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The Amazing Resurrection of the

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE HIGHLAND GAMES!

In 2017, the “new” games are 3 years old!



This is the group of Clan Donald USA members who have brought back the Middle Tennessee Highland Games.

Debbie Trest writes, “The story is that we were sitting around a campfire one night commiserating the disappearance of the Scottish games in the Nashville, Tennessee area. So our fearless leader said, ‘Let’s bring them back.’ So, we did.”

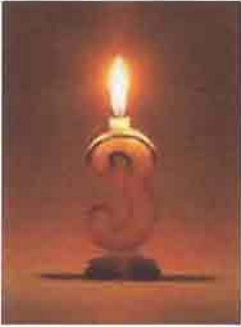
She continued, “Don’t ever tell a Donald they can’t do something! Four years later, we are expecting 4,000 people

to attend our 3<sup>rd</sup> festival on September 9, at Andrew Jackson’s *Hermitage*.”

*See their full page ad on page 4 of this publication.*

From left to right, Andy Ward President (former CDUSA Tennessee Con- vener), Richard Trest Director of Enter- tainment & Merriment, Debbie Trest Fi- nance Director, Leigh Ann Ward Secre- tary, Bryan McGee Director of Athletics (former CDUSA Kentucky Commis-

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# FamilySearch Microfilm Lending Program going away the end of the month

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

By now, almost everyone in the genealogy community is aware that FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services as of Thursday, August 31, 2017. Many researchers are concerned because this change is occurring well before the projected completion date (2020) for digitizing the microfilm collection.

From an economics perspective, the evidence suggests that the decision was long overdue. Why?

1. The number of manufacturers of microfilm have dwindled down to no more than a handful, and the materials necessary for production are almost non-existent.

2. Manufacturing costs have increased.

3. The digitization project is well ahead of schedule. FamilySearch has digitized over 1.5 million of the 2.4 million rolls of microfilm.

5. The digitization process is expensive but more efficient.

6. Digitization enhances the availability of records. Online images are available to anyone with Internet access. As with any change in procedures, there likely will be some inconvenience.

1. Some filmed and digitized records came with access restrictions from the providing entity.

2. Depending on the nature of the restrictions, some records will only be accessible at Family History Centers and/or the Family History Library.

3. If the record is not available in digitized form (for example, if records at a Family History Center are available only to LDS members), researchers may have to contact the specific entity that created the record.

### *Options for researchers include*

1. Submitting orders before the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The cost will be \$7.50 per roll of microfilm and it



will be on permanent loan at the Family History Center or Library Affiliate.

2. Family History Centers and Library Affiliates have the option of keeping microfilm now on extended loan as well as any films currently on short-term loan.

3. Checking online using FamilySearch, Ancestry, My Heritage, Find My Past, etc.

4. Planning a trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City or visiting the nearest Family History Center.

5. Contacting the entity that generated the original records.

6. In the case of undigitized or Vault Records: Continue searching the website periodically to see if they have been added.

b. See if the record is available on microfilm at the Family History Library, Family History Centers or Library Affiliates.

c. If FamilySearch cannot resolve or negotiate the access restrictions, these records may never be available without going to the Family History Library and/or a Family History Center.

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# Clan Henderson AGM set for The Hermitage on Saturday, September 9

Clan Henderson (in addition to being the honored clan) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in association with Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville, TN Saturday, September 9, 2017.

The Executive Board Meeting will be held from 2:00 to 4:30 PM on 8 September 2017 in a meeting room at the Nashville Airport Marriott 600 Marriott Drive - Nashville, TN 37214, USA

A block of 10 rooms is being held at a significantly reduced rate (\$159 for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>) at the Marriott. Reservations can be made before August 11, 2017 by calling 1-(800) 228-9290 and citing "Clan Henderson Society Event Meeting group staying at the Nashville Airport Marriott 600 Marriott Drive - Nashville, TN 37214". You may visit <<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnatn-nashville-airport-marriott/>>

The Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, 4580 Rachel's Lane, Nashville, TN 37076 will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, 09:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The entry tickets are \$13. Clan Henderson has two tents reserved.

You might wish to visit <<http://www.midtenngames.com/index.html>> for complete games information.

Game President (and Clan Henderson Member) is Andrew Ward.

For complete information about the Hermitage visit: <<http://thehermitage.com/>>

The Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on the grounds at 2:00 PM on September 9.

The Cèilidh will be celebrated at McNamara's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 2740 Old Lebanon Rd, Nashville, TN 37214 for 25-30 participants in the Jameson Room starting at 6:30 PM (until 8:00PM?) Fixed menu dinner ~\$45. Homemade haggis will be provided and addressed as a Robert's Burns presentation.

Complete information on the Ceilidh is available from: <<http://www.mcnamarasirishpub.com/>>



The Kirkin' o' the Tartan is at The Hermitage Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) 421 Highland View Dr., Hermitage, TN 37076, and will be Sunday, 10 September 2017 at 10:00 AM.

Contact me should you need further information: Dr. Richard C. Goodwin, Mid-South Commissioner, Clan Henderson Society, 125 Mallard Cove Drive, Madison, AL 35756. My cell phone is: 402-980-5459.

