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Geordie Girl wins Best in Show at the 2016 UK's 125th Crufts Dog Show

A West Highland Terrier has claimed the top prize at Crufts for the first time in 26 years at the annual dog show

Devon was named Best In Show at the competition, an achievement described as “absolutely amazing” by her owner.

More than 22,000 dogs took part in the four-day event at the NEC in Birmingham as the competition celebrated its 125th year.

White Westie Devon beat off stiff competition from six other dogs in the final, screened live on Scotland's Channel Four, to be crowned the overall winner on Sunday evening.

The champion dog's owner, Marie Burns, said she knew Devon was special from an early age as she told presenter, Clare Balding, she had said to a friend when the puppy was just eight or nine weeks old: “I think I've got the nicest Westie I've ever bred here.”

On the victory itself, Ms Burns, from County Durham, added: “To win Best In Show at Crufts is absolutely amazing.”

Ant and Dec tweeted their congratulations to the winner, who is also known as Geordie Girl and is almost two years old.

The presenting duo from Newcastle wrote: “Told you!!! Yess, Geordie Girl wins Best in Show! Yay #GeordieGirl! What a belter!”

Hazel the Whippet was the runner-up, alongside her owner Charlie Donaldson from Middlebie, Dumfriesshire.



The 19-year-old, the youngest handler in Best In Show, said: “Words can't describe how much this means. I'm so proud.”

Kennel Club secretary Caroline Kisko said: “This has been a fantastic year and a wonderful final, and it's clear to see why, for 125 years, Crufts has been one of the major British events.”

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SCOTS TRADERS AMONG THE SOUTHEASTERN NATIVE PEOPLE

For the Scottish Tartans Museum, Franklin, NC - The late **James Bullman**

Why was this trade so important to the English and Scots?

With the union in 1707 vast markets opened to Scottish entrepreneurs.

About 1709 to 1720 a plague infected European cattle herds. It is said that during this time, half of France's cattle herds died. This plague spread to the whole of the continent of Europe.

The result of this plague was that England banned all imports of cattle and cattle hides from Europe. This caused major shortages in the English leather trade, thus causing an increased demand by England for colonial deer hide.

The two major ports for deer hides were Charles-town in SC and Savannah, Georgia. Augusta, Georgia would become a center for the deer skin trade; but not before overcoming stiff competition from their South Carolina neighbors such as The Windsor Store run by Martin Campbell or The Archibald McGillivary Company.

McGillivary had taken in other traders and partners but he remained solely in control.

When McGillivary retired in 1744, Patrick Brown took over as director, he moved the company to Augusta, Georgia as Patrick Brown and Company.

A new partner joined Brown in the 1740s. This was John Rae and the firm became known as Brown Rae and Company. This company soon dominated the deerskin trade in the Southeast colonies.

Among the traders for Brown Rae and Company was Lachlan McGillivary, II from Dunmaglass, Scotland.

Lachlan McGillivary was a kinsman of Archibald

McGillivary. Lachlan had come to Georgia in 1736 as an indentured servant.

Brown Rae and Company became so powerful that they felt they were a law unto themselves and were referred to as "The Gentlemen of Augusta" in a letter dated Feb. 13, 1750 to the trustees of the Colony of Georgia. The company told Colony of Georgia that the company knew best the Indian trade and had been trading longer than Georgia had been settled and to leave them alone when it came to Indian trade.

The Colony of Georgia was not happy with The Augusta Company. It sent the majority of its hides to Charles-town, SC to be shipped to Savannah, Georgia.

At the end of this letter, The Augusta Co. stated, "We assure your honours, we are the only way to keep the Indian friendships and trade with the Colony." The letter was signed, "Your most obedient servants, Brown Rae and Co."

In 1750, council member Henry Parker told the trustees of Georgia that 140,000 pounds of deerskins came down the river annually to The Augusta Company and were then shipped to Charles-town to be shipped to England and all but a trifling went to Savannah.

The Colony of Georgia almost took Brown Rae and companies licenses to trade with Native American people.

How big was the trade in deerskins? In his book *A History of Appalachia*, Richard B. Drake, 2001, states that between 1699 and 1715 about 54,000 deerskins were shipped from Charles-town, SC annually.

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Scottish Society of Indianapolis Calendar for April & May 2016

Thursday, April 21, 2016

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The Nationalities Council, and the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, will march in the 60th 500 Festival Parade on Saturday, May 28, 2016.

10:00 AM Assemble for Parade and 12:00 PM Parade Steps Off

James Bullman, *continued from page 2*

Between 1739-1761 which was the height of this deerskin trade, an estimated 1,250,000 deer were killed to supply the leather trade.

Donald Davis in his book, *An Environmental History of The Southern Appalachians*, 2000, stated that from 1739 to 1761, Charles-Town, SC records show exports of 5,239,350 pounds of deerskins and between 1755 and 1772, 2.5 million pounds of deerskins were shipped from Savannah, Georgia.

What did it take to produce these prodigious amounts?

Traders, trading post, and of course Native Americans to trade with. Each trader had to have a license or work for a trading company with a license. This license was issued to trade with a particular tribal group.

Between 1751-1754, there were 37 licensed traders with the Cherokee, 7 licensed to trade with the Chickasaw, 2 licensed to trade with the Choctaw, and 35 licensed to trade with the Creek people.

