



Clan Maclean International - Est. 1892

Clan Gillean USA - Member
Macleans, Maclaines & Related Families
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Sir Lachlan Hector Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Baronet
Twenty-eighth Chief of Clan Gillean

INFORMATION SHEET

Clan Gillean USA, Inc. is an independent, non-profit, non-sectarian, non-partisan **NATIONAL** organization open to **all** Macleans and Maclaines, no matter how spelled, and recognized related families. Clan Gillean USA provides for the exchange of clan (family) history, for the exchange and preservation of genealogical records, for the collection of clan traditions, music, stories, and for educational activities for its members. The Clan provides through its volunteer members clan representation at Scottish games and gatherings throughout the United States.

Clan Gillean USA has its inception as The MacLeans in North America formed in June of 1893 during the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, Illinois. Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean, Chief of Clan Gillean, chartered MacLeans in North America. The MacLeans in North America included Macleans from the United States and Canada and held annual meetings; its activities ceased, however, just after World War I. In 1970, the Clan MacLean Society of the United States, organized in the mid nineteen sixties, held its first national meeting at the Grandfather Games, Linville, North Carolina. Clan MacLean USA operated under this name until rechartered as Clan Gillean USA in the State of Florida in 1987. Clan Gillean USA was recognized as a branch of Clan MacLean International during 1993, the centennial year of organized Maclean activity in North America.

Clan Gillean USA was named in honor of the 27th Chief of Clan Gillean, taking its name from his title; Clan (children) Gillean literally means "the children of Gillean." The name Mac (son of) 'Lean or 'Laine is derived from Gilleathain-na-Tuaidh, Gillean of the Battle Axe, a thirteenth century warrior. MacLean/MacLaine is a shortened form of MacGillean or son(s) of Gillean.

Duart Castle, located on the Isle of Mull off the west coast of Scotland, is the ancestral home of the Macleans. It appears in written historical records as early as 1390 and was occupied by the MacLean Chiefs from the fourteenth century (1300's) until it was confiscated in 1692. The castle was repurchased and restored during 1911-12, in part through world-wide subscription of funds from Clan people, by Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean. Sir Lachlan Hector Maclean, 28th Chief of Clan Gillean, who makes his home at Duart Castle, invites all his kinsmen and women to visit the castle whenever they are in Scotland.

Membership in Clan Gillean USA is open to persons bearing by birth or marriage the surname MacLean in any of its forms and spellings or a surname of a recognized related family, or bearing a surname other than MacLean, but whose maternal or paternal ancestors bore either the surname of MacLean or the surname of one of the related families.

GOALS OF CLAN GILLEAN USA:

! to distribute books, pamphlets, bulletins, or other published educational and historical materials relating to Scottish history, genealogy, literature, any and all branches of Clan Gillean, Duart Castle, or the other castles forming part of the Clan's history.

! to collect and preserve literary, historical, and genealogical records, documents, treasures, monuments and relics relating to Scotland and the Clan and maintain a repository therefor.

! to perpetuate Scottish and Clan traditions and customs and maintain good relations with all Clan Gillean organizations.

! to pursue, in addition to the goals set forth above, other literary, historical, genealogical, and educational activities as the Board of Directors shall direct.

Regular Memberships are available upon payment of a new members' fee and the first year's dues. Life Memberships are available upon the payment of the new members' fee and an amount equal to ten times the annual dues.

Upon acceptance into membership, new members will receive

- ! a membership card ! a membership certificate
- ! a membership pin ! a Clan information sheet
- ! a copy of the Clan constitution ! a copy of the Clan by-laws
- ! a genealogy sheet, and ! an application form for a family member