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The Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis Research Award to be offered in 2009

Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis (1925—2007) was a noted Virginia genealogist, author of 7 significant books and publisher for 12 years of the quarterly magazine *Tidewater Virginia Families*, which carefully documents family lineages and social history in early Virginia.

Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis received the National Genealogical Society national Award for Excellence in 1994 for her book: *Tidewater Virginia Families: A Social and Genealogical History* (Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore). She cherished her Scottish ancestry and devoted extensive effort to identifying the Scottish immigrant ancestor of her father's Hutcheson line. She died before she was able to document the link to his specific place of origin in Scotland, though she had determined that this ancestor arrived in Virginia in the early 1600s.

Mrs. Davis' daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Lee Vliet, said "In honor of my mother's devotion to preserving our Virginia and Scottish heritage, my husband and I are establishing an annual research prize of \$1,000 for the most outstanding research paper

documenting genealogical links from Scotland to the United States from 1580 through 1899. We hope this tribute to her enduring contribution to early Virginia genealogy will inspire others to build on her achieve-

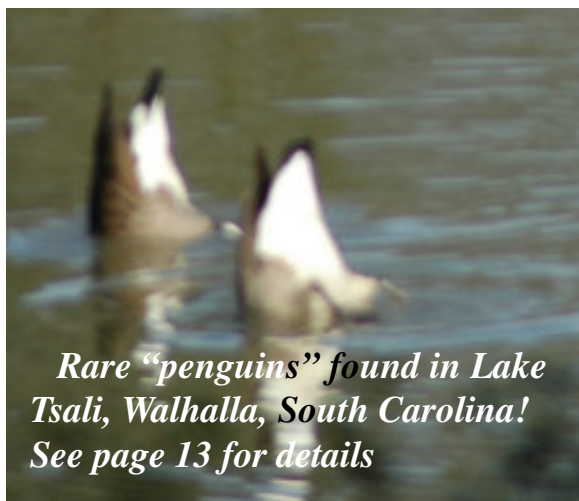
ments and establish documentation of family links to Scotland."

The first award will be presented at the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg Burns Night in 2009. If there are sufficient submissions of quality, Dr. and Mr. Vliet anticipate publishing in booklet format a selection of papers from each competition. It is their hope that estab-

lishing the prize and annual publication in honor of Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis will stimulate interest in searching for and preserving the early links between Scotland and the United States of America, and that the Award will serve as a tribute to Mrs. Hutcheson Davis' spirit of sharing her research to benefit others.

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Just put "Narra" in the subject line and Beth will fetch Miss Narra. Most likely, you will get a reply from her.

Narra just celebrated her 13th birthday with "cookies" (treats) and new toys!

A letter from your editor...

Scottish dress for ladies...

Just the other day I received an email from an old friend asking if I would please write something about proper dress for ladies who wear Scottish attire.

My first thought was..."Me?"

After some thought, I realized I have learned a few things along the gypsy trail where I have trod for more than twenty years.

Scottish attire is not a costume nor a uniform. It is regular clothing worn in an appropriate manner for the weather and for the occasion.

The same is true for ladies and for gentlemen.

Ladies do not wear kilts unless they are members of a pipe band.

Ladies do not wear sporrans unless they are members of a pipe band...nor skian dubhs.

Ladies do wear "kilted skirts." The pleats go in the back. A kilted skirt should fit nicely and not be pulled so tight across the front that the tartan pattern is "whompy jawed."

Kilted skirts may be worn for any occasion and in most any weather. I've worn the same kilted skirt for the most formal event and then changed my shoes and top and worn the skirt to a games the next day. It's a marvelous garment in that you have a complete wardrobe on one hanger!

Formal kilted skirt attire includes a nice blouse in white or a color to coordinate with your tartan...perhaps with a vest and a jacket - velvet in the cooler weather. You may choose to wear a sash (and everyone knows that you wear the sash on your right shoulder unless you are a Scottish Country Dancer or the wife of a Chief or a high-ranking military man).

Your shoes should be simple and NOT white. To my notion, plain pumps are wonderful for a dinner or very fancy party, while simple flat shoes are appropriate for most everything else - again, coordinating with your tartan. To me, strappy high heels are not proper with a kilted skirt - nor or

glittery sandals. Simple, plain pumps or nice flat shoes will do for most anything.

Wear hose.

I love the look of lacy blouses with a kilted skirt for fancy times.

If you are fortunate to have a "hostess length" kilted skirt (long) that is always perfect for an evening engagement. The same nice - usually long-sleeved - blouse with vest, jacket and sash complete an outfit nice enough to "meet the Queen."

Jewelry? Your kilt pin goes only through the top layer of material. A brooch is lovely to hold your sash in place on your shoulder.

Your insignia from various orders and Scottish related groups is handsome on your lapel.

No big, clunky costume jewelry, please.

For Highland Games or other everyday wear, sneakers and socks are fine...again, sandals or white shoes are just not right...simple, plain shoes such as loafers or even short boots in wet or cold weather...with maybe tights worn underneath - coordinating with your tartan.

