

## Clan Davidson Chief passed away

It is with true sadness that I must report that the Clan Davidson Clan Chief, Alister (Jock) Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Davidston passed away unexpectedly at his home in New Zealand on December 26th, 2014.

Jock had been in reasonably good health in recent years, and spent a great deal of time visiting with his wife Mary in a nearby nursing home.

Many of his US Clansmen had the privilege of meeting Jock and Mary when they were at the Loch Norman Highland Games in 2001. Their warmth and genuine delight at meeting so many of their Clansmen was obvious to all, and the delight was reciprocated by those of us who were there.

They were special people, and Jock will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Jock donned the Chief's Three Feathers at age 74 upon the death of his cousin, Duncan Hector Davidson, 1<sup>st</sup> of Davidston in 1998.

Duncan was the first of the "Restored Chiefs". Jock's eldest son, Grant, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Davidston, will now succeed Jock as Chief.

His formal investiture as Chief will be held in New Zealand over the weekend of May 8 – 10, 2015.

All Davidson Clansmen are invited to the ceremony. For more details, please contact me at [sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net).

With thanks to *The Sporrán*, publication of the Clan Davidson Society USA.



*The late Alister (Jock) Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Davidson and his wife, Mary.*

### **A Son's Memories of Dad – Jeff Davidson**

*Just a bit of Jeff Davidson's memories. For more, contact [sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net)*

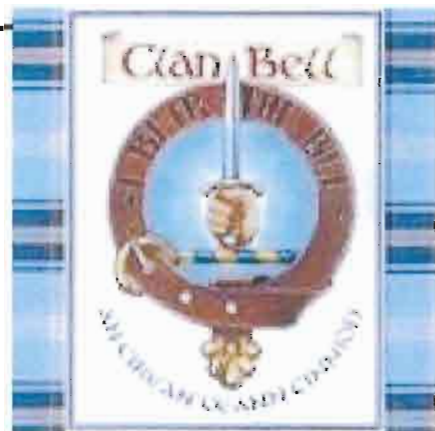
Alister Guthrie Davidson, or Jock as most people knew him, was born to proud parents Wendela and Bill Davidson on 27 May 1924. He died very unexpectedly on Boxing Day, 26 December 2014 after a great 90 years and 7 months, 61 of those years shared with the love of his life, Mary. Jock was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a great friend to many. Reflecting on Jock's life there seemed to be 4 primary themes; Dargaville, Family, Friendship, Retirement.

In 1921, Bill and Wendela Davidson responded to the call to "Go North" from their comfortable Hawkes Bay base to an isolated farm they purchased next to Bill's brother Jack Davidson at Pukehuia. Jock was born

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# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.



Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan were "encouraged" to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called "Redcloak" and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell Genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

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Wayne Jones (left) and Jim "Bowie" Wallace (right) present Dr. Linda Ewbanks (center) with a Life Membership and a Knight-level Award for her contributions to the CWS.

## Dr. Linda Ewbanks honored by Clan Wallace Society

Marcus "Jim" Wallace  
in *The Guardian*, publication of Clan Wallace

In the 2013 Winter Newsletter we provided the history of the Maitland Papers project that began in 1998 when Raymond Morehead, President of the Clan Muirhead Society, found and purchased the papers from a used book store in Auburn, WA.

Raymond donated a copy to Clan Wallace Society (CWS) with the intention that it would be translated and that CWS publish the English version. Several false starts resulted in the project remaining static for nine years. At that time, no complete translation had ever been published on the papers.

Dr. Linda Ewbank, daughter of Council member Anna Cocklin, has degrees in Classical Languages and agreed to help finish the project, which she completed in the fall of 2014.

The Board of Directors showed their gratitude by rewarding Linda for her efforts on behalf of the Society. At the end of December 2014, Director James L. Wallace, and Maitland Papers project member Wayne Jones, presented Linda with the Rewards Program Circle of the Knight Award along with a framed certificate and award medals, and a Life membership in Clan Wallace Society.

### IT'S A WALLACE FACT!

Riccarton is a village and parish in East Ayrshire, Scotland. It lies across the River Irvine from Kilmarnock. The river Irvine divides the parishes of Riccarton and Kilmarnock and the river used to form the boundary between the districts of Kyle and Cunninghame. The origin of the name "Riccarton" is from a corruption of "Richard's Town". This Richard was Sir Richard Wallace, uncle of Sir William Wallace.

## Jr. Piper of the Day



Logan Andrick of Clan Davidson wins "Junior Piper of the Day" at Maine Highland Games, Topsham, ME last August! Congratulations, Logan!





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spellings.*

## We Are Clan MacTavish!



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# Flowers of the Forest

**Ora Frances Brown**, 91, of Clermont, passed away July 11, 2014 at her residence. She was the daughter of Claud and Hazel Hulsey and was a member of the Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

She retired after many year at Belk in Gainesville.

Mrs. Brown was born in Clermont, Ga. and was a graduate of Wellsburg High School in W. Va.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Davidson Brown. She leaves behind a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Pat Brown; a daughter, Myra Jo Brown; grandsons, Steven Brown, Nathan Brown, Cooper Embry and Headen Embry; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The Clan Davidson Society USA is once again

saddened to acknowledge the loss of another one of our Society members from the earliest days of CDS-USA. Frances passed less than eight months from her husband "Willie", who was recognized in the Flowers of the Forest in the January 2014 *Sporran*.

