



# MacKinnon Descendants Reunion

## June 13-15, 2008

Charles MacKinnon and Christina Cameron made the decision in 1808 to leave their homeland on the Isle of Mull, Scotland and move to Prince Edward Island. They settled in Canoe Cove a few years later, and raised their family of six children, who are our ancestors. There has never been a reunion of their descendants in North America, and what better time to celebrate together than on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of their arrival in a new land.

Our Reunion Committee has been working hard to plan an exciting weekend of events, which will give family members many opportunities to meet relatives from far flung places. Many people have already indicated that they plan to attend the MacKinnon Descendants Reunion, and this is your opportunity to sign up for the event. This site will allow you to download a registration form, to be mailed in with your payment for the Reunion, as well as a list of the events we plan, an accommodation guide, and directions for driving from either Halifax or Charlottetown Airports to the Reunion. There is also a form to order Reunion T-shirts, if you wish to do so.

We look forward to seeing you next June. A hundred thousand welcomes....

Joan MacKinnon



## MacKinnon Descendants Reunion Registration Form

In order to register for the MacKinnon Descendants Reunion, taking place June 13-15, 2008 in Cornwall and Canoe Cove, Prince Edward Island, please complete the following form, indicating the events that each person plans to attend. Mail the completed registration form, with a cheque or money order for the total amount, payable to: **MacKinnon Reunion 2008**

Mail to: Kelly Ward, 8 Laphorne Ave, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 2M2 (for Canada) OR  
Jo O'Brien, 213 First Ave, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716, U.S.A. (for U.S.A. and overseas)

**Deadline** for registration is **February 28, 2008**. Cancellations accepted until **May 1, 2008**.

NAMES OF ADULTS ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING:  
(Under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee is \$25.00 for adults, and \$15.00 for children 12 and under. This entitles you to attend the Saturday afternoon events, the Ceilidh on Sunday evening, and, of course, the opening church service. You will receive a bag with souvenirs and information. There are separate charges for the Tartan Dinner, the Family History Tour, and the Clan Challenge golf tournament.

No. of Adults registering	_____ X \$25	= _____
No. of Children (12 & under) registering	_____ X \$15	= _____
No. adults attending Tartan Dinner	_____ X \$18	= _____
No. children wanting pizza (instead of turkey) at Tartan Dinner	_____ X \$5	= _____
No. attending Family History Tour (includes box lunch)	_____ X \$35	= _____
No. golfing in Clan Challenge	_____ X \$35	= _____
(Indicate if will need clubs - \$10 at time of tournament- yes/no		
Indicate if will need cart - \$12 at time of tournament - yes/no		
Total amount enclosed:		= _____

Please note: Due to space restrictions, we can only accept a maximum of 400 people.

## PLANNING FOR THE REUNION

In addition to asking for your registration and payment, we need to get some additional information which will make planning this event much easier.

1. Do you plan to attend the Friday evening church service? (Please circle) Yes / No

Number planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

2. We're planning family entertainment as part of our Saturday evening programme, and are looking for people to perform, whether it be to sing, tell stories, recite poetry, or what ever - just as family members would have done before the days of radio and TV.  
Would you be willing to share your talents? Yes/No

3. Would you be willing to help out at the reunion? (Please circle) Yes / No

If yes, where would you like to help? Please check off your preference:

a) Organizing parking early Saturday afternoon at Camp Keir?

b) Selling reunion souvenirs?

c) Helping with games/activities on Saturday afternoon?

d) Cleanup at Camp Keir following Saturday afternoon events?

e) Help cook at the Golf Tournament Barbeque?

f) Meet people flying into Charlottetown Airport and help them get oriented? (This could be several days before the reunion)

g) Help as needed?

4. A substantial history of the MacKinnon descendants, to be titled 'From Home & From Away; The Descendants of Charles MacKinnon & Christina Cameron', will be launched at the Reunion. It will detail the lives of approximately 10,000 descendants, include many photographs and charts of the earlier generations, and maps of several areas in P.E.I. where the family settled. The approximate cost will be \$50.00 per copy. Please indicate whether or not you are likely to purchase a copy at the Reunion so that sufficient copies can be ordered. This is not a commitment, but just to help in planning.