The mention of tights reminds me that if you are maybe traveling in Scotland wearing your kilted skirt and climbing ladders and Hadrian's Wall or somesuch, just slip on a pair of tights and ladylike modesty will be preserved and your legs will be warm!

T-shirts (not skin tight) and blouses are always fine in daytime. Depending on the weather, a simple blouse or turtleneck with a sweater or jacket will keep you neat and looking nice. I love a nice blouse and some kind of pretty vest if the weather is cool enough. Remember, no sporran, no skian



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Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis Research Award, *continued from page 1*

Alexander White, formerly with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington D.C., former Regent of the Williamsburg DAR, and member of the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg, will serve as Chairman of the Selection Panel, with genealogist Marion Lukens Brigham of Williamsburg, and Gordon Vliet of Tucson Arizona.

The Selection Panel is composed of people who have a background in genealogy, who have studied/worked with Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis, recognize her dedication to meticulous documentation, and value her spirit of sharing her research to benefit others.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone with an interest in Scottish heritage is eligible to submit a paper of new, original research for each year's competition, whether or not they are members of any hereditary society. Please note, however, that previously published material is not eligible and will not be accepted, including material published on the internet.

CRITERIA:

1. Participants should prepare a six to ten page research paper (single-spaced) with endnotes and a complete bibliography, setting forth genealogical in-

formation they uncover in their quest that may be helpful to other researchers. The time frame under consideration is from 1580 to 1899. Primary sources should be used whenever possible and carefully documented.

2. Possible areas of research include the following: . Documentation of the path of particular Scottish families from Scotland and/or Northern Ireland to the United States during the historical migrations of the 17th, 18th, and 19th, centuries (such as the Clearances in Scotland or famines in Northern Ireland). Genealogical documentation related to one's immigrant ancestor that provides an example for other researchers, particularly in regard to sources and methodology. Identification of genealogical sources in Scotland and/or Northern Ireland (parish records, graveyards, county archives, Sheriff Courts and Town Clerks' Offices, the General Register House in Edinburgh, etc.). Identification of genealogical sources in the United States that have particularly good materials on Scottish immigration and information on how best to utilize such resources.

New information on immigrant patterns of movement, such as passenger lists, names of ships, ports of embarkation, and ports of entry. This should be in narrative form and involve a compilation of numerous sources. . Research outlining the use of new methods of DNA analysis to locate Scottish ancestors.

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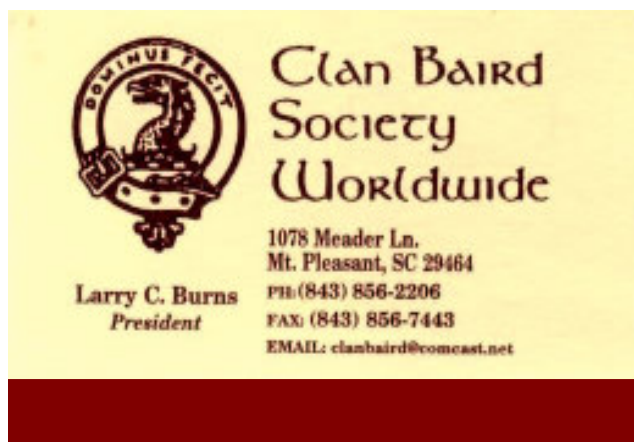
All submissions must be received no later than November 15, 2008.

Authors should send three printed copies of the paper, and a CD-ROM containing the complete electronic file in either Microsoft WORD (97-2002) or WordPerfect. Submissions in MS Word 2007 formats cannot be accepted at this time.

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A letter from your editor, continued from page 3

dubh.

Nice sweaters or sweatshirts are always fine in cold weather. (Remember, not skin-tight.) There are literally thousands of great tartan or Scottish-themed items from which to choose.

Ladies may wear a "ladies sporran" which is a sporran with a strap which is worn over your shoulder. There are several vendors who make "fannie packs" of tartan. These look nice and are a great way to keep up with your essentials.

The rules for the sash are always the same.

It is always proper for a Scottish lady to wear a white or cream colored dress with her sash. I still don't like white shoes or sandals, since the sash is either wool or silk - which just don't seem to go with white shoes or sandals.

I remember an AGM I attended years ago. The Tartan Police were there and put on a seminar of all the things you should or shouldn't do...

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Old, but still good, Laws of Migration!

A 19th Century cartographer in England's War Office – Ernest George Raverstein – formulated the following “laws of migration” on his retirement, which laws should help in tracking elusive ancestors.

1 The majority of migrants go only a short distance.

2 Migration proceeds step by step.

3 Each current of migration produces a counter current.

4 Females are more migratory than males within the county of their birth, but males more frequently ventured beyond that county boundary.

5 Most migrants are adults; families rarely migrate out of the county of their birth.

6 Migrants going long distances generally go by preference to one of the large centers of commerce or industry.

7 The natives of town are less migratory than those of rural areas.

8 Large towns grow more by migration than by birth rate.

9 Migration increases as industries and commerce develop and transportation improves.

10 The major direction of migration is from agricultural to industrial or commercial centers.

11 The major causes of migration are economic.

When researching, use Law 1 to spread out from a known parish or town to a radius of about 10 miles. About half the migrants into town come from this radius; ¼ come from between 10 to 20 miles. If a place of birth and final destination are known (but there is a gap in the middle), draw a line on a map and research the small towns along that line.

