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## Two new Knights of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle installed

George Alexander Way of Plean, The Much Hon. Baron of Plean

The installation of two new Knights of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle took place, by command of the Sovereign, in St. Giles Cathedral (The High Kirk of Edinburgh, in Presbyterian terms!) on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 11 AM.

This was a novel ceremony as it had been amended to accommodate the developing mobility restrictions that age has inflicted upon her Majesty.

Indeed, the adjustments also reflect, to a degree, the mobility issues of Knights themselves.

The service normally commences with a ceremonial entrance through the Great West Door of the Cathedral: from an adjacent building (the Library of the Signet) across Parliament Square.

A Guard of Honour is paraded in the square as well as the Royal Company of Archers and the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

The procession of Knights is preceded by Her Majesty's Officers of Arms.

The Knights are followed by the Officers of the Order (Dean, Secretary and the Lord Lyon) and then the procession of Royal Knights escorting the Sovereign. The Queens long velvet cape is supported by a Page of Honour, who



*Sir Ian Wood receives Scotland's highest honour from The Queen*

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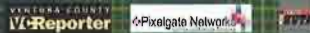
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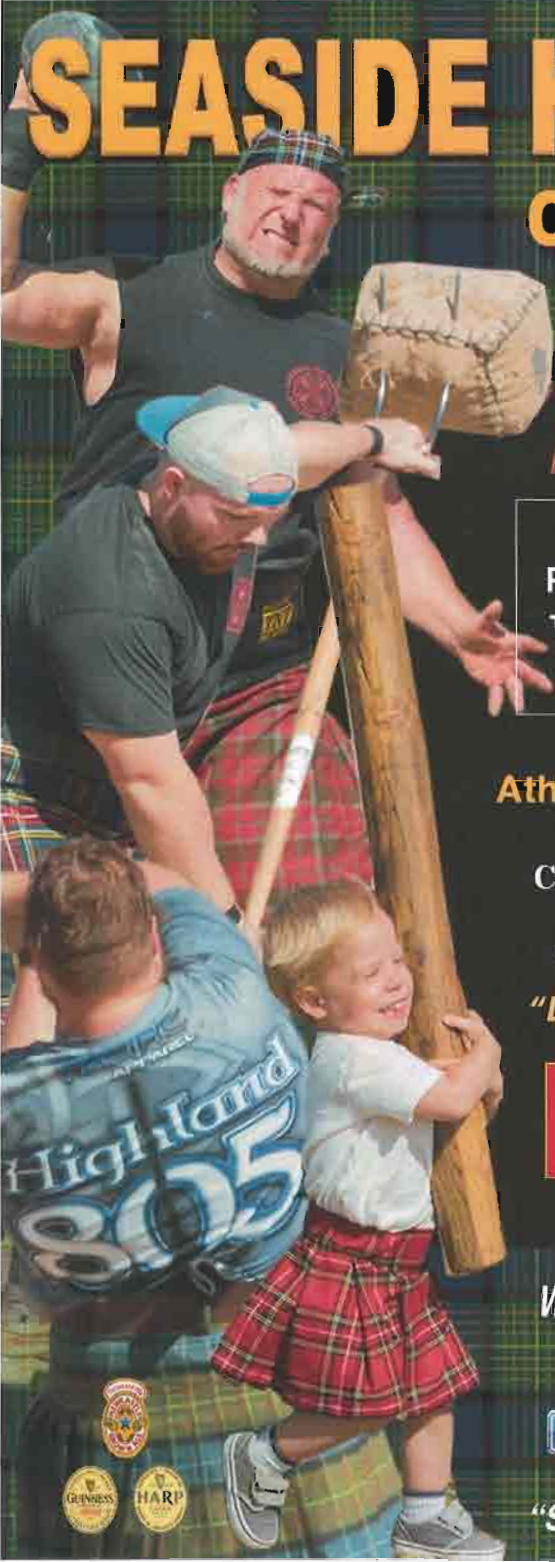
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## George Way of Pleau, *continued from page 1*

wears a distinctive green silk uniform with a suitably shortened sword.

The procession normally passes through the main aisle and enters the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle. This is a small but magnificent structure added to the building built in 1911 to designs by Sir Robert Lorimer, at the south-east corner of the church, with carved and painted fittings of extraordinary detail.

The installation takes place in private, but, what is said is broadcast over loudspeakers to the congregation.

The Lord Lyon then proclaims to the congregation (and thereby the Realm) the installation of new knights with their full style and titles.

The Thistle procession then exits the Chapel and moves to seats near the Holy Table and the rest of the service (music, hymn and prayers etc) takes place in the church itself.

On this occasion, the Thistle Procession entered as usual through the West Door (to a thrilling fanfare from the trumpets of the Royal Marines) but, instead of processing through the cathedral, the Queen, Royal Knights and the rest of the Order took the seats by the Holy Table that they would not normally occupy until the second part of the ceremony.

Thus, part of the Thistle Ceremony, not previously seen by the congregation, took place in their presence.

The Queen indicated that it was her will that (Knights name) be installed as a Knight.

Each new knight was presented, individually, before the Throne.

The Dean of the Thistle administered the necessary admonitions and took the oaths of Allegiance and to the Order.

After this part – the two new Knights supported

by two existing knights each and accompanied by the Officers, processed to the Chapel where the congregation heard them being installed into their personal stalls (each knight has their own seat) – marked by their Crest and Banner.

Lyon then proclaimed their styles and titles.

The proclamation for the Duke of Buccleuch was spectacular. “The Most Noble Sir Richard Walter John Montagu Douglas Scott, Duke of Buccleuch and Queenberry, Marquess of Dumfriesshire, Earl of Drumlanrig and Sanquhar, Earl of Buccleuch, Earl of Doncaster, Earl of Dalkeith, Viscount Nith, Torthorwald and Ross, Lord Douglas of Kinmont, Middlebie and Dornoch, Lord Scott of

Buccleuch, Lord Scott of Whitchester and Eskdail, Baron Scott of Tynedale, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Her Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant for Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale.”

