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The MacAskill Sept Society

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MacAskill Happenings

Savannah McCaskill

a professional soccer player with the Sky Blue FC

McCaskill, 21, was taken by Boston with the no. 2 overall selection in the 2018 NWSL College Draft after a storied career at the University of South Carolina. She finished college as the only player in program history to receive All-America accolades on three occasions, and the two-time SEC Offensive Player of the Year ranks third at South Carolina with 114 points and 40 goals. Further, her 34 assists are the second-highest mark in school history, while her 17 game-winners are a program-best. She set another record during her junior campaign by scoring 17 goals, which is the highest number at the school in a single season. South Carolina made it to the NCAA Tournament in each of the four years that McCaskill attended the university, reaching the NCAA Women's College Cup for the first time ever this past fall. The 2017 MAC Hermann Trophy finalist and U.S. Soccer Young Female Player of the Year nominee has also made her mark with the U.S. Women's National Team, recording her first cap this past Sunday against Denmark.

Savannah Elizabeth McCaskill ... Born July 31, 1996 ... Daughter of Tina and Greg McCaskill ... Hometown Chapin, SC ... Went to high school in Irmo, SC ... Grandfather Finley Lyde McCaskill, born July 4, 1933, Sumter, SC ... Great-grandfather Finley Cook McCaskill, born abt. 1896



A McCaskill Wedding

Doreen and Earl McCaskill were proud to contribute photos from their youngest son's wedding in South Portland, Maine.

Congrats to Megan and James McCaskill married on September 23, 2017

Blast from The Past

We will revive articles from previous newsletters in this section.

The MacAskill Tartan

By Olive McCaskill Bell in 2006

If someone wears one of our tartans although not a member of our clan or sept, we should consider it a compliment. We, of course, would give preference to our own MacAskill tartan. It was commissioned by a gentleman of that name in 1951, and was designed for him by Miss Margaret MacDougal. That much I knew when I got a kilted skirt in this sett a number of years ago. People rarely ask about it, since it looks much like MacLeod of Harris. But while attending a lunch which preceded a seminar during the Stone Mountain Games, not long after I got it, one of the speakers, a representative of a woolen mill in Scotland, noticed it and he knew what it was, and he said, "Ah! I was there when it was born!" He told me this story:

Jack Dalgetty (the speaker) and Ms. MacDougal were representing the mill for which they worked at a trade fair in Inverness (I think) when a very drunk fellow came up to their booth and announced that he was a MacAskill: he didn't like the yellow MacLeod of Lewis tartan, which he considered too loud; MacAskills were not Lewis MacLeods anyway; so on and so on. Finally, Ms. MacDougal asked him why he didn't commission a tartan of his own. "How would I do that?" he asked. "How much would it cost?" He commissioned her to design a sett for the MacAskills (all spellings), and staggered off. She was busy with the exhibition and thought no more of it, believing that when he sobered up he would have forgotten all about it. However, a few days later, near the end of the show, he showed up again, cold sober. He walked up and asked, "Aren't you the lady who offered to design a MacAskill tartan for me?" "Oh, yes" she said. "I have it at home. I'll bring it after lunch."

Doing some quick thinking, she took the thread-count of MacLeod of Harris, which is the correct MacAskill affiliation, and with colored pencils and graph paper, she "differenced" the Harris tartan by laying out a sett in which the red and yellow lines, with black "guard threads" on each side, on the Harris sett were reversed to black with two threads of red, or yellow on each side. Those of us who wear the MacAskill tartan think it is very handsome and much more interesting than the MacLeod of Harris sett.

When Mr. MacAskill came back he was delighted with it. He ordered a full 60 yard bolt, and arranged to have it registered for the use of all MacAskills.



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to purchase MacAskill Tartan

A brief history of the MacAskill Sept Society

By Olive McCaskill Bell in 2008

Someone asked about a history of the MacAskill Sept Society. My first thought is to give credit to two of the grand-nieces of the Cape Breton Giant, Carola MacAskill MacDonald and Emiline MacAskill Campbell. In the 1980s, these women were involved with several of their siblings in trying to establish a small museum devoted to the history of the Giant and his family. The family had been evicted from their small-holding on the Isle of Bernara, in the Outer Hebrides, in 1838, and arbitrarily resettled at Englishtown, Nova Scotia. The Giant, Angus, was six years old when he arrived on Cape Breton with his parents, grandparents, and other members of their extended family. Carola and Emiline wondered if other MacAskill's scattered over the New World would like to meet each other, and perhaps help with the struggling little museum. So they planned a MacAskill Gathering to which they invited anyone who was interested. For some time, the first weekend in August had been designated as MacAskill Fun Days, so the Gathering just expanded on that. They sent brief notices to The Highlander magazine (which I received) and the Scottish Banner newspaper, which at that time circulated almost exclusively in Canada.

