



Clan Matheson Society

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THE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

During the past year, after consultation with all the Branches of the Clan Society, we agreed to move the delivery date of the newsletter to early in the New Year. The run up to Christmas is always a busy time for all concerned and I hope the change will help those involved in the preparation and distribution. It was not practical to warn all members, so apologies if you have been left wondering when your copy will arrive. Further delay has been due to mailing Clansmen in Scotland, of which there are several hundred or more, about the June Gathering.

Sadly during 2003 many senior Clan members died. Among them were Major General John Matheson, Convenor of the Clan Society since 1994 and Rand Matheson a founder member of the Clan Society in Canada. John Matheson who died on 9 November 2003 was a distinguished man of medicine and a renowned surgeon who saw active service in the Second World War in the Royal Army Medical Corps terminating his long military career at Millbank Hospital in London. He resigned his commission in the Army to take up the appointment of Dean of the Post Graduate Faculty at Edinburgh University, a post he held for eight years. His encouragement and wise council will be sorely missed. Rand Matheson who died on 17 August 2003 did much for the Clan Society in Canada. He received his Bachelor of Commerce degree at Dalhousie Faculty of Commerce in 1929 and went on to become one of Canada's leading transportation and traffic experts. He was never one to stop learning and at the age of 79 returned to

University to study shipping law at McGill Law School. His infectious enthusiasm for the Clan Society did much towards the high profile we experience today and we are so glad of the continued support of his family. In November Jean and I joined the group visiting the D Day beaches in Normandy expertly conducted by Major General Graham Hollands and also enjoyed staying at his home Le Manoir Hérouville, near Litteau. For anyone interested in seeing historic sites and hearing accounts of the remarkable achievements on that day I recommend a visit should there be a repeat tour. With five months to go, it is encouraging to know of the interest in the Gathering shown by many Clan members. I hope those visiting Edinburgh will enjoy the facilities of Prestonfield Hotel on the edge of the Capital and its lovely grounds. Those who move on to Ardross Castle can look forward to the magnificence of the place and enjoy among other things seeing some of the finest coniferous trees in Great Britain planted well over a hundred years ago in the time of my grandfather. Many of you have already visited the West Coast and witnessed its ever changing and unsurpassed beauty. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

The newspaper cutting reproduced below was found by Mrs Morag Mackenzie of Duirinish by Kyle in a bible belonging to her mother Mrs Mary Isabella Nicolson (Matheson) of Duirinish who died last year. I was interested to learn that John Matheson was the father of the late Major General John Matheson.

Fergus Matheson of Matheson

JOHN MATHESON, EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY

The man who received the news of the relief of Ladysmith.

Mr John Matheson has just received an important appointment at Alexandria under the Eastern Telegraph Company. A son of the late inspector of police, Fort William. Mr Matheson entered the local Post Office as a telegraph messenger, and by dint of assiduity and perseverance gradually worked himself up to a position of trust in the service. After spending about five years in the employment of the Post Office, the subject of our sketch contemplated joining one of the Cable Companies, and when doing duty in Oban Post Office about eighteen months ago he was successful in obtaining an appointment with the well known Eastern Telegraph Company. Quitting the postal service he was primarily stationed at Glasgow, from whence, after gaining in general knowledge of the routine work he was transferred to the cable station at Penzance in Cornwall, and his present promotion is doubtless due to his strict attention to duty



at that office. The work at this cable station during the past few months has been abnormally heavy in consequence of the pressure of official and press telegrams relative to the Boer War. In common with his colleagues, Mr Matheson has shared the extra work, and he is at present earning a well-merited holiday prior to his departure for Egypt. Not yet 21 years of age, he has, no doubt a brilliant career before him, and his many friends in Lochaber wish him all success in his calling. Mr Matheson expects to take up his duties in about a month hence. Mr Matheson, it is worthy of note, was the clerk in charge of the wires when the news was first flashed to England of the relief of both Ladysmith and Kimberly. He therefore enjoys the distinction of being the first person in the British Isles to know of these historical achievements

GENEALOGY CORNER

It is again a pleasure to extend my greetings again to all Clan Matheson members. My work as the Clan Genealogist over the year can easily be seen, if viewed lightly, as almost a repetition of that for previous years. That is, entering the genealogical data offered by various branches into my database, as well as bits and pieces I happen to come across myself. However, several times I have had the honour of being in a position to give something back and expand a member's family tree, perhaps even beyond that person's wildest hopes. This, then, is reward time for me. The pleasure of being in a position to increase someone's unique family history, though it doesn't

happen as often as I'd like, is immense. Such short, exciting moments keep me going during those longer times of just simply typing in what seem to be almost dull details. But of course, dull they are not, for they are the latent causes of someone's pleasure in the future, when yet another family's knowledge of their history sees the light of day.

