



# Beth's NEWFANGLED FAMILY TREE

AN INTERNET ALL ETHNICITIES GENEALOGICAL PUBLICATION

THE HOMETOWN PUBLICATION FOR THE WORLDWIDE SCOTTISH COMMUNITY

Vol. IX Issue 3 *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* August 2014 Section B

## Not everyone likes these Team Scotland tartan uniforms

*The Scotsman* newspaper in Edinburgh, Scotland has an article saying that there is a movement to scrap the uniforms to be worn by Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony has received more than 4,500 signatures from disgruntled fans across the globe.

The online petition calls for organisers to drop the outfits the athletes are to wear at the ceremony at Celtic Park.

The clothing has split opinion, with athletes and organisers said to have given a “favourable reaction” to the design, while many people continue to ridicule the outfits.

Team Scotland describes the male uniform as a “turquoise, fuchsia, navy blue and caramel” tartan kilt with a blue shirt, while the women will wear a “flowing wrap-around dress”, said to be inspired by the saltire.

A shawl-like wrap and a stone-coloured leather bag complete the women’s uniform.

Textile designer and artist Jill Blackwood created the outfits, and she insisted that she “didn’t expect everyone to like them”.

If you’d like to read the entire article just visit: <http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/thousands-demand-glasgow-2014-outfits-are-scraped-1-3473372>



**Latest Scottish  
indyref poll:  
Yes 41%,  
No 46%,  
Don't Know  
13%**

August 6 is *National Wiggle Your Toes Day* (Honest!)





# Armstrong Clan Society changes AGM location to N. AL Scottish Festival

The Armstrong Clan Society President Peter Armstrong has found it necessary to change the location of this years Annual General Meeting.

The date will be the same - that is - October 4, 2014.

The new location is the North Alabama Scottish Festival to be held at Sharon Johnston Park north east of Huntsville, Alabama.

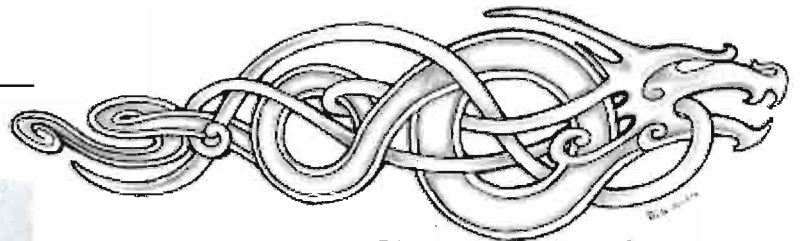
The Tennessee Valley Scottish Society is conducting the festival which will include: entertainment, dancing, pipers, heavy athletics, sheep and duck herding by border collies, and occasionally "airy coos". [Hairy cows - Highland cows - cows with dreadlocks, etc.]

Contact: [www.tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org/](http://www.tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org/) or [madisoncountyal.gov/sjpark/](http://madisoncountyal.gov/sjpark/)

Huntsville is also home to the Space and Rocket Center Space Camp (as in the movie) and Aviation Challenge and Redstone Arsenal home of the US Army's Space and Missile Command, Army aviation and Marshal Space Flight Center. Visit [rocketcenter.com](http://rocketcenter.com) [www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com) and [www.spacecamp.com/aviation](http://www.spacecamp.com/aviation) for more information.

Clan Armstrong hopes you will come.

## Scottish Pub Sign



## Modern Scots still tied to the Vikings

Despite arriving more than 1,000 years ago, the Viking legacy in Scotland is still strong according to a study conducted by BritainsDNA.

Researchers compared Y chromosome markers (which are inherited from the father) from more than 3,500 British men to six DNA patterns rarely found outside of Norway and Sweden.

The researchers found that nearly a third (29.9%) of the men from the Shetland Islands were of Viking descent, followed by the Orkney Islands (25.2%) and Caithness in the Highlands (17.5%). Yet, only 4.9% of men from northeast Scotland showed Scandinavian links.

In all, the study estimated that about a million Britons are directly descended from the Vikings.

With thanks to *Scottish Life* and Clan Donald USA North Pacific newsletter, *The Signal*.



# Flowers of the Forest

**Charles Frederick MacDonald, Jr.**, of Mossyrock, Washington, WWII Veteran and a former resident of Puyallup, Washington, died at the Morton General Hospital on May 3, 2014 of natural causes. He was 90.

“C.Fred,” as he was known within Clan Donald, is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann Miller MacDonald; twin sisters - Bonnie Raich and Barbara Prescott; seven children; thirty two grandchildren; and forty great grandchildren.

He was a Life Member of Clan Donald USA and the fifth Regional Commissioner for the North Pacific Region.

Those who attended our Annual Fall Dinner last October were very lucky to have spent a fun filled evening with C. Fred and Ruth Ann among us. He will be missed by this region and by all who knew him.

With thanks to Clan Donald USA North Pacific Region newsletter, *The Signal*.

---

**Betty Edmiston** – 9/3/37 (Tyler TX) — 6/12/13 (Beaumont, TX)

I had the privilege of meeting Betty and her husband, Jerry, just once, when I was working on a project in their home city of Beaumont TX. We met at their home for a pre-dinner drink and then ventured forth for a fine Texas style dinner. Betty was a wonderful example of what we would call a true Southern Woman, warm, witty, intelligent, and lovely and a lot of fun to be around. She was a perfect match for her retired Texas Ranger husband, Jerry.

We had a delightful time that evening, reminiscing like old friends, swapping tall tales and stories late into the evening.

As a life-long Ranger, Jerry had lots of tall tales,

and Betty swore every one was true, but with the twinkle in her eye letting me know what she really felt!

They served their Clan for many years as Regional Directors in the Texas and Louisiana area, manning tents for the Clan at many Scottish Gatherings in their catchment basin.

I mourn Betty’s passing and know Jerry feels lost without his Betty at his side.

Soraidh, Betty, beannachd Dia dhuit... Dave Chagnon, FSA Scot Sennachie and Membership Registrar, Clan Davidson Society, USA.

---

**John Lawrence Davidson** – May 13, 1938 - February 28, 2014

Last night, my friend went home to Scotland... My friend

was John Lawrence (call me “Larry”!) Davidson. Larry lost his final battle to the ravages of cancer at 6:15 PM, Saturday, February 28th. He certainly didn’t give up his ghost without a fight, fending off the attacker for several years. But... let’s not linger over Larry’s last days, let’s chat about his life.

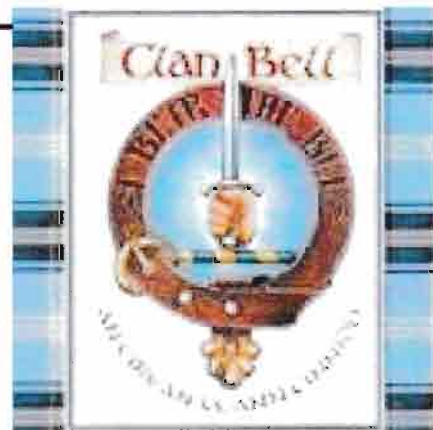
I first became aware of Larry when he became a Regional Director for Clan Davidson Society USA back in 1994. Larry and I corresponded quite a bit after that, and he used to send me a copy of “*The Thistle & The Wheatstalk*”, the newsletter of the Wichita KS Scottish Society, of which Larry was President. He and his wife, Angie, were long time residents of Wichita following his years as a pilot in the Air Force where he served in Viet Nam.

