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The MacAskill Sept Society



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Newsletter



MacAskill Happenings

Scott McCaskill wins Best of Fredrick!

Scott McCaskill, middle, and his wife Heidi Horne, right

Scott and his wife were our most recent host of the MacAskill Sept Society annual gathering in 2018 in Frederick, Maryland. We congratulate him on his most recent win for Best Financial Planner.



One of our newest members Leslie Wright Barbee shows off her new Kilt on the left.



Please check out our new website: <https://www.macaskillseptsociety.org>



Blast from The Past

We will revive articles from previous newsletters in this section.

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*If you could see your Ancestors all standing in
a row,*

*would you be proud of them or not – or don't
you really know?*

*Some strange discoveries are made in climbing
family trees.*

*And some of them, you know, do not
particularly please.*

*If you could see your Ancestors all standing in
a row,*

*there might be some of them perhaps you
wouldn't care to know.*

*But here's another question which requires a
different view,*

*If you could meet your Ancestors, would they
be proud of you?*

Author Unknown



McCaskill or MacAskill?

Mac what?

How do you spell that anyway?

How many times have you been asked how to spell your last name? And how many times have you had to correct the spelling, either by putting an A or a C after the M? Which is correct anyway? Well the correct way to spell McCaskill, MacAskill, McKaskel, McCaskell, or any other variation is the way you want to spell it. After all it your name isn't it? And don't let anyone give you any grief about it. There are numerous tales of how the "Son of Askill" (Or was it Asketil?) has changed over the years into forms from Caskie, one of my favorites, to Talisker. If you would like to recount your own story, please send it in. Until then, I guess we'll have to do with George F. Black's version of things. He published a book entitled Surnames of Scotland in 1946, and it is the definitive work on the subject. Absolutely everyone that writes of the sources of the McCaskill surname, however spelled, got their original information from him or from someone who did. Was he right? I'm not going to argue that point, but I readily admit that sometimes I wonder.

In Memory

Harold Brown "Mac" McCaskill of Camden, SC

October 10, 1921 - February 08, 2019

Mac McCaskill, 97, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 8, 2019. He was born in Camden, SC on October 20, 1921 to Robert Lee and Kate Brown McCaskill.

Mr. McCaskill graduated from Camden High School. He served in the US Army from 1940-1945 in England and France. He worked for the Dupont Company from 1947-1984.

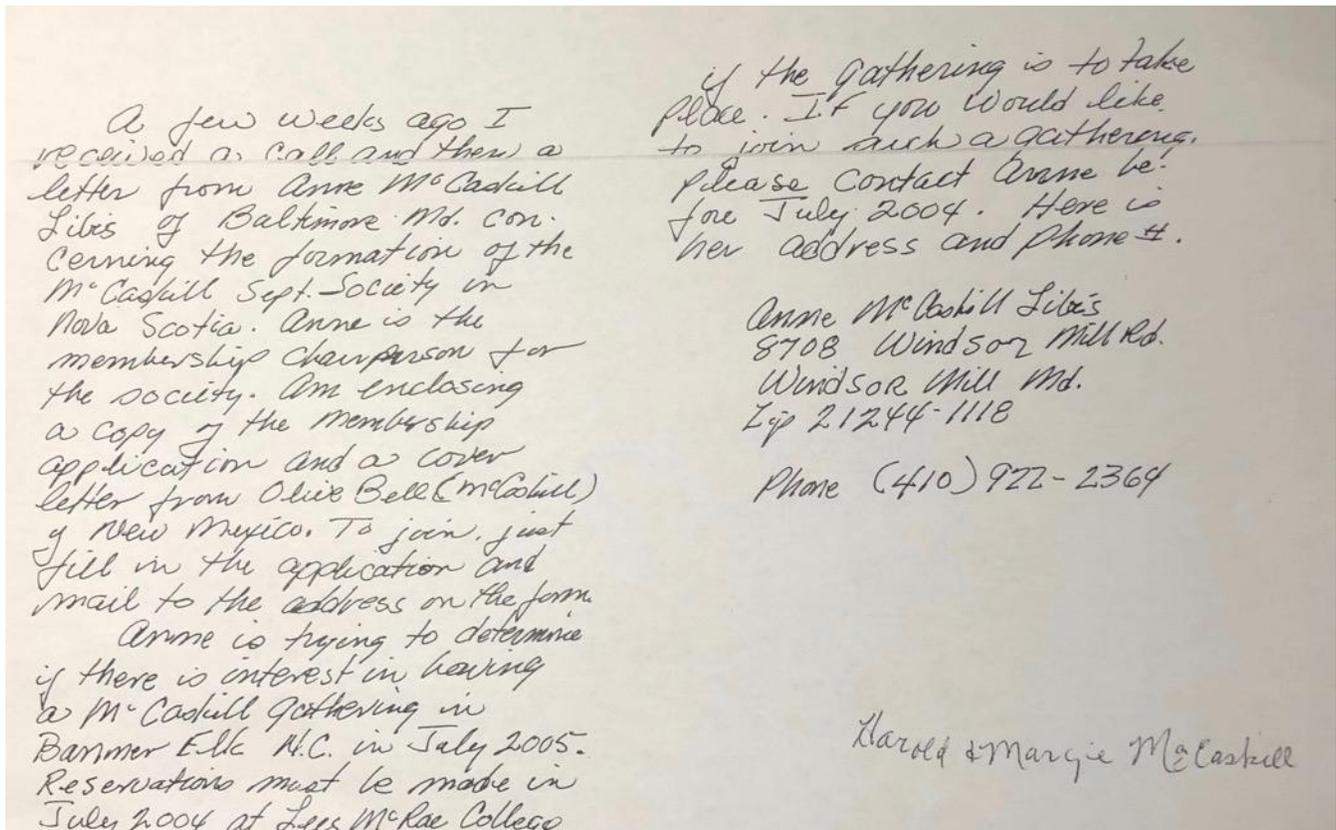
Mr. McCaskill is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Margie. He is also survived by a son Dr. Robert McCaskill (Catherine), grandchildren Robert McCaskill (Sandy) and Megan Collier (David), great-grandsons Jake and Will McCaskill and Ethan Collier, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Mr. McCaskill will be held at Lyttleton Street UMC on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM officiated by Reverends Michael Arant and David Weaver. The family will receive family and friends at the fellowship hall at the church following the service.

