? Tech Department at Postmates Inc.

What's your favourite past time? Drum and Bugle Corps, Winterguard International, Bands of America (basically all of the competitive marching arts)



Who's someone you admire and why? Mostly my mother for having put up with three boys and keeping her sanity

What is your most unique talent? Colorguard/piano/trombone

What's your favourite beverage? Non-alcoholic- sweet tea with lemon; Alcoholic – red wine (Decoy Cabernet Sauvignon or Opus One), Champagne (Veuve Cliquot La Grande Dame), Whiskey (the home state brew Jack Daniels Black Label)

What's your favourite kind of music? Acid jazz - Virtual Insanity; R&B – Monica; Opera – Puccini; Performer- Judy Garland

What's your favourite place to travel and why? US- Anna Maria Island, Florida - it's old Florida no big high rise condos on the island, sugar white sand beaches, been going there since I can remember, it's as slow as slow can get on the island, \$12 Maine Lobster night. Llangollen, Wales - first time I was there I went out with the bartender from the hotel and got locked out of the hotel so had to stay with him that night and made a life-long friend.

Which branch of the MacAulays do you hail from? MacAulays of Ardincaple

What's the name of the oldest MacAulay ancestor you've traced back? Alexander McCallie -

born 1720 Whithorn, Wigtownshire, Scotland

Have you taken a DNA test?

Yyes, ancestry.com username IrishPatTN and YDNA-111 on FTDNA



Marty McCauley

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MEET THE AMBASSADOR



Position in Clan MacAulay:
Ambassador, North America

Why did you become an Ambassador of Clan MacAulay? To Represent the Clan and meet fellow members

Birthplace? Des Moines Iowa USA

Where do you currently live? On the road currently in Aguanga California

What's your current job or profession? Retired from US Air Force- Security Police and US Postal Service-Letter Carrier

What's your favourite pasttime? Golf and travel

Who's someone you admire and why? John Wayne Stand by your convictions no matter the cost

What is your most unique talent? Wife says I can talk to anybody

What's your favourite beverage? Beer preferably Harp Ale

What's your favourite kind of music? Country and old Rock n Roll

What's your favourite place to travel and why? Like all travel but Scotland is favorite. To see

where ancestors came from.

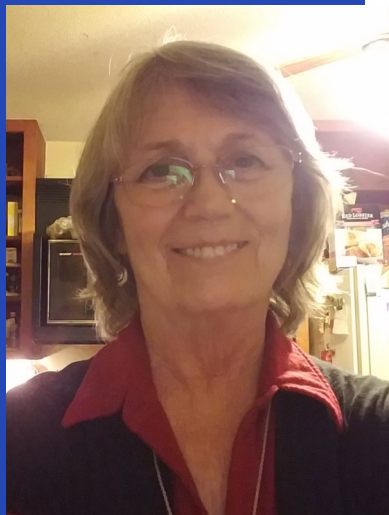
Your personal motto? Keep your priorities in order and know when to act without hesitation

Which branch of the MacAulays do you hail from? Lewis

What's the name of the oldest MacAulay ancestor you've traced back in your line, DOB, place? Alexander McCauley August 8 1845 Belfast NI

Have you taken a DNA test and if so, which one(s)? yes Big Y

Kathy Lynn McCauley



Unique talent? I memorized "The Owl and the Pussycat" when I was 7 years old. I can still recite it from memory.

Favourite beverage? Currently, that would be 14-year-old Clynelish single malt scotch.

Personal motto?

"I want to quit my job, drop out of society, and wear live animals as hats."

meet the executive

Position in Clan MacAulay: Executive Committee Member, lifetime member

Why did you become an executive of Clan MacAulay? It's a new experience for me. It's fun, and I feel like I've been able to contribute to the Clan. I enjoy being part of a group that has common goals.

Birthplace? Orange, Texas, USA, on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico (aka, "Deep Southeast Texas"). If I'd been born 2 miles to the east, I would be a Louisianan.

Where do you currently live? I live in Silverton, Oregon, about 15 miles from Salem, the state capitol. Portland is about 40 minutes north of me.

What's your current job or profession? My career goal is to be a retired postal worker. I've been a clerk for the Postal Service since 2002. In former lives, I was a typesetter and a User Services Manager for the School of Engineering at Portland State University.