The second Knight (a very well respected oil industry magnate, generous philanthropist and already a Grand Cross knight) was a more modest: “Sir Ian Clark Wood, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire”.

The newly installed knights returned with their entourage from the Chapel and took their seats beside the Holy Table with their Sovereign.

The religious ceremony then continued with beautiful anthems from the Choir of St Giles.

At the end of the ceremony, the Marines sounded a splendid brass accompaniment to the National Anthem and the full royal procession left, through the



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## George Way of Plean, *continued from page 3*

West Door to a Royal Salute from the Guard of Honour. Royal Cars then took the Sovereign, Royal Knights and the rest of the Order to lunch in the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The revised ceremony enabled the Queen ( and knights) to walk the shortest distance possible and to remain in one place (and seat) throughout the event. This is a modest but necessary adjustment to reflect advancing age and infirmities that afflict us all!!

The Queen was accompanied on this occasion by HRH the Princess Royal KT and HRH the Prince William Duke of Cambridge and Earl of Strathearn KT. The Princess Ann (the Princess Royal) was accompanied by her husband, Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence KCVO.

The Officers of the Order were : Lord Lyon : The Right Honourable and Reverend Canon Doctor Joseph Morrow CBE, KStJ, DL; The Very Reverend Dean Professor Sir Iain Torrance KT TD and the Secretary Mrs Christopher Roads LVO OstJ, Snawdoun Herald in Ordinary.

The Page of Honour was The Honourable Augustus Stanhope, grandson of the Earl of Harrington.

There were a number of other "FIRSTS": my first Royal ceremonial in my new rank as Carrick Pursuivant in Ordinary; also the first time that the Lord Lyon wore his new neck cross as Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) that he received from the Queen earlier that week at Holyroodhouse.

Finally the first time the Secretary had appeared after she retired (as at 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018) as Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records – after a total of 42 years' service to the Lyon Court.

She continues as Snawdoun Herald (a post she will hold until 70, in three years' time) and Secretary of the Order of the Thistle.



## What is the oldest rock in Britain?

The oldest rock in Britain is Lewisian Gneiss. It forms the bedrock of much of the northern coastal regions of mainland Scotland.

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Set on the Pacific shores, the Festival is fortunate to enjoy the ocean breezes on most years. And October is the optimal time to enjoy the “twixt ‘n tween” time between summer and fall.

Participants in the Seaside Games travel from all western states to take part as do our visitors, from Washington and Oregon to the north to Arizona, Utah and Nevada to the east. This year, because our **Honored Clan will be Clan Graham Society of North America**, we will be flooded with Grahams from all across this great nation as well as beautiful Canada to the north.

There could be a few native Scots thrown into the mix as well!

What is the draw to this particular Festival, you may ask? Well, after fifteen years of planning, prodding, coaxing and promising, we still don't really know for sure! But ask any guest along our quarter mile Clan Row and they will tell you this is their favorite Games! There is an honesty, a genuineness that just comes through in Ventura. Like one big family, you can approach anyone whether a dancer, an athlete, a bandsman or a Clansman and they will assist you any way they can, or find someone who is able!

The organizers started out that way and we hope that feeling carries well into the future.

Friday night of Games weekend there is an event called “A Scottish Evening”. We freely admit to “borrowing” the idea from something John's House of Gordon Scottish Clan Society did during a special gathering at Huntly, Scotland in the year 2000. Ours consists of a sumptuous buffet supper, great Scottish music and a **Scottish Fashion Show!**

Meant as a welcoming event for those traveling to this previously unknown part of the Central Coast, it has proved so successful that we are unable to call it off! So, we play host to over 300 happy and hungry Scots each year and will do again.

A Single Malt Tasting precedes the dinner with a dozen plus premium Scotch essences. Both events are not to be missed!

Saturday brings the **Gala Opening Ceremonies and Grand Parade** at noon before the Alex Beaton Stage. Your Clan name and motto will be called out by the Voice of the Seaside Games, Bill Graham as they march by interspersed with all the fine bagpipe and drum bands in attendance. A true color spectacle!

Four stages of wonderful music playing continuously throughout the weekend, the Highland heavies, the braw Scottish athletes will amaze you, the Herding Dogs demos will amuse and thrill you and the dancers of all ages will enthrall you!

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# Query from Nova Scotia about a Davidson silver hip flask and a plaque

Clan Davidson Society member, Nigel Elliott, has sent in a photo of a plaque which has been erected on a restored building in Kendal, in Scotland's Lake District.



This plaque commemorates a John Davidson of Hill Top, who built the recently restored property in

about 1798. The Plaque has been erected on 134-136 Highgate, Kendal by the Kendal Civic Society in conjunction with the current owner/developer of the property.

We are trying to find out more about this John Davidson.

Plaque: John Davidson of Hill Top 134-136 Highgate, Kendal.

**Carol Maclean from Nova Scotia, Canada, has contacted us about** a hall-marked silver hip flask. This flask was kindly given to her late father, Reginald Martin, whilst he was serving in the Canadian Army Forestry Corps in the Inverness area of Scotland in the 1940s, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.

Carol is trying out to find more about this item and possibly which family gave it to her father.

This wonderful flask shows the Davidson of Tulloch heraldic stag's head crest and the motto 'Sapienter SiSincere' with an inscription which reads: "Duncan Davidson, From A.J.C.O, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886".

We know that the date is the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of Duncan Davidson, later the 6<sup>th</sup> Davidson Laird of Tulloch. However, we still don't know who A.J.C.O. was, or how this item came to be given later to Reginald Martin in the 1940s. Any ideas?

If you have any information, please contact: <sennachie@earthlink.net>

With thanks to *The Pheon*, Clan Davidson Association, Great Britain. Membership inquiries, <nickhide@msn.co>



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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."

