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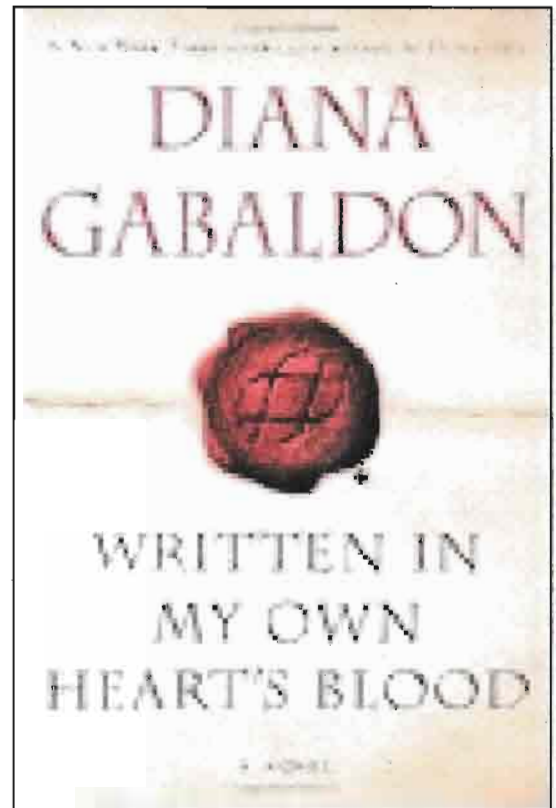
## Diana Gabaldon's eighth book in the *Outlander* series is **HERE NOW!** *TV series Outlander begins August 8 on the Starz network*

The much anticipated eighth book in the *Outlander* series is here. It debuted at Number One on the bestseller list!

In her classic novel *Outlander*, Diana Gabaldon told the story of Claire Randall, an English ex-combat nurse who walks through a stone circle in the Scottish Highlands in 1946, and disappears...into 1743. The story unfolded from there in six bestselling novels, and has been called "a grand adventure written on a canvas that probes the heart, weighs the soul and measures the human spirit across (centuries)." Now, the story continues in *Written in My Own Heart's Blood*.

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Every Scot **MUST** read these books. You'll learn the history and character of the Scots in these pages...and American history, too.



Starz TV network to feature the first **Outlander** TV movie beginning August 8



Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> is National Senior Citizens Day!



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## *Glasgow Highland Games Glasgow Highland Games*



## **Glasgow Highland Games revisited**

I guess you all have figured out how much I love to take photographs at Scottish Games.

Found this one by the games photographer I've never had a chance to use .

This is Gene Flynn throwing the hammer during the 2013 Glasgow Games.

Athletes are, to me, the most difficult subject to photograph at a games. If you don't get precisely the correct mille-second of the movement, you're toast.

## *A letter from your editor*

**Fun the first time...oops  
Not nearly so much fun  
the second time...yikes  
Oh, my! Labor, work, sweat  
the third time!**

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*First, I am so relieved to say that Tom is doing very well and recovering from blood clots and cellulitis. He does just fine and hopefully, will be fine for a long time. We are both learning to live the "ticking time bomb" life. Life is wonderful under any circumstances.*

*Thank you from both of us to all who have called, written, emailed your concern for sweet Tom. Your concern has been lovely.*

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**T**his is the time of year when Scottish activities slow down a bit for the summer. Somehow, newsletters and things happening slow to a crawl as well.

Scanning the Internet to find clan publications containing news of things happening, I was sort of going methodically through various clan websites.

I normally don't have time for this sort of thing...so, I was somewhat shocked at what I found.

Many of the clan websites have not been updated in years. Many contain not much at all except maybe a copy of the crest and maybe the clan motto...and admonitions that if you are not currently a member of the group...you can't see anything or learn anything about the clan.

My goodness!

In a time when I don't know of a Scottish organization who is not concerned about losing members and at least trying to keep their membership numbers about the same - by gaining some at games to replace those lost just simply because when times get tough and money gets really short, magazine subscriptions, entertainment and membership dues are about the first things to go - I was somewhat appalled that Internet clan sites are quite often just unfriendly.

I've had great experience with the heading of this page: At first a job, a chore, anything repeated often - is fun...then it becomes not so much fun...and by the third time, it has become labor, work and sweat.