Add to this the army of traders who worked for those who held the license.

Among the Cherokee were such men as James Beamer, John Beng, James Butler, John Cary, John Forbes, Nathaniel Gist, John McDonald, John McCarty, Henry Morris, James Spalding, A.B. Wyatt and James Hicks.

Note most of these men were Scots, sent to the various native groups by companies such as Brown Rae

and Company.

Most of the men sent to the hills to trade were young, single, and wise in the ways to survive in the wilderness.

The native peoples took to the young Scots traders because they admired their manly sports and their willingness to accept native customs, and not look down on native peoples.

The young Scots also understood the tribal structure of clans and bonds of kinship, as it was their way also.

Marriage among these young Scots to women of Native American background brought these young Scots into their wives' clan and acceptance into the tribal group which was a great advantage over French and Spanish traders who tended to stay socially with their own people.

One other thing the Scots traders did was to establish set prices for trade items.

As stated before, Brown Rae and Company was a major force in the deerskin trade.

But there were other Scottish traders such as Macartan and Campbell or Croke, MacIntosh and Jackson to name a few.

It also did not hurt that many political appointees in Colonial government were Scots, such men as William Johnson and John Stuart as Indian superintendents, governors such as James Glen, George Johnstone and James Grant.





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Tartan - Scotland's Iconic Cloth

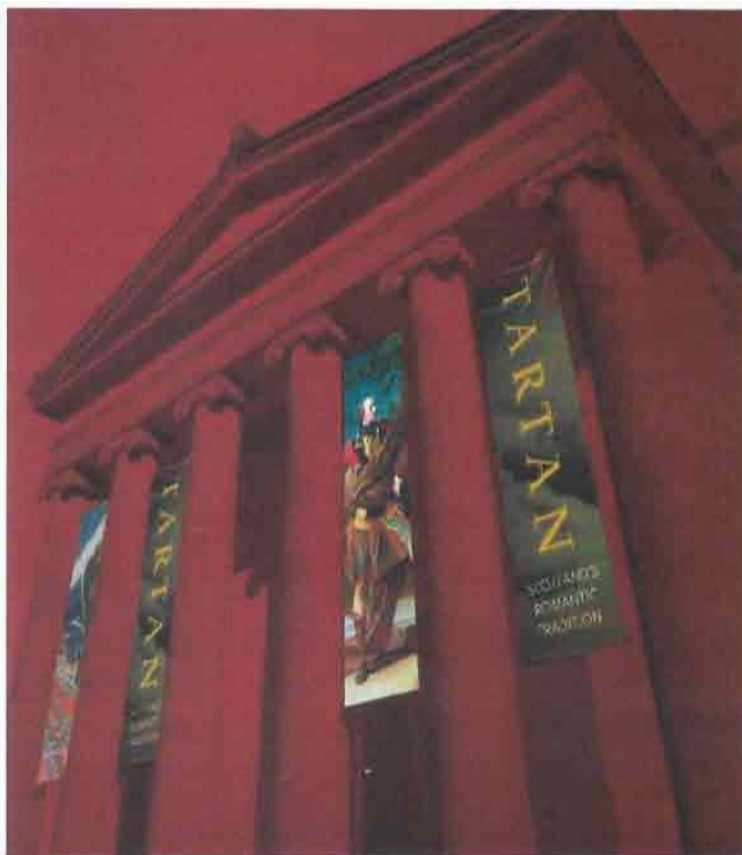
When you think of Scotland what comes to mind?

Castles, bagpipes, haggis, Braveheart and perhaps the TV programme *Outlander*? However, throughout history Scotland has been inextricably linked with one icon: tartan. The Scottish Tartans Authority is the only organisation dedicated to the protection, promotion and preservation of the iconic cloth.

Why has tartan endured? Is it the historic images of kilted Highlanders roaming through the glens? Or, more recently, perhaps it is the Hollywood movies of *Brigadoon* and *Braveheart*? In all honesty it is all of these things, but it is also important to remember that tartan is still very much a contemporary design. *Vogue* fashion magazine has recently stated that tartan is yet again the on-trend design for Fall/Winter 2016/17 and it has been seen on catwalks from Paris to New York.

Tartan's ability to be current while maintaining its links with, and roots within, Scotland's history, clans and heritage ensures that it resonates with people who are eager to uphold their historic links with Scotland.

The Scottish Tartans Authority's role is to ensure that tartan continues to be the defining symbol of a nation and we want to ensure that tartan is enjoyed by future generations and, to that end, we wish to establish a National Tartan Centre.



Artists impression of how a National Tartan Centre may look.

This exciting project would see the Centre become the home of tartan and it would include an exhibition space, telling the story of tartan from the past, in the present and into the future, as well as a research and education centre.

We are currently looking to find a home for the Centre in Scotland and we hope soon to find a location and building. We believe that the Centre will provide a lasting legacy for one of the world's most recognisable national symbols. If you are interested in being kept up to date with our progress please get in touch.

As a registered charity based in Scotland we rely on our members' support to allow us to achieve our aims. We would love for you to join us on our tartan journey so if you would be interested in joining as a member please visit our website www.tartansauthority.com or contact us at admin@tartansauthority.com.

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Albert C. Eaton honoured at Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival in NY



Judy Eaton with the tartan jacket, Al with the white cap and their son on the left top with daughter-in-law on the top right and two of the grandbabies in front. This was taken at the Orlando Scottish Highland Games, I think, in 2004.

