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The 2022 National Tartan Day Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Scottish American Community Chosen

Robert Currie, Commander of the Name and Arms of Currie is to be Honoured in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Scottish Coalition USA today announced the selection of the 20th Annual National Tartan Day Award to Robert “Bob” Currie, Commander of the Name and Arms of Currie for his outstanding contribution as a community leader and volunteerism to our Scottish-American community.

“We were unanimous in our choice of the awardee. Bob Currie has devoted more than 30 years to supporting and promoting Scottish-American culture in the USA, from developing the outstanding *Tartan Week Festival* for the past 20 years at Ellis Island every year during Tartan Week to producing the *Pipes of Christmas* concerts, both are now recognized as leading annual calendar events of the Scottish American diaspora. This together with Bob’s tireless work in support of the Learned Kindred of Currie and promotion of Gaelic culture makes him an outstanding recipient.”

The presentation is part of the Scottish Coalition’s and the National Tartan Day Capitol Committee’s Tar-



tan Day Commemoration Event. The Commemoration will include readings, music, and messages from various Scottish American organizations across the USA celebrating Tartan Day locally in their own ways. The 2022 National Tartan Day Award will be awarded to Currie at a ceremony in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 5, 2022.

About Robert Currie

Currie is a respected leader in the Scottish-American community and has been involved in ethnic affairs and historic preservation for the last 30 years.

Following an international call for nominations, he was unanimously elected Commander of the Name and Arms of the Currie family – a Scottish bardic dynasty

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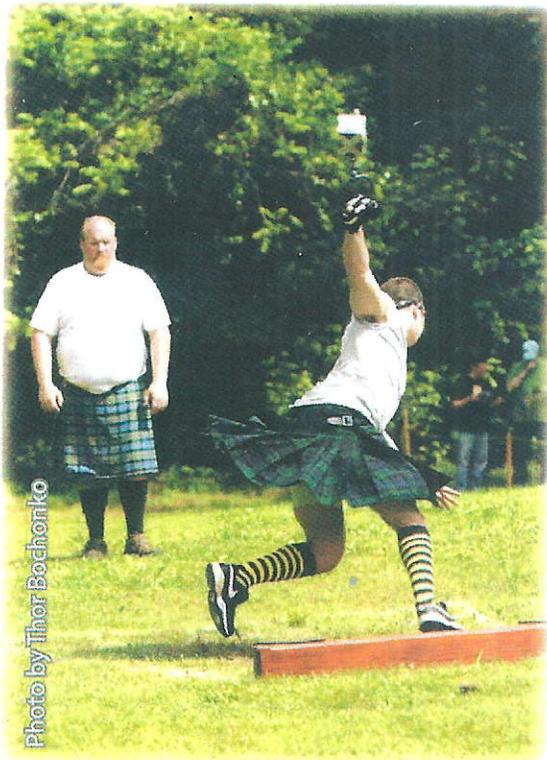


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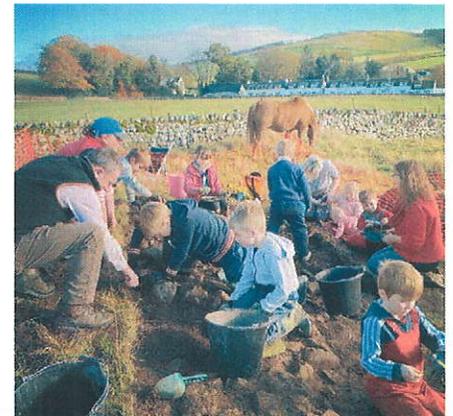
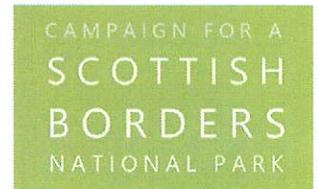
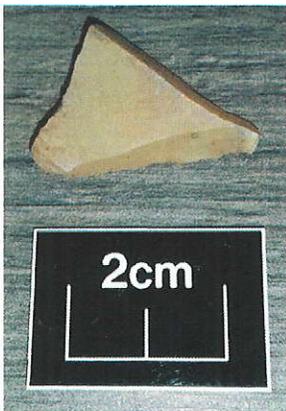
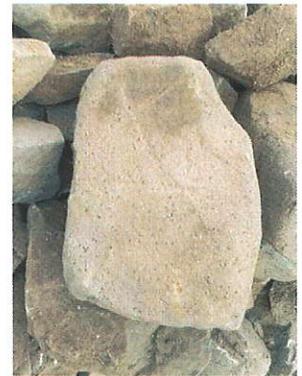
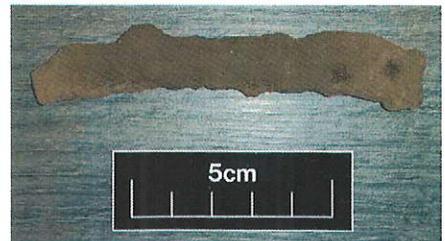


HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND

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There was lots of interest in the exploratory excavation at Bedrule Castle. More than 120 students from seven schools participated. The weather was kind to us too. From the results of our Bedrule Castle dig in the Scottish Borders, here are some of the volunteer teams and finds.

A spindle whorl (top left) with lines radiating from the centre, a piece of flint, a metal object (knife?) and a fragment of stone with tooling marks. We'd love to hear what you think! Professor Jane Bower, FRSE Have your say via the editor@turnbullclan.com





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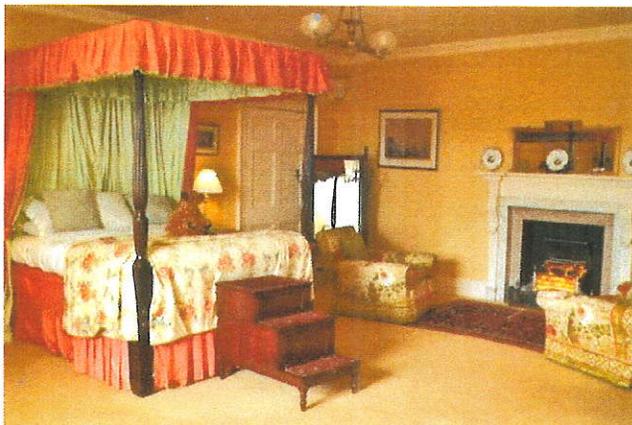
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| • <i>The Scottish Gaelic Studies Lectureship at UNC Chapel for the academic years of 2017-20</i> | <i>\$185,000</i> |
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| • <i>Scholarships for dance and piping students 2010-2019</i> | <i>\$50,000</i> |
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| • <i>Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC</i> | <i>\$7,700</i> |
| • <i>Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Cultural Village 2017-20</i> | <i>\$6,000</i> |

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Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle



The Hill House, Helensburgh

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Loch Lomond and the Trossachs was Scotland's first National Park

A new Scottish National Park is on the horizon – but where will it be?

YEARS of campaigning have finally paid off – the Scottish government has confirmed that the country will have at least one new National Park by 2026.

The Cairngorms was Scotland's second National Park. John Mayhew, who ran Scottish Campaign for National Parks, is in no doubt about the value of adding to the existing parks, the Cairngorms and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs.

"They bring real focus," he says, "as well as additional resources to help support the area's natural and cultural heritage."

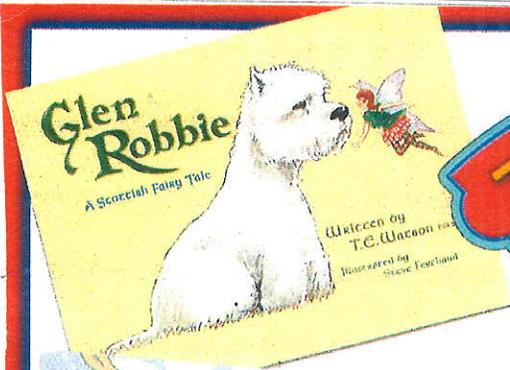
Seven areas have been identified as potential sites. We asked both *The Scots Magazine* readers and online

followers to vote for their favourite out of the seven – and the results are in!