People may migrate, but they often go home again even it only to marry or to have children. Alternatively, they may go back only a step. Females often moved to become domestic servants in the nearest town or large house, so continue to search locally for them, but extend your search to neighboring counties for males.

Law 5 points you to a missing child, now grown up, who has fled the nest. Of course, researchers will find exceptions to these rules, but they can be very valuable.

Thanks to Foothills Genealogical Society, 31127 Joanie Road, Golden, CO 80403-8455.

Please tell everyone about Beth's Newfangled Family Tree!

A letter from your editor, *continued from page 5*

One of my favorite folks was there from Scotland - a Chief. He came down to the big fancy-dress ball that night breaking each and every rule more than one tartan, a horsehair sporran, some wild socks, etc., and looked magnificent.

From that, I learned that you really may wear whatever you wish. In Scotland, the people wore what they had. Another “Chief” friend of mine almost always wears a patterned shirt with his kilt...which tells me that should you be feeling so happy and good that only a Hawaiian shirt will do - and you have one in colors that coordinate with your tartan - wear it and be happy.

Ladies, your tartan is your heritage and you always want to respect that.

All of this is just from my head...so, it's surely not “rules” for anything. To tell you the truth, I always think, “Would my Grandmother allow me out of the house in this?” If the answer is, “Yes, she would,” then I figure I'm OK.

If there is anyone who is an “expert” on ladies Scottish attire, you'd be most welcome to write a column to appear in BNFT. If you have questions, I'll be glad to answer them if I can...or find someone who knows what you need to know.

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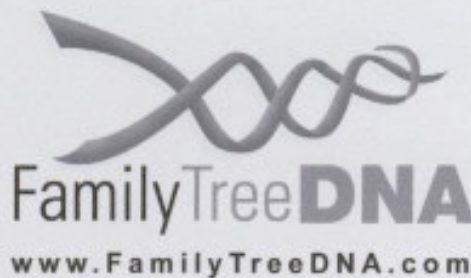
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Most Overlooked Sources for Family History and Genealogical Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County (FL) Library

Research roadblocks, obstacles, brick walls, or dead-ends are inevitable in genealogy. This applies regardless of how proficient you are in your research techniques. The records listed below tend to be the most valuable, yet overlooked, records and sources to overcome research challenges.

1) Home Sources: Original copies of birth certificates, newspaper clippings and other bits of family history are often in the possession of a family member. Other options include looking for diaries or journals, behind the frame of old family photos, inside old trunks in basements or attics, in your grandmother's jewelry box, or on that high shelf in your aunt's closet.



2) Court Records: Don't assume that because your ancestor wasn't a criminal, you won't find anything in court records. Matters brought before the jurisdiction of a court can often involve dozens of litigants and defendants, many of whom may be related, or nearby neighbors of your ancestor. Different than the proceedings of criminal court, civil court records include deed transactions, estate inventories, name changes, wills, custody papers and other useful information for genealogists.

3) Draft Records: Most genealogists look for service records for their military ancestors, but did you know that there are also military records for people who never served? Draft registration records contain a wealth of information on millions of men between the ages of 16 and about 45. The WWI draft records are by far the biggest group of such records in the U.S., containing names, ages, and date and place of birth for more than 24 million men. The National Archives also holds draft records for the Civil War.

4) Newspapers: They are an excellent source for information on recently deceased individuals. Obituaries may include a wealth of details on living and deceased relatives, dates, places and other items of interest. Newspapers contain other types of significance to research. Everything from the gossip column to the local police blotter may provide interesting clues about your ancestors.

5) Social Security Death Index (SSDI): This index includes death details for over 75 million Americans, and it can be searched for free. The Social Security Death Index is a computerized index for the Death Master File from the Social Security Administration, with information on ev-

ery individual whose death has been reported to the SSA since 1962. It is an excellent source of information for birth and death dates, and by requesting the original Social Security application you can obtain other useful clues.

6) Voter Records: Voter application forms can be very useful to genealogists because they typically ask for a great deal of information, including proof of citizenship for voter registrations after 1906. Voter rolls, which document that a person voted in a given area during a given year, also serve as confirmation of your ancestor's location between decennial census years. Voter records may be kept for only a few years, or go back for more than 100 years, and are typically found at the county or city level.

7) Supplemental Census Schedules: The U.S. Federal government has used many supplemental schedules to collect non-population data, including information on farming, manufacturing, vet-

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erans and deaths. The Mortality Schedule, available for the 1850-1880 censuses, provides details on people who died during the twelve months prior to the census.

8) Funeral Home Records: If you can locate the funeral home that handled the burial of your ancestor, you may have uncovered a rich source of genealogical details. Funeral home records vary greatly by time period and location, but usually contain basic information such as where a person died, the manner of death, names of surviving relatives, and the place of burial. Some funeral homes collect further details, such as names of parents and siblings, occupation, military service, and even the deceased's insurance company.

