



CLAN MACCALLUM - MALCOLM SOCIETY

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Being a society member has meant belonging to a group that has a common heritage, focused on Scotland where I carry 63% in my DNA. It excites me to be surrounded by folks with similar interests. It has allowed me to learn more about Scotland and its customs and then have the satisfaction of sharing them with others, especially from the tent at games. I was driven to participate in as many games as possible each summer and to involve as many family members as possible.



Robin & Rick Mattice

The first year I joined the Society; I gave out 19 memberships to family members on the Malcolm side as Xmas gifts since many of them were unaware of the Clan society existence. It helped me try to learn more about how our Malcolm branch fits into the overall Clan family.

With my mother being a "Malcolm" and her father being from Dundee, Scotland, my heritage runs deep. We did not pursue our past until we joined a Presbyterian Church in Stamford, Ct. Many of the congregants had strong Scottish roots so we were welcomed into all of the local games and activities. Our interest grew in 2004, when we took an anniversary trip to Scotland and were able to meet Robin Malcolm at the castle. A very gracious host! This trip also included a visit to the Edinburgh Tattoo.

With our interest peaked, we soon attended Grandfather Mountain Games as well as Stone Mountain Games. This led to my designation at the Northeastern Commissioner, and we were soon hosting events in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Maine. We have also attended games in Ontario & Quebec, Canada. One very fun event is the New York City Tartan Day Parade which we hosted many times. Our 2009 trip to "The Gathering" in Edinburgh was very special as we meet our international "cousins" and were able to visit the Castle again.

Our Scottish heritage has extended to our family as well. Thank you to Robin, my wife, who has been very supportive of our many adventures. Wesley, our son, is a snare drummer and had the privilege of participating in the "piping in" of the Chief at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Wesley also incorporated many Scottish traditions into his wedding ceremony. We have also recruited my cousin to be a member of our Society.

It is an honor to be recognized with the Society's highest honor, The Order of the Rowan Tree. It is our pleasure to be able to represent our common heritage throughout the Northeastern portion of the United States.