Please do continue sending in your own family tree details to me and maybe I can increase it for you; or maybe you will be the cause of increasing someone else's, perhaps a hundred years hence!

My very best wishes to you all for 2004.

Don Scott, Clan Genealogist

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This year we are pleased to say that our numbers have increased to 77, including all family members, as a result of publicity generated both by word of mouth and through the internet. We welcome all those who have joined us this year and hope they will be able to join us in the events your committee organises through the coming year.

During the year, however, we have lost a very notable member as Major General John Matheson, the Convenor of the Clan Matheson Society, died in November. I'm sure all members of this Branch will wish to offer their sympathy to Mrs Margaret Williams, our former Secretary, and her family.

The events held in 2003 included a very successful evening flight on the London Eye on a Friday night in April with interesting views over the London skyline as the sun was setting. There were enough of us to fill our own "pod" and afterwards we adjourned to the local Pizza Express for a very satisfying meal.

We did not have an annual dinner this year again due to not having enough members able to commit to a February evening in London. Your Committee is therefore planning a different type of social meeting in which it is hoped members can join. Details will be circulated in due course.

The Annual General Meeting was held in May at the Headquarters of the Coldstream Guards and attended by the

Chief of the Clan and twelve other members. The Chief outlined initial plans for the International Clan Gathering to be held in June 2004 and explained that it was to be a peripatetic Gathering this time, starting in Edinburgh and working its way north to Lochalsh.

The Battlefield Tour of Normandy, hosted by Graham Hollands, was the next event organised by the Committee. A very successful and informative tour was enjoyed in October by the dozen people who took part.

On a more personal note, Kate and I were fortunate to be able to visit Australia to see our family now resident in Sydney. By chance it also coincided with the Rugby World Cup. No, we didn't see the Final live, but were able to see Scotland several times as well as Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France and Georgia!

This year, of course, all our attention is concentrated on the Gathering, which will no doubt be a very popular event. There will be so many interesting things to join in and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to come, even if only for one or two of them. It is again an excellent opportunity to meet the world-wide family of Mathesons and to make or renew lasting friendships. We look forward to seeing you.

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Dear Kinsfolk

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members far and wide a very prosperous and healthy New Year.

Unfortunately we continue to be bedevilled with Public Liability Insurance problems and so have been unable to attend our normal range of functions such as Highland Games, etc. Despite this, Lance and Ella Matheson kindly attended the Geelong Games in a private capacity. Our President and Chief's Lieutenant Colin Matheson and his partner Mary were able to attend the Bundanoon Highland Gathering in NSW, said to be the largest Highland Gathering in the southern hemisphere, and erected a Clan tent under a special insurance provision. This was the first Bundanoon gathering they had attended and found it exciting, stirring, tiring but very enjoyable. They made contact with NSW members of other Clan Societies and discovered there was quite a circuit of NSW gatherings they did not know about. We were unable to take advantage of this in 2003, but will try to do so next year.

The Clan Matheson Picnic was held in February last year at Flagstaff Gardens, Melbourne. It was a pleasure to see so many happy faces. Our two Matheson Pipers from Bendigo once more entertained us with some Scottish melodies. Our Chief Lieutenant's Mother, Lady Matheson attended for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed meeting other members.

Treasurer Lois Langford, husband, Len, Secretary May and husband Alan Matheson visited the Matheson House called Duneira at Mount Macedon, north of Melbourne. It once belonged to Laurence Matheson and was constructed in 1875. It has the longest avenue of elms in the southern hemisphere. Also at the Macedon Cemetery is the life-sized statue of a naked lady called "The Spirit of Nature, placed over his grave by his first wife and children. There is a sculpture next to it placed in his memory by his second wife

Mrs Christine Matheson. The grounds were open to the Public in April. We spent a very pleasant afternoon and had a Devonshire Tea in the cafe in the grounds of the house. Ian and May Matheson also had the pleasure of driving to Drouin, east of Melbourne, recently to visit the Daffodil Farm owned and run by one of our newest members, Janet Blainey. The Daffodil Farm is open to the public during daffodil week-end which was held last year on 22nd/23rd August. While there we had a Devonshire Tea, chatted with Janet and her helpers. On sale were such items as pickles, jams and various other home produce. All proceeds go to Cancer Research, a very worthy cause. For a gold coin donation we were able to pick our own bunch of daffodils.