9) Land Records and Entry Case Files: Land records such as deeds, mortgages, releases of dowry, etc., are one of the most under-utilized records types yet they contain extremely valuable pieces of information. Before homesteaders, soldiers, and other land patent recipients received their land, some government paperwork had to be done. Individuals obtaining land through military bounty land warrants, preemption entries, or the Homestead Act of 1862, had to file applications, giving proof about military service, residence on and improvements to the land, or proof of citizenship.

10) PERSI: Someone may have already researched at least a portion of your family history, and their research may even have been published in a genealogical quarterly, journal or magazine at some time. That's why every genealogist should turn to the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), a subject index to more than 6,500 genealogy and local history publications created and maintained by the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana

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Turnbull Clan selects GMHG as site for 2008 Annual Meeting

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and beautiful mountains of North Carolina will be home to the 2008 AGM Turnbull Clan gathering. The Annual General Meeting is a time for members to gather from all over to enjoy the Highland Games, family fun and get caught up on current clan business and goals. It is a time for members' input into the direction of TCA, suggestions of things to be done and ways to improve the organization. And you can count on host Scott Turnbull to have the best looking tent around!

This year that opportunity will take place in one of the world's prettiest settings and one of the most popular Highland Games ever! Grandfather Mountain is the highest peak in the Blue Ridge mountain range and is a globally recognized nature preserve.

The Highland Games lay claim to being one of the most attended and complete games in the nation. The games include everything from big name entertainment, athletic competitions, marathons, Highland dance competitions, sheep dog demonstrations, piping and pipe band competition, and children's activities. From the torch light ceremony on Thursday to the closing ceremonies on Sunday, there is never a dull moment.

TCA has blocked a group of rooms at the Days Inn, Blowing Rock, NC for this event. With over 170 Clan tents and over 30,000 attendees, hotel rooms are scarce and are at a premium. TCA has secured a special rate of \$89.00 per night. Plan ahead to attend the games and book your reservations early. Call the hotel at 828-295-4422 and ask for the Turnbull Clan rate. You may cancel up to 72 hours prior to arrival. The weekend will include a TCA banquet as well as the Annual General Meeting. Whether you've been to Highland Games before or this is your first, Grandfather Mountain is a must game!

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My name is **COLLEEN MACKAY** (nee **SHEATHER**) and I am a bit interested in the family before they left Scotland. I know there is a fair bit of information about but I don't have a lot of contacts with many other branches of the family. My ex husbands name is **EARLE BRIAN MACKAY** and I believe his great grandfather **HUGH** and his wife **JANET** (I think) I came out to Australia on a ship with a lot of other Mackay cousins in the mid 1800s. I think **HUGH** was the only one from his branch of the family. Hugh had 2 children from his first wife who had died and he married a cousin I believe to come with him and help build a future for the family. **HUGH** eventually settled in the Hastings River area. Some of the cousins settled eventually around Rollands Plains which is between the Hastings and Macleay Rivers on the mid north Coast of NSW. The family were Presbyterian but after a family dispute over religion quite a few of the Rollands Plains people moved up the the Nambucca River area and there descendants are still there. **HUGH MACKAY** had a son **ALEXANDER** who married **ISABELLA WALLIS**. (She was the daughter of **MR. WALLIS WILDE WALLIS**, another Scots family). **HUGH** and **ISABELLA** had **NORMAN SCOTT, DOUGLASS, HECTOR, IVY, BIRDY** (never knew her correct name), **DORIS, LINDA, CHRISTINA, NORMAN SCOTT** married **EVELYN WATTS** and had 2 sons. **NORMAN KEVIN** and **EARLE BRIAN**. **EARLE BRIAN** married myself, **COLLEEN SHEATHER** and we have 4 children. - **JENNIFER ANNE, KERRIE DIANE, PATRICIA RUTH** and **BRIAN EARLE**. I have 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and one more on the way. Please contact mrsmac@dodo.com.au

ARCHIBALD 'OG' MACDOUGALL s/o of **LACHLAN FROM** Moidart, Scotland remained at the old home in Cape Breton.

