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“Lucky 13th” year for Seaside Games

The Seaside Highland Games, now in their “Lucky 13th” year, have become one of the West Coast’s major Scottish/Celtic Gatherings. Their home on the Ventura County Fairgrounds in the lovely seaside village of San Buenaventura, California is ideal for the vast Scottish cultural event staged there each October (this year on October 9 through 11). Situated between Santa Monica and Santa Barbara and right at Surfer’s Point, you could not ask for a more idyllic California coastal location!

This Festival will be a special one in every respect as we once again host The Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band out of MCAS Miramar in San Diego, California. And to show true international flavour, how about the famous Tannahill Weavers direct from Scotland? They will pair up with Golden Bough just returning from one of their own European tours on the Alex Beaton Center Stage. Three other stages will be alive with fine musicians all day long—check out Highland Way and The Angry Brians on the Celtic Rock Stage or everyone’s favorite Celtic Spring on their very own Celtic Spring Stage!

Scottish Heavy Athletes from across the US and Canada will amaze with their feats of strength and agility—all weight & age classes and abilities for both men and women to try their hand! Morgan Arena is the place to check them out and directly oceanside from

Hawick Common Ridings continue

Turnbull Clan Association Vice President of Social Media, Brian Turnbull, participated this year in the annual

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2 August 2015 is National Friendship Day





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We'd cut calves, practice spins and sliding stops...work on reining with the lightest touch...and in general, have the best time - enjoyed by both two & four legged participants.

That's my AQHA Poco Lanette (Sweet Thing) and a little app Mr. Floyd was training.



A letter from your editor....

Ideas to make you rich, or have fun!

I'll bet every reader of this publication has ideas that have the potential to generate lots and lots of money, or at the very least that would be fun.

I'll bet that almost everyone has heard of the word "paradigm."

Paradigm, as it was explained to me many, many years ago, is simply "thinking outside of the box" or figuring out different ways to do regular things.

I always give credit to my beloved 5th and 6th grade teacher, Miz Peggie McCubbin, for my own creative thinking...and yes, I just naturally do that...which has given me both great joy and great grief.

So many people NEVER think of another way to do things or NEVER think creatively. It's hard for some folks to understand and harder for them to understand that some people DO think creatively.

* I'll start with my favorite idea that has never actually been done: Hairy Legged Pantyhose for men who wear kilts in the winter and whose legs get cold. Just make "men of all ethnicities colored" pantyhose and have fibres woven in to match black, brown, white, red, gray or blonde hair!

Just think of all the toasty warm men with their handsome leg warmers!

I did a non-event for many, many years when I was in radio and for years afterwards. (Look in any old *Chase's Calendar of National Events*...and if you look on April 1, you'll see it!) If you want an exact date, email me at bethscribble@aol.com.

Every April Fool evening, on the radio, we'd hold the Pro-Am Invitational Snipe Excursion and Hunt. Yep, snipe.

I would have prepared by calling all manner of local folks who were well-known over the community and done "news bits" concerning various aspects of the evening...and would play bits of Snipe Music (Actually, any record played too fast.)

Listeners would call in to report any sightings of the Back from the Brink of Extinction Denim Snipe. We'd celebrate this legendary critter - both the male Denim creature and the female Chambray Snipe...and the tiny, adorable little Denim Snips - the babies.

We'd even have recordings from Germany of the German Denim Schnaps.

Thanks to *Chase's Calendar*, I was on the radio literally all over the English speaking world for the weeks leading up to the big event touting all the fun we'd have.

I actually had a lady at a bar in Texas call and ask me to invent the name of a drink honoring the entire Snipe family for that evening. (Snipe Snot) They actually made a t-shirt celebrating their event...which I wore until it was too tattered to hold together in the washing machine and just disappeared into lint.

Anyway, the end of the evening - at midnight - everyone would hold hands and honor the Magnificent Snipe with the haunting call of the species, "April Fool."

I'll bet lots of you are wearing the elegant hide of the Denim Snipe at this minute! (Fun!)

* We (Tom and I both think funny.) are going to do this one! We'll find a Highland Game which is located near the sea. Then, we'll create a complete event which will never actually happen, but will be said to happen somewhere around 2 AM in the morning during the games.

Then, we'll create posters, t-shirts, pins, press releases and all things needed for our event. The event? KILTED SURFING, of course.

What fun!

* Seriously, if someone will invent a diet drink that does not have either caffeine nor aspartame - and actually is good enough tasting to drink...there's a huge profit in there.

Maybe sometime, there will be time and space to tell you about Hay for Hungry Deer or the WMOP Country Club and lots more.



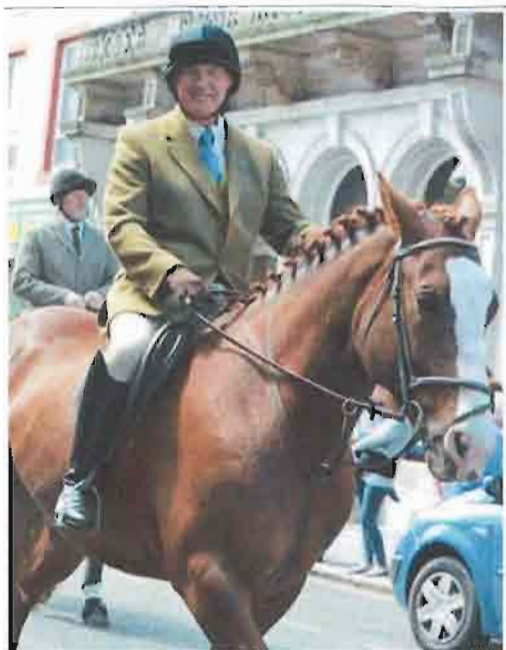


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Bran Turnbull, Turnbull Clan Assoc., Veep of Social Media riding in the Hawick Common Ridings.

Hawick Common Ridings.

The tradition of Common Ridings in the Borderlands of Scotland dates back to the 13th century and Border Clan Reiving Days. In those days, clan families would pillage cattle and the local laird would appoint a towns person to ride the clan's boundaries in order to protect the common lands and prevent trespassing by neighboring landlords and their clansmen.