The Browns were very active in the affairs of the clan and played a vital part during the formative years of our Society.

Frances served in several roles; alternating with Eleanor Davis (wife of our 2nd President Andrew Davis) in holding positions as Clan Registrar and Secretary for over ten years. The Browns served as Conveners for Highland games activities in Florida, including the Orlando Games and the Jacksonville Highland games and attended many events throughout the southeast.

As with the rest of the early members during the time, they gave their tireless efforts in all things Davidson. They were a familiar face for countless years at the Stone Mountain and Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and made a positive influence during the terms of the Society's presidents, including Andrew Davis, Richard Davis Halliley and Michael Davidson.

Frances was certainly proud of her family but was especially adept in keeping up with many of the original members of the society.

Both she and Willie were always eager to share wonderful stories of the great times they had at the games and various other social events held in the Atlanta area.

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## **A son's memories of his Dad**, *con't from page 1*

in 1924 followed by his sister Pam in 1926 who tragically died of meningitis in 1933.

I think Jock was dissuaded from taking up farming due to witnessing the sheer hard work involved in breaking in land in the 1920s and 30s by his father but it did provide him with the opportunity to develop a special affinity with animals. Jock loved animals.

Fluffles was Jock's first pony which he rode 5kms every day to and from school at the age of 5. No-one could catch Fluffles except for Jock who would just whistle her up.

Jock boarded at Whangarei Boys High for his secondary schooling exhibiting a love for and a prowess at a variety of sports which he maintained throughout his life.

After his school years Jock commenced an apprenticeship with the Air Force. Due to his age Gran would only allow him to participate in active service provided he was not on the "front line" and he served in the New Hebrides servicing aircraft involved in the Pacific theatre of World War 2.





## An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIan). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

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## Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique



# Can someone tell us about the Clan Henderson Society?

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Mark Henderson, Vice President Membership

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*This article featuring Clan Henderson Vice President of Membership, Mark Henderson, appeared recently in the Celtic Life International publication.. Contact them at [celticlifeintl.com](http://celticlifeintl.com).*

*See the Clan Henderson website at [www.clanhendersonsociety.org/](http://www.clanhendersonsociety.org/)*

2015 is going to be a busy year for the Clan Henderson. Along with attendance at an array of activities, the society is actively recruiting new members. Membership Secretary (Now Vice President Membership) Mark Henderson explains.

## **How long have you been involved in the Clan and in what capacity?**

We have a saying: “You are born into the clan, you join the Society.” I joined the Clan Henderson Society, Inc in 2008. In 2011 I answered the call for a new Membership Secretary. I absolutely love the position because I get to meet and converse with so many of my cousins—around the world I am amazed at the stories they have to tell, their obvious pride in our Scottish and Scots-Irish heritage and the talent and enthusiasm so many display in support of our clan.

## **What inspired you to get involved and stay involved?**

My wife and I attended a very small Scottish Game—only because it was nearby. I had no clue what it was all about but by the end of the day, I was hooked. Soon, I had a kilt and we were off to a much larger venue. As we arrived, the massed bands were parading on the field—I felt like the pipes were rejuvenating my blood. I have never lost that feeling—something exciting inside. Then, as I met my “Son of Henry” cousins and so many wonderful others at various games, I knew that embracing my Scottish heritage was definitely for me.

Luckily, my wife, who is of Italian descent, also supports this quasi-addiction of mine. In fact, we call our marriage a Gaelic-Garlic one!

## **What is the Clan’s origin and history?**

The MacEanruig’s (Scots Gaidhlig for sons of Henry) actually represent five (5) separate bloodlines that evolved as surnames became more common. We have the Henderson’s from Caithness (historically associated with the Clan Gunn), the Henderson’s of Fordell (our Chief’s bloodline), The Henderson’s of Glencoe (historically, the pipers to MacIain—a MacDonald Chief. In fact, at the infamous 1692 Glencoe Massacre, many Henderson were among the slaughtered.) We have the Henderson’s of Liddesdale, Border Reivers and finally, we recognize Irish Ulster-Scot Henderson’s as a distinct bloodline. Lord Lyon decided that all Henderson’s should be grouped into one clan and the



oldest lineage would be Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson. The Henderson’s of Fordell have that honor, tracing unbroken lineage back to the 1400s. However, scraps of Henderson lineage go back to the dark ages and there is some conjecture of ties to Pictish Kings.

## **How has it evolved over the years?**

The society was formed in 1988 and in 25 years

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# Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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**The Clan Davidson Society USA** is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the **US IRS** as a 501 c(3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDA-USA publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40-60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [[www.elandavidsonusa.com](http://www.elandavidsonusa.com)] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [[sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net)].





## **The Clan Henderson Society, continued from page 7**

has grown to over 4200 members. From its original 26 members, concentrated in the southeast USA, we now have members in all 50 states, as well as nine other countries. Interestingly, there is a large contingent of Hendersons in Uruguay who communicate often via Facebook. One of our Past Presidents visited with them in Montevideo and they were VERY enthusiastic but the language barrier has yet to be fully overcome.