This was in the summer of 1987. That year, one could catch a Canadian Air flight in Dallas, depart via Halifax, land at Prestwick and take the shuttle into Glasgow - thereby passing London. I was planning just such a trip in the company of an eleven-year-old granddaughter. (Eleven is a wonderful age for a traveling companion - a child is old enough to bathe and dress without help, but won't beg to drive the rental car, nor form a blazing romance with one of the locals!) I arranged my itinerary so as to attend the MacAskill Gathering. A surprising number of people showed up, from as far away as Florida and California. There were boat trips on the Bay, horseshoe and dart tournaments, and an abundance of wonderful food. There was a general opinion circulating that we ought to organize, but no one took the initiative to set up a formal business meeting. So we just had a good time, exchanged addresses, and went our separate ways.

The next year, 1988, the invitation was repeated. It so happened that the U.S. and Canadian Clan MacLeod Societies were holding their quandary annual joint meeting in Dearborn, Michigan, that summer, and my husband, Saul Bell, attended along with me. When that meeting was over, we rented a car and drove to Englishtown, where, again, we had a wonderful time. Saul was so impressed with the area, and especially the people, that he said we should have some sort of pied de terre there. It was, he pointed out, much closer to New Mexico than Scotland, and really just as Scottish, if not more so! Everyone got very busy about then, with work and families, and nothing more than Christmas cards were exchanged until 1996, when those MacAskill sisters again organized a Gathering. My husband of 59 exciting years had died in June, and I thought I wouldn't go. But Betsy volunteered to accompany me, and the rest is personal history. I saw, I bought, I got Angus MacAskill's promise to build me a house, I opened a bank account in Baddeck, and I hired a lawyer.

The next summer I spent in a rented cottage in Englishtown watching my own house go up. It was after I moved into it that Jamie Wilson, whose mother is a MacAskill, and I cobbled together a set of bylaws and registered the Sept Society in the province of Nova Scotia as a not-for-profit. And this is where we pick up the story of our Society!

Malcolm Kennedy McCaskill

I have been researching my McCaskill family history for decades ... albeit without much success!

In the early 1980s I worked with Dixie McCaskill ... you'll see my contributions listed under Mary Christine McCaskill. Dixie was able to provide some family history from her research in Scotland, but unfortunately at the time I did not get her sources for verification of the data ... I was simply so thrilled with knowing who my great-great-great grandparents might be and was new to genealogy research documentation. And since then I've found lots of conflicting information on Ancestry, online, and in Salt Lake City. Given her attention to detail, I am confident of Dixie's findings, I just don't have any citations to validate her research. I took my father to Isle of Skye in 2010 but was unable to locate any concrete information.

I would greatly appreciate any information or direction you may be able to provide on the lineage of **Malcolm Kennedy McCaskill**, my great-great-great grandfather (see attached summary). Per Dixie's book, I believe his father was **Isaac McCaskill**, born 8 February 1769 in Glasgow, Scotland and died 1802. On 18 September 1790 he married Mary McKethan (born 1770). They had four children: **Malcolm Kennedy**, Murdoch, John and Margaret (born 1802-Scotland). Isaac's father was **William McCaskill** (born 14 Nov 1743 Glasgow, Scotland) who married Elizabeth McKay in May 1766. William's father was **Alexander McCaskill** who was born in 1715 in Scotland.

Malcolm Kennedy McCaskill

Son of Isaac and Mary (Source: *The McCaskill Family 1770-1984* ...by Dixie & Andy McCaskill, 1984)
 Born August 22, 1799 Scotland
 Died July 18, 1867 Chesterfield County, South Carolina
 Married Mary W. Hudson, daughter of Rev. William Hudson.
 Mary was born in 1813 and died in 1865.

Malcolm was well-read and owned a library. He was a Private in McWillie's 2nd Regiment of the South Carolina Militia during the War of 1812. He was Deputy Surveyor General of South Carolina from 1855-67 and a prominent member of the Fork Creek Methodist Church in Jefferson, SC. He owned property in Chesterfield County, which is the present site of the Angelus at Sandy Run. He is listed in the census as a farmer worth \$1,500 in 1850 and \$11,875 in 1860. The Confederacy purchased food and supplies from him during the war (receipts for 2075 lbs. of bacon purchased for \$433 on file). After the war, he signed a contract whereby his freed Negroes would be given ½ of the profits of his plantation, medical care, and housing in return for work "provided they behaved."

Malcolm and Mary had 13 children – most of the girls died in their 30s and not long after their father died:

