

LEARNING ABOUT MACLEODS

Tracing your Scottish ancestors can be enjoyable challenge. Before you can locate your forefathers in Scotland, you must know the names of those who emigrated to American, as well as the approximate date of their region of origin, or your task will be virtually impossible. If you know the name of the parish where your family lived, you have a headstart. If you do not know the name of the parish, have you heard of a village, a nearby town, a body of water, mountain, or landmark? Sometimes, even the name of one's farm may provide a useful hint.

Prepare yourself to begin your search by talking with older relatives, searching through family memorabilia, and writing down what you already know about your ancestors.

Sometimes, because of having had a very early emigrant or a complete lack of useful clues, you will not be able to find your own family in Scotland. However, you can still enjoy reading the history and lore of the Clan Macleod and learn about the areas where they lived. You can begin to understand the motivations which brought them across the Atlantic, and gain greater appreciation for the culture which was theirs. Many fine books have been written about the Clan and its lands.

For assistance in beginning a search for your ancestors and some sources of published materials about the Clan Macleod, contact:

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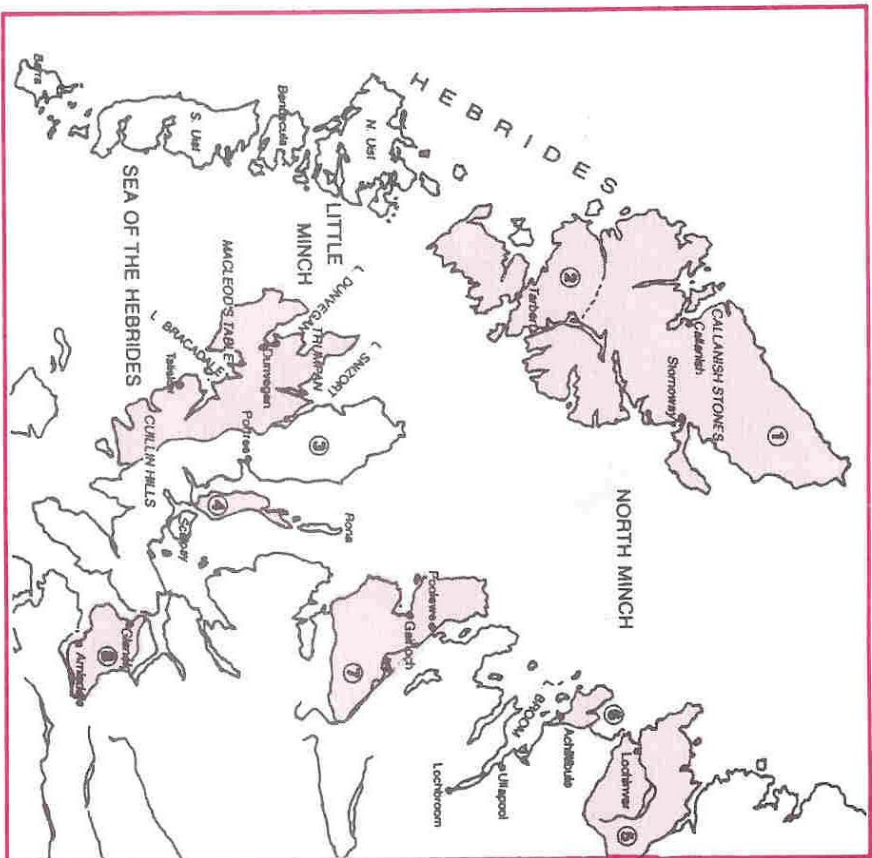
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1. LEWIS Macleods here may descend from Leod's son, Torquill.
2. HARRIS Ruled first by Leod. (13th c.).
3. SKYE then by descendants of his oldest son, Tormod. Fairlilies here may descend from the chief's line.
4. RAASAY Malcolm, X of Lewis, c. 1510, gave Raasey to his second son.
5. ASSYNT This far northern land came to the Macleods when Torquill, IV of Lewis, married Margaret MacNicol.
6. COIGEACH Norman I, Assynt, gave this peninsula to his second son, John, in the mid-15th c.
7. GAIRLOCH Royal Grant was given to Neil Nelesoun (descendant of Torquill, IV of Lewis) in 1430.
8. GLENELG Chief Malcolm received charter from King David II, 14th c. but Macleods lived here much earlier.

Note of caution: Finding a Macleod ancestor in records of these areas does not guarantee his descent from the original proprietor of the land. People moved about, just as they do now!

The Portion of Scotland which contains "the Lands of Macleod" is outlined in red on the map above. Countries are also named and outlined. The enlargement, opposite, includes the names of a few towns, plus areas of special significance of Macleods.