What's your favourite past time? Quilting and genealogy. My sister Donna taught me how to quilt in the early 2000s. I now have more fabric than food. Currently, most of my spare time is spent on genealogy and DNA research. A few years ago, I corralled some cousins into a research group... all looking for John McCauley Sr. I work most closely with my cousin Susan Caldwell (another Executive Committee Member).

Who's someone you admire and why? I admire my children. It's been a real pleasure to see them become such splendid people. They meet challenges with grace and fortitude. They're patient and loving parents; funny and engaged aunts and uncle; loving siblings. Thanks to them, I now have 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

What's your favourite kind of music? If I were restricted to only one genre of music for the rest of my life, it would be Blues/Soul. My parents raised us with a wide variety of music. So, my life's soundtrack can vary wildly.

What's your favourite place to travel and why? Inside the United States: Texas, to visit family. Out of the country: Scotland and the Glens of Antrim, because it is so beautiful there!

Which branch of the MacAulays do you hail from? Good question. We need more y-DNA tests for MacAulays from the British Isles to help us find the answer. Y-DNA testing suggests that my McCauley ancestors were in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, as far back as about 1600.

What's the name of the oldest MacAulay ancestor you've traced back ? My 4th great-grandfather John McCauley, Senior. Based on the 1786 birth year of his first known child (my ancestor Samuel Wade McCauley), we estimate John Sr was born between 1760 and 1766. We do not know where he was born, but my guess is on the Eastern Seaboard of what became the United States.

Have you taken a DNA test? Absolutely. Autosomal tests at Ancestry and Family Tree DNA. Plus... my siblings, mother, children, a granddaughter, and 2 first cousins have autosomal DNA tests. My brother, 2 nephews, and several distant-ish McCauley cousins have y-DNA tests, too.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

What better way to let the MacAulay in your life know you love them than by buying them a Clan MacAulay Membership. You'll receive a lovely certificate and they'll receive all the latest news from Clan MacAulay.

Even better, you could win a prize! We're having a contest and you could win your registration to the 2022 Clan MacAulay International Gathering in Stornoway! Here are the rules ... and here's the [Clan MacAulay Membership Form](#)!

- For every new Adult Membership (£10), the person entering them (the "referring person") will get one entry in the pool.
 - For every new Family Membership (£20), the referring person will get two entries in the pool.
 - For every Lifetime Membership (£200), the referring person will get 10 entries in the pool.
 - A drawing will be held and the winner of the drawing will receive a free registration for our Gathering in 2021.
- The contest goes until January 1, 2021 (or possibly longer!).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... STORNOWAY 2022

As our next MacAulay International Gathering has been postponed to 2022, start planning now to visit Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis in August 2022. The MacAulays have a large presence in the Western Isles and the Caladh Inn in Stornoway will be the MacAulays home base for three days as we gather our people together and explore historical points of interest on Lewis. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Watch this [video](#) to experience the beauty of Lewis and Harris.

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The Chief's CORNER



So for something non-pandemic or Clan related, I thought I would share with you the results of my Ancestry DNA test. Yes, I know, I know, I need to have it uploaded to one of the other sites to get a true determination of where my roots lie, but it was fun to get the results and take a look. One of my first emails was to Lucas to ask "Is this right??" The reason being that (in the first version Ancestry sent me) there was a large percentage from Norway, which as Lucas explained definitely makes sense with my Outer Hebrides forebears. So here is what I was originally sent as a breakdown of my ethnicity..

Ireland & Scotland—62%

England, Wales & Northwestern Europe—27%

Norway—11%

Ethnicity Estimate

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Scotland	69%	>
Scottish Highlands & Islands		>
The Outer Hebrides		
Lewis & Harris		
North Uist, South Uist & Rum		
Ireland	29%	>
England & Northwestern Europe	2%	>

Additional Communities

Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island Settlers	>
From your regions: England & Northwestern Europe; Ireland; Sc...	
Prince Edward Island & Cape Breton Island Settlers	
Cape Breton, Nova Scotia Settlers	
Prince Edward Island Settlers	

But what's interesting is when I checked my Ethnicity Estimate recently, it has shifted dramatically. As you can see my Scottish and Irish ethnicities have jumped to 98% and my Norwegian has dropped to nil. Ah, the mysteries of our past and DNA technology!

