

The 15 Most Compelling Points of the Clan MacLaren Story for Telling to Tent Visitors

- 1) MacLarens are an ancient clan, well over 1000 years old.
- 2) MacLarens united both an ancient Pictish line of ancestry (through the mother's line) and an ancient Scottish line of ancestry (through the father's line).
- 3) MacLarens are a highland clan with an identifiable, beautiful clan homeland that is relatively easy to find and visit.
- 4) MacLarens are kinsmen of the Earls of Strathearn, who were among the "7 Earls of Scotland", considered to be peers of the King.
- 5) Because of this connection with one of the "7 Earls", MacLarens are entitled to use the royal colors of red and gold in their beautiful tartan, of which there are several great versions to choose from.
- 6) MacLarens endured hard times, loss of lands, massacres...but kept their identity, and their Chief.
- 7) MacLarens are the maternal ancestors of the Stewarts of Appin.
- 8) MacLarens are constant, loyal supporters of the Appin Stewarts, and of the Stewart Kings.
- 9) MacLarens were staunch Jacobites in all the Risings, and fought with Prince Charlie at Culloden.
- 10) MacLarens are legendary as fierce warriors.
- 11) MacLarens figure prominently in Scottish literature, including Sir Walter Scott's "Redgauntlet" and Robert Louis Stevenson's "Kidnapped".
- 12) The grandfather of our current Chief matriculated arms with Scotland's Heraldic Authority, The Court of the Lord Lyon, thereby gaining the government of Scotland's recognition of Clan MacLaren.
- 13) Our Chief's family and clan once again possess the Boar's Rock, the ancient gathering place of the clan. "Creag an Tuirc", the Gaelic name of that ancient gathering place (which sounds mysterious and dramatic), makes the ideal clan rallying cry.
- 14) Our Chief, Florian MacLaren of MacLaren, is dynamic, charismatic, prominent, and passionate about his clan.
- 15) MacLaren Clan Societies are thriving worldwide, and are experiencing a renaissance in modern times.

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