For membership or other information regarding the Clan Henderson Society visit: <<http://www.clanhendersonsociety.org/>>

# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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**Royal is my Race!**

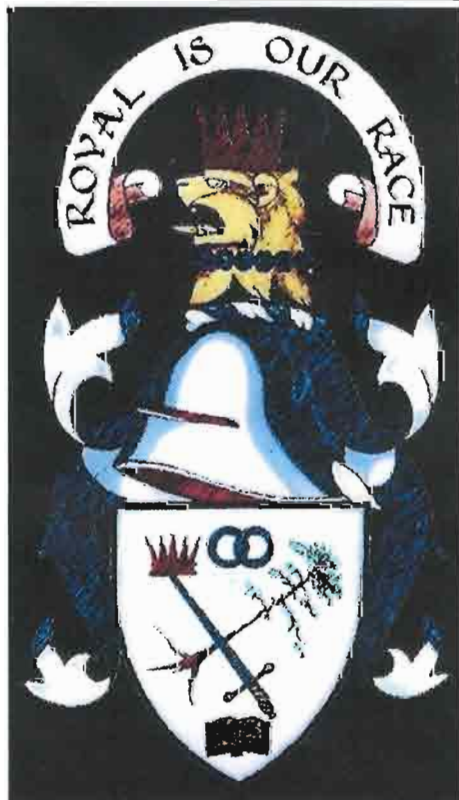
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# Clan Crawford presents a Highland Dance trophy and Clan Crawford sisters win trophies in Texas



*In 2017, Clan Crawford sponsored a trophy for the highland dance competitions at the Texas Scottish Festival in Arlington, Texas. Norman and Karen Crawford presented Eliza Dougherty with the trophy for Most Promising Dancer.*

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For additional information contact project coordinators:

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*Sunniva, age 6, and Bradana, age 8, daughters of Pete and Nicole Crawford from San Antonio, TX, also competed in the highland dance competitions. Both young ladies took home medals from their dancing.*

*Bradana is competing this summer in the United States Inter-Regional Championships, held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Good luck, Bradana!*

# Clover, South Carolina

Friday, November 10, 2017 - Whisky Tasting & Ceilidh/Kick-Off Party  
Saturday, November 11, 2017 - Clover Highland Games & Scots-Irish Festival



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# You're invited to Clover, SC for *Feis Chlobhair*

**Friday, November 10, 2017** - Whisky Tasting  
& Ceilidh\Kick-Off Party

**Saturday, November 11, 2017** - Clover High-  
land Games & Scots-Irish Festival

The Town of Clover, South Carolina and Greater Clover Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Feis Chlobhair / Clover Highland Games, Ceilidh & Scots-Irish Festival Friday, November 10 & Saturday, November 11.

Celebrations will begin Friday with the traditional Céilí as well as the addition of a Whisky Tasting event, hosted by the Greater Clover Chamber of Commerce. Stay tuned for more information on how to reserve your ticket.

Saturday festivities are scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM at Blue Eagle Academy's walking trail located at 300 Clinton Avenue (corner of Knox Street & Memorial Drive). This unique and cultural event is a celebration of the ancestral ties of Clover to the British Isles.

Feis Chlobhair is an opportunity to encourage the growth of the shared heritage by showcasing individuals who practice Scottish and Scots-Irish arts, crafts, athletics, music, and traditions. From this rich event, it is our hope to instill and inspire the younger generation to keep traditions alive!

## **VENDORS**

We are heavily seeking Celtic food & merchandise vendors.

Due to the cultural aspect of this event, preference will be given to merchants offering items to be Scottish, Irish, Celtic or Scots-Irish in nature or relate to the British Isles in some way.

Craft items should relate to the British Isles or resemble a craft that the settlers from that area would have practiced, such as pottery, weaving, metalwork, needlework, woodcarving, etc.



Use this website to register: <<http://www.cloversc.org/docview.aspx?docid=45845>> to be a vendor.

We will limit the number of non-Celtic food & merchandise vendors.

Deadline to submit vendor application: Friday, October 20, 2017. All applications will be reviewed. All vendors will be notified and will be advised whether their application has been accepted or declined.

## **CLANS/SOCIETIES**

**Register clans and societies** by submitting an application for review. Visit <<http://www.cloversc.org/docview.aspx?docid=45865>> for a Clan/Society registration form. Note clans and societies are not permitted to sell any merchandise.

The event contact is: Amy Gonzalez, Special Events Coordinator. Call 803.222.9493 or email <[agonzalez@cloversc.org](mailto:agonzalez@cloversc.org)>

**Feis Chlobhair, Clover, SC November 10-11, 2017**

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Welcome  
*Saltwater  
Highland  
Games!*

The Myrtle Beach, SC Highland Games are growing. With that comes some exciting changes.

First, the Myrtle Beach Highland Games has a new name. We are now the Saltwater Highland Games.

We are also moving to a new, larger location - the North Myrtle Beach Park & Sports Complex.

Several things are in the works for 2018 including a 5K Run, a Quidditch Tournament and a Junior Athletic Competition for ages 13-15 and 16-18.

Finally, we are also going to a 3 Day event! Book your calendars now - March 23-25, 2018.

