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#### Just appointed June 2013! New Clan Rose Chief to be Honored Guest at Gala Dinner in his honor Once in a lifetime event!

David Hugh Heriot Baird Rose, the 26th Baron of Kilravock, Scotland, Chief of Clan Rose, will be attending a Gala held in his honor on October 12, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ventura, CA.

This Gala Dinner is being hosted by Clan Rose in conjunction with the Seaside Highland Games held at Seaside Park in Ventura, CA.

Chief David Rose was appointed Chief by The Lord Lyon of Scotland in June 2013.

The Clan Rose is bringing their new chief to the Seaside Highland Games in October.

Chief David Rose's most notable ancestor is Robert II de Ros one of the 25 Barons of the Magna Carta.

Robert II de Ros is one of the 9 Knights Templar in Effigy at Temple Church, London, England.

Lord Rose is a relative of Catherine Parr last wife of Henry the Eighth.

This will be a once in a life time event.



#### David Hugh Heriot Baird Rose to be at Seaside Highland Games in October 2013

On June 12, 2013 David Rose was named the 26th Baron of Kilravock and Chief of the Clan Rose.

David was preceded by his maternal aunt, Anna Elizabeth Guillemard Rose, 25th of Kilravock who died in Nairn on December 9, 2012, aged 88 years.

David Hugh Heriot Baird Rose was born in England to Hugh Heriot Baird and Madeleine Katherine Rose on February 27, 1946.

He was educated at Duriston Court and after the fam-

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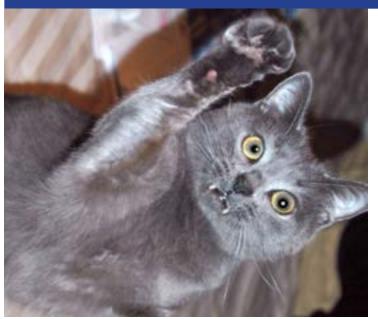
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Announcing....Beth's Newfangled Family Tree is now fancy! We would like to announce our Technical Assistant...

John Taggart, FSA Scot from Charlotte, NC



Our ongoing story about cats...and things that you might not have heard about them...

This pix of Angus, before Miss Narra died, shows how he was. He was mean, wanted nothing to do with either me nor Tom and often threatened us with his fangs...

He changed completely the very night of the day she died.

I called some friends the next day and told them what had happened.

Both of my friends told me the most wonderful thing. More next time.

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#### A letter from your editor

## How to get what you pay for when you hire professionals

I've been thinking about writing this column for remember...let the expert do his job. a very long time.

I've seen and heard things just in daily life... and on some of thet television programs we enjoy watching.

Most of us today, always hope we will get value from the work of the people we hire. This can be rather wide reaching as most of us have to hire experts to do things for us - both at home and at work or in the groups to which we belong to in our leisure time.

I used to hire people who were expert in their fields when I used to put on Scottish Weekend down in south Georgia.

The caterers, the florist, the chocolate candy lady -I never used to do more than tell them the dates and the theme for that year....and they would be there on time on the correct date with what they knew to do.

In fact, that's how Tom and I met to start with. Tom is and was a wonderful artist and I was just thrilled that there was a new graphic design company who had someone the caliber of Tom as the artist.

It is so amazing that there are really people who hire Tom or other experts...and although the people know absolutely nothing about graphic design, of home decorating, or anything that takes real skill and education to do, not only will they not allow the professional to do the job, they will try to change what is proper to do. There are people who think nothing of changing their minds in mid-stream and expect the pro to happily re do what they've already done twice or three or four times.

It's pretty simple, the thing each one of us should

You've seen people on television who are looking for a home to purchase without knowing what they like nor what they are looking for.

I've seen ladies on the wedding dress shows who are the same way...not knowing what they are looking for nor what they like.

In the first instance, the realtor has to figure out what their client really wants and on the wedding shows their consultant will help as best he/she can.

The next time you hire someone to do something for you - be it a landscape designer or someone making a t-shirt or pin. Just tell the expert what you need and any things that are necessary... and let that person use their talent to create something really nice for you.

Tom has had occasions when the client insisted he do so and so which Tom knew was improper and bad design.

A few times, he has said, "Just don't let anyone know I worked on this."

When we were looking for our house, both Tom and I could see a place as it would be with changes we'd make. We had no problem seeing something pretty awful that could be lovely.

Both of us were shocked when we realized that there are people who cannot look at something decrepit and see it repaired and maybe painted and be beautiful.

If you are one of these folks, please learn to trust the people who are doing whatever for you.

You won't regret trusting experts. I promise.





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COME JOIN US! The Clan Davidson Society, USA, Inc. will be sponsoring an International Gathering of Clan Davidson on the 2nd weekend of June (June 10, 11 & 12), 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.