### **How many members are actively involved currently?**

Alistair Henderson of Fordell, Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson has asked the Clan Henderson Society, Inc. to help "gather the clan." We have been doing that since 1988 when the Society was first formed at Grandfather Mountain, NC. To date, over 4,200 MacEanruig's (sons of Henry) have answered that call, including almost 200 Canadian members who formed their own affiliate. Unfortunately, that affiliate went defunct in 2014 and we are in the process of "gathering" our Canadian cousins back into the CHS, Inc fold.

### **Where are Clan members and how do they find you?**

In 2011 the CHS Executive Committee authorized

funds to completely overhaul our website. It went from a relatively static, staid venue to a vibrant, interesting and dynamic site. It is constantly upgraded and details kept up to date. In three years we have found that over 50% of our new members are "googling" and then find us "accidentally." From there it is a simple matter to use the instant sign-up feature to join our Society. Having a



Hospitality Tent presence at games, and attracting new members thru face to face contact, is still an important component to gathering the clan, as well. Of the over 150+ Scottish/Celtic festivals held annually in North America, we have a presence at approximately 45 of them. In 2014 we added a "roving convenor" who attends hard to reach games, not historically on our plate. He is a retired gentleman who travels the USA and Canada in an RV. He has all the tools to convene a hospitality tent on the

spur of the moment.

### **What are the challenges involved in recruiting new members?**

The biggest challenge is getting younger members to join. Many members join as an adjunct to genealogical research and typically are older when that bug hits

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The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

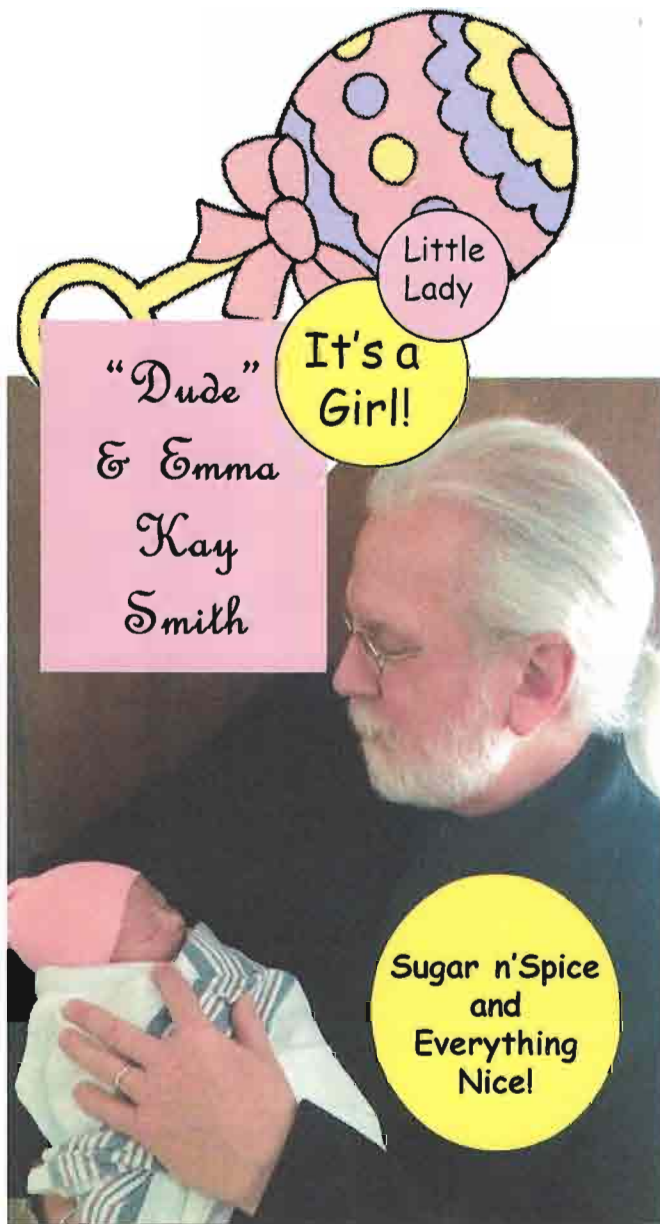
1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
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4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

## Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at  
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Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.





Carson Smith wrote that "Emma Kay Smith arrived, weighing in at 7 lbs. 6 oz., and measuring 19.5 inches, at 08:38 AM on Friday, February 27, 2015. Pally has already nixed Grandma and Grandpa, or Granny and Pappy, so I have suggested that Emma call us Dude and Tools."

## The Clan Henderson Society, \_\_\_\_\_

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them. They start to think about their heritage, etc. However, when we get younger members with children, those kids grow up to be members. Having quality, child-centric events at games is a huge recruiting tool. A second challenge is member retention. Creating a vibrant, responsive and evolving dynamic to the clan is important. No one gets paid to participate—it is a labor of love. Identifying and retaining members to hold key positions, to volunteer to organize things, and to manage operations, members, budgets, legal issues, etc., etc. is a tough thing to do correctly. Unfortunately our Canadian affiliate learned this the hard way and went defunct...but we are gathering those members back into the Clan Henderson Society, Inc.