ARCHIBALD'S farm was left to his two sons, **LACHLAN** and **DUNCAN**. A1 **ARCHIBALD 'OG' MACDOUGALL** – married **MARY MACDOUGALL** from Antigonish. His children were: A2 **LAUCHLIN MACDOUGALL** m **SARAH MACISAAC** A 3 **DUNCAN MACDOUGALL** was unmarried. He was a businessman. A 4 **ANN MACDOUGALL** m **LOCHLAN MACDONALD** (**GUS'S** g grandfather) A 5 **KATIE CATHERINE MACDOUGALL** m **JAMES MACINNIS** from Rear Loch Ban A 6 **MARY MACDOUGALL** - did not marry. A 7 **MARGARET MACDOUGALL**. A 2 **LAUCHLIN (ILLEASBUIG) MACDOUGALL** married **SARAH MACISAAC** d/o **RED RODERICK MACISAAC** Their children were: A 8 **ARCHIBALD MACDOUGALL** - He died at a young age. A 9 **RODERICK MACDOUGALL** - He died at a young age. A 10 **MARY ANN MACDOUGALL** b married **JOHN RANKIN**. A 11 **JESSIE MACDOUGALL** married **CHARLES MACDONALD** from Codroy, Nfld. A 10 b June 1844 **MARY ANN MACDOUGALL** b married **IAIN ALASTAIR MACRAING (JOHN RANKIN)**, Broad Cove Banks. Issue: **WILLIAM RANKIN, JOHN LAUCHLIN, RORY (RODERICK) RANKIN, CATHERINE RANKIN, JESSIE RANKIN, ANNABELL RANKIN, MARY SARAH RANKIN** b 1890, Oct 01 d Jan 11 1975, **DANIEL RANKIN, MARY SARAH RANKIN** b 1890, Oct 01 d Jan 11 1975, m **JOHN D. STUBBERT** on July 1 1914, Inverness, C.B., **JOHN B** Apr 4, 1889 d. Jan 14, 1984. **JOHN MACRAING** "THE GENTLEMAN" OR "THE GENERAL" RANKIN (A-G) Lochaber, Scotland, late 1700s, the eight of that name married twice 1 **MARY BEATON** 2 **JESSIE BEATON**. Children from first marriage to **MARY BEATON** are: a **DONALD**/ b **JOHN** the immigrant/c **ALLAN R**/ d **CATHERINE**/ e Female/1st Marriage: **MARY BEATON** d/o

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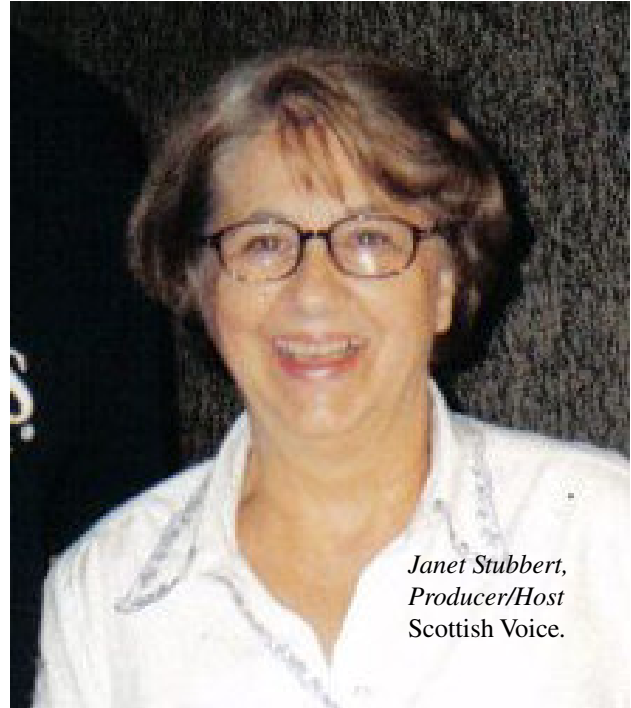
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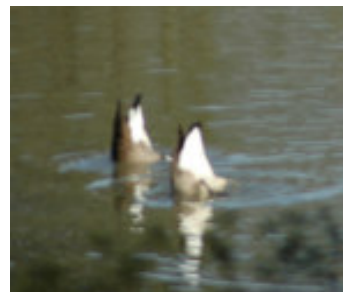
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Scottish Voice.

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ALEXANDER of Skye, G **AONGHAS MACSHOMHAIRLE MHOIR** Their children born in Lochaber, Scotland, are: A **DONALD RANKIN** b 1796 m **ANNE MAC DONALD**, issue 8, B **JOHN** (Immigrant) b 1757 m **CATHERINE BEATON**, issue 12 (59), C **ALLAN R. RANKIN** b m **MS. MACINTOSH** (Wisconsin) issue son, D **CATHERINE RANKIN** b m **ALLAN MACMILLAN** (Judique) issue 4, E **FEMALE RANKIN** b 1812 buried in Scotland, 2nd Marriage: **JESSIE BEATON**, niece of **MARY** his first wife. d/o **FINLAY BEATON**, Granddaughter of **ANNIE MACBAIN & ALEXANDER BEATON** of Skye, Scotland. Their children are: F **ANGUS RANKIN** (Mabou) m **CATHERINE RANKIN** G **MARGARET RANKIN** (Mabou) m **FANNIN** or **FARON** Contact JanetStubbart@hotmail.com



Rare "Penguins" found

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Duckus has been sighted in a lake in South Carolina. Lake Tsali (Sally) was the site of a glimpse of a pair of the beautiful creatures who once were common in the high country of Scotland.

This species of penguin is able to use their over-large feet to appear to "walk on water."

Migrations to the southern United States were once common, but there have been no other sightings in many years. Usually, when you see the Penguinus Duckus, there are specimens of the Wild Hairy Haggis nearby. The Haggis have remained unseen to this writing.