The tradition has continued in what is known today as Common Ridings. A Callant or Coronet is chosen from among the towns young men to lead the ride outs. Some communities' Ridings can last up to two weeks. The event brings large crowds of locals and foreigners, the tradition has provided a time for all Borderers to pay their respects to those who went before to defend and risk their lives to protect the townspeople.

Hawick, one of the oldest of the Ridings, is the first of the season to kick off the area's many Common Ridings. Other significant Ridings include Selkirk, Langholm, Lauder, Peebles, Coldstream, Duns, Kelso, Jedburgh, Galashiels, Melrose, West Linton, Musselburgh, Edinburgh and Newcastleton.

With many thanks to A Turnbull Clan Publication *Bullseye*.



there is Sara Goodman's All Breed Herding Dog Demos Arena where you will see a most entertaining show of canine skill and training!

Numerous bagpipe and drum bands from across the Southland competing *en masse* and singly for trophies and prizes (as are the Scottish Heavies above and

our Highland Dancers, Scottish Fiddles and the "peacocks" of all competitors, the feisty Drum Majors on the Village Green!

A complete Children's Glen the young ones will *not* want to leave (!), more entertainment and Scottish Country Dancing in Morgan Arena, oh my, our Harp Glen and Harp Petting Zoo (*no animals were harmed in its formation*) sponsored by Clan Currie and numerous classes in Gaelic Language, Genealogy and Scotch!

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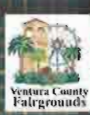
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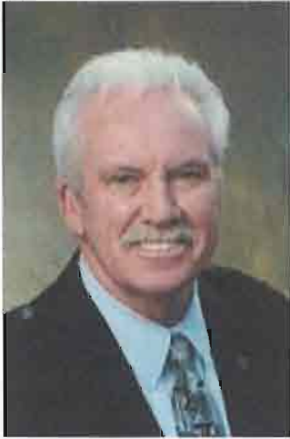
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Whisky Tasting & "A Scottish Evening" Friday @ Four Points Sheraton

The latest from George Flew on Alex Beaton's condition

as of 21 June 2015



Dear Fellow Beatonites,

I spoke with Alex today and he was in very good spirits. When he first answered, he was in the van waiting on Linda to pick up a package. We spoke for some time and it wasn't until Alex told me that I knew that he was following Linda through the grocery store. We talked about what the other customers thought of some guy in a motorized chair following a woman and mumbling to himself. People not tuned in to his Scottish brogue probably wondered if he is speaking English. We got quite laugh out of the situation.

Alex said that, while the pressure sore on his tailbone will take some months to fully heal, it is to the point where he can get out of bed on a regular basis. He has been spending about four hours daily in his chair almost every day. They have plans to pull up much of their carpet flooring and replace it with hardwood. This will make it much

easier for Alex to get around in his chair.

We also talked about the St. Louis Scottish Games (<http://www.stlouis-scottishgames.com>) coming up in September. Alex intends to attend on Saturday and is looking forward to seeing as many old friends as possible. They have moved the games from Forest Park to adjacent to the Spirit of St. Louis Airport. This location is considerably closer to Alex and Linda and should allow him to stay longer at the games. I have booked a room at the Comfort Inn & Suites that is a short walk from the site. I checked and there were still rooms available at \$109 a night (lower if you do not want cancellation). Their site is <https://www.choicehotels.com/missouri/chesterfield/comfort-inn-hotels/mo164?source=gglocaljn>.

I must say that Alex sounded great and this was probably the longest conversation we have had in some time. It was good to talk with him and I am looking forward to seeing him and Linda in Sept.

Keep the faith,
George

Clan Ramsay wins Honoured Clan for 2016 Bridgeport, West Virginia

Clan Ramsay was selected to be the Honoured Clan for the 2016 games based on winning the Best Tent Display at the 2015 North Central West Virginia Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering last May.

This was significant since this was the first year Clan Ramsay was represented at the games. The tent was set up and staffed by Dr. Bill Ramsey, WV Commissioner; Kimberlyn Ramsey, Deputy WV Commissioner; David F. Ramsey, Membership Chairman and Treasurer of Clan Ramsay and Sue Ramsey.





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Clan Ramsay member sets record at Loch Norman “Heavy Stone” competition

Patrick McGraw,
Clan Ramsay

Huntersville, North Carolina, April 18, 2015:

To look at, it's not especially impressive. It's sort of egg shaped and about the size of a large microwave oven. But, that ole rock is DENSE to the tune of about 225 pounds.

That rock and I have a special relationship now.

There is one event at the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games that anyone can enter, regardless of experience, and that is the “Heavy Stone” competition.

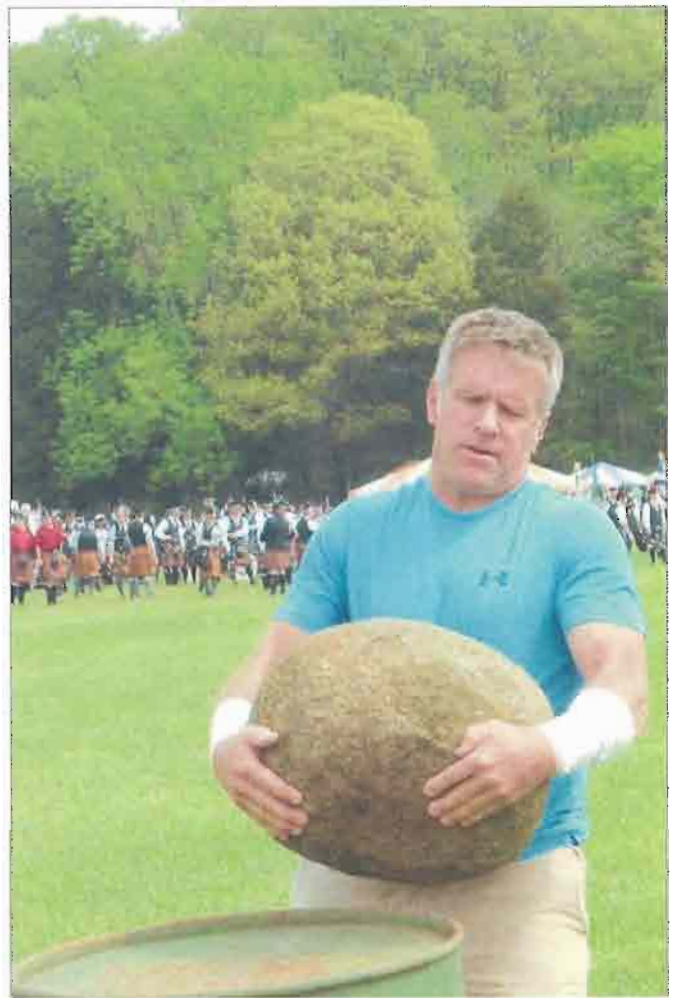
This competition does not require special equipment and the rules are brutally simple: pick it up and put it down.