We are now proud to announce that in July of last year we achieved a milestone sending out our Australian newsletter to members who have Internet addresses, thus saving the Branch a few extra dollars and allowing those members to see the photographs in colour. There has been very positive feedback and most members are thrilled with the new format.

In September Alan and May attended their grand-daughter's debutante ball, held at Kernot Hall, Morwell, Victoria. A very pleasant evening for the debutantes (20 in all) and their families.

On 26th October, we held our AGM followed by a barbecue lunch, hosted by our Treasurer Lois Langford and husband Len who kindly opened their home for the meeting and catered for lunch. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by approximately 16 members. We all agreed to try and do the same this year.

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As you can see from the Nova Scotia Branch report, we have been active in many ways. Via the internet, and our mailings, we have notified members of the 2004 Gathering. Another letter will be going out with the Newsletter. Hopefully, we will see a good turnout of our Canadian members!

Although our Branch in P.E.I. did not have much activity in 2003, we expect to see a busier 2004. Plans are still being considered for a Branch in the Province of Manitoba. Recent

correspondence has been encouraging. Overall our membership has been holding steady. It is my hope that new branches will bring about an increase. I welcome, and appreciate, receiving the newsletters and messages from other Clan societies and members worldwide.

On behalf of all our members, I extend to all Clan members our best wishes for 2004.

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The Clan had a busy and fun year once again, meeting old friends and making new ones.

We started the year 2003 activities on 25 January in Onslow on a cold and windy day (-35c wind chill factor, not a day for the kilt) with thirty six members, well wrapped against the cold for a Clan sleigh ride. There were two teams of horses with bobsleds pulling this happy group over the snow covered fields and through the forest, arriving back at the warm barn for hot drinks an hour later. Then it was off to the local church hall for a pot luck supper. This was a most enjoyable day. On 22 March we held a dinner meeting, with twenty five in attendance, at the Sugar Moon Farm and Restaurant, a log constructed building, with a huge fireplace, nestled in the woods of Earltown. The farm produces maple syrup products and serves pancakes and sausage meals. In April some of our members took part in reading during the "Proclamation" held at the Sharon St. John United Church, Stellarton and Knox United Church, Lr. Sackville. The Canadian Bible Society sponsors this event, during which the Bible is read from cover to cover in eleven days. On July 4th I attended the Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor's Tea and Reception at city hall, to welcome members of the International Gathering of the Clans. It was a privilege to represent our clan and meet members of other clans from around the world.

On July 5th the Clan Matheson tent was front and centre at the Halifax Highland Games. This was a beautiful day and a beautiful location. We had people from England, USA, Canada, Denmark, Switzerland and Australia sign our guest book, with many others just visiting our tent. Our tent was also at The Festival of the Tartans in New Glasgow on 20 July. On August 2nd we held our annual general meeting in Earltown. After the meeting it was off to the Matheson farm for the Pipers Picnic. Even though it was raining it did not dampen the spirits of the hundreds present and a good time was had by all.

On 24 August we gathered at Vaughn and Donna's cottage at Shortt's Lake for our annual picnic and auction. As always, this was a day of fun and socializing raising money to support our clan activities. September saw us again pack up our clan

tent and travel to Middleton for the Mid Valley Highland Games. This was our first time at these games. We were well received and had a wonderful time.

As a way of raising funds, this year it was decided we would make a quilt and sell tickets on it. Our members were asked to make a square from which Bertha and Eileen would make a quilt. The finished quilt was beautiful, definitely one of a kind! A special thank you for the beautiful work they did. The lucky ticket was drawn at the Mid Valley Highland Games and winner of the quilt was Isobel (Mathieson) Mackey.

Our clan bursary for the furtherance of the Gaelic culture in Nova Scotia was awarded to Alicya Putnam for her studies in music and dance. We also made a financial contribution to the Canadian Red Cross to aid those families who tragically lost their homes from the fires in British Columbia in August.

