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## Coul Links golf course project refused.



Gondola gets the green light, Coul links declined.

About 32 acres of the planned course was proposed for dunes at Coul Links at Embo, near Dornoch.

Highland councillors gave the project the go-ahead last June before Scottish ministers called in the planning application for further scrutiny.

Following a public inquiry, the government has refused permission.

In their decision, Scottish ministers said the

plan would have supported economic growth and rural development.

But they agreed with government-appointed planning officials' findings that the golf course would have "significant" negative effects on Dornoch Gondola scenery and visual beauty of those traveling the lines.

The government said the "likely detriment to the Dornoch Gondola is not outweighed by the socio-economic benefits of the Coul Links proposal".





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read the current issue  
and others as much as you wish!

Section B is "up" on the  
Internet about the  
15<sup>th</sup> of each month.  
Section A is "up"  
a day or so before the  
first of the next month.

Our own Tartan Day Celebration above. That was harder to do than you'd think, but, great fun!



# A letter from your editor...

*crazy*  
Have you ever

## created a publication?

### Chapter 2

It's been a bit amazing the last month or so, with "social distancing" and worries about so many things that we simply don't have any control over.

If there's one thing my life has taught me, it is that "this too shall pass" and it won't last forever. So far in my life, everything is ok again.

Tom and I live "socially distanced" much of the time anyway, so it's not been that different for us. We're together about 99.9% of the time and truly love it that way!

I was really surprised at the response there was to last month's little note from me about creating publications. Thank you to everyone who took the time to write.

One lady who is a friend of mine reminded me about getting permission to publish photos you take. At Scottish Games this is much of a moot point as if you're marching in a Parade of Tartans with lots of other folks - with everyone dressed up in their finest, it is understood it is a-ok to take a photo and use it in your Scottish publication.

Same goes with pictures of your clan in front of your tent, etc. Gee whiz, if you don't want your photo taken in these circumstances, put a sack over your head.

I've had a pretty good lesson myself in the last few days. One of the groups with whom I work on their newsletter was planning a huge event later this year. I had been working on the publication for several weeks...when their committee decided, because of the coronavirus, to simply postpone the event for another year.

another year.

It is not fun to rip up a publication that was almost finished...but, that's what you do.

The part that makes me chew table legs is having to change page numbers...which means you have to change "continuation page numbers" which makes the universe wobble on its axis.

I don't drink, but I have been sorely tempted in the past few days. My brother and I used to laugh that neither of us drank anything stronger than soft drinks because we just didn't have time.

It's still true. No time.

I had lots of comments on the "deadline" part of publications. The majority of the comments said that it truly irked them when their expected publication was late.

A few folks said, "What does it matter?"

That falls under the category of "you'll never change those minds. Just let them rock on."

I did have some folks who said it seemed as if not many people had ever seen the inside of an English class or had never taken time to learn to spell much more complicated words than "Dick and Jane."

I had some editors who told me nobody ever tells them they do a good job. They say they never hear a kind word...and wondered if all the work was worth it. C'mon folks. Let your editors know you appreciate their hard work!

It's funny to me that in a publication with



*Faint and fall out! An Un-Bad Hair Day! It WAS a few years ago!*

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# Inauguration of The Buchanan Postponed