This process is measured in “turns. A “turn” consists of picking the stone from the ground and carrying it to a steel drum about 10 feet away. Place the stone on top of the drum. Remove the stone from the top of the drum and carry it back to the starting point, placing it on the ground. Now, pick it up again and carry it to a drum 10 feet away in the other direction. Remove it from that drum and carry it back to the starting point, placing it on the ground. This is one “turn of the stone.”

Two years ago, I happened upon this competition and thought I'd give it a go. I had been an athlete once-upon-a-time and wasn't scared by a rock.

I had been a weightlifter in my younger days and understand the mechanics and technique behind lifting heavy things. Well, I was more out of shape than I realized and did 4 “turns” of the stone. I finished in fourth place that year. The winner made 11 “turns” of the stone.

Fast forward to this year. I had been thinking about that rock for two years now. AND, I've been training



for it. Yes, I've been training for an event that has no payback other than a nice beer mug and bragging rights.

There were only four of us who signed up to compete.

Clearly everyone else had more sense than we.

The first competitor did two “turns” and called it a day.

That left three of us, last years' winner, Marc Baier (won with six turns), a large lad named Chris and myself.

Chris was my biggest worry. He's about 6'4" and must weigh in the neighborhood of 300 pounds. I don't cut an imposing figure and, oh, I'm 53 years old.

So, we three started working on that rock. The rules of the competition allow a competitor to take a break at the end of a full “turn,” resuming the competition later. I don't understand this rule, but I used it to my advantage.

Chris and I started and did eight turns before

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**The Hon. Alexander Leslie,
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The 4th of July has passed, and.....

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and



trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery,

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Patrick McGraw, continued from page 9

ing to take a break. I did seven turns and was informed that we had to clear the field for official ceremonies. So, we all got about an hour to rest.

When we resumed, I did two more turns to stay ahead of Chris. Marc did eleven turns, I believe, and took his rest. Then, Chris picked up where he left off and did 13 more turns, taking a break at 21 turns, only 3 1/2 turns shy of the field record of 24 1/2 turns.

I'm not entirely sure what came over me. I found a rhythm and just kept picking that damn rock up and putting it down. It was almost dream-like. The combination of adrenaline and desire allowed me to do what even I thought was impossible. I threw in the towel at twenty-nine turns and set a new field record.

Chris had the option of trying to best me, but quite graciously conceded that he was through, saying, "Man,

I didn't really see that coming. You earned it."

I fully expect Chris to win next year. I'll be cheering him on. So, that only left Mark to try and make more turns. While his effort was valiant, making over 22 turns, he, too, had finally found his limit.

What I find amazing is that in any other year, more than 20 turns would've blown the competition out of the water. Yet, this year, the field record was nearly broken by all three of us. It just goes to show that we rise to the competition and achieve things we've never thought ourselves capable.

I was proud to represent Clan Ramsay and was moved by the cheers from my family.

I do think I'll retire from the Heavy Stone competition...until my record is broken. Cheers.

With thanks to the *Clan Ramsay Newsletter of NA*.



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Hall, Clymer, Walton , Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

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We encourage everyone who is interested in the great
Clan Ramsay to join the Clan Ramsay Association of N.A.

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Become a part of Clan Ramsay'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 the 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, MD 21044. Call 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

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Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games and events all over the country

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for full information and details about the Clan Ramsay Association of North America.



Brechin Castle



The Term Ancient Colors in tartan

This is one of the many articles written by James A. Bullman on tartan terms for the Tartan Museum. We discuss this daily at there. Al had this published on his website in order that folks may understand the terms used when talking about tartan. This article was taken from there www.unknownscottishhistory.com - The Scottish Tartans Museum, Franklin, NC

When you buy tartan material today, you get a choice of colors Ancient, modern, muted, weathered etc, etc. The most confusing of these is the term ancient colors. This term does not, I repeat does not have anything to do with the ancient colors of clan x, y or z. It is not the colors worn by Clan X, 500, 600 years ago. You can go to most clan tents at any Highland games and someone will tell you the tale of how back in the mist of time, these were the original colors of Clan X, as they were dyed with old vegetable dyes, mixed by hand, they came from boiling heather, heath, broom, wild plants and flowers. This is not true. The myth started with the tartan manufacturers in the 20th century not 500 A.D. After World War II was the birth of the term "ancient tartan." The sale of tartan after World War II had gone into a sales slump. At this time someone said to himself, what if these tartans faded over many, many years what would they look like. These lighter shades of colors proved to be quite popular as opposed to the dark colors of the past. Now that they had tartan in lighter shades of col-

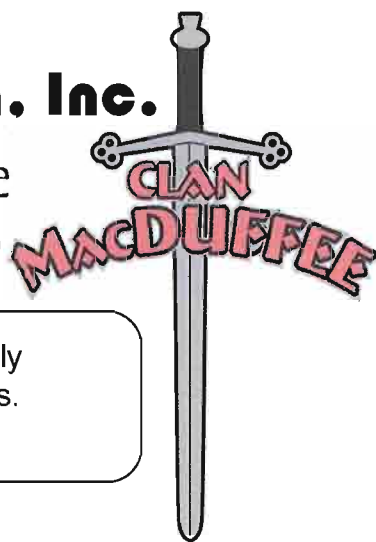
ors they needed a new name. A manufacturer decided on Ancient for the name of these new lighter colors and the myth was born. To explain it simply when you buy a new pair of jeans for the most part they are dark indigo blue. After a year or two of washing and wear they fade to light blue, off white to gray. This now faded pair of jeans is not in its ancient colors. The oldest color is the dark indigo blue. They started with, that is the ancient color. To make things more confusing what are now called modern colors is the closest to the original colors of Clan X. Back in the midst of time they could make a dye that made a true red, not orange. They could dye dark blue, dark green, yellow etc! etc! I have seen many pieces of these old tartans, here in the U.S. and in Scotland. 2 Take pride in your families' tartan: if you choose the lighter colors or the darker colors this is up to you. Tartans in modern or ancient colors are by thread count the same tartan in different shades of color. Wear your tartan with pride for it makes you a part of history.