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Clachnaben from the Cairn o' Mount Road
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The Isle of Mull, 2005



Tracing Your Scottish Roots with Glasgow's Mitchell Library

For some time now, we've been planning a series on researching your Scottish family tree and we now have our first videos on the subject online. Filmed in Glasgow's Mitchell Library, Elizabeth Carmichael (Education Officer) and Dr Irene O'Brien (Senior Archivist) reveal what can be found in the library's vast collection of documents, and what resources are available online.

The Mitchell Library in Glasgow is one of Europe's largest public libraries with a book stock of 1.3 million books, 35,000 maps plus thousands of photographs, newspapers and microfilms. The Library opened in 1877 after Stephen Mitchell, a tobacco manufacturer donated most of his fortune to create a public library for the people of Glasgow.

The Mitchell provides free information for all residents, workers and visitors to the city, and is considered one of the world's best resources for tracing Scottish family history. The Library holds many archives and special collections, some of which are unique resources if you want to know more about your ancestors. The Library's knowledgeable staff host courses, talks and tours as well as offering online support to anyone tracing their family history.

In Parts 1 and 2 of the series, Elizabeth Carmichael, Education Officer at the Mitchell Library, reveals the main resources to look at when researching Scottish ancestors, and offers some tips and advice on online resources, post office directories and inscriptions. We also look at other documents included in the collection: Scottish newspapers, books of Wills, census records, military records, directories, details of gravestone inscriptions, plus many more records covering the whole of Scotland.



Part 3 looks at the resources available to those who want to know more about their Scottish roots. Once we've discovered who our ancestors were, we often want to find out more. So, here are some records which can tell us a few extra details about who our families were - and what they got up to!

Dr. Irene O'Brien presents a selection of records and registers, including the Manuscript Voters Roll, the registers of sasines (records of property sales and purchases) - especially interesting for those whose ancestors emigrated from Scotland and who may have sold their property prior to their departure - the school admission registers and the Glasgow Police Force Registers, which lists all the policemen in Glasgow since the 1830s and details achievements or incidents during their careers.

In Part 4, Dr. O'Brien explains the various church archives, which include large numbers of baptismal registers from before 1855, as well as the family and estate archives, which provide information on the landed families and their tenants. And we look at another fascinating resource, the Kirk Session Minutes. The Kirk Session was composed of elders of the church and was responsible for the administration of church affairs in each parish. The session kept records and investigated many different kinds of offences including witchcraft, theft, illegitimate birth and the more common offence of fornication.

To see more about Scotland on TV's videos on tracing your roots, visit our special page: http://www.scotlandontv.tv/scotland_on_tv/discover/Mitchell_Library_Scottish_Family_Research.html

See photos of The Mitchell Library in Glasgow, top right this page and also lower three photos preceding page. Thanks to Scotland on TV for the article and also the photographs.

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JGS to present program on Guana Peninsula

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society, will hold their monthly meeting on April 19th, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

. We are fortunate to have Tom Barry present a program titled, "The History of Guana Peninsula; The European Discovery of St. Augustine; Spanish, Indian and British Occupation.

For further information please contact Mary Chauncey at (904) 781-9300.



Ottis (Yes, three 't's.') Castle, just 2 miles north of St. Augustine, Florida on Highway A1A. It is closed with big "No Trespassing" signs...but the Internet says it was built as a memorial to a religious cause.

Do you need dates for those precious old family letters? Here's how to know!

If you have undated letters in your collection of family papers, don't discard the envelopes in which they were mailed. You might be able to date them by the amount of the postage charged. Prior to 1847, stamps were not used on letters carried in the US Postal Service.

Later, the first class postage rates, per ounce, as of the following dates were: July 1, 1882 - 2 cents; November 3, 1819 - 3 cents; July 1, 1919 -

2 cents; July 6 1932 - 3 cents; August 1, 1958 - 4 cents; January 7, 1968 - 6 cents; May 16, 1971 - 8 cents; March 2, 1974 - 10 cents; December 31, 1975 - 13 cents; May 29, 1975 - 15 cents?; March 22, 1981, November 1, 1981 - 20 cents; April 3, 1988 - 25 cents; February 3, 1991 - 29 cents; January 1, 1995 - 32 cents; January 10, 1999 - 33 cents; January 7, 2001 - 34 cents; and June 30, 2002 - 37 cents.

I took this a step farther as in recent years the value has not always been printed on the stamp: an A stamp was 15 cents; a B stamp was 18 cents; a C stamp was 20 cents; a D stamp was 22 cents; an E stamp was 25 cents; an F stamp was 29 cents and a G stamp was 32 stamps.

This can be helpful to stamp collectors, too.

Thanks to *The Green Country Quarterly*, PO Box 1244, Broken Arrow, OK 74013.



Happy 100th birthday to my Aunt Mildred!

Mildred White is shown at the right reading one of the many birthday cards she received on the occasion of her 100th birthday, February 13, 2008. This particular card is from Woody Bowers of Moultrie, Georgia - her honorary nephew and honorary brother of your editor's.

