

Volume VIII Issue No. 11 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree Section B April 2014

## Clan Leslie will be the Honored Clan at GMHG and celebrate their CLSI Biennial Gathering

All Leslie's are invited to join us at the Jully 10-13, 2014 58th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain, near Linville, NC. North Carolina is reminiscent of the highlands of Scotland and is the heart of where thousands of our ancestors settled.

If you have never attended these games, then this is the event you will not want to miss! The CLSI Biennial Gathering will inform, educate and gather Leslie's from far and wide.

Information about GMHG is located online at http://www.gmhg.org/

#### The Games

The Grandfather Games are considered America's grandest Highland Games because of the spectacular mountain setting that is so reminiscent of Scotland. Put

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## A haggis in every pot and a new 2015 McLaren 650S in every Clan MacLaren driveway?



The new *Motor Trend* magazine features the "first look" at the 2015 McLaren 650S. The article says the "650" stands for the 650 metric horsepower (641 Murican horses) made by the McLaren's midmounted 3.8 liter twin-turbo V-8, while the "S" stands simply for "Sport." This version of the McLaren 12C supercar has side air intakes and the rear end gets a 12C GT-3 race car inspired bumper. The Airbrake rear spoiler, which previously deployed only under braking, now pops up and down at speed whenever the 650S many computers tell it the car needs more downforce. Wow!

Celebrate National Tartan Day April 6 Every Year!

### Clan Sinclair Association, Inc. (USA)



7 ft. x 9 ft. tent panel created by Heraldic Artist, Tom Freeman, for the 2009 Gathering in Edinburgh.

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## The story of Scottish "Baronetcies"

Baronetcies were instituted by James VI in 1611, not to confer honour on an individual, but to raise much-needed money for the king's forces.

In that year, the initial 200 gentlemen who had baronetcies bestowed on them agreed to pay £1029 toward the upkeep and arming of thirty soldiers.

In Scotland, it did not - and still does not - raise the recipient to peerage. They remain commoners. The title in heritable and confers great prestige.

Most were not baronets of Scotland, but became baronets of Nova Scotia. This honor was also devised by James VI, this time as a means of funding the colonization of that part of Canada.

James died before the scheme could be set up, although his son, Charles I, created 100 barons who had to be Scottish and of good family - in 1624. Each of those 100 had to pay a sum of money to support six colonists for two years.

Baronets who were created after this date had to do



likewise, although in 1633, the rules were relaxed to allow English and Irish gentlemen to become Barons of Nova Scotia as well.

After 1707 and the Union of Parliaments, no new barons were created. Instead, they were given Baronetcies of Great Britain.

With thanks to *The Skene Scene*, publication of the Clan Skene Association, Inc. Contact them at Secretary Ralph B. Comp, MA, KTJ, rbcomp@att.net

## Nichola "Niki" Fletcher honoured as Member of the British Empire

The Vice-President of the Clan Skene Association writes that his sister-in-law has been honoured on the Queen's Honours List with an MBE for her services to the venison industry.

Nichola Fletcher established Fife's Reediehill Deer Farm with her husband in the 1970s and went on to become a world ambassador for the meat.

She has authored and co-authored a dozen food books and runs tastings, cooking demonstrations and workshops.

Her work to educate people about venison earned her the title in the 2014 Honours List.

"When you spend your life trying to make people listen to you, it's sometimes quite a surprise when you discover that someone was actually listening after all," Mrs. Fletcher said. Mrs. Fletcher has been the recipient of several other awards including: Great Taste Awards Three Star 2011; Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2007; BBC Food and Farming Awards 2006; Shortlisted Guild of Food Writers



Awards 2005 and Gourmet-Voice Silver Award in 2004.

There is a website if you would like further information: www.nicholafletcher.com

With thanks to the Clan Skene Association newsletter, The Skene Scene. Contact Secretary Ralph B. Comp, MA, KTJ, at rbcomp@att.net.

## A Visit Home to Scotland With Friends

## September 2 - 11, 2014

This is a trip you will never forget. It is quite a bit different from any other in that we will be lodged in beautiful Dumcrieff House Estate (http://www.clanandersoncottages.com/drumcrieff.php) and we will travel on a private bus small enough (Only 18 places are available on this tour.) to take us to interesting places. Our host and tour originator in Scotland is Hope-Vere Anderson. The tour is for all and covers places and events to be enjoyed by anyone of Scottish ancestry - no matter the clan affiliation.

Besides Hope-Vere, plans are for *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* editor, Beth-Gay Freeman and Heraldic Artist Tom Freeman, Jr., to accompany the tour. Plans also include interesting and informative talks by both Beth and Tom. We'll have our own ceilidh the last evening. Be sure to bring your "party pieces" and plan to participate.

The price of the tour includes EVERYTHING except your air fares to and from Scotland. All three meals per day, accommodations, the private coach, entrance fees and tickets are all included.

