

*Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd:
Clan and Family History in the Highlands of Scotland*

TUESDAY 19 MARCH – VENUE TO BE DETERMINED – APPROX COST \$25 PER HALF DAY



Graeme Mackenzie is Chairman of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland) and Seanachaidh (historian & genealogist) for Clans MacKenzie and MacMillan. He is a professional genealogist specialising in the Highland clans and families of Scotland for the last 25 years. He's a member of the Scottish Ancestral Tourism Group [SATG] & the Scottish Clans & Families Forum [SCFF], bodies convened by the Scottish Government to help the descendants of emigrant Scots find out about their ancestors and to visit Scotland.

Graeme's work as a clan historian and organiser of gatherings - for MacKenzies and MacMillans in particular - has also given him a unique insight into the Highland Clans, past and present, which he has frequently lectured about in North America and Australasia. In recent years he's taken the lead in the creation of the "Association of Highland Clans and Societies" which brings together over 45 clans and names in the Highlands of Scotland.

The Highlands Day will comprise two sessions, lunch and teas. You can register for one or two sessions with or without lunch.

Session 1 Genealogy in the Highlands

1. Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland This examines the sources for genealogical research in Scotland and shows how they are used, with reference to families of Highland descent and issues regarding the use of Gaelic names.
2. Clans, Septs, and Surnames in the Highlands of Scotland This discusses the origins and structure of clans, the varieties of septs, and the slipperiness of surnames in the Highlands, where the same person might be recorded with two or three different names.

Session 2 History and Culture of the Highlands

- 1 The History of the Scottish Highlands and its Clans This outlines the particular history of the Highlands, whose inhabitants were often at odds with the rest of Scotland, and the context in which its clans evolved from medieval to modern times.
2. The Culture and Traditions of the Highland Clans This considers the social customs, political practices, and the often-colourful traditions of the Highland clans, and the way in which some traditions became associated with more than one clan.