*Yes, this is me long, long ago and far, far away. Found this for last month's BNFT... but Tom got sick and my mind flew the coop. Anyway, this is really proof I have been a cowboy always.*

Volunteers are most always somewhat "gung-ho" at the beginning - but by the third or fourth time it is scheduled for them to do what they promised they will do, they very often poop out.

Please, folks, try and make your clan websites friendly, welcoming and inclusive.

Please try and keep the websites up to date, current and interesting to read and see.

Having a website that is years out of date is useless.

Having a website that is unfriendly is useless too.

Sometimes it takes years and years to accomplish something. Most often the ratio of how much time it takes is longer the more worthwhile your goal is.

If you truly love and enjoy something you do, the more you do it, the more fun it is! I promise.

# Clan Bell International



This old West Marche Clan, one of the Border Clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the “rieving” if the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared “unruly by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called “Redcloak” and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

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

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

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# ARE YOU KIN TO WILLIAM RAMSAY?

Nancy Malone Miller, Clan Ramsay

I teach Old Testament to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School class at White Memorial (Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC.

One of the study guides we use is *The Westminster Guide to the Books of the Bible*, by ) **R. WILLIAM M. RAMSAY.** ) **R. RAMSAY** taught for many years at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Interestingly, the *Guide* references research by **SIR WILLIAM MITCHELL RAMSAY**, a Scottish archeologist and New Testament Scholar with the same name.

I enjoy telling the children these scholars are my cousins, but the truth is I do not know.

Searching through nearly three thousand

**WILLIAM RAMSAY/RAMSEY** names in our data-base would require more time than I can spare, but if we can connect to one of the two **WILLIAM RAMSAY'S** direct male descendants the quest for answers will become much easier.

Our Clan Genealogist, **Nancy Miller** enters the family pedigree information submitted with membership applications into our extensive Clan Ramsay data base.

With the help of webmaster **Alice Ramsay**, the data is posted on the Members' Only section of the *Clan Ramsay Web Site*.

Until recently, we were not able to verify the accuracy of the family pedigree information we received from our members nor were we able to connect one family to another with confidence.

The genealogy data-base combined with selective testing has greatly improved our research capabilities.

If you have questions about your Ramsay/Ramsey family relationships and are interested in finding out how DNA analysis can aid in your research, contact our DNA administrator, **John Hendrickson**: [jdhknoxton@ad.com](mailto:jdhknoxton@ad.com). He will be happy to advise you on the most cost effective )DNA testing alternatives to help guide your research.

If you are interested in learning how to use the Ramsay Consortium data-base to do more research on your limb of the family tree, John can help you with that as well.

With nearly 150,000 names and 6,000 family heritage files in the data base, chances are good we can help you find some relationships you did not know about.

Are you kin to the **WILLIAM RAMSAY**? Chances are good we can help you find out.

Who knows? We could be kin?

If you wish more information about Clan Ramsay please contact Mona Ramsey, at [ramsey6@bellsouth.net](mailto:ramsey6@bellsouth.net).

With thanks to *The Ramsay Report*.

## An oldie, but goodie!



*Frank Sinatra asks Lou Gehrig for an autograph in 1939. Thanks to Eric King and the Internet.*

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# Using the averages in your stone-wall genealogical searches

If you are at a dead-end trying to trace early pre-1850 ancestors, here are a few clues that may lead to finding that elusive documentation.

Generally, there are three generations per century.

The average age for men to marry was about 24 - seldom before 20.

The average for women to marry was 20 and seldom before 16.

First marriages were usually between couples near the same age.

Women usually outlived their husbands, but older widowers frequently married much younger women who had never been married.

Births usually occurred at two year intervals.

Frequently the first child was born a year after marriage.

Childbearing generally ended about age 45.

Men usually married women from their neighborhoods, but if a "non-local" woman shows up, check the man's former home. Often men returned to their former residence to find a wife.

Families and neighbors usually migrated from their old homes together and women rarely traveled alone.

If you can't find an older parent, chances are, he/she "went West" with a son or daughter and son-in-law.

If you find an ancestor with a "virtue" name (Patience, Hope, Charity, etc.) consider a New England heritage.

Children were often named for grandparents, both male and female.



## “of that ilk” What does that mean?

Many times in Scottish literature, we come across the term, “of that ilk.” Most of the time it follows the name of a Clan Chief.

The Old English word “ilea” means “same”.

The term “of that ilk” was used in both Scotland and England, but over time has come to have different meanings in

both countries.

In England, the term “ilk” means “kind” or “class.”

