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Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

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Clan Donald Mid-South member needs kidney

One of Clan Donald Mid-South's members is now on dialysis due to kidney failure and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Organ replacement from either a live or deceased donor is preferable to dialysis therapy because transplantation provides a far better quality of life and improved survival rate.

Unfortunately, over 60,000 Americans are currently on the waiting list for a deceased donor kidney, with many patients waiting up to seven years to receive an organ. In recent years, there has been an increase in the amount of live-donor kidney transplants done. The outcomes of live-donor kidney transplants are substantially better. Living donations practiced for the past 50 years has been safe with minimal immediate and long-term risk for the donor.

All information about the patient in this case is being withheld, but there well might be one among

us who would be led to donate this miracle to their fellow member of the Scottish community.

Please contact Carlisle Simon, MidSouth Commissioner, Clan Donald USA at miniclan@bellsouth.net You may also call 865-556-7483.

Jan Pennington Gray Harp Scholarship Fund, Inc., wins 2006

Allan M. Adams award

The Indiana and Kentucky Divisions of the United States Branch of the House of Gordon, a Scottish Highland Clan, are proud to announce that the Jan Pennington Gray Harp Scholarship Fund, Inc. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been chosen to receive the Allan M. Adams Award for 2006 (awarded 2007).

Offering both scholarships and an International Award to harpists, the Jan Pennington Gray Harp Scholarship, of which 17 have been awarded, was founded in 1999 in memory of it's namesake who had dedicated her life to the advancement of the Harp and it's beautiful music.

The JPG Memorial Scholarship is offered to harpists who are in need of assistance with their pursuit

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Clan MacKinnon Society plans 2008 meeting

The 2008 Clan MacKinnon General Meeting will be held during the 2008 Grandfather Mountain Scottish Gathering and Games. The event is held at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near the town of Linville, North Carolina. In 2008, the dates will be July 10-13. (Linville is about 2 hours from Charlotte, NC)

For more information, contact The Clan MacKinnon Society, PO Box 832, Wilton, CA 95693. Visit <http://www.cmksna.org> or email webmaster@cmksna.org.

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Ride'em Narra!

Our esteemed Proofreader, Narra The Wonder Cat, with her fiery steed, Claude, is shown below wearing her black and white mouse-skin vest, stylish red cowboy headwear and classic bandana. Narra and Claude are seen regularly cantering over the trails on Rocky Knoll Road near Walhalla, South Carolina.

Narra has learned to proofread computer publications - which is much more difficult than a paper product. She has learned that sleeping on the computer keyboard works the same way as sleeping on a completed cut-and-paste page!

"I work for cookies," Narra said recently. (Actually, she said, "Sssnnnnnaarrrrfff.")

If your cat wishes to email Narra, just put "Narra The Wonder Cat" in the subject line and she will know that email is for her.



***A letter from your editor:
Here we are
again! I sure
hope you'll like
Beth's Newfangled
Family Tree...***



Beth Gay, Editor

You all know that I've enjoyed doing a publication for you for a very long time. It's wonderful now to be producing *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* to bring you all news of the Scottish community, the historical community and the genealogical community. I hope we will become "the hometown newspaper" of the world-wide Scottish community and the others too.

This will be a monthly publication with an entire new issue put "up" the first of each month. There is, of course, no charge. I sincerely hope that you will patronize our loyal advertisers and thank them for sponsoring this effort.

I solicit your photos and articles and news. If your group is up to something you'd like everyone to know about, just email <bethscribble@aol.com> or send things to **BNFT, Beth Gay, 347 Rocky Knoll Rd., Walhalla, SC 29691.**

I'm doing just fine - happy as I can be in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It has always been a lifelong dream of mine to live where I can see mountains - and I can see them from every window in my house.

My horses are happy here. Brendah Sue Louise has a friend, Ruby Lou Begonia - and the two mares enjoy each other and even the infrequent snow that graces this country. (You should have seen the in-

voluntary long snow angel I made going down the slope in the pasture last winter! I swear, the horses laughed.)