Given his experience as a pilot and his Bachelor’s

*Continued on page 11*



# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, they engaged in the “rieving” of the period and participated in many battles against the English.



Declared “unruly” by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan were “encouraged” to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called “Redcloak” and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

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

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

President & Membership:

**David E. Bell**

1513 Anterra Drive

Wake Forest, NC 27587

debellinncc@reagan.com

*Visit our Website:*

**clanbell.org**



# Scotland Independence vote could mean a revamp of the Union Jack

Ellen Mauro, CBC News Posted: Jun 19, 2014

Scotland's independence referendum isn't only posing a threat to the continued unity of the United Kingdom; it could also spell the end for one of Britain's most popular symbols as the world knows it.

The Union flag is featured on everything from tacky souvenirs and Spice Girls attire, to the top of the flagpole on Buckingham Palace and in the design of national flags the world over could lose its signature blue background and diagonal white cross if Scotland votes to become an independent country in its referendum on Sept. 18.

Those aspects of one of the world's most recognizable flags come from the cross of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland.

When Scotland and England were united in 1706, the Scottish cross was combined with the red St. George's cross to create the Union flag, more commonly called the Union Jack. The flag was altered in 1801 to add the St. Patrick's cross of Ireland.

If Scotland leaves the United Kingdom, many experts argue, the features it brought to the Union Jack will have to go too.

"As inconceivable as it is to us now to imagine changing it is equally inconceivable to think that we wouldn't have to re-examine what our flag should be in the case Scotland votes ayes," said Charles Ashburner, chief executive of the Flag Institute, a UK-based charity that researches and documents flags.

"It's hard to imagine it before the conversation starts, because it would be difficult to get rid of it com-

pletely - but impossible to keep it unchanged."

Whose flag is it anyway?

Ashburner has attended meetings at Downing Street over recent weeks to discuss the future of the flag in the run-up to the referendum.

But despite the meetings, there is not yet an official plan if the United Kingdom becomes less united come September.

Not only is there not a plan, there also seems to be confusion amongst UK government departments about who's in charge.

A spokesperson at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport said that the Cabinet Office was respon-

sible for the flag. But calls to the Cabinet Office were redirected back to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Prime Minister David Cameron's office also said it doesn't have authority over the flag. A spokesman there was quick to add, though, that all of the government's efforts are currently focused on making sure Scotland votes to stay in the UK, not redesigning the Union Jack in case it doesn't.

A global symbol with little official status

Much of the grey area surrounding the future of the Union Jack comes from the lack of laws regulating flags in the UK.

For example, despite being used as a symbol of Great Britain for centuries, the Union Jack has never formally been adopted as the UK's national flag.

A private member's bill to formalize its status was introduced in 2008 by MP Andrew Rosindell, the chair-



*Continued on page 7*





# clankeith-usa.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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

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



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

## Isle of Man - Island of Culture

The year 2014 has been designaated the Isle of Culture in Mannin. The island is celebrating its culture through dance, music, theatre, the visual arts and literature, cultural festivals, film and digital innovation.

The Island of Culture event is the largest cultural celebration in the history of Mannin and will be spread over all twelve months.

Visit <http://www.islandofculture.im>



### The Union Jack, *continued from page 5*

man of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Flags and Heraldry. But, it failed to pass the House of Commons.

“It’s very typically British that we have no idea who is in charge - but because we’ve never been through a process of making it our formal and legal national flag, we have no agency to look after it,” said Ashburner.

”We are in a bit of a pickle as a country.”

#### The ‘Welsh Factor’

Ashburner’s Flag Institute has begun to showcase an array of designs, from both its members and ordinary people, for a redesigned flag. Most of the entries incorporate features to symbolize Wales, like the Welsh red dragon.

Wales is not represented in the Union Jack’s current incarnation because it was seen strictly as part of England when the flag was created.

Andrew Blick, a spokesman from The Constitution Society, an organization aimed at bettering the public’s understanding of the British Constitution, said the “Welsh factor” should play a large role in any redesign.

“If Scotland’s out, Wales has to be in,” said Blick. “That’s the obvious argument.”

#### Even if Union’s broke, don’t fix flag

Still, there are many who argue that the flag should

stay the same regardless of any Scottish secession.

Part of the reason, they say, is since the flag originated when the crowns of Scotland and England were united, rather than when the political union of the governments took place, there is no need to change it. After all, an independent Scotland would keep Queen Elizabeth as head of state.

There are also worries that a debate over the flag would distract the public and politicians from the vast amount of work that would need to be done to establish Scotland as an independent country.

Work that would likely have a greater impact on their lives than the look of the Union Jack.

On top of those reasons, some commentators argue that changing the flag would unfurl

too many international complications. After all, mini Union Jacks are featured on more than 20 foreign flags around the world, including those of Australia and Hawaii, as well as the provincial flags of Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia.

Would they be expected to change their flags too?

”It’s simply uncharted territory,” said Ashburner. “And it will open up a Pandora’s Box when the time comes.”



With many thanks to The American College of Heraldry’s  
June 2014 issue of *The Armiger’s News*





# The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons and those interested in these surnames.

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

## Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at [peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com](mailto:peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com) or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>. Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.



# Southern States **RESEARCH**

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Many genealogists and historians view the South as one monolithic cultural, social, and political institution. Social and political life in general was perceived as so unique that it was impossible to relate any logic to events and circumstances that prevailed elsewhere in America. Historical events such as slavery, succession from the Union, Civil War, and Reconstruction have set the South apart from the rest of the country until recent times.

The settlement of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi began with European outposts in the colonial wars of empire. Each developed under variable conditions. They rarely share a common past other than being geographically located in the South. The history of the Old South, from Virginia to Texas, cannot be told in any one state's story. It can best be understood in the experiences of the many migratory "frontier" southern families. Lack of a tradition of early vital records and religious faiths leaving few surviving parish or congregational registers among a widespread people can complicate matters.

Record keeping was inconsistent. Region-wide consistency begins in 1830 when the first relatively complete and credible federal census records were generated. Policies concerning Indian removal were in full force. Most of the members of the last Native American tribes in these states were removed to western Arkansas, today's Oklahoma, shortly afterwards, creating a large volume of federal and other records of the Indians, and the whites among them, that can contain extensive fam-

ily information. The various Indian Wars ultimately contributed to the thousands of genealogically valuable military bounty, pension, and other military records of southerners.