The reader vote placed Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the Black Mount as the best location for the next National Park with over 30% of the votes. Social media users, however, went for Galloway with over 50% of the vote.

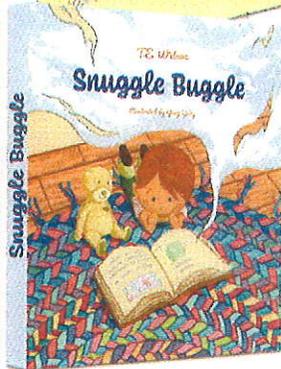
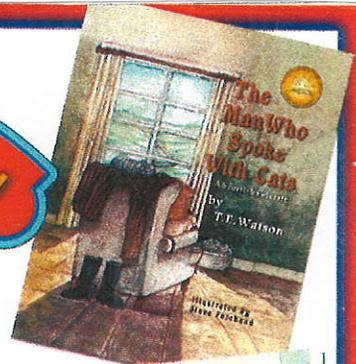
The Scottish government is committed to creating at least one more National Park by 2026, but more may be designated.

"National Parks have a big role to play in tackling the climate emergency and solving the nature crisis," John says. "They have already moved in that direction ... you are seeing in both National Parks big peatland restoration and native woodland regeneration."



Author
T.E. WATSON

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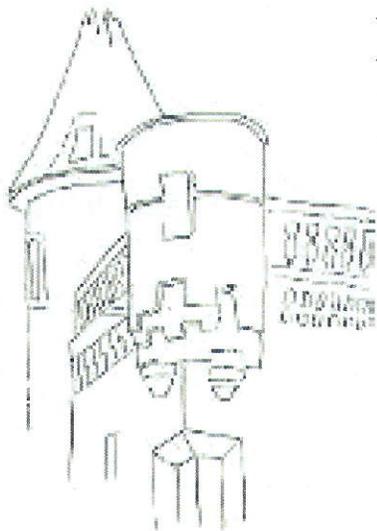
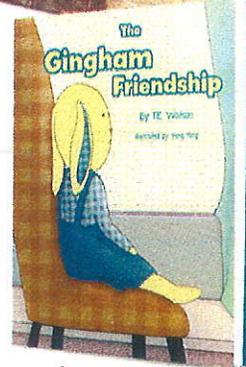
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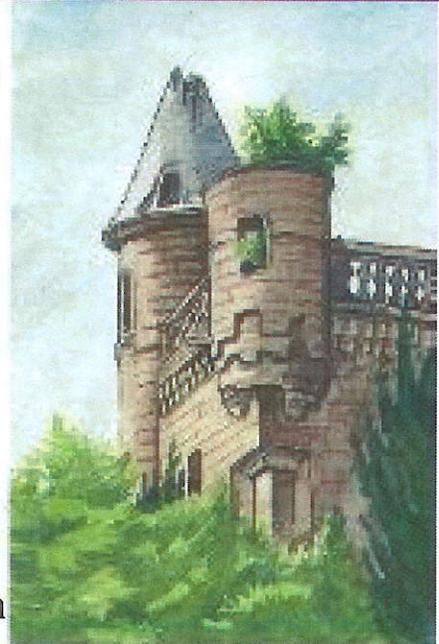
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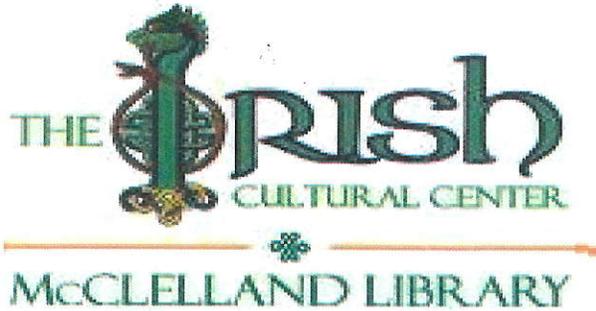
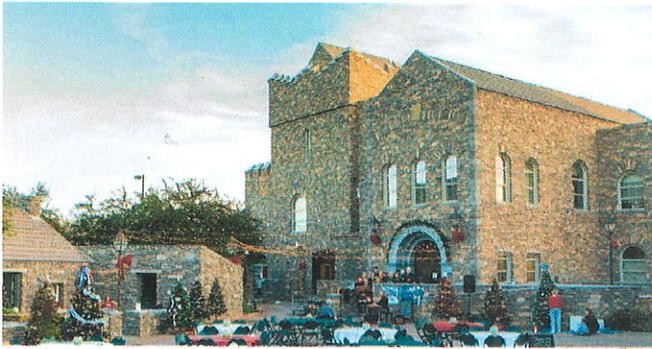


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From March 1st through May 31st we will return to our normal business hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10:00am to 3:00pm, and Fridays 3:00pm to 8:00pm.

Hope to see you here!

The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library is located at: 1106 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004, USA. Their phone number is 1-602-258-0109. Their website is: <www.azirish.org>



After needing 13 liters of blood for surgery at the age of 13, a man named James Harrison pledged to donate blood once he turned 18. It was discovered that his blood contained a rare antigen that cured Rhesus disease. He made over 1000 donations throughout his lifetime and saved over 2.4 million unborn babies from the condition.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL BLAIR YOUTH AWARD 2022 - IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF CLAN BLAIR

Clan Blair Society is offering the 6th year of the WC Blair Youth Award. This is a recognition of an outstanding youth member of the Society who is nominated by their family or friends for their extraordinary contributions to Scottish heritage in the forms of music, dance, art, athletics, scholastics, theatre/performance, or support of CBS activities.

The recipient receives recognition at the Annual General Meeting and a \$500 cash award.

William Campbell Blair was a founding member of CBS and served as President and a State Commissioner in California for many years. He was a pediatrician and his love for children is represented by this award in his honor.

Please nominate a young member of the Clan Blair Society family.

Nominations must be received by June 30. Questions can be forwarded to Jim Blair at <vicepresident@clanblair.org>.

Lord Lyon issues notes for guidance on recognition of Chiefs

Dr Joseph Morrow CBE, QC, FRSE, the Rt. Hon. The Lord Lyon King of Arms, and Vice President of the Royal Celtic Society, has issued the following guidance on matters of succession to the chiefship of a clan, looking at the history of clans and how the succession of chiefs has evolved, how chiefs are recognised, and the process for identifying a new chief when the original chiefly line has expired.

To access this information, please visit: <<https://www.royalcelticsociety.scot/en/news/178-lord-lyon-issues-notes-for-guidance-on-recognition-of-chiefs.html>>



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

Clan Paisley Society

All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Paisley Family Society USA Branch, FaceBook account can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Paisley-Family-Society-USA-branch-195070730565352/>



The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
The guidon of the Chief (below)




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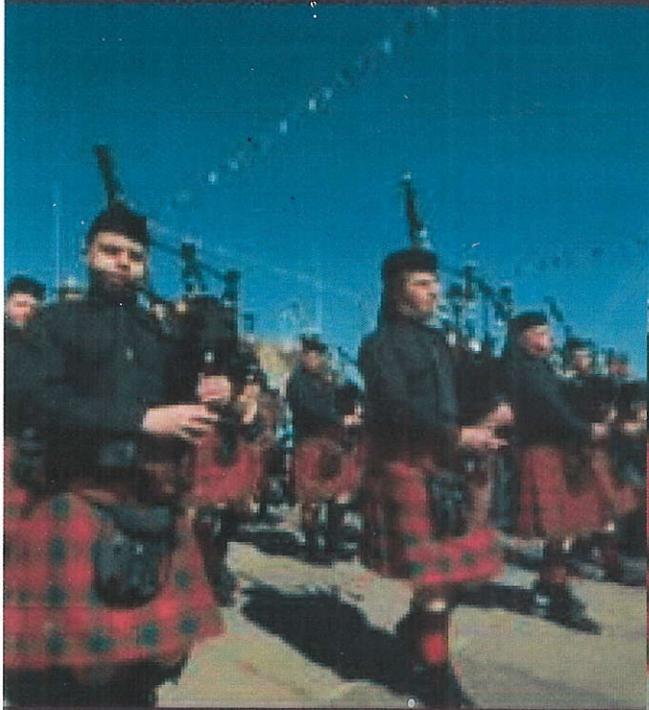
The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots, 1165-1214.