My family of cats - Narra The Wonder Cat, Sylvester Highway, Peggie Hairly and (the "new kid") Biket (Biscuit) have settled in to enjoy the scenery, the flowers - the mountain rhododendrons are in bloom now - and the lovely weather and our little house almost at the top of Rocky Knoll.

I'm almost moved in...just painting and a few carpentry chores yet to do.

I hope you'll be a part of *BNFT*. If you could be sure I'm on the mailing list for your Scottish Clan or historical or genealogical society...that would be wonderful. Just use the USPS address to the left.

If you have a family reunion or have a query you'd like to have a wider audience...or if you have an event in your family - both the happy ones and the sad ones - we'd be glad to let everyone know.

I always think of my readers as dear friends...and I must thank you all for your kindnesses over the past few years. I will be honest and tell you that I would not have made it through if it had not been for my loving friends. Thank you all.

This is going to be an adventure for me and I invite you to come along for the ride!

Love,

Beatrix Potter on holiday in Scotland...

A newly discovered packet of 33 drawings and watercolors by Beatrix Potter suggests her tales of Peter Rabbit, which have enchanted children and big children (adults) for generations, were conceived on the banks of the River Tay during a family holiday.

The collection, which was found in an attic in Kent, England, contains a dated drawing of a rabbit strongly resembling Potter's famous Peter.

Also in the packet was a similarly dated note by Potter describing her holiday in Scotland. She wrote, "I do not remember a time when I did not make for myself a fairyland amongst the wild flowers, the animals and of the countryside."

Thanks to *The Dunrobin Piper*, from the Clan Sutherland Society of North America. You may contact Charles V. Cheney, Jr., president, at 3611 Kelway

Allan M. Adams Award, *continued from page 1*

of achieving a more advanced level of accomplishment in the field of performance and service to others. With 130 recipients from 25 States and 2 Countries the JPG Harp Medal has done much to keep the harp, a traditional instrument of Scottish music, ever forward in the minds of people throughout the world and recognize the efforts of those dedicated to it's continued place in music.

Established in 1997, the Adams award is named for the philanthropist Allan M. Adams, a publisher, entrepreneur, and a decorated U.S. Naval Aviator with service in the Pacific theater during W.W.II, who until his death actively encouraged people to investigate their heritage and culture.

Mr. Adams was often heard telling young people that the only way to truly succeed in the future was to have a firm understanding of their past.

Nominations for the Adams Award are submitted by the members of the Indiana and Kentucky Divisions of the House of Gordon and the previous winners of the award. The active members

and prior winners then submit ballots with their vote to the State Convener for tabulation. The winner is presented the award during the opening ceremonies of the Glasgow Highland Games, which are held the first week-end after Memorial



Jim Pennington



Jo Pennington

Day at Barren River State Resort Park in Lucas, KY.

For further information, please contact: Kevin M. Spencer, FSA Scot; State Convener, House of Gordon; 220 S. Lakeview Drive; Petersburg, IN 47567-8856. Call 812-568-7934 or 866-421-0567 fax.



Our *Newfangled Family Tree* Kitchen

This is from the most interesting Clan MacAthair (pronounced Clan MacAhur) newsletter.

1 crown of broccoli for every two persons
3-5 cloves garlic, coarsley chopped
1 large tomato (or 3/4 plum or Roma tomatoes)
chooped into medium size pieces
Feta cheese, crumbled
Pitted Kalamata olives
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cut broccoli into bite sized sections and place in pot with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 5 minutes. Drain in colander.

Place pot back on stove and add olive oil and heat until oil is aromatic. Add garlic and tomatoes. Salt and pepper to taste. Allow to cook until consistency of tomatoes starts to change.

Return broccoli to pot, along with Feta cheese and olives - use as much of both as it takes to feed everyone and how much you like cheese and olives.

Use about 2 ounces chees and 10-12 olives per crown. Stir, allowing cheese to soften - which takes about 2 or 3 minutes. Serve hot or cold, whichever you prefer.

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Did you know? There is an Argentine connection with Scotland!