In August of 2015, the annual Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival was held in Mayville, NY on the shores of Lake Chautauqua.

The event is sponsored by the 96th Highlander Pipes and Drums, and Clan Home Society member Rick Hernan is a piper with this group. This year held a bittersweet note, as Rick arranged to have the late Albert Eaton honored as part of a clan memorial ceremony on the main field. Al Eaton was president of the Clan Home Society for more than

twenty years. His wife, Judy, was secretary/treasurer for the same number of years.

A claymore, draped with Home tartan, was arranged in the middle of the field to represent Al.

The massed bands were joined by the color guard, and the dedication ceremony honored members of several clans, who are no longer with us. The announcer read a memorial for Al Eaton.

A lone piper played *Amazing Grace*, and the massed pipe bands joined in. It was a very moving, beautiful ceremony, and we were proud and honored to have Al Eaton remembered in this way.

Al & Judy have been not friends, but beloved family for years and years. Your ed., beth.



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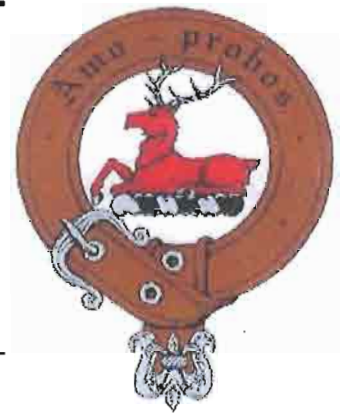
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A letter from the American College of Heraldry

Friends of the American College of Heraldry:

As an update to our members, I thought I would pass along current comparative numbers we all tend to toss about out of hand, when comparing the cost of registration with our own organization versus receiving a grant of Arms from an international body.

I am certainly not downplaying the significance or importance of an actual GRANT of arms, but one must really take under consideration the cost of the “product” received versus (essentially) the same item (a frameable piece of paper, published and recorded, with the ability to pass same down to all future generations. I have updated the College’s FAQs page to reflect these new numbers, and recommend you do the same when discussing the possibility of registering arms with the ACH (or gifting a registration to a friend or associate, as many of you have already done.

“I understand what the College does. How much does a Registration of Arms cost?”

Currently, the total fee for Registration of Arms – whether one wishes to merely register arms granted by another legitimate heraldic authority, or chooses to have the College aid in the design and execution of new Arms – is US \$325, payable to **The American College of Heraldry**, whether by PayPal, credit card, personal check, or money order. This includes a color certificate of the Registration of Arms, as well as a Black & White line art drawing suitable for use on stationery, etc., by the armiger.

Further, the Arms would appear in the College’s quarterly, *The Armiger’s News*, as well as *The Heraldic Register of America*, a compilation of those Arms Registered with the College through a given time period which is available for sale through the College and is distributed in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format to major universities and libraries in the U.S. and abroad. Details on registration fees may be found on the College’s

website under **CURRENT FEES**.

As to the cost of a **REGISTRATION** with our organization, as opposed to a **GRANT** received from one of the international granting bodies, here is a breakdown of current costs (as of early 2016 from the College of Arms from their website):

- Personal grant of arms and crest are **£5,550 (US\$7,694)** - **The American College of Heraldry helps design and registers the same for \$US 325**

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Should you have any questions on this, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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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!

Septs and spellings include: Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixon - Dixon - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeitch - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email membershipclankeith@mindspring.com or call 404-539-5222.



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!



Ralph & Dorna mark the end of *Downton Abbey* with a British tea

Ralph and Dorna Comp, big fans of *Downton Abbey* on PBS which ran their final show on March 6th, after a 7 year run, had a celebration during the final showing.

Dorna decided to have a British tea. They even dressed for it.

Dorna is the current president of the Clan Skene Society and Ralph is the secretary of the Clan Skene Society.

Danus Skene of Skene slowly recovering from “dissected aorta” in Scotland

The Clan Skene Society recently received this letter from their Chief, Danus Skene of Skene.

The letter reads: Just a quick note to some friends who may be wondering what is happening to me.

I have been sicker than I have ever been, or ever will be again. It makes for things to reflect upon. The crisis that I had on 10 January is labelled “dissected aorta.” That is when a crucial piece of plumbing just perishes and gives up.

I am lucky to be alive - 10% of survival is suggested.

Skilled people were available, I am glad to say, to treat me on an emergency basis at Aberdeen and my aorta is reconstructed.

I gave the family a bad fright, being subdued unconscious for the following three weeks while I lay having childhood nightmares and earning a citing as the “patient from hell,” trying to pull wires and tubes out of myself.

I bless the family for their love and attention.

The crisis occurred at Audrey’s home on the way

home from a trip to Kenya. It was a great break there including my beloved Tarnos School with its wonderful teachers and three hundred little ones.

The heart crisis appears to have nothing to do with Kenya or air travel, but was waiting to happen in its own time.

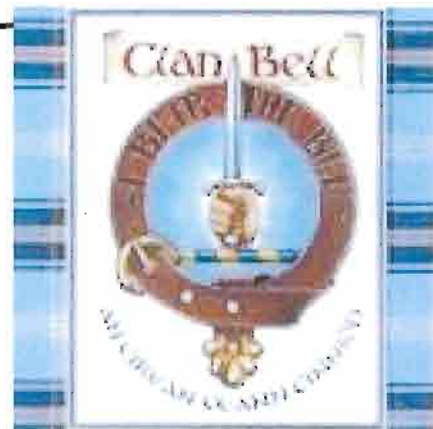
Anywhere out on my trip and I would now be dead.