i. I plan to purchase a copy of 'From Home and From Away: The Descendants of Charles MacKinnon & Christina Cameron' at the reunion. Yes/No

ii. I would like to buy the book, but cannot attend the reunion. Yes/No

# MacKinnon Descendants Reunion

## June 13-15, 2008

### Programme of Events

Friday, June 13, 2008	6:30 p.m.	Early registration for those who attend service
	7:00 p.m.	Church service Location: Canoe Cove Presbyterian Church
Saturday, June 14, 2008	12.30 p.m.-	Registration
	1:00 p.m.	Location: Camp Keir, Canoe Cove
	1:00 p.m.-	Grand Opening, followed by
	1.45 p.m.	Book Launch: From Home and From Away - The Descendants of Charles MacKinnon and Christina Cameron Location: Camp Keir, Canoe Cove
	1:45 p.m.	Group Photo
	2:00 p.m.	Meet and greet, exhibits, contests
	3.00 p.m.	Light refreshments
	4.00 p.m.	Monument unveiling Location: Canoe Cove Church Cemetery
	6.30 p.m.	Reception - cash bar Location: APM Centre, Cornwall
	7.00 p.m.	Tartan Dinner, complete with haggis
8:30 p.m.	Family Variety Show	
Sunday, June 15, 2008	8:45 a.m.	Family History Tour Location: meet at APM Centre, Cornwall
	11:00 a.m. -	Clan Challenge Golf Tournament
	1 p.m Start	Location: Glen Afton Golf Course
	7:30 p.m.	Ceilidh, featuring the Long River Players Location: APM Centre
	10:00 p.m.	Farewell

## Additional details

Friday, June 13  
7p.m.

Church Service at Canoe Cove Presbyterian Church. This was the home church for many of our ancestors, and a very important part of the lives of the people of this area.

Saturday, June 14  
12.30 - 5 p.m.

This afternoon will feature exhibits about the history of the family, opportunities to meet distant relatives, participate in games and enjoy light refreshments. There will be a chance to explore Canoe Cove Presbyterian Cemetery, where over 60 family members are buried. In addition, the memorial stone commemorating the lives of Charles MacKinnon and Christina Cameron, will be unveiled.

Saturday, June 14  
6:30 p.m. -

Dinner, featuring turkey and all the trimmings, and allowing you to try a taste of haggis. We are encouraging family members to show off their talents after dinner, in a traditional sampling of music, poetry and stories. A cash bar will be available. Pizza will be offered for children who do not wish to eat turkey, at a reduced price.

Sunday, June 15  
8:45 a.m.

We will meet at the A.P.M Centre to head out on a tour of family sites on the Island. This will include stopping at several cemeteries. We hope to stop at one or more family homes, and will view others as we pass by. Historical photos of people and places, shown on the bus DVD players, will accompany the tour, as well as a tour guide on each bus. A box lunch from Tim Horton's, including a substantial sandwich, doughnut and fruit juice, is included in the price. The buses are fully air conditioned and include a bathroom. This tour will take 8-9 hours.

OR

Sunday, June 15  
11:00 p.m.- 1:p.m. Start

Clan Challenge Golf Tournament. For those who would rather be on the golf course, there will be a fun golf tournament at Glen Afton Golf Course, near Canoe Cove. Carts are available for \$12.00 (shared), with pull carts about \$3 and clubs may be rented for \$10. A ham-burger barbeque will be held at the golf club afterwards. Golfers will be notified of their T-off times.

Sunday, June 15  
7:30 p.m.

As a wrap-up to a wonderful weekend, we will be featuring the Long River Players, who will bring us an evening of music and stories of the Island. There will be time to chat with new friends as well. Coffee and tea will be provided. Sit back and relax!

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT:

Joan MacKinnon: E-mail - [joanmackinnon@chartermi.net](mailto:joanmackinnon@chartermi.net)  
Phone - 989-633-9594 (Eastern Time Zone)



## An Appeal to the Descendants of Charles MacKinnon and Christina Cameron

Charles MacKinnon was born about 1780 on the Isle of Mull, Scotland, one of seven sons of Charles 'The Bard' MacKinnon. On April 12, 1808, Charles married Christina Cameron, and within two weeks, they boarded 'The Margaretta', leaving Mull for a new home in Prince Edward Island. By 1817, they had settled in Canoe Cove, where they raised six children. Those children have become the ancestors of over 10,000 people around the world.

When Charles died in April 1850, he may have been given a marker in Canoe Cove Presbyterian Cemetery, but, if so, it has long since disappeared. His wife, Christy, later moved to Knutsford to live with her son Donald. Donald and Christy died about 10 days apart in February 1867, and both were buried in Brae Presbyterian Cemetery, where their tombstones remain. The burial place of Charles' parents, Charles 'The Bard' and Mary MacKinnon, and of Charles' son and daughter-in-law, Cowan Rankin MacKinnon and Aileen MacFadyen, is commemorated with a prominent tombstone in Canoe Cove Presbyterian Cemetery. It seems unfortunate that our common ancestor has no marker, and that there is nothing to link him to his wife Christy. In addition, there are no markers in any cemetery for their children-Flora, Ann or Jessie. For that reason, it was decided that a memorial stone, a tribute to the lives of Charles MacKinnon and Christina Cameron, and all their children, should be commissioned for placement next to the tombstone of Charles 'The Bard' MacKinnon in Canoe Cove Presbyterian Cemetery.