For the Paisley DNA Project, visit
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Check out the
Clan Paisley Society webpage at
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to see what's happening with us this year. Contact **Diane Langston** at
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This year, live events and festivals are back in a BIG way across Scotland. We look at some of the best, from whisky and music festivals to art fairs and live cooking shows.

Stromness, Orkney

Orkney Folk Festival, 26th to 29th May 2022

The Orkney Folk Festival began in 1983, and is now regarded as one of the best and friendliest festivals in Scotland. Based in its spiritual home of Stromness, there are also events elsewhere on the islands. Whether you enjoy a lively toe-tapping pub session or an energetic 'stomp,' Orkney Folk Festival attracts visitors and a stellar line-up of artists from all over the world. This includes the hugely popular contemporary Scottish fiddle band Blazin' Fiddles, who are pictured in the main im-



Newton Stewart Walking Festival invites you!

Thank you for your interest in Newton Stewart Walking Festival. We are currently in the process of updating this website with details of the festival we plan to run in May 2022. Some of the current details shown are historic. Please note that we are not yet taking bookings for this year's event. We will let you know as soon as bookings open. You may get more information at <https://www.walkfestnewtonstewart.com>

Galloway is a wonderful location for walking and whether you enjoy the challenge of our true hill walking experiences or discovering our beautiful countryside and rugged coastline, there is sure to be something for everyone. Our festival is more than a walk in the hills, along the coast or amongst wonderful woodlands - we aim

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age of this article. Why not combine a visit to the Folk Festival with a trip to Luxury Scotland Business Partner, Sheila Fleet Jewellery. Pop into The Kirk Gallery & Café in Tankerness. This beautifully renovated former parish church is a showcase for Sheila Fleet's jewellery collections, including her very latest designs. The Kirk Café, is a fantastic Orkney food experience offering some unique Orcadian dishes.

Pouring whisky

Islay Festival of Music and Malt, 27th May to 4th June

The Islay Festival, otherwise known as Fèis Ìle, is a gathering of whisky and Islay fans from across the globe. There is a popular saying on Islay: "Come for the whisky, return for the island," so even if it's the whisky that draws you to one of Scotland's most beautiful islands, you're bound to be mesmerised by the combination of tastings, tours, beaches, walks, ceilidhs, sunsets and sunrises.

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New officers for the Turnbull Clan!

The following results of the voting for the Turnbull Clan office bearers for 2022-2023 are as follows . . .

President: Walter Turnbull; Vice President: Jeff Trimble; Treasurer: Sandy Turnbull; Secretary: Brittany Turnbull.

Vice President; Communication: Betty Turnbull; Vice President of Events: Katherine Turnbull; Vice President International News and Editor: Kenneth Turnbull.

Our congratulations go to all of the successful candidates

CENTRAL FLORIDA GAMES GREAT FUN FOR TURNBULLS!



The Turnbull Clan was well represented at the Central Florida Games held in mid January 2022. A great time was had by everyone who attended .

Walking Festival, *continued from page 9* to provide you with a unique and complete WalkFest experience.

Often described as Scotland's best kept secret, Galloway is a wonderfully unspoilt landscape with an endless variety of routes for walkers to enjoy. Walkfest offers around 30 routes over 7 days, with transport and guides included, as well as a programme of evening social events.



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BEDRULE HERITAGE PROJECT 2021- 2022

UPDATE ON THE BEDRULE CASTLE SITE
The Excavation and investigation on the remains began on Thursday 11th to Saturday 20th November 2021



The flat stone shown here, may be the remains of a stone pillar of a spiral staircase with the stairs curving around the outside.

Reluctantly, the 2022 weekend workshops (*shown below*) had to be rescheduled. This has come about through the affects of the Covid-19 virus rules. AG.

The following two sessions previously listed have now been deferred for this phase of the project to Saturday 2nd April at William Laidlaw Hall in Bonchester/Hobkirk.

1. *Saturday 15th January What do we do with all the information we gathered? Learn how to approach interpretation, and help tell the story of Bedrule.*

2. *Sunday 27th February 2022 - Finally, 'Telling the Story' by summarising the information results further and learning how to engage with the public with new interpretive materials, and site tours.*

We will also be doing a talk for the Hawick Reivers' Festival at the end of March, which is planned to film and put on their website after the Festival.

Funded by the Scottish Borders Council Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund 2021-22', Archaeology Scotland's Adopt-a-Monument and Historic Environment Scotland.



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Chain, Cluster and Mass Migrations

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

In recent years, the terms cluster, chain, and mass migration have become politicized. The purpose of this article is to redirect the focus to the historical context of the terminology. From a historical and genealogical perspective, the term chain migration has referred to the pattern by which our immigrant ancestors followed their family and friends across the ocean, settling together in the United States. Chain migration takes place over a longer period of time. A small group leaves and settles in a new location. They write back to friends and family back home and encourage them to come. This results in their friends and family members joining them in or near where original group resides. The process continues to repeat itself.

The term cluster migration would often refer to the tendency of immigrants to follow those of a similar ethnic and cultural heritage to specific communities established in Canada or the United States. For example, cities like Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Montreal, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, and Toronto, all have well-established historically ethnic neighborhoods. Different ethnic groups claimed distinct physical space in city neighborhoods to provide a reception for chain migration and maintain the community network it created. Examples of this trend include the many neighborhoods called Germantown, Little Havana, Little Italy, and Chinatown throughout the United States and Canada. Another by-product of this ethnic influence are the various Chinese, German, Greek, Hispanic, Italian, Irish, and ethnic-religious events/celebrations held throughout the year.

The term mass migration would refer to circumstances when a large group of people leaves a country or region at the same time. Three well-known examples

from a historical perspective are listed below:

1. The Huguenots left France when in 1685 Louis XIV enacted the Edict of Fontainebleau.

2. Jewish people who fled Germany, Austria, and other areas of Europe around 1933-1936 period before Hitler and the Nazis began to initiate what became the Holocaust.

3. The Irish Potato Famine Immigrants leaving Ireland beginning in 1845 through 1850..

The term migration can be confusing depending on the time, place, and situation. Here is what I would call

a very basic explanation.

1. Internal migration: moving within a state, country, or continent

2. External migration: moving to a different state, country, or continent

3. Emigration: leaving one place to move to another

4. Immigration: moving into a new country

5. Return migration: moving back to where you came from

6. Seasonal migration: moving with each season or in response to labor or climate conditions. Note in modern terminology for Florida, this would refer to the snowbirds. The same situation existed historically, but the main factor was labor.

Chain migration explains how a group of people ended up in the same place but not the "why". The best solution is to read a county or regional history of the area. These materials are in both print and online form. Virtually all of them will have sections devoted to the various ethnic groups that came to reside in the area and why. In most cases, the key factor was their ability to earn a living.

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Clan Davidson Society USA



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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 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] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].



Bob Currie, Tartan Day Award, continued from page 1

dating back to the 13th century. The election was held in Glasgow, Scotland in 2017 and affirmed by Lord Lyon, King of Arms in 2018 at a celebration in Edinburgh. Bob recently became a member of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.

In his book, *Scottish Clans and Tartans*, noted author and historian Ian Grimble wrote, “Through the MacMhuirichs (Curries) the Literary Torch of in the Western Islands was preserved for generations. They were recognized as the most illustrious body of learned men who were specialists in the heroic literature and genealogy of the ancient Gaelic world.”

Currie, along with the support and guidance of the Scots Gaelic community reestablished the once famed literary dynasty by forming a family society in 1992. Now a “Learned Kindred”, as opposed to a Highland Clan, the far-flung Curries, have grown from strength to strength, now counting thousands in their membership rolls and multiple social media outlets on *Facebook*, *YouTube*, and *Twitter* among others.