James A. Bullman



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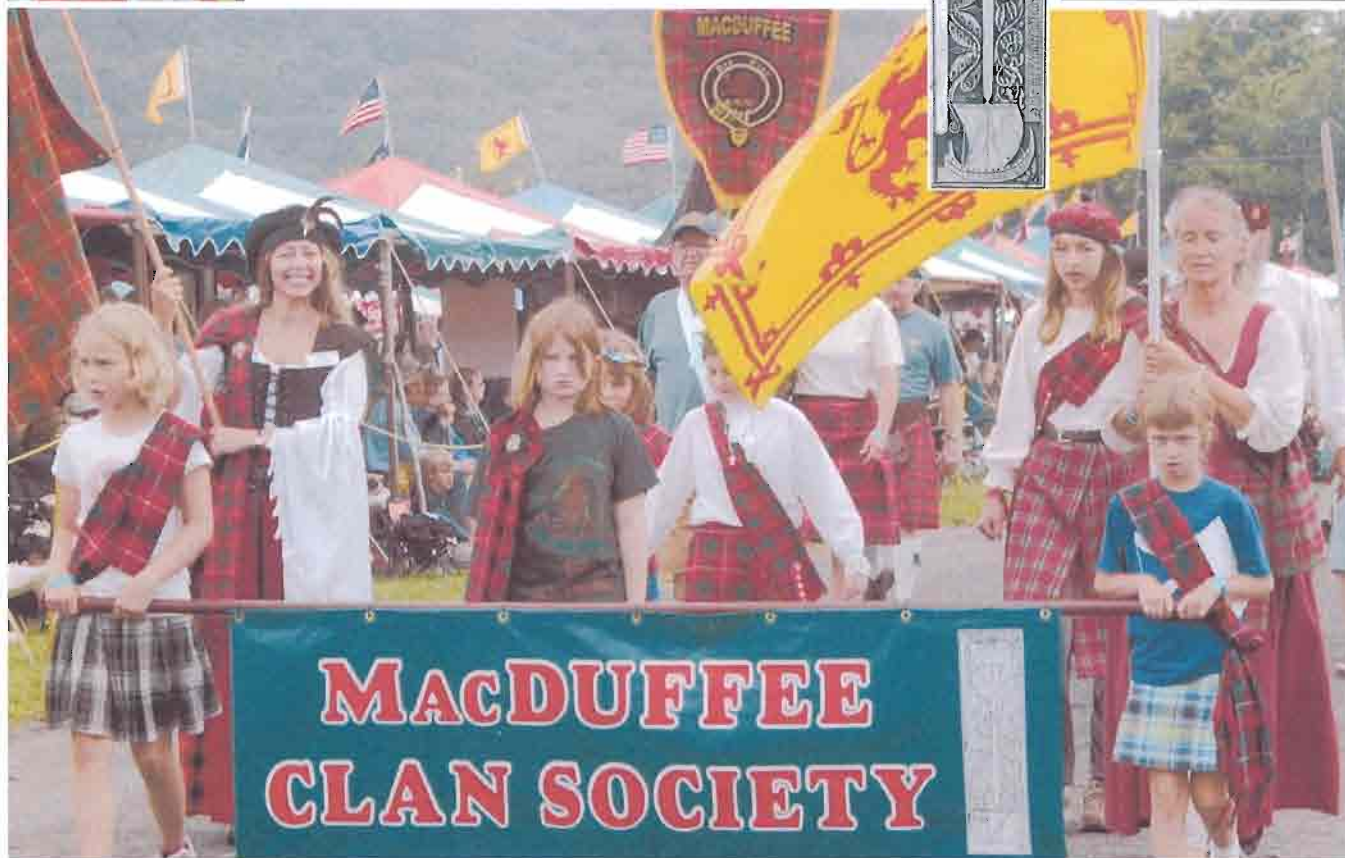
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Bridges at municipal golf course being built the old way by son of Dick McGraw

Dick McGraw is editor of the *Ramsay Report*, the Clan Ramsey publication and long-time friend of your editors. This is how lots of things get "found" for this publication!

Dick wrote, "You may know that our son Douglas is a stone mason and artist with stone. In case you missed it he contracted with the city of Wilmington to build two dry stone bridges, that is stone bridges without any mortar or cement, across a stream at the Wilmington municipal golf course. The Wilmington Star News did a piece on in last Saturday and we posted a time lapse photography video sequence of the first bridge being built on You Tube.

Because dry stone bridges rarely built today, even though the technology is hundreds of years old, I thought you might enjoy seeing how one is built. Plus, I get to show off my son's talent.

Links to the Star News article and the You Tube posting are attached if you are interested. The short video clip in the Star News article is not the same as the You Tube video.

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20150702/columnist/150709959>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ExYT6sTOgk&feature=youtu.be>

The You Tube video is about 3 minutes long."

Dick McGraw

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Stone mason Douglas McGraw's company, McGraw Hardscapes, is building two stone bridges at Wilmington Municipal Golf Course, and he's doing it in a method hundreds of years old: no mortar, just gravity holding the stones together.

Doug McGraw and his crew at McGraw Hardscapes -- Mike Mandato and A.J. Schackman -- are building two stone bridges at Wilmington Municipal Golf Course the old-fashioned way: One stone at a time, no concrete and no mortar.

Called structural dry-stone masonry, it's a technique that dates back to ancient times.

"I call it the second-oldest profession," he joked.