### What are some solutions to those challenges?

#### Involvement.

Today's technology makes it easy to reach out to people. The website is invaluable, but we also find our Facebook page—a members' only site—is huge in getting out information, answering questions, and creating an overall sense of kinship. Also, we give all new members a packet of information



that answers many questions they have at first: How do I buy a kilt? What are unique Henderson things I should know about? What do women wear to Celtic events? How is the Society organized? How can my talents be used? We have 11 Regional Commissioners, and their participation makes a direct impact. Just the simple act of sending an email from time to time makes a difference.

### What kind of Clan related events do members participate in?

I mentioned our presence at Regional festivals year

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# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!*

**Royal is my Race!**

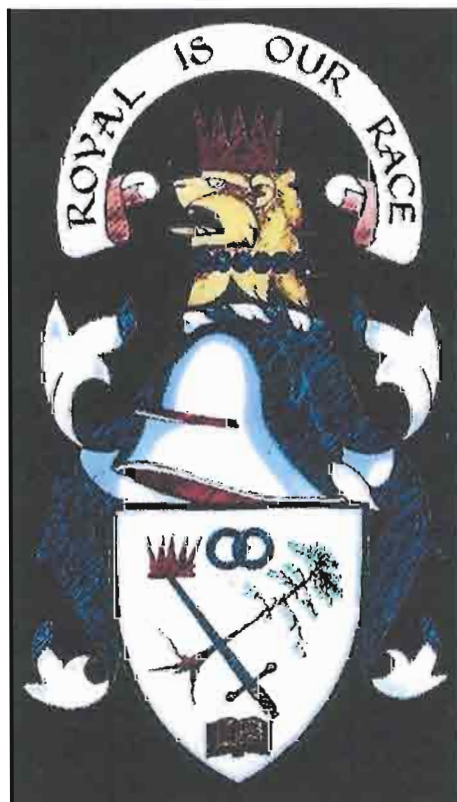
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## Davidson wins Best Clan Tent at St. Mountain '14



Hard-working SE USA Clan Davidson Clansmen gather around their Best Clan Tent Award. From the left: Helen & Rick Davis, Elaine Davidson, Rich Halliley, Gary Davis, Jane Halliley, and Kathryn Davis.

### Clans!

It would be great if other clans could write such articles as the Clan Henderson column written by Mark Henderson - about themselves.

You could even use the questions in this interview as your "model." Just email to [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com). Of course, there is no charge for your clan.

Of course, if your clan wins the "Best Tent" Award or one of your members wins "Jr. Piper of the Day" or if you have a Flowers of the Forest...please let your editor know.

Anytime is fine. I keep a file all the time, so there is no bad time.

Just email [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) your clan news, events, goodies! It's FREE.

### The Clan Henderson Society,

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round. However, there are two key events that draw Henderson's from far and wide each year. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held at different locations around the country. In November 2015, we will be in Salado, TX. We also gather at Alexandria, VA for the annual Scottish Christmas Parade. We follow that with a traditional ceilidh. In 2009 and 2014 the Clan also arranged a tour of Scotland. Both events were very well received and gave us a chance to mingle with Fordell, our Chief.

### What does the Clan have planned for the rest of 2015?

In addition to participating in many regional festivals this year, in December, we hope to visit the National Scottish Immigrants Memorial in Philadelphia, as a clan. Our Chief, Fordell, has indicated he would like to be with us, and our goal is to dedicate a Clan Henderson Memorial paver stone that we had installed there.

**[www.ClanHendersonSociety.org](http://www.ClanHendersonSociety.org)**



# clankeith-usa.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!



# Stone of Scone can be seen in Scotland

The Stone of Scone, also called Stone of Destiny, Scottish Gaelic *Lia Fail*, stone that for centuries was associated with the crowning of Scottish kings and then, in 1296, was taken to England and later placed under the Coronation Chair. The stone, weighing 336 pounds (152 kg), is a rectangular block of pale yellow sandstone (almost certainly of Scottish origin) measuring 26 inches (66 cm) by 16 inches (41 cm) by 11 inches (28 cm). A Latin cross is its only decoration.

According to one Celtic legend the stone was once the pillow upon which the patriarch Jacob rested at Bethel when he beheld the visions of angels. From the Holy Land it purportedly traveled to Egypt, Sicily, and Spain and reached Ireland about 700 bc to be set upon the hills of Tara, where the ancient kings of Ireland were crowned. Thence it was taken by the Celtic Scots who invaded and occupied Scotland. About ad 840 it was taken by Kenneth MacAlpin to the village of Scone.

At Scone, historically, the stone came to be encased in the seat of a royal coronation chair. John de Balliol was the last Scottish king crowned on it, in 1292, before Edward I of England invaded Scotland in 1296 and moved the stone (and other Scottish regalia) to London.

There, at Westminster Abbey in 1307, he had a special throne, called the Coronation Chair, built so that the stone fitted under it. This was to be a symbol that kings of England would be crowned as kings of Scotland also.

Attached to the stone in ancient times was allegedly a piece of metal with a prophecy that Sir Walter Scott translated as

*Unless the fates be faulty grown  
And prophet's voice be vain  
Where'er is found this sacred stone  
The Scottish race shall reign.*

When Queen Elizabeth I died without issue in 1603, she was succeeded by King James VI of Scotland, who became James I of England (or Great Britain). James was crowned on the Stone of Scone, and patriotic Scots said that the legend had been fulfilled, for a Scotsman then ruled where the Stone of Scone was.