Auld Scottish Guard

You look at the photo at left supplied by *Rampant Scotland* and you ponder yet another Scots celebration in Scotland or at best one of the primary countries in the Scots Diaspora. No, they're not in Baltimore,

Christchurch, Melbourne or Dundee. This annual celebration is held in Buenos Aires, Argentina? Little do most folks (including this writer) realize that Argentina is home to thousands of people who have Scottish blood proudly running in their veins.

These Argentine-Scots are descendants of the Scottish settlers who arrived in 1825 on the ship "Symmetry". These descendents and their friends gather annually on the esplanade in front of the Yacht Club Puerto Madero in Buenos Aires to remember their cultural heritage and the contributions they have made to the history and development of Argentina. A symbolic key of the gate of Buenos Aires' Arbroath Abbey is transferred to a new "Guardian" for the coming year.

The pipes & drums and dancers of the Buenos Aires Scottish Guard escort kilted clansmen who parade around the esplanade all the while exhibiting the "Fiery Cross". The Clanspersons who proudly display tartan banners, shields and flags during the march are reviewed by local dignitaries

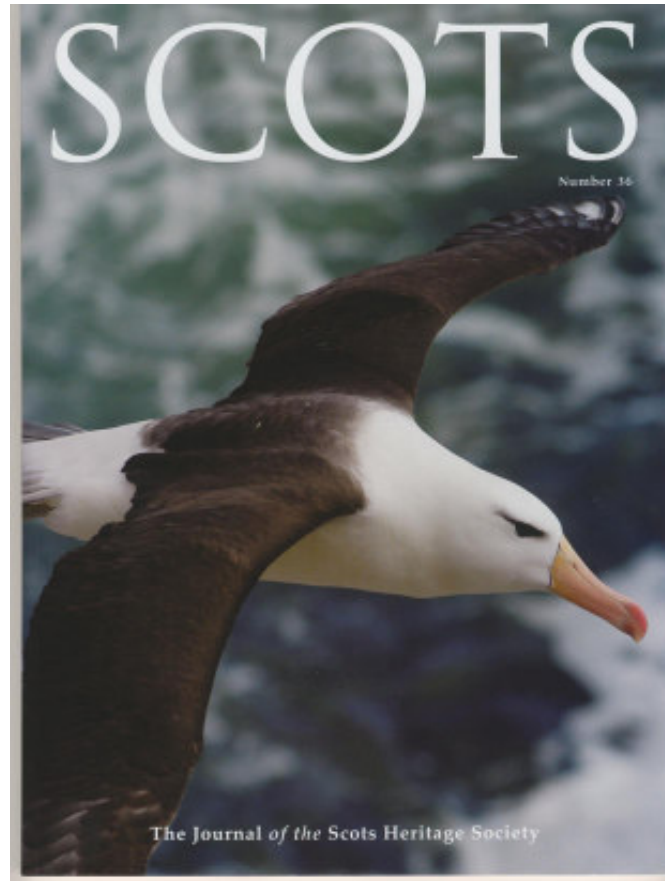
At the 2007 ceremony the Argentine-Scots honoured Cecilia Grierson the granddaughter of one of the original Scottish settlers and the first woman to graduate as a Doctor of Medicine in Argentina and a pioneer of women's rights a hundred years ago. It would appear that her life surely epitomizes this celebration. Aye!

With thanks to Ned Buxton of Richardson, Texas.



The Parade of Tartans ***Loch Norman Highland Games*** ***April 21, 2007***

***See lots and lots of
photos on
pages 38 - 41***



SCOTS is a stunning publication. Congratulations. Jack McConnell, First Minister for Scotland.

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Danes are a happy lot, but...

Special to *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* by Toly Turstin



Americans - at least Scottish-Americans - are happy too! This happy pair enjoying the Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, CA.