In Scotland, the phrase has more to do with kinship.

According to the *Concise Scots Dictionary*, “of that ilk” designates the head of a landed family.

For example, the head of the MacPherson family from the MacPherson estate would be referred to as “MacPherson of that Ilk.”



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# Lily Harris -

## An Old Blairgowrie Character

*Something between a hindrance and a help.*

Wordsworth.

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With thanks to Alastair McIntyre and electricscotland.com

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Lily (or Lilian) Harris was born at LittleFardle, in the Lower Stormont, about the year 1730—a century too late and in the wrong parish to participate in the doings of Jenny Geddes; but there can be no question as to the attitude she would have taken up on that memorable occasion in St Giles’s Cathedral had she been present—the probability being that a couple of stools instead of one would have been sent flying at the minister’s head. So far as history or tradition is any guide she is the nearest approach to Jenny that the district has produced. She grew up to be a goodlooking young: woman of somewhat uncertain temper, a great reader of the Bible and religious books, much given to disputations about points of doctrine, abrupt and eccentric of manner, and a believer in good, honest, straightforward speech.

There was a sort of “aloofness” which duns: to her all through life, and what “Lily” said or did came to be recognised as among the things that mat’ered in the district. She married David Chalmers, Hilltoun of Mause, near Blairgowrie, and as she grew older, all her peculiarities became accentuated, culminating in Blairgowrie and Strathmore Worthies: complete mental derangement after the birth of her third child, which she persisted in believing had been CARRIED OFF BY THE FAIRIES.

Thenceforth her sole business was to find out where the little people had taken her bairn, and many a dangerous adventure she had in her wild search, night as well as day, up and down the banks of the River Ericht, which runs through a deep ravine just below the Mause - its precipitous walls at that time—and not much else even now being one dense mass of tangled brushwood, down which she would clamber.

For a while she used to be accompanied by some of her friends, but by and by she was left to her own free will.

One night, which was a turning point in her life, she had a fearful experience in a thunder storm, in which she came upon the Witches Knowe, caught the fairies at their revels, with the queen—thrice welcome sight!—in their midst, clasping her long-lost child in her arms!

Lily rushed forward with a cry, but a huge black monster beyond doubt the Deil himself—confronted her in the shape of a bat, grew bigger and bigger and more frightsome the longer she gazed upon it, and she was compelled to seek the shelter of a tree, followed hard by the Evil One.

Turning upon him defiantly, however, she repeated the opening lines of the 46th Psalm, the tree went over with a great crash, and the demon “gaed aff wi’ a fluff” just as the first streak of dawn appeared over the hills of Glenballoch. Something like that was Lily’s account of the affair

when she reached home in a sorely bedraggled condition that morning; in any case she had passed a terrible night, and Lily Harris, from that date she was completely cured of this particular hallucination.

All her life long, however, she was a “character,” the privileged censor of high and low, and a great “sermon-taster.”

Many of her whimsical sayings have obtained currency beyond the district. Nothing irritated her more than affectation on the part of a preacher, whether this took the form of using the “paper” — for so she seemed to regard it—or was shown by voice, gesture, or otherwise.

She usually attended the Parish Church, where she

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and vocabulary  
those of the  
original unknown author.

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sat under three ministers in her day—the Rev. James Lyon, 1723-1768; the Rev. William Dow, 1769-1786; and the Rev. James Johnstone, 1787-1836.

In passing, it may be noted that Mr Johnstone was the “fule body” that advised “the Lady Pitlyal” in Miss Graham’s clever “Mystifications” “to gae to law,” although Lord Jeffrey declared it was “very sensible advice.”

One day, however, A STRANGER WAS IN THE PULPIT who stuck close to the abhorred “paper,” and

Lily was so wroth that, not willing to wait till after

the church was out to express her opinion of it, she kept up an audible running commentary during the delivery of the sermon itself—earmarking the various sources of the preacher’s eloquence in a very uncomfortable manner for that individual.

That’s John Bunyan,” she muttered after a fine passage. “That’s William Law,” came a minute or two later on. “That’s Jeremy Taylor,” was the next comment. Then, “That’s Giles Fletcher !” and the mere man in the pulpit could stand it no longer.

Looking over, he ordered the beadle to “put Lily out!”

Lily laughed her scorn. “That’s yer ain,” retorted she, “an’ gin that paper were ta’en oot afore ye, ye’d be as ready to gae oot as I am !”