On Christmas morning 1950 the stone was stolen from Westminster Abbey by Scottish nationalists who took it back to Scotland. Four months later it was recovered and restored to the abbey. In 1996 the British government returned the stone to Scotland.



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# Clan Blair Society

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# Society of Antiquaries of Scotland



## New Fellows Directory available now for members

The new Society website is now live. It will feature a Fellows' Directory which will only be accessible from the password protected Fellows' Only area of the website.

The Directory will include full names, post nominals, geographic location at town/city level, plus email addresses if currently on the Society database.

If you do *not* want to be listed in the directory please contact [info@socantscot.org](mailto:info@socantscot.org) as soon as possible. We hope that a Directory will encourage Fellow to Fellow communication and strengthen the Fellowship around the globe.

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## *Scottish Clan Events Fund: A Chance for Scotland to Support Scottish Clans & Families*

The Scottish Government has, in recognition of the importance that it places on Clan Tourism to the Scottish economy (that's their quote not ours), worked with Clan representatives to support the creation of the Scottish Clan Event Fund. The fund is intended to provide legally constituted Clans and Clan Societies with financial support of up to £5000 for individual events to support additional elements or new activity specifically designed to grow events; expand the visitor experience and spread the benefits of events across the country as a whole.

The next round of funding applications will be opening now, in April 2015. If your Clan or Family is considering holding a clan related event in Scotland in 2016, do not miss the opportunity to take advantage of this support. Hey – it might make the difference!

“The Scottish Clans Event Fund has provided a welcome boost to Highland Clans in planning and extending their International Clan Gatherings,



providing a healthy addition to regional Tourism. The recognition of the Scottish Government of the importance of the Highland Clans to Ancestral and Heritage Tourism to Scotland today and in the future cannot be understated. The Scottish Clan Event Fund extends the ability of the Highland Clans to immeasurably improve the visitor experience and bring support to local businesses in often fragile communities as well as more community and cultural events to the Highland Region of Scotland.”- John Mackenzie, Earl of Cromartie and joint Chair of the Highland Clan Partnership Group, June 2014



## **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, Elliotts, 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:

# **[www.elliotclan.com](http://www.elliotclan.com)**

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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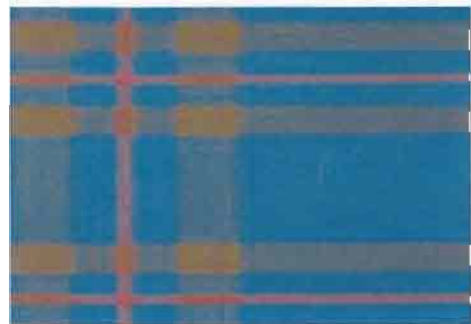
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# Alex Beaton Update

Dear Friends,

After five months in hospital I am finally home, having been discharged on February 14th – Happy Valentine's Day to Linda and I! It's great to be home – I can finally watch my soccer "football" matches and, more importantly, be with my amazing wife, Linda – LIFE IS GOOD!!

Unfortunately, I came home with six pieces of equipment which are all designed to clear up the congestion in my lungs. The bad news is that it takes FOUR hours out of my day to use all the equipment; the good news is this should only be necessary on a temporary basis.

Once I receive the "all clear" from my Pulmonary doctor I will be able to get off the oxygen, high humidity and finally have both the trach and feeding tube removed. The feeding tube isn't being used any longer as even though I have been eating food by mouth for two weeks now as they want to keep it in as a precaution.

The pressure ulcer on my tailbone, acquired while in hospital, will take time to heal. Until then, I'm stuck in my bed. Since my strength was sapped during my long hospital stay and with the FOUR bouts of pneumonia, it will take a few months to gain it back.

We are working on reinstating the home-based physical and occupational therapy as soon as possible because exercise, even while lying in bed, will prove beneficial.

Due to a hiring freeze and cut-backs at the company Linda worked for, she lost her job at the end of January.

Never one to remain idle, she's been busy applying for several positions and has two offers in hand with a third offer expected early next week. She'll need to



## ***HMS Clan Skene launched 1918***

**The Cargo Vessel, CLAN SKENE** was launched Tuesday, 03/12/1918 at Charles Connell & Company, Scotstoun, on the Clyde, and completed 1919.

Her dimensions were a length of 401 feet, 52.3 feet breadth and a tonnage of 5214 grt.

She was transferred in 1920 to the British & South America SN Ltd. Lines and renamed *Halocrates*, sailing from Liverpool.

In 1923 it reverted to the name *CLAN*

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weigh her options carefully as she wants to find a company that will be flexible and compassionate when it comes to having to take time off to attend to my healthcare needs.

The packages she's being offered aren't what she's used to, but it is what it is... In the meantime, Linda's been glad for the opportunity to get the house ready for my return and to spend time with me getting used to all the new equipment and medications I need right now.

We've hired a new caregiver for me. She'll be here eight hours a day Monday-Friday while Linda is at work.

Finally, although I've received many cards and emails conveying what an inspiration I am, it is YOU, my fan base, who have been an inspiration to me and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued love and support.

With much love,

Alex

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*With thanks to the Dunrobin Piper, publication of the Clan Sutherland.*

# Clan MacCord Society

Invites for membership all spelling variations and descendants of McCord (a)(e)(y).