Our society members had many happy times this year, one being the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversaries of Joel and Ruth, and Gordon and Bertha. That joy was soon turned to sadness with the death of Rand Matheson (Joel's father) on 17 August. Rand was the founding father of Clan Matheson in Canada and Nova Scotia. On 23 September we were again saddened by the death of Gordon and of George Matheson, brothers who were always together at our clan events giving of their time, talents and humour. Our Clan Society was again grieving the loss of a member and friend Ronald Kelly, who died on 30 October. Ron was a retired firefighter and very active in his community. I speak for all our Clan Society members in saying how much we appreciated them, their support and friendship. To their families we offer our love and support in their loss.

Our sincere appreciation to all members who gave faithfully of their time and talents, thus making our Clan activities a success.

As the year 2003 comes to an end the members of this Branch of the Matheson's wish all Matheson's and their families around the world a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MAY THE YEAR 2004 BE YOUR BEST EVER.

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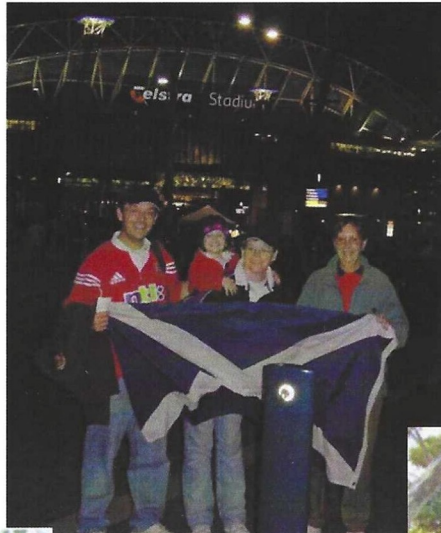


NEW ZEALAND WEDDING
ANNE-MARIE MATHESON & DUNCAN HALL WERE MARRIED IN OCTOBER 2003
MATHESON GROUP: DAN, LYNN, ANNE-MARIE, DUNCAN HALL, MATILDA AND GRANT



NZ Kirkin O'Tartan Rev. Harry Morgan on left. The L to R: Elaine & Ray Rankin, Donald Matheson, Douglas Matheson, Mat McEwen, Lois Ahlquist, Anne Matheson, Heather Astill & Marcia McEwen

Flying the flag for Scotland at the Rugby World Cup.
Ruth, Phoebe and Alistair Laird at the Telstra
(Olympic) Stadium, Sydney.



NEW ZEALAND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
GORDON & AILSA MATHESON (NZ TREASURER & SECRETARY)
CELEBRATING THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING IN OCTOBER 2003



New Zealand branch Foundation members (1989) with banner.
Back row: Roger Matheson, Donald Matheson, Gordon Matheson, Ray Rankin.
Front row: Anette Nemeth, Joan Harbour, Ailsa Matheson



Leonard Langford, Fiona and Christian Godfrey, Lois Langford
following the wedding at St Mary's, East St Kilda, Melbourne



Clan picnic, February 2003 at Flagstaff Gardens, Melbourne
Back row - Len Langford, Lance, Ross, Ella, Colin, Warren Matheson.
Centre row - May, Brett's niece, Abigail Butler, Roma Jorgenson, Merle, Gerald & wife on his right.
Front row - Alan, Lois Langford, Brett & his two children, Lady(Audrey) Matheson, Mary McGillivray, Robert and two daughters.



Gerard and Warren Matheson piping at the Clan picnic,
Flagstaff Gardens, Melbourne, February