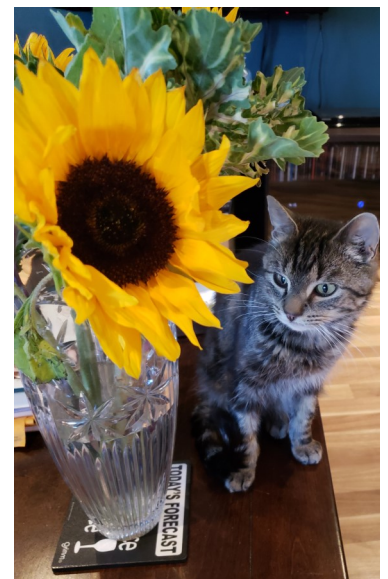
Other exciting news is that our family has expanded. As some of you know, Christmas 2018 saw the arrival of rescue kittens Morgan and Catriona (yes, named with Don's blessing after our very own Catriona MacAulay MacKenzie). This August we were found by a stray cat (who our vet estimates to be about the same age as the girls) who stole our hearts and is now part of our home. Callum has been a welcome addition to our family.

Slàinte Mhath!

Joan McAulay
Chief



Morag and Catriona



Callum

By Richard
MacAulay, from
the Macaulay
Forum at
Genealogy.com
15 December
2007



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The MacAulay “Boote”

Ed. Note: Our sincere thanks to Richard for allowing this article in the MacAulay Matters newsletter.

The MacAulay crest seems almost a benign icon by comparison with many of other the clan crests, like the Clan-Chattan or Mackintosh: "Touch not the cat but a glove", and the icon also appears to relate little to the motto 'Dulce Periculum' (danger is sweet), for how dangerous or threatening is a boot or shoe likely to be?

Although many have speculated how the device must in some manner relate to the fact that Sir Aulay MacAulay of Ardincaple was in 1608 appointed a commissioner for fixing the price of boots and shoes, surely if this was the source for the device and appellation, one might find the same device employed among the crests of those other commissioners who were appointed for that same purpose the same year or any other year: for example, Napier of Merchistoun, Dundas of that Ilk, Stewart of Minto, or any one of the other forty commissioners spread out among nineteen burghs beside Dumbarton. And why not Sempill of Fulwood? Was he not also appointed a commissioner for the same purpose and shared duties with Sir Aulay?

So if the couped boot does not symbolize 'he who fixes the price of boots and shoes', then what possibly else might the "boot" have symbolized?

It is said that there was a popular rhyme celebrating Sir Aulay that went like "Aulay M'Aulay, Knight o' Cairndhu, Provost o' Dunbarton and Bailie o' the Rhu." In 1591, some ten years before Aulay M'Aulay of Ardincaple was dubbed a knight of the Realm, he served at various times as juror on assise in major court cases, and once as Bailie of the Regality Court of the Lennox, Sir Aulay served as judge magistrate on criminal trials. But also during his lifetime there were quite a large number of celebrated cases for sorcery and witchcraft, including one very notorious case in 1591 involving a certain Doctor Johnne Feane alias Cunningham who was master of the school at Saltpans in Lothian. Listed among the methods employed to extract the truth from witches and warlocks included the use of the "boote" or "bootkin" for extreme cases of high treason or witchcraft such as this instance.

Robert Pitcairn in his Criminal Trials of Scotland (1833) described this device as a "horrid instrument extended from the ankles to the knee, and at each stroke of a large hammer, (which force the wedges closer,) the question was repeated. In many instances, the bones and flesh of the leg were crushed and lacerated in a shocking manner before confession was made. It is noted that when Feane endured the tortures inflicted upon him, he did so with almost incredible firmness." After "his nailes upon his fingers were riven and pulled off with an instrument called in Scottish a 'Turkas,' which in England is called a 'payre of pincers,' then "under everie nayle there was thrust in two needles," yet he would not confess; he was then "put to the most severe and cruell paine in the worlde, called the booties; whilk, after he had received three strokes, being inquired if hee would consesse his damnable actes and wicked life, his toong would not serve him to speake."