With a small group, if everyone is not friends at the beginning, everyone will be your friend by the conclusion of this unique adventure. Please go with us to Visit Home to Scotland this September.

### This trip is a small, special group tour and it is guranteed to take place regardless of how many people sign up. It will not be cancelled.

This is only one of the many benefits of this trip.

**Tuesday, September 2, 2014** \* Fly overnight to Glasgow, Scotland.

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 \* We arrive early this morning in Glasgow where Hope-Vere will be waiting to meet us with our private coach for transport to **Dumcrieff House Estate** near Moffat. We'll unpack and refresh ourselves before lunch. \*We'll visit **Abbotsford**, the historic home of Sir Walter Scott, near Kelso, which is less than an hour's drive from Dumcrieff. \* We return to Dumcrieff House Estate for our Welcome Dinner.

Thursday, September 4, 2014 \* Drive to Rosslyn Chapel for a private guided tour by a leading professor who has written the history of Rosslyn Chapel. "We will visit the National Galleries and meet with leading members of The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (The FSA Scot Office) who will join us for lunch at the Galleries. \*This afternoon, you will be at your leisure on your own for exploring or shopping in Edinburgh. \*Dinner at The Royal Over Seas Club on Princess Street overlooking Edinburgh Castle and Princess Street Gardens.

Friday, September 5, 2014 \* After a full Scottish breakfast, which will be available each morning at Dumcrieff, we will drive west to Ayrshire and Burns Country. We will arrive at Dumfries House for a private tour guided by the curator. \* After lunch, we will visit the Robert Burns Center and Brig O'Doon at Alloway. \* In the late afternoon, we will continue southwest to Culzean Castle, the jewel in the crown of the National Trust for Scotland where we

will tour the castle, including the **Eisenhower Suite.** We return to Moffat for dinner.

**Saturday, September 6, 2014** \*We have an early breakfast today so that we can plan to leave Dumcrieff at 7:30 AM for the drive north to the Highlands to attend the **Braemar Gathering.** The Braemar Gathering is the premier Scottish Highland Games which is held on the first Saturday of September every year and has enjoyed Royal Patronage since Queen Victoria first attended in the mid 19th century. We will arrive as the Gathering opens for the day ahead of the Royal Party who attend in the afternoon at about 2 PM. After the games close at 5 PM, we will leave about that time, but not before the Royal Party depart the field for the short drive back to Balmoral. We will then drive back south to Dumcrieff and stop for dinner enroute.

**Sunday, September 7, 2014** \* Today, we will visit the City of Glasgow's **Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum** and then the **Glasgow Botanic Gardens.** \*As we leave Glasgow, we will drive to Helensburgh to tour the **Hill House** and the private home of **Charles Rennie MacIntosh.** \*This afternoon's drive via the hills of Argyle will lead us to **Loch Lomond's Bonnie Banks.** \* We will dine this evening at the historic **Drover's Inn** at the far end of Loch Lomond.

Monday, September 8, 2014 \* Visit Drumlanrig Castle with its famous art collection and also the Robert Burns Ellisland Farm

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#### A Visit Home to Scotland with Friends, continued from last page —

and then drive to **New Abbey** to visit **Sweet Heart Abbey**, **New Abbey Corn Mill** and drive through this historic village with the majestic **Criffel** and **Knockendoch Hills** on the **Barbeth Estate** as a wonderful backdrop. \* We will have **Afternoon Tea** at **Barbeth**, which is Hope-Vere's home at New Abbey, where he and his wife, Erika, live with their two children, Catherine Eve and Adrian Hope Vere.

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 \* This morning we will drive to Stirlingshire to visit the newly refurbished Wallace Memorial and the new Bannockburn Visitor's Center and the Bannockburn Battlefield itself. If there is time, we can spend some time in the city of Stirling. \* This evening, we'll drive to the Ancient Kingeom of Fife where we will visit Balgonie Castle as the guests of the Laird of Balgonie who will be happy to renew your wedding vows for a small fee. You will be presented a handsome certificate as a souvenir of your renewal of your marriage vows. \* Hope-Vere will arrange to have a Banquet at Balgonie in the Great Hall. Balgonie and his family will join us as hosts for the banquet and they are pleased to regale us all with Scottish History and the his-

tory of their Castle of Balgonie.

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 \* This morning we will drive to the Lake District of England and visit Lake Windemere National Park and the Beatrix Potter home. It's then back to the Scottish Borders to Bruce's Cave which is just two miles downstream from Wyseby at Kirtlebridge which is our next stop as guests of Hope's mother, Catherine, for Afternoon Tea at Wyseby House. In the 14th century Wyseby was originally built as one of the seven Peel Towers guarding the Kirtle Water and the Western Marches. The stone wall and entrances to the tower can still be seen within the interior of Wyseby House. The Battle of Kirtle took place on the Wyseby Estate lands in 1484 and is still marked today by an ancient Merkland Cross. \*After Tea we will drive back to Dumcreiff for our Farewell Dinner and Ceilidh.