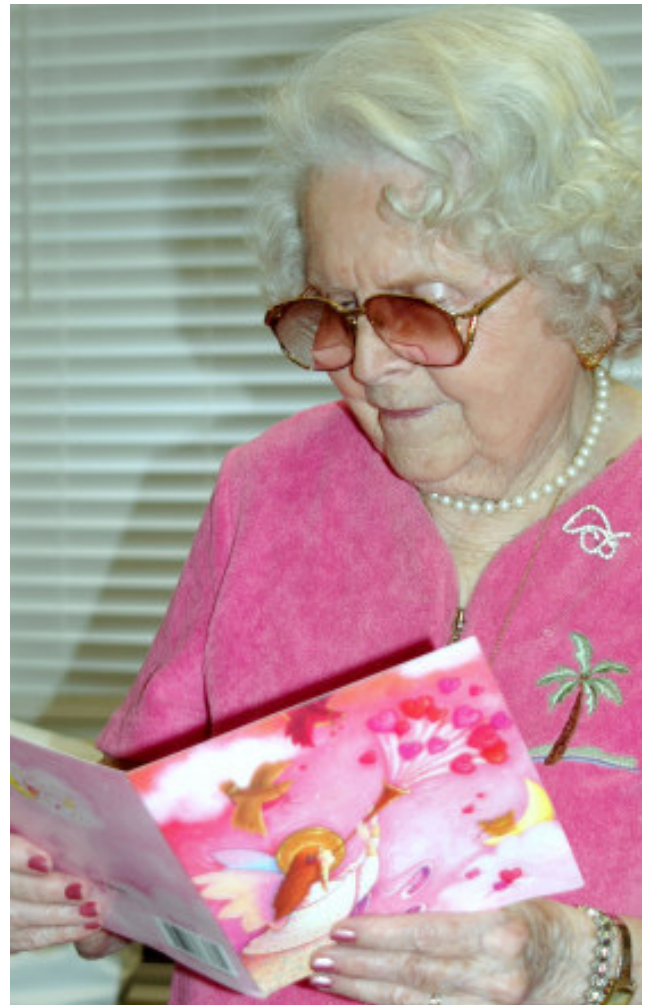
Mrs. White is the beloved "Aunt Mildred" of your editor's! (She is my mother's only sister.)

Miss Madison (FL) of 1925, Mildred White (nee Mildred Bishop) went on to become one of the Distinguished Women of Florida.

Her centennial birthday was celebrated by the Mayor of Jacksonville Beach (Florida) proclaiming her birthday as Mildred Bishop White Day and with a Tea at the Elizabeth Tea Room given by the Palms Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Women and with a party given by one of her granddaughters.

Formerly of Live Oak, she is the widow of the late Samuel Jackson White. Before retirement, she was a free lance lecturer and art instructor of flower arrangement design with a master's status; acclaimed a skilled exponent of abstract design; the first Southern Instructor to teach Flower Arrangement Design at the University of Florida Short Course, Gainesville and was the first instructor at numerous universities throughout the states. She served on the National Panel of Judges for the National Camellia Society and was featured speaker and demonstrator at The Birmingham Arts Festival and was a guest demonstrator at a National Symposium held in Montclair, New Jersey which was covered by *The New York Times*.

Mrs. White is an honorary member of the Live Oak Garden and Womens Clubs, a Patron Member of the Jacksonville Garden Club and holds a certificate in Problems of Adult Education and was a Carson-Webster Art Appreciation Student. She



was a Patron of the Art Seminars under the direction of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and chairperson for 23 years of the interior decorating committee at the Advent Christian Village on the banks of the Suwannee River. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, bestowed by the Rotary Club of Live Oak.

She was considered a pathfinder artist who selected the road less traveled at the right time.

She was author of the Live Oak First United Methodist Church history covering 125 years and taught the Friday Morning Bible Class at the Palms Presbyterian Church for over five years.

Aunt Mildred, my 5th & 6th grade teacher - Mrs. Peggie McCubbin and my grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald Bishop, were the three women who have always influenced my life for the better. Anything good I have accomplished, it's because of these ladies.

My grandmother died many years ago, Miz Peggie has Alzheimer's and is in a nursing home in Jacksonville - and Aunt Mildred is going strong!