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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.
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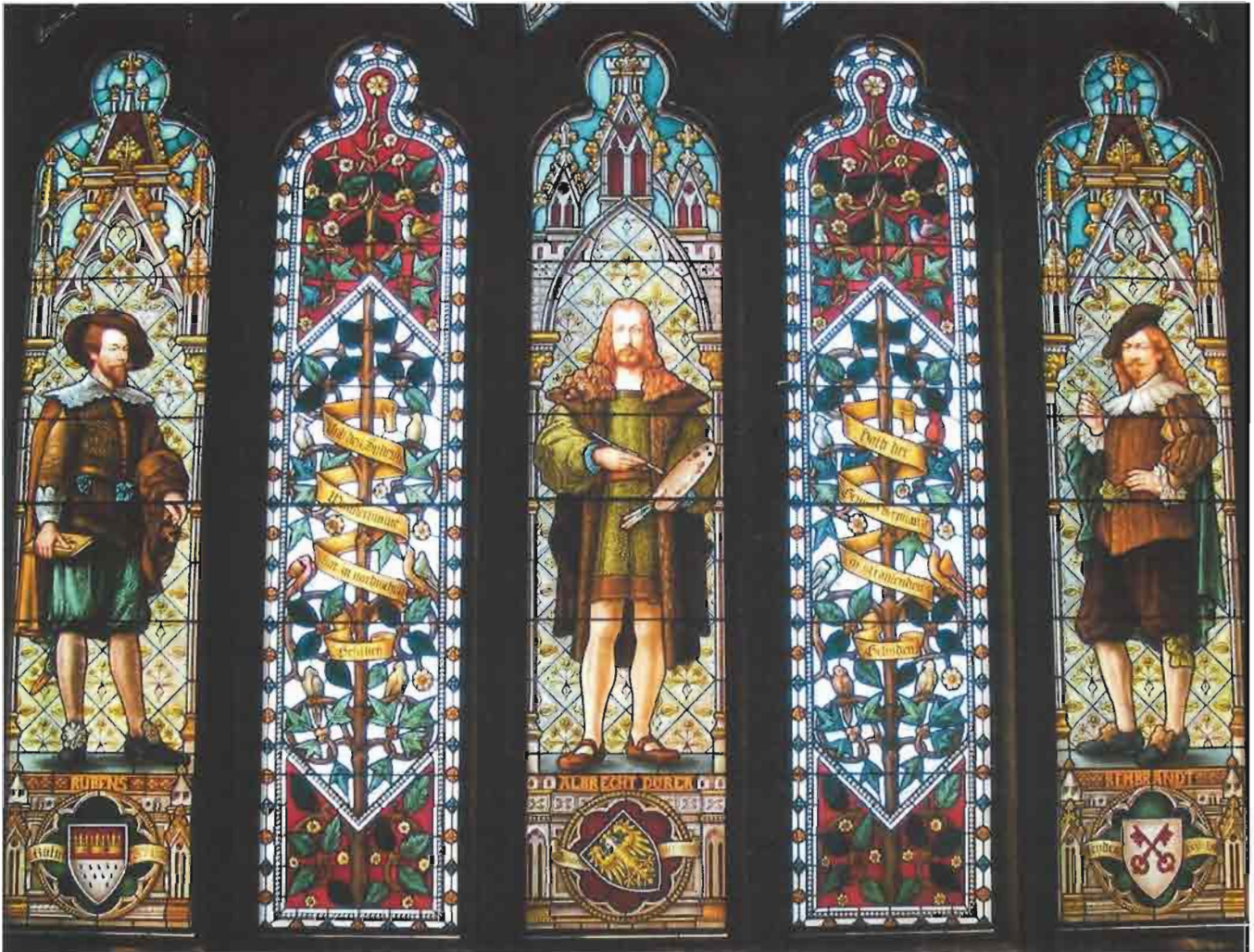
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## 'Find of a lifetime' Megalithic passage tomb discovered in Co Meath, Ireland

Philip Bromwell

A Megalithic passage tomb dating back some 5,500 years has been discovered at the 18<sup>th</sup> century Dowth Hall in Co Meath.

The discovery, described by archaeologists as "the find of a lifetime" is within the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site.

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## Archibald Montgomerie, 18<sup>th</sup> Earl of Eglinton: 1939 – 2018

Archibald George Montgomerie, 18<sup>th</sup> Earl of Eglinton, 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Winton and chief of Clan Montgomery passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> June. He is succeeded as chief by his son, Hugh Archibald William Montgomerie

He was made a partner at Grieveson Grant & Company a London based Pension Trust in 1957 and worked there until 1972.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1964 he married Marion Carolina Dunn-Yarker, daughter of John Henry Dunn-Yarker and Elizabeth Adrienne Pinching.

On the death of his father, Archibald William Alexander Montgomerie, 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Eglinton, in 1966 he became Chief of the Name and Arms of Montgomery and also succeeded as the 18<sup>th</sup> Earl of Eglinton and as 7<sup>th</sup> Baron Ardrossan, of Ardrossan.

He was managing director of Gerrard Holdings between 1972 and 1992 and was member of the London Stock Exchange. He was chairman of Gerrard Vivian Gray, Ltd. between 1992 and 1994. He was made chairman of Edinburgh Investment Trust in 1994

He is to be cremated at a private family service at Birnam. There will be a memorial service held at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, London, on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Archibald George Montgomerie is survived by his wife, Marion and four sons; Hugh, William, James and Robert and eight grandchildren.

### Megalithic tomb found, *continued from page 11*

It was made during an excavation carried out by the agri-technology company Devenish in partnership with University College Dublin School of Archaeology.

To date, two burial chambers have been discovered within the western part of the main passage tomb, over which a large stone cairn (c.40m diameter) was raised.

The six kerbstones that have been identified so far would have formed part of a ring of stones that followed the cairn perimeter.

One kerbstone is heavily decorated with Neolithic carvings and represents one of the most impressive discoveries of megalithic art in Ireland for decades.

During the course of this project, a further two possible satellite tombs were also found.