**Thursday, September 11, 2014** \* Transfer to Glasgow airport this morning for the flight back to the USA today.

# \$3,950.00 per person \$1,000 deposit per person

#### **Plus Air Fare**

All monies must be paid at least 60 days prior to departure or 5 July 2014

To make deposits/payments, contact **Beverly Barker**, Branch Manager Southern Community Bank, Murfreesboro, TN and Hope-Vere' Anderson's American Banking Manager. Call 615-225-6150. You may also email beverlybarker@mysoutherncommunitybank.com.

For a Trip Reservation Form by email, contact bethscribble@aol.com

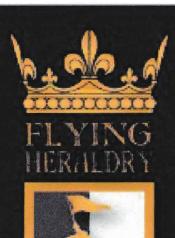
Contact **Judy Thompson**, Uniglobe Five Star Travel, at **404-378-1080** or email <judy@judysctt.com> or <www.judysctt.com> for air fare information and reservations.

#### A valid passport is required for all Americans traveling in Europe.

Plan to dress casually and comfortably. Remember, there are laundry facilities at Dumcrieff House Estate. Layering clothing is a good idea. You may wish to bring Sunday School attire for the Banquet at Balgonie.

#### The weather in Scotland can be warm or cold in September.

Since everyone's needs are different, we have not included insurance in the tour price. Information will be sent to you and proper coverage is strongly suggested. You will need to advise of the coverage you select.



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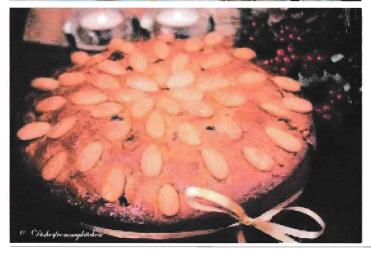
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## You're invited to the Tallahassee, FL St. Andrew Society Culinary Ceilidh — Saturday, April 5, 2014







There is still time to sign up for the April 5 Culinary Ceilidh (kay-lee) although space is getting limited. This is the private dinner party for the members of the St. Andrew Society put on for us by the chefs at Publix Apron's Cooking School on Saturday, April 5 starting at 6 PM.

Come join your fellow members (Everyone is invited) of the St. Andrew Society for an elegant sit-down dinner in a fun, relaxed setting. We will learn about and experience our Scottish culinary heritage during the four-course dinner paired with wine for only \$45 per person.

This evening's carefully selected menu includes:

- · Prawns in Whisky Cream Sauce what could be better? Shrimp and Scotland's national drink paired in this traditional fish dish.
- · Scotch Pie –are you ready for some football? This double crust meat pie is Scotland's preferred football fare.
- · Chicken Bonnie Prince Charlie with Sautéed Kale —chicken breast stuffed with apples and almonds with a sauce inspired by the Jacobite Prince's liquid legacy to Scotland, Drambuie.
- · Dundee Cake with Hot Marmalade Sauce an old Border favorite, this 19th cake has the iconic appearance of carefully laid-out almonds.

Please note that anyone with special dietary needs will be accommodated. Just let them know when you sign up by dropping by the Apron's Desk at the Killearn Publix or calling 850-893-3480.





### MacDuffee the Younger Scholarship

#### available now to a child, grandchild or adopted child of a member in good standing

Following is a summary of the new scholarship that is now available for eligible students. Please submit your application prior to May 1st, 2014 to the address listed below. The MacDuffee Clan Society supports education and knowledge of our Scottish & family heritage. Winners will be announced at the Annual meeting in July 2014.

Purpose: The MacDuffee Scholarship is to recognize college bound high school seniors based on citizenship, contributions to Scottish Heritage, academics and service to the MacDuffee Clan Society.

Criteria: The students eligible for consideration must be graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at either a two or four year college or university.

Consideration will be given to accomplishments and activities such as: academics, community service, activities in their church and school, awareness of Scottish Heritage, knowledge of their family genealogy, and admission to a College or University.

Successful applicants will be asked to write a half page paper regarding their family history.

All eligible students will be the children, grandchildren, step children or adopted children of active MacDuffee Clan Society members in good standing.

Guidelines: Scholarships will be awarded and disbursed each year at the Annual General meeting in July. All eligible candidates are to submit their Scholarship Application by May 1st of their senior year in High School.

Amount: Scholarships may range from \$250 to \$500 at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. One scholarship may be granted each year. The scholarship is for one year and is not renewable.

Deadline: The deadline for submission of a Scholarship Application is May 1st of each year. The post mark or media date on the submission will be strictly monitored.

Scholarship Committee: (5 Members)

The committee will consist of the President, Vice President and Treasurer, Secretary, editor of the Clan Chatter and one member at large appointed by the President based on recommendations of the Board.



Submission: Applications are to be submitted to the Clan Society Secretary via mail or electronically.