A fund is being started to raise money to purchase a memorial stone. The total cost of the stone is approximately \$4000. Donations of any size that would help offset the cost of purchasing and erecting this tombstone, would be greatly appreciated. The stone will be unveiled as part of the 200th Anniversary MacKinnon Descendants Reunion on June 14, 2008. Please make cheques payable to:  
**MacKinnon Memorial Fund.**

Contact: Fay MacKinnon, P.O. Box 691, Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 7L3, Canada

# MacKinnon Descendants Reunion 2008

## Souvenir T-Shirt Order Form

Our souvenir T-shirts are available in Mens, Ladies and Youth Sizes. The colour will be beige with the Reunion Logo in Dark Green. The cost of each T-shirt is \$10.00.

Sizes available:

Youth Sizes: YS, YM, YL

Ladies Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Mens Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Mens, Ladies or Youth	No. Required	Size	Amount
<b>Total</b>	<b>(number of T-shirts X \$10)</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$</b>

Please enclose the required amount with a cheque or money order made out to: **MacKinnon Reunion 2008** and return with your registration form to:

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## **Directions to the MacKinnon Descendants Reunion**

### **Directions to Cornwall, P.E.I.**

From Halifax Airport:

Exit the airport, following signs to Hwy 2 to Truro. On the far side of Truro, follow the signs and bear left to Hwy 104 (TransCanada Hwy). Approximately half an hour past Truro, you will encounter a tollbooth (cost \$4.00 per car). Continue on Hwy 104 to Amherst. (Note: Nova Scotia Tourist Bureau is off Hwy 104 on the far side of Amherst if you want to stop for maps etc) Just past Amherst, exit onto Hwy 16 leading to Cape Tormentine/Bridge to P.E.I. Most of this highway is 2-lane, while all the rest of the highways in Nova Scotia are 4 lane divided highways. Cross the Confederation Bridge (no charge to enter P.E.I.; \$40.75 per 2 axle vehicle to exit P.E.I., \$6.75 for each additional axle). At either end of the bridge are tourist bureaus. Follow Hwy 1, taking the exit towards Charlottetown. Continue on Hwy 1 to Cornwall (approx. 50 km./30 mi.). If staying at the Sunny King, it is on the left, while the Dutch Inn and Super 8 are on the right hand side of the highway. Recommended cottages are off Hwy 19 (exit at Desable) or off Hwy 1 at Hampton. Driving time is approximately 3 ½ to 4 hours.

From Charlottetown Airport

Exit the airport onto Sherwood Road. Continue straight on Sherwood Road to a T-junction at Lower Malpeque Road. Turn left onto Lower Malpeque Road and continue to Hwy 1 (TransCanada Hwy). Turn right onto Hwy 1 and follow the highway to Cornwall. If staying at the Super8 or Dutch Inn, those motels are on the left hand side of the highway, while the Sunny King is on the right. Driving time is approximately 15 minutes.

### **Directions to Canoe Cove**

The route from Cornwall to Canoe Cove will be well marked with Reunion signs. Turn south onto Meadowbank Road/Hwy 19 in Cornwall, and continue along it to New Dominion where it becomes 19A. The highway you want is straight ahead, while Hwy 19 veers off to the left. Once you get to Canoe Cove, turn left towards Canoe Cove Presbyterian Church. Look for the parking signs. Driving time is approximately 15 minutes from Cornwall.

### **Directions to APM Centre**

The APM Centre is in Cornwall, visible from Hwy 1. Turn at the stoplights at John Street. Take the first left and then the first left again into the APM Centre parking lot.

See you there!

## MacKinnon Descendants Reunion Suggested Accommodations

The following accommodations are ones we have viewed and can recommend. Many others are listed in The Island Guide, available by contacting: [www.gentleisland.com](http://www.gentleisland.com). Those listed under 'Charlotte's Shore' would be in the general vicinity of the reunion locations. Check the map at the front of the guide to determine which are closest.

### Cabins

Jewell's Country Cottages. Off Hwy 19, close to Canoe Cove

Three cottages on the waterfront, each 3 bedroom with double beds in each room. Electric heat, includes stove, fridge, microwave, stocked with plates, cutlery, etc. Barbeques outside, play area for children.