Dr. Clíodhna Ní Lionáin, Devenish's lead archaeologist for the project said: "For the archaeologists involved in this discovery, it is truly the find of a lifetime."

Dr. Stephen Davis of the UCD School of Ar-

chaeology said today: "This is the most significant megalithic find in Ireland in the last 50 years, since the excavation of Knowth.

"The spate of archaeological discoveries in Brú na Bóinne in recent weeks highlights what a globally significant place this is."

Speaking about the company's presence at Dowth and the importance of its heritage, Owen Brennan, Executive Chairman of Devenish said: "Devenish invested in this farm at Dowth because of its fertile soil, its location beside the Boyne and its beautiful landscape.

"From our archaeological research, it seems we made the same decision for the same reasons as a long line of our farming colleagues from the Neolithic, the Bronze Age, medieval and more recent times.

"The monuments here, created by some of Ireland's first farmers, capture our imaginations and those of our visitors to the Devenish Lands of Dowth. It is an inspirational landscape to showcase Devenish's work on sustainable agriculture and promoting human health through nutrition."





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# LALLANS

## The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters

### *Our August contribution 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 really IS great fun!)

#### ***Tuscania an Otranto shuid be twa nems ilka American kens o!***

The Steamships *Tuscania* an *Otranto* wir comandeered by the Royal Navy in WW1 an turnt intil troopships.

Baith cam tae grief off the coast o the Island of Islay, Scotland, a place I ken weel. At the time baith ships wir carrying American sudgers bein transported tae Britain.

The *Tuscania* wis torpedoed wi a loss o 210 an near aa the bodies bein washed ashore on Islay. Hooniver, mony wir saved throu the bravery o local fowk, fur thou thir wis ae storm houlin, menfowk scrambled doun cliffs tae snatch the puir lads frae the ragin sea.

Wee craft houses sheltered thaim, the weemen fed an claithed the survivors an nursed the injured.

Ain o ma ain relatives wis noted fur his bravery yon nicht.

Peter wis hame on leave frae the front, he an his frein saved a lad faa wis washed ashore on an ootbi skerry, thay scrambled ower the rocks swam throu breakers an rescued him frae certain deith.

Peter wis killed at the front a few months later.

Fan the U.S. Rid Cross arrived on Islay, thay streived tae pey the guid fowk faw gave succour yon dreidfu nicht, but naewan wuid tak thair siller.

They heanae muckle thirsels, but fit thay haed thay gaed freele.

Aa the deid wir burried wi the greatest o respec, the weemen een made a flag, the Stars an Stripes, sic wis thair common decency.

A few months later an tragedy cam again tae Islay an the U.S.A. fan the troopship *Otranto* was in collision wi anither ship in ae dreadfu storm off Islay.

A Naval vessel managed tae save mony lads in a remarkable feat o seamanship, but the ragin torrent drove the braken vessel until the skerries.



A relative o masel, Margaret, telt us o it.

She wis a lassie o 8 yr at the time an she saw it aa.

Ae huge wave luftit this ship richt 'on tap o the rocks, syne the neist wave tummelt it richt ower an she wis gone.

Fit a sicht for a wee lassie tae see!

470 sudgers an crew loss thair lives yon nicht, an aince again the fowk o Islay gaithered the deid an saw thay wis decently yirdid.

This year wis the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary an speical commemorations wis made. Politicians an Royalty cam tae Islay, but the man faa shawed the greatest apprecioun wis the American Ambassador, a maun o true humillity.

The BBC TV did a speical programme anent yon awfy nights, but thay brocht on an Inglisman tae explain juist hoo wunnerfu thay little people on Islay wir! A weel, we Scots wuidnae expec ocht else frae the BBC!

The local police sergeant keppit a notie o ilk bodie washed up. Wi the brevity o yon storm an the fierce watter mony wir broken ayont normal recognition, but near aa wir identified afterwards thanks tae him.

After the weir, the Amercians wir taein hame tae be reinterred in thair ain yirds – aa but ane!

A yung lad, badly injured wis nursed an cared for but succumbed after a brave fecht. His fowk hearin o the kindness o the Islay people an seein fit ae lovely place it wis, thocht he shuid be left tae rest in piece, whaur he haed fun sic guidness.

Onywey, I howp the fowk faa read this airticle will mind o the *Tuscania* an *Otranto*, o acts o human kindness, o great bravery, an the awfu waste o yung lives caused by yon greatest o human weaknesses, weir!





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# Probate Packets - Genealogical Treasure

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Probate records are important to genealogists because they provide evidence about family relationships. Many researchers make the mistake of being too literal when requesting probate documents such as wills. Some call this selective method the “cherry picking” concept. While this methodology works for some, the many requests I receive on a continual basis indicates a pattern of consistent failure. Until my follow-up contact with patrons, most have never heard that they have a right to request and/or examine the entire “probate packet”. The comment below was received in my inbox recently as a reply to my recommendations cited in this column. I’m sharing them with her permission.

“At your last genealogy seminar, you talked about how to use land and tax records for genealogy research. One thing that caught my attention was that you said to request the entire probate package, not just the will for ancestors. I had a will for my gr-gr-grandmother but nothing else. When I got the rest of the probate papers, I found several excellent leads on two of her children (married names and addresses) and resolved several of my unidentified DNA matches. While I learned a lot of other things at the seminar, this one tidbit led me to a wonderful breakthrough.”

The term “probate packet” refers to the court file containing all documents and legal papers pertaining to the settlement of an estate. Wills and probate packets are among the most interesting and revealing sets of records you can find for an individual. They are filed among the records of the probate court, usually in the state and county in which the person resided at the time of his or her death.

The information contained in probate packets

varies by jurisdiction and time period. Some courts are very meticulous in their maintenance of the packets, in which case you may find vast amounts of documents. Other courts are less thorough, and documents may have been misplaced, incorrectly filed, lost, or even destroyed. Patrons have reported finding missing documents from one ancestor's probate packet filed in the packet of another person whose estate was heard in court the same day, due to misfiling by a clerk. It is important when examining probate packets to also review probate court minutes for details.

