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Clan Shaw honors members

The Clan Shaw Society has announced the names of those members honored with awards for 2010. The awards recognize their service to the Clan Shaw Society.

The Clansman of the Year is given each year to one or more members for their outstanding work. It is usually given to persons who have not previously been honored by the group.

The Clansmen of the Year for 2010 are: **Margaret Shaw**, of Surrey, British Columbia, our first-year Convener for British Columbia and the state of Washington. She is being recognized for her willingness to take on this position and for her efforts in that role, representing us well, including bringing new members into the fold.

Stephan and Heather Shaw Betts of Mars, Pennsylvania, our first-year Conveners for Pennsylvania. They are also recognized for stepping up to the plate to perform this function and for the manner in which they have represented us at the Ligonier Games, including producing new members.

Alan Shaw, of Luthersville, Maryland, who took the initiative to establish for us a YAHOO genealogy site, and who administers that site for us. We expect this to be a valuable asset to our members.

Bob and Iva Shaw Nelson, of Chesapeake, Virginia, who have led us into the DNA era in genealogy. We expect this to be of interest and benefit to

our members.

In addition to performing the functions described above, all of the Clansmen of the Year honorees have also provided articles for our newsletter, *An Biodag*, on their areas of interest. We applaud, congratulate and thank all of them. They are true assets to our organization.

The Order of the Dagger is given to members who have been honored as Clansmen of the Year and have then continued to serve the society well for another five or more years. This award was not granted this year.

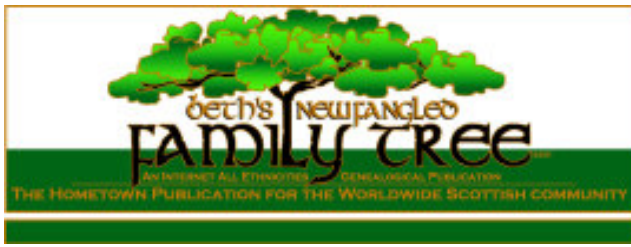
The Order of the Dirk was given to **Dennis Lee Shaw**, Convener with his wife, **Lisa** -

Menomonie, Wisconsin - for Wisconsin and Minnesota. Dennis was a Clansman of the Year for 2000 and was named to the Order of the Dagger for 2005. He and Lisa have continued to serve well in their capacity for five more years. We congratulate and thank Dennis and Lisa. They benefit our society greatly.

The Order of the Claymore was awarded to **Meredith Linwood Shaw**, society co-founder, president, convener, newsletter editor. Meredith was named Clansman of the 1980s and was named to the Order of the Dirk for 2003. He has continued to serve in the cited capacities and others since that time. He sees his work for the society as a labor of love. Meredith lives in Olney, Maryland.



Never give up! Never give up! Never give up!



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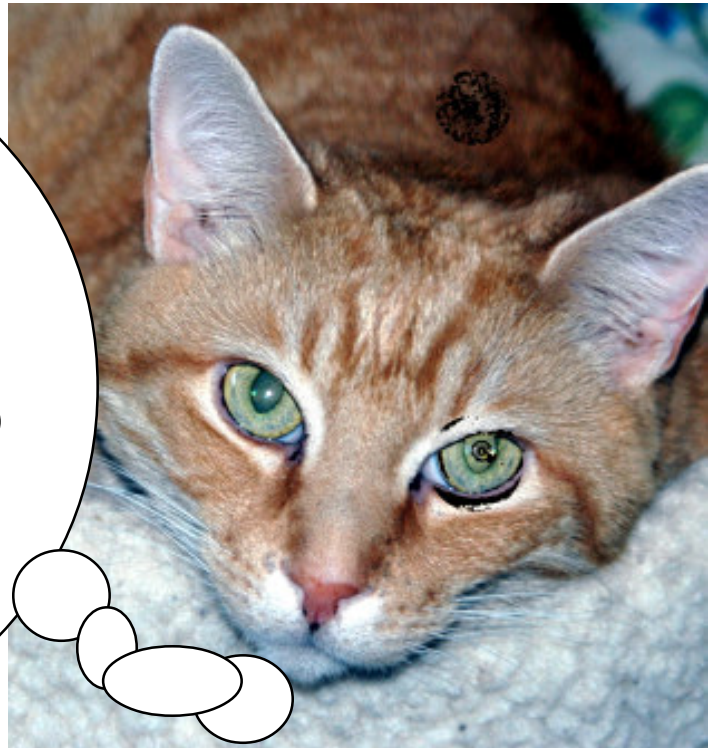
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Narra's assistant, Peggie Hairy Cat Freeman

A letter from your editor: **Got Highland Games to go to...but gas is \$3.00 a gallon?**

The news people have been chattering about gas going to \$3.00 a gallon this summer.

A lot of people have been saying, "What? I have Highland Games to go to!"

What to do?

Actually, there are several things you as an individual - and your Scottish Clan organization can do as a group. It just takes a little organizing and publicity...and Games are once more affordable!

Many people have cars large enough to carry a few extra folks. What better way to make new friends amongst your clansmen and clanswomen than to have a "road trip" together?

But, you say...that sounds complicated to organize. How would we do it?

Not so complicated.

If you have a vehicle with an extra seat or two, why not contact your own clan newsletter editor and say something like, "Going to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July (Insert your own games destination and date) and have room for two more folks (or whatever number you can accommodate) if they will share the gas expenses. Leaving from ____ (your city/state here) on ____ (date here). Plan to return on ____ date. Please contact me soonest at: _____ (Your preferred contact information here) Depending on the situation, you might also share hotel/motel expenses - or not.

If there is time, you might also ask in the newsletter for others to send in the same kind of information. This can work anywhere in the country and for any games.

The very first Highland Game I attended when I starting publishing my newspaper - back in maybe 1990 - I went along with three ladies I had not met before. We shared gas and hotel expenses and had a lovely time.

Just divide the expenses by the total number of passengers, even if there are three of your family and one guest...3/4 of the gas is surely better than all of it!

If there's a cross-country event you'd like to attend, this ride-sharing works too.

High gas prices really do effect numbers of folks at any event...and I'll bet you can think of a few ways to economize on games attended. There's nothing wrong with stopping at a grocery store and getting sandwich makin's, chips and a few bits of fruit...lots more economical than stopping at a restaurant...and everyone loves a



picnic.

