

MacLEOD TARTANS

There are perhaps a total of over 9,000 tartans registered in Scotland. As of March 2, 2017, there are at least 33 MacLeod / McLeod / M'Kleod tartans; 30 registered with the various registries:

- (a) **Scottish Register of Tartans (SRT)** (www.tartanregister.gov.uk) (government agency & most comprehensive or “official”, since February 5, 2009),
- (b) **Scottish Tartans Authority** (www.tartansauthority.com) (STA), or
- (c) **Scottish Tartans World Register** (www.scottish-tartans-world-register.com) (STWR).

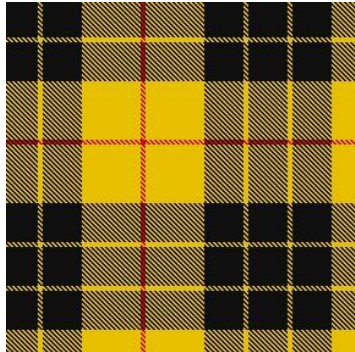
There are likely other MacLeod tartans which have not been registered (see the 3 on page 3). The SRT site above sets out the rules for registration of tartans.

The first reference number is the SRT#. The others are the earlier STA or STWR numbers.

The first 3 below are the most often used MacLeod tartans - 30 more follow (arranged by colour):



MacLeod of MacLeod / Harris,
#2629 (1583), pre 1831



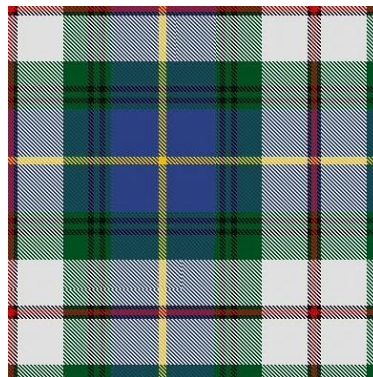
MacLeod of Lewis
#2640 (1272), pre 1842



MacLeod of Raasay
2641 (#1172), pre 1829



Clan MacLeod of Germany
#1336 (6816), 2006



MacLeod of California
#2637 (1623), 1988



MacLeod Highlanders
#2648 (581), 1800



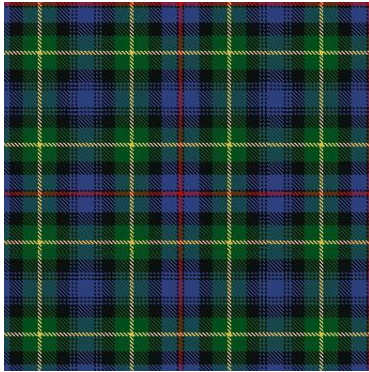
MacLeod of Assynt
#2636 (1582), 1831 & 1906



MacLeod Special Dress (Dance)
#2645 (6542), 1999



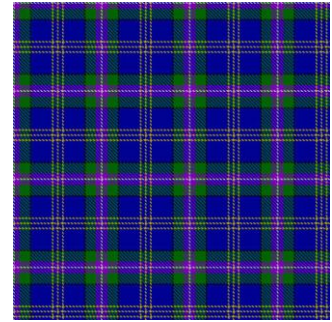
MacLeod of Skye (Johnstone)
#2642 (263), 1906



**MacLeod of Gesto #1
#2638 (280), archive**



**McLeod of Rothie (personal to Dr.
Don McLeod, Past Pres, Clan
MacLeod, Canada), #11731, 2017**



**Lambert (personal to Patrice
Lambert-MacLeod, Past Pres,
Clan MacLeod, Quebec
Canada), #10433 (n/a), 2011**



**Clan MacLeod Society of
Scotland – 100th Anniv.
#2644 (2375), 1991**



**MacLeod, Black & Red
#2633 (1591), pre 1906**



**MacLeod ^{*1}
#2626 (1173), 1748**



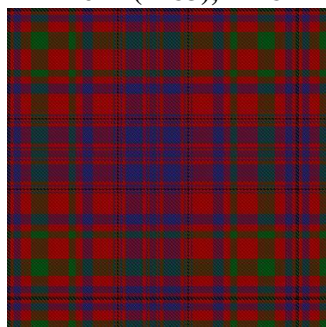
**MacLeod #2
#2627 (1183), 1748**



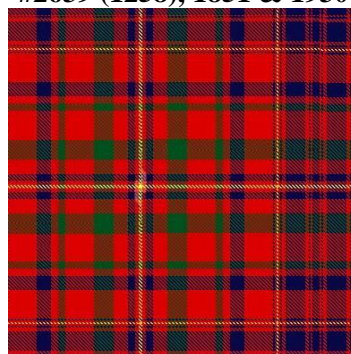
**MacLeod of Gesto #2
#2639 (1258), 1851 & 1930**



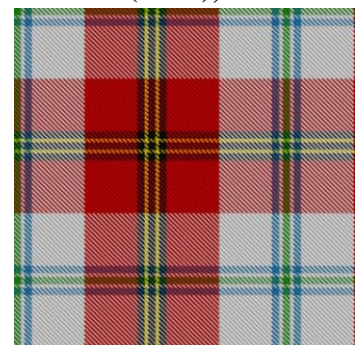
**MacLeod & MacNichol
#2631 (1156), archive**