Her rest Blairgowrie and Strathmore Worthies: lessness and readiness to pass remarks upon what was going on in church were particularly annoying on Sacra-

ment Days, and it is said that 5s was given her on one occasion on the understanding that she was to keep quiet and “ behave herself.”

She did so as long as she could; but the service had not proceeded far before she shocked every one by rising up and “dingin’ doon” the money on the floor with the contemptuous remark — “hae, there’s your siller; I’d rather hae my liberty!

Two other places of worship she liked to attend occasionally were Lethendy and Littleton of Rattray Secession Churches.

The latter was the precursor of the present Mount Erich U

The site of this old church, built in 1762, is indicated by a stone in the dyke on the right hand of the road to Alyth, opposite the row of cottages known as “Beavershire”—a name given, according to local tradition, on account of the male members of the little community being very partial to “beaver” head covering at one time.

The inscription on the stone reads—”Littleton Kirk, erected 1762; ruined 1792.”

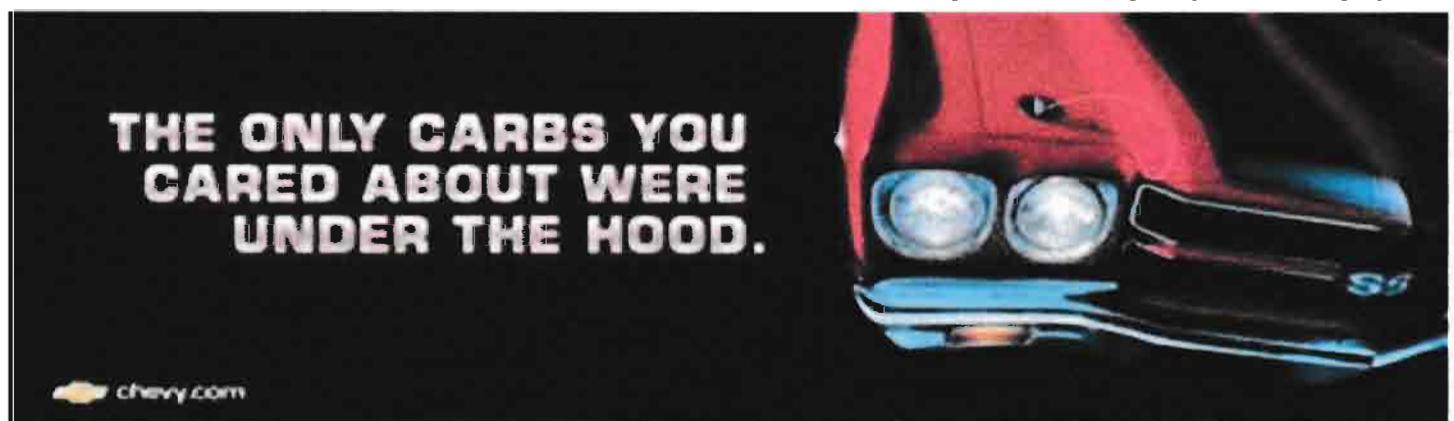
The Rev. James Henderson was ordained first Secession minister in the year of the church’s erection, and the new church was built on what is now the garden of ex-Provost Robertson, Old Rattray, the style of the church having resembled the present ParUh Church on a smaller scale.

The present (Mount Erich U.F.) church was built in 1835, In the early days of the Secession at the Littleton

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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



You're welcome to email the Pres.  
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worship used to be conducted in a tent on Sacrament days, and the behaviour of the younger people was frequently the reverse of decorous.

On one occasion Lily was present, and things being not to her mind at all, she stood glaring indignation all around her, while every one else was seated.

Some one offered her a seat, which she refused, and immediately repeated these lines

*With persons vain I have not sat,  
Nor with dissemblers gone.*

At the Reisk—which was the name Lethendy Secession Church was known by—the scenes on Sacrament days, as mentioned in a former article, were frequently of a most disorderly sort. Whisky tents were erected just outside the church, and both between the “tables” and after the service was over the “ongaein’s” were such as would not have disgraced Burns’s “Holy Fair.”

The Rev. Mr Balfour, who was the first placed minister (ordained in 1787) was a man of great force of character.

His great standing abhorrence was the Popes, against whom he was forever fulminating in the good, old-fashioned, thorough-going style—very wearing upon the binding of the pulpit Bible.