Elizabeth Amelia	1833-May 3	Chesterfield Co., SC	Died: 1898-Feb 22, NC Married Harrison Lee
Henrietta Charlotte	1835-May 13	Chesterfield Co., SC	Died 1884 Married Tom Watts
Laura Margaret	1838-Jan 14	Chesterfield Co., SC	Died 1863 (age 25) Unmarried
Ann Wesley	1840-Jan 20	Chesterfield Co., SC	Married Dan Hough (son-Joseph Hough was beneficiary in MKMcC will)
Sarah Amanda	1842-April 18	Chesterfield Co., SC	Died 1877 (age 35) Married George W. Sowell
Mary Frances	1844-March 26	Chesterfield Co., SC	Died 1878 (age 34) Married Daniel Campbell
John Angus	1846-June 20	Chesterfield Co., SC	Died March 4, 1896 Chesterfield, SC Married Margaret R. Jowers (daughter of George & Rebecca Leigh Jowers) Married on November 20, 1867, John served in the Civil War 1864-1865. Buried at Fork Creek Methodist Church in Jefferson, SC. They had 8 children: Laura(1869), Rebecca, Mary Ida, William Malcolm(1873), Sarah Catherine (1875), George Rufus(1878), John David(1881) and Charles Lee(1884).
Esther Catherine	1848	Chesterfield Co., SC	Died 1879 (age 31) Kershaw Co., SC Married Daniel Murdoch Bethune (son of Christian McCaskill).
L.	1849	Chesterfield Co., SC	
Serena Ellen	1850	Chesterfield Co., SC	Died 1910 Married Ed Raley

William 1852 Chesterfield Co., SC He died young & is not listed in the 1900 Census, but his family (7 children) are: Hudson (1879), Ross (1889), Zora (1890), Sidney, Nettie, M. Coke, Small (1902)

Note from Christy McCaskill: I believe the Williams, in fact, William Travis and his children are part of WTM's 14 children (see below)

William Travis 1855 Chesterfield Co., SC Died 1918 Kershaw Co., SC
 Married Daisy Smith (born 1857) and moved to Kershaw Co. by 1890. He is buried in Timrod Cemetery in Bethune, SC. According to Daisy Rogers, they had a family Bible, but it was eaten by a goat that wandered into the house. Fourteen children, but only seven are known: Norman (1877), Daniel M. (1881), Augustin (1883), Ella, Collin M. (1894), Neal F. (1896), Edward (1898).

Louisa Jane 1857-Feb 8 Chesterfield Co., SC Died 1881 (age 24) Chesterfield Co., SC
 Unmarried Buried at Pine Tree Church, Bethune, SC

OBITUARY: Malcolm K. McCaskill was born August 22, 1799, in the Isle of Skye, Scotland, and died in Chesterfield District, S.C., July 18, 1867. He came to America when about two years old with his parents. When a youth he was noted for his firm moral principles. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Church when young. He married the daughter of Rev. Wm. Hudson, a local preacher, and settled near Fork Creek Church, where many an itinerant has lodged with them, and few have found any where a more amicable Christian family, or more pleasant home. As a Christian he won the confidence of all who knew him. His peace seemed as the river, and flowed to the last. He served the Church as class-leader and recording steward for a long time, and his services were highly appreciated. He was a pattern of purity and good works. He was sick for about eighteen months, but did not complain. The manner of his life and death assure us he is in heaven.
 ■ O. Eaddy
 Southern Christian Advocate Newspaper—20 Sept 1867—Macon, GA

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Highland games come to Camden, SC

In March 2018, Camden will join the ranks of South Carolina cities Aiken, Charleston, Greenville, Clover, Myrtle Beach and Columbia to host a NASGA-certified Highland Games. NASGA, the North American Scottish Games Athletics, was founded in 1976 and is dedicated to the promotion and understanding of Scottish Heavy Events competition in North America. The 2018 games will be held during the 2nd Annual Irish Fest Camden on Saturday, March 3, beginning with an opening ceremony at 11 a.m. at the corner of Rutledge and Church streets.

The 2017 inaugural Irish Fest Camden presented a Highland Games demonstration with some crowd participation. The festival is expected to grow tremendously in 2018 and, with the expansion, has certified its Highland Games with NASGA. It will have, by invitation only, six men, six women, and youth heavy event athletes competing for titles. The athletes will come to Camden from the southeast region including Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The Highland Games are sponsored in part by King Haigler Athletic Club of Camden and will be an exciting addition to Irish Fest Camden that is not to be missed. Tickets to the festival are \$10 Adults, \$5 for ages 2-12, and age 1 & under is free. Irish Fest Camden will feature live Irish music and dancing, vendors, animals, food, Irish beer, a kids zone and more. It is a fundraiser for the the Montessori School of Camden. For more information go to the Irish Fest Camden Facebook Page or to www.montessori-camden.com/irishfestcamden.



McCaskill Pride



Vice President - USA, Dan McCaskill, and his wife Ann are sporting their new kilt and kilted skirt from their newly purchased MacAskill tartan. They used [J. Higgins](#) out of the Kansas City area to get them made.



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We hope to have our website updated and running soon please be patient as we work on the following website: <http://www.macaskillseptociety.org>

If you would like to contribute to the quarterly “MacAskill Sept Society Newsletter”, please email the communications officer, Miles Scott, at ascott@vcom.edu.

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Mary Anne Scott from Sumter, SC

McSwain Miles from Sumter, SC

Leslie Wright Barbee from Sophia, NC

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Anna Marie (Morearty) Morrison, wife of member Don Morrison [OBITUARY LINK](#)



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Membership

We encourage you to invite your MacAskill relatives to join the society!!

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