**MacLeod (actually Murray) of
Tullibardine
#5203 (3488), 1748**



**MacLeod Red (Norman 22nd)
#2643 (496), 1982 (Adp by Parl.)**

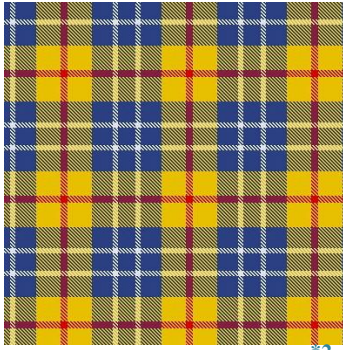


**Clan MacLeod Societies of
Canada, #11191 (n/a), 2014**

^{*1} **Portrait of Norman MacLeod 22nd Chief in this tartan, in Defiance of Disarming Act, 1746.**

^{*2} (next page) **Designed for 1978 World Cup in Argentina, & Scotland's Manager, Ally MacLeod.**

^{*3} (next page) **Worn by Chief Norman 24 for King George IV Edinburgh visit ("History" note on page 4)**



MacLeod of Argentina^{*2}
#2635 (627), 1978



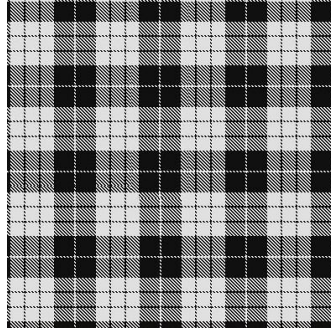
MacLeod Snuffbox^{*3}
#2630 (1268), 1822



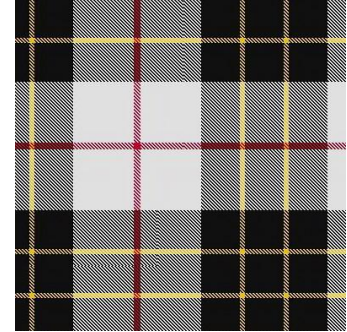
MacLeod #3
#2628 (1278), archive



Miss Emma Halford-MacLeod
(on her wedding on July 31, 2009)
#10046 (n/a), 2009



MacLeod Black & White,
or MacLeod, Mourning
#2634 (1828), pre 1906



MacLeod, Winnifred Mary –
dress, for dancing (personal)
#2647 (2847 & 7377), 2001



McLeod-Bain
#2896 (6144), 2003



MacLeod Pink (personal to
Graham Muir, for daughter)
#3343 (6434), 2004



M'Kleod, "Weavers"^{*4}
#5985 (2971), 2003

SOME ADDITIONAL M'KLEOD (UNREGISTERED) TARTANS



M'Kleod, "Ancient"^{*5}
(unreg.)



M'Kleod "Modern"^{*5}
(unreg.)



M'Kleod "Reproduction"^{*5}
(unreg.)

^{*4} Designed by Kevin M'Kleod, Perth, W. Aust. "for those with unusual spellings of the surname – MacLoud, etc."

^{*5} Unregistered, but for sale (& ^{*4}) at Scotweb Tartan Mill: www.scotwebco.uk/tartan/M-Kleod/58210

SOME FURTHER “QUICK NOTES” ABOUT TARTAN:

BOOKLET: There is a good booklet on tartan and kilts: “**Buying your Kilt Made Easy –An insider’s frank views and simple tips**”, **Dr. Nicholas J. Fiddes**, (Founder, Scotweb; Governor, Scottish Tartans Authority), 2006, free download at <http://scotweb.co.uk/nick/buyingyourkilt>, 54 pages [<https://www.scotweb.co.uk/kiltsandtartan/>]

TARTAN HISTORY and the CLANS: Tartans have existed for centuries, but only became affiliated with individual Clans after an 1822 visit to Edinburgh by King George IV. Sir Walter Scott, an organizer of the visit (helped by, John Norman MacLeod, 24th Chief), suggested that the clans each wear matching tartans – and the “tradition” began – as a tourism promotion!

The Clan affiliation was enhanced by the 1842 publication of “Vestiarium Scoticum” – (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vestiarium_Scoticum), which was **largely fabricated**, but did, for a time, serve as a “definitive” base or history of Clan and tartan. The “affiliations”, however, largely stuck!

WORLD-WIDE TARTAN DAYS: The Declaration of Arbroath, April 6, 1320, (following the defeat, by Robert the Bruce, of the English at Bannockburn on June 24, 1314) triggered the birth of democracy and immense contributions by Scots around the world. Many countries, states and cities have declared April 6 as “**Tartan Day**” (except in Australia & New Zealand – where Tartan Day is July 1, per below).

► After the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie at Culloden on April 16, 1746, the British passed the Act of Proscription, 1747, which banned the wearing of “Highland Dress” (tartan), Gaelic and bagpipes. Act was repealed on July 1, 1782.

FOR SOME DISCUSSIONS ON TARTANS, FROM A MACLEOD PERSPECTIVE, ALSO REFER TO:

- “The Tartans of Clan MacLeod”, **Ruari Halford-MacLeod**, April 1990 – includes samples and discussion of 11 MacLeod tartans;
- ‘A “Checkered” Past: The History of Tartan’, **Heather J. MacLeod** (then Co-Editor of The Magazine), in The Clan MacLeod Magazine, Issue 101, October 2005, page 147.