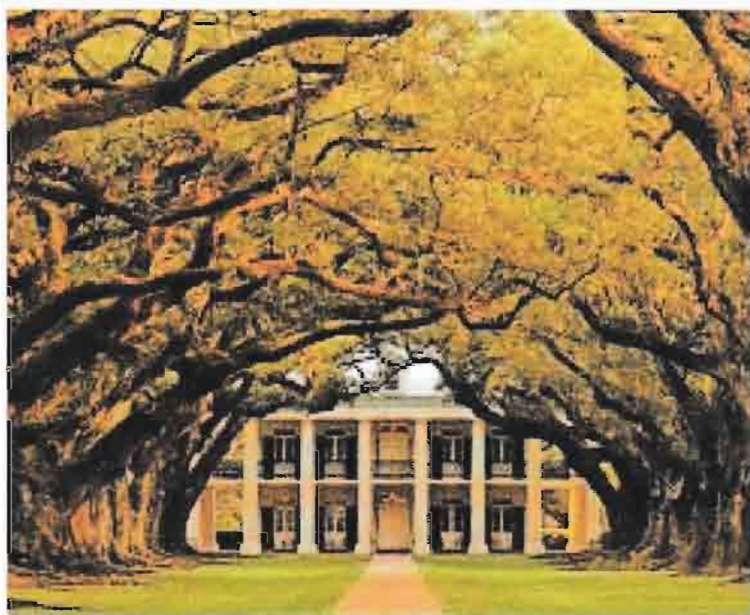
**With the exception of Georgia, the other states were federal territories. Personal information appears on the settlers of those states in such well-known works as *The American State Papers* and *The Territorial Papers of the United States*. Colonial and early federal records have also been published for indi-**

**vidual states. Bureau of Land Management indexes for the land grants of these federal land states have been made widely available but are incomplete for pre-1820 credit grants and for the homestead applications that were never completed.**

The Civil War/Reconstruction Era created especially valuable records such as indexes to service records, pensions, etc. These records are available on a number of online websites

such as Ancestry, Fold 3, Family Search, through the various state archives, and the National Archives. Most of the material from the Reconstruction still lacks useful indexes and publication, but extensive personal data on thousands of former slaves and other persons found in what survives of the registers of the Freedman's Bank have been abstracted and digitized by the Family History library and are available online via Ancestry, Family search, and Heritage Quest.

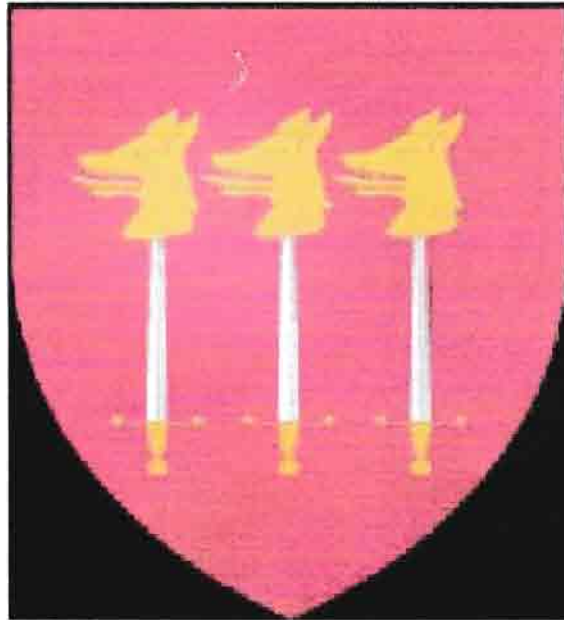
Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S., Reference Librarian | Ft. Myers Regional Library, 2450 First Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901 [bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com) Voice 239-533-4626 Fax 239-485-1160 [leelibrary.net](http://leelibrary.net)



# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/CARNIE, CURREHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, HALYARD/HALLYARD, MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

**Dorna Comp, president**  
103 Sumners Alley  
Summerville, SC 29485  
(dkc1027@yahoo.com)



The Arms of Danus George Moncreiff  
Skene of Skene, Chief of the Name and Arms  
of Skene

## **A Historical Handbook to Scotland**

by Duncan MacPhail

*This book is useful in EVERY Scottish clan tent!*

You may order, if you'd like to use a credit card, from <http://www.amazon.com>  
or a USPS Money Order or Check

\$25.00 includes s/h

from Beth Gay-Freeman  
688 Camp Yonah Road, Clarkesville, GA 30523



and Master's degrees in business administration, Larry was an excellent marketer for Boeing and Cessna.

He and his Dad started Four Flags Trading Company in Wichita, as well.

Larry and I got on well together with our correspondence, me nagging on him for material for the CDS-USA newsletter since Larry was both a good wordsmith and had a love of all things Scottish. Larry was forgiving of my kvetching and supplied many great articles for our newsletter — mostly to shut me up, I suspect.

We also shared an edgy sense of humor tinged with just a sprinkle of sarcasm... my kinda guy!

We finally met up at the Loch Norman Highland Games when our Clan Chief, Alister Davidson of Davidston, and his Lady Mary were the honored Guests in 2001. It was instant rapport!

After several minutes sniffing the netherparts of the other like strange dogs meeting up for the first time, we decided we were a good fit and had a great time swapping lies and stories (i.e. more lies!).

Larry and Angie were marvelous Regional Director's for Clan Davidson Society, representing the Society at several Highland Games in the Mid-West.

After David and Patty Davisson (Regional Directors for R13) came up with an idea for holding some sort of nation-wide Clan Gathering somewhere in the center of the US, I thought about Kansas City. There's a Highland Games in Kansas City in June that might work out for us. I contacted Wayne and Pam Davis who were our representatives for the KCHG and they were very receptive to the idea.

I also consulted with Larry and Angie Davidson who had a vast store of local knowledge of the area. On their own dime, Larry and Angie did a feet-on-the street scout of the Argosy Casino Hotel, adjacent to the KCHG venue. Based on their recommendations and the enthusiasm of



Wayne and Pam, the first ever International Gathering of Clan Davidson to be held in the Americas was the result.

We all know what a huge success this event was and much of the credit for this success can be laid at the feet of Larry and Angie.

Larry and Angie were world travelers and Larry was most generous with sending me stories about some of their forays to share with you.

The one I remember best was the search for the ancestral family Davidson Castle in Cairnbrogie, Scotland. After much to-ing and fro-ing, the wee Cairnbrogie crossroads where the family homestead was most likely sited was discovered, sans castle, alas... och, weel, it's a bonny place nevertheless.

Cairnbrogie is in Aberdeenshire in the north-east of Scotland, a place loaded with Davidson families to this very day — I'm sure Larry was made very welcome.

Larry and Angie had a son, Andy, and a daughter, Julie, and 8 grandchildren.

Last night my friend returned home to Scotland... he shall be deeply missed by his family, his Clan, and all who knew him.

*If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.*

*If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.*

*If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nations.*

*When there is order in the nations, there will be peace in the world.*

Farewell, my friend...

Dave Chagnon, FSA Scot and Sennachie and Membership Registrar, Clan Davidson Society, USA.