Cost: Approx. \$105 per day, \$730 per week + 10% tax. Book by January 2008

Contact: Elaine & Roy Jewell, Phone 902-566-2824/675-2570 or

E-mail: [jewellscottages@hotmail.com](mailto:jewellscottages@hotmail.com)

Argyle Waterview Cottages. Off Hwy 19 in Argyle Shore

Six cottages, all three bedroom- three with 1 queen, 1 double and 2 single beds; three with 1 queen and 2 double beds. One cottage has a Jacuzzi style bath, two cottages are wheelchair accessible. Full kitchens, barbeques outside, satellite TV. Set back from water, beach nearby at Argyle Shore Park. Laundry building with 2 washers and two driers.

Cost: \$125 per night, \$575 per week + 16% tax. Book by January 2008.

Contact: Gayle MacDonald 902-675-5472

E-mail: [gayle.macdonald@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:gayle.macdonald@pei.sympatico.ca)

### B & B's

Summer Garden Bed and Breakfast. Off Hwy 19 in Argyle Shore

Three guest rooms: one with a double and twin, and one with a queen. These rooms share a bath, and can be rented singly or as a suite. One room with a queen bed and ensuite bath. All bedrooms are upstairs, so not suitable for handicapped. Lovely gardens, distant view of water. Several sitting rooms, screened in porch. Breakfast included.

Cost: Rooms with shared bath are \$75 per night, or \$135 for the suite. If booking seven nights, one night is free. + 16% tax

Room with ensuite is \$85 per night, if seven nights booked, one is free

Contact: Joe & Gail Kern 902-675-4741

E-mail: [summergarden@isn.net](mailto:summergarden@isn.net)

## Motels

1. Sunny King Motel: Cornwall, Hwy 1 – close to APM Centre & Charlottetown  
Wide range of rooms, light or full housekeeping. 65% of rooms have separate bedroom, with pull-out couch in living room + full kitchen  
Numbers 12-15 are the smallest rooms, with no kitchen. In the two storey newer section, rooms have 2 beds + kitchen. Several suites with 2 bedrooms + living room. Outdoor pool  
Cost: From \$49 per night for the smallest rooms to \$79 for the suites – mention MacKinnon Reunion. Taxes of 18.6%  
Contact: Arjan Stutvoet - Toll free at 1-800-567-5464 (Canadian Maritimes only) or 1-902-566-2209 (long distance)  
E-mail: [www.peisland.com/sunnyking](http://www.peisland.com/sunnyking) - with questions only not reservations

2. Howard Johnson Dutch Inn – Cornwall, Hwy 1 – close to APM Centre & Charlottetown  
Standard rooms – 2 double beds, smoking or non-smoking  
Executive rooms – 1 queen bed, all non-smoking  
Some rooms have balconies. No elevator. Heated indoor pool and whirlpool in basement, licensed restaurant, free continental breakfast, wireless Internet, irons. Up to 4 people allowed in a room  
Cost: \$99 per night for max 4 people per room – mention MacKinnon Reunion. 18.6% tax  
Contact: 1-800-915-4656 (toll-free across Canada and U.S.)  
E-mail: [email@hojopei.com](mailto:email@hojopei.com)

3. Super 8 Motel – Cornwall, Hwy 1 – close to APM Centre & Charlottetown  
Standard Rooms – 2 double beds  
King and Queen Suites – one queen or king bed, plus pull-out couch  
Completely non-smoking, indoor pool and whirlpool on main floor, on-site laundry, free continental breakfast featuring Tim Horton's coffee. No elevator. Family style restaurant located across parking lot from motel.  
Cost: Standard rooms \$99 per night - mention MacKinnon Reunion. Must book by May 2, 2008  
Taxes of 18.6%  
King and Queen Suites – include fridge & microwave, + pull-out couch \$119 per night,  
Taxes of 18.6%  
One Family Suite available - \$170.00 per night, Taxes of 18.6%  
Contact: 1-877-892-7900 (toll free across Canada) or 902-892-7900  
E-mail: [gm@super8charlottetown.com](mailto:gm@super8charlottetown.com)

Additional Suggstions - Accommodations we have not visited

1. Hampton Beach Cottages. Hampton, off Highway 1, approx. 20 km (15 miles) from Cornwall. Eleven cottages at the beach, mostly two bedroom, several 3 bedroom, with full kitchen facilities. Rates vary from \$400 per week to \$700 per week plus tax of 16.6%, depending on size of cottage. Comprehensive website at: [www.hamptonbeachcottages.ca](http://www.hamptonbeachcottages.ca) Call 877-436-7216 for information. Book by January 2008 if possible.

## Campgrounds

Holiday Haven Campground - Camping & RV on Hwy 248 near Cornwall, P.E.I. Call 902-566-2421

Strathgartney Campground - Camping & RV 10 minutes west of Cornwall. Call: 902-675-4126