ABC's *Good Morning America* recently reported that according to the *World Map of Happiness*, Denmark is now the Happiest Nation in the World! Though ABC gave no attribution to the story, this writer has determined that this is all according to Adrian White, of England's University of Leicester who used the responses of 80,000 people worldwide to map out his very (and we feel subjective) *World Map of Happiness*. The number two nation was Switzerland while Austria, Iceland, The Bahamas, Finland, Sweden, Bhutan, Brunei and Canada rounded out the top ten. Norway was number 19 while the USA - 23rd and Great Britain a dismal and very disappointing 41st.

The three least happy countries were: Democratic

Republic of the Congo, Zimbabwe and bringing up the rear - Burundi. Given the recent civil wars and genocide in all these countries we are not surprised!

Now comes the *World Database of Happiness*, compiled by the "internationally recognized professor of social conditions for happiness" professor Ruut Veenhoven from Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Holland. This competing World Database of Happiness consists of more than 10,000 population surveys from ninety countries. The database ranks nations from 1 - deep depression to 10 - ultimate happiness. Professor Veenhoven gathered his "extensive" analysis material over a period of more than twenty years. Surprisingly, the survey is quite complicated and identifies over 522 variants of "Happiness".

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Consistent with Adrian White at the University of Leicester, Veenhoven's survey rates Denmark as number one and Switzerland (a former number one) at number two. The Veenhoven survey also recognizes some of White's Happy Nations in his top fourteen including, Austria, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Canada while he also acknowledges Australia, Norway, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mexico(?) Guatemala (?) and Colombia (?) in his top fourteen. With many citizens of the last three referenced countries trying to leave their countries of origin, we have strong doubts about the integrity of his survey.

Concurrent with the Veenhoven and White surveys the University of Michigan's *World Values Surveys* (WVS) has compiled data on the happiest countries in the world, also over a twenty year period. Their results are considered the, "most authoritative by happiness researchers." UM asked respondents, simply, how happy they were. According to this initial and seemingly very



(Here and below)
*Happy Scottish-Americans
at the Celebration of Celts,
Ghent, NY May 2007*



elemental survey, Nigeria, Mexico, Venezuela, El Salvador and Puerto Rico were not so surprisingly - the top five? Yes, among other factors we know that Puerto Rico is not a country, rather a territory of the United States (see ignorance is bliss below).

When the University of Michigan factored in an additional more subjective "satisfaction" question the ranking changed to Puerto Rico - 1, Mexico - 2, Denmark - 3, Colombia - 4 and Ireland - 5.

Yes, it's important to know where "true happiness" exists though it does appear that all these "happiness experts" appear to be full of hot air. Yes, I'm being kind. It also appears significant that the extensive survey mechanism engaged and conducted by Veenhoven somewhat mirrors the overly simplistic Michigan survey? Ignorance Is Bliss

It appears all too transparent to this writer that the results of these surveys are not all positive and gives new meaning to the old saying that Ignorance, indeed, is bliss. Happiness is a purely subjective state and all depends on one's expectations - high or low. You can have a country with a high per capita income, high GDP, great health systems and a great quality of life with citizens understandably happy with what

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Seaside Highland Games



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Thought it might be fun to share this with you...



Marti Van Horne and I have been like sisters since 7th grade - our first year in junior high school. We've shared all the good and bad that life given us...we've had fun and adventures and have been frightened together...we've always been "constants" to each other in our changing lives. Marti sleeps quietly and I snore like a big Harley motorcycle. Marti is always beautiful and I normally resemble Peanuts' Pig Pen more than a little bit. In spite of it all...we're still and will always will be friends. I'm just TICKLED that Marti has consented to write about travel for us! Thanks Marti!

Traveler? Tourist? Touron?

Marti Van Horne

Marti Van Horne is a SCOTSMaster and has been both a tourist and traveler in her 40 years as a travel agent in the US. Marti and Beth have escorted many tours to Scotland.



Marti Van Horne, ScotsMaster.

It is interesting to talk to people who love to travel, and I find they fall into two groups.

Tourists love the safety of an organized cruise or tour so their holiday time can be spent without worrying about details but feeling that they are making optimum use of their time. They see the highlights, learn from experienced guides and travel with others who have similar interests.