He's working under a contract with the city that pays \$8,000 for each bridge. The city supplies the materials, chiefly granite curbs that have been broken up and reclaimed. The first bridge took 45 tons of the stuff, and the one they're working on now will take 50 tons.

"It's all recycled," McGraw said.

One bridge is finished and the second is taking shape nearby, both within sight of Pine Grove Drive.

He said the curbs are ideal: Granite is a good, hard material and the curbs were already about the right thickness for the bridge stones.

The crew cuts the stones with a big saw and shapes them using hammers and chisels.

They're working from a design created by an engineer hired by the city of Wilmington.

They start by building a wooden arch, then cover it with stones with a subtle wedge shape to form the arch. Flat stones form the walls and floor.

When the bridge is done, they pull the wooden arch out.

The bridge is held in place by concrete abutments dug into the ground by the creek. And they in turn, are held in place by 12-inch pillars buried 12 feet deep, to restrict shifting in our sandy soil.

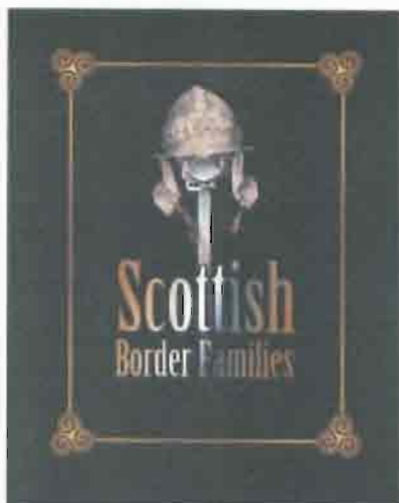
The crew works under cooling shades whose secondary purpose is to shield them from the golf balls raining down all around.

"I had one fly by my face," McGraw said.

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Dry Stone Bridge at Muchalls Castle, Scotland.



Scottish Border Families

By W. R. McLeod. 90 pages. paperback. The Border Reiver, moving back and forth across the porous line between England and Scotland, "lifting" cattle as he went, feuding with neighbor and government man alike, is the stuff of legend. Yet many of the "Scottish names" books seem to dwell almost exclusively on the Highlanders and their culture. Here, for the first time, is a study of the Border families, concentrating on their origins, their way of life, and those traits which set them apart. Over 200 Border names are here described, giving both linguistic and area origins of the name, alternate spellings, and a short history of the family in the Border region. Of particular use to the modern reader is a recommended tartan for each name. (*Look right for list of names.*)

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Flowers of the Forest

Russell Eugene Trimble, February 29, 1927 - April 29, 2015. He was a 40 year resident of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, Washington, before moving full time to Arizona.

Russ was born in Danville, Illinois to CR and Ruth Trimble.

He married Dorothy Kowalsky in 1949 and they were together for 60 years, before Dorothy lost her battle with ALS in 2009.

In 1965, Russ and Dorothy moved from Denver, Colorado to Wenatchee, Washington with their three children.

Russ owned and operated Russ Trimble Insurance Agency for many years.

After he sold the agency, he was the City of Wenatchee Finance Commissioner for four years.

He was past President of the Wenatchee Central Lions Club and a very active member of the Central Christian Church.

After retirement, Russ and Dorothy enjoyed 13 years as snowbirds, spending the winters in Desert Hot Springs, California. They eventually settled in Buckeye, Arizona to be closer to their children.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents, wife Dorothy, brother Ron of Wenatchee and sister, Shirley of Indiana.

He is survived by sons, Bill (Claudia) and Richard (Gail), daughter Cindy (Richard) Babst, seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. His son, Bill Trimble has been very active in the Turnbull Clan Association, serving as an officer with wife, Claudia, both as

active clan tent hosts.

Bly E. Schwierking, Jr., passed away on May 31, 2015 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Janet Turnbull Schwierking, two daughters and four sons, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was a resident for over 40 years in Poteet, Texas.

He served in the United States Air Force for 22 years and retired as an E6 Technical Sergeant.

Prior to enlisting in the USAF, he served two years in the Florida National Guard.

Mr. Schwierking spent much of his Air Force career serving as an Air Medic transporting wounded soldiers from Southeast Asia to the United States.

He received the Air Force Commendation Medal and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

He also served in Japan,

England and Vietnam.

One of his biggest passions was horses and rodeo.

He was part of the United States Sheriff's Mounted Posse and performed at stock shows and rodeos.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bly and Hattie Schwierking, Sr., Edna Parrish and also one brother, Michael Roger Schwierking.

Bly's wife, Janet, served many roles in the Turnbull Clan Association, including during the very early years, helping to organize, recruit, record genealogy and as editor of the newsletter, *The Bullseye*.



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



The Riches of Funeral Home Records



Russ Shaw

As appeared in: *The Lyon's Tale*
The Tradition and History of the Lyon(s) Families

A genealogist researching twentieth century ancestors would find that the records available for solving a research questions will be very much different from sources that would typically have been used from previous centuries. For example, as I was working on finding details of the life of a maternal aunt who had died sometime in the 1930s, I ran into a brick wall.

The church burial records were closed to all but next of kin, the state death record was available only if I were able to give the record office the precise date of death, and any newspaper obituary would be retrievable only if I could come up with an approximate death date.

My solution for finding out more details about Aunt Nellie's life was to search out the funeral home records for her.

As it turned out, I found records for her as well as similar records for all three of her siblings. I soon found out, however, that there was a great deal of variation in these records. The records usually included exact date and place of death, usually the date and place of birth, the name of the deceased's parents, the names of the next of kin, and often some biographical details of the deceased's life, such as occupation, church affiliation, and past and present places of residence.

The best way to locate published funeral home records is to consult the LDS family history library catalog.

If there are no published records listed, then you need to search in the city directory or current phone book that should list any funeral home in the area. A personal visit to a funeral home close to the residence of the deceased would also be a logical step.

Retention of records by each individual funeral home varies a great deal, but in a surprising number of cases, the records are intact back to the founding of the business. The

down side is that the storage of these records can be haphazard and oftentimes open to search only by employee of the business.

