

successfully defending Montrose's own Castle Kincardine. He escaped under a sentence of death in Edinburgh and led 300 clanmen to crushing defeat at Worcester on 3 September 1651. John survived the battle but died not long afterwards, killed by marauding members of the Commonwealth army.

The castle of Eilan Ran was burnt by the English in 1654. Smooth John's widow married Malcolm MacGregor, and took the lands of Ewer in exchange for Kinnell, which became the seat of the family. Robert, 14th Chief, refused to rise for the Stuarts in 1715, but many of the Clan did.

John, 15th Chief, was a major in the English army and was taken prisoner at Prestonpans on 21 September 1745. Some of the Clan supported the Rising, but most felt that after Worcester they had done enough for the Stuarts and had received little thanks for their efforts. John's brother-in-law Francis Buchanan accompanied Prince Charlie to the last, and received his ruby ring and a sword. The ring was subsequently presented to the National Museum in Edinburgh by Miss Sarah Anne Macnab of Macnab, 18th Chief. The sword went with her father, Archibald, 17th Chief, to Canada, was bought by Donald, brother of James William, the 19th Chief, and is in family hands.

Francis, 16th Chief (1734-1814) is the best known Macnab because of the famous portrait of him by Raeburn. He was a man large of body and of appetites. He lived to the end like an old-fashioned chief at Kinnell House, and died 35,000 pounds in debt.

Francis left the Macnab lands to his nephew, Archibald (17th Chief), but the lands were hopelessly encumbered and Archibald could do nothing to save them. Some of the land was sold off but no buyer could be found for the remainder. In 1823 a writ of foreclosure was issued. Archibald fled to Canada, where he obtained a grant of 81,000 acres in the Ottawa River Valley. He was followed in 1825 by 500 men, women, and children of the Clan. By 1838 he was unsuccessful in his dream of re-establishing the family fortune and repurchasing ancestral lands. He finally left Canada in 1853, moved about, and died in 1860 at Lanion,

tained it when he sold Kinnell, and recently conveyed it to Clan Macnab. To that end a Clan trust has been set up to assure its possession to the Clan in perpetuity, and as a burial place for Chiefs and their families.

Cadet (junior) houses of Clan Macnab:
Innishewen Dundurn The French
Branch Barravonich Acharn The Epping
Branch Barachastalain Newton Edinample

Septs of Clan Macnab:
Abbott Abbotson Gilfillan
Dewar Macandear

Cotes du Nord, in France

His daughter Sarah Anne (b 1803), maintained the old line as 18th Chief until her death in Florence in 1894 extinguished it.

The succession to the chieftship was left in doubt after Sarah Anne's death. The Lord Lyon finally recognized James William Macnabb, of the Macnabs of Arthurstone, as 19th Chief. He was succeeded on his death in 1915 by his son, the Rev. James Frederick, 20th Chief, for many years rector of Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire.

James Alexander Macnabb, OBE, TD, 21st Chief, was educated at Eton and Cambridge. He was famous in rowing circles, winning a Blue at Cambridge and a Gold Medal at the Paris Olympic Games. He served in WW II in the Royal Artillery in West Africa and Burma, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1949, Archibald Corrie Macnabb, son of James Frederick, 20th Chief, bought back Kinnell House and 7,000 acres from the Bredalbane Estate. In 1954 James Alexander surrendered his claim to the succession in favor of his uncle, and Archibald Corrie was recognized by the Lord Lyon as 22nd Chief.

Archibald Corrie was born in London in 1886, educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford. He served in the Indian Civil Service, mostly in the Punjab, from 1911 until 1950. He died in 1970 and is buried in the old Macnab Burial Ground on the Island of Inchbuie.

James Charles, the present (23rd) Chief, is the son of James Alexander, 21st Chief. He was born in 1926, educated at Radley College and at Ashbury College, Ottawa, Canada. He served in the RAF and Scots Guards 1944-45. In 1945 he was commissioned into the Seaforth Highlanders and served in India, Java, and Singapore. In 1948 he joined the Colonial Service and served in the Federation of Malaya Police Force as Assistant and Deputy Superintendent. He retired in 1957 and farmed at Kinnell until he had to sell it and move to West Kilmany. He now works with an international financial conglomerate, the Hill Samuel Group.

The Island of Inchbuie, containing the ancient Macnab Burial Ground, is the only remaining Clan land in Clan hands. The Chief re-

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