Savvy travelers know that breakfast is the most economical meal of the day in most restaurants. Instead of stopping at a fast food place...look for a "Mom & Pop" place that offers lovely breakfasts for not much money. You might decide to do "Mom & Pop" places for breakfast and supper and picnic at lunch...

My dear old friend, Jeri Martin, and I still want to travel to Highland Games all over the country - and gather material for our book, "Where Bubba Eats and Shops" which would be a first-hand directory of the best "meat and three" restaurants and the best thrift stores everywhere! We thought of this years and years ago, but still think it would be fun! And, while we do that, we'll photograph post offices in the itsy bitsy towns...for our other book!

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Flowers of the Forest

Rita Ann Frazer (nee Steiner), 85, of Stillwater, MN, has passed away. She was preceded in death by husband Vincent. She was the mother of the Glasgow Highland Games (Lucas, KY) stalwart, Maureen Frazer Hendrick.

Rita is survived by children Tom (Patricia), Mike, Terry (Kathy), Maureen (Steve) Hendrick, Tim (Carol Albers), Mark (Hanifa), Terese (Warren) VanHout, Marty (Lan), Tricia, Mary Ann (Dale) Mozey; 17 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Stillwater.

Visitation was on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Simonet Funeral Home in Stillwater, and also one hour prior to Mass at the church atrium.

Interment was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Bayport, MN.

Memorials are preferred St. Michael's Catholic Church or the Little Sisters of the Poor.

If you'd like to contact Maureen, write 119 East Main St., Glasgow, KY 42141.



Betty Ann Matthiesen Cogliati, a longtime member of the Lyon's Family Association and frequent contributor to *The Lyon's Tale*, died March 10, 2009, in Santa Cruz CA. Her remains were interred at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto CA.

Betty Ann Matthiesen was born Feb. 10, 1929 in Oakland CA, the daughter of Arthur Carsten Matthiesen and Anna California Rose. Betty is survived by two sons, Steven James Cogliati and Kevin Eric Cogliati, two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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Celtic League of America Branch offers fascinating information

More chessmen on Uig?

While arguments continue over requests for the British Museum to return its holdings of the medieval ivory chess pieces found on the Isle of Lewis in 1832, still more may yet lie out there.

Archaeologists organized by the National Museums of Scotland are now on the hunt for as many as 40 pieces that may still be buried in the dunes of Uig.

While there is some uncertainty about the exact site of the original find, historians believe the pieces first found may have been part of a 128 piece four-game set.

The real flower of Scotland

The official Flower of Scotland, the Scottish primrose (*Primula scotica*) is a rare plant, today found only in Caithness, Sutherland and Orkney, after disappearing from 75 areas where it is known to have grown in the past.

Scottish National Heritage is now mapping the sites where it still exists and is seeking to protect it before it disappears altogether.

The flower favors the short grasslands formed by cattle grazing. The end of grazing - as when a crofting community dies out - can leave the Scottish primrose smothered by tall grasses.

225 Roman campsites mapped

Often invaded but never conquered, Scotland holds more known Roman military camp sites than any other nation. Following the first comprehensive survey in some 30 years, the number of sites now stands at 225 known locations. Only 55 of those sites are officially protected historic sites.

Ranging from a half acre fortification at Duntocher to a 170-acre base at Lauder, these places still yield archaeological insights into the invaders who, if nothing else, taught the Caledonians to wear kilts.

Recent excavations in Kintore in Aberdeenshire revealed 2000 year-old trash heaps, latrines and bread ovens.

Stevenson Archive now Online

The papers of Robert Louis Stevenson, scattered in collections around the world, have been brought together in a huge online archive.

With a lot of previously uncataloged materials,

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Glasgow (KY) Highland Games

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June 3-6, 2010

2010 Honored Societies are:

- *The Scottish Society of Louisville
- *St. Andrew's Society of Evansville and the Tri-States
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In 1996 Clan Ramsay Association of Nova Scotia made a donation to Dalhousie University in honor of Lord Dalhousie the founder and a member of the Ramsay family. This would be an investment with interest on the investment being used as a bursary to a deserving student each year in the field of History.

Our Scottish ancestry is also distinguished by a Ramsay Clan plaque dedicated and mounted on Ceilidh Dr. in Pictou, Nova Scotia. This celebration took place in September 2001.

We are a small group of about 20 members and participate in many Scottish activities in Nova Scotia.

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One of the most common research problems encountered by patrons is the lack of birth certificates for ancestors. This problem is especially significant for those researching ancestors born prior to 1900 even though most states had enacted specific laws mandating that births had to be registered. However, implementation was far from consistent, especially in many rural and remote areas of the country. This was particularly true in the south and west. In many of these areas, if officials saw the baby present, that was proof enough for them!

The election of Franklin Roosevelt and his implementation of the Social Security and Railroad Retirement Acts exposed numerous problems throughout the country with lax enforcement and the problems that it created. It marked the first time that the United States required citizens to prove their legal date and place of birth.

To obtain benefits or be issued a social security card, the most common types of documents or methods used as proof included:

- √ Baptismal/Christening certificates
- √ Family Bible record entries
- √ School attendance records
- √ Military service records and discharge papers
- √ Naturalization papers
- √ Any miscellaneous legal or church generated documents that showed birth related information

√ Information on the 1880, 1900-1930 censuses if the person could be located (this situation led to the development of Soundex and Miracode Indexes).

√ Affidavit from a relative who had personal knowledge of the birth

√ Affidavit from a midwife or medical person who assisted with the actual birth

√ Affidavit from a neighbor or family member who had personal knowledge of birth



It is important to note that the county where the delayed birth certificate was issued was often different than the county where the actual birth took place. In most cases, delayed birth certificates were issued in the place of residence at the time of application. This was perfectly legal at the time.

During World War II, many defense related industries required certain classifications of workers with delayed birth certificates to obtain additional decrees from a court of record. They had to provide the same type of documented proof as the classifications listed above. While this was not a common occurrence it should be noted as a possibility when all else fails.

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*Alastair McIntyre at the Chatham,
Canada Highland Games*

I often get emails from people saying they wished that I could profile some aspect or other about Scotland and the Scots and I find myself replying that if you go to this page url you'll find information is already on the site.