The Society’s signature events include “Tartan Day on Ellis Island” (founded in 2002) and the award-winning *Pipes of Christmas* concerts now in its 24th year. The Society has distributed thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students in the US, Canada, and Scotland.

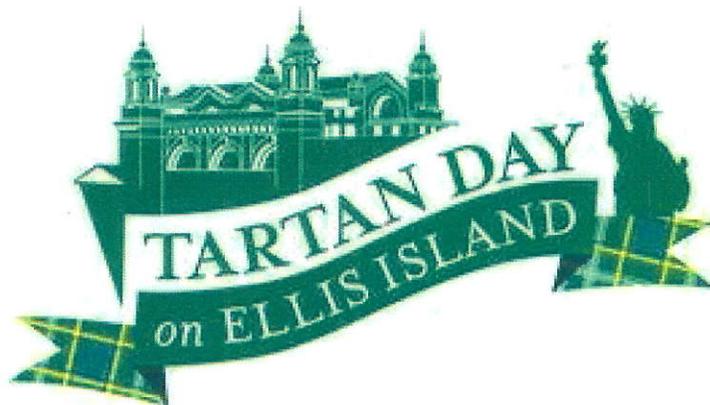
The Society is also the Title Sponsor of the US National Scottish Harp Championship and was at the forefront of developing cultural heritage tents specifically for harp, fiddle and Gaelic singing at Scottish games in the United States.

Currie was instrumental in forming the Bonnie Brae Scottish Games in Millington, New Jersey in 1986.

In recognition of his years of service to the Scottish-American community, Bob received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2017. He has also received an Honorary Doctorate from Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland and was also the recipient of the Saltire Award from St. Andrew’s University in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

In November of 2017, Bob received the International Gaelic Leader Award from Scotland’s Bòrd na Gàidhlig – the departmental public body of the Scottish Government with responsibility for Gaelic. It was established in 2005 and is based in Inverness. Bob is also one of the inaugural supporters of the new Lord Lyon Society in Edinburgh.

He earned his BS in Marketing (with honors) and MA in Corporate and Organizational Communications from Fairleigh Dickinson University in NJ.



The Pipes of Christmas



The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



"O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom you have come.

The Clan Macneil President: Kenneth McNeil,
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Migrations are motivated by a combination of push and pull factors. Push factors are the things that encourage a population to leave and pull factors are the things that encourage them to end up somewhere new. In a chain migration, established communities provide the majority of the pull factors that maintain the chain of migration. The following records listed below have proven to be especially useful in tracing migrating ancestors:

1. Census Returns: Organized geographically and group families and neighborhoods together.

2. City Directories: They can be compared to snapshots of a community in time and include local business owners and tradespeople, plus your ancestor's business partners.

3. Land Transfers/Sales: Information in these documents may mention heirs or previous owners.

4. Military Service Records and Pensions: Especially relevant for information found in pension applications (which mention next-of-kin) and applications for bounty land (which may include testimonials from those close to a service member).

5. Newspapers: Particularly obituaries, birth/death/marriage/anniversary notices and social/gossip columns.

6. Ship Passenger Lists: If your ancestor immigrated to the United States or Canada, be sure to look at passenger lists. Entire communities, churches, etc. often came to the New World together, so your ancestor may have traveled on a boat from the old country with his neighbors.

7. Vital Records: Information may include witnesses, informants, and sponsors (all likely to be your ancestor's relatives or close friends)

8. Wills and Probate Records: These often name heirs and next-of-kin as well as other surviving family members

I have multiple study guides that cover this topic. They are free upon request via email. Thanks.

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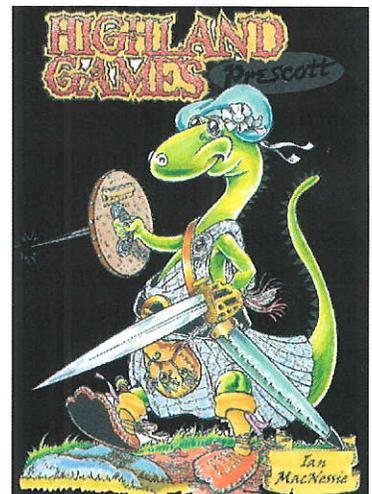
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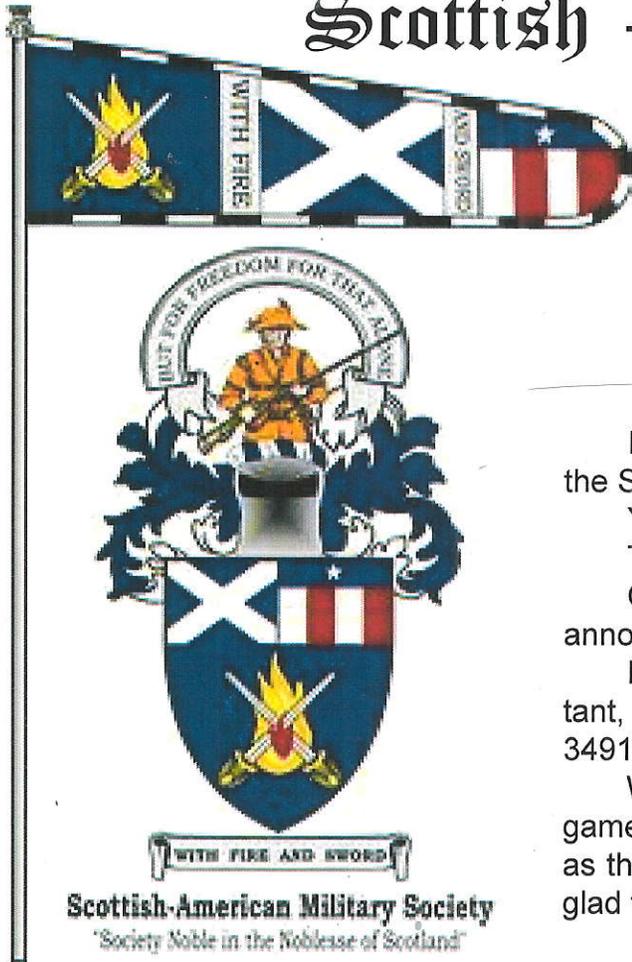
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If you have been following these newsletters since we first came to the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, then you know that one of our great joys has been that our home in the Scottish Highlands has provided us with a base to explore the British Islands and Europe. Through these newsletters you will have seen much of Scotland and England, as well as bits of Wales. Finally, this autumn, we visited the fourth kingdom of the UK, Northern Ireland. Upon arrival, it became immediately apparent why Ireland is referred to as the Emerald Isle. There are so many amazing shades of green, probably because of all the rain. It rained on us multiple times every day, producing more rainbows in our five day stay than I would normally expect to see in a year.



We arrived by ferry from Cairnryn in southern Scotland into Larne, north of Belfast, and immediately began a trek along the Causeway Coastal Route that follows the north coast. The road is twisty and curvy and has some very unique scenes along the way.



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Are those sheep or boulders along the side of the road?
Definitely sheep.



There were a number of unique buildings (both new and abandoned) along the way, and also quite a few churches (both new and in ruins) that we passed.



