

Greenville Area Attractions

1. Falls Park on the Reedy & Liberty Bridge
2. Mice on Main Hunt
3. Museum and Library of Confederate History
4. History Museum of Travelers Rest
5. Upcountry History Museum
6. Poinsett Bridge Heritage Preserve
7. Camp Greenville's Pretty Place Chapel
8. Paris Mountain State Park
9. Clemson University
10. Pedego Electric Bike Tour
11. Greenville Glides Segway & Rydables

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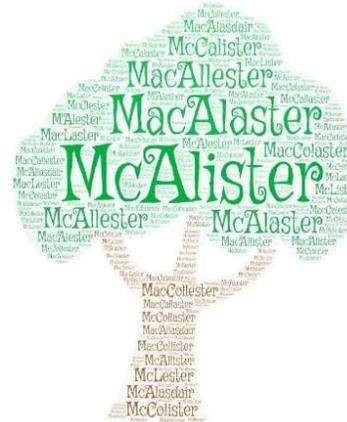
PLEASE NOTE: We will be documenting this Gathering for our website and journals. If you prefer **NOT** to be included in video or audio recordings, contact Kristy Reine and she will make sure to adhere to your wishes. Otherwise, we will assume that you consent to possible publication. Thanks!

About Our Clan

Clan Alasdair (the MacAlasdairs) descends from Somerled, 12th-century Lord of Argyll, through his grandson Donald, who founded the mighty Clan Donald (the MacDonalds).

Clan Alasdair eventually had four separate branches: the McAlesters of Loup (the chiefly family), the MacAlisters of Tarbert, the Macalisters of Glenbarr, and the Alexanders of Menstrie, whose name was anglicized after they migrated to the Lowlands in the early 14th century.

Lynn C. McAlister, Clan Historian
M.A. (Scottish History, University of Aberdeen), FSA Scot
<http://macalisterhistory.com>



Master of Ceremonies – Hal McAlister
Registration Chair – Jean Stewart
Bazaar – Rebecca Aulvin & Mary MacAlister
Planning – Rod MacAlister, Mary MacAlister, Elizabeth Morgan, Bob Weenig, Bill Bergman, Jean Stewart, Donna Kairewich, Kristy Reine, Ranell Ivy, Jamie Blanchard, Eric L. McAllister Jr.

20th Biennial Gathering

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Residence Inn & Springhill Suites

Greenville, SC

July 2 – 5, 2026

THURSDAY, JULY 2

8:45-12:00 pm **Van Tour of Greenville** with John Nolan - leaving from front of Hotel

2:00-5:00 pm **Registration** - Birch Ballroom Foyer

5:00 Dinner on your own

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There will be a **memorial service** on Saturday for those members who have passed away since the previous Gathering. If you have a recently deceased loved one, please check with Elizabeth Morgan, Chaplain (cma-chaplain@clanmcAlister.org) to make sure that we have him or her listed so that we can honor their passing.

We will have researchers with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints onsite to assist with your family history brick walls!

Don't forget to visit the **craft and bazaar table** in the back of the Conference room. If you see something you like, snap it up or it will be gone! Since the silent auction process is new to many of you, we've printed instructions on a separate page in your registration packet.

Also, your Board Members will each be leading a group to dinner, so make sure that you sign up after registration so that they can make reservations. Since these reservations had to be made well in advance, each will have a limited number of seats available. Once all seats are spoken for we won't be able to accommodate any more at each restaurant. Sign up early!

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Welcome to Greenville and the 20th Biennial Gathering of our McAlister Family!

8:30 **Bazaar/Silent Auction Open**
9:00 – 9:15 **Opening Session**
Hal McAlister & Rodney MacAlister
9:15 – 9:30 **Welcome to Greenville**
John Nolan
9:30 **Family Introductions**
10:45 Break
11:00 – 12:00 **Documenting the Scottish/Irish Diaspora in South Carolina**
Alexia Jones Helsley
12:00 **Silent Auction First Close**
12:15 – 1:45 Lunch (on your own)
1:45 – 2:15 **Entertainment** – Sweet Potato Pie Kids Bluegrass Band
2:15 – 2:45 **General Membership Meeting**
2:45 Break
3:00 – 3:45 **Bad Boys of the Carolinas**
Colleen Brewster
3:45 **Last call for Silent Auction Close**
4:00 – 6:00 **Meet & Greet Room Open**
(The Hiveaway)
4:30 -6:00 **Whiskey Tasting Event**
(Birch Ballroom)
6:30 pm **Dinner with a Board Member**

SATURDAY, JULY 4

9:00 – 9:30 **Announcements & Recognition**
Rod MacAlister
9:30 – 10:00 **Entertainment**
(TBD)
10:00 – 11:00 **My James McCallister Lineage**
Joyce Schmidt & Nancy Hudson
11:00 Break
11:15 – 11:45 **Memorial Service**
Elizabeth Morgan, Chaplain
11:45 – 1:15 Lunch (on your own)
1:15 – 1:30 **Scots-Irish Contributions to U.S.**
Edwin Poots
1:30 – 2:15 **McAlister Origins Evidenced Through Y-DNA**
Bryant McAllister & Patrick MacAllister
2:15 – 2:30 **Installation of CMA Board of Directors**
2:45 – 3:45 **Final Silent Auction Results & Live Auction**
5:30 **Piping in the Haggis**
Andrew Greer
6:00 **Closing Banquet**
Edmund Apperson
MacMagician (McAlister descendant)

SUNDAY, JULY 5

9:30-10:00 **Kirkin' o' the Tartan** (Suite ?)
Elizabeth Morgan, Chaplain