May Matheson, Lee Christine Matheson and Alan Matheson at the debutante ball



May Matheson and Janet Blainey at Drouin



Alexander, Fergus & Jean, Alastair, David Graham & Lesley Hollands Katharine

Alexander with Madam Gondrée outside Le Café Gondrée



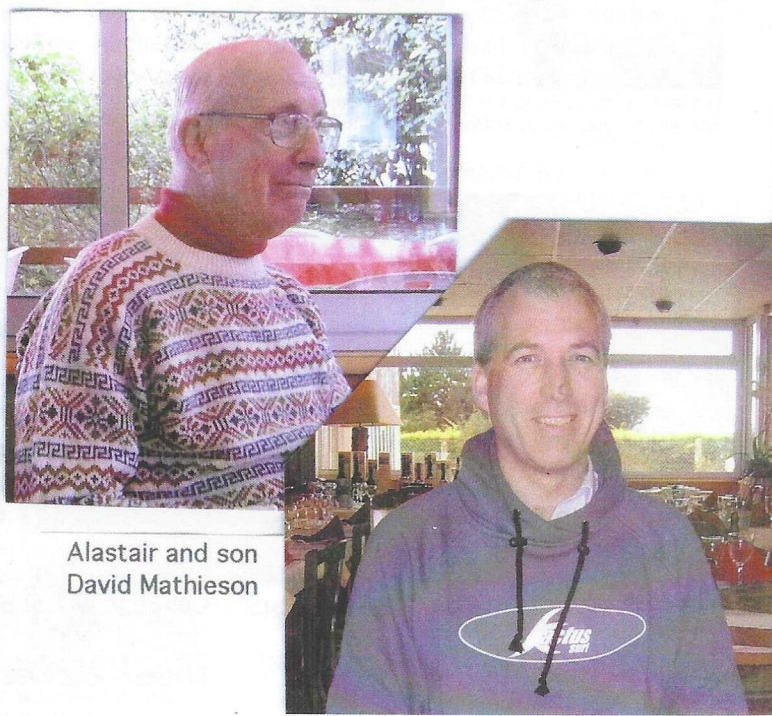
Alexander playing "Flowers of the Forest" at Pegasus Bridge



Le Café Gondrée (large circle). The occupants of 3 gliders (small circles) caught the enemy unawares and took the bridge in 10 minutes



Alexander & Katharine, Graham Hollands, Jean & Fergus Alastair and David



Alastair and son David Mathieson



L - R: Ena Matheson, Isobel (Mathieson) Mackey, winners of the quilt and Beverly Matheson



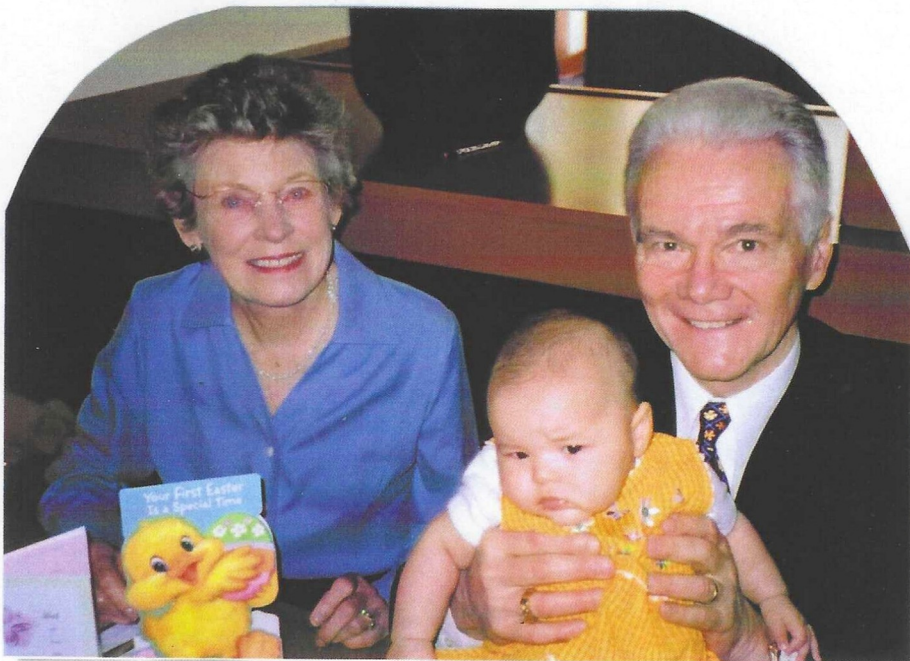
Alycia Putnam receiving the Clan Matheson Bursary Nova Scotia, 2003