This being the case I thought in this issue I would try to tell you a little of what you can find on Electric Scotland that isn't immediately obvious and hopefully with most of you having Internet access you'll enjoy exploring some of our hidden gems.

Information on Highland Regiments is often requested and we do in fact have a whole section devoted to them which you'll find in our "History" section. Just look for "Scottish Regiments" and in there you'll find considerable information on The Black Watch, The Fraser Highlanders, The Gordon Highlanders, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, The Ross-Shire Buffs, The Argyle & Southern Highlanders and many more. Some of the accounts are large enough to be a whole book in their own right.

As a complete contrast I often speak with parents and grand-parents with young children who like to read them a story at bedtime. Often they are amazed

that we carry over 600 children's stories and hundreds of nursery rhymes on the site. Just two areas to explore are within the "Kids" section where you'll find "Children's Stories" and in that section you'll find over 500 stories suitable for younger children and most have a Scottish theme to them. Margo Fallis wrote these for the site and as she was a teacher of young children she knows what to write about that will interest them.

Also in the "Kids" section you'll find "Charlotte Bleh's Collection" where she has hundreds of wee old Scottish nursery rhymes and other poems. She wrote these for her children and grand-children and has kindly shared them with us for the enjoyment of all. I might add that she also wrote a really interesting account of her trip back to Dundee with her children when she returned to bury her mother's ashes in her old home town. You can read that account under our "Travel" section where you'll find "Charlotte's Visit home to Scotland" and that makes a really good read.

Our national poet Robert Burns is famous throughout the world but often people don't understand some of the words he uses in his poems and

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songs. Well “The Flag” section holds a huge collection of real audio recordings in the “Scots Language”. So by visiting this section you can listen and read over a thousand words in the Scots language of his day as well as listen to many poems and stories. You’ll also find a complete Burns supper recorded as well as special audio tributes to Tartan Day that they’ve done for the past four years.

Looking for books to read well just go to our “Books” section and you’ll find “Read Scottish Books Online” and in there you’ll find many books that we’ve OCR’d onto the site for you to read. We usually split books into chapters so you can read them a bit at a time. There are many history books in this section but also some lighter reading such as “A Doctor of the Old School”, “Corporal Cameron” and in “Wilson’s Border Tales” you’ll find loads of short stories about Scotland and the Scottish Borders”.

Nothing on the TV tonight that you want to watch? Well how about sitting down to do the odd jigsaw puzzle or two or three? You’ll find a great collection of them to play within our “Games” section under what else but “Jigsaws Puzzles”. As

you scroll down the page you might also notice our very popular “Dress the Chief” game where you can select three different backgrounds and then build a picture with the Chief and his family. For those wanting to learn a wee bit about business our “Lemonade Stand” is also very popular as you try to make lots of money from selling lemonade.

Ever felt like writing a poem or short story? Well lots of our visitors have already done so and they share their talent by sending them in to us to include on the site within our “Poetry & Stories” section. And on this theme if you go to our “World” section and select “America” and then “American History on Electric Scotland” and then “Donna Flood’s Stories” you’ll find an amazing collection of her poetry and stories. In there you’ll find recipes, stories about pets, native Indian lore and loads more. Donna has just had her first book published and you can see her picture and the press release on her page.

Also within this section you’ll find a bible story by Francis Kerr Young which was also recorded by Peter D Wright of the Scots Independent Newspaper. You’ll find this under the “Poetry & Stories” section, “Poems by Francis Kerr Young” and in there select “Grandfather tells the children the story of the Great Flood” and you might want to share this one with your local minister as you can both read and listen to it and it might be a great one for Sunday School.

Should you be going to a party or having to give a wee talk then we have a great wee “Humour” section where you can pick up the odd wee one liner or joke that might go down well. In there you’ll also find links to “Check out Ranald’s Collection of Sayings and Verses” where

Ranald McIntyre from Scotland has posted his own collection of wee sayings that he’s gathered over his many years. At the bottom of the “Humour” section you’ll see a link to “See also the Scots Independent’s “Scot Wit” page” where they have many wee Scottish humour stories in text but all with a real audio link so you can

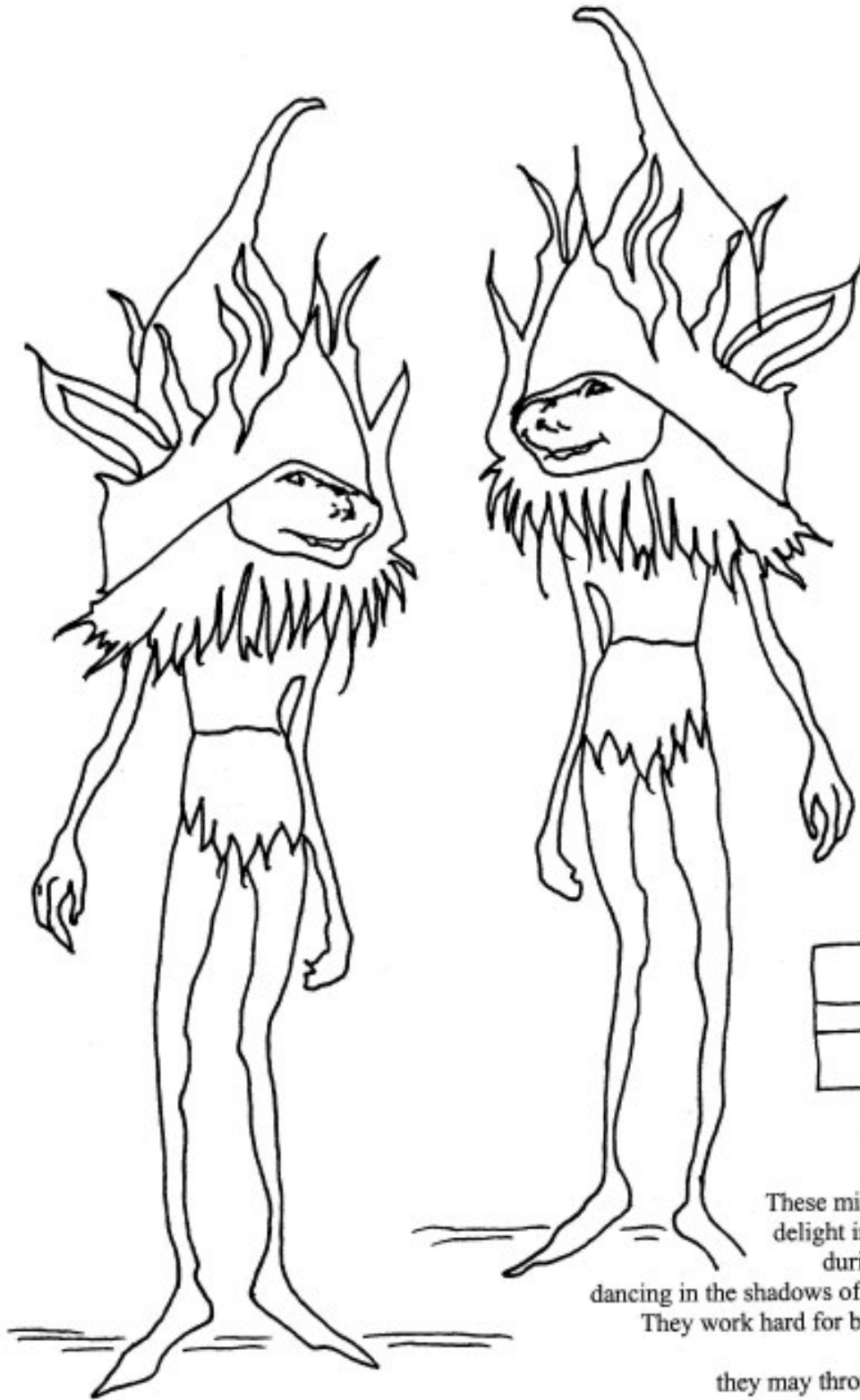
listen to them being told in a rich Scottish accent.