Applications may be sent to:

Jennifer McDuffee, MacDuffee Clan Society Secretary at:

9902 Woods Edge Dr.

Fishers, IN 46037-9341

Or, sent electronically to: tommcduffee@gmail.com "MacDuffee The Younger" Clan Society Heritage,

Scholarship & Service Award

Application	
Applicant's Name	
Age as of May 1st	
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#### Clan MacDuffee Scholarship, continued from page 10

Name/location of College or University attending:

The following items are required by the Scholarship Committee to determine each year's winner of the Scholarship:

- 1.) Please demonstrate your general knowledge of the MacDuffee Clan Society in 2-3 written paragraphs.
- 2.) Identify service oriented organizations that you have supported during your High School career, any leadership positions that you may have held and Awards earned.
- 3.) Who is your oldest known ancestor. Please provide a brief story about a significant contribution(s) that one of your ancestors may have accomplished. Please limit to a half page.
- 4.) How many Highland Games or Festivals have you attended?
- 5.) Who do you think is the most famous Scot and why? Limit to half page.

Please attach your five responses to this application and submit by May 1<sup>st</sup> to:

MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Secretary 9902 Woods Edge Dr Fishers, IN 46037-9341

Or scan and email to: tommcduffee@gmail.com



### A Christmas Tree



Kids and Christmas go hand in hand and for those living in Central Scotland, Trees4Scotland have a very special treat. We have been in touch with the tree elves who tend to our ethically grown Christmas trees.

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Lots of work to do before then though, they tell us. Email elves@trees4scotland.com for more information.

The new American College of Heraldry address is:

David Robert Wooten

Executive Director,

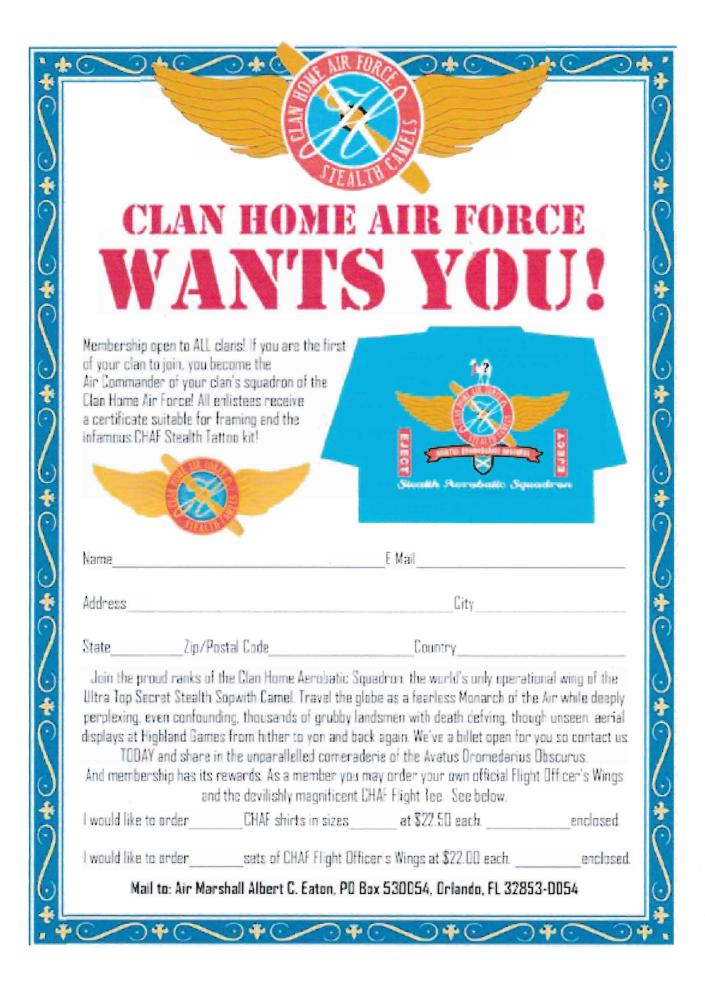
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#### Here's a book that certainly sounds interesting!

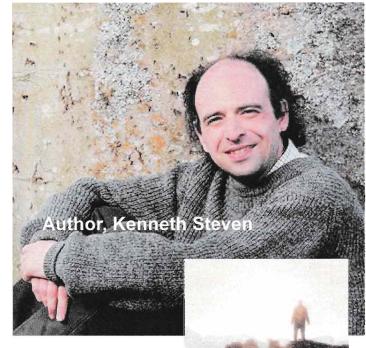
Mike Lyon, president of the Lyon(s) Families Association of America writes: Recently, The Lyon's Tale contained an article about Glen Lyon in Scotland. Last December, I learned of a new novel entitled Glen Lyon written by Scottish author and poet Kenneth Steven.

I ordered the book from Amazon and thoroughly enjoyed the novel. The characters are engaging, the land and culture of the Scottish highlands are described in a way that made me feel "at home." I recommend "Glen Lyon" for all you avid readers out there!