Preservation of confidentiality can also be an issue, but in general, the older the record you are seeking, the more likely you will be able to convince the funeral home that this is now a historical piece

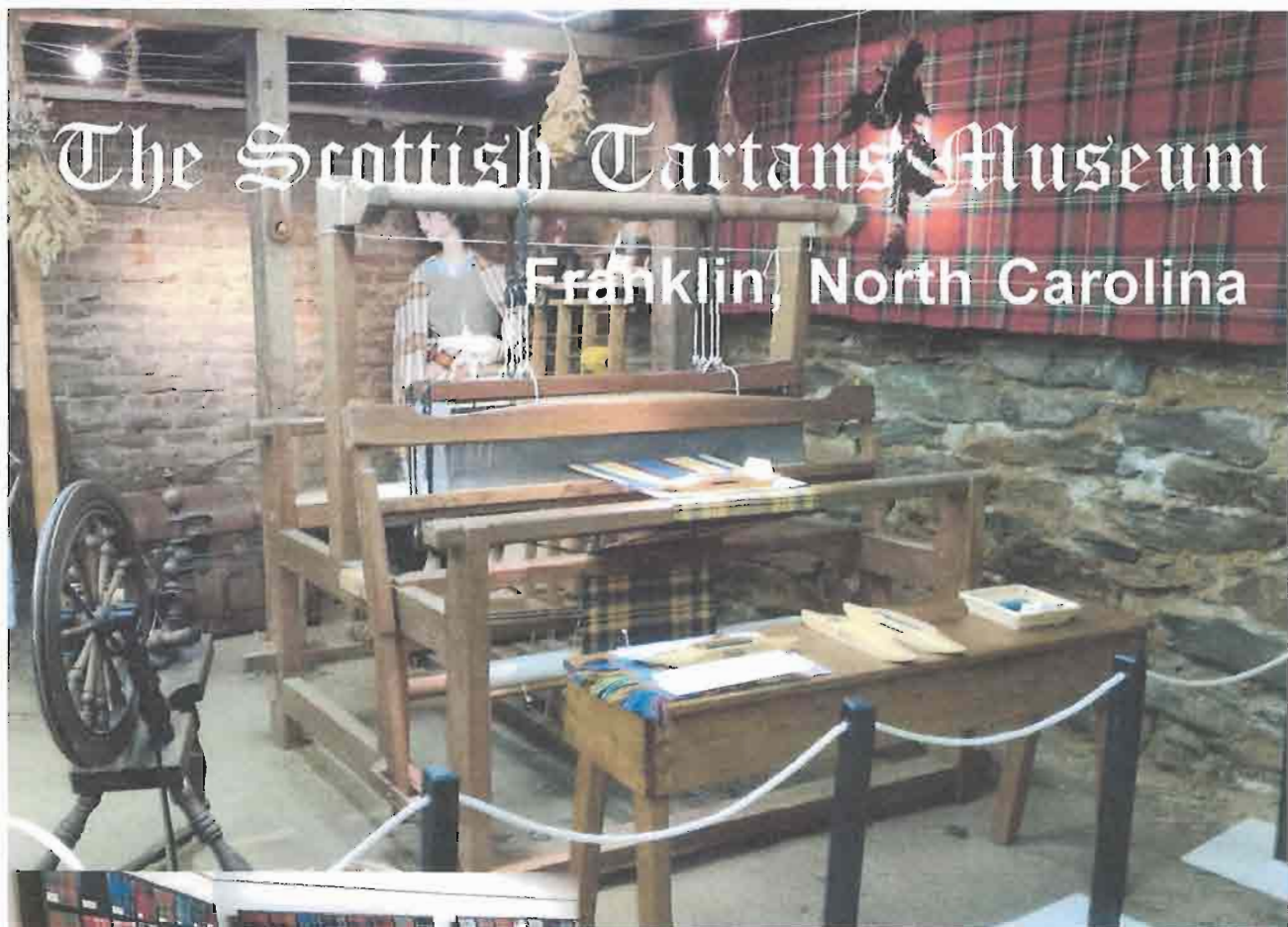
of information rather than simply a private record.

The entire issue of using funeral home records as a good source of genealogical information has been addressed several times in the literature. Two articles that I have found to be particularly useful are readily available on the Internet:

Using Cemeteries and Funeral Home for Genealogy <http://www.genealogy.com/articles/research/00000049.html>

Funeral Home Records by Kimberly Powell http://genealogy.about.com/od/death_records/a/funeral_home.htm





The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

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We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM)) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

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...from the Clan Ross United States Newsletter - *The Highlander*

Linda Watson

This article from: The Clan Ross United States newsletter, *The Highlander* inviting you to Games and Scottish events. We are adopting and welcoming any and all Scots to join us for fun. Scots Wha Hae !!!

Barbra Ross Bartz, Director Clan Ross United States. Contact seaandsun1@verizon.net for more information

DNA and Genealogy:

I have to admit, I am a DNA junkie. I have taken the Ancestry, 23 and Me and FamilyTree tests. The 23 and Me test connected me on my father's German side with a 2nd cousin I played with up to the age of 5, when she moved away.

The AnsetrayDNA test has opened up my mother's Scottish side I wasn't aware of. My grand-mothers maiden name was McQueary who descended from the last MacQuarrie Chief with a good share of McDonalds, McKinneys, McKinzie's and a Crowe and Anderson scattered in. In short, I am able to connect through both the DNA and the surnames.

Although DNA helps connect the dots, you will still need a Birth, Death and Marriage certificate from each relative to authenticate the connections, (A DAR and SAR requirement).

Getting started in Scottish genealogy

by: <http://www.scotland.org/features/getting-started-in-scottish-genealogy/>

1. Where do I start?

One of the first things you should do is speak to your relatives as a starting point to seek out documentary evidence. You should also gather together any old

photographs, letters and other documents.

Decide what you want to achieve, and work backwards starting with someone who was alive in the early 20th century as birth, marriage, death and census information is readily available back from then. Censuses are

useful as they can give a snapshot of a family at one place and time. Be persistent and don't give up if you hit a dead end. Temporarily shelve if and work on something else.

Possibly the best place to start is the , the official source of genealogical information for Scotland and one of the largest online sources of ancestral information with almost 80 million records to look through.