"We are excited to be working with the City of North Myrtle Beach and its staff in continuing to grow one of the Grand Strand's premier events," said Saltwater Highland Games Executive Director Todd Cartner. "The North Myrtle Beach Park & Sports Complex is beautiful and we feel our attendees will be blown away by the new additions we will be able to bring to our event."

"We're excited to welcome the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Saltwater Highland Games to the city of North Myrtle Beach," said North Myrtle Beach Superintendent of Recreation & Sports Tourism Matt Gibbons. "This



event's record of drawing visitors from 26 states and 5 countries in 2017 will greatly benefit North Myrtle Beach and, ultimately, everyone along the Grand Strand."

During two years at its former location, additional elements were added to grow the event, requiring a move to a larger venue and a name change for 2017. Event organizers determined that the expansive North Myrtle Beach Park & Sports Complex is the ideal location for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Saltwater Highland Games.

The Saltwater Highland Games is popular throughout the Carolinas and is renowned for its outstanding entertainment, top Celtic musicians, professional athletes, and champion bagpipe bands from throughout the Southeast. An exciting array of food, merchandise, souvenirs, and beverages from Scotland and other Celtic nations will be available for purchase.

For more information visit <http://www.saltwaterhighlandgames.com>



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
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*Travis Ramsey, nephew of Clan Ramsay member, Ginger Davis Ramsey, graduated from Eureka Springs High School, Eureka Springs, Arkansas in the Ramsay tartan!*

*Travis will be attending the University of Arkansas in the fall.*

*Go Razorbacks!*

*With thanks to The Ramsay Report, Newsletter of the Clan Ramsay, International. For more information, contact Mona Ramsey at <[rramsey6@bellsouth.net](mailto:rramsey6@bellsouth.net)>*

## Clan Ramsay, Int. is now a 501(c)(3) charitable organization

Thanks to our Clan Ramsay, International President Elect Dick McGraw of Wilmington, NC, Clan Ramsay has been approved as a 501c3, non-profit charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

All Charitable contributions to Clan Ramsay are now tax deductible!

It is our hope that many of our members will take advantage of this opportunity and consider making contributions.

This will allow Clan Ramsay to support charitable organizations, programs, and individuals who share our values and honor our heritage with financial assistance through grants and scholarships.

Dues are not tax deductible.

With thanks to *The Ramsay Report, Newsletter of the Clan Ramsay, International*. For more information, contact Mona Ramsey at <[rramsey6@bellsouth.net](mailto:rramsey6@bellsouth.net)>



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# LALLANS

## The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters

### *A lovely letter for July from George Watt and The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters...*

(I find if I read the Scots out loud, I can pretty well figure out what it says. It turns out, it is great fun!)

**S**immer in Scotland is fell chauncy. Some years it juist disnae happen avaa!

This year haes been richt guid whiles, in fac ower guid for the grun in ma vegetable gairden wis fell dree. Muckle o April wis dree an caul, nae guid for growth as aa ye gairdners ken an meant aathin wis laet. Noo lest week wis richt braw, ower het for me I maun admit, I'm nae used tae the het.

Oot cam the waterin can again.

Wi the guid weither an thankfu that I haed some spare time I heidit off tae the hills. I div like sclimmin oor mountains. Nae the biggest in the wurld by ony means, but wi oor camsteerie weither thay hae taein a batterin ower the millenniums wi raen, het, freezin snaw an ice an wun.

Some o the rocks in Scotland are said tae be the aulest in the wurld an like aa aul thing, masel includit, thay shaw ilka mairk o time.

We hae the maist amazing screes an corries, ticht neuks an lang apen shudders atween boulder strewn

**LALLANS  
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**Simmer 2017**

taps.

Twa threi weeks ago ma pairtner an masel were doun in the Borders an sclimmed the Eildon Hills near Melrose.

Sir Walter Scott, ane o the great authors an Makars o the wurld, nae juist wee Scotland wuid tak fowk up thay hills an pynt oot the various launmairks an the stories ahint thaim.

Oh tae hae been thare!

Gin ye haenaer raed the Waverly Novels I wuid suggest ye stairt. (nicht hae a wee news anent thaim anither time)

Onywey, this time I wis heidin wast frae ma hame airt o Dundee intae Perthshire tae hills abune Loch Tay. Some o ye nicht ken the Loch Tay Boat Song.

The hills I set oot tae sclim are pairt o the Ben Lawers range. These are some o the finest o Scotland's Bens.

Meall Greigh, Meall Garbh an An Stuc wir the nems o the anes that stuid gracefu afore me.

This is sheep kintra and the bens here are girse

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**Free Speeches at Stone Mountain Highland Games!** Beth has been invited back to Stone Mountain on Friday, 20 October 2017. I am told that there will be a larger room this year - so plan to come! The speeches are at the host hotel, the Hilton Atlanta, NE 770-447-4747. Games & events, October 20 - 22, 2017.

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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)



# Flowers of the Forest

**Jean Anne Ferrier Ramsay** was born March 3, 1926 in Moorestown, New Jersey and died peacefully of natural causes June 8, 2017.

She was a resident of the Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill since 1992 after relocating from Salisbury, North Carolina where she had lived with her husband, John Erwin Ramsay, since their marriage in 1945.