L - R: Mathesons:- Al, Doug, Brian, Donna, Vaughn, Ena, Beverly: Nova Scotia



Branch picnic and auction at Shortt's Lake



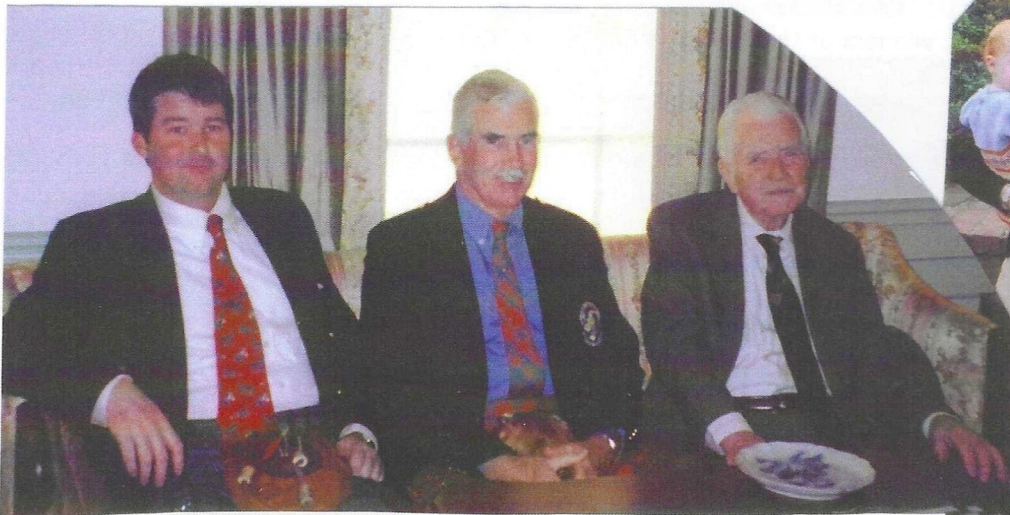
Joel & Ruth Matheson with their grand-daughter Sarah: Nova Scotia



Bertha & Gordon Matheson on their 50th wedding anniversary: Nova Scotia



Orange County Hunt, Virginia, USA
Mathesons:- Mary Alice, Malcolm III, Cyrena Shiland, Lilla & Delilah Ohrstrom, Charles Matheson



3 generations of Malcolm Mathesons:- Malcolm IV, Malcolm III, Malcolm Jr.



Mary Ellen & Colvin T. Matheson
+ twins Emma and Marguerite



Garrick D. Matheson (USA) at Duncraig Castle, Wester Ross, Scotland



Gail & Malcolm Matheson III with his parents Malcolm & Gail, celebrating their 90th birthdays

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The New Zealand Branch continues to be well supported in its activities by an active committee and widely spread membership. The 2 monthly Newsletter goes to about 200 homes and since the first 1989 issue has now reached 70 editions.

Joy Weeds, committee member, successfully commissioned a New Zealand Clan Banner. It has already proved an attractive asset being displayed at two "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" services and gatherings at Raumati South and Auckland. Its cost has been fully met by kind donations from members rounded off by as very welcome overseas contribution.

Gatherings have been held in Wellington and Auckland and included 'Kirkin' o' the Tartan', Annual picnic, Annual General Meeting, "Bring & Tell" and the Scottish Clans Association Church Service. Members also watched a video of the highly successful 150th celebrations held at Waipu marking the arrival of settlers from Nova Scotia under the leadership of Rev Norman McLeod. Many members have connections with these pioneer families.

The Newsletter continues to feature early arrivals to this country and two issues included the story of Captain James Matheson, his wife Christina (nee Weir) and baby John, born on the Island of Mauritius in 1858. Captain James piloted his ship "YARRA" through a horrendous storm, the likes of which he had never before encountered. After trading in Australian ports, Captain James purchased the schooner "Brothers" and came to Port Chalmers in New Zealand. He later became Harbour Master at Kakanui. Descendants of James and Christina now live throughout New Zealand

There are several personal matters which the Branch wishes to record and share... A visit was received from Curt & Elaina Mathison of White Salmon, Washington. Curt's grandfather had a Copenhagen background... Margaret Vahua Matheson returned to her former home at Aorangi, Raratonga. Her late husband was Kenneth Matheson. Margaret & her children, both overseas and in this country are valued Clan members. Margaret welcomed Sir Fergus and Lady Jean to Rotorua on their 1994 visit... David and

Judy Matheson of Lyttelton, Canterbury were welcomed as new members. David a veterinarian, has become known for successfully breeding cattle by cloning from the last beast on Enderby Island. He has collected donkeys from the Galapagos Islands. The Mathesons have a menagerie of animals on their 60 hectare farm.... Former Victoria Law professor, Don Mathieson and wife Sally of Wellington are now working in Uganda. Don is visiting professor at Faculty of Law, Uganda Christian University in Mukono. Sally is supervising correspondence for an ex-Auckland family.