Should you enjoy listening to Scottish music then when you visit our “Music” section you’ll find a link “Listen to Scottish Community Radio from Australia” where you can listen to over a hundred half hour shows recorded by Jock Dundee at his weekly Scottish radio program at Triple U radio station in Australia.

And to finish there is of course the Beth’s Newfangled Family Tree Newspaper where you can read each edition of the paper. In there for example we hold “Newsletters” where we post many clan society newsletters.

The above is all really just the tip of the iceberg. When I’m invited to give an introduction to Electric Scotland it takes me around 2 hours to properly introduce all that is available on the site. So hopefully some of what I’ve introduced you to above will spark some interest and if it does then please go to <http://www.electricscotland.com> Perhaps it is worth having a mug of coffee or tea besides you as you might be awhile!





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In the South, at most Highland Games, many of the Scottish Clan organizations ask in their newsletters for members to bring something to share to eat. It's certainly cheaper to get a bucket of chicken on the way to the Games than to pay for each member of the family to eat at a vendor. This actually does not hurt the vendors as their lines are usually loooooonnnngggg and most of them run out of food before they run out of day.

Lots of the Scottish Clan groups figure out how to have bbq grills or crock pots running on car


batteries...and prepare their wonderful specialties...like Clan MacLean's White Chili with Chicken...or Clan Gunn's gourmet fare.

Hard times call for creative thinking and doing. As my friend, Peter Macdonald in Scotland, always says, "The Scots are the most inventive and creative people in the world!"

The Scots would not submit to the Romans...nor the invaders during later World Wars. Let's be sure we don't let expensive gasoline harm our beloved Highland Games.

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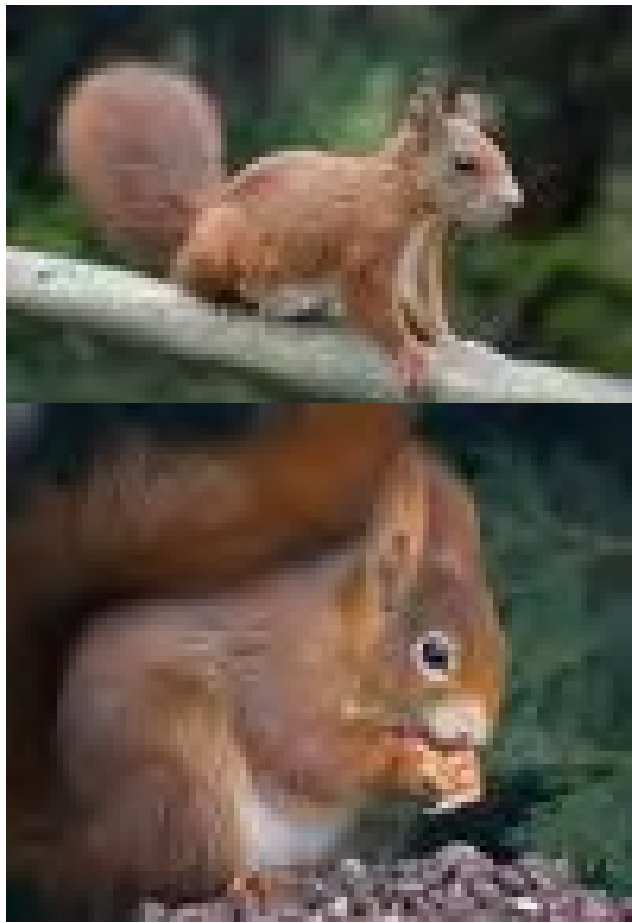
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Red Squirrel in decline in Wales

Wales' nut-munching national icon, the red squirrel, is in steep decline and in danger of disappearing altogether, due to incursions by North American gray squirrels, who are literally eating the reds out of house and home.

The staff of Forestry Commission Wales are co-operating with the Mid Wales Red Squirrel Project to keep tabs on the remaining population of reds and to develop ways to improve their habitat.

One way would be to plant more small-seeded broadleaf trees such as birch and rowan, which the greedy grays often pass by in their pursuit of big oaken acorns.

Genetically distinct from the more widespread British Red Squirrel, the last stronghold of the Welsh Red lies in the Tywi Forest in the Cambrian Mountains.

With thanks to the *Six Nations, One Soul* newsletter of the Celtic League, American Branch and Stephen Paul DeVillo, Welsh Chair.

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The program includes “Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You,” “My Ancestor, the Farmer: Shaping a Profile for your Rural Ancestor,” “Bible Thumper or Pious Pilgrim: Religious Ancestors on the Frontier,” and “Follow a Case through Court.” Book and map vendors will also be present.

