

Piobaireachd Society 2nd Series 1926-2026

Jack Taylor



Grant/Kilberry - books 1-10 - 1926-1961

Archie Kenneth - books 11-15 - 1963- 1989

**Music Committee - Book 16 and revisions.
1990-2025**



A large sum is spent on publishing music which is found to be incorrect

...the Society is guided by a number of well-meaning enthusiasts, and it is no secret that they are blind enthusiasts on the subject of Piobaireachd Music...

competence of the Society's judges, with one or two honourable exceptions, must be a matter of grave doubt.

Patrick Og



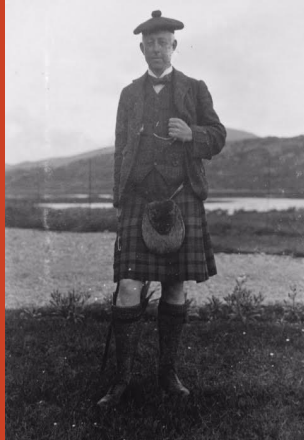
So many pipers have different settings of the same tune, and they are afraid to play certain settings, in case their setting may be different to that which the judges think is the correct thing.

Piobaireachd Society 1903



What criminal folly it was for those of us who were going about in those days to let Bannatyne get the McCarfrae MS! (i.e. Angus MacKay's unpublished MS).

Archibald Campbell to Iain Grant 1910



**I am sending you the photographs of
MacDonald's book**

**I shall then apply for MacArthur's book (?MS) and am inclined
to get it photographed on the sly. What do you think? It is rather
a criminal action, but all for the good cause & not for private
ends.**

**This thing of Bartholemew's is very interesting. I wish
that you could get a hold of a copy.**



Memorandum of Agreement
re
Piobaireachd Collection.

1911.

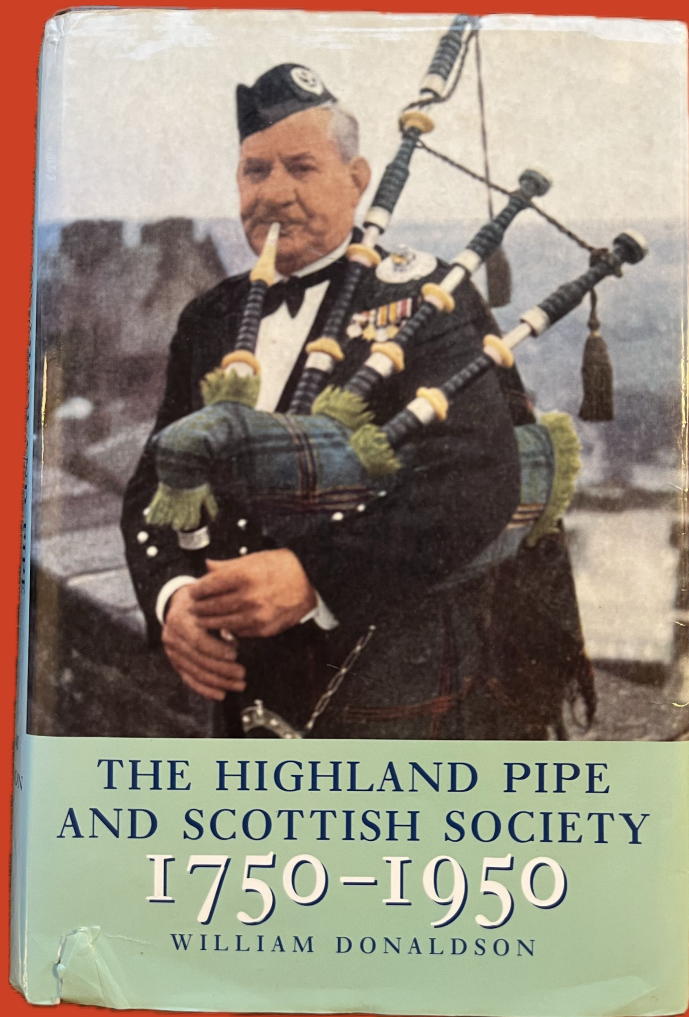
A. Campbell
J. P. Grant.



I hope that you will manage to slip up to Oban for a couple of days rest at the Games.

Probably Lawrie's interpretation of the Blind Pipers Obstinacy would be worth listening to. And certainly the spectacle of George MacLennan marching to the said tune could not fail to be impressive.





Ignoring MacLennan

Performers not Toffs

Silent changes



To hand over the result to some piping society at latest on the death of the survivor of us, & possibly we may do this earlier.

I know of no one else engaged in such work with such an object.



Kilberry's suggestions

Bannatyne's infamous renderings of the Bells of Perth & Thainig mo righ—and the old rock on which we split, The Prince's Salute.