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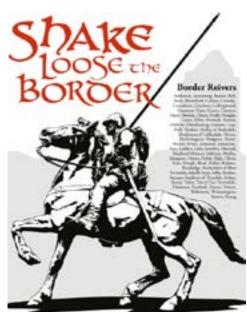
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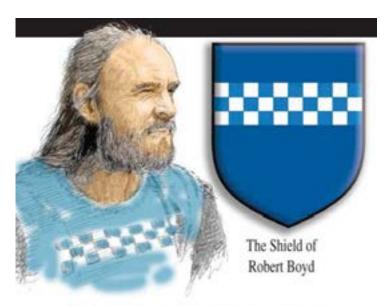


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## THE PUN An example:

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

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AND the most intelligent folk.

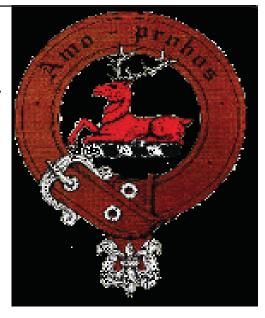
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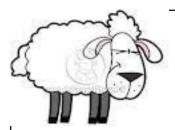
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## Scottish Traffic Jam

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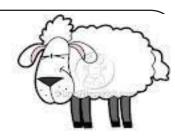
For more information on the Clan Ramsay, contact Dick McGraw dick2016@me.com





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## FLowers of the Forest

**Somerled Donald St. Maur Macdonald,** 88, of Southern Pines, NC, died Friday, December 21, 2012 following a brief illness.

Mr.Macdonald was born May 13, 1924 in Detroit, MI to Maj. Reginald H. Macdonald, R.A. (ret.) O.B.E. and Lady Diana Ellizabeth Seymour Macdonald. He was raised in Pittsburgh, PA and educated at the Kent School, Kent, CT and received his Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from Cornell University.

A veteran of World War II, he was a machine gunner in the 104th Infantry Division, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, ultimately arriving at the Elbe River.

For his services, he was decorated with the Bronze Star, the Combat INfantry Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Service Medal, the Eastern Meditterranean Theater Service Medal with three battle stars, the Victory Medal and the Occupation of Germany Medal.

At the end of hostilities in Europe, he was transferred to California as part of the US forces preparing to invade Japan prior to the Japanese surrender.

At the start of the Korean War, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the field Artillery and placed in the Reserve of Officers.

Mr. Macdonald was employed by the Koppers Company of Pittsburgh until his retirement.

Toward the end of his career, he was involved in coal gasification research and early computerization of steel manufacturing processes.

The 16th Chieftain of the family of Kingsburgh and Castle Camus, Mr. Macdonald was a direct descendant oif the Scottish heroine, Flora Macdonald.

Active in Scottish-American cultural activities, he was a life member of CDUSA. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust and a member of the Ligonier Highland Games Committee.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 57 years, Myrta R. Macdonald and his three sons: Dr. Allan R. Macdonald (Echo), the Rev. Canon Dr. John A. Macdonald (Gail) and Mr. David F. Macdonald (Debra). He is also survived by eight grandchildren. He was preceded in

death by his sister, Aidan Macdonald Shields.

**Russell Hoyt Dabney** (Russ), 61 of Roswell, Georgia died January 23, 2013 after a short illness.

Russ served as Clan Donald Southeast Georgia Commissioner.

He was a great storyteller and he loved to weave yarns for us all wherever he went.

He was recently appointed Clan Donald USA National Herald.

He graduated from The Westminster Schools in Atlanta and was an enthusiastic alumnus of the University of Tennessee.

While at UT, he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fragernity, ODK Honor Society and the UT Singers.

Russell, a tenor, had a great love of singing and it was with the UT Singers that he performed at Carnegie Hall in NY and The Royal Albert Hall in London.

He was an Eagle Scout and later served for 25 years as a Scout Master and adult volunteer.

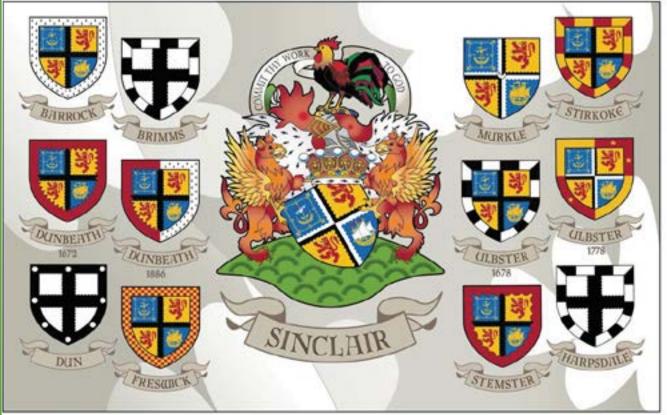
He was awarded the prestigious Silver Beaver Award for his services, hence his crest was a beaver sejant argent.

He was an ehthusiastic fly-fisherman and this was reflected in his two badges which consisted of two haurient and addorsed rainbow and brown trout and dry fly surrounded by four fleur-de-lys.

He was extremely practical working with his hands Continued on page 11



#### Clan Sinclair Association, Inc., (USA)



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

#### Clan Sinclair Association, Inc. (U.S.A.)



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

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#### Clan Henderson DNA Project needs your help

The Clan Henderson DNA Project needs volunteers to maintain DNA records, post results to the Henderson DNA Project website and correspond with DNA Project participants.