Travelers, on the other hand, want to go explore on their own, get off the beaten track and get an in depth feeling of the area they are visiting.

Then there are tourons, a phrase coined by American writer Carl Hiaasen, who are a combination of tourists and morons. Since none

of us wants to be a touron, it is incumbent on us to do our homework before traveling.

Because those reading the *Newfangled Family Tree* probably have a wee bit of Scottish blood lets do the research and prepare for our trip to Scotland. Since you are reading this on-line, I'm assuming you are interested in the web and willing to gather some facts on your own.

If you are a tourist you can search brochures from major tour operators from your area, just see your local travel agent. Major cruise lines now have some good trips offering highlights of coastal cities in the UK and Ireland and offer pre and post tour options that allow you to see some of the interior areas as well.

If you are a traveler you will want to get more specific information. A good place to start is www.visitscotland.com. Specific sites are given for Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South American and the US.

If you are not in one of these countries then www.visitbritain.com operates in many more countries and can provide on-line shop and local language web sites. You will also find the email address so you can request a copy of the *Scotland Vacation Planner*.

Info@visitscotland.com will allow you to ask questions of the experts in Scotland to make sure you are getting the latest up to date information.

The Vacation Planner is filled with maps, things to see and do in each area of Scotland and a list of monthly events in "What's on in 2007."

There are many travel guides to Scotland, among them *Michelin*, *Baedeker's*, *Fodors*, *Lonely Planet* and *Frommer's Driving Guides* to mention a few.

A visit to your local library or book store will allow you to look them over and determine they type of guide you wish to purchase.

My personal favorite is the *Touring Guide Scotland* published by Collins in association with VisitScotland. It gives you information by region, national tourist routes, and is coded to match the *Touring Map of Scotland*. You can also purchase "Where to Stay" guides for both hotel and guest houses and Bed and Breakfast locations.

If your are traveling in high season in Scotland it is important to book reservations for your accommodations in advance.

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Please send your favorite web sites to martiinncc@aol.com so we can share information and not end up as tourons in Scotland.

In August Edinburgh is filled with festival goers and in other areas Highland Games, music and dance festivals can fill up local

hotels and B&B's. Plan well but don't schedule too much in a day; leave room for the unexpected pleasures that will no doubt find their way into your wonderful vacation in Scotland. ●



Just some of our travelers on our last trip to Scotland. The top photo was taken in Glasgow and the bottom photo at Edinburgh Castle.

Watch for Marti's columns each issue of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree!*



Colin - a Happy Scot!

they've got.

Conversely, you can have a country like Nigeria with a low per capita annual income (\$1,400.00), poor health services, rife with terrorism and violence and a low GDP encumbered by a citizenry of realists with low expectations and therefore "happy" with their lot. We suspect that's how Nigeria managed to make number one in the latter survey. This writer knows many Nigerians who will not return to their native country until the current violence subsides. If you want an eyeful, just Google "Nigerian violence" and see what you get.

This writer wonders if these surveyors and sociologists used focus groups. The question is whose norm are they using (?) with the ultimate observation that happiness doesn't always translate to a positive situation and even one where desperation, pov-

erty and marginal survival are accepted as a "happy" norm. Go Denmark, Aye!

In deference to the many Glaswegians within our circle this writer decided to take our pursuit of happiness one step further to Great Britain which scored an ignominious 23rd in one happiness survey and 41st in another. So who are the happiest in this very sad place? A 2007 Rampant Scotland story retraced "Glasgow's Miles Better" slogan [which could and should be read as "Glasgow Smiles Better"(?)] of the 1980s.

The City of Glasgow adopted the late Roger Hargreaves inspired Mr. Happy children's character which was an integral part of this popular campaign. Children's writer Hargreaves was the proud parent of Mr. Happy, Mr Bounce, Mr. Quiet, Mr. Mischief, Mr Cheerful (though a tad on the orange side) and even Little Miss Twins and much, much more. This writer notes that many of the characters appear strangely similar to another well known, Smiley or Happy Face licensed by one Franklin Loufrani of the

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One of our Happy Travelers in Scotland!



