

# MACLEOD OF MACLEOD

Clan Motto: Hold Fast

The Clan MacLeod consists of two branches descending from Olaf the Black, King of Man. Olaf was of Nordic stock originally and received the islands under the treaty of Perth from the King of the Scots. Olaf's son Leod acquired Dunvegan, Trotternish, Harris and Glenelg by marriage with the daughter of Macrailt, the Norse Armuin in Skye. They had two male heirs, the elder son, Tormod, is the "Father" of the MacLeods of MacLeod. The residence is Dunvegan on Skye.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Chief, Alasdair Crotach (Hump-backed Alexander- due to an injury), avoided capture by James V and secured a charter to the disputed lands of Trotternish upon the death of James V. He rebuilt the church of Rodel in Harris and the Fairy Tower of Dunvegan.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Chief Roderick, known as Ruairidh (Rory) Mor helped the Dunvegan area to grow as a cultural center. The MacCrimmons developed a new form of piping, the pibroch during this time.

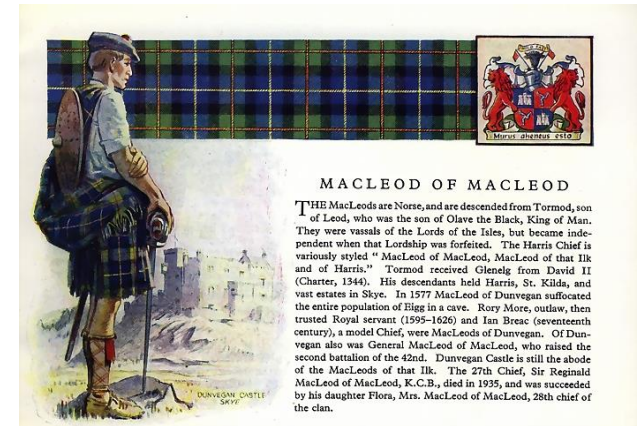
The MacLeods supported Charles I and II, however the losses were so great that they remained apart from the Jacobite risings.

The current Chieftain is Hugh MacLeod who resides in Dunvegan at this time.



Clan MacLeod of Harris Septs:

Beaton	MacCagy
Bethune	MacCloor
Beton	MacClure
Grimand	MacLeur
Grimmand	MacLoor
Grimmond	MacLure
Grimond	MacCrimman
Grinan	MacCrummon
Grinnan	MacGrimmon
Harald	MacGrinnon
Harrald	MacCowag
Harold	MacCrivag
Harrold	MacCuaig
Harraldson	MacHarald
Harroldson	MacHarrald
MacAndie	MacHarold
MacCandie	MacHarrold
MacAndy	MacRaild
MacCandy	MacWilliam
M'Kandy	Norman
MacCaig	Normand
MacCagie	Williamson



## MACLEOD OF MACLEOD

THE MacLeods are Norse, and are descended from Tormod, son of Leod, who was the son of Olaf the Black, King of Man. They were vassals of the Lords of the Isles, but became independent when that Lordship was forfeited. The Harris Chief is variously styled "MacLeod of MacLeod, MacLeod of that Ilk and of Harris." Tormod received Glenelg from David II (Charter, 1344). His descendants held Harris, St. Kilda, and vast estates in Skye. In 1577 MacLeod of Dunvegan suffocated the entire population of Bigg in a cave. Rory More, outlaw, then trusted Royal servant (1595-1626) and Ian Breac (seventeenth century), a model Chief, were MacLeods of Dunvegan. Of Dunvegan also was General MacLeod of MacLeod, who raised the second battalion of the 42nd. Dunvegan Castle is still the abode of the MacLeods of that Ilk. The 27th Chief, Sir Reginald MacLeod of MacLeod, K.C.B., died in 1935, and was succeeded by his daughter Flora, Mrs. MacLeod of MacLeod, 28th chief of the clan.



## MACLEOD OF LEWIS

THE MacLeods of Lewis (like the MacLeods of MacLeod) are of Norse origin, and were owners of the Lewis and of Waterlugh in Skye. They had also the lands of Assynt on the mainland by charter of the Crown 1340. They received charters of their insular possessions in the fifteenth century. Along with the clansmen of the Harris branch they fought on the right wing at Harlaw in 1411. At the close of the sixteenth century the male line of the MacLeods of Lewis became extinct. The lands of Assynt passed to the Earl of Seaforth in 1660. The story of how this came about is one of the darkest and bloodiest pages in the troubled history of the Highland clans. Their estates were transferred to MacKenzie of Kinross, and MacLeod of Rassay became the male representative of the ancient race. In the nineteenth century the Rassay family also lost their lands, but continued to be the principal cadet of Siol Torquil. The MacLeods fought for Charles II at Worcester, but took no active part in future Jacobite risings. Among the many scions of the Clan MacLeod, many members have risen to distinction. Foremost, perhaps, are the MacLeods of Morven, to which house belongs the famous Dr. Norman MacLeod.

## MACLEODS OF LEWES

Motto: (I birn quhil I se) "I shine, not burn"  
or "I burn while I shall"

The second branch of the MacLeods comes from the younger son, Torquil who inherited the isle of Lewis from his father Leod, who had in turn inherited it from Olaf the Black. The line continued directly until 1506 when a brother, Malcolm assumed the title upon forfeiture by his brother Torquil 8<sup>th</sup> Baron of the Lewes. In turn, the line was passed through Roderick to the younger son, Torquil Dhu; the elder brother Torquil Conanch killed Dhu and the line passed to his daughter Margaret, who had married a MacKenzie. As such the chiefship of the MacLeods of Lewes passed to MacKenzie Earles of Cromartie

The male representation passed to Malcolm Garbh, the younger brother of Roderick who also inherited the Isle of Raasay and was designated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chieftain of Raasay. Three generations later, the title passed to sisters who, in turn, died childless. The title then passed to their cousin, Alexander, a grandson of the 4<sup>th</sup> Laird. The 14<sup>th</sup> Chieftain, Torquil Roderick resided in Tasmania until his death in March 2001, when the torch was passed to his son, Torquil Donald MacLeod, now the 15<sup>th</sup> Chieftain of the MacLeods of the Lewes.



Clan MacLeod of Lewis Septs

Askey	MacCaskill
Askie	MacKaskill
Caskey	MacKaskle
Caskie	MacAllum
MacAskie	MacAllom
MacAskey	MacCalim
MacCaskie	MacCallam
Aulay	MacCalume
MacAulay	MacGilliechallum
Callam	MacCorkill
Callum	MacCorkindale
Challum	MacCorkle
Lewis	MacKorkle
MacLewis	MacKorfill
MacAbe	Malcolmson
MacCabe	Norie
MacCaybe	Nory
MacAskill	Norrie
MacAsgill	Norry
MacCaskell	Tolmie

# A brief history of the branches of Clan MacLeod

## DUNVEGAN

While many strongholds lie in ruins across Scotland, Dunvegan, the castle of the MacLeods of MacLeod, has remained intact for over 700 years and has been occupied for more than 20 generations. It is on the Isle of Skye, which means "wing" in Gaelic (sgioh) in reference to the shape of the island. This is also the castle of MacLeod Septs.

## What is a Sept?

Essentially, a clan is a collection of families living in a more or less defined area, and loyal to a specific chief. The most powerful family (which is usually the wealthiest) carries the name of the clan – in our case, the MacLeods. Other families that belong to the clan are referred to as "septs". Just because your name isn't MacLeod doesn't mean that your family isn't part of the clan.

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