



Western States Clan MacLaren Society

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SCOTTISH FESTIVALS RETURN

Your calendar for 2022 may have some blank pages yet to be filled. Why not write in a few Scottish festival dates and plan to attend? Consider volunteering to be at a WSCMS tent and meet festival visitors. The dates this year are July 16 for Portland, Oregon, September 10 & 11 for Kelso, Washington, and October 1 & 2 for McMinnville, Oregon. If you know about festivals in other Western states that will return to operations this year, let us know so we can be represented there. Festival organizers are making sure that nothing can stop us now in celebrating Scottish heritage.



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President's Message



Norm English

Hello, once again, to WSCMS Members:

We've reached the Scottish event season once again. This is potentially the first full year of games and events since 2019, and I'm quite sure that most of you, like I, are delighted that some semblance of normalcy has returned to our Clan MacLaren activities.

Even though our organization participated in a couple events in the second half of 2021 at Kelso, Washington and McMinnville, Oregon, and it was wonderful to be there, it still felt like we were very slowly crawling out of the 'pandemic tunnel' on the other side of those unusual times we had just been through. But it was still wonderful anyway!

On January 29th this year, several of you joined us for the '2nd edition,' of our Robert Burns Night via the Zoom platform. It was nice to see some of your faces once again, and I think we had a really great time interacting with one another, listening to a presentation of the Immortal Memory, video performances by Smithfield Fair of some wonderfully uplifting Scottish songs, and paying homage to prolific Scottish poet Burns. Once again, I'd like to thank Penny McLaren for her part in setting this all up for us. She did a commendable job of organizing it, and I am so grateful to her.

Looking further ahead in 2022, our AGM is scheduled to happen during the McMinnville Scottish Festival in October at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds, so look for more information about the event as the date draws nearer. The probability of such 'in-person' events as this, in itself, helps to lift the spirits in each of us after a three-year absence. It is indeed something to look forward to. Perhaps, WSCMS will be able to have a presence at additional events between now and October.

Thank you all for your part in keeping the 'spirit' moving through these less than ideal times, and let's continue to look for ways to celebrate our Scottish heritage, as we slowly move back into the world of 'personal contact,' so we can enjoy the world of bagpiping, dancing, athletic events, and wearing of our tartan. Without a doubt, it's about time, don't you think?

Norm English – President



News of members



WSCMS members Robyn, Aidan, and Alex Zobia above, and Aidan, below, with the MacLaren tartan behind him.



Congratulations to WSCMS members Robyn and Alex Zobia on the birth of their first child. Many happy days to all three.

Aidan Avedis Zobia was born October 15, 2021. Robyn is the daughter of Vice President Nina Garcia. So his MacLaren roots are deep. As the proud grandmother, Nina shared her grandson's photos. He is looking like a clan leader already with the MacLaren tartan that he could wrap in like a kilt. Welcome Aidan! We look forward to seeing you at the Highland Games and other events someday.

Can anyone resist saying, "Awwww, so cute."



With news of her newest grandson, Nina Garcia passed along this almost as cute photo of what she says are her "three naughty cats." Naughty? They look "pawsitively" angelic.

WSCMS news in brief



Burns Night held via Zoom

Members received the invitation to join in the WSCMS Burns Supper via Zoom. It was the second year that the celebration was held online.

Our esteemed president Norm English presented the keynote address, To the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. Norm's talk was inspiring, interesting, and very well done. Equally well done were readings by Carol Halsey and Barbara Gard. Thanks go to all.

Thank you to all who attended, too. If you missed the evening and want to watch the recording, please email to get the link from Penny McLaren, ampmcomm@msn.com

Dues renewals received

Membership renewal notices were sent out, and the renewals have come back in. Thanks to all of you who responded. If you did not receive your dues notice, or if you know someone who would like to join our society, please contact Membership Secretary Tim McLaren by email at drtmclaren@msn.com. Or find more contact information on the last page of this newsletter.

Share your story

Do you have news to share about your family or other background information as it relates to the MacLaren name or other related clan sept names? Why not share your history in this newsletter?