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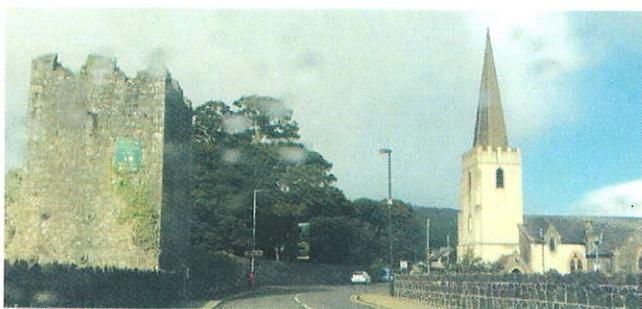
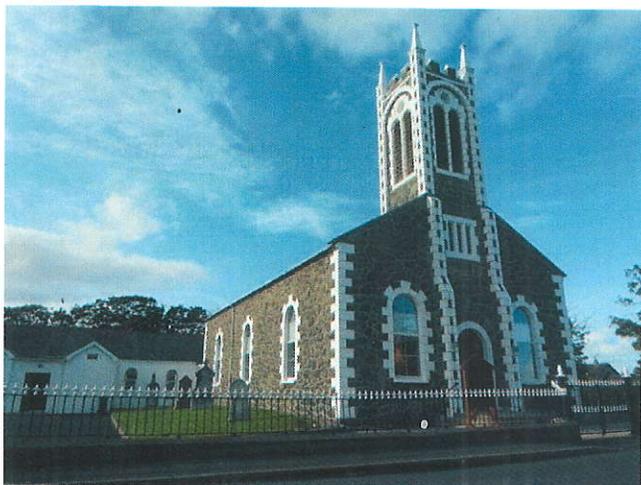
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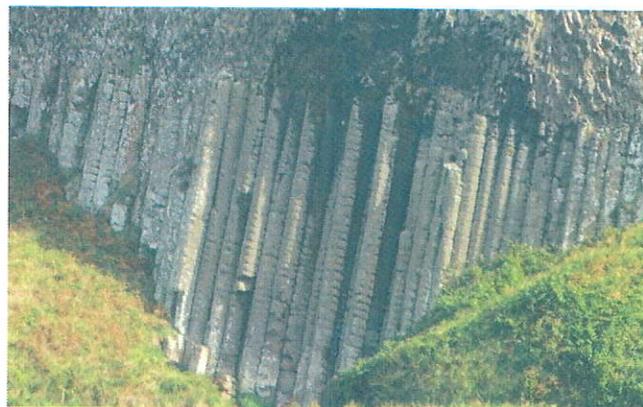
Blair House, the ancient home of the Blair family in the Ayrshire region, has history to circa 1100.

Clan Blair





Then we arrived at the number one destination in Northern Ireland: The Giant's Causeway. This amazing collection of rock columns left over from cooling volcanic lava eons ago, is one of the most visited spots in the country.



And the walking trail to get there has some incredible views as well



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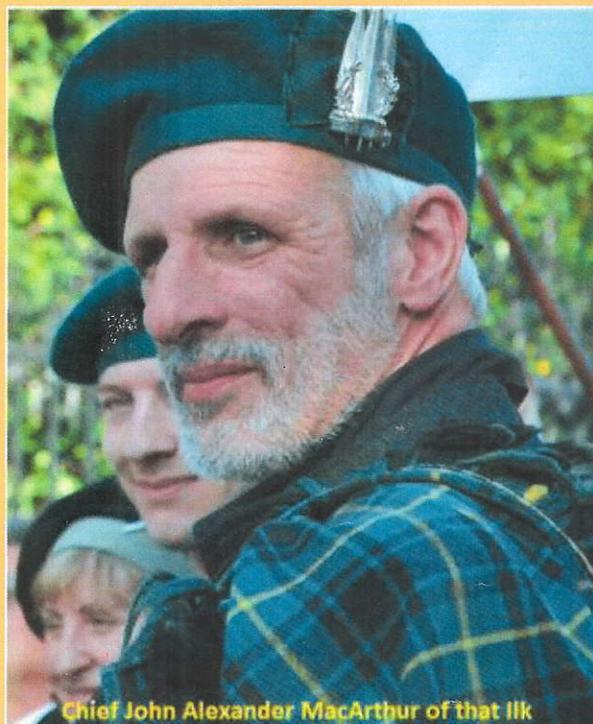
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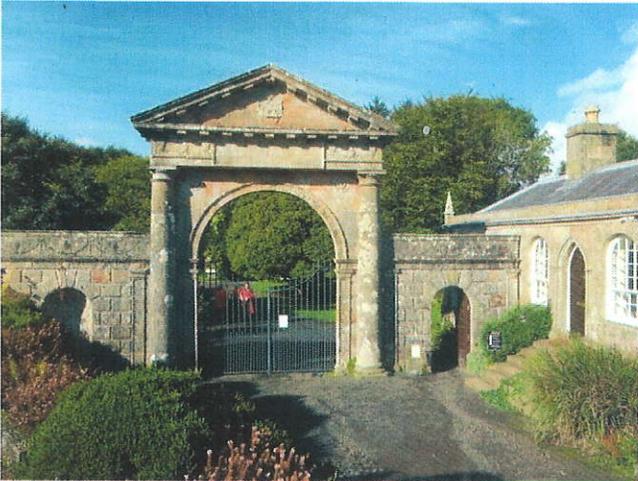
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Further along the coastal route is the ruin of Dunluce Castle, built in the 16th century.



And even further along is Downhill Demesne, the 18th century mansion and gardens of the eccentric Earl Bishop. The garden is entered through the gothic Bishop's Gate.



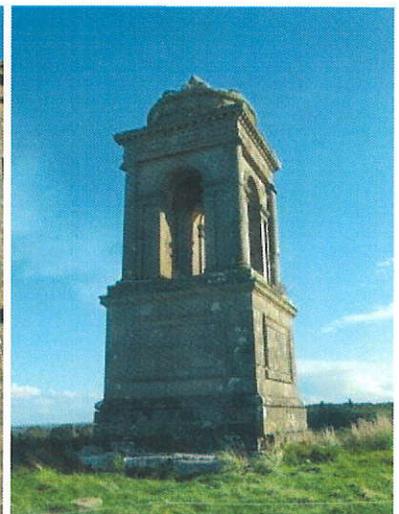
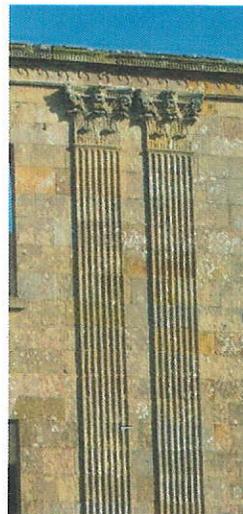
A hike through the garden leads to the ruins of the mansion, perched on a plain above the coast. From the front it looks like a manor house.



From the back it looks like a castle.



There are intricate stone carvings on many of the walls. The Mausoleum stands alone on a hill overlooking the mansion ruins.



The most unique structure on the estate, however, is the Mussenden Temple, built to resemble the Temple of Vesta in Italy. It once housed the bishop's extensive library, and it sits right at the edge of the cliff, overlooking the sea. A fire was kept constantly burning in the basement of the building to keep it warm enough for use at any time and to keep the moisture of the sea from affecting the books.



Our explorations then took us to the city with two names: Derry/Londonderry. Which name you use depends on which side of the Catholic/Protestant or Nationalist/Unionist debate you fall on. Visitors like us, are urged to call it by both names: Derry-Londonderry, so as not to offend anyone when we don't know their political or religious persuasion. You probably recall that there was a time, not all that many years ago, when the two sides fought openly in the streets. That period of fighting and bloodshed, referred to in the UK as "The Troubles" only came to an end with the Good Friday Agreement signed in 1998. But there are signs that the argument still lies close beneath the surface of Northern Ireland.

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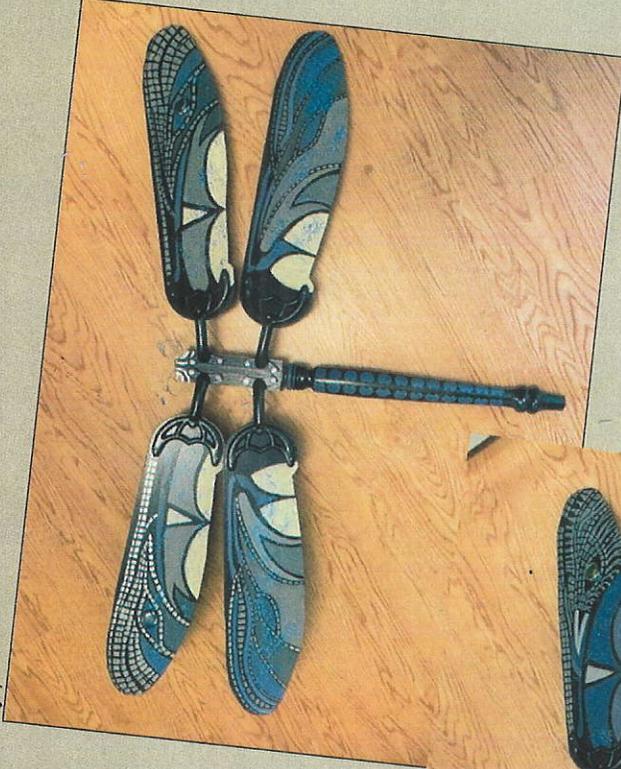
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Sold... yeay!