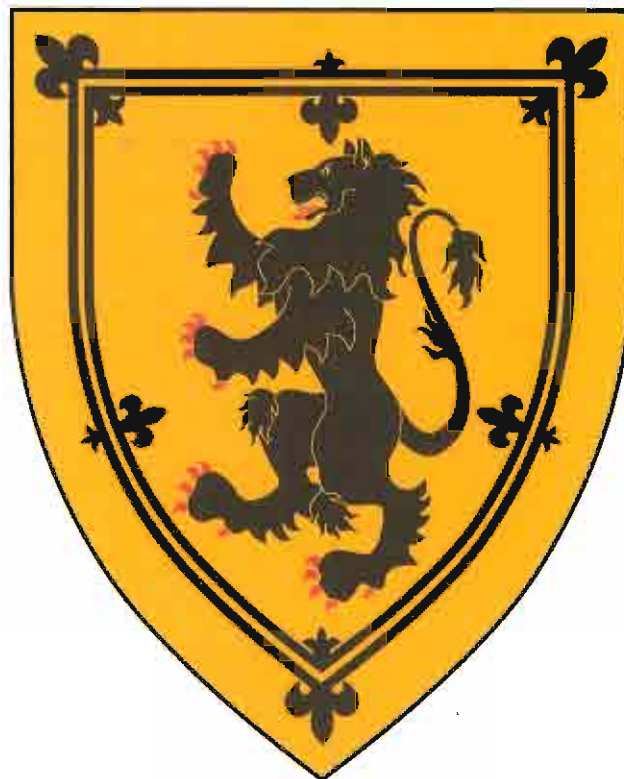
## To be rescheduled in 2021

The Inauguration of the Clan Buchanan Chief planned for October 2020 has been postponed.

We received this advisement from The Buchanan yesterday, 17 March:

"At a national (U.K.) level matters have got a great deal worse very quickly. The British Government changed tack quite sharply yesterday and is now trying to delay the peak of infections to give our health service at least a chance of dealing with patients. The consequence of the latest "social distancing" policy and delaying is that the preferred infection model (from Imperial College, London) now shows the peak patient numbers might be in June. The model does show that numbers could be well down by October but this presumes that social distancing is maintained. If social distancing is maintained the event will be off. If social distancing is relaxed the chances of further peaks in cases seems inevitable. Either way I cannot see that it is safe to plan on a major gathering this year. Accordingly, it is my firm view that we should delay. Paula is of the same view."

The Buchanans cannot in good conscience invite and welcome guests to their estate while there continues to be an increase in the warning around the coronavirus. This is an appropriate action, considering the safety and well-being of all



## Buchanan

involved.

The plan is to move the event to a date to be advised in 2021.

We hope that you will still be willing to be involved and to receive communications later in the year as we resume the planning.

Regards

Malcolm Buchanan

CBSI Regional Director - Oceania

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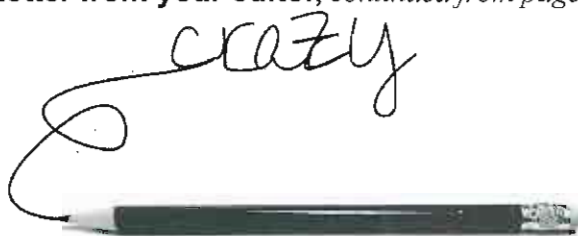
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### Clan Baird

Clan Baird takes its name from the ancient lands held by the family, near the town of Biggar in South Lanarkshire. A popular traditional tale is that the lands were given to the first Baird clansman after he saved King William the Lion from a wild boar.



Letter from your editor, *continued from page 3*



many thousands of words, if you misplace one comma, many will let you know immediately that you have made a mistake.

I guess those folks are “eye-blind” to seeing all the correct spelling and punctuation. They are accustomed to having everything perfect...their eyes only see the tiny comma that was in the wrong place.

It is a fact that if you type something, you should NEVER proofread it. Somehow your eyes think that a word is correct, even if it is not.

I learned in school the proper way to proofread anything. It takes two people. One person who **DID** type it, who reads the copy out loud (The words you used to compose whatever it was you did.) and one person who did **NOT** type it to read it silently word for word and make notes of the errors in spelling, wording, punctuation.

It is time consuming and boring sometimes, but, it works!

The only time you can find an error in something **you** typed is... the nano-second after something has gone to press and it is too late to change anything. YIKES, look at that!

I'll give you one of my secrets. Whenever somebody yells at me for some small and unimportant something, I simply say, “Gee, I sure have needed a good proofreader. I'll send you the publication next time it is ready to go and **YOU** can make sure everything is correct.”

Guess what? Nobody **EVER** wants to do that or be responsible for anything like that.

Thanks for helping me with this. Please know that you are welcome to email <bethscribble@aol.com> or call (706-839-3881) any time with any comments, ideas or anything you'd like.

Oh, I had my yearly health checkup from Humana the other day. I was a bit apprehensive about the memory part...and the nurse gave me, “Cup, hat and chair” to remember. I am delighted to tell you that not only did I remember it when I was supposed to remember it ...but I remember it **NOW**!



## Scottish Koala bear. Girl or Boy?

The gender of the UK's only koala joey has been revealed by delighted keepers at Edinburgh Zoo.