Examples of information and documents in probate packets include:

1. Will and codicil(s). These documents are the core of a probate packet and include names of heirs and beneficiaries and often relationships to the deceased. Married names of daughters are great clues to tracing lines of descent; names of other siblings may only be located in these documents.

2. Letters Testamentary. Look for a copy of this document in the probate packet. If it isn't there, look in court records. The name(s) of the actual executor/executrix and/or administrator may well be different from that named in the will. You will want to determine the person(s) and their relationship (if any) to the deceased. It is important to know if and why the named executor did not serve. Was he/she deceased, or did he/she decline to serve?

3. Inventory of the estate. The inventory may reveal the financial state of the deceased, which is a good indicator of his/her social status. The inventory of personal property also will provide indicators to the person's lifestyle. The presence of farm equipment and livestock may indicate that the person was



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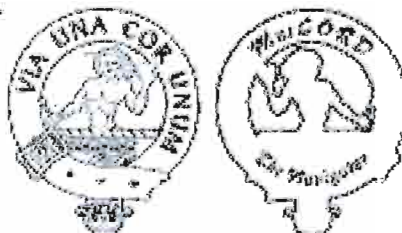
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# Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 2018



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MacRae Meadows, above Linville, North Carolina







# Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 2018







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# The Clan Leslie Society International invites you to Scotland in 2020!

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The actual dates for the Gathering, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of July and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2020.

It is proposed to gather in Aberdeenshire at the beginning of August 2020.



To help us find out how many would like to join us, we wish all to let us know. The sooner we have the numbers we can start to plan your stay.

We are hoping to have all attending registered before the end of this year 2018.

We understand it is a long time ahead to book, but, we must have the numbers to proceed with haste to get the amount of beds needed.

Not all will be able to tell us coming or not but, an interest will be OK. First timers to Scotland will be amazed by the beauty of this country and the lovely fresh air of the Highlands.

The Aboyne Highland Games will be part of the entertainment. Come and see where your kin came from. Meet the other members of the Clan Leslie Society International. You might just find a new friend or even a relation. Learn your history and see the sights where your ancestors fought and died.

Send your interest to  
<[bless993@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:bless993@blueyonder.co.uk)>

Hoping to see you in 2020.

Your hosts are David & Leslie Leslie, Brian & Petra Lesslie.

### Newsletter Editors!

I took 541 photos at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. If you'd like copies of the photos of your own clan... just email <[bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)> and I'll send you what I have. No charge, no strings.

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## Stewarts at the Blairsville Highland Games

*Stewarts at the Blairsville Highland Games. Boniest Knees winner and Georgia Commissioner Curtis Hixon, is second from the left (glasses around his neck) and with Greg Houck, South Carolina Commissioner on the far right.*

### Genealogical Treasure, *continued from page 17*

a farmer; an anvil and metal stock might point to blacksmithing as a profession; hammers, chisels, nails, a level, and other tools may indicate carpentry. In an eighteenth century estate inventory, the presence of books indicates education and literacy, and the possession of a great deal of clothing and shoes suggests an elevated social position. There are many indicators. You may even find items listed in the inventory that confirm family stories, such as military medals.

4. List of beneficiaries. The list of persons who collected an inheritance may differ from the list of names in the will. Beneficiaries may be deceased; they may have married and have a different name; they may not be locatable; or their descendants or spouses may have become inheritors.

This list will provide details about the family.

5. Records of an auction. Sometimes all or part of an estate was auctioned. Assets were sometimes liquidated to pay bills or to raise money for the surviving family. Auction records may reveal details about estate contents and their value. It was com-

mon for relatives to participate as bidders/purchasers at an estate auction, and you may find participants with the same surname (or maiden name) as the deceased. These may be parents, siblings, or cousins you will want to research.

6. Deeds, notes, bills, invoices, and receipts. There may be a variety of loose papers in the probate packet that point to other persons. Deeds point to land and property records and tax rolls. Names appearing on other papers may connect you to relatives, neighbors, friends, and business associates whose records may open doors for you.

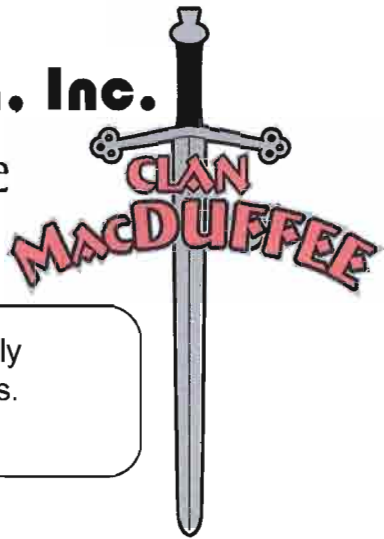
7. Accounting reports. Reports filed in the probate packet can provide names of claimants and anyone holding estate debts, including names of relatives.

8. Final disposition of the estate. This report is of vital importance. You may find the names and addresses of all the beneficiaries, and what each received from the estate. This will ultimately point you to the locations where you will find other records for these persons.



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## Summer Explorations in Scotland

It is a glorious summer in the Highlands. The weather has been remarkably sunny and warm and the hillsides are bright with golden gorse in bloom.



I took a hike to the top of a mountain in nearby Sutherland, to visit the Frynish Monument. It is a folly that was built in the 1780's. As the story goes, times were tough and the crofters were having a difficult time paying their taxes. So General Sir Hector Munro hired them to construct three follies (structures which serve no true purpose). This provided them with the money to pay their taxes, and thus they did not lose their homes. This is the largest and best known of the follies. Sir Hector claimed that all three were designed to resemble the gates of fortresses in India which he led in capturing. He said he wished to commemorate the victory and offer it as memorial to the troops that he lost in the battle. But the belief is that the real purpose was to help the poor crofters. There is an additional story that he actually rolled some of the stones back downhill at night so as to prolong the work and allow the crofters to earn more.



