

**COURT OF THE LORD LYON**

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

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**RECORD**

in the Petition of

**DONALD MACLAREN YOUNGER OF  
MACLAREN**

**PETITIONER**

**FLORIAN ROBERT MACLAREN OF  
MACLAREN AND ACHLESKINE, Chief of  
the Name and Arms of MacLaren**

**RESPONDENT  
And COUNTERCLAIMER**

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Gillespie Macandrew, Solicitors, Edinburgh,  
for the Petitioner

Turcan Connell, Solicitors for the  
Respondent and Counterclaimers

COURT OF THE LORD LYON

UNTO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
THE LORD LYON KING OF ARMS

RECORD  
IN THE PETITION  
OF

**DONALD MACLAREN YOUNGER OF MACLAREN**, C/O Gillespie Macandrew, 5 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 8EJ

For

(one) Official recognition of (a) the Petitioner in the name style and dignity as **DONALD MACLAREN OF MACLAREN, Chief of the Name of MacLaren and Hereditary Head of the Clan Labhran**, and (Two) for the Ensigns Armorial with supporters of the MacLarens of MacLaren should be maintained, ratified and confirmed to the Petitioner and his heirs together with the grant of a standard and pinsel.

**PETITIONER**

Against

**FLORIAN ROBERT MACLAREN OF MACLAREN AND ACHLESKINE, Chief of the Name and Arms of Maclaren**, C/O Turcan Connell, Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey St, Edinburgh EH3 9EE

**RESPONDENT**

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**PETITIONER**

HUMBLY SHOWETH

1. That the Petitioner was born on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1980 in Berlin, Germany and is the eldest son and heir apparent of the late Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine, Chief of The Name of Maclaren and Hereditary Head of the Clan Labhran, born on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1954 and his wife (married 1<sup>st</sup> July 1978), Maida Jane Aitchison.
  
2. That the Petitioner's father, the said Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine died on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.
  
4. That the Petitioner's father, the said Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine was the eldest son of Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine, Chief of the Name of Maclaren and Hereditary Head of the Clan Labhran (died on 8th June 1966) and his wife Margaret Miller and succeeded him on appreancy.
  
5. That the Petitioner's Grandfather, the said Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine, Chief of the Name of Maclaren and Hereditary Head of the Clan Labhran was recognised by decree of the Lord Lyon recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland (Volume 42, Folio 120) of date 7<sup>th</sup> February 1958, with Ensigns Armorial of the MacLarens of MacLaren confirmed to him and his descendants together with supporters limited to him and his successors as more fully set out in the said Letters Patent.

6. That the Petitioner is desirous (one) being officially recognised in the name, style and dignity as Donald MacLaren of MacLaren, Chief of The Name of Maclarens and Hereditary Head of The Clan Labhran and (two) having the said Ensigns Armorial of MacLaren of MacLaren together with supporters maintained, ratified and confirmed to him, together with the grant of a standard and pinsel, with a destination to his heirs, bearing the name MacLaren alone.

MAY IT THEREFORE please Your Lordship to Grant  
Warrant to (one) officially recognise the Petitioner in the  
name, style and dignity as Donald MacLaren of MacLaren,  
Chief of the Name of Maclarens and Hereditary Head of  
the Clan Labhran (two) to grant warrant to the Lyon Clerk  
to prepare Letters Patent, maintaining, ratifying and  
confirming unto the Petitioner the plain and undifferenced  
Arms of MacLaren of MacLaren together with supporters,  
and the grant of a standard and pinsel, with a destination  
to his heirs, bearing the name MacLaren alone, all as  
appropriate to the Petitioner as Chief of the Name and  
Arms of MacLaren of MacLaren

AND your Petitioner will ever pray,

Signature.....

John Boyd Stirling, WS, Ormond Pursuivant in Ordinary

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**Solicitor for the Petitioner**

Date.....

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## II - COUNTERCLAIM

UNTO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
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*The Petition of*

**FLORIAN ROBERT MACLAREN OF MACLAREN AND ACHLESKINE,**

**Chief of the Name and Arms of MacLaren,**

C/O Turcan Connell, Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey St, Edinburgh EH3 9EE

**RESPONDENT**

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1. **That** he, the Petitioner, born Berlin 10 December 1981, is the second son of the late Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and his wife Maida Jane Nan Aitchison;
2. **That** the Petitioner's said father (born 22 August 1954 and died 22 July 2023) was the only son of Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine and his wife Margaret Sinclair Miller;
3. **That** by Nomination of date 3 November 2019 by the foresaid Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine the Petitioner was nominated tanist in the said representation of Chief of Clan Labhran;
4. **That** certain Ensigns Armorial, including supporters, badge and guidon, are recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland (Volume 42, folio 119) of date 7 February 1958 in name of the Petitioner's said grandfather as Chief of the Name of MacLaren and Hereditary Head of Clan Labhran;
5. **That** the Petitioner is desirous that the foresaid Ensigns Armorial might be matriculated of new in his own name without difference;

May it therefore please Your Lordship  
To Grant Warrant to the Lyon Clerk to  
matriculate of new in the Public Register  
of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in  
name of the Petitioner the foresaid  
Ensigns Armorial without difference.

And your Petitioner will ever pray,

Signature

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Solicitor for Respondent and Counterclaimers

Date