No one enjoyed his onslaughts more thoroughly than Lily, who was wont to declare that “if there was a Pope at Rome there was a Luther at the Reisk,” and the minister came to be known as “Luthei Balfour” from this saying of hers.

Lily’s hatred of sham was shown one day when a Mr Smith from Coupar Angus preached, and was the subject of much critical remark from his hearers afterwards.

Lily listened to the talk but said nothing until some one asked her opinion, when SHE GAVE THEM THEIR QUIETUS by remarking— “I dinna wonder ye didna

like Mr Smith, for the Deil didna like him ayther.”

When the Rev. Mr Young was elected minister Blairgowrie and Strathmore Worthies of the Secession Church at Logiealmond he preached at the Reisk before being ordained, and Lily had to be there to pass judgment.

She caught hold of the preacher before he entered the church, and scrutinised him from head to foot.

“The outside man’s weeleneuch,” said she at last, “but I want to ken what the inside can dae.”

The sermon was evidently all that his critic could desire, for at the close she stood up in the church and exclaimed in a loud voice—“Behold the chosen of the Lord ! Arise and anoint him.”

She had been absent from the Parish Church for some time, and one of the elders meeting her took it upon him to reprove her, warning her of the consequences of such conduct, and winding up with — “Min

“Guid sakes,” exclaimed she, “it’ll no be for want o’ ministers !”

A dandy young preacher who was doing the rhetorical business in grand style had A TERRIBLE FALL at her hands on one occasion.

He had got the length of his peroration, and after standing for some little time in a very graceful and impressive attitude, with his right hand in his open waistcoat, he suddenly stretched out his arm to emphasise a brilliant point, when the incorrigible Lily gave a new turn to his thoughts—and those of the congregation—by putting the momentous question—“Was it a louse or a flech, sir, an’ gat ye it a’ richt?”

This strange woman finished her course in 1807.

Her sister, Isobel, who married another David Chalmers (cousin of Lily’s husband), was the progenitor of a number of well-known families in Blairgowrie district.



**Bardstown, Kentucky Scottish Games  
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# The Clan Macneil Association of America

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# Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

## 2014 Rhind Lectures now available online

2014 Rhind Lectures now available online! Emeritus Professor John Waddell, National University Ireland - Galway, delivered a fascinating series of lectures entitled "Archaeology and Celtic Myth – an exploration" at the Royal Society of Edinburgh in April.

Hear what our sponsors, supporters and audience thought by clicking here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4gU5kD9db0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4gU5kD9db0).

You can enjoy all six lectures and the introduction and vote of thanks by clicking here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaBwXC0N1MKFSpgXuZcTfag>

The original summaries and context for the lectures with these same links are also available on our website here: <http://www.socantscot.org/article.asp?aid=2254>

Sponsorship from Rubicon Heritage Ltd was matched by a New Arts Sponsorship Grant. This additional support enabled us to work with Mallard Productions to professionally record the weekend events.

You can also buy a copy of the accompanying book from Four Courts Press by visiting: <http://www.fourcourtspress.ie/product.php?intProductID=1186>

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**15-16 August 2014 - Arlington,  
Washington**

Washington State Genealogical Society 2014 Conference & Annual Meeting

Theme: Improved Genealogy through Better Methods and Techniques

Keynote Speaker: **D. Joshua Taylor**

Additional Speakers: **Eric Stroschein, Donna Potter Phillips, Mary Kathryn Kozy, Steven W. Morrison, Susan Faulkner, Margie Beldin, Janet Camarata, Jill Morelli, Teresa Shulze, Patti McNamee**

Location: Byrnes Performing Arts Center, Arlington High School, 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd, Arlington, WA.

Registration: Registration Opens 15 March 2014.

Additional Information: WSGS 2014 Conference

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**11 October 2014 - Sumner,  
Washington**

Heritage Quest Research Library Autumn Quest 2014

Speaker: **Lisa Louise Cook**

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Additional Information: As it becomes available.

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**14 October 2014 - Tacoma,  
Washington**

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Speaker: **Cyndi Ingle**

Topic: Evernote for Genealogists

Pre-Meeting is planned for a Genealogy Roundtable

Location: Bates Technical College, South Campus, 2201 South 78th St, Tacoma. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, preceded by a social "cookies & coffee" time and an informal pre-meeting session lasting 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.

Registration: Free admission for all.