Some prominent and valued members have died during the year. Monica Kidd aged 86 was a remarkable genealogist and historian. She and husband John extracted Matheson / Mathieson data from Sutherland also Ross & Cromarty records, collected the same names on New Zealand electoral records and freely assisted all who needed guidance. Clan Genealogist Don Scott is related to Monica and holds her work and life in high regard. Rod Matheson the Piper died in Palmerston North aged 92. His courageous piping of New Zealand troops in Greece and Crete and on their return to Egypt in World War II has been recorded in the Chief's newsletter No 49, autumn 1994. Rod cherished his Matheson heritage.

Last year we were saddened to announce the passing of Rod's son Ian, an honoured servant of Massey University, archivist to Palmerston North City and friend of the wider community. The book "Council and Community - 125 years of Local Government in Palmerston North 1877 - 2002" was written by Ian and published posthumously.

A number of members are planning on attending the 2004 Clan Gathering in Scotland. The New Zealand Contingent will be led by Chairman Donald Matheson and Chief's Lieutenant Douglas Matheson and the party includes members of their families

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Greetings U.S. Members.

The New Year is upon us. I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and that all have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 2004!!

All of our members have received the schedule and sign up sheet for the 2004 Clan Gathering in Scotland. I certainly hope many of you have made reservations. So far I have had many

promises of planned attendance (but few cheques)!! The last Gathering in Scotland the U.S. Branch had 57 participants - the largest contingent there! Please let me hear from those planning to go. The Chief must have some reliable count as soon as possible

There was no official Clan activity in the U.S. this past year, but, as usual, the Aakesson brothers - John and Alexander (and Alexander's Wife, Ashley) - flew our banner in Virginia at the Potomac Celtic Festival in Leesburg, the Virginia Scottish Games in Alexandria and Heritage Fair in Alexandria. Alec and Ashley are off for a two year stint in Ethiopia so John will be looking for some help next year.

My second cousin, Jean Guyton and her husband, Sam, travelled from Colorado to Arlington, Virginia to spend Thanksgiving with their oldest son, Bill, this past November. Jean and I share the same great-grandparents and though we have corresponded often over the past few years about family genealogy we had never met. So taking advantage of this opportunity we all had lunch together in Alexandria with my ninety year old parents, the Malcolm Matheson, Jr.s, who conjured up stories of Jean's and my great-grandfather, William John Matheson, and his family from days before Jean or I were born - a very memorable occasion!

Mrs. Brenda T. Paradise of Oakland, Tennessee sent in a newspaper clipping of the "First Annual Matheson Reunion" in Macon, Tennessee which muster 75 descendants of John W. and Clara Matheson who had moved to Macon in 1910.

The event was a huge success and is going to be repeated on June 19, 2004 which will give our Clan Gathering in Scotland some stiff competition.

Only 52 members remain delinquent on their dues as of this writing (Dec. 30, 2003). Please remember the Society is dependent upon our members for not only monetary support but for news worthy items of interest to all our members world wide. We want to know about births, deaths, honours, career advancements, genealogical finds, etc.

The Society especially thanks the 36 Life Members who made donations this past year and it particularly thanks those who made donations of \$ 25.00 or more: Thomas K. Andison, Ruth Peebles, Don P. Matheson, John W. Matheson, Garrick D. Matheson, Lyman W. Matheson, Neil P. Wilkerson, Charles T. Matheson, Stephen M. Brown, and Robert K. Matheson.

The Society welcomed in 11 new members since October, 2002. Daniel Willis Eison (Austell, GA), Marion Matheson Kerrihard (Tucson, AZ), Ian Matheson Ballard, Jr. (Stafford, PA), Jill Ballard Hamilton (Wayne, PA), Glen Carlton Matheson (Ashland, OH), Charles Eric Matheson (Hendersonville, TN), Patricia Ann Matheson Guilford (Erie, PA), Suzanne L. Rosco (Cobb, CA), Malcolm Moseley Matheson (Duluth, GA), Charlotte Matheson Fyfe (Brewster, MA), Dennis Michael Mathison (Klamath Falls, OR)

The Society extends its' sincerest condolences to the families of: Irving D. Strong - died February 13, 2001 while a member of the Veterans Home of California.

Donald Robert Mathieson passed away unexpectedly on July 4, 2003.