From the top I had an excellent view of the Cromarty Firth, and the oil rigs which are towed in for maintenance work at Cromarty. You can see them all lined up in a row, waiting, in this picture.



On a drive down through the Highlands, I stopped at the Ruthven Barracks.



They were constructed in 1715 by the English after the first Jacobite uprising. They were intended to house troops who would maintain the peace in the Highlands. In the 1745 Jacobite uprising, when Bonnie Prince Charlie marched through Scotland, his troops captured Ruthven. Unfortunately, he made the mistake of continuing on into England, where his campaign fell apart. Loyal Scots troops were still in control of the Barracks after the Prince's defeat at Culloden, when he sent out the message "let every man seek his own safety in the best way he can." Charlie then fled to Italy and left the Highlands to suffer the wrath of the English for years to come.

### Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D.

Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy  
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In the next picture you can see the holes in the barrack walls where the floor beams were supported as well as the windows which were narrow for defensive purposes.



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**Dr. Pete Hylton, continued from page 29**

Then it was on to Knockhill, Scotland's foremost racing circuit. Wendy got me a season pass for this year. This first big weekend saw over 100 of these wee beasts (called Caterhams) competing in four classes with progressively more racy engines and suspensions.



There were also Formula Fords which are cousins to the ones in America (although in the UK they race on street tires rather than the USA slicks). There was also a Mazda series, which resembled the Spec Miata class in Sports Car Club of America racing. And there was a class for Porsche Boxsters.



The top class for the weekend was the TCR touring car series comprised of Vauxhalls & Alfa Romeos and some lovely little VW GTIs that I would love to get my hands on after my 30 years of racing them in America. There were also Hyundai and Honda teams. They ran the course in reverse direction from the BTCC races that I went to last autumn. But the cars get airborne over the curbs regardless of direction.



These clam-shell type trailers are very popular over here. I do not recall ever seeing one like it in the USA.



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**Dr. Pete Hylton, continued from page 30**

The anthem was by a piper on the grid. You can see that British Touring Cars are still using grid girls, despite the fact that Formula One has stopped using them. However, here they are members of the team, usually working in marketing and promotion roles and sometimes are the partners of the drivers or team owners. They are not scantily clad models with no racing connection the way they were in Formula One.



I stayed in this lovely little 17<sup>th</sup> century inn and pub. They have done an excellent job of modernizing it while still maintaining a historic ambiance.



On Saturday evening I ventured over to a short oval track in Cowdenbeath. The track is called Racewall. This is actually an appropriate name for all 3 of the Scottish short tracks that I have visited. All of them are built down into a hole in the ground, such that the top of the wall is level with the exterior ground on which the spectators walk and the stands are built. So looking down into the track is like looking down into a bowl, where the dominant feature is the wall running all the way around the track. This is completely different from most American tracks, where the racing surface is at ground level, and the wall is a structure built above the ground.

I went specifically to see the Vintage Hot Rods. The term "hot rod" in America usually means an older model street car which has been fancied up into a showy street car. In the UK, the term "hot rod" refers to a street sedan which has been highly modified for oval track stock car racing. There are three national traveling series for hot rods. Last year you may recall that I spent a weekend crewing for a young man driving an old Nova in the 2.0 Hot Rod series. These are 2.0 liter engine small sedans, with wings and aerodynamic body work. The higher class, which I have yet to see, is the National Hot Rod series, where the chassis are tube frame and the technology is similar to NASCAR stock cars. The third traveling series is the Vintage Hot Rods, which are 1970's or 1980's models that are still racing. The most interesting cars are old Ford Anglias built from 1939-67.



The most common car is the Ford Escort built from 1968-2004.



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Looking south you can see the island of Inchcolm and Edinburgh beyond it on the other side of the Firth. The island of Inchcolm has a name derived from the Gaelic for Island of Columba. Its name implies associations dating back to Saint Columba, who established the first Christian worship in Scotland on the Isle of Iona on the other side of Scotland. Thus, Inchholm is sometimes referred to as the Iona of the East. One of these days I plan to make it to the island and explore.



Spent an evening in Inverness and saw the local pipe band practice in front of Inverness Castle.



Nearby St Fillan's Church is one of the best-preserved medieval parish churches in Scotland, dating to the 12th century. It is still in use every Sunday.

And a street musician unlike what you would find back home in Indiana.



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Dawg and I have been walking 2-5 miles per day in the lovely spring weather (spring does not come to Caithness until June) and we keep coming across interesting critters.....like this toad masquerading as a stone on the path.....and this friendly cow that rushed over to the fence just to see us.



We also found these two lovely snails, feeling the urges of spring, who spotted each other from opposite sides of the trail, and we saw them dashing across the trail into each others arms.....or antennae.....or something.



On the return leg of our hike, we found them looking exhausted under some leaves.



Spring blooms are everywhere. Yellow being the most popular color, ranging from the butter-yellow wee flowers alongside the trail, to the golden gorse covering the hills in the background. Lots of other wildflowers along the trail.



*This article by Dr. Pete Hylton is continued in Section B of August 2018*



# 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.

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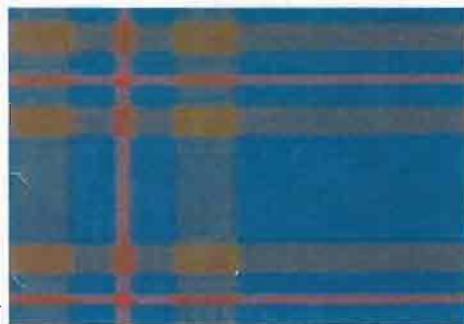
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## The Townsville, Australia, “Let’s Make A Banner” project works!

This inspiring community project is the brainchild of the Townsville Scottish Community’s Publicity Officer, Marie Gibson, who, when the Townsville Scottish Community started, observed “We only had three clan banners in Townsville.”