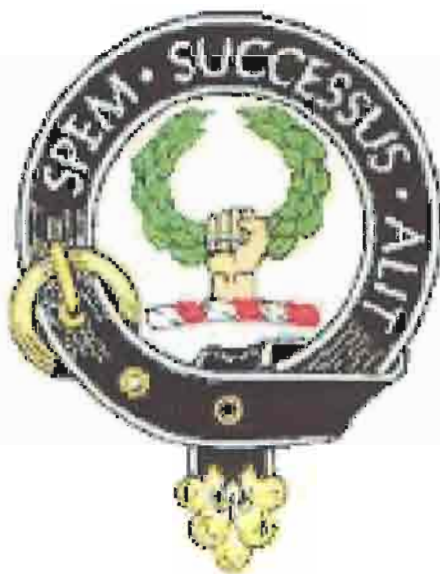
2. What resources are available online?

If you've got Scottish ancestors then you're in luck because Scotland is a world-leader in providing family history information

online.

Amongst the most useful websites is [ScotlandPeople](http://ScotlandPeople.org) which provides online access (for a fee) to Scotland's official registers of births, marriages and deaths as well as census records from 1841 to 1911 and digitised wills and testaments from Scotland's National Archives and Scottish Catholic Archives records.

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If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

<http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/html/contact.html>



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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.
ken.buchanan@TheClanBuchanan.com

For births less than 100 years old, marriages less than 75 years old and deaths less than 50 years old, it is only possible to view the index entries over the internet and extract certificates need to be ordered to view the detail on the certificates.

So if you know of an ancestor who was born, married or died in Scotland after 1553 – the date of the earliest records - you may very well be able find out about them online.

3. My ancestors emigrated from Scotland. Where can I find out more about when they emigrated and what ship they sailed on?

The Scots travelled and settled all over the world, however information on emigrants and migrant is sparse in Scotland. There are sources of information available to discover more about your ancestors emigrating from Scotland, although it may depend on when your ancestors emigrated as to how much information you can find.

Initially, there was no legal requirement to record emigrants; the paperwork was all done at the port of arrival. However, official passenger lists were compiled by the Board of Trade from 1890 to 1960 – and these were all kept in the National Archives of London. They have now been made available online and can be accessed via the [Find My Past](#) website, where you will find details of every passenger who left from a UK port, including all Scottish ports, for destinations around the world between these dates.

Another useful website for information on ancestors who migrated to the USA is the Ellis Island website, which has over 20 million entries.

The [Scottish Emigration Database](#) currently contains the records of over 21,000 passengers who embarked at Glasgow and Greenock for non-European ports between 1 January and 30 April 1923, and at other Scottish ports between 1890 and 1960.

The Highlands & Islands Emigration Society assisted almost 5,000 people to leave western Scotland for Australia between 1852 and 1857. You can find out more about their work at the [Scottish Archive Network](#).

If your ancestor was caught up in the Highland Clearances, you may find them listed at the [Clearances](#)

[website](#).

4. What are Scottish census records and how can they help in genealogy research?

The Scottish census, taken every 10 years since 1801, can provide a fascinating snapshot of a day in the life of your ancestors. It can also provide details of anyone else who happened to be in the house at the time, including servants, lodgers and visitors.

Census records can also give you some idea of how your family lived, for example, recording how many rooms with one or more windows their house contained. Geographic mobility can be tracked through the given birthplaces and social mobility through addresses and occupations.

The returns of most use to the family historian are those from 1841 onwards. Records may only be inspected after 100 years, so the census records currently available for public scrutiny are 1841-1911. You can access census records on the [ScotlandsPeople](#) website.

The population tables and associated published statistical reports can be viewed for free at [www.histpop.org](#)

5. How do I trace my family clan?

You can use the [Ancestral Scotland](#)'s clan search facility to see whether your surname is linked to

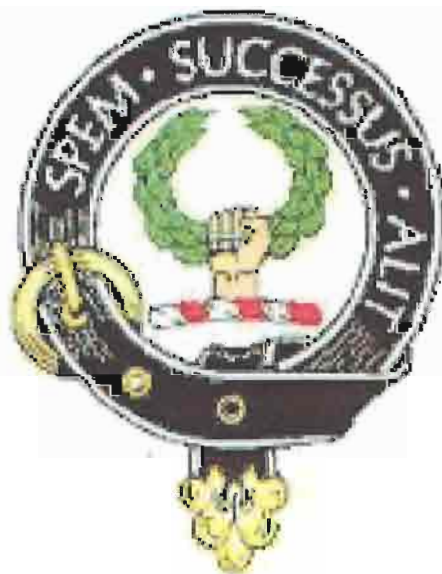
one of Scotland's famous clans. This will also give you an initial idea of where your family may have come from, as many clans are associated with distinctive geographical areas of Scotland. There, you'll also find a history of the clan and the tartans relating to it.

6. Do I have a family tartan?

Almost every surname in Scotland has links to an ancient clan, and with it, the right to wear a distinctive tartan.

An official Register of Tartan is maintained by the National Records of Scotland and housed in General Register House in Edinburgh. The Register is available online providing detailed information about the hundreds of different patterns and their history. Anyone can create their own tartan and, as long as it is unique and complies with the standards laid down, it too will be placed on the Register.

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The *Clan Macneil* Association of America

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Go to the [Tartan Register](#) website to research or design your own tartan.

7. Where can I find out about occupations and where my ancestor worked?

Discovering what your ancestors did for a living can provide a fascinating insight into their lives. In the middle ages, most Scots would have worked the land or fished the sea. However, the industrial revolution changed the nature of the workplace forever.

You might find the names of occupations in census records or other family records such as birth, marriage or death certificates. You can find out some common occupations and suggested sources of additional information at the [Ancestral Scotland](#) website.

You can also get information on occupations at the [ScotlandsPeople](#) website, and statistical information from the census can be viewed at www.histpop.org

8. Why can't you get a Scottish birth or death certificate prior to 1855?

Civil registration (birth, marriage and death certificates) did not begin in Scotland until 1855. For the 300 years before that, records of births and baptisms, banns and marriages and deaths and burials were kept by the Church of Scotland - these are known as the Old Parochial Registers or Old Parish Registers (OPRs).