Additional Information: TPCGS Monthly Meetings

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**25 April 2015 - Tacoma, Washington**

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society 2015 Spring Seminar

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# Scottish Interim constitution drafted

An interim constitution has been drafted by the Scottish Government, which will serve as the foundation for a government in case of a “yes” vote in the independence referendum on 18 September 2014.

If activated, it will function until a permanent constitution can be framed and adopted sometime after 2016.

The interim constitution is founded on the principle of popular sovereignty, establishes Scotland as a parliamentary democracy (although with very limited role for the monarch), embodies the European Convention on

Human Rights and asserts that the government is accountable to the people.

The draft does not address the structure of the electoral system and parliamentary terms of office nor the specific powers of the Crown, all of which will be covered for the time being by the 1999 Scotland Act that established Edinburgh Parliament.

A majority “yes” vote in the September referendum will authorize the Scottish Parliament to pursue full independence for Scotland.

## Celts and the yew tree

The longest-living thing in Europe, the evergreen yew tree has long symbolized immortality.

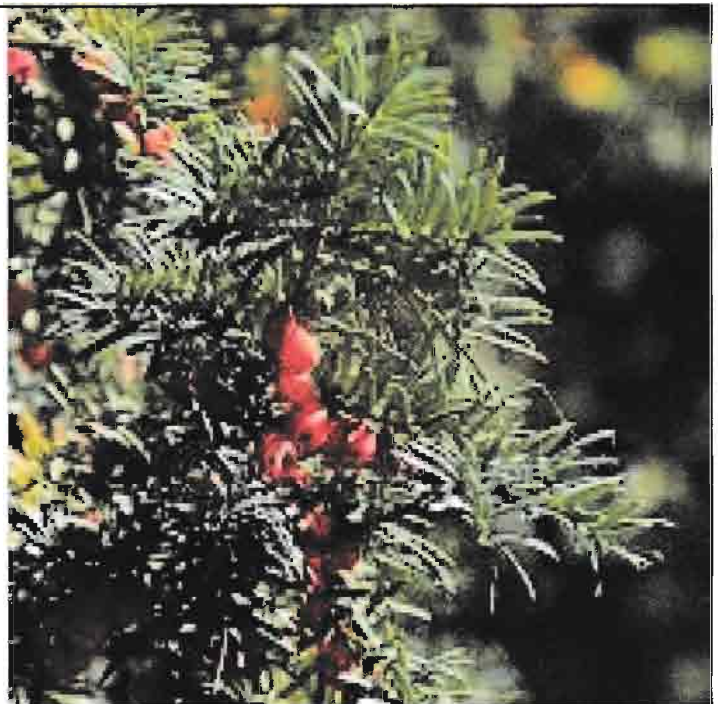
To the Celts, the yew also imparted vitality and power and for the old time Druids it was their wood of choice for making magic wands.

It is no coincidence that the yew was often planted in churchyards and burial grounds. These old, quiet places have become refuges for some of Britain’s oldest yew trees which commonly live to 500 years and can live to 800 years or more.

Without care, nothing lives forever. The Anglican Church in Wales is launching a campaign to preserve the ancient yews that are found in its 203 churchyards in Wales.

The work is supported by the Ancient Yew Group and the churchyard conservation organization is called Caring for God’s Acre.

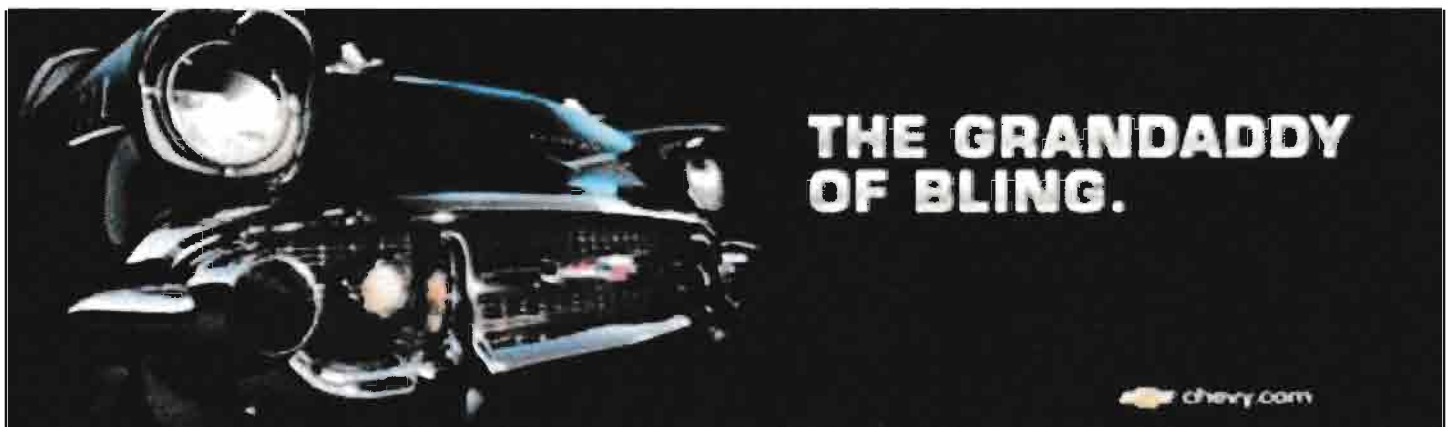
The campaign will gather and make available advice on how to best care for yews, not necessarily just