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A large and rapidly growing number of Americans rightfully bear coats of arms. Many of these were granted, certified, registered or otherwise recognized by armorial authorities abroad, and a sizable number of these have been registered by their owners with The American College of Heraldry. In addition, the College has assisted many persons in designing a new coat of arms for their use which is then properly registered and published. An increasing number of corporate bodies have also acquired coats of arms which they display on armorial flags and in place of the less distinctive logo which is so rapidly outdated in terms of artistic style and structure.

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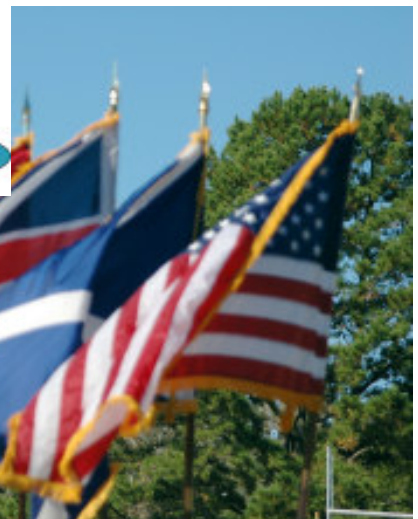
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*Happy Scottish-American at
Loch Norman Highland Games
April 2007.*

London-based company Smiley World? Hmm?

At any rate, advocates of the Glasgow Happiness Program relate that by the end of their program, “There was a genuinely fresh and tangible buzz about the city, which made way for the subsequent awarding of the Garden Festival and Year of Culture accolades.” Methinks that whoever choreographed that could win Spin Doctor of the Year honors. By 1989 The Mr. Happy drive had run its course and was replaced by “Glasgow’s Alive” campaign. Economics being what they are this cynic notes that the Smiles Better program was successfully resurrected again in 1994.

Enter the HSBC Bank and a recent survey that showed that nearly 75% of people in the city of Glasgow now report that they feel “happy”. Before we all say “Eureka”, we note that put Glasgow only in 17th place of Britain’s cities and towns, well in back of, well, at least sixteen other cities. We do note that while the Glasgow Smiley program was more of a PR program and the HSBC survey appears to more or less have the ulterior motive of identifying the retirement outlook of senior citizens (far from valid “inner-self” perspectives), it serves our purpose to play along.

The “Happiness Survey” run by HSBC bank

notes that the top city was Bournemouth in the south of England where 80% of residents said that they were happy. We suspect that this beautiful leisure tourist town with great restaurants, superb services and seven miles of beautiful beaches that contribute to a great quality of life might have had something to do with that.

Interestingly, we note that Motherwell in



*Happy! Happy!
Celebration of Celts,
Ghent, NY.*

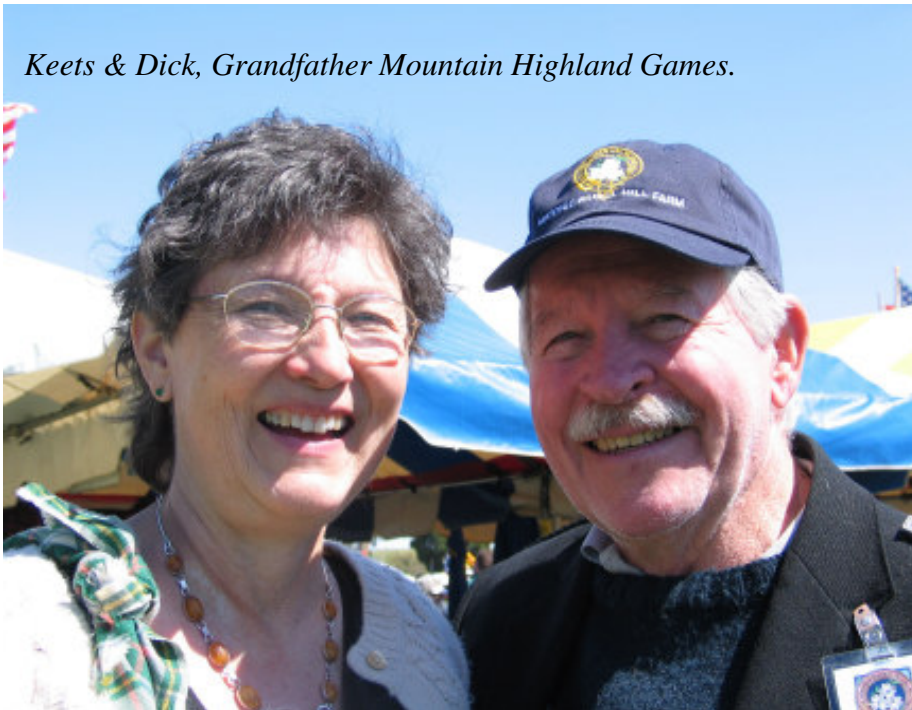
Lanarkshire, Scotland came in at 28th though that could be attributed to the collapse of the steel industry in the 1990s which dealt them a bad hand and a really negative demeanor for quite a while.

