

CLAN CHATTAN ASSOCIATION

The Association, which was founded in 1933, presently has around 700 members world wide. It produces a Journal once a year which contains articles relating to the Confederation, individual clans, clan country and clan members. An annual newsletter is also produced.

The Association aims to provide friendly social intercourse among the Clans and Septs of Clan Chattan; to encourage and maintain interest in the history and traditions of the clan; to extend knowledge of the Clan and the Association throughout the world; and to give support to similar movements which have as their object the preservation of old traditions and loyalties.

CLAN CHATTAN - HISTORICAL NOTES

Clan Chattan, or "Clan of the Cats" for the constituent clans carry the wild cat in the badges. But this totemic symbol is probably a Gaelic pun on their origin, the most reasonable account being that the traditional Clan owns its descent from Gillichattan Mor, the great Servant or Devotee of St Cattan of the ancient Culdee Church. The historical Clan is reckoned from the marriage of Eva, heiress of Clan Chattan, to Angus 6th of Mackintosh in 1291.

The territory occupied by the Clan lies in east Inverness-shire, stretching from Inverness in the north to Laggan in the south and embracing the upper straths of three main rivers, the Nairn, Findhorn and Spey.

In time the Clans "of the blood" of the old Clan Chattan, the Macphersons, Cattanachs, MacBeans and MacPhails, and those of Mackintosh descent, including the Shaws, Farquharsons, Ritchies and MacCombies, were joined by others, the MacGillivrays, Davidsons, Macleans of Dochgarroch, MacIntyres in Badenoch, Macqueens, Gows and Clarks. So the confederation grew in size and importance.

For nearly five centuries the Clan Chattan was a force to be reckoned with in the north. A series of "bands" or solemn agreements between 1543 and 1756 indicate the prime purpose of mutual security within the confederacy and the many signatories denote the main families, septs and clans which it comprised. Throughout those years the Clan Chattan found itself in conflict with the Camerons who were in possession of the old Clan Chattan lands in Glenloy and Locharkaig and with the MacDonalds of Keppoch who occupied the Mackintosh charter lands in Lochaber. Both feuds eventually ended peaceably although the latter involved the Clan in the Battle of Mulroy in 1688, the last battle to be fought solely between Highland Clans. The Clan Chattan was out in both The '15 and The '45, the Mackintosh Regiment fighting gallantly in the thick of the conflict at Culloden where their "bratach buidhe" was one of the few Jacobite standards not to fall into enemy hands.

After the death of the Chief in 1938 without direct male heir, the Lord Lyon held that the chiefship of Clan Chattan had become separate from that of Mackintosh. The present Chief of Clan Chattan is resident in Zimbabwe.

Membership Application Form

I wish to become a member of the Clan Chattan Association
and enclose remittance of

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Annual membership £10 or US\$ 25

Five Year Membership £40 or US\$ 85

Life Membership £250 or US\$ 500

Please note that payment may only be made in Sterling or US Dollars.

Completed forms should be forwarded to:

The Membership Secretary:

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