

Clan MacIntyre – A Journey to the Past by Martin L. MacIntyre, July 2018

I have had a chance to scan this book a few days before publication and am very impressed with the research that has obviously been done by Martin who has taken up the work started by his father many years ago.

This is actually a book for anyone interested in the history of Scotland and also Scottish Clans. It starts by covering the history of Scotland and then goes on to trace the history of the clan.

There are many interactions between the MacIntyre clan and others such as MacNeil, MacDougall, MacDonald, Campbell, Stewarts of Appin, Menzies, MacGregors, etc.

What is impressive is the number of MacIntyre's mentioned in the book and from all over the world. The author also traces how the Diaspora spread across the world into America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, South Africa, Chile, Spain, Portugal, etc.

You can also follow the oral traditions of the clan and discussions on which are more likely to be correct.

MacIntyres lived in all of the glens around Loch Etive: Glen Liever, Glenkinglass, and Glen Etive, across from Glen Noe in Benderloch and northwest to Appin. They were in Glen Strae, Rannoch Moor, Glenorchy, Glenawe, Glen Nant, Glen Lonan and south to Craignish. They were also in the villages of Brouch (later called Brochroy and then Taynuilt), Dalmally/Dysart and Cladich.

Many MacIntyres served with distinction in the military of the British Empire in India, Afghanistan, Crimea, China, Sudan, South Africa, and America. Despite the relatively small numbers with the name MacIntyre, three received the Victoria Cross, the highest award for bravery of the British Empire.

You of course get an excellent account of the clan and in the book you'll read...

John MacIntyre renewed the lease in 1826 for an unknown duration. Apparently, he could live off the land despite the high rent is an indication that Glen Noe wasn't a losing proposition. It refutes the view found in the tartan books and elsewhere that the MacIntyres of Glenoe left for America because they couldn't pay the high rent. We can say with certainty that James (V) was the last MacIntyre chief to live at Glen Noe or, for that matter, reside in Scotland.

The first MacIntyres to arrive in the Americas were prisoners of war rather than colonists or soldiers. The earliest records were Micum, Philip, and Robert McIntire, who were among the 150 Scottish prisoners off-loaded in the spring of 1651 from the ship named Unity at Charlestown, Massachusetts. The ship may have previously unloaded human cargo in the Caribbean and Virginia. These McIntires had fought against Cromwell at Dunbar in the fight to have Charles II retained as King of Scotland. After surrendering, their punishment was to be sold for 20-30 pounds on the dock at Boston for seven years of servitude as virtual slaves. The justification for the seven years was to repay the cost of being transported from England to Boston and the cost of food and lodgings. These three men are the progenitors of the largest group of MacIntyres in America.

There is also a fascinating account of how the Clan was formerly recognised by the Lord Lyon and here the clan's motto *Per Ardua* (through difficulties) is the most appropriate way to describe this long search for material on which to base the claim.

So it was that in 1991, at age 94 and only one month before departing this world, L.D. MacIntyre finally achieved the three goals he set out to accomplish 60 years before - locating the MacIntyre chief, completing a clan history and achieving recognition of the chief in Scotland.

The chapters in Part II describe Clan MacIntyre heraldry and genealogy. Special attention is given to the clan emblems and the chiefly House of Glenoe. Included is the House of Camus-na-h-Erie, the sole recognized cadet and the well-documented, but unrecognized, Houses of Letterbaine, Stranmore and Etive.

The history of the Letterbaine Macintyres, the oldest branch of Glenoe to appear in the written record, was put together to augment Martin L. MacIntyre's otherwise comprehensive clan saga, though with its emphasis on Glenoe.

MACINTYRES have distinguished themselves in many cultural spheres. Poets (bards), storytellers, historians (seanachies) and pipers were members of honored Gaelic professions who passed on a clan's history and culture. Chapter IX covers the arts, artists, authors, invention, exploration and organizations; Chapter X is stories; Chapter XI is poems; and Chapter XII is music.

Throughout this publication there are many images, some in full colour, showing tartans, maps and old documents which help to illustrate this most interesting history including a picture of the first world gathering of Clan MacIntyre which was held 16-20 July 2008. On the last day of the gathering, 300 MacIntyres assembled at Glen Noe to commemorate their ties to the past and hopes for the future by placing stones on the cairn and the founders of the Clan MacIntyre Trust signed their incorporation documents, witnessed by Ian MacIntyre, 17th of Camus-na-h-Erie.

The second world gathering will be held in Glen Noe, Scotland, 17-22 July 2018.

Should you wish to purchase a copy of this book in hardback or E-Book format, just email martin.macintyre@juno.com for details. The hardback sells for US\$50.00 and the E-Book for \$10.00. You can get the hardback for a discount if you are a member of a bona fide Clan MacIntyre group e.g. Clan MacIntyre Association, Clan MacIntyre Trust, Clan MacIntyre Society, Micum McIntires (5% for you and 5% for your organization).

I thoroughly recommend this book even if I also get a mention in it!

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