Anne was predeceased by her husband, and is survived by her children Anne Ramsay Saunders and husband Frank Lyle Saunders of Salisbury; John Erwin Ramsay, Jr., President of the Clan Ramsay, International, and wife Sue Hubbard Ramsay, Kerr Craige Ramsay II and wife Ann Clark Ramsay, George Bard Ferrier Ramsay and wife Anne Edmonds Ramsay, all of Raleigh. She is survived by eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Anne was best known for her extensive and remarkable involvement in and leadership of numerous service projects.

She founded Meals on Wheels of Rowan, Inc., an organizing effort for which she was awarded the Brotherhood Award by the local chapter of the International Council of Christians and Jews. The citation recognized her as a “gentle but effective agitator” and continued that she had an “indomitable will, true courage, an empathetic nature, and a selfless, tireless, sacrificial, resourceful, inspiring, modest and goal oriented spirit”.

The family is indebted to the staff of Carol Woods for their remarkable care. The family received friends and family at 3314 Alamance Drive in Raleigh from 3:00-5:00 PM on Saturday, June 24. A second re-



ception followed at Carol Woods, Building 4, on Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorials be made to Meals on Wheels of Rowan, Inc.

Published in the *Raleigh News & Observer* on June 10, 2017

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**Walter James Henderson, 90**, went home to be with the Lord, June 23, 2017.

He was born May 14, 1927 in Chicago, the only child of Alexander Lloyd Henderson and Eleanor Richardson Brown Henderson.

Alex Henderson was born in Canada. His family came to Canada from Scotland via Ireland.

Eleanor Henderson was born in Scotland and emigrated to Canada in 1918 after World War I ended.

There she and Alex were married before moving to Chicago in the 1920s.

Walter graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology and worked for the US Veterans Administration. In his long career he helped to develop the new field of nuclear medicine, both as a nuclear physicist in research and in teaching.

Though Walter had been blind for over 35 years, he lived a full rewarding life. He was a loving husband to Marilyn Harte Henderson, recently celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

He thoroughly enjoyed bagpipe music, attending Scottish festivals, and traveling to foreign countries. He helped develop a church library, shared math skills, and used many new technologies that have benefited the visually impaired.

A graveside service was held on Monday June 26 at the Anderson Indiana Memorial Park Cemetery. Elisabeth Henderson Haas played a Scottish lament on her flute, and a piper played Amazing Grace at the conclusion of the service.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Henderson;

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# Clan Blair Society

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Plans are already under way for the 20th Annual New York Tartan Day Parade to be held Saturday April 7th, 2018. Join the American Scottish Foundation: telephone is 212 605 0338 or <americanscottishfoundation@gmail.com or www.americanscottishfoundation.org>

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## **Fort Myers (FL) Regional Library FREE Upcoming Genealogy Programs**

**August - September 2017**

Here are the latest listings of upcoming genealogy programs scheduled for Fort Myers Regional Library Meeting Rooms located at 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. All programs are free and open to the public. *Advance Registration is required.* Patrons may register for the classes using one of the following methods:

1. Telephone: Call 479-4636 and select the option for registering for programs.
  2. Telephone: Call Bryan L. Mulcahy at 533-4626 and leave your contact information.
  3. E-Mail: Contact Bryan L. Mulcahy at [bmulcahy@leeqov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leeqov.com).
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### **Finding and Connecting with Jewish Cousins Around the World Saturday, August 12, 2017**

"Finding and Connecting With Cousins Around the World", presented by Kimberly "Kim" Sheintal: President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida.

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm South Building 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Kim will share poignant parts of her journey with fellow genealogists and family historians, hoping that her experiences will aid other family researchers. Many of the techniques used by Kimberly to locate her Jewish cousins would also apply to locating non-Jewish cousins as well.