Parish ministers or session clerks usually assumed responsibility for maintaining the registers, but since there was no standard format employed, record keeping varied enormously from parish to parish and also from year to year. You can search the surviving 3,500 volumes of OPRs on [ScotlandsPeople](#).

9. How far back can I get with my Scottish family tree?

That depends how much time and resource you have, as well as on many factors such as the survival of records and mobility and social status of the family.

Theoretically, those using the [ScotlandsPeople](#) archives can get back to the 1500s. If you know your ancestors lived and died in Scotland, you should easily get as far back as the mid-1800s. Records before 1855 are less reliable so there is no guarantee you will find ancestors before this date.

You might want to consider joining a family history society who can prove invaluable in your research. Most

societies publish newsletters, and indexes of memorial inscriptions. Many also have well stocked libraries. Find out more at the [Scottish Association of Family Histories](#).

10. I'd like to come to Scotland to see it for myself and do some further research. Where should I start?

Don't just learn about your Scottish heritage, live it! Try on the kilt of your clan, touch the walls of your family home, explore the fields and farms your ancestors once worked in and see the very documents that chronicled their lives.

If you already live in Scotland or you get the chance to visit, why not make a trip to the [ScotlandsPeople](#) Centre in Edinburgh in person. Although there's a lot you can do online, you can get access to even more records at the Centre itself, including images of birth, marriage and death records right up to almost the present day. If you're a complete beginner, you can also book an assisted search with a [ScotlandsPeople](#) staff member.

The National Library also has a number of publications dealing with early data including: the International Genealogical Index with some records going back to the Middle Ages; Old Parochial Records;

monumental inscriptions; and census information, as well as copies of historical newspapers. The [National Library's](#) website has a wealth of digitised maps that can be viewed for free on line and these maps can help you decide what parts of Scotland you want to visit.

The National Records of Scotland, who run the [ScotlandsPeople](#) Centre, also have historical search rooms offering access to family, business and church records, testaments, registers of property and records of the government of Scotland. Please note that two passport size photos and proof of address are required to create a reader's ticket to allow you to enter these search rooms.

The National Records of Scotland also has family, business and church records, testaments, registers of property and records of the government of Scotland. If you're in Glasgow, the Mitchell Library has extensive family histories, voters rolls, street directories and graduation and emigrants lists.

Visit the [Ancestral Scotland](#) website and get all the information you need on how to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors.

Many thanks to Clan Ross US.





An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIan). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

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Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique

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Website: <http://www.clanhendersonsociety.org>

Grant Guthrie Davidson, 3rd of Davidson, Chief of the Name and Arms of Clan Davidson named by Lord Lyon

We all in Clan Davidson and the Scottish community remember the passing of our dear Jock Davidson, Chief of Clan Davidson, last December, Chief of Clan Davidson for 16 years.

Jock's Eldest son, Grant Guthrie Davidson, has been recognized by the Lyon Court in Scotland as the true heir to the Chiefship, and Grant has now assumed the title "Grant Guthrie Davidson, 3rd of Davidston, Chief of the Name and Arms of Clan Davidson".

Grant was officially inaugurated into his new role as Chief at a ceremony hosted by the Clan Davidson Society of New Zealand in May.

At this time, Grant has agreed to be the Guest of Honor at the Glasgow (KY) Highland Games in June 2017. Further details regarding this will be published as they are determined by the future leaders of CDS-USA.

Stone Bridges, *continued from page 17*

This is a big project for McGraw Hardscapes. It has done smaller retaining walls, and notably built some tall retaining walls for the Wilmington Marsh Oaks subdivision that define an outdoor gathering place.

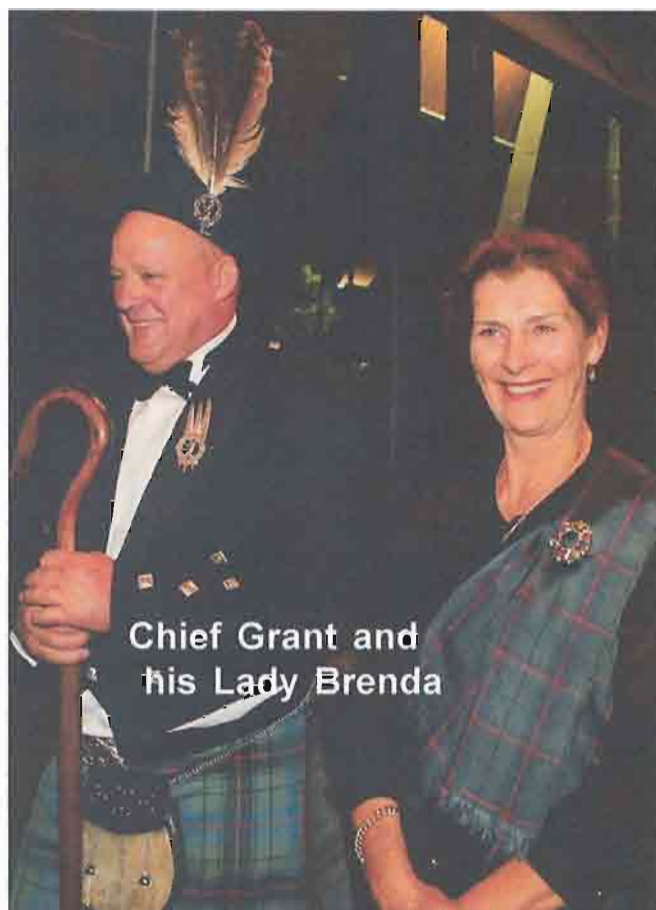
McGraw, 49, started the company in 1999 in Wilmington. He's a self-taught stonemason.

After learning of the dry-stone technique, he joined the Stone Foundation and has attended symposiums on the topic.

"I went to Spain to a workshop," he said. "That's probably where I learned the most, and became inspired to do traditional walls like this."

Golfers need not fear taking their carts over the bridge. After the first bridge was finished, McGraw drove his 9,000-pound truck over it.

"It didn't budge a bit," he said.



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