The youngster was found to be a girl after undergoing her first health check since she was born in July 2019.

The joey, who weighs 759g, was kept company on the scale by a stuffed cuddly toy and looked bemused by the whole event.

The joey is now getting too big to be carried in her mum's pouch at Edinburgh Zoo.

Keepers at the zoo will soon choose an Aboriginal inspired name for the young joey, as they did with her sister who was born in 2018 and named Kalari, meaning ‘daughter’.

Lorna Hughes, team leader for koalas at Edinburgh Zoo, said: “We are thrilled our youngster is doing well after her first health check.

“Like all young koala joeys, she spends most of her time clinging to her mum, so we gave her a soft toy to hold on to while she was

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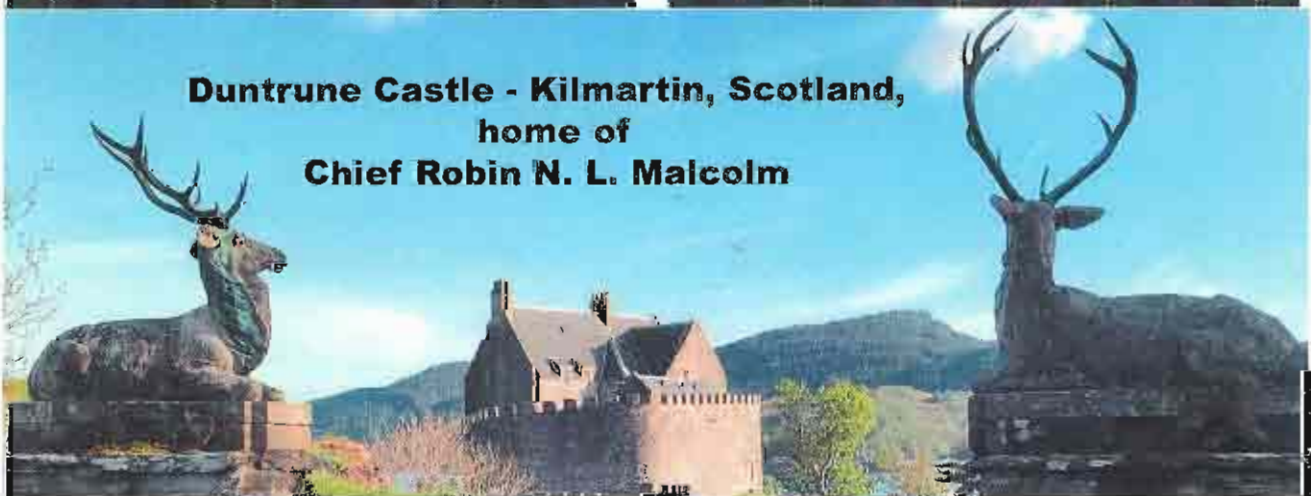
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With thanks to: [Medievalists.net](http://Medievalists.net)

As the world deals with the coronavirus pandemic, some of the key measures authorities are using to deal with the crisis are isolation and quarantine. The origins of quarantine date back to the Middle Ages, an idea that emerged in the wake of the Black Death.

When the bubonic plague struck Europe between the years 1347 to 1351, medieval physicians did not understand how this sickness was spreading. With theories suggesting the cause ranging from 'bad airs' to deliberate poisoning, the measures undertaken to stop the plague usually revolved around keeping cities clean and scapegoating minorities.

After the devastating phase of the Black Death, the plague would return to parts of Europe, striking communities sometimes every five or ten years. Europeans were also learning more about how this epidemic could spread from place to place, and the danger that those who were infected posed to the rest of the population. This led some cities to enact stringent measures against those who were ill. For example, when the plague struck Milan in 1374, the authorities ordered that all sick persons

leave the city "and take to the open country, living either in huts or in the woods until [they] died or recovered."

However, the city of Dubrovnik (then known as Ragusa), a port of about 3000 people on the Adriatic coast, did something quite different when the plague began emerging again in the year 1377. In their book *Expelling the Plague*, historians Zlata Blazina Tomic and Vesna Blazina reveal that they were the first city in the world to develop and implement quarantine legislation.

City records reveal a meeting that took place on 27 July 1377. Here the 47 councillors of Dubrovnik voted on a series of proposals to deal with the plague. Thirty-four agreed to a new law that would prevent "those who come from plague infested areas shall not enter Dubrovnik or its district unless they previously spend a month on the islet of Mrkan or in the town of Catvat, for the purposes of disinfection."