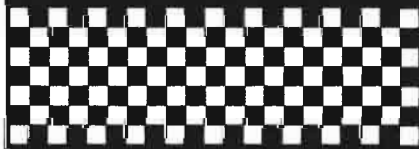


# FLYING HERALDRY



Heraldic banners, standards, pennons, pinsels, gonfalons, et., suitable for interior & exterior use. Constructed of superior materials which feature the optimum characteristics of easy flight & long term durability. Depending on the intricacy of your design, you may choose from printed or appliquéd styles. Attachment by grommets, pole sleeves with leather tabs or clip & toggle. Poles, stands & fringe to suit your needs. Rush orders available as scheduling permits. For more information:

Thomas Freeman  
 tom@caberdancer.com  
 706-839-6612





# Now we know what Bonnie Prince Charlie looked like at the Battle of Culloden

A LONG-LOST portrait of Bonnie Prince Charlie at the height of his powers has been discovered recently in Scotland by an art historian.

Painted in October 1745 by the celebrated Scottish artist Allan Ramsay at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, it shows a proud and determined 24-year-old prince who had just seized control of Scotland and was preparing to march south to regain the British throne for the Stuart dynasty.

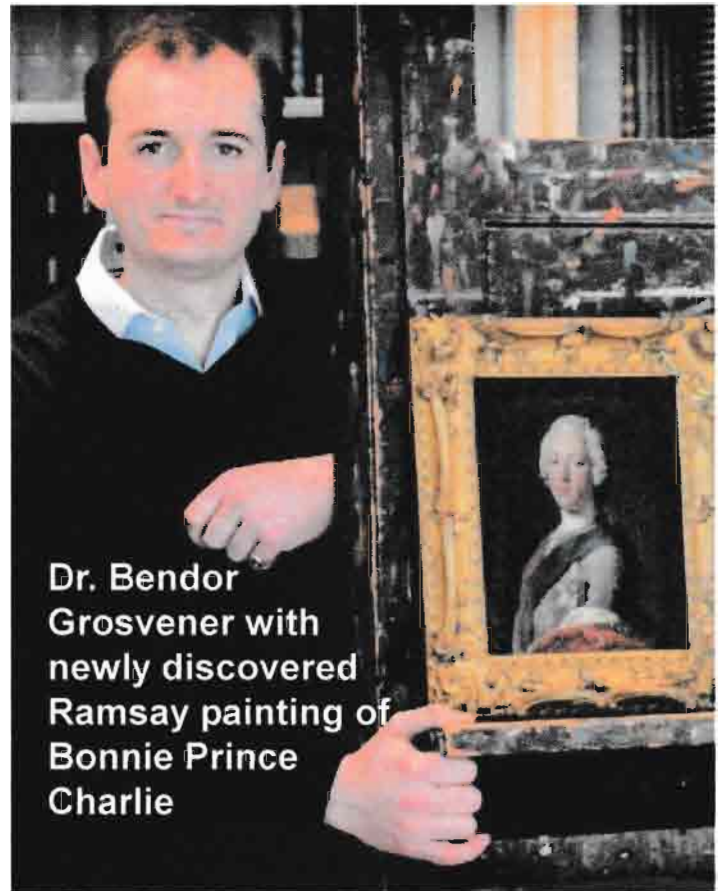
It ends one of the greatest mysteries in British royal art: until the discovery, it had been believed no portrait of Charles Edward Stuart had been painted in Britain during his lifetime.

More than 250 years on, the painting has been found by Dr Bendor Grosvenor at Gosford House, home of the Earl of Wemyss in East Lothian. Dr Grosvenor previously shocked the art world when he exposed a painting of the prince hanging in the Scottish Portrait Gallery as being of the prince's brother, Henry.

In the Ramsay painting, the prince is wearing the Order of the Garter, England's highest order of chivalry, rather than Scotland's Order of the Thistle.

It sent out the message he was an English prince taking the British throne and it was intended to distribute copies to supporters in London.

The prince took the artwork, measuring around 12in by 10in, with him when the



Jacobite army marched south. But following the defeat at Culloden in 1746, it was too dangerous to display Jacobite sympathies and the painting disappeared.

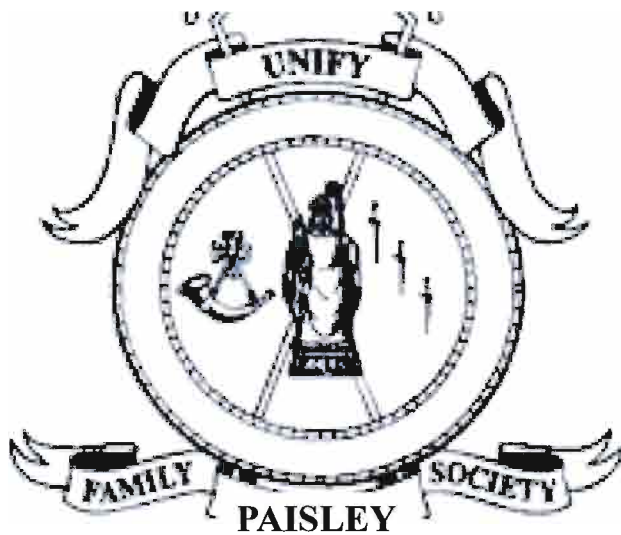
Dr Grosvenor, who in 2009 debunked the earlier portrait – which had graced shortbread tins – said he wanted to make amends and followed a hunch the prince had been painted while in Scotland.

“Charles was always a bit of a hero of mine and I didn't want him knocked off his post. The first clue was a letter sent to Ramsay by Bonnie Prince Charlie's valet summoning him to paint the prince's portrait which I found while rooting around the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle.”

The letter, addressed to “Allan Ramsay, Painter” reads: “Sir, you are desired to come to the Palace of Holyroodhouse as soon as possible in order to take his Royal Highness' picture. So I expect you'll wait no further call. I am, your most humble servant, John Stuart, Holyrood House 26th of October 1745”.

Dr Grosvenor said: “I then moved the search to the National Portrait Gallery in London where there were boxes of photographs of paintings and it was while flick-

*Continued on page 15*



The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

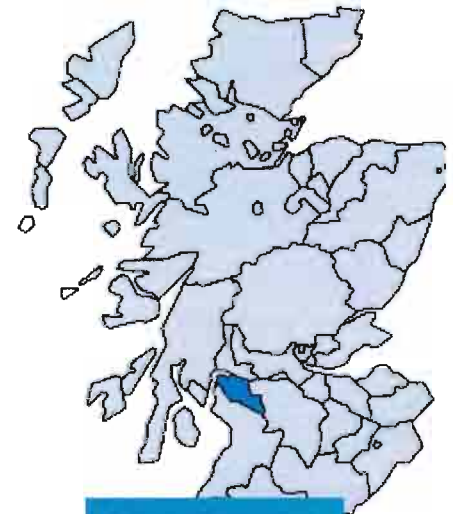


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

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

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



**The Paisley Family Society**  
invites you to our "home" games  
**Charleston (SC) Scottish Games & Highland Gathering**  
September 20, 2014  
Email **Martha Brown** at [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com)  
for more information

**Wanna join the Paisley Family DNA Project?**  
Contact **Diane Langston**  
[diangsto@yahoo.com](mailto:diangsto@yahoo.com)



# Rural Retreat Auxiliary to Host Miss May's Garden Tea August 3

HUNTERSVILLE, NC: Historic Rural Hill's Rural Retreat Auxiliary is pleased to present a Garden Tea honoring Miss May Davidson, benefactress of the Rural Hill Cultural Center, on Sunday, August 3 from 2 to 4 pm. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$7 per well behaved, supervised child. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served along with teas and other beverages. Seating is limited.