For more information and a registration form, visit www.ncgenealogy.org or write to the North Carolina Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815.

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For more information: www.oh-palam.org/PalAmSpringConf2010.pdf

16–17 April 2010 - Richmond, VA The Virginia Genealogical Society’s 50th anniversary celebration and annual spring conference will be held 16-17 April 2010 in Richmond, Virginia. Friday, 16 April, join us at the Library of Virginia for Guided Research and a banquet at the Omni Hotel. ON Saturday, VGS

invites you to spend the day with Victor S. Dunn, CG as he shares his knowledge of research strategies for dealing with burned Virginia counties.

Additional details are available at our website at www.vgs.org.

16–17 April 2010 - Manitowoc, WI The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society’s 2010 Gene-A-Rama Conference, “Finding Your Ancestors in

Wisconsin’s Ethnic Melting Pot,” will be held Friday and Saturday, 16–17 April 2010, at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The featured speaker will be Stephen S. Barthel, who, along with eight other speakers, will lecture on many of the different ethnic groups who have settled in Wisconsin. Additional information and registration forms can be found at www.wsgs.org or by e-mailing wsgs@tds.net.

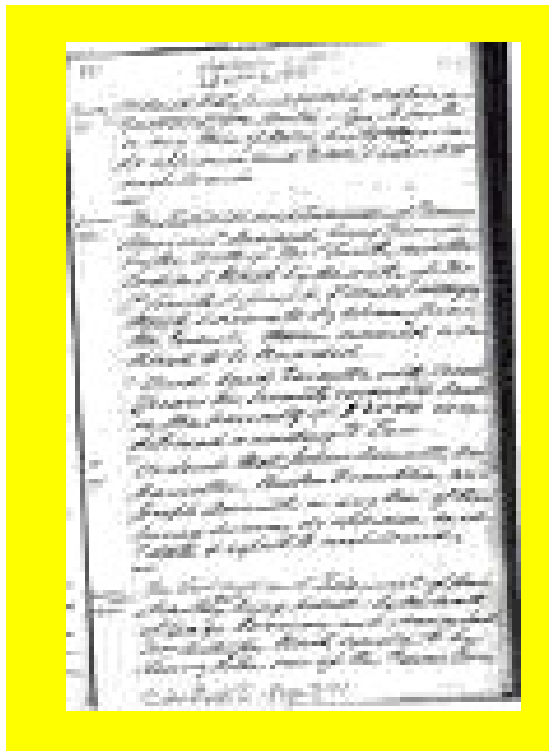
17 April 2010 - Des Moines, IA The Iowa Genealogical Society will host a special spring conference showcasing 21st-century computer technology and its

benefits for the family historian. This all-day conference kicks off at 8:30 am. and concludes at 5:00 pm. Two tracks are offered, with seminars held at the IGS Library, 628 East Grand Avenue, and the State Historical Building, 600 East Locust in Des Moines.

Featured speaker is Geoff Rasmussen, a well-known authority on genealogical technology, and the author of numerous books, articles and training videos.

Topics for discussion include: the latest in genealogical software programs, tips & techniques; Voice recognition technology, presented by Rob Heater of

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GPS & Genealogy at Jacksonville Genealogical Society meeting

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will have their monthly meeting on April 17, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 2887 103rd street, Jacksonville, Fl.

Grace has found a rather interesting topic: Using the Global Positioning System(GPS) in genealogy. Mr. George Bass' theme presentation is to leave geographic information that will permit you to locate sites of interest; such as an old home, buildings, graves, tombstones, etc., of your ancestors.

For additional information please contact Jim Laird, (904) 264-0743.

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WahlTek; Computer generated maps, timelines & chronologies; Photo restoration, preservation and archiving, presented by Steve Alexander of Alexander's Photography; Creating multimedia family keepsakes, presented by Carole Magnuson of the Jefferson Project; and how to plan perfect family reunions, presented by Martha Abbas.

Cost: \$50 IGS members/\$60 non-members. Registrations completed before March 31st receive a special discount. Registration information is available online: <http://www.iowagenealogy.org> or contact the Iowa Genealogical Society: 515-276-0287, igs@iowagenealogy.org.

17 April 2010 - Kensington, MD The Washington DC Family History Center's 4th annual Family History Conference will be held on Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 am - 3:15 pm, at 10000 Stoneybrook Drive, Kensington, Maryland 20895.

This conference is free of charge with 20 classes from beginning to advanced genealogy. The keynote speech, "The Digitization Strategy of the National Archives" will be delivered at 9:00 am by James J.

Hastings, Director, Special Media Archives Services Division. For a description of classes and registration information, visit the website at www.wdcfhc.org, call 301-587-0042, or email conf2010@wdcfhc.org.

17 April 2010 - South St. Paul, MN The 2010 Minnesota Family History Fair, featuring immigration history, will be held 17 April at the Minnesota Genealogical Society in South St. Paul, Minnesota. The program offers "how-to" sessions on African-American, Bavarian, Danish, Dutch, English, Irish, Italian, Scottish, and Yankee genealogy.

For details, contact Terry Kita, terrykita@earthlink.net, or visit www.mnngs.org/quarterly.shtml.

22-24 April 2010 - Toledo, OH The annual Ohio Genealogical Society conference, *Guiding Your Way Through the Past*, will be held 22-24 April 2010 at the SeaGate Convention Centre in Toledo, Ohio. The event will feature national, state, and local speakers, workshops, and exhibits. Registration will begin fall 2009.

