# WHERE DID THE McNAUGHTON CLAN LIVE?—PART 2

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The article "Where Did the Macnachtan Clan Live? [1] was based largely on DNA evidence. This article is about a map. At the end of the 1970s I had a lengthy correspondence with Duncan McNaughton, author of "The Clan McNaughton" [2]. In his second last letter [3] Duncan scribbled a note sideways at the end of an aerogramme, "See also the best Clan map in print "Scotland of Old" by Sir Iain Moncreiffe." I did not obtain this map [4] until after I retired at the end of 2004 and it has been languishing on my bookshelves ever since. In honor of Duncan, I thought it wise to take a closer look.

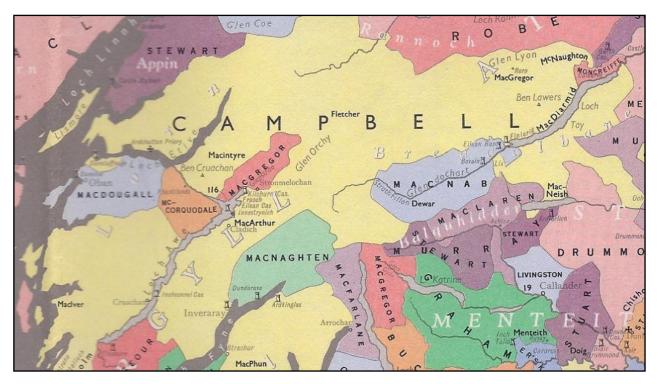
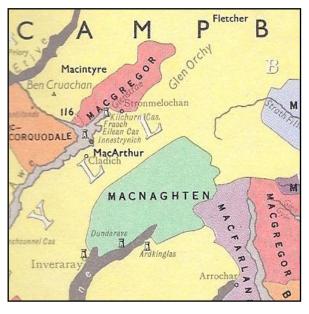


Figure 1. West Central Scotland, showing McNaughton holdings on Lochs Fyne, Awe and Tay around the time of King James VI (King of Scots 1567-1625) [4].

The map was approved by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. The lands colored for each name indicate general spheres of influence, usually about the time of King James VI (King of Scots 1567-1625) but taking the history of each district or family as a whole. Numbers on the map indicate smaller areas or former seats held in the name of a clan.

Figure 1 shows west-central Scotland, with large areas dominated by the Campbells colored yellow. The largest McNaughton area on the map is marked "Macnaghten," presumably in deference to the Irish branch, which assumed the Chiefdom in 1818. This area is clustered around the Clan's last Scottish castle, Dunderave, at the head of Loch Fyne. We are totally

surrounded by Campbell lands, except for a small eastern frontier with the Macfarlanes. East of them across Loch Lomond is some Macgregor land.



According to the Records of Argyll [5] the McNaughtons once owned all the land between Loch Fyne and Loch Awe. But by the time of King James VI the Campbells had swept between us and Loch Awe (Fig. 2). Our castle in Loch Awe, *Fraoch Eilean*, is marked 116, the McNaughton code on this map.

### Figure 2. Enlargement of the McNaughton holdings in Argyll around the time of King James VI.

In the top right hand corner of Fig. 1 there is a McNaughton sphere of influence between Loch Tay and Glen Lyon, this time spelled "McNaughton," also within Campbell lands. The MacGregors have some influence immediately to the west. Duncan McNaughton has a chapter on

the McNaughtons of Strathtay and Glenlyon [2]. I did not find any other mention on the map of Macnaghten, McNaughton or 116. It seems clear that the Clan found its initial strength in central Scotland [1] but the Chiefs moved to Argyll and the Clan's influence waned. This map does not add much to our knowledge but it indicates two concepts that the Scottish authorities believed in 1960 about McNaughton lands as the 16<sup>th</sup> century turned into the 17<sup>th</sup>—the extent of McNaughton holdings in Argyll and the lack of holdings in the central homelands.

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