Miss May's Sweetheart Tea will be held in

the Historic Rural Hill Cultural Center and proceeds will support Auxiliary projects at Historic Rural Hill.

Details and tickets are available by calling the Rural Hill office at 704.875.3113. Additional information is available at [www.ruralhill.net](http://www.ruralhill.net).



## Bonnie Prince Charlie, *continued from page 13*

ing through them that I spotted what I was certain was a Ramsay. It said on the back of the photo that it was at Gosford House.

“It was terrifically exciting, like bringing someone back to life. It is probably one of the key portraits of Scottish history.

“There are portraits of the prince as a young man in Italy or old and disillusioned, but none of the heroic prince,” said Dr Grosvenor, who appears on the BBC1 series *Fake or Fortune?*

“I went to Gosford House where the portrait had been hanging in a dark, downstairs corridor. It had always been known that it was Bonnie Prince Charlie but not known to have been painted by Ramsay in Scotland.” Dr Grosvenor added that Ramsay went on to become King George III's official artist and the portrait of the Jacobite prince became his “guilty little secret”.

Dr Duncan Thomson, former director of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery and an expert on Ramsay, said: “This portrait brings the prince back to life in a way I'd never thought imaginable. It's hard to overstate the importance of finding a portrait of the prince painted in Scotland by a Scottish artist.

A spokesman for Gosford House said: “We are currently in discussion as to where the portrait might be put on display at a future date.”





## Clan Elliot Society, USA

Membership information 2014

*President Michael D. Elliott*

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliotts of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

# [www.elliotclan.com](http://www.elliotclan.com)

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

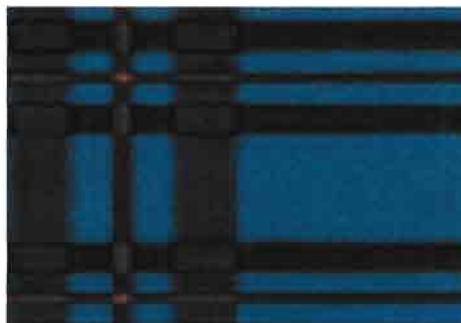
*Email: [dublincollen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dublincollen@sbcglobal.net) or write*

2984 Siskiyou Boulevard

Medford, OR 97504

*(Fortiter Et Recte)*

*Boldly and Rightly*





# The Use of Colour in Tartan

**Peter Eslea MacDonald**, Principal Researcher, Scottish Registry of Tartan

When travelling around Highland Games or talking to people who are unfamiliar with the colour variations available for a given pattern it is not unusual to be told by someone that; ‘ ..our clan has three tartans, the ancient one, the modern one and a very nice muted one.’

There is often misunderstanding about the terminology used by tartan manufacturers. The terms apply to generalized ranges of shades that are used to produce variations of the same tartan. The fact that the same pattern can look completely different when produced in these different colour ranges can result in the impression that these are in fact different tartans.

The first thing that requires clarification is that the term used to describe the overall shades of a particular piece of material does not refer to the design in any way and has no bearing on the antiquity of a pattern. The suggestion has been made that terms referring to the colours should come after the name and those that refer to the antiquity or use of the pattern e.g. old, hunting etc, should come before the name. For example, Old MacLachlan — modern, and MacLachlan — old, the former being the Old MacLachlan tartan in modern colours and the latter being the later/contemporary MacLachlan tartan in old colours.

These examples show how easily two different patterns might be understood to be the same tartan when in fact they are not, and how the same tartan can be construed as two different tartans when presented in different colour shades. The idea of a uniform nomenclature is logical but unfortunately, it has not been widely adopted and is unlikely to be so because of the manufacturers’ individual practices. It’s also selfevident that unless applied universally such a proposal would only add to the confusion.

It is important to understand that the colours used today are ALL produced using chemical dyes and that the natural dyes used until c.1856 could produce every colour and shade from light to dark depending on the type, quantity and quality of the dye-stuff used and the desired effect.



By the last quarter of the 18th century, the famous weaving firm William Wilson & Sons of Bannockburn was working with large quantities of natural dyes to produce standard colours. They continued to develop these until the increasing availability of chemical dyes made natural ones uneconomic.

The skill with which Wilsons produced their colours from natural dyes can still be appreciated by examining some of their many surviving specimens and studying their dye recipes. More information is available in their 1819 Key Pattern Book.

With thanks to *The Sporrán*, publication of the Clan Davidson Society, USA - Dave Chagnon, FSA Scot and Sennachie (and Editor) and Membership Registrar, Clan Davidson Society, USA.

**Attention!**

**The High Desert  
Highland Games**

Redmond, Oregon  
have been cancelled.



# Clan Forrester

## Society

*Come - join the Forresters*

Membership is available for all spelling variations of Forrester: Forrester, Forester, Forrister, Forister, Forest, Forrest, Foster, Carstarphen.



Contact: **Ben Forrester**,  
Membership Chairman  
1034 Blue Heron Drive  
Commerce, GA 30529  
Phone: 706-335-7688  
Email: [benbf@windstream.net](mailto:benbf@windstream.net)

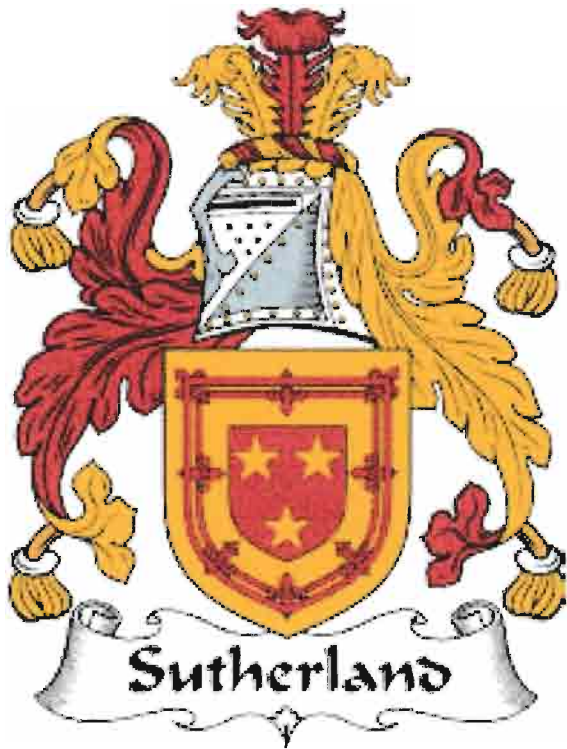


### FOSTER SURNAME DNA Project

Genealogy Research on Foster / Forster / Forrester / Forester /  
Foeister / Foesterie / Forster / Forrister / Vorster / Voster Families







## Clan Sutherland sets AGM for October

The Clan Sutherland Society AGM for 2014 is scheduled for the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, October 25 and 26 in Richmond, Virginia.

The CSS has secured a 10x20 tent space for the 2014 AGM. Let's fill up the space this year and have a great AGM.