The solution? A community workshop to make our own! Marie now runs this workshop twice a year with the result that last Tartan Day in Townsville there were over 50 banners in their Tartan Day Parade.

Shown at top left: *Some of the proud banner makers after last year’s Parade of Tartans in Townsville. The “Let’s Make A Banner” project has transformed the public image of Scottish heritage in Townsville.*

Contact these folks, <clans@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au>

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## Australian pipe band championships won by Grade 4 Knox Grammar



1st prize of \$1000.00 and the AWR MacDonal, a son of Australia, Memorial Trophy to the Grade 4 winners, Knox Grammar at the Australian Pipe Band Championships 2018 by Malcolm MacDonal OAM and Jim Macdonal on behalf of the Clan Donald Lands Trust. Our congratulations go to Knox and all those competing.

The next biennial Australisan Pipe Band Championships will be held in Victoria, on the weekend of April 4 - 5, 2020 at Maryborough, hosted by the Maryborough Highland Society.

The AWR MacDonal Memorial Prize of \$1000 and unique Scottish targe-like trophy for first as well as cash amounts for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> was presented on the day by representitives from Clan Donald, including Malcolm C. McDonaldl, O.A.M., Toiseach of the Finlaggan Council, Clan Donald, International.

## OOOOOPS!

I was so excited about our article by George Way of Plean, not to mention the raft of photos from Grandfather Mountain Highland Games - the first things I worked on for this section...that I completely forgot about my own *Letter from the editor* column that usually appears on page 3.

I just now thought of it. The column will return in September *BNFT* Section A.

# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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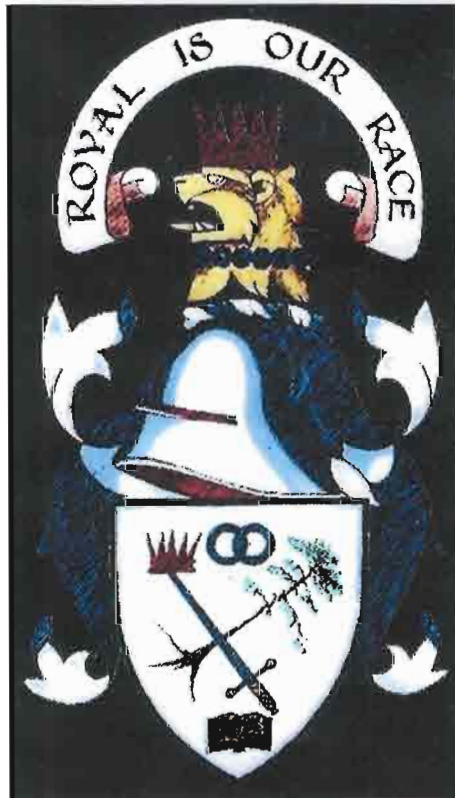
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# Have You Heard?

## About the Anglo-Scottish Border “Gilnockie Tower”

**G**reetings once again to the Armstrong Family through our *Have You Heard* email newsletter. Issue 68 should have been sent out a number of months ago, but...

To our worldwide kinfolk, our apologies, the building has caused us some considerable concern during the repair works, but, as we now write up our notes, we believe we have at last gained control of the building.

Up until April 2018, Gilnockie Tower was subjected to cold, wet, snowy, frosty, miserable Anglo-Scottish Border weather. We were forced to close for a number of days during the visit from the “Beast from the East” due to more than adverse weather conditions.

Even the local farmers had a tough time ensuring that the stock they have - mainly sheep - were safe and fed.

Despite the bad weather, many of our artisans were on site, all be it restricted hours, working to get the Clan Armstrong ancestral home in order for our new season visitors.

The list of news items has been building up and these will be fed through to you over the next few months. We believe that we now should really start the story of Gilnockie Tower repairs from around January 2016 - working our way through “the bad,” “the good,” and, dear, dear me, the “ugly” right up to date with some very interesting photos that will surely save us a hundred thousands words.

Our part in this story is minor compared to the outstanding and particularly high-quality workmanship carried out by our team of local craftsmen, all working together as a very close knit team, all with the same goal in mind, to ensure that the repair to the Clan Armstrong ancestral family home was carried out to the very highest standards.

We are very proud of this team, and we salute them all; we hope that you will have the same sentiments when you visit us, the inside of the structure takes your breath away, really really takes your breath away.

**Gilnockie Tower:** The team repairing the tower have always said that they would do their best to keep the tower open to visitors during the essential repair process and over the winter season. Many Armstrongs travelled thousands of miles to meet us, so we felt we had to do our best for them.

That said, we have on occasions, due to specific Health and Safety Guidelines had to close off the building for short periods of time, and, if you were one of the visitors who we had to decline entry, we apologise profusely. Your safety was of overriding concern to us.

If you know of any kinfolks coming too, or even already in the United Kingdom, please tell them Gilnockie Tower is patiently waiting



to shake the hand of of the Armstrong family members.

Yesterday, the work was continuing, with the ground floor cafe and shop development coming to a close, celebrating the opening of our new and innovative product range, the majority of the produce locally sourced.

Now then folks, lets break you into this repair job gengly, the last thing that we want to do is have an Armstrong family member sitting on the edge of their chair wondering what is coming next!

Well, ‘oo hev tae tell ee” we “dinna care,” we are going to tell the story as it was.

Our expectations while writing this text is that we could explain what was going on inside that building, and how it has, over this last two and a half years, moved from the twenty first century, back in time to the early 16<sup>th</sup> century, well as near as research allows us to say, and yes, you do not need to clean your glasses, back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Wile our initial vision of this “Auld Rubble Build in the Esk Valley” has been of immense in-

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



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Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant  
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## We Are Clan MacTavish!



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**Gilnockie Tower, continued from page 37**

terest to us as 16th century historians, a hefty element of this last 28 odd months is now entrenched into the future well being of this “cantankerous auld fossil” affectionately known as the “CAF.”