Given that Motherwell’s current major employer is William Grant & Sons, a perennial Distiller of the Year and home to Grant’s, The Glenfiddich, The Balvenie and that wonderful offering, Hendrick’s Gin, we are surprised that they did not place better. Grant also owns Highland Distillers, purveyors of The Famous Grouse (The Low Flyer), The Macallan and Highland Park, three of the finest whiskies made by Man. Were it not for William Grant & Sons we suspect that the attitude of Motherwellians might suffer further?

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Happy Americans traveling in Scotland!



Keets & Dick, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Happy lot... from page 19

The best that Edinburgh could do was a less than notable 43rd place which puts everything in perspective. So here's the crux of it all. Aberdeen was noted to occupy a lowly and diminutive rung, trailing quite a bit at 70th place. Some Scots have surmised that perhaps those long, dark winter nights have affected the Aberdonians?

This writer suggests that the Aberdeenshire government retain the services of David Irvine, 26th Chief of the Irvines/ Irwins, Baron of Drum and his

wife, Lady Carolyn who reside in the storybook Holly Leaf Cottage in Banchory, Aberdeenshire. These are consummate hosts, beacons of light and purveyors of happiness. Ladies and Gentleman, they radiate. We know that this couple so engaged will vault Aberdeen to a top five finish and UK to a top ten ranking, perhaps right next to Mexico? ●

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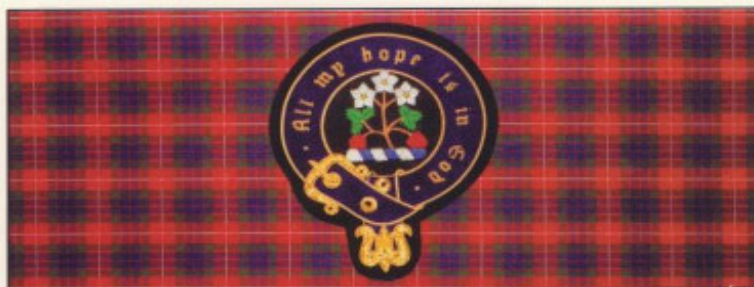
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McCords to gather in Pennsylvania this July

Plan to join us at 11:00 AM on July 4, 2007 for the Opening of the McCord Society Reunion Ceremony at Yoders Banquet Hall, New Holland, PA!

We have a great Keynote Speaker in Ambassador Weston Adams, Executive Producer of a new film about McCords and Adams, set in the Civil War in South Carolina. You will also hear presentations about our early McCord families in America, starting in 1720, during the French and Indian War, and during the American Revolution. You will also be able to set up your own table with displays of your family history to share with others if you like.



*Clan MacCord at the
2007 Loch Norman Highland Games*

The next day, July 5th, we will be at the National Constitution Center Visitors Center Meeting Hall for special presentations about two McCord ancestors who helped build the famed Independence Hall where the Continental Congress met and who were closely related to Betsy Ross who made the first American flags. That afternoon we will be at the Valley Forge National Historic Park for a special ceremony where 11 McCords served with General Washington in the bitter winter of 1777-78. Over 100 McCords served in the American Revolution.

