

Clan MacLaren Society of North America, Ltd. Genealogy Project



While clans are traditionally based on fealty rather than bloodlines, genealogy grows ever more important as generations move farther from ancient homelands. An understanding of relationships, whether or not tied to distinguished Clan members, enhances interest and understanding of history while strengthening bonds to others located far away. With these

thoughts in mind, the Clan MacLaren Society of North America (CMSNA) continues to devote time and energy into genealogy.

To augment our efforts in genealogy, CMSNA participates in a Y-DNA project at FamilyTree DNA. The project is open to all males bearing a MacLaren surname regardless of spelling or CMSNA membership. The goal of the project is gaining a better understanding of the deep ancestry forming the Clan's origins and history.

Some Surnames of Clan MacLaren

Larnach	McClaran	McLaury
Laughton	McClaranan	McLawran
Laurence	McClaren	McLawrence
Laurie	McClarence	McLawrine
Law(s)	McClareon	McLearn
Lawrence	McClarín	McLearn
Lawson	McClaurin	McLeran
Lawton	McClearin	McLerran
Leary	McClearn	McLurin
Lorne	McClery	McPatrick
Loughry	McCroy	McPhater
Low(e)	McGory	McRory
Lowery	McIlleherran	Paterson
Lowry	McIllherin	Patrick
Lowson	McLairén	Patterson
MacAcllion	McLairén	Petrie
MacFate	McLaurin	Wright

plus many others, including a multitude of additional spelling variations

Goals

- Compile and maintain the best, most complete data-set of information on Clan and Sept families
- Enable CMSNA members to contribute information
- Supplement research through links to the Clan MacLaren Surname DNA Project
- Preserve the collected data and supporting materials
- Provide genealogical research tools to members of CMSNA

Note: "Sept" is a word used to explain the variety of surnames for members of a single clan and reflects the vagaries of transition of the Gaels into the English naming system as well as marriages, migrations and occupations.

Status

CMSNA maintains a genealogy website for members seeking a starting point for their own research or for preserving their family histories. There are currently over 33,000 people in the online database spanning centuries from the 15th through the 21st. This number will increase as family lines are connected and documented, more information becomes

publicly available and ongoing research efforts produce results.

The focus of work on genealogy records remains cataloging and organizing the large collection of data in hand after the passing of CMSNA's Genealogist of long standing, Robert D. McLaren, early in 2020. As this effort advances, information will be shared with CMSNA members through articles in our quarterly newsletter (*The MacLaren Standard*) as well as updates to online data.

Sources

CMSNA's genealogy data includes the work of Banks McLaurin and his cousin James B. McLaurin published in 44 issues of *McLaren Quarterly* by the Clan McLaren Society USA from 1969 through 1979 along with submissions from CMSNA members and original research by the CMSNA Genealogist, prior and current. The collection will continue to be supplemented through available public documents, including civil and census records.

Images of these documents are linked to individuals to the fullest extent practical to provide CMSNA members access to underlying research.

Data Submission

All contributions are appreciated whether from a CMSNA member, a member of a Clan family or a researcher completely unaffiliated with CMSNA or the Clan. Submissions are evaluated through a process designed to identify links to the current database, consolidate overlaps and credit the submitter. No format will be rejected, neither electronic nor printed, but electronic GEDCOM files (ANSI 5.5) are preferred. Other readily-processed digital formats include:

- Family Origins (version 4 and **later**)
- Family Tree Maker (version 2014 and **earlier**)
- Legacy Family Tree
- PAF (Personal Ancestral File)
- Rootsmagic (version 7.7 and **earlier**)
- TMG (The Master Genealogist)

In addition to compiled genealogies, other data is also appreciated. Examples include:

- images of family bible pages
- magazine articles
- news clippings
- obituaries
- photos (with individuals clearly identified)

Contact information for the CMSNA Genealogist is listed below as well as available to members through the CMSNA

website, within the Member's area. (www.clanmaclarennna.org).

CMSNA Data Repository

Printed and electronic archives of CMSNA records are stored at the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library.

Moultrie-Colquitt County Library
204 5th ST SE
Moultrie, GA 31768
(229) 985-6540

<https://www.mccls.org/about-library-2/branches/genealogy>

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Join CMSNA

Please join CMSNA to receive updates about the Genealogy Project that will be published in our quarterly newsletter, *The MacLaren Standard*. Only with a membership will you be assured of receiving these updates.

Membership information may be found at: www.clanmaclarennna.org/join.htm

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