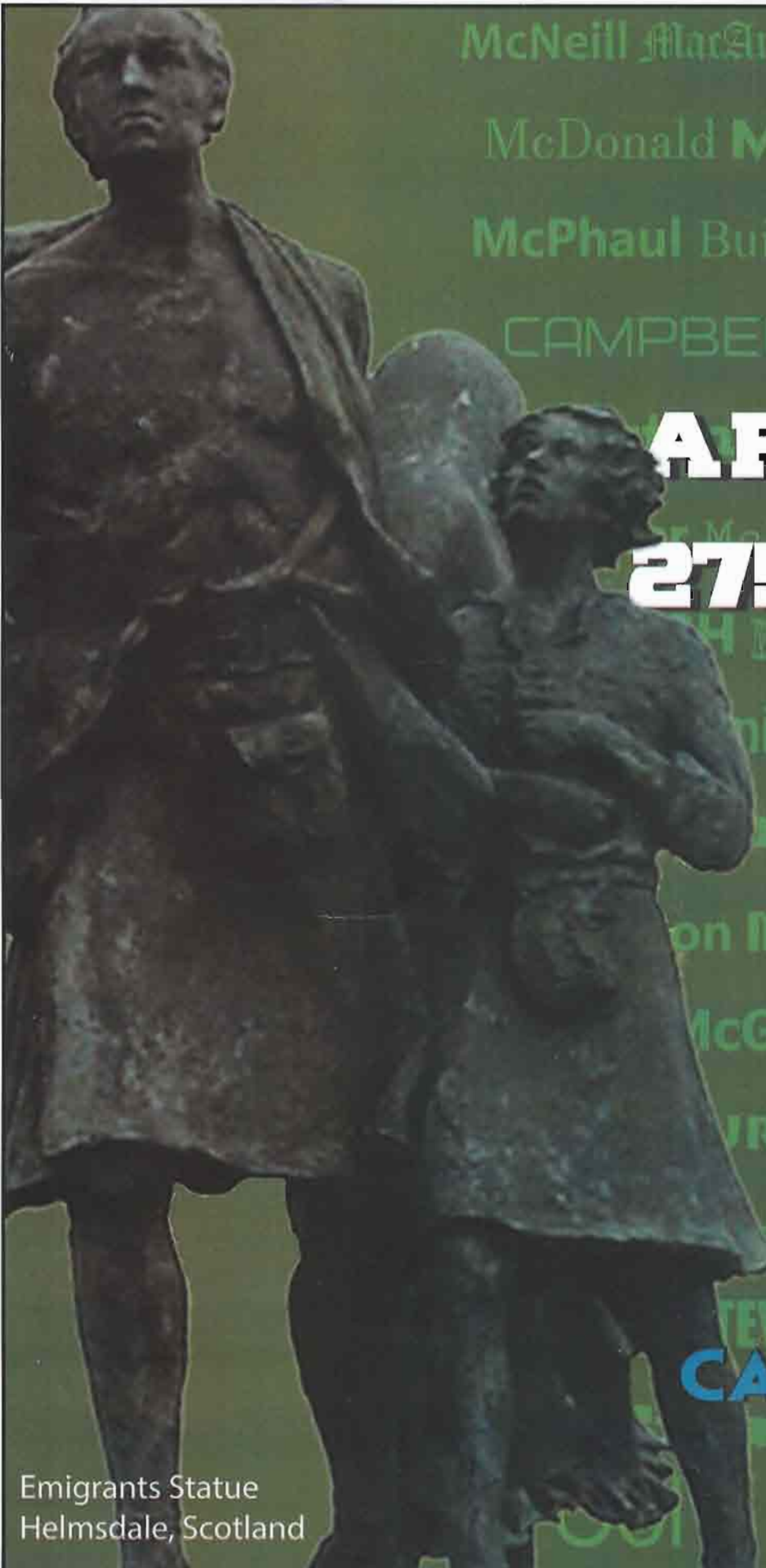
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### **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Saturday, September 16, 2017**

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library.

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm South Building 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Seminar will focus on the genealogical research value contained in these maps. They were originally created for assessing fire insurance liability in urbanized areas in the United States but contain detailed information about buildings in approximately 12,000 US towns and cities.



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My dear friend, Jeanne Williams, sent me these photos of this year's 4th of July Parade in Portal! Jeanne is aboard the float that's just below the mounted man holding the flag! What fun!

## Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 17*

three children, Steven Walter Henderson and spouse Janeil Henderson, Susan Lynn Adams and spouse Bill Adams, and David Mark Henderson and spouse Georgi Henderson; six grandchildren, Kathryn (Jeffrey) DeYoung, Elisabeth (Jonathan) Henderson Haas, Kelsey (Lenny) Crosson, Katie Adams, Allison Henderson and Andy (Kristy) Henderson; and two great-grandchildren, Micah and Hudson Crosson.

## Lallans, *continued from page 15*

for the maist pair.

Mind you it wis fell steep tae gie up thare an wi nae haein been ony heicht for ae whilie, ma heid wis thumpin, ma lungs wir fit tae burst an ma pair shanks wis strainin wi ilka step, but after a whilie I fun ma seicon wund an the bluid startit pumpin throu makin it ae fell lot easier.

I'm sure maist o ye are aquant wi the psalms an the ane that aye cams tae me fan I'm oot thare is 'I tae the hills will lift ma een'.

I jalouse that iver sinsyne humans stairtid tae trevel, it wis the sicht o faur awa hills that drew his een an cajouled him intil makin his wey atward thaim.

Those o ye faa are memmers o oor Associe, the Scots Language Society wull, I howp, noo hae yer copy o Lallans 90 that wis posted oot twa weeks syne.

Aince again I maun congratulate oor eiditors faa hae pit thegither ae remairkable magazine.

Gin ye are nae ane o oor memmers, weel tak yersel alang tae [www.lallans.co.uk](http://www.lallans.co.uk) an jyne up.

Ye'll be awfy gled ye did! An while ye are there, hae a luikie intil oor Scotsoun CDs, there is as thay sey, somethin for aabiddie.



# Flowers of the Forest

**Arden August Bartz**, age 84, of Venice, FL passed away on May 31, 2017. He was born January 24, 1933 to Mary Elizabeth [nee Pugh] and Julius August Bartz in Packwaukee, Wisconsin.

Arden was a Military Police officer in the U.S. Army.

For 27 years, Arden was a master gardener at Echo Glenn Juvenile Correction in Bellevue, Washington until he retired in 1997 and relocated to Venice, Florida.

He was involved in the Mayflower Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, The Huguenot Society, and the American Legion.