Contact newsletter editor Penny McLaren by email or phone to provide details for a future issue. (See the contact information on page 8). We presently publish an issue of the newsletter every quarter, although exact dates may vary within the calendar months.

This issue features people with the Patterson and Lowry names. Both names are from related families, known as septs of Clan MacLaren. Do you have a surname like one of these? They are all among the many septs of MacLaren.

Claren	McLearn
Clarín	MacFeat
Laran	McPhater
Laurence	Patterson
Lowry	Patrick
Laurin	Peterson
Law	Petrie
Lowe	Wright



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Washington winery brings fame to the Patterson name

Patterson is a sept of Clan MacLaren. Those with a family connection to Patterson proudly wear the MacLaren tartan. Do you know any Pattersons?

A little research finds the name Patterson attached to a winery in Washington. Patterson Cellars was started in Woodinville, Washington in 2000. The owner and winemaker is John Patterson. He produces some 19,000 cases of wine every year in the Woodinville Wine District in Woodinville, Washington.



There are four wine tasting rooms around Washington for Patterson Cellars. The first was in the Warehouse Winery District in Woodinville. The second opened in 2012 in the Hollywood Hill winery district, also in Woodinville. The third tasting room opened in 2017 in Leavenworth, Washington. Most recently, a fourth tasting room opened in the Seattle neighborhood known as Sodo in 2017.

If you find yourself around these parts of Washington anytime, and if you like wine, check them out! Or go to www.pattersoncellars.com

You can visit the Patterson Cellars Hollywood Hill tasting room, one of two in Woodinville, Washington.



John Patterson checking the wine in barrels.

The winery bears his name

Before starting his own operation, John Patterson had a depth of experience in the wine making industry. He earned an associates degree in natural science at Everett Community College, and then completed the certificate program at South Seattle Community College in Viticulture and Enology. He also continued his education at Washington State University by completing the Viticulture and Enology certificate there.

He worked the wine harvest at Quilceda Creek winery for 13 years and then decided to open his own operation. He says his father was a big contributor and supporter to him when he first decided to open Patterson Cellars. He is also president of the Woodinville Wine Country Association and a loyal supporter of his local area and the wine business.

(Thanks to Patterson Cellars for the biography.)

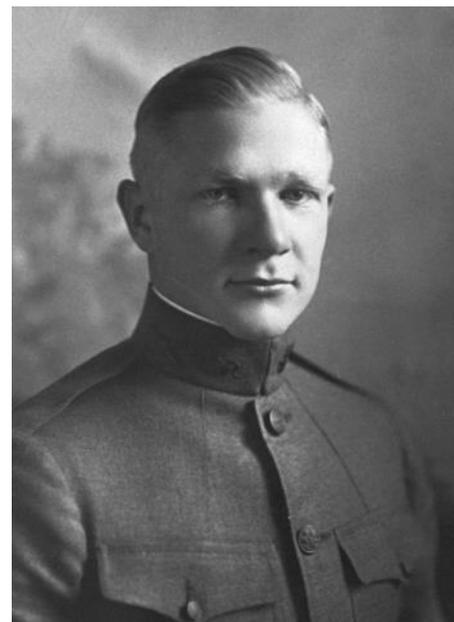
Lowry is a well-known name in Colorado

Lowry is a sept of the MacLarens, and consequently those with the last name or a variation of it are part of Clan MacLaren.