Trisha Davis's photos of 2008 NE FL Highland Games



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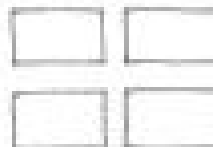
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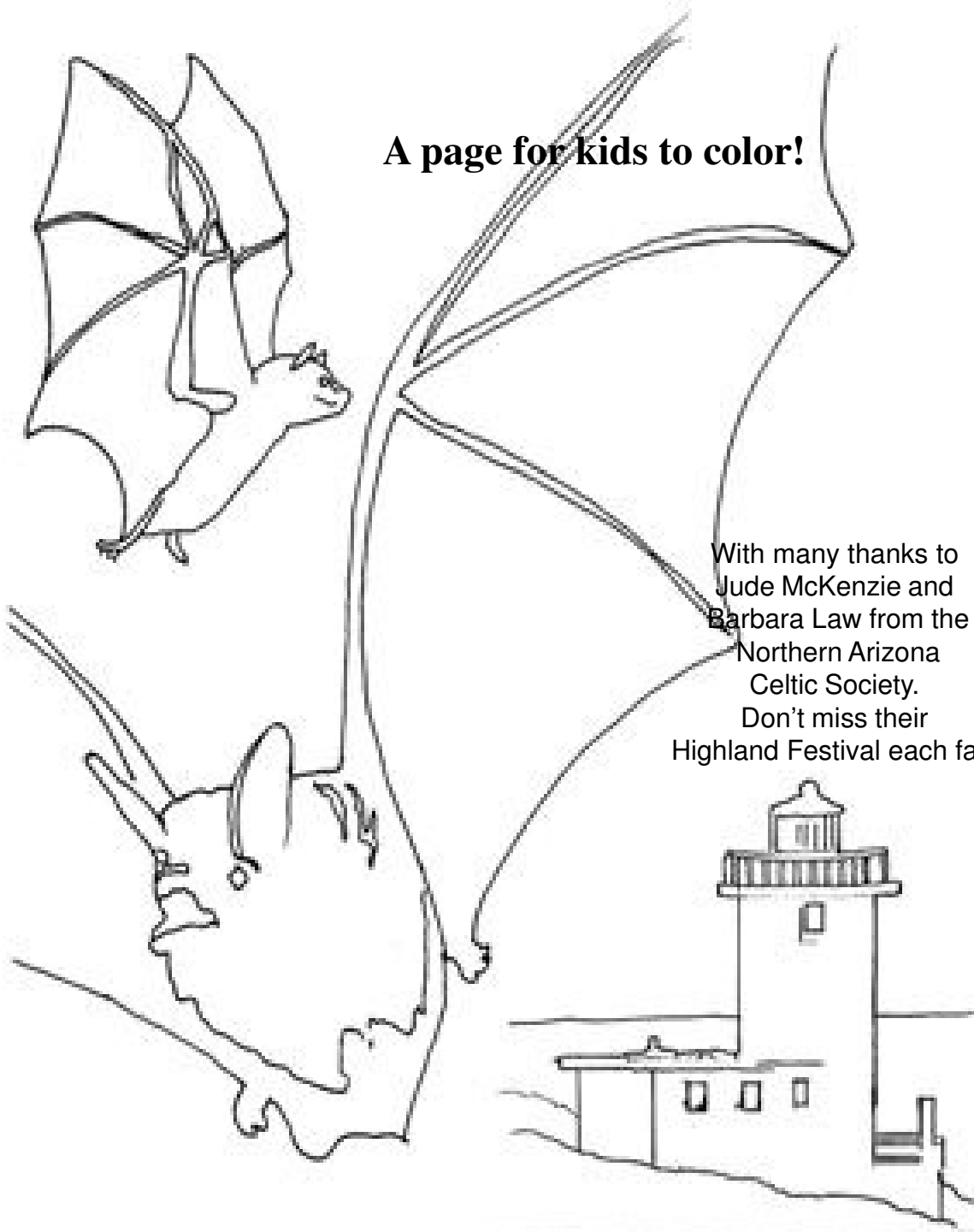
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A page for kids to color!



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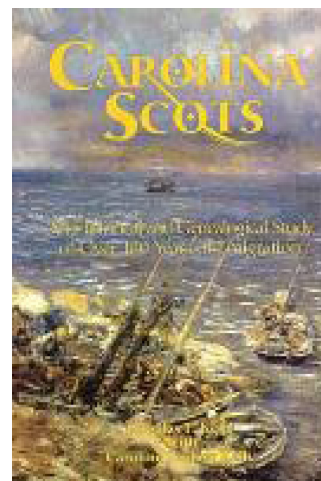
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A message from Lord Sempill

This is the end of our first year, and I am pleased to report that The Gathering 2009 is exceeding the targets that we originally set ourselves. It is very heartening to see such a positive response from the Clans.

The initial demand for passports is also above expectations and indicates that people are coming from all over the world. So ..a very big thank you to the clans associations who promoted The Gathering 2009 through their newsletters.

We have also received some very positive media exposure which has helped to raise the profile of The Gathering 2009 in Scotland 'so much so that we have been inundated with job applications to work for us.

Looking forward we have much to do 'so keep spreading the word, and hopefully Ill meet some of you on my travels!

Lord Sempill

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Did you know that you can receive a memorial certificate for your veteran ancestor, signed by the President of the United States?

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the V.A. verify your ancestors service record. Your letter should begin: "This is a request for information about a relative's military service, which will be used to request a Presidential Memorial Certificate."

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The Gathering, *continued from page 26*

Clan Update

We now have an incredible 115 Clans and Family Societies attending The Gathering 2009, with 70 of these having booked clan tents.

Clans signing up this month include Clan Carmichael, Clan Hannay, Clan Macintyre and Clan Fergusson amongst many others.

If your clan has not yet applied for a tent but would like to do so then please fill out the form available from our website and return to us before the 1st April 2008.

To find out if your clan is coming see the Clans Attending page on our website.

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