If you think that you might attend please send an email to [rfs1936@comcast.net](mailto:rfs1936@comcast.net) so that you can be added to the list. The *Dunrobin Piper* will be publishing detailed information on the AGM as it develops.

Visit (<http://vacelticfestival.com/>) for detailed information about the Central Virginia Celtic Festival.

General Information: Tickets can be purchased at ([rir.com](http://rir.com)) \$15/Day, \$25/2 Day in advance \$20/Day, \$30/2 Day at Gates Event Dates: October 25th and 26th. Times are 9am-6pm. Pets allowed with proper paperwork and \$5 fee. Free Parking. Handicap Parking Available. Live Music all day, Dance Competitions, Harp Competitions and a British Car and Motorcycle Show

All Ages Event/Under 12 free. This is a rain or shine event.

## *The Vikings in the Hebrides a must read*

Renny and Vicki McLeod who own Unicorn in the USA have sent this information re a new book published in the *Understanding Scottish History Series*.

This book is called *The Vikings in the Hebrides*.

For nearly five centuries, the Hebrides — thought of by later folk as being remote, out of the main stream, and somewhat backward — were part of the thriving Norse empire which stretched from Norway, Denmark, and Sweden westward to Orkney and Shetland, south to the Inner and Outer Hebrides, down to the Isle of Man, over to Ireland, and further west across the great sea to Iceland, Greenland, and North American itself.

The Hebrides literally were at the center of this great trade route, seeing ships coming south in the spring and returning northward in the autumn. The Norsemen provided the “information super-highway” of their age, for they carried ideas and new technology from one part of the world to another — from North America in the west to fabled Byzantium in the east.



And the Hebrides sat in the midst of it all.

By the end of the “Viking Age” in the 13th century, the peoples and cultures of the native Celts and the incoming Norsemen had been welded into one.

So, it must not be forgotten that the basic culture of the Highlands, and especially of the Islands, is a hybrid one, and that while those of us who hail from there owe much to our Celtic forebears, we also owe much to the hardy Norsemen who ruled over the Isles for nearly half a millenium.

*Continued on page 21*

# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!*

**Royal is my Race!**

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

**Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor**

7th Baronet of Lanrick and Balquidder

**24th Chief of Clan Gregor**

Clan Gregor  
has  
Great Lakes,  
New England,  
Pacific  
Northwest,  
Western  
United States  
and  
Southeast  
Chapters



For membership,  
contact:  
PO Box 393  
Stone Mountain,  
GA 30083

Ms. Ishbel McGregor,  
Secretary  
5 Alloa Road  
CAMBUS by Alloa  
Clackmannanshire  
FK10 2NT  
Scotland

**Join Clan Gregor today! [www.clangregor.org](http://www.clangregor.org)**



Please remember that Flowers of the Forest information in this publication is published at absolutely no charge. Just send your information to [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com). That's it. Your loved one's obituary will be published in the next issue. Photos are fine too. Just send photos as jpeg files.



With thanks to an old Clan Wallace Guardian newsletter!

## Yummy goodies to make! Burrebred aka Shortbread

- ½ c. Confectioners (icing) sugar
- 2 tsp. Ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. Ground ginger
- ½ tsp. Ground cardamom
- ¾ tsp. Ground allspice
- ½ tsp. Salt
- 2 c. Flour, all-purpose
- 1 c. Butter, softened

Preheat oven 350°F. In a medium bowl, stir together the sugar and the next 5 ingredients

Divide into two equal parts, and set one aside. Add the flour and butter to the remaining half and stir until blended; it should be slightly grainy.

Press the dough evening into an 8" square pan. Cut into 1" x 2" pieces using a knife and prick with the tines of a fork. This will keep the shortbread from warping while baking. Sprinkle the reserved sugar and spice mixture liberally over the top, brushing into all of the cuts and holes.

Bake for 25—30 minutes or until firm and golden at the edges. Do not brown. Cool completely in the pan, and break into pieces along the lines to serve.

Baking tip: this recipe is really designed to be baked in a proper shortbread pan, which is highly recommended.

**The Vikings in the Hebrides**, *continued from page 19*



In this new work, Dr. W. R. McLeod provides a general introduction to the role and place of the Norsemen in the Hebrides. This is followed by two articles — one by the Rev. Canon R. C. MacLeod, and the other by Miss A. Goodrich-Freer

— which examine and analyze different aspects of the Norse contribution to Island society and culture.

*Understanding Scottish History* is the series title for books that combine a “quick read” on the topic with more in-depth works on CD-ROM at the back of each book.

Included with this book are *The Norse Influence on Celtic Scotland*, by George Henderson, and *The Highlands and Isles of Scotland: A Historical Survey*, by W. C. Mackenzie.

We encourage everyone who is interested in the great Clan Ramsay to join the **Clan Ramsay Association of North America**. Contact David Ramsey: [davidf.ramsey@verizon.net](mailto:davidf.ramsey@verizon.net)



## Become a part of Clan Ramsey's DNA Project!

*What is it?* DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name **Ramsey** or **Ramsay**. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom, and ultimately we can link different lines together. But to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

## The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen, and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc.; 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, Maryland 21044; 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

## Sister Associations of Clan Ramsay in Australia, Nova Scotia and Finland!

**Quarterly Newsletter - The Ramsay Report** is available to all members!

## Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games & Events all over the country

Clan Ramsay is represented all over the United States at Scottish Games, Gatherings and Events. See us at The Loch Norman Highland Games in NC; Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games in OK; AGM of the Clan Ramsay Association of

Carl Bailey the founder of Clan Ramsay Association of North America and Clan Chief James Hulbert Ramsay Lord Dalhousie.



## Clan Ramsay needs YOU!

There are openings available in the state/region commissioners roster where you would be most welcome. Contact David Ramsey at [davidf.ramsey@verizon.net](mailto:davidf.ramsey@verizon.net) for full information and details about The Clan Ramsay Association of North America.



Nova Scotia; Smoky Mountain Highland Games in TN; Gallabre - Greenville Scottish Games, SC; Glasgow Highland Games, KY; Chicago Highland Games, IL; Monterey Scottish Games, CA; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC; Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games, CO; Virginia Scottish Games, VA; The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, Annual Scottish Highland Games, CA; Columbus Scottish Festival, IN; Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering, SC; Ligonier Highland Games, PA; Scotland County Highland Games, NC; Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, IN; Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA; and The Scottish Christmas Walk of the Clans, VA.





# Tax Tracks



**Russ Shaw writing in *The Lyons Tale***

Are there any options left when, in your genealogy research, you cannot find census data to track some elusive ancestor?

I have found tax records to be the perfect answer. Tax records are sometimes hard to find, hard to read, and hard to interpret, but on the positive side, there are unique attributes to tax records that can make them one of the most accurate ways to identify people with common names.

Tax records can also be used as a method of tracing the movement of families in and out of a particular tax district.

First stop should be *The Beginner's Guide to Using Tax Lists* by Cornelius Carroll (Baltimore: GPC, 1997).

Although the focus of this book is with Virginia and Kentucky, the information is relevant to all states.