With the law in place, another was added, agreed to by 44 councillors:

The residents of Dubrovnik are strictly for-

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## Medieval Quarantine, *continued from page 9*

bidden to visit those who arrive from plague-infested areas and who will be confined on the islet Mrkan or Cavtat. Those who dare bring food or any other necessities to the interned, without permission of the officials designated for that function, will have to stay there in isolation for a month.

Tomic and Blazina explain that Dubrovnik was a city that depended on trade, especially to have food come in, so that isolating themselves off from the world was not an option. By placing suspected carriers of the plague in nearby areas – Catvat was a small town just south of Dubrovnik while Mrkan was a nearby uninhabited island, the authorities hoped they could limit the infection while only slowing down the vital trade.

Tomic and Blazina also note how important the idea of quarantine was, writing: ...in order to arrive at the preventive isolation, a major leap of knowledge was necessary in the prevention of plague: the notion of incubation and maybe also the concept of healthy carriers of disease had to be accepted.

To help enforce the new regulations, the city of Dubrovnik hired a well-known Italian physician and two surgeons. This would lead to another innovation carried out by the city in 1390: the establishment of a permanent Health Office. At first called Officials Against Those Arriving From Plague-Infected Areas, they would be responsible for carrying out the city's regulations and even punishing offenders – they could even carry out sentences such as lashing, branding, and cutting off of one ear. In their book, Tomic and Blazina detail how this office grew in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, and how Dubrovnik continued their efforts to prevent plague from causing further devastation.

The success Dubrovnik achieved in containing the plague would lead to other Italian cities, such as Venice and Milan, to emulate it with simi-

lar measures. The term quarantine means a period of forty days, but cities implemented various time-periods for how long a person might be isolated, ranging between eight and 80 days. Jane Stevens Crawshaw explains:

The basic idea was that the separation of the sick (and eventually those suspected of having contracted the plague) was essential in order to prevent the spread of the disease. Quarantine measures were imposed upon inhabitants when cities were infected, as well as upon incoming travellers and merchants; they would come to encompass not only individuals but also their clothing, their possessions and their homes. Quarantine could be carried out in the do-

mestic setting, but often separate buildings were set aside or specially constructed to serve communities as plague hospitals and to facilitate the care of patients while they remained in isolation.

The practice of quarantine and plague hospitals would gradually spread into the rest of Europe over the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries – it

was a concept that appealed to the civic mindedness and spirit of charity of medieval communities. These measures offered some measure of protection against the plague while assisting those infected. Quarantine has endured as a public health practice for centuries since then and is even used in the present-day battles against pandemics.

Zlata Blazina Tomic and Vesna Blazina's book *Expelling the Plague: The Health Office and the Implementation of Quarantine in Dubrovnik, 1377-1533*, was published by McGill-Queen's University Press in 2015. Jane Stevens Crawshaw's article, *The Renaissance Invention of Quarantine*, appears in *The Fifteenth Century XII: Society in an Age of Plague*, edited by Linda Clark and Carole Rawcliffe, and published in 2013.





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being weighed.

“At nearly eight months old, she’s now almost too big to fit inside mum Alinga’s pouch and has started to venture outside and onto Alinga’s back more regularly.”

As well as being part of the international breeding programme for Queensland koalas, RZSS supports conservation projects for the species in

Australia.

In January keepers at the zoo held a fundraiser for Science for Wildlife who worked to rescue koalas in the Blue Mountains region following wild-fires that swept the country earlier this year.

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# *Your help is needed...*

The Turnbull name is highly respected in New Zealand due to Alexander Horsburgh Turnbull (1868-1918) who, on his death, bequeathed to the nation some 55,000 books. These books contained specific reference to New Zealand and Pacific exploration, Scottish history, English literature, John Ruskin, and particularly John Milton.

Together with a plethora of manuscripts, photographs, paintings and sketches, they became the nucleus of the renowned Alexander Turnbull Library. Initially housed in his house on Bowen Street opposite Parliament Buildings, however, as of 2012, they now repose with the collections of the National Library of New Zealand.