Kenneth and I talked on the phone, and he was gracious enough to provide the note below. (I've added his photo and the cover of his book)

Kenneth Steven writes: Glenlyon is the longest glen in Scotland. And perhaps I had better begin with describing just what a glen is. A glen is effectively a valley, but the English word would seem somehow too gentle. Not all glens are wild and forbidding, steep-sided and rugged – but the fact is that many, if not most, are. The glens of Highland Scotland have been formed by glacial activity, and the hills that have been left behind are often jagged and dramatic. Glenlyon lies at the western edge of the county of Perthshire, which is the only truly landlocked part of Scotland. The glen is some 26 miles in length, and the River Lyon flows down the glen's length and out to more lowland country where it joins the Tay. The word 'lyon' here would seem to point to a pre-Christian goddess: the old language of this part of Scotland (until a century ago) was very much Gaelic, so the word 'lyon' is really an anglification of an ancient word whose exact meaning has now been lost.

Glenlyon is perhaps one of Scotland's most mystical locations. Every corner is steeped in lore and legend: to this day strange things happen in its castles and old houses. I could write a book of ghost stories, but about sightings of ghosts from the last 20 years. A hundred years back it was a glen full of people: villages, schools, mills and shops. This was a vibrant place. At the beginning of last century hundreds left because of poverty, and many would have travelled west to the New World in search of salvation.



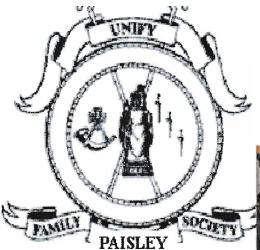
My novel Glen Lyon (published by Birlinn in 2012 and very much available through Amazon) is about a man from Scotland's west coast who comes under mysterious circumstances to the glen and never leaves again. In its

pages I try to capture something of this place's haunting mystery; its ancient magic. It is a glen that has cast a spell over many. I deliberately spell the glen as two words in my novel title to distinguish it from the geographical location: my glen is inevitably a place of the imagination.

Visit **www.kennethsteven.co.uk** for more information on the book and the author.

With thanks to The Lyon(s) Families Association of America. The Lyon(s) Families Association is a non-profit organization devoted to research and compilation of records of Lyon and Lyons families.

http://wwwfreepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~lyonfamilies/



#### PAISLEY FAMILY SOCIETY

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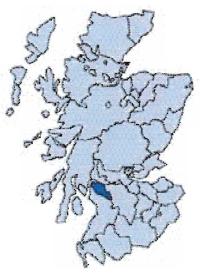
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Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburgshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



The Paisley Family Society WILL be participating in the festivities at Bannockburn this summer.

If you'd like to go...or would like to join The Paisley Family Society, please contact Martha Brown at mbrown2205@aol.com.

### No Great Mischief from Danus Skene of Skene



My mother's mother was born Elizabeth Wolf Murray. Sadly, I never knew her as she died quite young. I have the impression that my mother, her younger child, did not really know or feel close to her.

Why the double name - Wolfe Murray?

Her direct ancestor was a Brigadier James Murray, who commanded the Fraser Highlanders in the defeat of the Fench at Quebec in 1759. In that battle, the Commander of the British forces, General James Wolfe, was killed.

Wolfe was a remarkable soldier with wide combat experience including presence at Culloden in 1746. Unlike most of the officer corps at that time, who tended to be from aristocratic families and with a very amateur and laid back approach to soldiering, Wolfe was a consummate professional. He introduced what we would now recognize as modern military training methods in full recognition of the guerilla and counter-insurgency techniques appropriate to North America in those early days.

Anyway, Wolfe was a bachelor and was only 32 when he died as a distinguished commander and a full Lieutenant-General. He left his money and personal belongings to Murray, his subordinate officer, but on condition that Murray adopt his name. Hence, Wolfe Murray.

The presence of Highland troops - the 78th Regiment, the Fraser Highlanders - in Wolfe's army is significant. Only a few years after Culloden, and with the wearing of tartan still a criminal offence in Scotland, Highlanders were recruited to the British Army. Security and loyalty considerations carried less weight with the Government than recognition of the Highlanders military capabilities.

Wolfe himself was in favour of this controversial

decision. He was a veteran of Culloden, where he had been a young Government officer. But, he was also responsible for a remark which has become notorious -Highlanders made good soldiers, and it would after all be "no great mischief" if they were slaughtered."

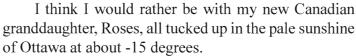
Alastair Macleod is a Canadian novelist who has picked up that remark. I will not spoil a very good read for you by saying too much, but *No Great Mischief* is a wonderful and strong story of the survival of the Highland Scots identity in the Canadian Maritimes.

What may be of interest to Americans (as opposed to Canadians) in Macleod's writing is the way in which he describes Scottish identity in Canada as having been continuously recognized since the original landings. It is not something which has had to be rediscovered generations down the line. This is particularly true in the Maritimes, where some areas such as Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton Island have populations which are and always have been well over 50% Scots. In PEI, i have personally found myself discussing individual Scots villages and farms with Canadians whose awareness of the Scottish detail has been carried unbroken in some kind of folk memory.