Here Pitcairn adds, "the rest of the witches willed to search his toong, under which was founde two pinnes, thrust up into the heade; whereupon the witches did say, Now is the charmed stinted; and shewed, that those charmed pinnes were the cause he could not consesse any thing: Then was he immediately released of the booties, brought before the King, his confession was taken, and his own hand willingly set thereunto, confessing to all his wicked deeds, of his oaths to the Devill, &c." However, on other questions that he would not speak to, he was "convaied againe to the torment of the booties, wherein he continued a long time,

The MacAulay "Boote"

and did abide so many blows in them, that his legges were crushed and beaten together as small as might bee;... [till] the bones and flesh so brused, that the bloud and marrow sprouted forth in greit abundance, whereby, they were made unserviceable for ever." Doctor Johnne Feane was soon after arraigned, condemned to die, was strangled and his body burnt upon the Castle-hill of Edenbrough, on a Saterdaie, in the ende of Januarie, 1591.

Although it is Captain Archibald MacAulay, who at the head of a troop of dragoons is said to have earned the infamous epithet, "the Bloody" MacAulay, when he harried the Covenanters and their Conventicles within the Lennox, arresting and punishing many including some of his own in-laws, it seems a far more likely chance that the old "boot" displayed in the crest of Sir Aulay's armorials was perhaps an appellation symbolic of the "boote" as used in the manner described above within his high court of Regality of the Lennox. (Sir) Aulay is first noted by name as serving on an assize at Edinburgh in the year 1588, and in an earlier case in 1577 though more likely represented by his father Walter M'Cawlay of Ardincapil, Walter had been amerced for being absent from another such case in 1564.

As Pitcairn remarks, the "Bailie or Judge of every Regality, &c., having the privilege of criminal jurisdiction, was entitled, on finding surety for the due administration of justice, to appear at the bar of another Regality and even at the bar of the Supreme Court and claim the person of the panel, if resident within his bounds. This was often the occasion of much injustice and oppression; for, though liable to be called to account for their conduct, the privacy of their proceedings, their distance from the seat of government, and the frequently disturbed state of the country, often prevented the circumstances from reaching the ears of the officers of the crown, excepting in very flagrant instances." It was not until 1713 that the family's rights to the Heritable Bailiary of the Regality Court of the Lennox was set aside and stripped from them.

There is a very interesting article entitled "The Use and Forms of Judicial Torture in England and Scotland" by R.D. Melville, in *The Scottish Historical Review* (April 1905), Vol. 2, No. 7, p225- 248. Below are extracts from the article, and seemingly adds some credence to the preceding hypothesis anent the "boot" in the MacAulay crest:

"In Scotland torture was long a recognized part of criminal procedure both in the discovery and in the punishment of crime. There was in that country an even greater variety of torture ordinarily employed than in England; and in the struggle between Popery and Protestantism, and in the suppression of supposed witchcraft and the 'Black Art' the cruel instincts of a fanatical people found ample scope. Not only do the Privy Council Registers contain many warrants for the employment of torture, but certain Acts of Parliament specifically deal with it.

The Macaulay "Boote"

On various occasions the Parliament expressly authorized and directed torture, notably in the later cases of Colonel Sibbald in 1680 and Chiesly of Dalry in 1689; and the terms of the Claim of Right in 1689 did not exclude torture from cases of special gravity, as it only declared that the using of torture without evidence, or in ordinary crimes was contrary to law. As late as 1683 a minister called Carstairs was tortured, and in 1690 a prisoner was tortured, by warrant, on a charge of rape and murder.

Scotland was in no way behind England in the variety and cruelty of her forms and instruments of torture. These included the rack, the thumbscrew, the pilniewinkis or pinnywinks, the boot, the caschielawis or caspitaws or caspicaws, the 'long irons,' the 'waking,' the 'Turkas,' needles, scourging, breaking on the wheel, burning, strangulation, mutilation, dismemberment, flaying, and many other ingenious minor varieties, such as, for example, wrenching ('thrawing') the head with ropes, was specially resorted to in dealing with cases of witchcraft. With that characteristic fondness of the Scots for diminutives, they styled the thumbscrew and the 'boot' respectively the thummikins and the bootikins, but the lessening of their appellations in no way diminishes their severity. But Sir George Mackenzie and Lord Roystoun treated the subject of torture as a regular part of the criminal system of Scotland, though Mackenzie states that it was 'seldom used.'