Now, it is about recovery. I am told that this should be completely possible, although there are one or two indications of stroke type damage - left side fine motor skills. The physiotherapy has begun.

So, why am I spared? Much to think about. I am going to be OK and will be available for continuing life with family and with politics and other community interests. And, that book that has never gotten written.



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.

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

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French Civil Registration Records a help to genealogists

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Civil registers are the most important genealogical source in France. Civil authorities began registering births, deaths, and marriages around 1792. Because these records cover the entire population, are easily accessible, indexed, and cover people from all religious denominations, they are crucial to French genealogical research.

Before the French Revolution, France was divided into provinces. In 1789, the new revolutionary government reorganized the country into territorial divisions called departments consisting of 100 departments in France, of which 96 are located within the borders of France and 4 overseas in Guadeloupe, Guyana, Martinique, and Reunion. Each department has its own separate archives apart from those of the French National Archives. Most French records of genealogical value are kept at these smaller archives. Genealogical records can also be located at individual town halls called Mairie. Larger towns and cities are often divided into arrondissements (districts), each with their own town hall and archives.

These records consist of births (naissances), marriages (mariages), and deaths (deces) and are held in Registres d'etat-civil at the Mairie (town hall or mayor's office) where the events took place. After 100 years, a duplicate of these is transferred to the Archives Departementales. This countrywide system of record keeping allows for all information on a person to be collected in one place.

The registers include wide margins for additional information to be added at the time of later events. These "margin entries" can include references to other documents on an individual (name changes, court judgments, etc.). Some other unique aspects include the following:

Beginning around 1897, margin entries often include marriages.

Divorces were added around 1939.

Deaths were added (beginning with 1945).

Legal separations were added beginning with 1958.

The local Mairie and the archives also maintain duplicates of the tables decennales (decennial ten-year index tables), which began in 1793. The Mairie has registered separate alphabetical

lists of births, marriages, and deaths. The tables give the day of registration of the event, which is not necessarily the same date that the event took place.

Another source for civil record copies is the Bureau de l'etat civil (local registrar's office) for your ancestor's town. This office, usually located in the Mairie (town hall), will usually mail one or two birth, marriage, or death certificates at a nominal charge. Because of the volume of requests, all correspondence should be in French.

Due to privacy regulations, only records over 100 years old may be consulted by the public. It is possible to obtain access to more recent records if you can prove direct descent from the ancestor or family member in

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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, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliotts 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

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.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

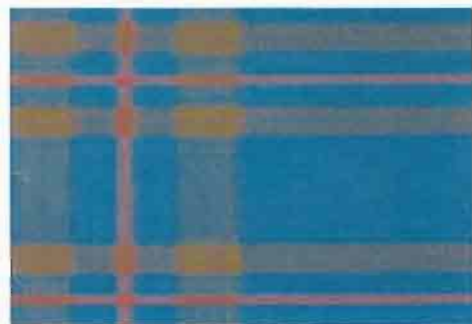
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Clan Crawford Association has a new website in progress

The Clan Crawford Association now has a new website: www.clancrawfordassoc.org.

It is still a work in progress, but you can access it. Julian, Don, Bruce, and Peter have dedicated much effort to setting it up.

The member section will be going up soon and should be available within a couple of weeks.

The website content has been removed from the old website and it no longer provides services for the Association.

Our latest newsletter issue is mainly dedicated to progress reports — development of the new website, the upcoming Board elections, and suggested upgrades related to the Y-DNA project.

Joanne analyses the cancelled Family Convention.

In addition to an update on Y-DNA by Bruce, Y-DNA terminology is explained by Dave. There is Part 1 of a series on the Great Tapestry of Scotland by Christine.

Georgina shared with us the history of a colorful figure of the American West, Bigfoot Wallace.

The upcoming Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Week is advertised.

Around the US, Canada and Scotland Highland

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Bryan Mulcahy, continued from page 13



question. The local registrar's office is your only option when searching for records less than 100 years old. The most direct method for success is by birth certificates.

Birth, death, and marriage records in France are full of genealogical information, although the information can vary from various time periods. Later records usually give more complete information than earlier time periods. Most civil registers are written in French. Before beginning any research using French civil records, the genealogist will need the following basic information:

Name of the ancestor

Place where the event took place (city, town, or village) and date the event took place

In large cities such as Paris or Lyon, the researcher must know the arrondissement (district) where the event took place. If you are not certain of the year of the event, you will have to search in the tables decennales (decennial ten-year indexes). These usually index births, marriages, and deaths separately, and are alphabetical by surname. From these indexes you can obtain the given name(s), document number, and date of the civil registry entry.

One of the best sources for French civil records outside of France is the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. They have microfilmed civil registration records from about half of the departments in France through 1870, some even up through 1890. More recent records are not microfilmed due to the 100-year privacy law. The Family History Library System also has microfilmed copies of the tables decenales (decennial indexes) for almost every town in France.

Since the Fort Myers Regional Library is a registered borrowing library affiliate of the Family History library, researchers may order film through the Family Search website and view it at our facility.