So, treat yourself to a read of *No Great Mischief* and give us a thought for the stormiest winter that I can remember in Scotland. It isn't cold, by cyclonic storms are pounding off the Atlantic in endless succession.

On this island - Shetland - our lifeline ferries and planes seem to have spent more time cancelled than work-

ing and much of England appears to be under water.



Enjoy 2014. It just might be the year of Scottish Independence.

#### Danus Skene of Skene

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# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/CARNIE, CURREHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, HALYARD/HALLYARD, MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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#### A Historical Handbook to Scotland

by Duncan MacPhail

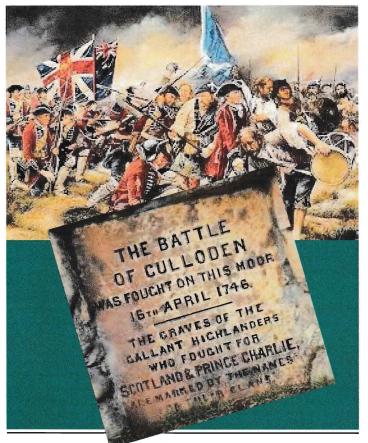
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## Remember the 268th Anniversary of The Battle of Culloden, April 16, 1746



**Clan Leslie Biennial Gathering,** *continued from page 1* the spectacular scenery together with a gathering of over one hundred clan tents and you have an experience to cherish.

There is world class piping and athletics along with music and highland dancing. On Friday night, the Celtic Jam highlights traditional and contemporary Celtic music at MacRae Meadows and on Saturday night the Celtic Rock Concert serves up encore performances from some of the higher energy bands. All of these groups perform during daylight hours at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games' Celtic Groves.

The games are a nonprofit entity separate from Grandfather Mountain. The purpose of the event, now in its 58th year, is to celebrate Gaelic culture, especially Scottish music, dance, athletics and heritage. It is one of the most popular Scottish heritage events in the world, attracting roughly 30,000 to MacRae Meadows and a satellite site at Lees-McRae College in nearby Banner Elk.

We should all take notice of the anniversary of the Battle of Culloden Moor on April 16th, in which the Jacobite army under the command of Prince Charles Edward Stuart ("Bonnie Prince Charlie") was defeated by William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland in the fi nal battle of the 1745 Jacobite Rising.

The defeat was brutal, as the English army swept forward bayoneting the wounded Highlanders. "Among the over 1,000 dead was Francis Leslie, 5th Lord of Clisson, who lay in a heap of clansmen who had defended Charles's standard to the last."\*

This crushing defeat led to the actions of "Butcher" Cumberland to eradicate the Highland culture and destroy the last of the clan system. The possession of weapons was denied all Scots, including the sword and dirk as well as the bagpipe which was declared a "weapon of war." Even the wearing of tartan was forbidden.

The Clan Leslie Society had a brick installed on the sidewalk to the Culloden visitors center in memory of our clansmen who fell at Culloden.

\*Grip Fast: The Leslies in History, Alexander Leslie Klieforth, 1993, page 181

#### David Leslie White

With thanks to the Clan Leslie Society International newsletter *Grip Fast*. For further information about Clan Leslie, please contact Linda Flowers at lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net. You may also call 405-381-3577.

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#### Adam Flowers honored by Canadian County, OK

Last February, Adam Flowers was awarded a Commendation Award from the Oklahoma Sheriff and Peace Officers Association for his work on Internet crimes against children.

In 2013, Adam arrested and helped convict 27 child sexual predators.

He is a Lieutenant for the Canadian County Sheriff's Office in Oklahoma.

Adam and his mother, Linda, are members of the Clan Leslie Society International.



Chris West, Undersheriff, Adam Flowers, Linda Flowers and Canadian County Sheriff, Randall Edwards, Sheriff.

### Leslies Represented in Sochi Paralympics





History was made in Sochi on Friday as snowboarding made its Paralympic debut, and it ended up having a large dose of red, white, and blue.

John Leslie of Arnprior, Ont., was the top Canadian in the event, fi nishing in sixth place, 4.78 seconds off the podium. Expected to contend for a medal, Tyler Mosher of Whistler, B.C., struggled and fi nished in 12th. Ian Lockey of Trail, B.C., was 21st.

While their fellow athletes in the alpine and Nordic disciplines had to deal with extremely difficult course conditions early on in Sochi, the snowboarders lucked out by competing on one of the calmest days of the Paralympics so far in the mountain cluster. Clear skies and below-freezing temperatures ensured the course wouldn't break down, and made for ideal snowboarding during the competition.