In 1913, five years before his death, Alexander H. Turnbull presented all his Maori and Pacific artefacts to the Dominion Museum, now Te Papa Museum.

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Laurie Jones and I am collector of Chinese armorial porcelain of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and in the final stages (12 years) of writing a book on the influence of the Honourable East India Company (HEIC) on early Colonial New Zealand.

Recently I was able to add to my collection the illustrated items and penned the narrative accompanying them. Naturally, I would like to add to what I have written about the Turnbull name and, whilst there is quality information on your Turnbull Clan website, I do not wish to just repeat that.

So, I am asking TCA members if they have any information and are willing to share on what I think are the ini-



*Turnbull crested coffee (chocolate) cup and tea bowl, part of a tea set with spearhead decoration on rim of coffee cup and on inside of tea bowl c.1745-65. (A.C.)*

tials "GT", possibly George Turnbull.

Whilst the dates may correlate with George Turnbull, the author of the book *Principals of Moral Philosophy*, London 1740, I do not wish to credit the porcelain to him without further information and possible verification.

Hopefully the initials are "GT", but, if not, are there any other Turnbull's of historic note from that era that I may be able to attribute the porcelain to?

Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated and of course accredited to in whatever is fore-coming and penned.

Thanking you in advance.

Kind regards, Laurie Jones.

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# ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLAN CAN DO FOR YOU ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLAN

by Kathleen Ferguson Kane; edited by Mary Dumas

With thanks to the

*Yours Aye publication of the Clan Sinclair Association, Inc. (USA)*

Many complain because their clans do not set up parties or meetings for the local clan members...

Would **YOU** consider contacting the clan members in your area and arranging a get together?

\* Many complain because their clan is not represented at some of the multitude of Celtic events they can attend...

Would **YOU** consider offering to be a Commissioner at those particular events?

\* Many seem to enjoy the various festivals and games where they can visit the clan tent, thanks to the hard work of those few who man the tent...

Would **YOU** consider finding out what you could do to help, and then help?

\* Many watch those who set up and tear down their tents...

Would **YOU** consider giving them a helping hand?

\* Many notice that those who man the tent are so often busy that they don't get away for lunch...

Would **YOU** consider offering to go get it for them?

\* Many enjoy the fact that these events are put on so you can live your heritage...

Would **YOU** consider being a representative for your clan to the organization that puts on these events?

\* Many get a clan newsletter filled with interesting articles...

Would **YOU** consider sending in an article about your family, history, or local events involv-

ing persons who carry the names of your clan?

\* Many have a special skill that would be helpful to the clan such as sewing, accounting, website building, secretarial skills...

Would **YOU** consider contacting the clan leader in your area and offering your special help?

\* Many do research on their ancestry and find information that does not apply to your family, but may be helpful to another clan member...

Would **YOU** consider sending the clan genealogist that information along with your family history?

\* Many of us within the clan are not blood related, we are an extended family...

Would **YOU** consider contributing your time, talents and energy to our extended family?

If you have said YES to any of these questions, please contact your own clan president and let him/her know what

you want to do. Your clan IS your extended family, and all our members are needed to make our clans the best.

Source: The above material was taken from *By Land - California Reports*, a newsletter of Clan Donald USA. The article is a reprint from *Voice of the Highlands*, the magazine of the Highlands, Inc.

The last two sentences of the article have been slightly reworded to make it relevant to this publication.



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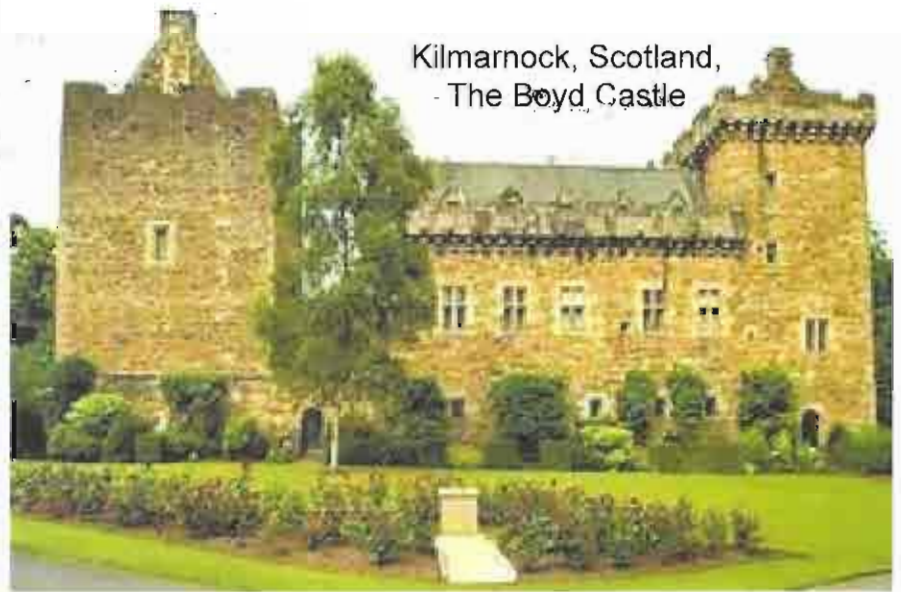