On July 6th we will be at Fort McCord in the morning for a Special Ceremony of Remembrance and at Derry Presbyterian Church at Hershey that afternoon. One of our early McCord ancestors, William McCord, along with a dozen other

Scotch-Irish pioneers, founded that church in 1724; it is still there. The famed Hershey Chocolate Factory and Entertainment Park is nearby for enjoyment of the whole family!

Over 4 million tourists visit historic Lancaster County each year. There is much to see: colorful Amish and Mennonite farms, quilting and craftshops galore, and many other places of interest.

Your fine Planning Committee of Jean Hayter, Co-Chairman, Dr. Carl Stem, and Henry Sims have put in much effort over the past year to make this a most special Reunion for you. You can read more details about it at our McCord Newsletter website <www.McCordClan.com> You won't want to miss it. The Registration fee is only \$25. Please tell us how many of your family and their names will be coming when you register.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you and your family to meet and share with other McCords in fellowship and history! You won't want to miss it!

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Many genealogical societies publish periodicals devoted to family history research. The periodical may be in the form of a magazine, journal, or newsletter. Most accept ads or queries from people tracing their family lines. The goal for most researchers using this avenue is to locate fellow researchers who are also tracing the same ancestor.

The fees for submitting ads or queries are often very nominal or free. When considering this venue for research purposes, the following types of periodicals tend to produce the most successful results:

- Periodicals dealing with the specific surname you are searching for
- Periodicals with a nationwide focus
- Periodicals with state-wide coverage if that is the focus of your search strategy

■ Periodicals with regional or local coverage if that is the focus of your search strategy

■ Local newspapers Your queries should be concise and specific. Provide sufficient information so that readers will not confuse your ancestor with unrelated people having the same or similar name. Successful queries provide the following types of information:

- Full names (ancestor, parents, siblings, etc.)
- Specific dates dealing with births, marriages, deaths, migrations, etc.
- Specific localities

The Fort Myers reference and genealogy collection has a variety of print and Internet resources that will allow researchers to locate periodicals in specific states, regions, counties, and cities.

Books you might enjoy that will help with your genealogy.....

From the Banat to North Dakota—A History of the German-Hungarian Pioneers in Western North Dakota

David Dreyer

Recently published by the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies, this volume recounts the chronicle of German-Hungarian home settlers in Stark, Hettinger, Morton and Dunn counties. The core of the book consists of first person accounts written by the original home settlers, and is supplemented by two diaries and the translations of selected articles from the local North Dakota German language newspapers. For more information, or to purchase the book for \$19.95 plus shipping, go to the publisher's website at:

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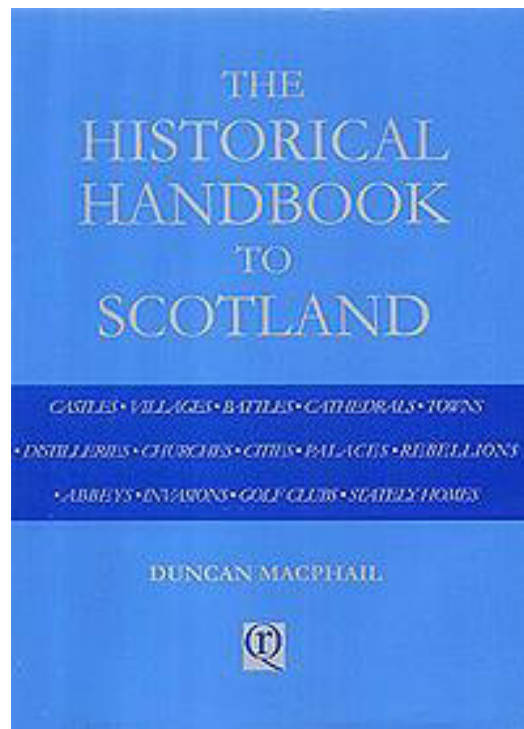
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