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## Outlander premier screening set for 1 April

In an event which is already sold out completely on March 7 (when I received the email invitation), starz is putting on a Premier of the upcoming *Outlander* series.

Caitriona Balfe, Sam Heughan and Tobias Menzies,

along with series creator Ronald D. Moore, at New York City's Ziegfeld Theater will appear on Wednesday, April 1 for the first showing at a mid-season premier event.

### Scotland's Holidays from now til Hogmanay

April 1: Hunt the Gowk (April Fool's Day) \*

April 2: Preen-Tail Day, or Tailie Day (A day to prank people with paper tails)

May 1: May Day

First Monday in May: Beltane

Last Monday in May: Spring Holiday

May 24: Empire Day/Victoria Day

18 June: Selkirk Common Riding  
(A riding of the marches or boundaries.)

First Monday in August: summer Holiday  
(Lammas/Loafmas/Lugnasaid)

August 15: Marymas (religious)

September 29: Michaelmas Day (Religious)

November 30: St Andres's Day

October 18: St Luke's Day (Sour Cakes Day)

October 31: Haloween/ All Hallows  
Day/Samhain

November 5: Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night

November 11: Martinmas

November 30: St Andrew's Day

December 24: Christmas Eve/Sowans Nicht

December 25: Christmas Day

December 26: Boxing Day

December 31: New years Eve/Hogmanay

With thanks to the Dumplin Piper from Clan Sutherland.

### Clan Skene, continued from page 19

*SKENE* plying trade between the US and Europe/ Africa.

During WWII she was renamed *War Adder*.

Date: Of attack 10 May 1942

**Fate** Sunk by U-333 (*Peter-Erich Cremer*)

Position 31.43N, 70.43 W - Grid DC 6111.

**Complement** 82 (9 dead and 73 survivors).

**Route** Beira, Portuguese East Africa - Capetown (15 Apr) - New York

**Cargo** 2006 tons of chrome ore

**Notes on loss** At 09.05 hours on 10 May 1942, the unescorted *Clan Skene* (Master Edward Gough) was hit by two torpedoes from U-333 and sank about 300 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras.

The U-boat had been badly damaged by depth charges of an escort ship three days before and was limping back to France. Cremer wrote in the KTB, that the sinking of this ship was like .. a balm after these terrible depth charges.

Nine crew members from the *Clan Skene* were lost. The master and 72 survivors were picked up by *USS McKean* (APD 5)

With thanks to *The Skene Scene*, Ralph Comp, editor.

# GIANT STIG ON TOUR

TOP GEAR favourite The Stig headed out on the road at a more sedate pace today as a giant figure of the show's test driver headed across Europe on a truck.

The nine-metre statue was strapped to a flat-bed truck as it headed from the programme's HQ at Dunsfold in Surrey to Poland where it will eventually be put up in Warsaw.

The huge figure, which has taken a team of three people two months to design and build, is being taken through various locations to promote the launch of a new global TV channel called BBC Brit.

The new channel will launch in Poland soon and *Top Gear* will be among the programmes it broadcasts, with many shows being screened the same day they are shown in the UK.

The mysterious Stig - who wears a mirrored visor to protect his identity - is more usually seen hurtling around a track at breakneck speeds, and the statue copies his familiar pose with crossed-arms.

During its three-day journey, the fibreglass sculpture will also call in at Amsterdam in the Netherlands and Berlin in Germany.

The effigy set off on its journey just hours before viewers see the real Stig and Top Gear presenters launch the new BBC2 series, with races and hi-jinks and fun as



they normally show.

Amanda Hill, the chief brands officer for BBC Worldwide which is behind the channel launch, said: "BBC Brit will be the new home of *Top Gear* in Poland so what better way to mark this than by taking them a giant Stig. Fans will be able to spot him on the roads of England, Holland and Germany, he's impossible to miss."

As Jeremy Clarkson might say: "Some say he is a giant measuring nine metres in height and travels around on the back of a flat bed truck. All we know is, he's called The Stig."

We watch BBC America quite a bit - especially their version of *TOP GEAR*.

It's really fun to watch these fellows make a living having such a good time.

Anyway, we love it when they visit Scotland, which they do quite frequently...and I simply could not resist putting this information here! Yer ed.





# Flower of the Forest

**Richard Hembree Taylor...** Dick Taylor... “Uncle Dick” passed to a much better place Saturday, March 7, 2015.

For the past 15 years or more, he had coped with the increasingly disabling, de-humanizing ravages of Alzheimer’s Disease.

He is remembered by friends and extended family for his infectious smile, reassuring voice, congenial personality and keen sense of humor.

Dick was born October 29, 1931 in Chick Springs, South Carolina, to parents Roy Lee Taylor and Ethel Velma Hembree Taylor. The Taylors and the Hembrees had been pioneers in South Carolina back-country since the mid-1700s.

Roy was chief accountant for the textile mill, Pacific Mills, and Union Bleachery. Ethel worked in the secretarial pool.

Roy installed the first revolving inventory system in the plants using International Business Machines (IBM) technology.

He was offered an opportunity to buy stock in the company at \$10 a share but he had to buy 100 shares. Roy decided to keep his money in the bank making a solid 2%.

Roy and Ethel laughed about what might have been “if only” but they had a good life.

Dick always took that as solid evidence that some folks just aren’t supposed to be financially rich and that there are other things to value in life.