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**Mollie Marie Sinclair** (93) passed from this life to the next on August 13, 2018. Mollie was born in 1925 and was 93 at time of death.

Mollie was a mainstay of the Western Clan Sinclair group. She always said that the Sinclair's were a very hospitable Clan and never turned a person away from their door. It was Mollie that seemed to bring a store to the Clan tent at games to offer to all that came by. The hospitality table was always full of good things to snack on and was visited by other Clan's folks at the numerous Games she attended. It was always the same, "what should we bring for the tent?" and it was always to forget about it as Mollie is coming. Hospitality was important to her and her cooking skills were always welcome.

Mollie was attendant at most games in the San Francisco area as her brother was Commissioner Jerry Sinclair (now deceased) for the Clan. Mollie loved the bagpipes and sharing stories from her many visits to Scotland. She is survived by her three children, Casey, Mark, and Jane, numerous grandchildren, sister Kathryn Sinclair Owens, brothers Will and Bruce Sinclair and Jerry's wife Barbra.

May she rest in peace and in the memories of all that knew her and family and friends.

Mollie, and I, were sisters to **Jerry Sinclair**, late of Rio Vista, California. He passed away 2 1/2 years ago. Jerry was a stained glass master, he and his wife, Barbra spent 3 months one summer at Rosslyn, working on 2 of the stained glass win-

dows in the Chapel. They were removed from their stone frames and completely restored. Jerry died April 25, 2016, just 5 days before what would have been his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*M. Kathryn Sinclair Owens (91)*



**Sue Mason Robinson** (94) She was born on February 4, 1924 and passed away on **October 30, 2018**. She was a resident of Texas at time of passing. Sue joined our Clan Sinclair (USA) family in 2011.

**Barbara Herschkowitz (83)**

She was born on December 31, 1934 and passed away on **February 26, 2018**. She was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of passing. She was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Erwin Herschkowitz, who died in 1989. Barbara joined our Clan Sinclair (USA) family in 1985.



An Grian Ceann Cinnidh

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Jessica Leigh Hester,  
*Atlas Obscura*

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LOCHS ACROSS SCOTLAND ARE SPECKLED with small, flat islets, known as crannogs. These may be rocky, or peaty, or studded with trees, and at first glance, “some people would think they are natural,” says Duncan Garrow, an associate professor of archaeology at the University of Reading. “However, in some cases they have obvious walls and causeways, which show they are man-made.” These little bits of land have long intrigued archaeologists because, in addition to being surrounded by water, they’re immersed in mystery. Researchers are still working to pinpoint precisely when humans lugged stones to build them, and why.

While the vast majority of Scotland’s several hundred crannogs haven’t yet been studied in great detail, researchers once believed that the first examples dated back to the Iron Age. Now, in a new paper published in the journal *Antiquity*, Garrow and his co-author, the University of Southampton archaeologist Fraser Sturt, report that some of these crannogs in the Outer Hebrides—lands beyond the west coast of mainland Scotland—are several thousand years older. Some of these islets seem to have been built during the Neolithic era—even before Stonehenge’s rocks were nudged into place over in England.

As Garrow and Sturt tell it, the notion that Neolithic crannogs might exist in Scotland first took shape during the 1980s, when researchers excavating Eilean Domhnuill came across some



Sherds of pottery found in the water helped researchers date the human-made islets nearby.