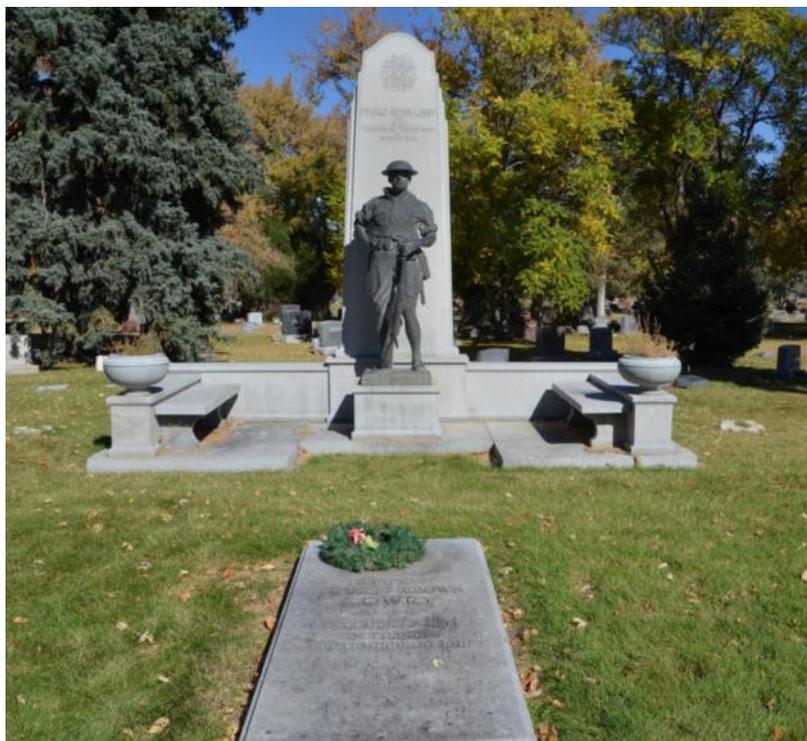
In Denver, Colorado the Lowry name has been prominent, with its Lowry Field and Lowry Air Force Base. These military places were named after First Lieutenant Francis Lowry, the only aerial observer from Colorado killed in combat during World War I.

While the Air Force base is no longer in operation, Wings Over the Rockies Air Museum is now based there in former Hanger #1. There is also a Lowry Foundation that maintains the legacy of the air base and has a biography of Lt. Lowry on its website.

It relates that Francis Lowry was born in Denver in 1894 to parents Nell and Walter A. Lowry and graduated from Manual High School. In 1917 he earned a degree in engineering from Ann Arbor University and then went to officer's training school to become a photographic aerial observer. His first aerial observation flight was June 13, 1918. In September, he and pilot Lt. Asher Kelty led a mission, his 33rd, over German battlelines, choosing to continue despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. Their plane was shot down over France and the two died instantly. General Pershing posthumously awarded them both the Distinguished Service Cross and raised them to 1st Lieutenant rank.



1st Lieutenant Francis Lowry



Although Lowry was initially buried in France, his grave was relocated to Denver's Fairmount Cemetery in 1921 with a large funeral procession. The photo shows his monument placed at that time. In the foreground is the grave marker, bearing his birthdate, December 1, 1894, and death, September 26, 1918.

When the Colorado Army National Guard established an airfield in 1926 in Denver on East 38th street between Dahlia and Holly streets in 1926, it was named Lowry Field. The Guard initially flew Curtis JN-4Es planes there, better known as Jennies. Charles Lindbergh made a scheduled stop there with his Spirit of St. Louis plane in 1927 during a tour of the states.

The site became an army air base in 1938 and was named Lowry from the start. It was mainly a training base for photography and armament. It also served as the original site for the U.S. Air Force Academy from 1955 to 1958. Lowry airfield operated until 1966. Lowry Air Base operated from 1938 to 1994.

Today Denver's Lowry neighborhood is on the site where the air base used to be. Buildings have been converted to loft apartments or to space used by businesses and organizations.

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Application for Membership

Full Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
Please Print

Address: _____ **Preferred Phone #:** _____

City: _____ **State & Zip Code:** _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Spouse Name:** _____

Children's Names (Please Print)

Full Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

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	<u>Individual</u>	<u>*Family</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Enclosed</u>
Regular	_____	_____	\$10.00	\$_____

*Includes spouse & children under 18, provides one (1) vote on Society matters

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Send completed form to:

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WSCMS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thanks for being a member of WSCMS. We hope you will share information about this group with others who want to get together with MacLarens in the western parts of the U.S. and Canada.

Have you changed any of your contact information? Email, phone number, address? If so, please send any of your updates to Tim McLaren, membership, by phone, email, or postal mail as listed at right.

Please contact Tim McLaren, via the contact information at right, if you would like him to send information to a prospective member, or if you have any questions.



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