Memorials can be made to Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden SC, 29020.



Harold Brown "Mac" McCaskill and his wife Margie McCaskill were married on June 16, 1946 and were married 72 years. They were married in the Lyttleton Street Church where his memorial service was held last month and where he was a member for 90 years.



The above letter was written by my "Uncle Mac", one of the Societies original members, in 2004 inviting my grandmother (June McCaskill Miles) and great aunts (Rachel McCaskill and Susan McCaskill Boyce) to join the MacAskill Sept Society. His invitation would be the start of my family's and many other South Carolina McCaskill's membership and involvement in the MacAskill Sept Society. We are forever grateful for his commitment to family and the MacAskill Sept Society.

Scotland Memories

Provided by Earl McCaskill (Vice-President, Canada)

Doreen and I, my sister Linda and her husband Michael, and my parents (Mac & Chick) did a 3 week caravan/camping trip to England and Scotland in 1972. We picked up a dormobile (a caravan camper type vehicle, plus a pup tent - each night one couple would sleep in the tent) and headed south east from London to Dover, then along the south coast to Land's End and then north through Bath, Shrewsbury, Chester, Carlisle, and then into Scotland to Fort William, Mallaig, Isle of Skye (Armadale, Portree, Dunvegan, Kyle of Lochalsh), Inverness, Aberdeen, St. Andrews, Edinburgh, back into England to York, and then London.

A few memorable highlights in Scotland.

When we were on Skye, we went to visit Dunvegan Castle. Unfortunately, we arrived right at 5PM and the sign on the door stated that visiting ended at 5PM. Not wanting to leave without seeing something, we rapped on the door, no answer, so we rapped a second time. This time, an elderly lady opened the door to tell us the Castle was closed for the day, and, that we should have read the sign. Even after pleading our case that we were from Canada and wouldn't be able to come back the next day, she stood her ground. Then, out-of-nowhere my dad spoke to her in Gaelic - her attitude completely changed, and we were invited in to have an, albeit, abbreviated tour. Before this, I did not know that my father could speak Gaelic, nor would he tell us what he said to her, that was his secret.

On the Isle of Skye, we stayed at a McRae Family B & B, a beautiful charming old home. We were welcomed and treated to a tray of homemade sweets and a pot of hot tea in our rooms before retiring for a good night's sleep ... certainly a highlight, for the ladies, of our visit to the Isle. It was many many years later, when I got interested in genealogy, that I discovered that one of my gggrandmothers was a Mary McRae, who came to Canada in 1815 as a youngster, aboard the Ship Eliza. She married a Kenneth McCaskill in 1833.

After leaving Skye, we soon came to Eilean Donan Castle. While we were touring inside the castle, we realized that there was some commotion outside down near the water's edge. We proceeded to the ramparts and looked down to the water (if I can remember correctly, it may have been about 400 yards away) to see what was happening. It seems that there was a commercial, for 100 Pipers Scotch Whiskey, being videotaped. It was a bit difficult to see what was happening as there was a lot mist being produced by some equipment. We managed to see that there were many pipers standing on the shore. Just then someone with a megaphone (or equivalent) noticed us and told us to get down out of view. We crouched down, but, we could still hear what was happening. This same megaphone operator then started shouting "Cut the mist, cut the mist, cut the f----- mist". The mist stopped. We had a good chuckle that we were almost in a TV commercial.

After Eilean Donan Castle we drove by Loch Ness (no, we didn't see any monster) and on to Inverness where attended a ceilidh, which was extremely entertaining. In fact, ignoring the spectacular finale of the Edinburgh Tattoo, we enjoyed this ceilidh better than the Tattoo.

We would like to go back, now, that we have become much more interested in genealogy. However, there are a lot of other places we haven't visited yet, and we would like to see them also. We are not getting any younger, so, I do not know what lies ahead for travel.



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

**We would like to welcome our newest
members:**

Norman Malcolm MacLeod of London
Janette (MacAskill) Ash of Kingston, Ontario
Michael Haven McKaskle of Nashville, TN
Traci Brennan of Comanche, OK
Jarrad Norris of West Columbia, TX
Teresa McCaskill McDaniel of Moncks Corner, SC
Candace Jordan of Palmetto Bay, FL
Ronald James McCaskill Jr of Roxboro, NC

**We offer our condolences to the family and
friends of:**

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**Join the Society or
Renew your Membership**

We encourage you to invite
your MacAskill relatives to join the society!!
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Renewal Form:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/LFu6FeQo51Gab1ty2>