The Battle of the Pass of Crieff, MacSuain of Roaig, The Blue Ribbon, Mary Macleod, MacDonald's Tutor, Piobd. Domhnall Dubh, Moladh Mhairi, Old Swords Lament, & Maol Donn.

Some of these are familiar but badly want a good setting published



Book 1

At the present moment no expert in competition marches attempts to play 74th's Farewell to Edinburgh in the exact style in which it was composed by Major MacKinnon.

It is by no means unlikely that the same process was applied in olden days to Piobaireachd, although possibly to a less extent.

Big Spree - PS variations

Viscount Dundee

Fingerlock

Pass of Crieff

Company's Lament

Prince's Salute "the old rock on which we split"



There is much in the new book to commend it to all pipers and lovers of piobaireachd, and I am sure it will have a wide circulation.

According to traditional teaching there is only one *Crunluath a Mach* in Piobaireachd. Had the Piobaireachd Society noted that the crunluath fosgailte would be accepted as correct if played with the grip, or open, that was all that was required.

Angus MacPherson Oban Times 1926



Book 2

MacArthur MS

Auldearn - “new style”

Bells of Perth

Cill Chriosd

MacSwan

Donald Gruamach

Donald Ban

Unjust Incarceration



Book 3

Campbell Canntaireachd
translations of scores dropped

Mackay Kintarbert discovered

Children

Patrick Og

Black Donald

Antrim

Suibhal Seamus

Old Sword



Book 4

16 tunes

9 with no T/C

Duncan Macrae

Old Woman's Lullaby

Hio tro tro

Salute on the Birth

Park 1 and 2

Sister's Lament



Book 5

16 tunes

Mostly unfamiliar to pibroch lovers
therefore extremely valuable

Oban Times

MacDougalls Gathering

Sobieski's Salute

Grain in Hides and Corn in Sacks

Pride of Barra

**Mary Macleod - “explode the high A
bogey”**

The Gathering of the MacNabs



Book 6

Known/less known

1993 revision

**Hiharin
Donald MacDonald**

Beloved Scotland

Craigellachie

Glen is Mine

Kinlochmoidart 1&2

**Massacre Glencoe - CC. A Mackay
added 2023**

Lament for the Union - “curiosity”



Book 7

High proportion favourite
tunes

Desperate Battle

Wee Spree

MacCrimmon's Sweetheart

Vaunting

Old Men of the Shells 1 and 2

Macfarlane's Gathering



Book 8

2 completely unknown

Some from relative obscurity

Big Nameless

Salute to Donald

Ronald MacDonald of Morar

Struan Robertson's Salute

Kintarbert's Fancy

Little Supper



Book 9

1957

19th century tunes

Editorial notes expanded in
revisions

Laird of Islay

His Father's Lament

Mrs Smith's Salute

Anapools - nowhere else extant

Fair Honey - originals added 2013

Lord Lovat - Angus Mackay 2001



Book 10

Kilberry/Kenneth

Angus Mackay book tunes

Scores revised 2010

Colbecks

MacGregor's Salute

**MacLean's March - A MacArthur
2010, Mackay re-inserted 2020**

Gordons Salute - CC added 2010

Macleod's Controversy - CC 2010

**War or Peace - Gesto 2010, expanded
note 2020**



The only successor that I can think of is Archie Kenneth.

He is keen on piping, is no fool, has got the leisure, and has a permanent residence where he can keep records papers etc.

On the other hand, he is said not to be very businesslike

Archibald Campbell 1947



There's madness in my method



Beyond the beaten track



**Well well, the correspondence is flying round
the three corners of the triangle**



Books 11-15

CC translations

Spoon of sugar

Source scores

Rory MacLeod's Lament

Lament for Hugh

Port Urlar - revised 2004

MacDonald's Salute - corrected 2009

Donald Duaghal

Melbank's Salute

Duke of Atholl's Salute

Chisholm's Salute

Alasdair Dearg



Book 16

19th Century tunes

Rarities

More sugar

Rev Norman Macleod

Brother's Lament - John Smith

Rout of Glenlivet

Invereenat - U Ross now main score

Hail to my Country - V1 now 6/8

Glengarry's Lament - 2 settings

Macintosh's Banner - 2025



2020-25 review

English titles before Gaelic

Fonts modernised

Multiple detail corrections

Children - amach removed

Kilberry Lord Lovat added

John Garve - D MacDonald added

**CC scores of MacSwan, Dunyveg,
Clan Chattan, Blue Ribbon, Grain in
Hides, Proud to play a Pipe, Queen
Anne, Chisholm's Salute, Alasdair
Dearg, Half Finished Piobaireachd.**

**Donald Duaghal - A Mackay now
main score**