Arden is survived by his wife, Barbra [nee Stephan] Bartz, who is a long time member of the Clan Ross and daughters Melisa [nee Bartz] Peiser and Jayna [nee Bartz]

Bovre and families.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, June 6 at the Lakeside Lutheran Church in Venice, Florida. The service followed and then proceeded to Venice Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lakeside Lutheran Pre-School at the Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2401 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34293. If you prefer, <https://www.lakesidelutheranchurch.net/> To share a memory visit [www.farleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.farleyfuneralhome.com)

**Captain Robert Malcolm Grant KMI AOC**, who lived 1924-2016, was a Clan Grant Society member. As a keen member of the Clan Grant Society Scotland, he enjoyed reading the Clan Grant magazine and sometimes attended the York meeting when his health would allow.

He was born in Hull in 1924 and educated at

Aberdeen Grammar.

His military career included service with the Lovat Scouts and Liverpool Scottish. Later while in the Royal India Academy, he served in India, Burma and Palestine.

His civil career was in engineering, building and construction.

He achieved the age of 91 and enjoyed celebrating his Scottish connections with a dram and an emphatic, "Standfast!"

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Tributes have been paid in the *Strathspey Herald* to **Norman Grant**, who died in April, aged 73, at his home in Skye of Curr, Inverness-shire.

Norman was one of the key organisers instrumental in making Grantown-on-Spey's Hogmanay Party the huge success that it has become.

He led a successful international career in the field of silver and gold-smithing and jewellery. His work sold in Europe and the United States with prestigious outlets like Liberty and Harrods holding exhibitions of his work.

Many of pieces of his work and silver-smithing were bought by the famous. He made the gold Swan-Vestas matchbox with which the Queen lit her 1977 Silver Jubilee Bonfire.

He returned to the Highlands in 2000.

Part of his community work saw him heavily involved in organizing the Hogmanay celebrations in the Strathspey capital - a role which suited him down to the ground.

As estimated 5000 revellers enjoyed the latest Hogmanay celebrations in Grantown which included ceilidh dancing, spectacular fireworks and dancing in the Square.

His paternal grandfather, Alex Grant, was a sheep farmer at Lyndoer, near Carrbridge, and was a well known fiddler and Mod winner.



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# Elliot Clan Society, USA

## Membership Information 2014

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 Elliots 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:

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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.

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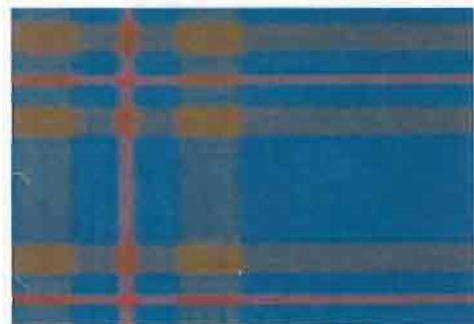
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# Have you ever heard *The Coracles*?



Ken, Randy, Sherrill, Keith

Keith Henderson

My name is Keith Henderson and I have been a member of Clan Henderson for a few years now. My great-great-great grandfather came to the United States in the 1870s via

Nova Scotia from Scotland and settled in Northern Maine where I was born.

I play the upright bass in a quartet that celebrates Irish/Celtic music called *The Coracles*. We are based in New Haven County in Connecticut. I had been playing the upright bass for about ten years in a few jazz bands and was looking for something different. About three years ago, I had seen an ad on Craigslist for someone looking to start an Irish music band. I had been interested in playing Celtic music ever since seeing the Clancy Brothers perform on the Ed Sullivan TV show and hearing music at various Irish and Scottish festivals over the years.

After meeting with the other musicians, we seemed to click right away and started weekly rehearsals to put together set lists of songs for performing at local pubs and

Irish clubs. Between the four of us, we have a lot of instruments that allow us to offer a nice variety of sounds. They include 6 and 12 string guitars, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, penny whistle, drum, stomp box, and upright bass.

The other three members (Randy, Ken, and Sherrill) have wonderful voices and harmonize quite well. It is such a pleasure playing behind them.

We have a lot of fun performing the 100+ songs from our list of tunes at various Irish pubs and local Irish clubhouses. We have been performing at two local Irish festivals over the past three years. We average about 2 performances a month for the last two years and are building a following of fans.

This summer, we are looking forward to playing at the Long Island Scottish Festival being held on August 26<sup>th</sup> in Old Westbury, NY. It will be our first Scottish Festival. We have around 30 tunes in our book that have Scottish origins that I think will be a lot of fun to play at the festival hosted by Clan MacDuff.

Here is our website that includes videos, recordings, photos, a list of our songs, and a calendar of upcoming events: <[www.thecoracles.com](http://www.thecoracles.com)>



Ken Crowell - vocals, 6 string guitar, 12 string guitar, mandolin. Randy Smith - vocals, guitar, banjo, penny whistle, percussion. Sherrill Farkas - vocals, 5 string fiddle. Keith Henderson - Upright bass, stomp box, vocals.

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# The History of Glamis in Scotland

Michael Hewitt [tolstoymike@gmail.com](mailto:tolstoymike@gmail.com)

The history of the village of Glamis dates back to the 8th century when it was the home of St. Fergus who lived in a cave that was considered to be a holy place. Records later show that a Royal Hunting Lodge was built at Glamis for the Kings of Scotland who frequented it for hundreds of years.