Amy Purdy gave the United States its fourth medal in snowboarding by winning bronze in the women's event. Heavy favourite Bibian Mentel-Spee of the Netherlands cruised to the gold medal in a time of 1:57.43, a whopping 9.88 seconds ahead of silver-medalist Cecile Hernandez Ep Cervellon of France. Calgary's Michelle Salt was eighth.

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### Clan Elliot Society, USA

Any person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliotinary of its various spellings, including the spouse or descendant of such person, or any person who would like to be a friend of the Elliot Clan is welcome to join the group.

Please contact the treasurer for a membership form or visit http:// www.elliotclanusa.com/ for a form.

The Clan Elliot Society, USA Treasurer is: Patricia Tennyson Bell, 2288 Casa Grande Street, Pasadena, CA 91104

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### Solomon J. Ramsey Marker Unearthed near Lincolnton, NC

For several years, ancestors of the Ramsey family of the South Fork of the Catawba River have expressed interest in cleaning up the debris and undergrowth covering the old Ramsey cemetery located behind Carolina Mills.

Although many Lincolnton residents recall seeing headstones at the location, there is no documentation identifying which Ramsey family members are buried there.

On December 17, with the assistance of Jason Harpe and Bill Beam from the Lincoln County Historical Association, several

members of the Ramsey family and local volunteers cleaned up a portion of the area. After several hours, a headstone for Solomon J. Ramsey was uncovered.

With assistance from the Ramsey family, following is a brief history of Solomon J. Ramsey.

Solomon was one of 10 children born to parents Robert G. Ramsey (1799-1869) and Elizabeth Davis Ramsey (1804-1863). He was born March 7, 1834.

In July 1862, Solomon and his brother William voluntarily enlisted in Company G, 57th Infantry Regiment.

Only 5 months later, at the Battle of Fredericksburg, VA, he was wounded and died a month later on January 26, 1863 in a Richmond, VA hospital.

Information passed down through the generations of the Ramsey family suggested that a grave marker was erected to honor Solomon, but it hadn't been confirmed by the present generations until it was unearthed.

Now, family members have renewed interest in continuing the clean-up effort in hopes of uncovering all the headstones and

If anyone has any information or interest in this effort, please contact Marshall C. Ramsey III at marshall.ramsey@wellsfargo.com

With thanks to the Newsletter of the Clan Ramsay Association of North America. Go to www.clanramsay.com to contact the Clan Ramsay Association of North America.



Marshall Marshall C Ramsey III and Marshall C Ramsey II *Photo by Bill Beam* 

#### The 17th Earl of Dalhousie Chieftain of Clan Ramsay

James Hubert Ramsay, 17th Earl of Dalhousie was born on 17 January 1948. The son of Simon Ramsay, 16th Earl of



Dalhousie and Margaret Elizabeth Mary Stirling and is married to Marilyn Davina Butter, daughter of Major Sir David Henry Butter and Myra Alice Wernher.

Educated at Ampleforth College, Ampleforth, Yorkshire, England. He gained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant between 1968 and 1971 in the service of the Coldstream Guards. He was a director of Hambros Bank, executive director of Enskilda Securities and was executive director of Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management. He gained the rank of Brigadier in the service of the Royal Company of Archers.

He succeeded to the title of 17th Lord Ramsay of Carrington on 15 July 1999. He succeeded to the title of 17th Earl of Dalhousie, Co. Midlothian on 15 July 1999. He succeeded to the title of 18th Lord Ramsay of Dalhousie on 15 July 1999. He held the position of Chief of the Name and Arms of Ramsay on 15 July 1999. He succeeded to the title of 6th Baron Ramsay of Glenmark, Co. Forfar on 15 July 1999. He held the office of Vice-Lord-Lieutenant of Angus in 2003.

## Clan Forrester Society

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## Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliots, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

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## A Highlander and His Books How to do things with books in Victorian Britain

Leah Price

Available on amazon.com



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I was introduced to the writings of Leah Price by Jessica Pellien, Assistant Director of Publicity for Princeton University Press, and soon I was into a tremendous volume

about books and authors and the things they wrote.

Books have always fascinated me and this one in particular has me still talking about it. Basically it is a brief history of books during a certain era in our history.

I learned right away that How to do Things with Books is not one for everyone. Actually, it is a great book for scholars of the Victorian era since Ms. Price writes of incidents in literature that make one assume you know what she is referring to. It is an excellent book for those who teach in that special era of a Queen whose influence was as vast as her worldwide empire. Leah Price writes remarkably well, and it only takes a few pages for one to realize she is not a novice trying to write her first bestseller. She has "been there and done that"!

You will find this to be true in this publication on books concerning Victorian Britain and will marvel at how Price makes this one so interesting to read. Naturally, there is reference to the beloved coffee-table books of years gone by. Some exceptional stories accompany the pages of her book as she breathes life into them with



their telling. It is

the "hidden lives" of these books that will tweak your interest. I found it amusing that the author reveals to us that wives hid behind books in the presence of husbands and husbands did the same with the daily newspaper. What a great way to start the day! Her humor throughout the book is rampant and enjoyable.