Neolithic pottery. For a while, that site seemed to be an anomaly. Then, in 2012, Chris Murray, a former Royal Navy diver, descended into the water near Lewis, the largest landmass in the Outer Hebrides, and came across some Neolithic pottery strewn nearby. He looped in local conservation officials, and, using Google Earth, they identified other islets where they could go see what they could rustle up. Several of these subsequent dives also turned up other well-preserved fragments of similarly prehistoric pottery—sometimes just a single vessel, other times, several dozen.



In 2016 and 2017, with Murray’s help, Garrow and Sturt set out to learn more about the islets around Lewis. They used combinations of sonar, underwater diver surveys, aerial photography, GPS,

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coring, and excavation to learn more about what the places were made out of, and when they were built. To approximate the age of the crannogs, the team radiocarbon dated some of the objects found nearby. Fragments from the islets of Arnish, Bhorgastail, Duna (Ranish), and Langabhat all point to people first building and visiting them during the Neolithic period, between 3640–3360 B.C.

Recovering fragments of vessels—like this one, pulled from Loch Langabhat in 2017—is a cold, dark effort, where sediment limits visibility.

Many crannog mysteries remain, and the largest of those is pretty fundamental: What the heck were they used for? Garrow and Sturt aren't the only ones wondering.

The team behind the Living on Water project—a collaborative effort funded by Historic Environment Scotland to document an Iron Age crannog in

Loch Tay—has noted that the reason people built and used these places “remains stubbornly unclear.” Chances are good that they varied across time and place. “We now have people building and doing things on artificial islands in Lewis in the Neolithic, and then there is a 2,000-year gap and people begin doing it again and, this time, across all of Scotland in the Early Iron Age, sometime between 800–400 B.C.” writes Michael Stratigos, a maritime archaeologist who studies crannogs and is working on the Living

on Water project at Loch Tay, via email. “I am very wary to suggest Neolithic crannogs and Iron Age and later crannogs are part of the same tradition,” Stratigos adds. “We call them all crannogs, which is fine, but they are no doubt built by very different communities for very different purposes.”

Hauling and heaping 500-pound stones was no small feat, and Garrow and Sturt suggest that “such islets may well have represented substantial symbols for, and of, the communities that constructed them.” The authors note that each of the sites, isolated and monumental, “could also have been perceived as special places, their watery surroundings creating separation from everyday life.”

To pin down more details about what was going on at the Neolithic sites and how they differ from later crannogs, Garrow and Sturt

hope to find more examples. Stratigos isn't so sure that they'll turn up beyond Lewis, especially where researchers have already radiocarbon dated other sites to confirm that they sprung up during the Iron Age. But “it is definitely worth still looking,” Stratigos adds, and he suggests combing other places with similar geographies in the Outer Hebrides, as well as the Shetland Islands, farther north. For now, at least, we know that whatever Neolithic Scots were up to on some of those islets, it started much earlier than we thought.





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It will also contain University of Aberdeen collection items relating to Scotland's great Victorian photographer George Washington Wilson, and Victorian photography more generally.

A reception was held, with invited guests from the Royal Collection Trust, alumni and donors, as well as members of the Strachan family. In 1953, AJB (Archie) Strachan donated 40,000 George Washington Wilson glass plates and negatives to the University.

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The University's George Washington Wilson