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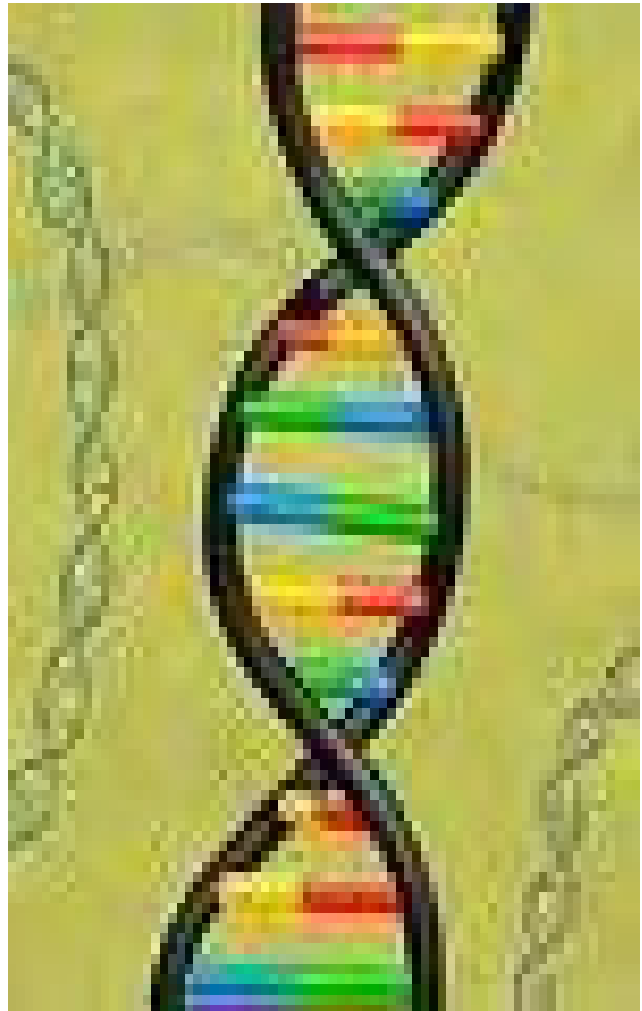
Ramsay/Ramsey families...look for this man at Grandfather Mountain!

John Hendrickson, the Ramsay / Ramsey DNA Project Administrator, will be at the Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain Ramsay booth on July 9-11 to discuss the Ramsay DNA Project and to help you with your heritage research.

John will be staying in Banner Elk July 9 -15 and will be scheduling time to help you understand the marriage of DNA results and Traditional Genealogical Research. Email John at jdhknoxtn@aol.com to schedule time with him to find out more about your Ramsey heritage and DNA Testing.

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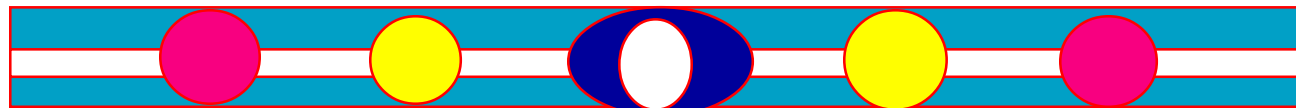
On St. Andrew's Day, the Scottish government published its white paper supporting full independence for Scotland.

Setting out the case for independence, the paper also acknowledged other options involving varying degrees of increased devolution of governing powers.

While the Scottish National Party wants to hold a referendum a year from now, recent polls indicate

only 20% of respondents favor full independence, while 46% prefer enhanced powers for the Scottish Parliament short of full independence, and 32% are happy with things just as they are now.

With thanks to Six Nations, One Soul, the newsletter of the Celtic League American Branch. Contact them at PO Box 20153, Dag Hammarskjöld Center, New York, NY 20153.



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For additional details and registration visit the OGS web site: www.ogs.org ; e-mail: ogs@ogs.org; or phone (419)756-7294.

23–24 April 2010 - Norfolk, NE The Nebraska State Genealogical Society will hold their 33rd Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn in Norfolk, Nebraska on 23–24 April 2010. The Madison County Genealogical Society will be our host. Our featured Speaker will be Paula Stuart-Warren and our guest speakers will be Jeff Kappeler from the Nebraska Humanities Council, Russell Lang and Judy Carlson. Mr. Kappeler's presentation will be free to the public due to a grant from the Nebraska Humanities Council.

For more information, please visit our website at www.nesgs.org and click on conference or email me at pmasek@cox.net.

24 April 2010 - Santa Rosa, CA The Sonoma County Genealogical Society will hold a day-long seminar, 24 April 2010 in Santa Rosa, California, fea-

turing Hank Jones, and Anthony Hoskins.

For details see: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cascgs/Jones.htm

26 April 2010 Ridgewood, New Jersey The Genealogical Society of Bergen County's monthly program will be "How to Trace Your Italian Ancestors" with Trish Mirarchi, Certified Genealogist, creator of a free genealogy forum called "Genealogy-forum.net, creator of "Snooper's Scoop" Newsletter and many other publications. Motto: I believe that Genealogy is a never ending adventure; each new clue turns over a new leaf. Her program teaches how to obtain records in order to locate the ancestral town of origin, how to find microfilm for the town, how to translate the Italian records from the microfilm, how to write to Italy for records, and other helpful advice and tools. Time 7:00 – 9:00 pm. For additional information: visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/. Meetings are open to the public at no fee; light refreshments.

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St. Thomas Episcopal School Pipe Band is based out of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and School in Houston, TX. It competes around the world, and have won five Juvenile World Pipe Band Championships. **Your editor's dear friend and "twin brother" writes:**

These kids are from Houston and are the many time World Champion Pipe Band in the Juvenile Division they compete every other year in Scotland. When they are put up against the standards for Adult pipe bands, they rank usually midway in the pack or overall World Champions. Not bad for a bunch of school boys from Texas!

I've been around them at Scottish festivals for a lot of years now and they are individually impressive kids. They work like maniacs and have tasted the sweet taste of "Excellence" and are all set on a course that will take them on an exciting life later on. I absolutely LOVE it when a 15 year old can give me a firm handshake and look me in the eye and have a good conversation with me. I like to say that these kids are all 15 going on 35 in their maturity. The school is based on tough academics and a Scottish Arts program. A boy has a choice of being a piper, a drummer, a fiddler, a Scottish country dancer. The girls can choose from Scottish Country dancing, Highland Dancing, fiddle, or harp. PERIOD. That commitment to excellence and hard work blow me away! Their parents aren't too shabby either!

Jim Walters

FSA Scot,

Laird O ' Tha Haggis

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See and hear the youngsters in action!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipoygLKbZ_s&feature=player_embedded

Does anyone have unwanted copies of the old *Family Tree* or *BSBL* publication?

I did not end up with any copies of *The Family Tree* that I produced from 1990 until 2005. I did not end up with any copies of Clan Donald's publication, *By Sea By Land*, that I produced for almost ten years.