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When you walk into shops in the city, you can instantly tell on which side of the argument the owners stand. Some shops have the typical tourist t-shirts proclaiming that you have been to Derry and have memorial souvenirs commemorating the officers of the Provisional Irish Government, who were executed by the English after the uprising in 1916. Other shops sell t-shirts saying that you have been to Londonderry and speak of the long historical tie of Ulster, Northern Ireland to England and the Government in London.



Derry-Londonderry was historically a walled city and the walls still stand today, making it the only walled city in Europe with the walls still completely intact. In fact, the walls, built in 1613, were never breached. They stood firm through a siege in 1649 when Royalist supporters of King Charles tried to take the city from the Parliamentarian Army and again in 1689 when the army of overthrown King James II tried to take the city from supporters of the newly crowned king of England, William of Orange. The walls were again used by British troops during The Troubles in the 1970s-1990s to try to quell the violence between the two sides. The sheer thickness of the walls is one of the reasons they were never breached, in many places they are wider than the streets of the old city, as can be seen in this picture.



Commerce in and out of the old city went through a series of well fortified gates, such as the Ferryquay Gate and the Bishop's Gate.



The Castle Gate and the Magazine Gate.



The Shipquay Gate, which allowed access to the river, allowing supplies in even during seige. And the smallest of the gates, the Butcher's Gate, which was used by the city's butchers. It proved to be the weakest link in the city walls, and was very nearly blown to bits during the bombardment of the second siege, but the troops manning it still held firm.



There were eight bastions containing cannon located around the walls. And historic cannon are still stationed in those locations.



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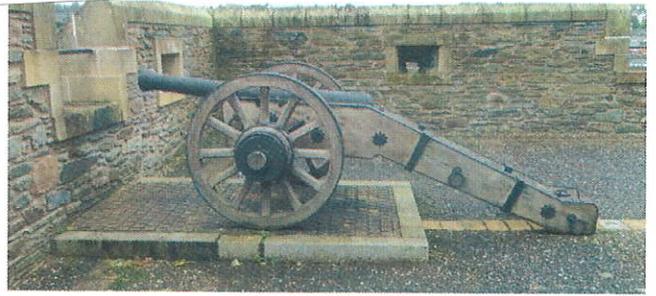
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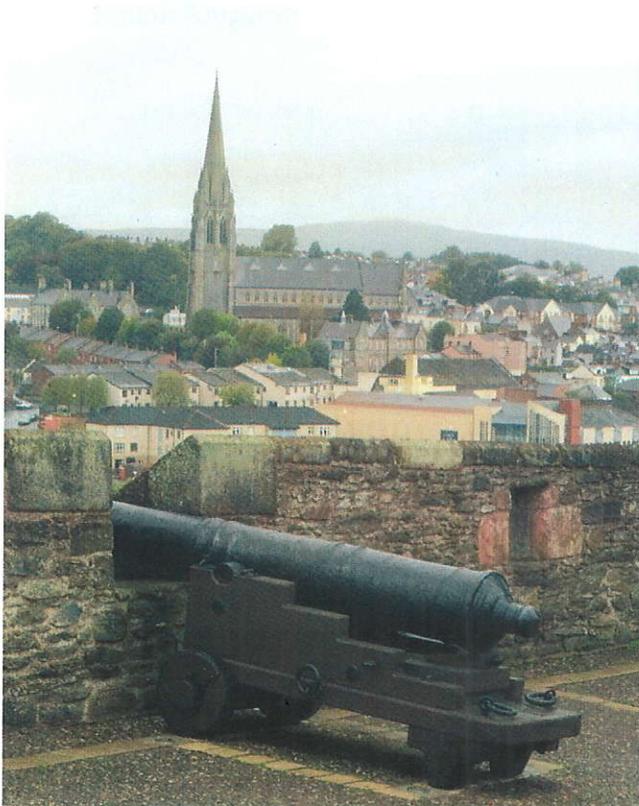
This one overlooks St Eugene's Cathedral, outside the walls



This cannon overlooks the amazing Guild Hall, just outside the walls, which is an amazingly ornate structure with wonderful stained glass.

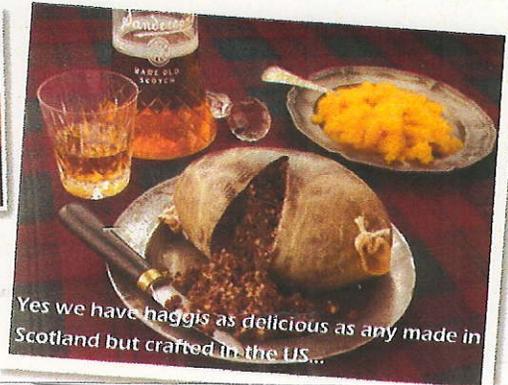


Watch Towers were located at various points along the wall. This one is attached the extra tall "Church Wall" which was added to keep cannonballs from reaching the cathedral just inside the walls.



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St. Columb's Cathedral, is named after the same saint that we in Scotland call St. Columba. The cathedral is Anglican, and was built in 1633 with funds raised in London.

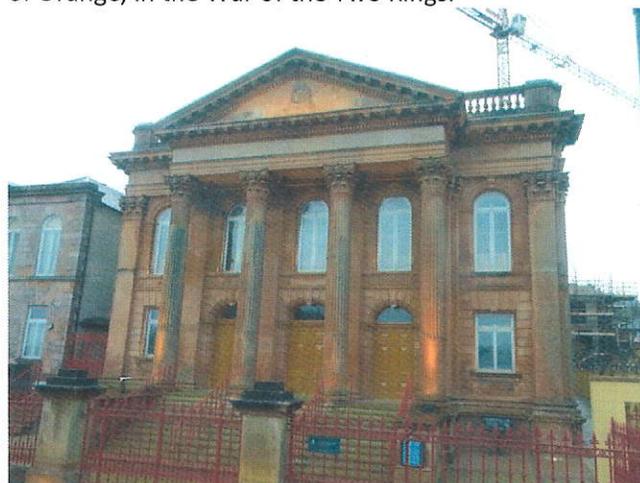


Other churches within the walls are St. Augustine's which sits on the site where St. Columba built an abbey in about 543 AD, before leaving to establish yet another abbey on the island of Iona, in Scotland.



And this Presbyterian church was funded by Queen Mary of England in 1690, in recognition of how the

followers had supported her and her husband, William of Orange, in the War of the Two Kings.



Within the city walls, new and old architecture meld together to create some interesting buildings.



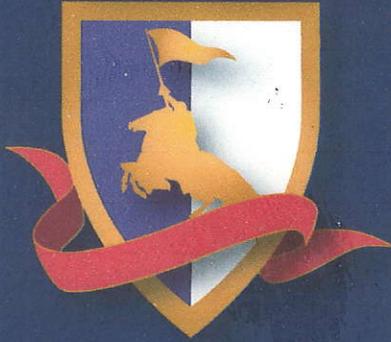
Two of the more interesting structures outside of the walls are the remains of the prison, where English troops kept prisoners captured during the Irish rebellions.



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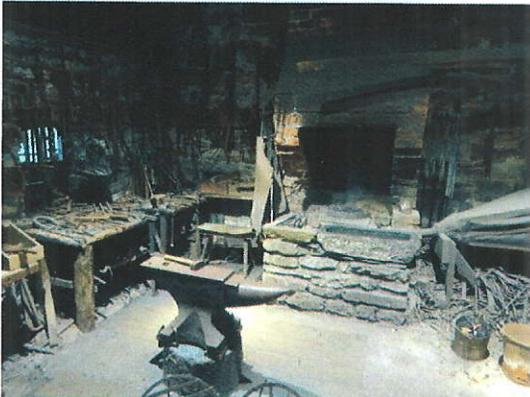


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And the Peace Bridge, built in 2011, after the signing of the Good Friday Agreement. It connects the predominantly Unionist east bank of the river with the largely Nationalist west bank.