Growing up in the small Lyman textile community Dick enjoyed opportunities to play many sports. He was a natural athlete and would become a faithful sports fan.

He played ping pong left or right handed and some football but baseball was his passionate pastime.

He played American Legion junior baseball and also played semi-pro baseball in the “textile leagues” while in high school.

He was disappointed when his applications for a baseball scholarship to college were unsuccessful. It would be 30 years before he discovered why it did not happen.

Dick loved baseball. There is a legendary story about an illfated baseball game while he worked at WBT.

When he was 62 he was the winningest pitcher in the Asheville City Slow Pitch D League.

Dick’s volunteer work for South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources provided opportunities for whitewater canoeing and rafting.

Living on Lake Norman he enjoyed boating, skiing and fishing and was a good shot.

Hunting as well as writing skills took him on a safari video shoot to South Africa for the Museum of York County.

He had been a bowler and in later years carried a 12 golf handicap.

A favorite golf story was about the very cold and windy day he three putted the last green on the Old Course at St. Andrews to shoot 90.

Foregoing his parents hope of engineering as a career, Dick transferred from Georgia Tech to the University of South Carolina and changed the course of his life.

His roommates were members of a radio club which staffed the campus radio station, WUSC. One of his

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# Clan Forrester

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## FOSTER SURNAME DNA Project

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**Dick Taylor**, *continued from page 23*

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“dared” him to join the club and try out for an announcing job. He accepted the challenge and got the job.”

At the same time, Dick took a part time job with Columbia’s WIS as a studio engineer.

In his spare time, he worked long and hard with a tape recorder to improve his speaking voice and his Southern accent.

Dick got his first full-time announcing job in 1952 with radio station WBCU in Union, SC, handling all types of programs ranging from news and sports-casting to acting as disc jockey for a record show.

After five months with WBCU, he moved to station WORD in Spartanburg and then, a year later, branched out into television as a jack-of-all-trades announcer with WSJS (now WXII) in Winston-Salem, NC.

On October 18, 1954 Dick signed the new Florence, SC TV station WBTW on-the air.

One of four staff announcers, he continued to work in all aspects of the business.

This background suited his personality. He always thought of himself as a utility infielder; someone who could cover all the bases.

Working at WBTW/WBT/WBTV was a dream come true.

But when Dick went to work at WBTV he was hired not as an announcer but in sales. He auditioned his way to become a primary spokesman in commercial and production development for the company.

Dick worked for Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting; WBTW, WBT, WBTV, Jeffersonics and Jefferson Productions for 25 years. He spent the last 18 at WBTV.

He was a contributing editor to the “Top of the Day” show and co-hosted “This Morning” show with Jim Patterson and CJ Underwood.

Working with Jeffersonics and Jefferson Productions offered opportunities for national as well as regional work.

At one time his voice was being used in every theme park on the east coast.

Dick left in 1981 for an opportunity to follow another dream part ownership of a radio station in Key West.

While in Key West, he and partners started “The Last Resort Advertising”, DBA first as Foth-Taylor and then as Taylor & Baron Advertising providing clients with full service PR, marketing, media production and event planning.

Dick’s mom, Ethel, came to live with us in Key West for a while. She had Alzheimer’s disease. We learned a lot but ultimately she needed more care than we could provide. We were fortunate to place her in a care facility close to family in



South Carolina.

When the kids went away to college, Dick and Keets closed the business and returned to their mountain home in North Carolina. He would free-lance as a voice talent locally and nationally for John Causby/The Ground Crew, Sun Spots, Catwalk, Charles Holloman, and Jay Howard Productions among numerous others.

Free-lancing allowed Dick the time to indulge a long time interest in his heritage. Although his Taylor family recognized their Scotch-Irish heritage, his introduction to this community at the Grandfather Mountain High-

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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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land Games in 1971 was a revelation. He said he had found "his people, his family."

Dick was 40 when he wore his new kilt and competed in Scottish heavy athletics for the first time. The caber toss, the 14 lb sheaf, the 28 lb hammer, 56 lb weight for distance.

The next year Dick looked at his competitor in Scottish Wrestling, an arms length away, with three first place wrestling medals from Clemson, and decided he should retire.

He assisted with judging and helped coworker Clyde McLean with announcing. His voice was heard regularly from the field or the review stand at Highland games in Glasgow Ky, Gatlinburg and Waxhaw but he served the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for 30 years.

In 1992 Dick invited everyone he knew to invite everyone they knew to join him in organizing a Scottish society and a Highland games near Charlotte, NC. He wanted people to be able to enjoy the fun, camaraderie and fellowship he had found.

Due to his illness he retired as president of that organization in 2002 but continued to volunteer; doing what he could every day for the good of the games.

In that same year Dick retired from the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. He was very proud to receive the Agnes McRae Morton Award in 2007. That year he sat on the reviewing stand all day both days.

He loved Grandfather but it was the last time he could go.

In reading this biography it becomes obvious that the primary passion of his life revolved around friends as well as participation in the extended Scottish American community.

Family is more than blood kin, family are the people in your life who want you in theirs. Dick has an extensive family of friends who will miss him.