If anyone has any unwanted copies of either of these, I surely would appreciate it if they would mail them to me. I'll be happy to reimburse the postage.

Thanks thanks. Just mail to Beth Gay-Freeman, 102 Lakeside Drive, Walhalla, SC 29691.



About Revolutionary War Pensions

Jeannette Holland Austin

Revolutionary War Pensions contain a ton of historical and personal information.

There are several things to keep in mind.

Most service was in 3-month stretches. This is because people signed up for three months, then went home and tended their crops. Also, planters sometimes sent a slave or paid for a replacement. Although this practice was not widespread, sooner or later the British threatened, and the necessity arose to protect family.

The affidavits of friends, relatives and neighbors provide personal tid bits you would not otherwise see. It all comes together in describing the times and lifestyles.

You get real history. All of you have seen the “R” applications (example pension



#R1597). That means that the application was rejected. Usually, the soldier did not enlist in the Continental Army but was probably a member of a local militia which performed spasmodic guerilla attacks around occupied cities, such as Charleston and Savannah.

The “R” applications doubtless represent the unsung hero, the true adventurer.

Pensions were not allotted without proving at least one years’ service. So the various terms were tallied up in the applications...when, where, commanders, etc. That is why there is more detail in Revolutionary War Pensions than Civil War.

Contact Jeannette Holland Austin
at <jeannette@georgiapioneers.com>



The Whisky Column

Ray Pearson
San Diego, CA

Are You Crazy Pairing Food Courses & Single Malts?

Although not in the same league as “Let them eat cake”, the question is certainly a call to action - a time to be adventurous, risk-taking, and bold – with fantastic flavor combinations as your reward! Try combining a fine single malt with a salad, soup, main course, or dessert. You might relish in your new-found status as a food innovator among your friends and fellow foodies!

Now, it’s not as easy as grabbing the nearest bottle of Scotch and serving it up with your latest creation. A bit of planning is involved. Not all malts go with all foods.

Life is uncertain, so let’s start with dessert. Chocolate comes to mind, doesn’t it? I enjoy the heavily sherried Macallan Cask Strength with a luscious double chocolate brownie, sticky toffee pudding or gingerbread. Personally, I also love the combination of Glenfiddich 15 with Cadbury’s Bourneville chocolate, and the Wine Bistro in Studio City, CA serves the 21 year old



Ray Pearson

Glenfiddich, finished in Caribbean rum casks, with a caramelized fresh pear accompanied with gourmet vanilla bean ice cream. Want one more? How about the mighty Talisker malt with the Scottish dessert called cranachan? This is a delectable combination of toasted oatmeal, raspberries, whipped cream, with the whisky drizzled on top.

Serving a single malt with soup might sound like a stretch, but Glendronach, which is 100% aged in sherry casks, served with lobster cappucino, is incred-



ible. The whisky marries well with the sherry in the recipe, and the cream and lobster are rich enough to hold their own. On a chilly night, one of my favorites is a Glenkinchie Lowland malt with the chicken and leek soup called cock-a-leekie.

For we carnivores, dining at Morton’s and The Palm is always a treat. Recently, I notice that chefs

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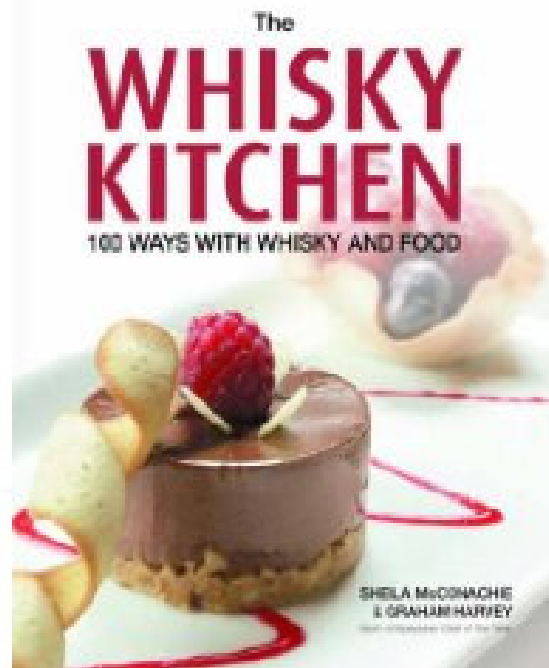
(Clockwise) Chocolate covered strawberries, cranachan and cock-a-leekie soup.

have begun suggesting fuller, spicier Speyside malts such as The Glenlivet 18 or Glenfiddich 18 with filet mignon, pine nut crusted rack of lamb and fennel seed crusted Atlantic salmon. These whiskies accentuate and compliment the fats in the foods in a delectable, subtle way.

What about just plain munchies while enjoying your favorite malt? There are quite a few simple, affordable, tasty and compatible foods from which to choose. Consider sushi with a Speyside malt or roasted almonds with a bold Islay whisky. Diamond Foods' Emerald brand offers a delicious Cocoa Roast Almond, dusted with chocolaty goodness that is terrific with almost any single malt. Kalamata olives, green olives, chocolate-dipped strawberries, figs, and fresh, thinly sliced baguettes are great standbys as well. Artisanal cheeses, including exquisite cheddar, double creamy blue, and Roquefort combine with Scotch whiskies to produce a huge – and quite surprising – taste extravaganza.

Of all the cookbooks on my shelf, my favorite “go to” when single malts call is *The Whisky Kitchen – 100 Ways With Whisky and Food*, by chefs Sheila McConachie and Graham Havey. I don't know what inspires me more – the recipes or the beautiful color photos on over 200 pages from starters through desserts. Specific brands of single malt Scotch whiskies are used, and to me, this is a great point of departure when I feel in an experimental mood. Among many awards, Chef Havey was named the 2007 Spirit of Speyside Chef of the Year.

So, there you have it – a brief snippet into what may turn out to be a whole new way to expand your enjoyment of food, single malts, or both!



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including photographs, the collection preserves little known aspects of the work of the author of *Treasure Island* and *Kidnaped (sic)*.