We then visited the Ulster-American Folk Park, which follows the path of immigrant families from crofting villages in the north of Ireland to the big Irish cities, and then onto ships bound for America, landing at the big port cities on the eastern seaboard and thence to building a new life on farms in the east and mid-west. There were lots of interesting re-constructed buildings and shops. This blacksmith's shop was quite interesting, and a bit scary, since all those sparks were going on under a thatched roof that would be very susceptible to fire.



The old village shops had all kinds of interesting displays of old wares.



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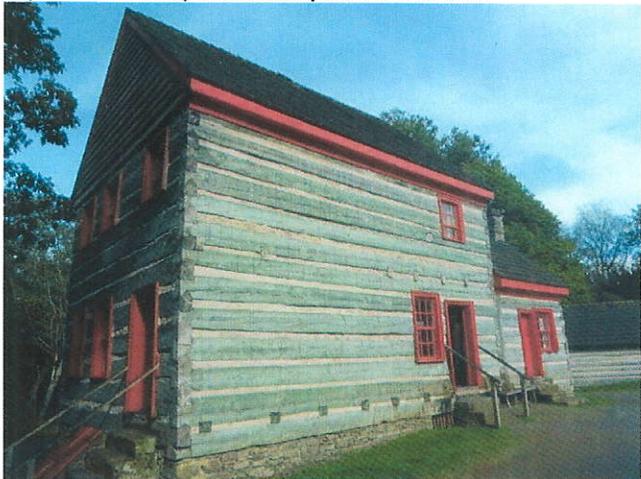
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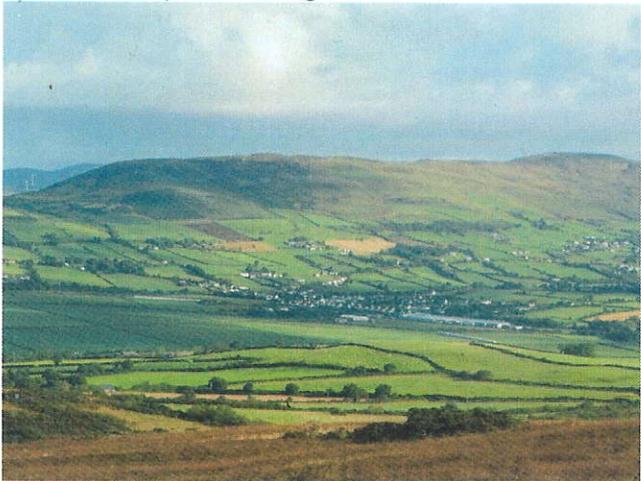
And the printer showed how the early newspapers were produced.



The homes the immigrants built in America were a far cry from the tiny crofts they had in Ireland.



On one day we crossed the border into the Republic of Ireland and explored Donegal.



Our first stop was Grianan of Aileach, a Neolithic hill-fort dating back to about 1700 BC.



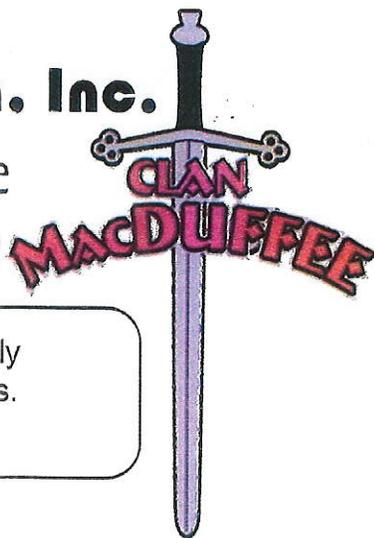
Then we traveled on up the Inishowen Peninsula to the northern most part of the island of Ireland. We stopped at Dunree Fort. This defensive position, overlooking the waters of Lough Swilly, has long been a defensive position. From here in 1798, the British defeated a French fleet bringing aid to one of the Irish rebellions. It was used in the Napoleonic Wars as a defensive post, and again in the first world war. After the Republic of Ireland gained independence, it was passed into Irish hands in 1938.

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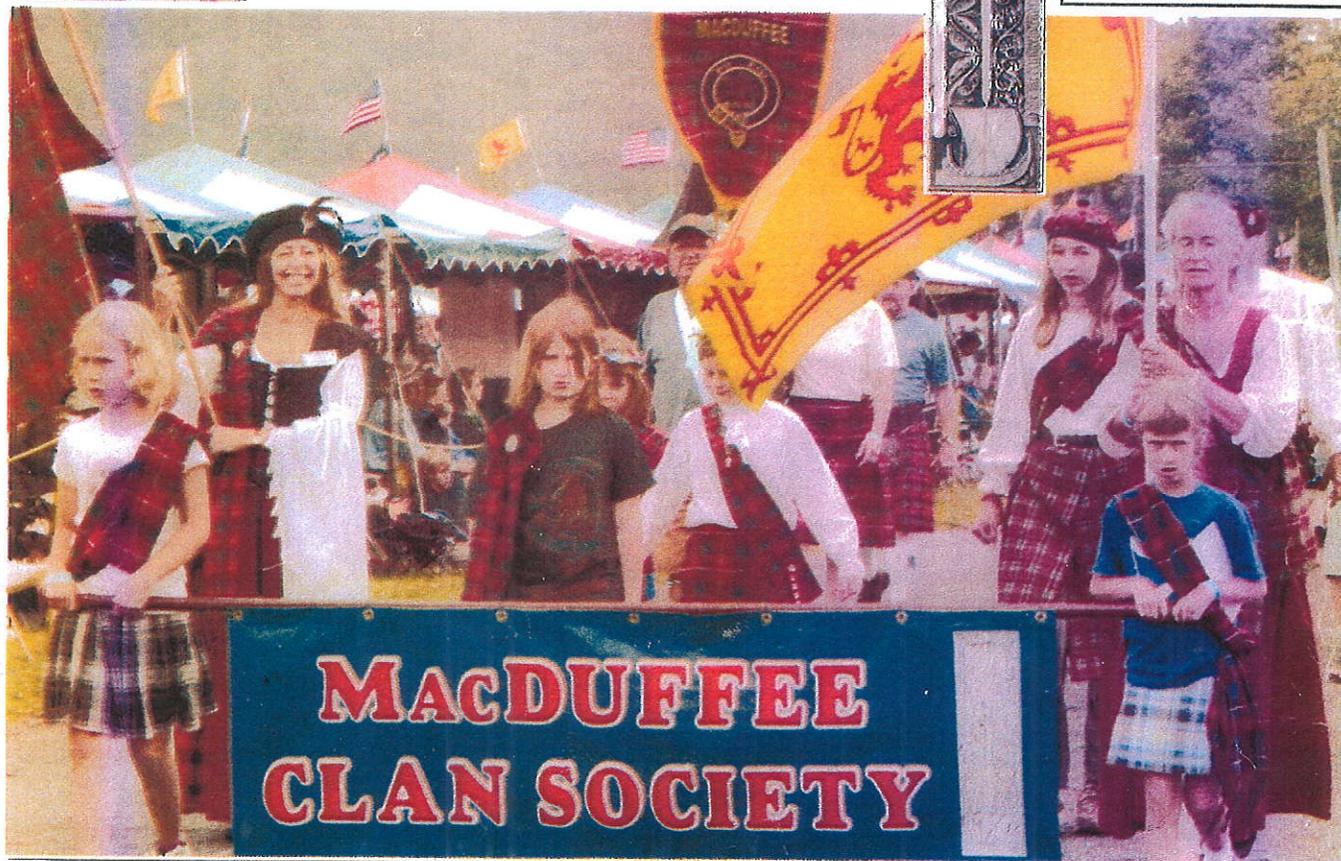