Lord Roystoun, in his MSS. Notes on Mackenzie's Criminal Law (1678), observes: 'The instruments in use amongst us in later times were the boots and a screw for squeezing the thumbs, thence called thummikins. The boot was put upon the leg and wedges driven in, by which the leg was squeezed so severely that the patient (sic!) was not able to walk for a long time after; and even the thummikins did not only squeeze the thumbs, but frequently the whole arm was swelled by them. Sometimes they kept them from sleep for many days, as was done to one Spence, Anno 1685; and frequently poor women accused of witchcraft were so used. Anciently I find other torturing instruments were used as pinniewinks or pilliwinks, and caspitaws or caspicaws, in the Master of Orkney's case, 24th June, 1596; and tosots, August, 1632. But what these instruments were I know not, unless they are the other names for the boots and thummikins.'

M'Laurin in the introduction to his Reports of Criminal Decisions (1774), quotes Lord Roystoun to this effect. Roystoun's surmise was fairly correct, as the 'pilniewinks' or 'pinniewinks' and the 'caspicaws' or 'caschielaws' appear to have been either older forms or perhaps a more severe variety of the thumbscrew and the boot respectively. The torture of the pinniewinks seems to have been employed in England in the reign of Henry IV, and in its application to one Robert Smith, of Bury, it is styled Pyrewinks, and sufficiently identified. The 'caschielawis' or 'caspitaws' or 'caspicaws' were probably an older variety of the boot, and either similar or analogous to that known as the 'Spanish' or the 'German Boot.'

The MacAulay “Boote”

The ‘Boot’ proper was a wooden case or stock encircling the leg from the ankle to the knee; wedges were then driven in with a heavy hammer between the casing and the leg., the number of blows being in proportion to the failure of the prisoner to make either satisfactory confessions or disclosures. This form of torture was chiefly employed in cases of exceptional gravity, such as treason and witchcraft, in which latter case it was freely used with striking inhumanity. So severe could be its effects that the legs were shockingly crushed and the prisoner totally disabled. Pitcairn, dealing with the case of Feane (Fian), or Cunningham, says that he was put to ‘the most Severe and Cruell paine in the worlde called the bootes.’ Two or three strokes of the hammer were generally sufficient to extract evidence or confession, but there is recorded a case in which a young man received and stood fifty-seven strokes.

The ordinary and recognized forms of judicial torture seem to have been in use till well on in the 17th century, and it was not finally abolished until 1706. Alastair Grant was condemned to death in August, 1632, for theft and robbery, having previous to his trial been unsuccessfully tortured both with the boot and the pinniewinks. While the Duke of York governed Scotland towards the close of the reign of Charles II., torture was freely employed. Macaulay¹ states that “the administration of James was marked by odious laws, by barbarous punishments, and by judgments to the inquiry of even that age furnished no parallel. The Scottish Privy Council had power to put State prisoners to the question. But the sight was so dreadful that, as soon as the boots appeared, even the most servile and hard-hearted courtiers hastened out of the chamber. The board was sometimes quite deserted; and it was at length found necessary to make an order that the members should keep their seats on such occasions. The Duke of York [James Stuart, afterwards James II (1633-1701)], it was remarked, seemed to take pleasure in the spectacle, which some of the worst men then living were unable to contemplate without pit and horror. He not only came to Council when the torture was to be inflicted, but watched the agonies of the sufferers with that sort of interest and complacency with which men observe a curious experiment in science. Thus he employed himself at Edinburgh.”

[1. ‘Macaulay’ here refers to the historian Catherine Macaulay nee Sawbridge (1731-1791), the widow of Scottish physician Dr. George Macaulay (1716-1766), who was a first cousin three times removed to Archibald McAulay of Ardincaple. Dr. George Macaulay was great-grandson of Aulay McAulay of Durling (d1675), the brother-germane to Walter McAulay of Ardincaple (fl. 1622-d1668), father of Aulay McAulay of Ardincaple (1624-1675), and the grandfather of Archibald McAulay of Ardincaple (1684-1725). The brackets above, just as here, are mine.]