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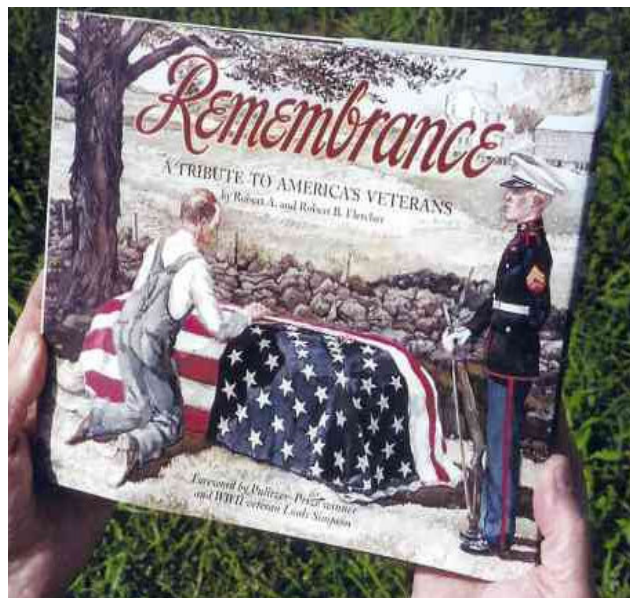
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A Highlander And His Books

Remembrance: A Tribute To America's Veterans

**By Robert A.
& Robert B. Fletcher**

**Reviewed by
Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot**



Let me set the record straight. I am breaking new ground by reviewing a non-Scottish book for the first time. To include it in these pages should tell you how much I think of this book. 1992 Pulitzer Prize winner and WWII veteran, Louis Simpson, wrote the forward. That alone is worth the price of the book! This is a book review with some personal commentary about my family, again, breaking new ground for the column.

This book has another first. Never before has a book portrayed veterans and military funeral scenes from all the wars America has fought in since we won our independence. It is page after page of watercolor paintings, pencil drawings, and text. Wonderful stuff! The authors, father and son, are quick to point out that this tribute salutes the 26.2 million veterans who are alive today and those other millions who came before them. It is the story of America's finest and bravest men and women who have served their country. Yes, it is a book about these warriors who we proudly call our own. It is "Dedicated to all veterans of America's Wars and

those who love them".

Bob Fletcher, the father, is as talented an artist as we have in our country today. He paints in a reconstructed barn overlooking a pond on his farm in New Milford, New York. A veteran of the Korean War, Bob became a general partner in the Fletcher-Walker-Gessell Advertising Agency. His technical illustrations have appeared in magazines throughout the world including *Aviation Week*, *Flight Magazine*, and *Jane's Armament Books*.

**Many thanks to
Frank R. Shaw for
giving me permission to
reprise some of our
favorite
columns of his.**

Rob Fletcher, the son, is just as talented in his own right as an author, singer, and musician, having written *Blues Harmonica for Beginners*, *Blues Grooves for Guitar*, *The Gospel Harmonica Workbook*, and *Kim Wilson: My Blues*. A corporate teambuilding consultant and a trained Wilderness First Responder, Rob earned a BA in Music Performance from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Bob did the artwork for this book, and Rob wrote the narrative. They compliment each other's work like

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two sides of a coin. Bob pointed out to me that the “Fletchers were arrow makers for the MacGregor clan on the Northwest shore of Loch Lomond,” and he went on to say that “the trademark for Iron Mountain Press was adapted from the Fletcher crest”. So you see, there is a Scottish connection.

This book is very relevant to the current times we live in. (This column was originally written June 2003) Afghanistan is not that long ago. We fought a war in Iraq. That war is over. Our troops are coming home. We are now looking July 4th in the face - another time of remembrance. It is also a time of thanksgiving for all those in the service of our country who went before us and made it possible for us to enjoy our lives and families. Yes, it is a time of *Remembrance*. The many facts and stories in this book are too numerous for this space, but they will cause you to pause and give thanks you are an American living in this land of ours! Simply put, this book will make you proud.

This book may cause you personal reflection as it did me. I found out just a few weeks ago while speaking at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC, that my 5x grandfather Daniel, from Scotland’s Isle of Jura, was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. He was captured in Charleston, SC on 12 May 1780 and exchanged 14 June 1781. He was rewarded with 2,560 acres of land on the Columbia River in Tennessee in lieu of pay after the war. I’ve written before about John W. Shaw, my grandfather, who was captured at Fort Fisher, NC on 15 January 1865 and taken as a POW to Elmira, NY where he remained until the end of the war. My three brothers served during WWII in the Army and Marines and all returned safely from Guadalcanal and Europe. My brother, Gene, was a Marine Drill Instructor at Camp Lejune, NC and also served in the Pacific and later in Korea. Brothers Manning and Carl both served in the Army. Fred, Alvin, Frank, Walter (all WWII soldiers) and Bruce (Viet Nam), men who married my sisters, served with honor and distinction in the Army, Navy and Air Force. A man I loved as much as my own, W. Victor Etheridge, my father-in-law, was an Army Sergeant during WWII in the Pacific. A different feeling invades your heart and mind when you write it all down and look at the

family names, remembering the places they served, as well as the successful lives they lived afterwards, with seldom a comment about the various wars they fought in. That is what this book did for me.

As my own personal tribute to all American service men and women, I would like to close by quoting a poem Don Malcolm, a jet pilot in the Air Force, First Lieutenant, used in his “Toast To The Troops” at the St. Andrew’s Society of Atlanta’s annual Robert Burns Night at the Druid Hills Golf Club in January of this year.

IT IS THE SOLDIER...

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

*It is the soldier
who salutes the flag,
who serves beneath the flag,
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

Father Dennis Edward O’Brien,
Sergeant, USMC

Let me put *Remembrance* in proper perspective. This book is peerless in its subject matter. It is one of a kind, in a class by itself, a very wonderful book with a powerful and moving message about our people, our military traditions, our strength, our land, our values and, lest we forget, our compassion for our own who serve “in harm’s way”. It is very difficult to read this book and not find yourself closing your eyes and thanking the Good Lord for these men and women. My personal thanks to the authors for this book.

You can purchase this book from the Fletchers’ own Iron Mountain Press, P.O. Box 7, New Milford, New York 10959 or call 845-986-9861 or fax 845-988-9915. ISBN O-9722961-0-7. The website for the authors is www.veterantribute.com. Iron Mountain Press books are available at special discounts for bulk purchases, for sales promotions, fund-raising, or educational purposes.



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Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.