April is Scottish-American Heritage Month



- Scots led the fight for American independence
- *The Declaration of Independence* was based on the *Declaration of Arbroath* (1320)
- Scots established the structure of the American government (Based on the Scottish Presbyterian Church organizational model)
- Scots established many school systems, universities and libraries
- Scots brought their inventions and spirit from Scotland to share with everyone

A few people to learn about:

- John Witherspoon: Native Scot signer of the *Declaration of Independence*
- Many U.S. Presidents: 32 to date
- Francis Scott Key: Wrote the *Star Spangled Banner*
- Allan Pinkerton: Operated a 'freedom train' for slaves
- Sam Houston: Won Texas for America
- Thomas Edison: 1,000 inventions
- Andrew Carnegie: Started libraries all over America
- Many, many more...

Further reading:

- *How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World and Everything in It* by Arthur Herman
- *The Mark of the Scots: Their Astonishing Contributions to History, Science, Democracy, Literature and the Arts* by Duncan Bruce
- *Scottish Firsts: A Celebration of Innovation and Achievement* by Elspeth Wills
- *Great Scots! How the Scots Created Canada* by Matthew Shaw



American National Tartan

Tartan Day: April 6

Freedom!



American National Tartan

NATIONAL TARTAN DAY APRIL 6

Our American National Tartan Day is observed April 6, commemorating the Scottish Declaration of Independence (the Treaty of Arbroath, signed April 6, 1320) in which our *American Declaration of Independence* was modeled from. Nearly half of the congress of the 13 colonies of America who signed the *Declaration of Independence* were Scottish in descent and were aware of the modeling of this entreaty which was the first world attempt at democracy.



For us Scottish-Americans, we celebrate great and influential Scots and those of our other celtic neighbors which helped make us great. Our remembrance is celebrated with parades, bag-pipe bands, music, and of course – the wearing of our Scottish family and district tartans (plaids). It was Canada's Nova Scotia which began the celebrations with it's 1987 formation of National Tartan Day, followed by Australia in 1996, the USA in 1998, and finally Scotland in 2004.

Clan Crawford, *continued from page 15*

Games will be celebrated this spring. They go on through the summer and fall.

We suggest if you have not attended one, you do so. Our Association members set up Crawford tents in some games, so do try and visit. We hope you will be motivated to set up a tent in any of those games where

we are not represented.

Best wishes to you all.

Contribute to your Association. It is what we make it.

For information on how to join the Clan Crawford, and to received their newsletter, please contact: <jcrawfordphd@sbcglobal.net>



THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!

Royal is my Race!

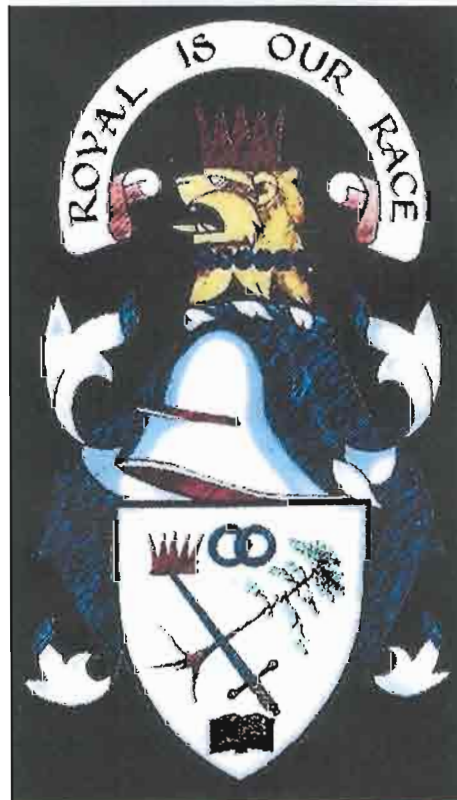
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor

7th Baronet of Lanrick and Balquidder

24th Chief of Clan Gregor

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New England,
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After 10 years of painstaking restoration, the world's most famous steam engine is back

This year, England's National Railway Museum has relaunched one of history's most famous locomotives – the *Flying Scotsman*. Built in 1923, it was the first train to clock 100 mph on one of its Edinburgh to London runs in 1934, carrying up to 8 tons of coal and 5,000 gallons of water, on what was, until the 1930s, the world's

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The Life and Legacy of
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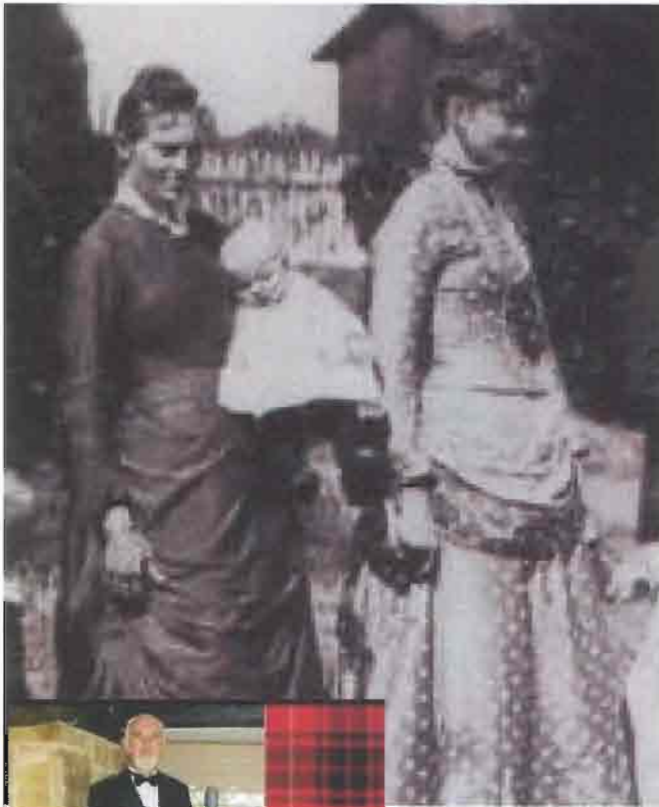
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Guess what Sean Connery has tattooed on his arm?