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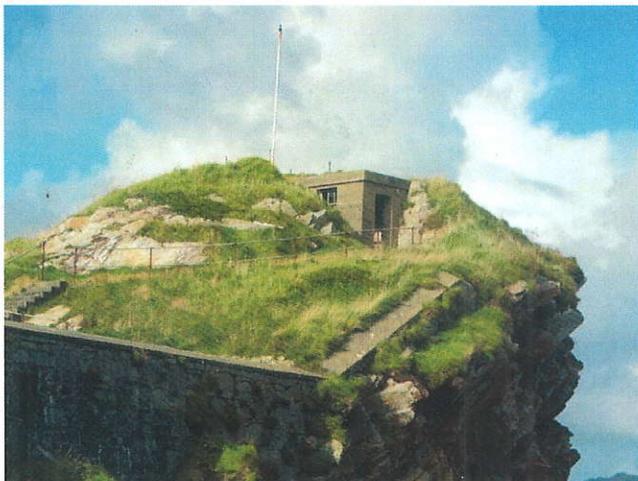
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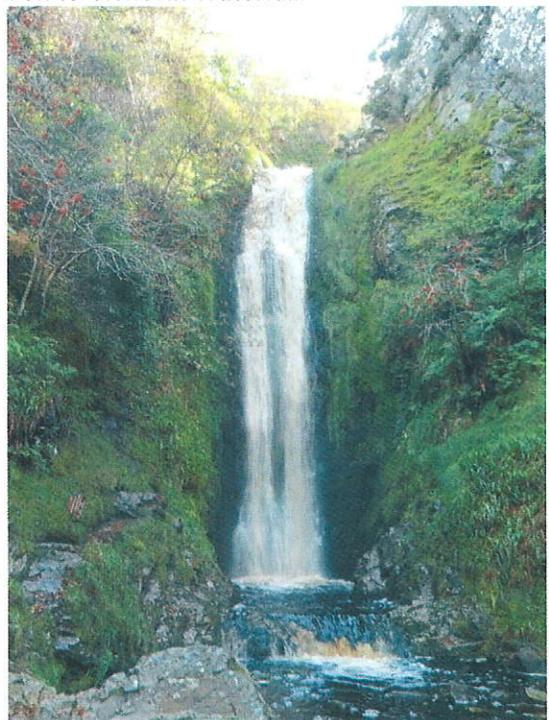
A number of watching posts can be found overlooking the harbor.



Then on to Glenevin Waterfall.



We then traveled up through Mamore Gap and stopped at the shrine dedicated to St. Eignes' Holy Well. Every year there is a pilgrimage from the coast to the shrine which is quite a trek up this hill.



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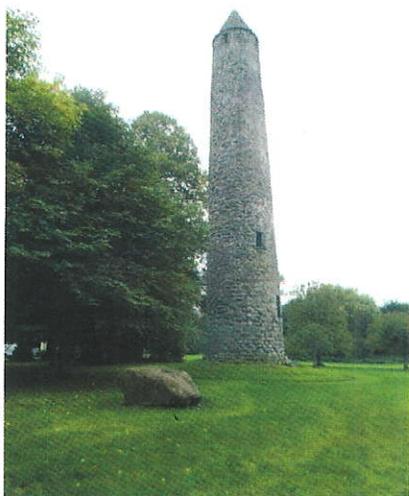
The northern most point is Malin Head. It's more recent claim to fame is that it was used as a filming site in the final Star Wars movie.



This watch tower has been used in the Napoleonic wars and both world wars as a watch post.

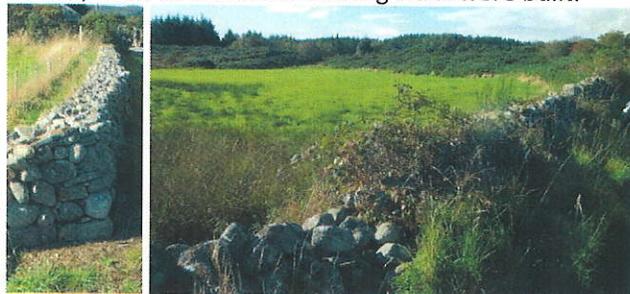


On our final day, on the drive back to the ferry at Larne, we went cross-country and stopped to visit the 50 foot tall Round Tower at Antrim. Irish Round Towers are early mediaeval stone towers originally used as bell towers, although some may have been used for additional purposes. The one at Antrim has an additional legend, which if I understand correctly, involved throwing suspected witches from the top of the tower. If you were a witch, you were able to fly to the nearby witch's stone and save yourself. If not, you fell to your death. But at least you weren't a witch!



Lest you think all of our explorations this fall have been in Ireland, we also went on a Highland Archeological Festival hike through the clearance village of Doll,

where we got a feel for how the crofters had to live after they were forced off of the land they had worked for generations during the clearances. They were forced to move in May of 1821 and before the harsh Highland winter set in, they had to clear fields of large stones, from which these dividing walls were built.



And then had to construct houses and plant crops in order to survive the coming winter. It was a cruel period of Highland history.



The scenery around the Brora River, however, was spectacular.

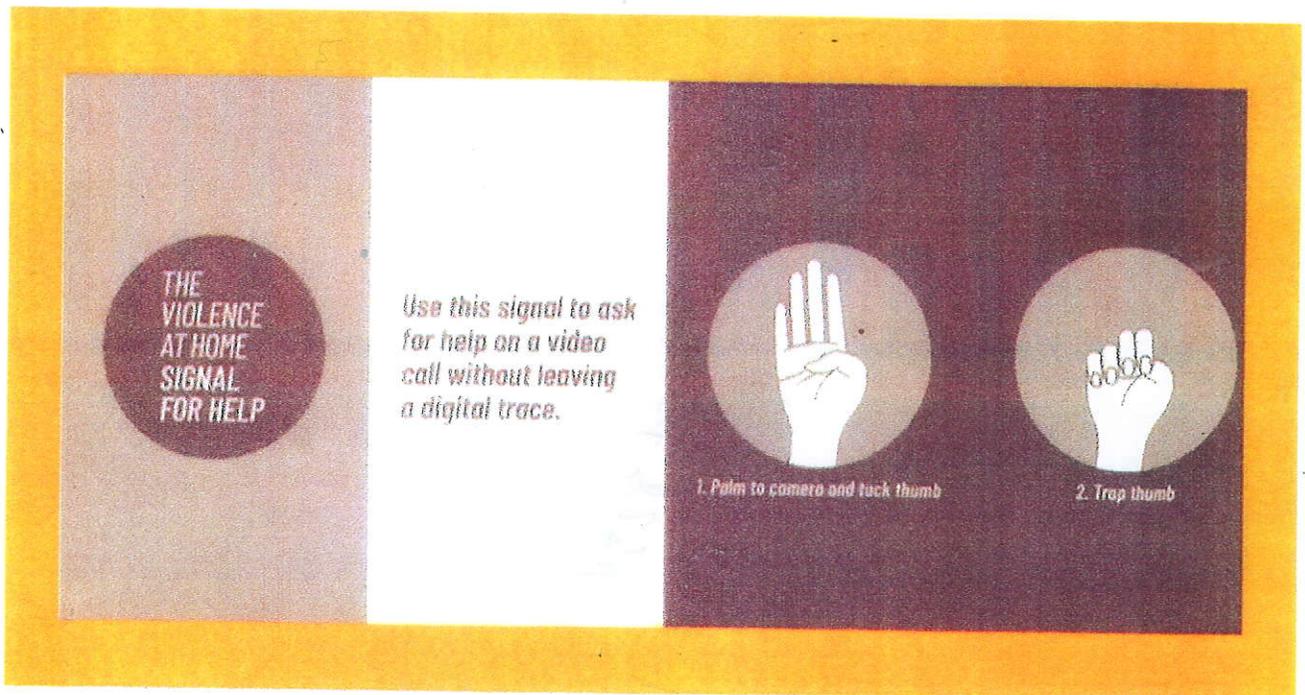


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