He is also survived by Keets, his wife of 48 years; son Bryan Taylor; daughter Holly McDonald and her husband, David; grandchildren, Savannah McDonald, Cameron Taylor, Eilidh Taylor and Steven Taylor; great-grand children Faith and Emily and two sons from a previous marriage; Richard Steven Taylor and Robert Scott Taylor.

His family invited all of his friends to participate in a celebration of kind, generous, funny parts of his remarkable life. A celebration of life with BLTs, Congo bars and some pretty good Scotch was held on March 21, 2015 at the McDonald home in Winston-Salem, NC. Hugs, stories, e-mails and cards were shared.

Dick and his wife, Keets, celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on March 4, 2015.

There will be a group hug at Grandfather on Saturday, July 11, 2015 behind the Reviewing Stand at 3 pm.

Memorials may be made on line or mailed in Memory of Richard H. Taylor to the Robert W. Groves, Jr., Endowment Fund to provide long-range support of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Inc. [www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.org)





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The Clan Wallace Board of Directors is pleased to announce the availability of *The Clan Wallace*, 4th Edition.

*The Clan Wallace* has been updated after 25-years in the 3rd Edition, and is current through 2014. The updates include new pictures of Chief Ian Francis Wallace; Acting Chief Andrew Robert Wallace; the Wallace Memorial in Elderslie with pictures of the six plaques; the National Wallace Monument in Stirling; The Wallace Sword; and a portrait of Sir William Wallace.

Major parts of the book updated include Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs; Precedence Deriving From Peerages, Baronetcies, Baronage and Armorial Bearings; Prominent Wallaces in the Present and Recent Past; Prominent Ladies in the Family; and Arms Registered in the Court of Lord Lyon, College of Arms London, and Chief Herald Duplin, Ireland in the name of Wallace.

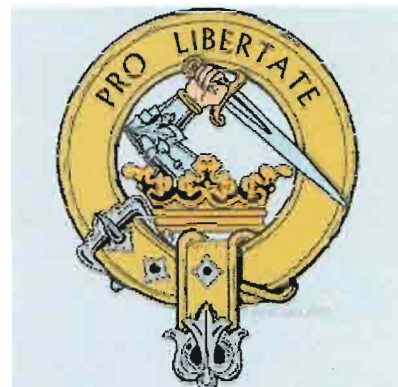
The 4th Edition is available for \$25 with all proceeds going to the Clan Wallace Society to assist in the accomplishment of Society projects. Like many other

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*The Massed Bands and the Color Guard at the Moab, Utah, Celtic Festival. (Photo credit Linnhe Dhu Images at [www.moabcelticfestival.org](http://www.moabcelticfestival.org))*

## The first major review of the Culloden Battlefield conservation area in 47 years is in progress now!

Fought on 16 April 1746, Prince Charles Edward Stuart and his Jacobite force were defeated by a government army led by the Duke of Cumberland.

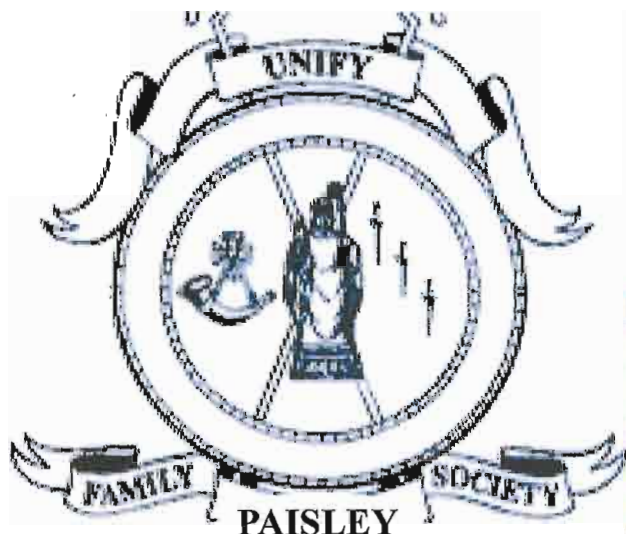
The National Trust for Scotland owns a large part of the battlefield but it extends to a wider area than managed by the charity. The conservation area was first designated in 1968.

Highland Council will carry out a six week-long consultation as part of the review which began 23 March.

Planning committee chairman Thomas Prag said: "The review is important and it has been in progress for some time now. How people approach the battlefield and how they feel about it when they are there is important, and hopefully the consultation will address that. "Everyone will have the opportunity to have their say on the proposals prior to designation of the new conservation area which must be formally notified to Scottish government ministers."

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**The Chiefly Arms of Paisley  
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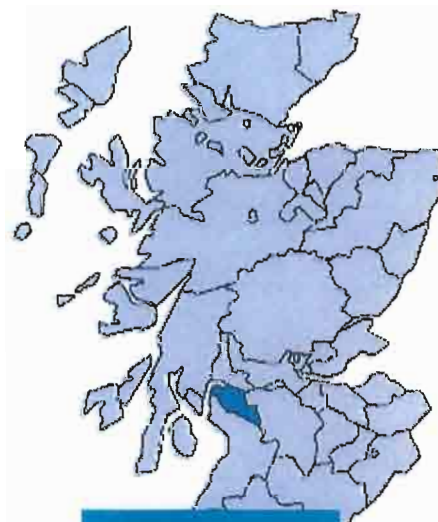
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The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time 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 Roxburghshire 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.



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