If you guessed, “Scotland Forever,” you’re absolutely correct.

Mr. Connery wears the MacLean of Duart tartan as his mother was a MacLean.

Some years ago, he was presented an award from the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, unusual for a non-US citizen.

The Flying Scotsman, *continued from page 19* longest nonstop rail service.

Retired by British Rail in 1963 after a working life covering two million miles, the engine went on to tour the United States and Australia (where it recorded the longest ever non-stop by a steam train, traveling 422 miles) under the ownership of various wealthy individuals. It returned to public ownership in 2004 after having received donations from the public, Sir Richard Branson, and a grant from the National Heritage Memorial Fund, and since 2006 has undergone a full-scale restoration to the tune of £4.2million (\$6.1million).

Who is known as a “grass” widow?

A “grass” widow can refer to an unmarried woman who has lived with one or more men or a discarded mistress. She could also be a woman who pretended to have been married and had children. She could have been an unwed mother or a married woman whose husband is habitually or temporarily absent.

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The Mountain Tongue: Folk Speech of the Appalachians

Donovan H. Bond

24 pages, paperback + 57-minute audio CD.

The language of the people who inhabited the Appalachian mountains from New York to Alabama now has begun to fade under the impact of television and the interstate.

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It was a language which had more in common with 18th-century dialects than with modern parlance.

And no one is better equipped to explain and present the wonderful richness of this particular dialect than Professor Bond, whose family lived in those mountains from the 18th century onward.

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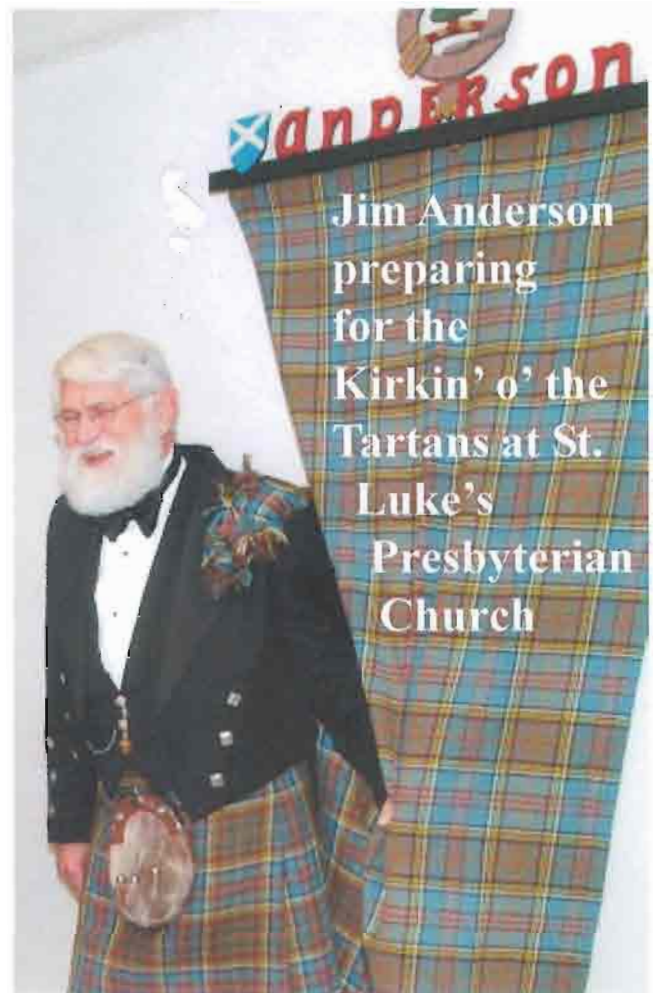
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It has been a tradition of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta to participate in the Kirkin' o' the Tartans at the Scottish Heritage Service at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody, Georgia.

This year, the ceremony was on Sunday, February 11. Many members of the group took part.

Jim Anderson is the artist woodcarver who carved the tops of the St. Andrew's Society large collection of tartans, including the crest and the names of the tartans on each.

A little first grade Scottish girl came home from school and said, "Ah, Mam, I don't like school. I can't read, I can't write...and they won't let me talk."



First Grade

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DANCE AND PIPING SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are currently being considered for **one week** scholarships to *The School of Scottish Arts* (for dance) in Minneapolis, North Carolina and the *North American Academy of Piping and Drumming* in Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

Applicants for the Scottish Heritage **one week** scholarships must submit a letter of application by May 20, 2016 to:

Scottish Heritage USA, Inc., PO Box 457, Pinehurst, North Carolina 28370.