Remembering Robbie Burns' Night 2020



Ruth and Bruce Cooper attended an excellent evening of food music and words remembering Robbie Burns.
Piper Nick Eagle, sword bearer Graeme Mathewson, addressing the Haggis was Gordon McIvor a member of NZ Scottish Heritage Council.



MacAulay Clan attendees at San Diego Scottish Games Robert Burns Supper 2020
(L) Peggy and Marty MacCauley, Jim and Pam McAuley, and Betty and Don Ribble
(R) 2nd photo we are toasting MacAulay Clan, as well as Robert Burns and Pam's birthday



MacAulay Clan celebrate Robbie Burns at The Village Inn, Ajaz, Ontario
(L) Bud does the Ode to the Haggis
(R) Joan, John, Beth, Tena, Doug

MacAulay Babies

Mike Macauley, Commissioner of Northern Missouri, and his wife Janet are thrilled and proud to share the news of a new granddaughter clan member arriving during the wee morning hours on Tuesday, April 28. Peyton Rae Macauley is the third child of Mike and Janet's son Pat Macauley and his wife Emily. Peyton came 4 weeks early but thankfully she is healthy and strong.



A Future Piper?

Meet Alice, daughter of Luca and Sara. Many of you know Luca as one of our brilliant MacAulay Pipe Band pipers!



MacAulays Conquer Mount Kilimanjaro



Daniel, Natalia and daughters Victoria age 11, Sofia age 10 successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa reaching the summit for sunrise on 18 February 2020. The trek took eight days along the Lemosho route. The Uhuru peak is 19,341 ft above sea level, which is Africa's highest point and the world's highest freestanding mountain.

Daniel was born in Port Morien, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Natalia from Kamchatka Russia. They both work as engineers in the petroleum industry in Canada, Brazil, Norway, Scotland, Russia and presently in Paris, France. Victoria and Sofia are well seasoned travellers at a young age, having visited well over forty countries. They especially loved their time living in Aberdeen Scotland, which reminded them so much of Cape Breton.

Daniel is the son of Neil and Debra MacAulay of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Both were instrumental in the success of the 2018 Cape Breton Gathering.

Side note: Grandpa wants to encourage his granddaughters so he tells them that if they complete the trek he will go swimming in the 2021 Polar Bear swim on January 1st in Port Morien, Nova Scotia. Yup, that would be the North Atlantic. Grandpa has been told by his granddaughters "Get your swim suit Poppy".

A McAuley Mural!



Clan member Laurence McAuley standing with portraits of local sporting heroes

Gareth McAuley and Dave 'Boy' McAuley behind

The name MacAulay and all its variant spellings ie. McAuley/McCauley is particularly prevalent in County Antrim in the north-east corner of Northern Ireland. The small coastal town of Larne recently completed a new 100' long wall mural, designed by the local residents of the 'Factory ' community, with its aim of 'Promoting Positive Aspirations'. For more than 30 years the wall had been a space used for sectarian and related anti social graffiti with a negative impact on the local residents. The new wall mural presents a much more positive image of the area and it is hoped will inspire local children and young people for many generations to come. It features education, peace and sport elements and showcases three local positive role models. Along with famous international DJ and music producer Robert Ferguson (DJ Fergie with residencies at Las Vegas MGM Grand and Caesars Palace) are the towns two famous sporting (unrelated) McAuley sons! Former World champion boxer Dave 'Boy' McAuley MBE had the honour of opening the mural in person. Dave held the IBF flyweight world title from 1989-1992 and challenged twice for the WBA flyweight title in 1987 and 1988. Secondly, recently retired English Premiership footballer Gareth McAuley MBE also adorns the wall. Gareth had an outstanding career playing for teams such as Leicester City, West Bromwich Albion and Glasgow Rangers. He also earned 80 international caps for Northern Ireland, scoring some memorable goals along the way! Quite something that your home towns most famous sporting sons are both McAuley's!

Our Newest Clan MacAulay Members

Christopher S Carpenter

Robert Prescott-Allen

Patrick J Macaulay

Kathleen M Macaulay

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