the ones in churchyards.

If you would like to know more about this project visit [www.ancient-yew.org](http://www.ancient-yew.org)

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# *Clan Leslie Society International*

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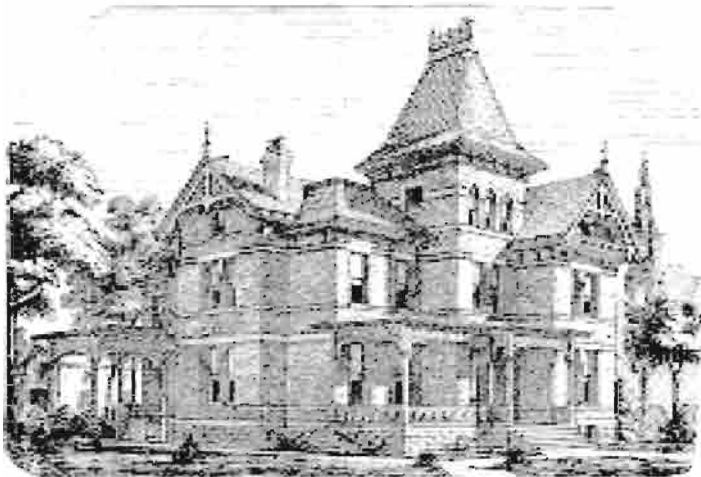
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Conveniently located in downtown San Antonio, the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center will host the conference's workshops, lectures, and exhibit hall.

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# Clan MacCord Society

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

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# Flowers of the Forest

**CDR Howard E. McCord, Jr.**, USN-Ret, FSA-Scot, KTJ-SMOTJ, Clan MacCord Society Convener & Chief Emeritus has passed away. May he rest in peace.

Howard was always keen on kith & kin. His heart's desire was to be sure that every McCord or descendant of a McCord, knew who they were.

You cannot know who you are, if you do not know from whom you came, and Howard was always happy to try to help someone find their family line.

McCord's have an ancient history in Scotland & Ireland and Howard wanted to make sure that everyone knew how proud they can be of the world wide contributions that McCords have made and especially for the U.S.A.

He fought hard to increase Clan membership and worked the McCord tent at all Highland games that he could manage to attend.

Nothing delighted Howard more than meeting a new McCord or old friend.

Howard's enthusiasm for the Clan MacCord Society will be missed.

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**David Dale Bassett** (1939 - 2014) passed away peacefully in the early evening hours of July 19, 2014.

He was born November 14, 1939, the youngest of 3 children of Herman and Julia Bassett. He was born and grew up in Jacksonville, in the Murray Hill area, but spent a lot of his time growing up at the family lake property since he was born.

He graduated from Robert E Lee High School, where his son David and granddaughter Courtney also graduated. He attended South Georgia College where he met his life long friends. Audie and Jo Ann Lambe.

He transferred to the University of Georgia where he graduated in 1963.

While at Georgia he met his wife Martha Carolyn Tolbert. He and Carolyn were married in 1963 and she was lovingly by his side right up to his death.

Dale worked for the Independent Life Insurance Co as Group Sales Manager for 18 years.

In 1990, Dale formed his own independent agency, the Dale Bassett Insurance Agency, which is still flourishing today. The agency is now managed by his other son, Michael, who joined the agency in 1994.

In 2000, Dale and Carolyn retired to the family lake property and bought the Melrose Cafe restaurant in 2006.

He served as Head of PR & Official Greeter at the cafe.