Newspapers were used as fish wrappers in the Victorian days just as our fishmonger did over 60 years ago in my small South Carolina hometown when "fresh fish" arrived on Thursday, having been trucked into town for the weekend. I smiled at the thought of books being used as doorstops as they were in Victorian Britain. I also found of special interest the account of books being made from pulp turned into paper and no longer made from rags or cloth. Yes, you heard right...rags and cloth. Professor Price has hunted down many ways books were used that you and I could never imagine.

Be wise for once in your life and pay attention to the last 87 pages of the book. You will make a mistake if you put it down when you finish the last chapter. If you do, you will commit a boo-boo like the vast majority of movie goers who spring from their seats when The End appears on the screen or the credits begin to roll. They bolt for the door as if someone shouted "Fire!" The Notes for the chapters are full of "highlight" material, the kind

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If you see the Clan Keith Society USA, Incorporated tent at a Highland Games anywhere...be sure and come by to visit.

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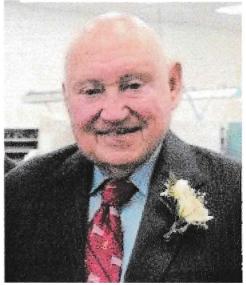
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## Happy 93rd Birthday Truett Cathy



**Samuel Truett Cathy** the founder of Chic-fil-A was born in Eatonton, GA, in 1921. He attended Boys High School, now Grady High School, inAtlanta, He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Cathy began the chain in an Atlanta suburb, in 1946 with a restaurant called the Dwarf Grill, named because of its small size. It was there that he, along with his brother and business partner, Ben, created the chicken sandwich that later became the signature menu item for Chickfil-A.

The original restaurant, since renamed Dwarf House, is still in operation, and the company operates other Dwarf House locations in the metro Atlanta area.

He married Jeanette and had three children: Trudy, Bubba and Dan, who is currently president and CEO of Chick-fil-A.

With thanks to The Macfie Clan Society of America Web Site: www.clanmacfieofamerica.com

## Flower of the Forest

Glenn Edward McDuffie, the young sailor who was featured in one of the most iconic photos from the end of World War II, has died.

You've certainly seen the photo of McDuffie. He's the sailor grabbing and kissing a nurse in the middle of Times Square after finding out WWII was over. The photo was shot August 14, 1945. McDuffie passed away Sunday,

March 9, in Texas at the age of 86. He was positively identified as the sailor in that photo back in 2007 after many men claimed it was them.

McDuffie, a native of Kannapolis, North Carolina,



moved to Houston in 1960 and lived here until 2009, when he moved to the Dallas area to spend his last years near his daughter.

With thanks to The Macfie Clan Society of America.

## We encourage everyone who is interested in the great Clan Ramsay to join the *Clan Ramsay Association of North America*. Contact David Ramsey: davidf.ramsey@verizon.net



### Become a part of Clan Ramsey's DNA Project!

What is it? DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name Ramsey or Ramsay. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom, and ultimately we can link different lines together. But to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

#### The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen, and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc.; 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, Maryland 21044; 410-715-2260. <a href="http://www.whollygenes.com">http://www.whollygenes.com</a>

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Carl Bailey the founder of Clan Ramsay Association of North America and Clan Chief James Hulbert Ramsay Lord Dalhousie.



#### Clan Ramsay needs YOU!

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### "The Islands of Colonsay and Oronsay are to become a Native Honeybee Sanctuary"

From the Clan Macfie Newsletter

A new law will come into effect January 1st, making it illegal to import any bee other than the Apis mellifera mellifera to the area. The Hebridean islands have about 50 colonies of the species and the new order aims to protect them from cross-breeding and disease.

The varroa mite, which has devastated bee colonies across the country, has not affected Colonsay or Oronsay.

There are 250 species of bee in the UK consisting of 24 species of bumblebees, but only one honeybee species, the native Black Bee (Apis mellifera mellifera). The species is much hardier than the Italian Bee (Apis mellifera ligustica), which means the bees can survive the harsh climate of the Inner Hebrides.

The Scottish government granted the order after a public consultation received overwhelming support. The Bee Keeping (Colonsay and Oronsay) Order 2013 is a targeted measure to protect an important population of black bees on Colonsay from hybridization with nonnative bees.







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you will be tempted to use in speeches. The Works Cited are so numerous that they border on putting Shakespeare and Company out of business. And yes, the Index is a library within itself! It is unusual to end a book review talking about notes, book references and the index, but I do because these last pages are that important. They speak to me in an age where some authors stutter and stammer and rush through their resources as if they want you to think they wrote their books without standing on the shoulders of others – past and present.

Leah Price did her homework and produced a most unusual book, one not to be taken lightly! She has all the tools of a great writer and *How to do Things with Books in Victorian Britain* proves it!



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#### **Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society**

- 1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
  - 2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
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