Inventory

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Clan Gregor Centre Archive (History and Genealogy)
Donated to the National Library of Scotland on behalf of the Clan Gregor Centre in February 1999. This is the second of three (as of April 2004) Clan Gregor deposits: for the first, see Acc.10664; for the third see Acc.12335.

This inventory has been compiled by Sheila McGregor, FSA Scot, for the Clan Gregor Centre.

Introduction:

This material represents the contribution of a rather small number of active individuals to the Clan Gregor Centre over many years of collecting and compiling. It represent both traditional knowledge and many years of research. It has occasionally been possible to attribute a file to a named individual but in most cases the folders are composite collections from many sources and these are attributed to me in my capacity as curator and general editor.

The members of the Clan as a whole, who are extremely numerous, owe the active few a great deal since they have been among the very few to keep hold of their real past and to avoid the romantic escapism that pervades modern Highland culture, if that is the right word. It has been possible, with the support of these few active members and the willing collaboration of the National Library of Scotland, not only to preserve their knowledge but often to extend it since modern research tools have made it sometimes possible to find solutions to long-standing problems. I believe The Quaich and the Clan Gregor Centre’s compilation of archival data marks a high point in the state of our understanding of Clan Gregor as an ethnic body which may stand for a very long time.

However our new-found ability to collect and marshall data has also demonstrated the very severe limits on the available information which no amount of searching or listing will remedy. Very few pedigrees get past the 1800 barrier, and many fail before then. Only in the United States are there secure pedigrees back to the seventeenth century which then lead back to Scotland, a fact that might surprise the many Scots who know little or nothing about Scottish settlement in America.

When the information comes to an end, one can either search around persistently in the hope of finding something new, and persistence is sometimes rewarded, or one can focus on one element of the case or broaden one’s interest to the whole Clan. In Clan Gregor we do at least have a Clan of enormous and still virtually unexplored interest and importance, which survived intact in its Highland fastness well into the sixteenth century and which is thus recorded in all its primeval splendour despite the almost total lack of literacy among its members.

It is hoped to make one final deposit of Clan Gregor material relating to the later history of the Clan and to its main branches, attempting to reconcile the various known pedigrees, and the ever-present problem of Rob Roy and his descendants, or lack of them. For those who are looking here in hope of finding a link, I can only advise that some twenty years of experience now suggest that family traditions of descent are almost invariably an improvement on the actual situation of a family link in the broadest sense, to Clan Dougal Ciar as the southern branch of Clan Gregor. Indeed, every member was to some extent related to Rob Roy, but actual
descendants tend to know their relationship and do not have to prove anything. There are exceptional discoveries still to be made but on the whole it is evident that the percentage of genuine claims is very small, and that even in cases that are likely to be genuine there is rarely enough information to confirm or reject the link.

A further deposit will also be made of the Names of the Clan and the reasons for their use, based on new research done by myself over the past few years, but based on the information gathered by Forbes Macgregor (see his article ‘Who is a MacGregor?’), by Frank Adam (*Clans, Septs and Regiments*) and to a lesser extent by earlier writers. One may say here that the many and varied family traditions that I have been privileged to collect almost all show a direct link with the preliterate population of Highland Perthshire. It is in fact difficult to identify many families from some parishes such as Balquhidder and Kenmore that are not part of the Clan, incoming feudal families always excepted.

In many cases a reference to *The Quaich* is given. This is the Clan Gregor research journal published in twenty parts (five volumes of four parts each) from 1989 to 1996. The pages in each volume are numbered again from 1 and there are approximately 40 pages in each part. The finished article, as published, may be more complete than the bound material; in other cases there is some interesting background material in the file that was not published.

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9 ARTHUR, John Preston. A History of Watauga County, North Carolina (1915). Photocopied extracts of all references to Greers; other possible Clan Gregor names listed include Calloway, Cole, Ferguson, Gragg, Greer, Grider, Grier, Griever, McCaleb (for McAlpine?), McGhee, McGinnis, McNeil, McQueen, Miller, Patterson, White, Wilcox, Wilson, Wright.

10 LDS INDEX: an index to all Clan Gregor material in the Family History Library of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, October 1991.


13 BEAL, Caroline. Greer Notes: apparently referring back to James Greer the Emigrant born 1627 (perhaps) in Scotland but hard information is hard to find. Bound in three parts, a, b and c.


16 McGREGOR, Sheila (ed), for the Clan Gregor Centre Archive, 1999. *Clan Gregor Coats of Arms*. General notes on Scottish Crest badges by J I D Pottinger. Scottish Heraldic Flags, reprinted by courtesy of the Lord Lyon. Coats of arms as used by the Chief, the Clan Gregor Society, Sir Evan Murray MacGregor, James MacGregor of the Queen’s Hotel (owner latterly of Glengyle House), the Greers, the Glengyles, the Murray MacGregors, His Honour Judge Macgregor, Irish families of Gregory, Gregson, and Greig (not illustrated), and some discussion of Sir Evan’s English concoction. The arms invented for himself by Robert Burns, a crook crossed on a pipe above a small bush, with the two mottoes ‘Wood Notes Wild’ and ‘Better a Wee Bush than Nae Bield’ (better a small bush than no shelter). A few oddities and unidentified arms. The Clan Hooter achievement.