Dale and Carolyn have spent nearly every day at the cafe since

2006, enjoying meeting many new friends and seeing some life long friends as well.

Dale loved his wife Carolyn, his sons David and Michael, especially all his grandchildren, his Dawgs and his Melrose Cafe and its many employees.

He was predeceased by his parents and brother Charles. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, his sister Phyllis Dixon (Donald) his son David (Melissa and her children Porsche and Hunter) his son Michael, as well as his Grandchildren Courtney, Brewer, Caroline and Allison.

Dale will be cremated and a celebration of life will be held soon. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for a donation in his honor to either St Vincents Healthcare Foundation, the University of Mississippi School of Business Administration, or the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Dale was your editor's friend since 5th grade at Ruth N. Upson in Jacksonville, Florida.



# Clan Davidson Society USA



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

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

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

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





# Rules of Grammar *they forgot to teach us!*

Your tongue is in your cheek when you type these...errors are on purpose.

1. Don't abbreviate.
2. Check to see if you any words out.
3. Be carefully to use adjectives and adverbs correct.
4. When dangling, don't use participles.
5. Don't use no double negatives.
6. Don't use commas, that aren't necessary.
7. Its important to use apostrophe's right.
8. It's better not to unnecessarily split an infinitive.
9. Only Proper Nouns should be capitalized. also a sentence should begin with a capital and end with a period
10. In letters compositions reports and things like that we use commas to keep a string of items apart.
11. Watch out for irregular verbs which have crept into your language.
12. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
13. Avoid unnecessary redundancies.
14. Don't write a run-on sentence you've got to punctuate it.
15. A preposition isn't a good thing to end a sentence with.
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# Angus has a brother!



*John E. Ramsay, president of the Clan Ramsay Association of North America, writes, "Angus has a brother! My grandson, Angus Robert Ramsay joined our Ramsay family the same year I became*

*Clan President. Angus is now 4.*

*On May 21st, his brother, Ford Benjamin Ramsay was born. Angus is adjusting to having a new housemate. They live in Sun Valley Idaho – there are not many Ramsay's in that part of the country, but we are working in it!"*

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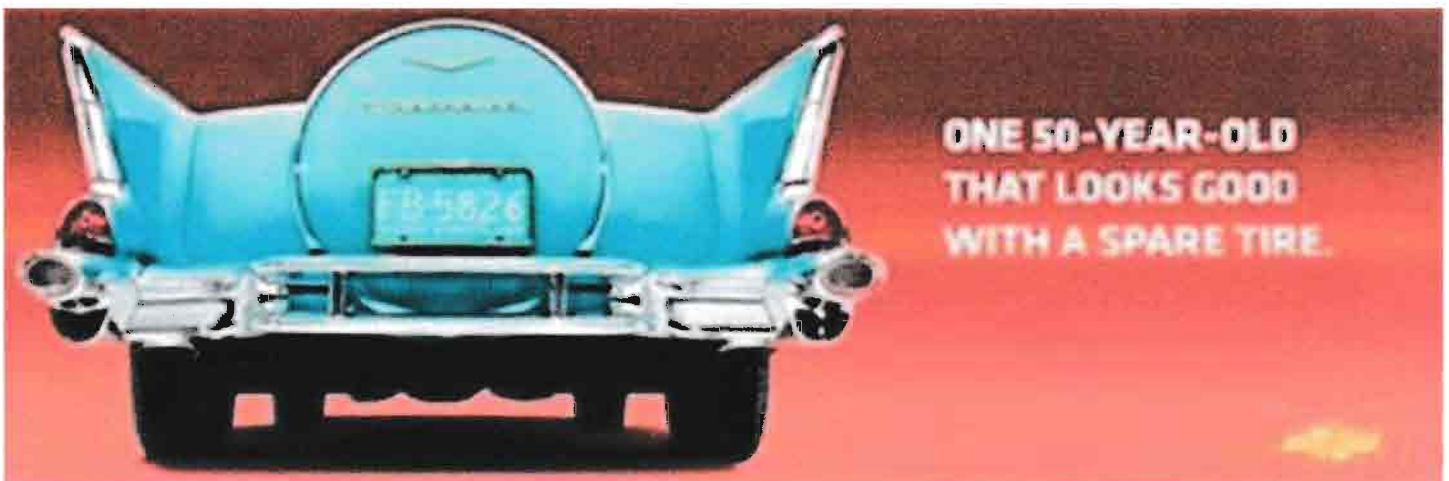
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