The letter of application must include the following:

- EUSPBA # for piping and drumming (*if you have one*)
- FUSTA # for dance (*if you have one*)
- Applicant's name, address, contact phone number, email address (*if available*) and age
- Please indicate student's level of training and (*for piping/drumming*) instrument
- Brief essay explaining why applicant is applying for this scholarship (*no more than one printed page and must be written by applicant*)
- If the applicant is under 18, the application letter must be co-signed by parent or guardian
- Applicant's letter must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an accredited instructor

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 2016 – (NO EXCEPTIONS)

The School of Scottish Arts is held at the Candlestick Retreat and Enrichment Center in Minneapolis, NC on Hwy 19E which is 8 miles from Newland, and 15 miles from MacRae Meadows, site of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Built in 1932, the Minneapolis school building has been transformed into the Candlestick Retreat & Enrichment Center, a 72-bed facility. The center has added new conveniences but kept the flavor of the original hardwood floors and old school feel. Available are a full commercial kitchen and dining area, dorm rooms, updated bathrooms, exercise room and a full size gymnasium which is perfect for dance classes. There is also a large common living room with a cozy atmosphere provided by the fireplace and comfy furniture. The center is located at the intersection of the Big Horse Creek and the Toe River which meanders around the boundary of the facility.

The purposes of *School of Scottish Arts (SSA)* are:

- to encourage the preservation of the folk arts, heritage and traditions of Scotland
- to extend the knowledge and practice of Scottish Arts by providing a center for learning and offering instruction conforming to traditional standards, and;
- to stimulate public interest in Scottish arts and traditions.

SSA accomplishes this mission by offering quality dance instruction from top teachers of Highland Dancing and by introducing and reinforcing knowledge of Scottish culture and history. *For more information on the School of Scottish Arts, please contact Patricia Johnston at patriciaTJ@aol.com. The school does not presently have a website.*

North American Academy of Piping and Drumming The piping and drumming school, started by the late John McFayden, of Glasgow, Scotland, and Sandy Jones, has been operating in Valle Crucis, North Carolina for over 40 years. The school's professional instructors conduct one-week classroom instruction on piping and drumming. Room, board and tuition are included at a very reasonable price. *Visit the Academy's website at www.naapd.org*

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Ingredients :

- 1 1/2 Cups Old Fashion Oats
- 1 1/2 Cups Pastry flour
- 2/3 Cups Sugar
- 1/2 Tsp Baking Soda
- 1 1/2 Tsp Coarse Salt
- 1 Tsp Black Pepper
- 3/4 Cup Shortening
- 1/2 Cup Cold water



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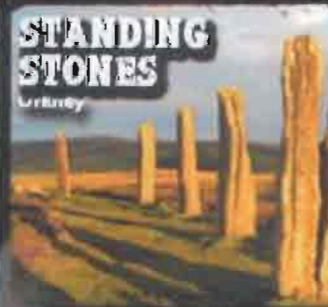
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Soldiers of the Church

The Story of what the Reformed Presbyterians (Covenanters) of North America, Canada, and the British Isles, did to win the World War of 1914-1918

John W. Pritchard (1919)

Preface

The authentic records gathered and preserved in this volume show the part which the Covenanter Church took in the great war of 1914-1918 to defend Christian liberty and democracy against the long-premeditated and gigantically prepared-for attack of Germany and her allies, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria, in an effort to dominate the world by a brutal and immoral military despotism.

These records establish the fact that the Covenanter's attitude toward civil government does affect his loyalty to his country but that it affects it by emphasizing it, and they show that 7.4 per cent of the entire membership of the American Covenanter Church were enrolled in the various departments of military service, a percentage probably greater than that of any other denomination.

People who do not understand, marvel that a Covenanter will give his life for his country but withholds his vote at election time.

A Covenanter will give his life because of his loyalty to his country, and withholds his vote at election time because of his loyalty to Christ.

To become a soldier he is required to swear loyalty to his country, and that he is always eager to do; but to vote in an election he is required to swear to a Constitution of Civil Government that does not recognize the existence of God, the authority of Christ over the nation, nor any obligation to obey His moral law; and that his conception of loyalty to Christ will not permit him to do.

This volume is published to show the true character of the Covenanter, and to aid in securing for him his rightful place in history.

The Scotch are proverbially prompt, thorough and

fearless in performance, but loth to talk of their achievements; and in their war work, herein recorded, all Covenanters show their Scotch ancestry.

More than six hundred American Covenanters were in the war, above two hundred of whom went overseas, and many of these were with Pershing fighting their way to the Rhine.



The secretary of the Church's Win-the-War Committee told how all but impossible it was to get any of our ministers, so many of whom rendered splendid service and a great deal of it, here at home, to report their work.

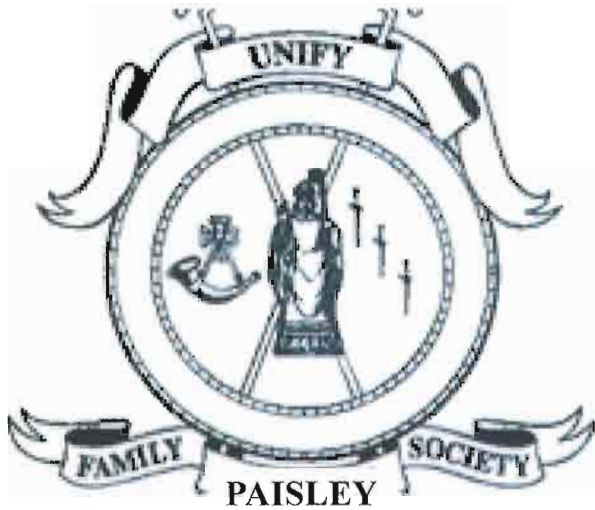
And the boys in the flaming battle lines, like their pastors, are true sons of their heroic forbears.