17 ARTHUR, Robert. *Some Gregg Lines*. New Orleans, Louisiana, 1952, revised 1958. The lines of David Gregg of Londonderry, Ireland; William Gregg of Newcastle County, Delaware; Gregg of Washington County, PA; Robert Gregg of Carrick-on-Shannon, Ireland; Captain James Gregg of Londonderry, NH; Gregg of South Carolina; Gregg of Warren County, PA.
line of David Gregg and that of William Gregg are given.

Lists extracted from the 1841, 1851 and 1861 Censuses for Kilmallie Parish,
Valuation rolls and other sources.  It is possible to propose two sons of James
Mor somewhat confused in newspaper reports: James born 1753 at Glenorchy
(Dalmally), dying in November 1850 aged 97, and his older brother Donald the
proposed ancestor of the writer.  Proof goes wanting, indeed, but
circumstances are propitious.  *Quaich* vol. 5 (no 19), 119-120.

Gregg of Ramelton, County Donegal, Ireland (died 1851).  MS copy # 12,
presented to Sheila McGregor by the author.

21 PROSSER, Glenn.  *The Saga of Black Canyon; the story of the MacGregors of
Estes Park* (Colorado).  The ranch is now a national monument.  Alexander Q
MacGregor of Milwaukee, married Clara Maria Heeney, three sons George,
Donald and Halbert; Donald married Minnie Maud Koontz and their daughter
Muriel (d.1970) was the last MacGregor on the ranch.

22 McGREGOR, Sheila (ed).  Published Sources for Clan Gregor Family Histories

23 MacGREGOR, Alastair.  ‘Moses MacGregor and Tamnourie, Dumbartonshire’.

24 McGREGOR, Sheila (ed), for the Clan Gregor Centre Archive, 1999.  Stirlings:
‘The MacGregor-Stirling Family of Perthshire’ by Professor Graham Reader,
University of Calgary, Canada.  ‘A descent from Patrick McGregor or Stirling of
Miltoun’ (Leslie Wylie MacGregor of Beecroft, NSW).  ‘Stirlings and Other
Families of the Lennox’ (S McGregor).  ‘Stirlings of Gladsmuir’ (E S Hardie).
Correspondence on reason for protection; possible blood relationship (L
Stirling); was the Laird of Ardoch in 1634 a MacGregor?  James Stirling b.1774,
founder of the Scottish Temperance League in *Quaich* vol 1 (2), 49 and vol 1
(4) 104.

South Wales).  An unpublished biography, with some illustrations and much
background correspondence.

26 Views of Highland Perthshire; mainly photocopies of early postcards.

with additional later notes, tree, and correspondence up to 1995.  Now
proposed Donald McGrigor m Catharine McDonald 1765.  Glenquaich enquiries
28 McGREGOR, Sheila (ed), for the Clan Gregor Centre Archive, 1999. *Assorted Notes on Individuals*. From current individuals back to Duncan MacPharrie and Duncan Ban MacIntyre. Many illustrations, which confirm to the eye of the faithful a MacGregor ‘type’.


33 MacGREGOR, Alastair. ‘James MacGregor of the Queen’s Hotel’. With all relevant census data. Article is in *Quaich* vol 4 (13), pages 8-14.


42 BAXTER, Robin H and BAXTER, Carol J. *The McGregor Family from the Isle of Seil, Argyleshire, Scotland*. All rights reserved July 1995.

43 BAXTER, Robin H and BAXTER, Carol J. *The History of the Michael Family*. All rights reserved July 1995.


46 MACGREGOR, Rev. James, of Oamaru, New Zealand. *Balquhidder, Rob Roy, etc: Sketch Suggested by a Recent Visit*. The visit must have been ‘some time before 1888’. Insofar as they have been checked, every single one of the statements he makes about family history has been inexact.


54 WILSON, J S. *New Zealand Births and Marriages from 1840 to 1920*. The birth entries give only the registered name, the year, the registration district and the reference; no parents’ names. The marriage entries consist of the names of the couple, the year and a reference number. The last section (untitled) is thought to be deaths.

56  FOSS, Joseph.  *Descendants of James Mor in Lochaber*.  All rights reserved 1995.  *Quaich* vol. 5 (19), 119-120:  ‘Donald and James, Sons of James Mor, in Lochaber’.


58  COOK, Molly et al.  *A McGregor Family in New Zealand*.  The descendants of Alexander and Isabella McGregor, who arrived in New Zealand, 7 February 1851, from Dornoch, Sutherland, Scotland.

59  Family Trees.  1  The Descendants of William MacGregor and Christian Finnie of Thornliebank, Renfrewshire, Scotland (born c.1765).  2  Family Tree of James MacGregor, flaxdresser, and Margaret Duncan, Arbroath, c.1800.  3  Ferguson Tree compiled by D Aldred Cooper.

60  GREGORY, Donald.  *Historical Notices of the Clan Gregor*, Part I (all published), Edinburgh 1831; a reference photocopy.


62  *A Scottish Encyclopaedia*.  A complete series of 340 illustrated articles from the *Record and Mail*, with index.

**The Quaich**


64-83  (N.B.  There are two copies of each):