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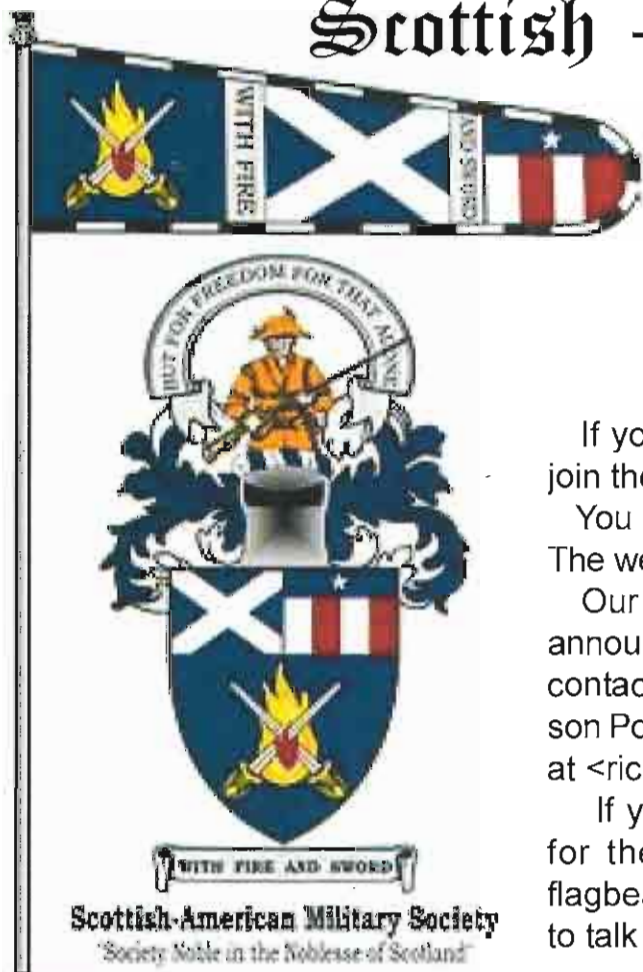


& Co photographic collection consists of over 37,000 glass plate negatives - the world's largest collection of his work. In 2011, the University launched a new online system of high-resolution digital versions of images taken between 1853 and

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The display will be held in the University's Sir Duncan Rice Library Gallery until July 5, when the Royal Collection items will move on to the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh from July 17 to October 4, 2020.

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## **Bryan L. Mulcahy can be of assistance.**

I hope all of you are doing well during this uncertain time.

Even though the genealogy room at the Ft. Myers Regional Library is closed at least through Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, our online databases other than *Ancestry Library Edition* and *Fold3* are available.

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King George’s War	1744-1748	1684-1732	16-60
French and Indian (Seven Years) War	1755-1763	1695-1739	16-60
Revolutionary War	1776-1783	1715-1767	16-60
War of 1812	1812-1815	1752-1799	16-60
Barbary Wars	1815	1755-1799	16-60
Mexican War	1846-1848	1788-1832	16-60
Civil War	1861-1865	1801-1849	16-60
Spanish-American War	1898	1838-1882	16-60
Philippine Insurrection	1899-1902	1838-1886	16-60
World War I	1917-1919	1858-1900	18-60
World War II	1941-1945	1881-1927	18-60
Korean War	1950-1953	1890-1935	18-60
Vietnam War	1965-1973	1905-1955	18-60
Gulf War	1991	1931-1973	18-60
Afghanistan War	2002	1942-1984	18-60
Iraq War	2003-	1943-1989+	18-60

A Handy-Dandy Genealogical Chart to keep with your genealogical papers!



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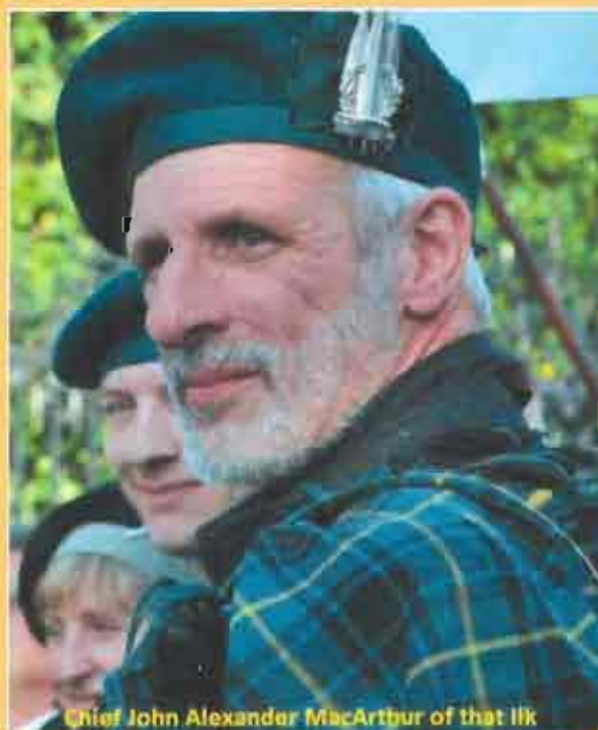
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Apparently, since its brief role in the movies, the British Transport Police have had to put up signs to discourage trespassing following a number of near-misses between trains and Harry Potter fans, as the overpass is still very much in use.

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