Scores of others than Covenanter soldiers published whole books of their adventures in trenches, going over the top, and in NoMan's Land, and thrilled audiences with their stories.

But Covenanter soldiers wrote never a line to their own Church weekly, and their home letters from the front line trenches, or from "Somewhere in France enroute to the Rhine," at least those letters of which we have learned, almost invariably concluded with a warning not to allow the Editor of their Church paper to have them.

Prof. Wm. M. Sloane, author of *The Century Company's Life of Napoleon*, of *The Balkan States*, and other standard histories, in an article written for the *Christian Nation*, spoke of the high place accorded to Covenanters by great historians after the Reformation, but only the most widely read and unprejudiced students of both political and Church history understand why they merit such distinguished praise.

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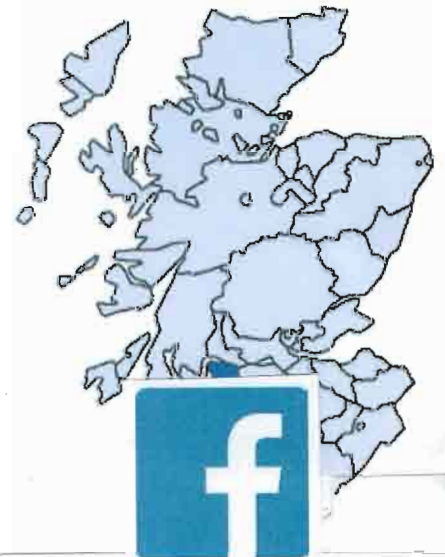


The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

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 Borge (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



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

WOW! NC's Triad Games, MD's Fairfield, Charleston, SC and Richmond, VA! The Paisley Family Society was busy in 2015. Check our webpage <www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk> to see what we're up to in 2016. Contact Martha Brown at: mbrown2205@aol.com. Paisley DNA project: <dlangsto@yahoo.com>



AGM & Spring Gathering 2015 at Ardfalla, Scotland

Actor Peter O'Toole, the bagpiper? Yep. ...and other interesting Scottish tidbits!

* **Peter O'Toole could play the bagpipes!** He played them in his first film role as the son of Rob Roy in the 1959 Disney version of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Kidnapped*. That film is considered to be the most accurate rendering of the story and it was filmed in the Highlands of Scotland.

Does anyone know where you might find a DVD copy of that version of *Kidnapped*? If you do, please email <bethscribble@aol.com>

* **In 1895, Loch Lomond froze over and one could walk all the way across.** During that time, the lowest temperature ever recorded in Britain was MINUS 17 degrees at Braemar.

* **The Scottish Thistle was once used as a "sweetie" by the Highland children!** The bulbous, purple head of the plant was cut, placed on a flat stone and burst open with another stone. The inside was sweet and chewy.

Thistle tea was said to relieve depression.

* **The Central American country of Belize is named after a Scottish pirate who roamed the Caribbean.** Belize is the local Creole dialect for "Wallace."

Wallace was the name of a buccaneer who became a national hero after rescuing slaves in the area and setting them free.

Soldiers of the Church, continued from page 27

The Covenanters themselves have not written history. They have merely made it. And so, the author of this volume, himself denied the privilege of companionship with his young friends in the camps or on the battlefields, is endeavoring to do for them that which they would not even assist in doing for themselves, relate their share in history-making during the period of the war, enshrine their deeds, and perpetuate the memory of their valor and their loyalty to Christ and their country.

To learn more about these *Soldiers of the Church*, visit <http://www.electricscotland.com/bible/soldiers.htm>



Paisley Family Society, USA Branch to attend Colonial Highland Gathering at Fair Hill, Maryland

The first "games" of 2016 for the Paisley Family Society, USA Branch, will be the Colonial Highland Gathering at Fair Hill, Maryland Saturday May 21, 2016.

These games are located in the northeast corner of Maryland off I-95 and just south of the Pennsylvania state line.

The Colonial Highland Gathering celebrates their 56th year in 2016. They are one of the premier festivals in the region with over 500 competitors and performers from around the world competing in music, dancing, heavy athletic and other events.

One of the many demonstrations that gets a lot of attention is the Sheep-to-Shawl demonstration where you can see how wool is transformed into a lovely shawl right before your eyes.

Go to the games website for more information, fairhillsscottishgames.org.



The Chieftain of the Paisley Family Society, USA Branch's father, Capt. Keith Paisley, passed away last November.

The Paisley Family Society sends sympathies to Westerlea and Jane, Sarah, Olivia and Claire.



The Round Hill Highland Games



The Round Hill Highland Games is a non-profit charitable organization sponsoring a festival celebrating Scottish heritage and tradition, and holding highland games competitions. Please join us in 2016 for our 92nd Annual Highland Games to be held at Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, Connecticut on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 - 26!
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