Diane Mathewson Wheaton passed away last year (2002) in New Hampshire

*Malcolm Matheson, III
Chief's Lieutenant, United States*

MATHESON REUNION AT MACON



John W. and Clara Matheson moved to Macon in 1910. Mr. Matheson was a farmer and Post Master of the Macon Post Office until his death in 1940. There were over 75 descendants at the first Macon reunion. Jack and Barbara Helen M. Ulsh and granddaughter came from Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Frank, Robbie M. and Lee Yancey of Oakland, Joe and Mary Frances Eastham of Bolivar, Charles and Beth Simmons of Bartlett, Marshall Smith and Barbara Sweeney of Grand Junction, Emily Smith of Memphis, James and Brenda Paradise, Jamie Kay, Katherine and James Anderson of Macon. The largest group were descendants of Mack Matheson. Emma Sue M. Carpenter of Moscow, Myles and June Carpenter of Starkville, Mississippi, Maurice and Ada Katherine Sparkman of Olive Branch, Mississippi, Joe and Ann Carpenter with grandchildren of Denham Springs, Louisiana, Travis and Elen Carpenter and family of Denham Springs, Louisiana, James Davis and Sherry Carpenter with family and Cynthia Carpenter of Moscow, John and Mary Matheson of Roanoke, Virginia, Paula M. Campbell of Oakland and Stanley, Matt and Morgan Matheson of Somerville. Wilma M. Montague's descendants attending were James and Janis Montague, Billy and Teresa Montague of Somerville, Murray and Joan Springer of Collierville, Randy, Denise, and Cindy White of Jackson, Tennessee, Lisa Springer of Chesterfield, Missouri, Anita and Kristy Springer, Brittany and Allison Norton of Collierville, Tennessee, Curtis and Beth Garrison of Henderson, Tennessee, Chris and Deanna Gilbert of Cordova, Tennessee, and Barry, Angie and Logan Hinesley of Oakland, Tennessee.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

SCOTLAND

- * Christina (Matheson) and Andreas Gellert on the birth of a daughter Lisa Marie on 4 November 2003, a sister for Emma-Colleen
- * Emily, daughter of Will & Bella Craven, grand-daughter of Torquhil & Serena, for winning the prize of a trip to Pakistan for her School Presentation

° AUSTRALIA

- * Lady Matheson widow of Sir Louis Matheson, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 19th December with family and friends. We wish her many more happy birthdays.

NEW ZEALAND

- * Edward Matheson, son of Wayne & Sonya of Queenstown, on the award of an International Baccalaureate Diploma.
- * Gordon & Lesley Matheson of Christchurch on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary
- * Doug & Heather Matheson of Middlemarch who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in January 2003. Branch Secretary Ailsa & Treasurer Gordon Matheson who have celebrated their 50th Anniversary. They were married in Dunedin on 10 October 1953.
- * Colin Matheson of Palmerston, for receiving a Special Citation for 30 years a member of Waihemo County & Community Board and a for further 12, years service to local government.
- * Jim Matheson for whom a Special Plaque was installed at the lookout overlooking Lake Wanaka in recognition of his work toward town beautification.
- * Jeanette Morrison, Managing Director & daughter Meryn Feather, General Manager for celebrating 75 years at Inglewood Motors, currently 21 trucks & 23 employees.
- * Margaret & Bob Matheson of Alexandra for participating in their 1939 Ford V8 at the Ranfurly Art Deco weekend. Margaret for hosting the Canterbury Walnut Growers during an Otago Central function
- * Andrew Sclater, grandson of Pamela Sclater, Milford, for setting a new record in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary school Championships for 3,000 metres.
- * Anne-Marie, daughter of Dan & Caryl Matheson of Epsom on her marriage to Duncan Hall of Kumeu in October 2003
- * Pearl Matheson of New Plymouth who had 90 candles on her cake, earlier in the year.

CANADA

- * Joel & Ruth Matheson, and Gordon & Bertha Matheson who celebrated their Golden Weddings in 2003

UNITED STATES

- * Mary-Ann (Vanderloo) & John E. Brunk on the birth of their daughter, Brianna Nickel Brunk, born March 30, 2003 (She is the granddaughter of Canadian Member Mary & Frank Vanderloo of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada.
- * J. Murdoch & Susie Matheson, on the birth of their third child - daughter, Campbell - born December 12, 2003.
- * The Malcolm Matheson Jrs. - "Big Pink" and "Big Malc" - on both turning "90" years young this past fall of 2003!!

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