



# Lectures and Seminar Topics offered by Scottish Highland historian and genealogist Graeme M. Mackenzie

**Graeme Mackenzie** was the Founding Chairman of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland) and is the *Seanachaidh* (historian & genealogist) for Clans MacKenzie and MacMillan. He's a trained historian, with a Masters Degree from the University of Cambridge, and has been a professional genealogist specialising in the Highland clans and families of Scotland for over 30 years. He's a member of the Scottish Clans & Ancestry Forum [SCAF], a body convened by the Scottish Government to help the descendants of emigrant Scots find out about their ancestors and to visit Scotland.

Having written extensively in the past about particular clans—especially the MacMillans—Graeme has published in the last few years more general works, such as **“Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd: Clan and Family History in the Highlands of Scotland”** (2013), **“Highland Clan and Family Histories: A Guide to Published Histories, Genealogies, Family Trees, and some MS Sources”** (2015) and **“Septs, Septnames, and Surnames of the Highland Clans”** (2019). Graeme has travelled extensively during the last decade in the USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, speaking to clan societies, appearing at Highland Games, and lecturing to Scottish interest groups, local history societies and genealogical bodies. Details of some of his lecture tours can be found on his website.

Graeme can offer the following titles (and is happy to consider others pertaining to his areas of expertise):

1. *An Introduction to the Highlands of Scotland and its History*

This looks at the land and the people of the Highlands, and outlines their place in Scottish history from medieval to modern times.

2. *An Introduction to Researching Ancestors in Scotland*

This examines the sources for genealogical research in Scotland—both on the ground and online—with practical examples of their use.

3. *Clans, Septs, and Surnames in Highland Genealogy*

This discusses the evolution 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.

4. *The History of Scotland and the Highlands in Context*

This places the history of Scotland and the Highlands in the context of British and European history, and considers the influence of Scots around the world in recent centuries.

5. *The Legends, Myths, and Traditions of the Highland Clans of Scotland*

This celebrates the colourful traditions of the Highland clans, and the way in which some particular traditions became associated with more than one clan.

6. *The Fall and Rise of Clanship in Scotland and Around the World*

This provides an ironic look at the changing perception of the Highland clans, their language, dress, music and customs, both in Scotland and around the world, from the 14th to the 21st centuries.

6. *The Real Outlander Clans*

The true place of the MacKenzies and the Frasers in Highland history.

These talks are usually illustrated, so a screen and LCD projector will generally be required (though non illustrated talks are available), plus the facility to copy handouts providing useful information to take away.

An hourly speaking fee of 150 GBP (200 USD, 275 AUD, 300 NZD) is usually considered appropriate—with discounts for multiple lectures on the same day—plus expenses. Having himself chaired a local family history society, Graeme is aware of the difficulties small not-for-profit bodies may have paying fees, so will sometimes only expect to be paid expenses (i.e. his costs for travel and accommodation). Such bodies are encouraged to work with similar groups in their area to help cover fees and/or expenses.

For more information about Graeme, his publications, and his tours go to [www.highlandroots.net](http://www.highlandroots.net)