This is mainly down to the numerous and well hidden “surprises” that the team have discovered as the repair work continued throughout 2016 and 2017 heading rapidly into 2018.

One of the major problems we were handling throughout the building was the ingress of water, from various areas around the structure.

We were experiencing water leakage in through the upper walkway, dampness leaching through the walls on all five levels and the lack of proper hearing and ventilation.

What did we do? Following a long and indepth examination of our charge, we made a cup of strong tea and sat down with our team of thinkers. This strategy very quickly cleared the way for a

disciplined, but positive, plan going forward.

As we sit and write this chapter, middle of July 2018, the various trades who have been working on this project are now dropping off the radar, and the tower is currently open for business, other than a few “twiddly” bits.

Our restricted opening date was 8th September 2017 until 31 March, and we were very surprised by the number of overseas visitors passing through

Gilnockie Tower’s front door. Even more, the effect of our new Clan Armstrong Centre Brown Signs sited on the AH Edinburgh to Carlisle tourist route, near to Canonbie, and it attracted many, many other Border families, other than only Armstrongs!

Be back with you very soon, take

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*Dave Henderson, Jim Kilpatrick, Frank Vance at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Hospitality Tent 2018.*



*This beautiful lady, Amanda Ford, is a Marine veteran. She was a Door Gunner in Afghanistan. She threw the caber to a 12 o'clock position. She WON. She is a member of Uncle Sam's Highlanders.*



**Friday morning at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.  
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# Society of Antiquaries of **Scotland**

**Summer Excursion 2018, Saturday 11 August, Scottish Crannog Centre, Loch Tay.**

There's still time to book your place on this popular full-day outing! Fellows and their guests will be treated to a unique visit to the Crannog with talks by experts on the journey up, special guided tours on the site and the chance to see rare artefacts not on public display. A recent report on the latest findings can be found here. Places are already filling up so don't miss out, book soon through our website.

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## **Publications News**

In anticipation of the joint event with the National Library of Scotland (see above), we have put together a new special collection, including Smellie's *Historical Account of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, and articles of interest from the Society's very first *Transactions*, and the latest volume of the *Proceedings*, published in December 2017.

Please take a look at the collection, found here: <https://www.socantscot.org/lecture/joint-nls-and-society-lecture-william-smellie/>

We are now welcoming submissions for volume 148 of the *Proceedings*. Please visit <[bit.ly/PSASsubmit](http://bit.ly/PSASsubmit)> for information about submitting an article.

This year, we also invite submissions for the Murray Medal for History and the Chalmers Jervise Award. Please visit <http://bit.ly/2JkykAZ> for full details, or contact [publications@socantscot.org](mailto:publications@socantscot.org).



## **Swamp Fox Highland Games:**

This inaugural event is to be held November 17, 2018 at the Columns Plantation in Florence, South Carolina.

This event is being held to benefit Heaven's Hope home for medically fragile children, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Please try to support this event. Clan Henderson will be there; George Henderson will convene.

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Marco Cignitti playing the zampogna, a huge traditional bagpipe from Italy!





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# Drought Reveals Giant, 4,500-Year-Old Irish Henge



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The Emerald Isle has not been so green as of late; Ireland is currently undergoing a historic drought, with some areas of the normally damp island experiencing the least amount of rain in some 160 years. It's a sobering look into the future, since climate change is expected to hit Ireland particularly hard. But there is one positive to the dry weather. As Daniel Victor at The New York Times reports, a wilting agriculture field outside Dublin has revealed the remains of an undiscovered 4,500-year-old henge.

Evidence of the prehistoric earthwork was first observed by Anthony Murphy, who runs the website *Mythical Ireland*. Since the heatwave and drought have been revealing crop marks of ancient castles and Iron Age forts in Wales and England in recent weeks, Murphy decided to fly his drone over the Boyne Valley to see if anything new was showing up in his area.

Murphy was shocked when the drone revealed the outline of a circle stretching almost 500 feet in diameter in a field he'd flown over many times before. He shouted to his friend, photographer Ken Williams, who was also flying his drone nearby.

"We knew fairly quickly that what we were seeing was something very special. And huge," Murphy recounts in a blog post. He sent on their images to archaeologists who confirmed that indeed, the drone pilots had found the footprint of an unknown ancient henge, which could be up to 4,500 years old.

An unusually high number of henges and ancient sites have been found over the decades along the River Boyne; together, they make up the Brú na Bóinne Unesco World Heritage site. But the size and layout of the new henge, located close to the valley's 5,000-year-old Newgrange monument, makes it an important find.

"This is internationally significant and we now need to figure out what it means," archaeologist Steve Davis of University College Dublin tells Barra Best at the BBC. "[I]t has some characteristics that we've never seen be-



*Anthony Murphy*

fore. For example, the very odd double ditch sections that make up its circumference."

So why do these ancient structures stand out during times of drought? The henges are actually a series of concentric circles created by placing large posts in the ground. When the henge fell out of disuse or was burned down, the underground portions of the posts rotted away, changing the composition of the soil in the posthole, causing it to retain more moisture. During a drought, while the surrounding crops yellow, the plants over the post holes have a slight advantage. "The weather is 95 percent responsible for this find," Murphy tells Best. "The flying of the drone, knowledge of the area, and fluke make up the rest in this discovery."

Victor reports Ireland's National Monuments Service will survey and study the site, though the newly discovered henge is on private property and there are no immediate plans for an excavation.

Maybe not poking around the henge is for the best. After all, there's a mythical story floating around about the space where the new henge was found. According to Irish legend, once upon a time, an ancient drought was said to have struck the area, which in mythology was said to be located under water in a "magical sea" called the Muirthemne. As Murphy explains on Facebook, "There was a huge sea turtle or monster in the sea" called the Mata, which lived in the water, until, "[t]he Dagda (sun god) came along and made the water recede, and the monster receded with the water...."

Read more: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/drought-reveals-giant-4500-year-old-irish-henge-180969650/#BXSGr5wHPxoSPA80.99>

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