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

Graeme Mackenzie is Chairman of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland) and *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 the last 25 years. He's a member of the Scottish Ancestral Tourism Group [SATG] & the Scottish Clans & Families Forum [SCFF], bodies 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"** (Inverness, 2013) and **"Highland Clan and Family Histories: A Guide to Published Histories, Genealogies, Family Trees, and some MS Sources"** (Inverness, 2015).

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 lectures or seminars on any of the following topics (and is happy to consider others pertaining to his areas of expertise):

1. *The History of the Scottish Highlands and its Clans*
   This outlines the particular history of the Highlands, whose inhabitants were often at odds with the rest of Scotland, and the context in which its clans evolved from medieval to modern times. It can be a stand-alone talk, or can serve as an introduction for an extended seminar using other offered titles.
2. *Clans, Septs, and Surnames in the Highlands of Scotland*
   This discusses the origins and structure 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.
3. *Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland*
   This examines the sources for genealogical research in Scotland and shows how they are used, with particular reference to families of Highland descent and issues regarding the use of Gaelic names.
4. *The Culture and Traditions of the Highland Clans*
   This considers the social customs, political practices, and the often colourful traditions of the Highland clans, and the way in which some particular traditions became associated with more than one clan.
5. *The Fall and Rise of Clanship in Scotland*
   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.

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.

Fees are negotiable depending on the country and the sort of body concerned; i.e. the further from Scotland—meaning greater air fares to get there—the larger the fee, while small not-for profit bodies (e.g. local family-history or genealogical societies) may only be charged expenses. As a guide however, US $250 for a one hour presentation is generally required in America, plus expenses (i.e. in-country travel and accommodation).

USA bookings are handled by Carol Morris of *Highland Roots USA*, who can be contacted on **(865) 765-1120**, or emailed via **USA@highlandroots.org**. Graeme himself can be contacted via **info@highlandroots.org**.

For more information about Graeme, his publications, and his tours go to **www.highlandroots.org**