Next, visit the card catalogue at the Family History Library ([familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)); there you will get a good idea as to what is available for your area of interest. Finally, do a Google search: [tax records genealogy (your area of interest)].

One caveat: the fullest use of tax rolls requires some knowledge of law, so it would be useful to learn age of majority, requirements for voting, etc, in the area you are researching.

How can these tax records help you?

A personal example will illustrate. My forebear,

Joseph Remington, was a mariner and laborer in the mid 1700s in Rhode Island. He never owned property; he moved frequently, and he had children, but their births were never recorded in any of the usual places, such as town records, church records, etc. However, over the years he appears on poll tax rolls in various towns in southern Rhode Island.

Periodically, other Remington names appear on the same rolls, with notations such as 'Junior.' In one case, Joseph was taxed for two polls, implying he was now taxed for a son (named) who had just reached his majority. In another instance, there were two Joseph Remingtons in the same town, so on the tax rolls one was called Joseph, son of William, and the other was



called Joseph, of Prudence Island.

Besides these examples, tax rolls may reveal occupation, age, year of marriage, and year of death. In conclusion, these records are vastly underused but potentially the only way you will be able to recreate your forebear's life course, particularly if he moved frequently or was under-represented in the census or vital records.

Tax lists have been called a "Goldmine of information."

Let's get digging.

With many thanks to *The Lyon's Tale, The Tradition and History of the Lyon(s) Families*



# The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!



Chief Steven  
MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:

*Cash, Kash, MacCamish, MacCash, MacCavish,  
MacComb, MacCombie, MacComich, MacComish,  
MaComie, Macomie, MacCosh, Maclaws,  
MacElhose, MacLehose, MacTavish, McTavish,  
Mactavish, Mactavis, MTavish, MacThomas,  
Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish,  
Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson,  
Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant  
spellings.*

## We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: [clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com](mailto:clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com)



# Words on Whisky - Islay Region

George Foster



Islay, home of the smoky scotches?  
Not necessarily!

While it has some with pronounced peat flavors, it also has some that are quite smooth.

Starting with the peatiest. It used to be Laphroig, until recently when Ardbeg came out with Ardbog. I find it too peaty when sipped neat, but one ice cube, when melted, turns it into a delightful drink. It's still peaty, but much mellower. I occasionally like a little Laphroig, but have to be in the mood for it.

Lagavulin is next. It's located right next to Laphroig and shares much of the smoky taste.

By the way, the peaty taste is created by using a peat fire to dry the sprouted barley. Port Ellen Distillery was closed in 1987, but Diageo still releases an occasional bottling which is highly collectible. These distilleries are located

on the Southeast corner of Islay.

Bowmore, one of the earliest distilleries in Scotland, established in 1779, is located in the village of Bowmore, home of a round church (so the devil can't hide in a corner). It is mid-range in smokiness. I find the 12 year-old a little raw, but the 15, 17 and 21 year olds are progressively nicer. Bowmore is located right in the center of the island.

Bruichladdich and Bunnahabhain have no smoke. The 18 year-old Bunnahabhain is my drink of preference although the 12 year-old is also nice.

The Islay's in general, are my favorite Scotch.

*Here's to your Health!*

With thanks to The Signal, Regional Newsletter from the Clan Donald USA North Pacific Region.





## Clan Anderson Cottages

We look forward to welcoming you personally to visit any of our unique 4 Star properties in Dumfries & Galloway, South West Scotland

As a small family business we the Anderson family are the only staff we have. From Clan Chief to cottage cleaners we do it all we are the real chief cooks and bottle washers and your visit with us will be all the more special for it.

As an international member of the American Society of Appraisers determining value has always been a key priority.

Never more so than when it comes to offering our own properties to visitors from near and far.

To my mind the most important aspect of looking after guests begins before they even arrive by offering outstanding value for money. So even before you meet us you can rest assured that the quality of the properties including furnishings are of the highest order and value on offer.

*Best wishes & Stand Sure,  
Hope Vere Anderson & Family*



[www.clanandersoncottages.com](http://www.clanandersoncottages.com)

Tel: +44 (0)1387 850 205 | Email: [info@clanandersoncottages.com](mailto:info@clanandersoncottages.com)  
Anderson Estates, Earbeth, New Abbey, Dumfries, DG2 8DB



# Tis the season for "Scottish Wedding Traditions"

From a 1993 edition of the national publication of Clan Donald USA,  
*By Sea By Land*



With the warm weather such as most of us are experiencing now, comes the Wedding Season.

There are many touches that can make your wedding a traditional Scottish-American wedding. Some of these ideas have come from publications such as *Modern Bride*, others from actual Scottish-American weddings...and still others from the official Clan Donald *Commissioners Guide Book*.

One tradition is the "plaiding of the bride" when the mother of the groom gives the bride a tartan sash of her "new" family, usually at the rehearsal dinner, symbolizing the union of the two families.

A timely gift from the groom to the bride is a plaid brooch; a double Luckenbooth which is two intertwined hearts topped by a crown.

Another gift from the groom to the bride is a silver teaspoon engraved with their initials and the wedding date.

On her wedding day, the bride would be wearing the tartan sash from her new mother-in-law and a "sixpence" in her shoe, given to her by her father.

The bride will not wear a veil, but a wreath of white flowers, heather possibly, in her hair.

The church other ceremony location, should be decorated in a Scottish theme. Heather in the alter bouquets with thistles as well if they grow wild where you live. If both the bride and groom are of Scottish family, wouldn't it be lovely to have the bride's tartan on the "bride's side" and the groom's tartan on the "groom's side" of the church.

Pew bows or markers could be made of clan tartan materials with a spring of the clan plant badge in the

center.

The piper always pipes the bride or possibly the entire wedding party, into the church and out again. The piper will also pipe the bride and groom into the reception.

Traditionally, each clan would be piped into the wedding ceremony by their own clan piper. This would be hard to accomplish today and works best with outdoor weddings - but it is something to think about.

A heather sprig with a bit of clan ribbon is a good idea as a favor for all of the female guests. You could combine both the bride's and groom's tartans if you wished.

Ideas for cake tops are as many as your imagination can invent such as the one here in the center of this article.

You can also use a model of the kilted groom and the "plaided" bride or red rosebuds with green leaves and lovebirds who have tartan ribbon in their beaks.

The reception is usually a time to serve traditional Scottish treats, trifles, shortbread, oat cakes and cheese and a Dundee cake - which is Scotland's traditional fruit cake for all special and family occasions.

We have not even touched upon "Handfasting Ceremonies" which are thousands of years old in the Scottish tradition.

These ceremonies may be magical as was the one Tom and I had at Glasgow, KY Highland Games back in 2007. We'd be glad to talk to you about this should you wish. Just email [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com).



**A wedding cake too creative to eat.**



# CLAN HOME AIR FORCE WANTS YOU!

Membership open to ALL clans! If you are the first of your clan to join, you become the Air Commander of your clan's squadron of the Clan Home Air Force! All enlistees receive a certificate suitable for framing and the infamous CHAF Stealth Tattoo kit!