## The Lyon family and Glamis

In 1372, the land was granted to Sir John Lyon (1340) by King Robert II (1371-1390) and eventually became the family seat of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne. The titles given to John Lyon, Laird and Thane of Glamis, became even more numerous. He and Lady Jean had raised a son, John, who was born at Glamis in 1380.

Life has centered on Glamis for the Lyon family up until the present time.

By 1376, a castle was being built at Glamis, and

in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the castle was rebuilt as an L-plan tower house. In 1376, Sir John Lyon married Princess Joanna (or Jean), the widowed daughter of King Robert II. The Lyon family prospered over the centuries. By 1606, the Lyon family was regarded as the wealthiest in Scotland.

And from *Wikipedia*: Glamis, castle and village are in the council area and historic county of Angus, eastern Scotland.



The present castle, a fine example of Scottish Baronial architecture, dates from the late 17th century, though the site is believed to have been occupied since

the 11th century, when the Scottish monarch Macbeth was thane (ruler) of Glamis.

In 1372 the castle became the seat of the earls of Strathmore. The castle contains fine collections of paintings, tapestries, and weapons.

Glamis Castle was the childhood home of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and birthplace of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

With many thanks to *The Lyons Tale*, published by The Lyon(s) Families Association of America, which is a non-profit organization devoted to research and compilation of the records of Lyon and Lyons families.

Visit our web page: <http://www.lyon-lyons-genealogy.org/>



**Middle Tennessee Highland Games, continued**  
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sioner), Sharon McGee Field Marshall (former CDUSA Tennessee Commissioner). The other members of our board are Clan Stewart, but that's okay.



# 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!

# New Clan Grant Society, Scotland, visitors website goes live!

The Clan Grant Society Scotland's brand new website for Clan Grant Visitors went live in April of 2017. You can visit the website at: [www.clangrantvisitors.org](http://www.clangrantvisitors.org)

The website has been created for visitors to Strathspey, Scotland, to help with planning a trip to the annual Clan Grant Gathering, visiting Clan Grant historical sites of interest, booking accommodations, searching for places to eat and offers advice to those coming to research their own family histories.



[www.clangrantvisitors.org](http://www.clangrantvisitors.org) With thanks to *Standfast*, magazine of the Clan Grant Society, Scotland. Visit: [clangrant4@binternet.com](mailto:clangrant4@binternet.com)

## Site Seeing Mother Nature's Artistry

There are literally dozens and dozens of flowers which look like something else entirely...fascinating!



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# Keets Taylor honored with 2017 President's Award at Grandfather Mountain



Keets Taylor writes, "At the 62<sup>nd</sup> Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, I was honored with the 2017 President's Award. Wow! This was my 45<sup>th</sup> year of going to the "gathering" on the mountain... can't adequately express how much I appreciate my Scottish family."



## Good luck, Elissa!

The Clan Stewart Association in America is now represented by a new member, female champion heavy events athlete, Elissa Hapner.

She coaches soccer, basketball and softball and volunteers with the throwers on the East Aurora High School track and field team.

She spent most of her childhood in Aurora.

She has participated in Highland Games competitions for three years.

With thanks to *The Fesse Chequy*, The Quarterly Newsletter of the Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc. Contact Clan Stewart Secretary, Jan Hansen at <jahnsn@yahoo.com>

## Murphy's Other Laws:

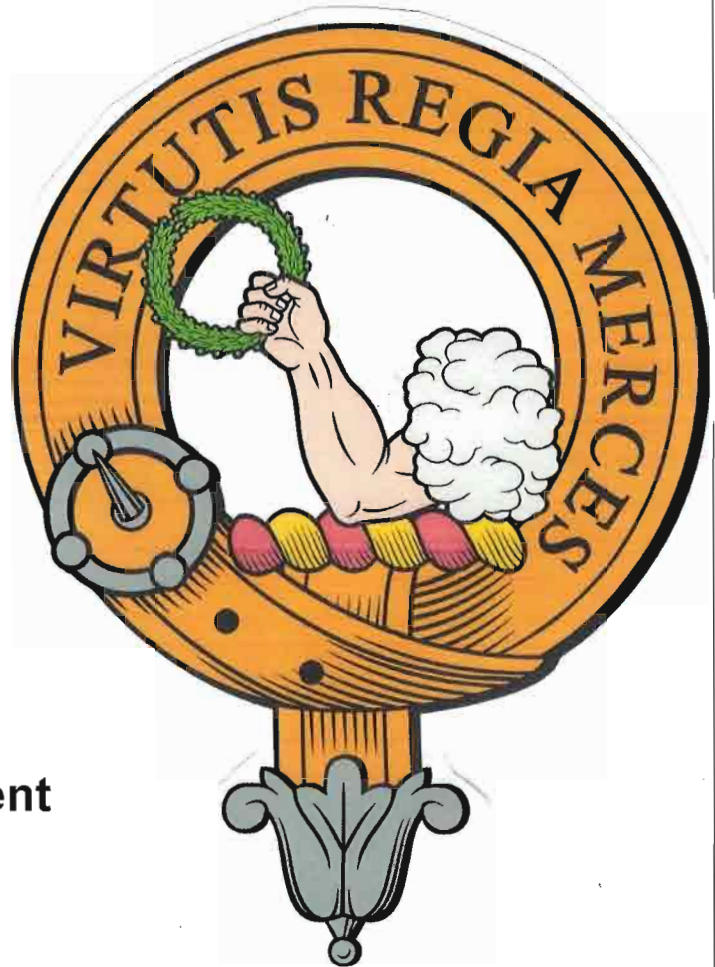
1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

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# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

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

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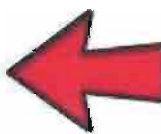
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## Raknar Royalty spotted at Glasgow Highland Games



In a rare public sighting, Brodir, King of the Kingdom of Raknar and the Queen Bee were out and about at the 2017 Glasgow Highland Games this June.