Name \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Join the proud ranks of the Clan Home Aerobatic Squadron, the world's only operational wing of the Ultra Top Secret Stealth Sopwith Camel. Travel the globe as a fearless Monarch of the Air while deeply perplexing, even confounding, thousands of grubby landsmen with death defying, though unseen, aerial displays at Highland Games from hither to yon and back again. We've a billet open for you so contact us TODAY and share in the unparalleled comradery of the Avatus Dromedarius Obscurus. And membership has its rewards. As a member you may order your own official Flight Officer's Wings and the devilishly magnificent CHAF Flight Tee. See below.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ CHAF shirts in sizes \_\_\_\_\_ at \$22.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ sets of CHAF Flight Officer's Wings at \$22.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Mail to: Air Marshall Albert C. Eaton, PO Box 530054, Orlando, FL 32853-0054



# Clan Davidson Society, USA 2014-2015 election results are in! Rick Davis, pres.

The CDS-USA Core Executive Committee for 2014 and 2015 is as follows: President – Rick Davis, Florida; Vice President – Logan Dawson, New Hampshire; Treasurer – Elaine Davidson, North Carolina; Membership Registrar – Dave Chagnon, Arkansas;

Other Executive Committee Officers are appointed and serve at the pleasure of the President, and they remain the same: Genealogist – John Lisle, New Hampshire; Director of Charitable Affairs – Matt Dawson, New Mexico; Marketing – Pat Davis, South Carolina; Am Fear Fardoch – Jack Mobley, North Carolina; Web Master – Vacant (currently handled by the Sennachie, but would love to have a real full time webmaster!); Sennachie (Newsletter) – Dave Chagnon, Arkansas.

The Society's Board of Directors serves for six years, and will be up for election in 2016.



Red Whortleberry one of the plant badges of Clan Davidson. The other being Boxwood.



Colin Grant-Adams sings  
*Fire on the Mountain* -  
an original song.

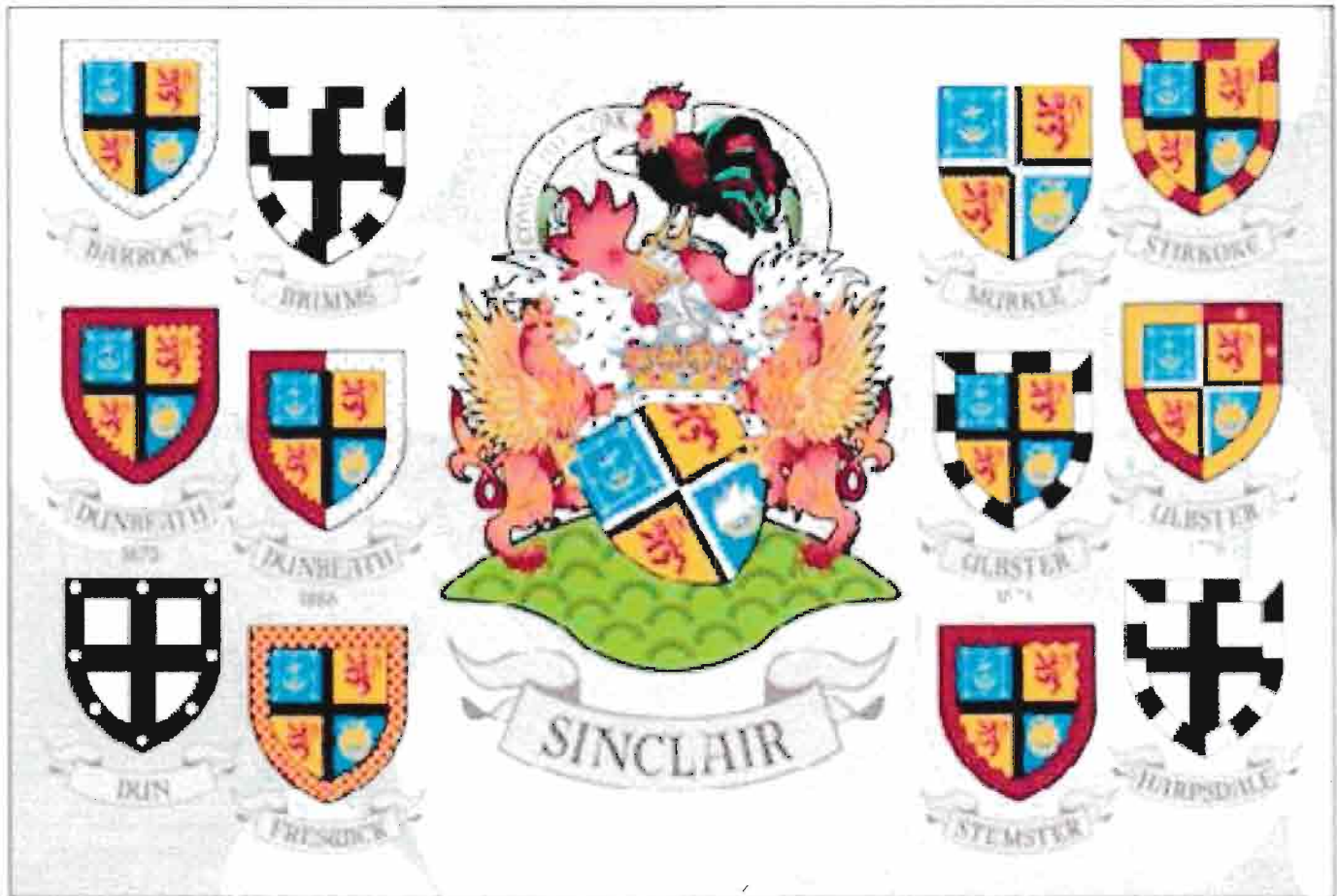
Words by Keets Taylor  
and music by Mary Fluke

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEcGOBBH314](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEcGOBBH314)

The photos within this video photo slideshow are from the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games website and Facebook, Colin Grant-Adams website and MySpace, the Clan MacFie online newsletter/news publication, and the *Elizabethton Star* newspaper. The photos belong to their rightful owners.

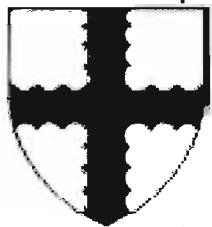
The words of "Fire on the Mountain" are written by Keets Taylor and the music is by Mary Fluke. This song is sung by Colin Grant-Adams.

# Clan Sinclair Association, Inc. (USA)



7 ft. x 9 ft. tent panel created by Heraldic Artist, Tom Freeman, for the 2009 Gathering in Edinburgh.

## Clan Sinclair Association, Inc. (USA)



Do you know who came to North America  
almost 100 years before Columbus' famous voyage?

**Prince Henry Sinclair in 1398!**

*Visit our website: [clansinclairusa.org](http://clansinclairusa.org) and join your Sinclair family*

President  
Fred J. Inkster  
1400 SE Kane Street  
Roseburg, OR 97470  
541-440-8938  
[ccsales@charter.net](mailto:ccsales@charter.net)



Membership Contact  
Alta Jean Ginn  
12147 Holly Knoll Circle  
Great Falls, VA 22066  
703-430-6745  
[a.ginn@verizon.net](mailto:a.ginn@verizon.net)