That's Becky and Jim Kilpatrick, whose personal castle is near Atlanta.

### BASIC SCOTTISH GAELIC GUIDE



Hello →→→→→ Halò  
 Welcome →→→→→ Fàille  
 Good morning →→ Madainn mhath  
 Goodnight →→→→→ Dìdhche mhath  
 Cheers/Good health → Slàinte mhath!  
 Scotland forever →→ Alba gu bràth  
 Free Scotland →→→→→ Saor Alba



The above with thanks to *The Victor*, publication of The Supreme Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. For more information, contact: <http://www.grandprioryofthescots.org/>

### Murphys Other Laws,

*continued from page 31*

8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.

10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

11. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.

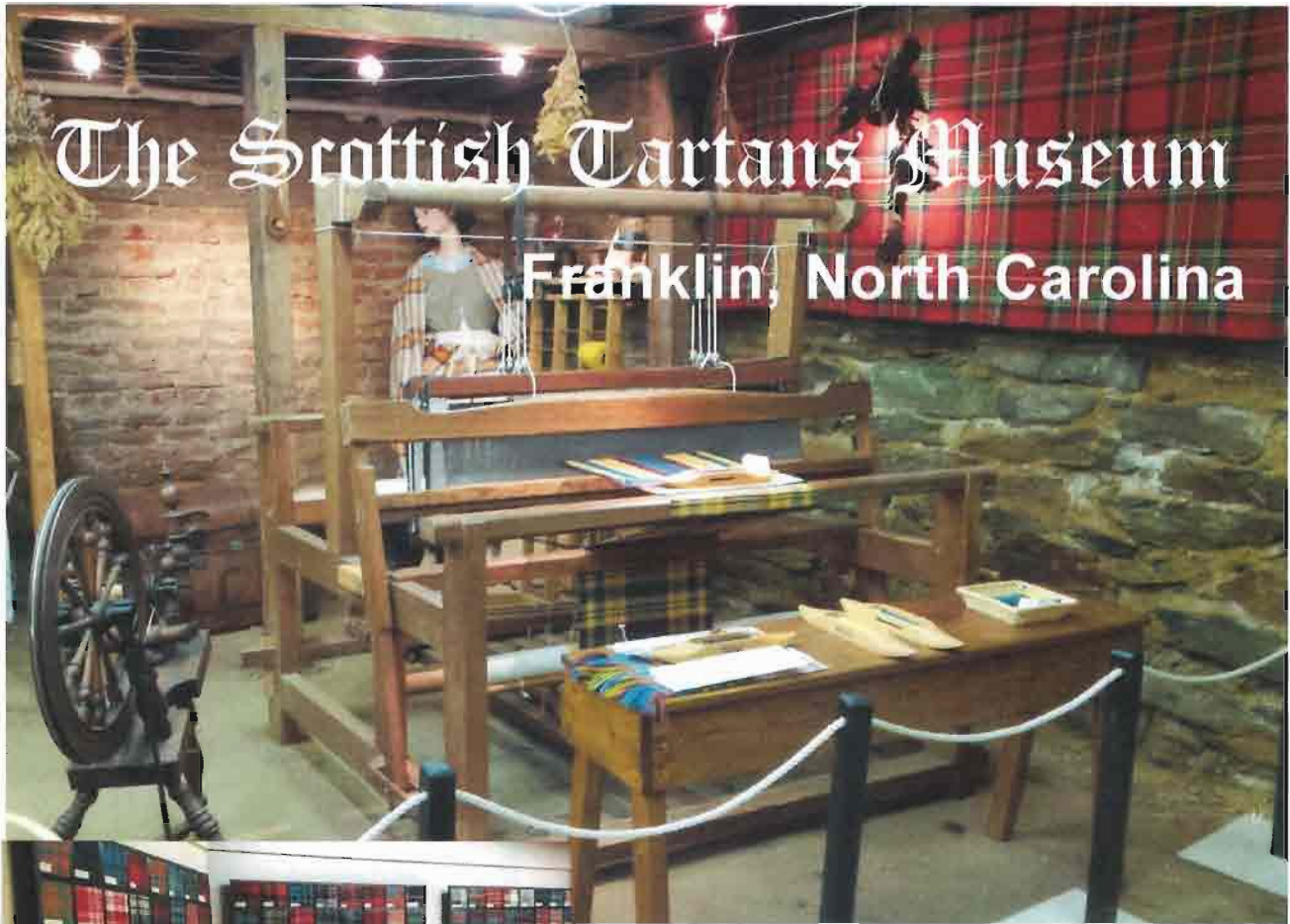
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.



13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.

14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.

15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty



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.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

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.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

[www.scottishtartans.org](http://www.scottishtartans.org)