You will work with other volunteers analyzing DNA results provided by the host lab, Family Tree DNA of Houston, TX, in a collective effort to idedntify matching and near matching participants that cluster into ancient Scottish Family Groups.

To join Clan Henderson contact Membership Secretary, Mark Henderson at hendo28@comcast.net

#### Former US Olympian attends Grandfather Mountain Games

Tommy Burleson, 7'2" tall, member of the USA Olympic team several years ago, attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this year. He is shown here with Dorna Comp (5'2") from Summerfield, SC.

I'll bet you remember the time that Mr. Burleson played. That year, the USA Basketball Team almost won the gold medal. The game timekeeper added 2 more minutes to the game. The Russians won.

**Flowers of the Forest,** *continued from page 9* building fishing rods and working leather and wood. Russell was a respected member of the Atlanta Rotary Club.

Russell was preceded in death by his father, John Cornelius Dabney and is survived by his mother, Eleanor Hoyt Dabney, brother, John Dabney (Chris), sister Ann Dabney Blane (Bill). He is also survived by several nephews and a niece.

Elizabeth Ruth Murphy, age 82, beloved wife of Clan Donald member Gerald "Jerry" Murphy of Lakewood, OH, who passed away February 21, 2013.

Elizabeth was the daughter of the late Steve and Elizabeth (Kulik) Petrocy of Central City, PA.

She was the loving mother of John Staab, Virginia (David) Baldwin, Daniel (Judy) Staab, Joseph Staab, Mary Anne (Joseph) Andreoli and Dolores Staab. She was the treasured grandmother of 13 and the great grandmother of 15.

**Charlotte Webb,** long time Northeast CDUSA member passed away November 8, 2012 as a result of a stroke. She had been seriously ill for eighteen months.

She is survived by her husband, William Webb, two grandsons, Dylan and Ethan Carilli. Her daughter, Linda Carilli, passed away in 2009.

Bill Caudill writes, "There will be piping and drumming galore at the Scotland County Highland Games on October 4 and 5.

Come hear Gold Medalist Bruce Gandy on Friday night in concert, then be there on Saturday for dozens of solo competitors and the massed pipe bands.



To date, registrations recieved from: St. Andrews University (Grade III), Savannah Pipes and Drums (Grade V), Palmetto Pipes and Drums (Grade V), Upstate United Pipes and Drums (Grade IV), NC State University Pipes and Drums (Grade IV) and the Chattanooga Pipes and Drums (Grade IV). First 10 entered will be eligible for travel assistance.....

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.



Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. Its heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the nglish and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the

Scots and stand against Edward's army. Find out more about the epic story at....

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## The Liberty 3ell With thanks to Clan Bell, International newsletter Nabelich

No bell in the United States is more famous and well known as the Liberty Bell that resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This bell was originally cast in 1752 in London, England.

The Crack: The bell first cracked during a test ringing. After cracking, the bell was recast twice in 1753 in Philadelphia by John Pass and John Stow (The old bell was broken up and melted down with copper added to the metal alloy to make it less brittle. The bell was then recast.)

The restored bell is thought to have been at the first public reading of The Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.

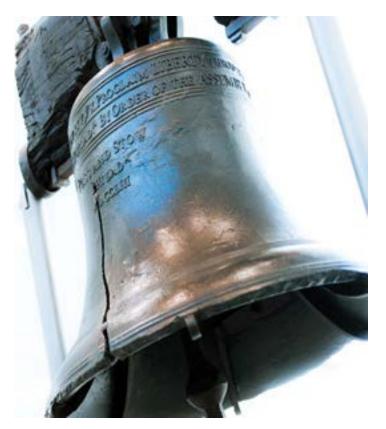
The bell cracked again on July 8, 1835, while being rung at the funeral of John Marshall, the fourth Chief Justice of the United States and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The crack's dimensions are 24.5 inches long by 1/2 inch wide.

The Liberty Bell's height is 3 feet and circumference is 12 feet. It weighs 2080 pounds and is composed of 70 percent copper, 25 percent tin and trace amounts of lead, zinc, arsenic, gold and silver. The yoke of the bell is made from American Elm.

It received its name circa 1839.

For full information on joining the Clan Bell International, write CBI, 12147 Holly Knoll Circle, Great Falls, VA 22066.

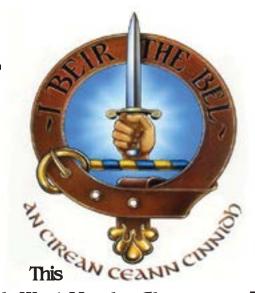


The late Ruth Bell Graham - wife of Evangelist Billy Graham - was a very special guest, along with her daughters, at one of the Scottish Weekends in South Georgia.

Mrs. Graham was so charming and gracious. She was addressing the assembled guests and said, "You know, I am Clan Bell and so proud of it. The first morning I woke up in the hotel in Scotland, I was looking outside enjoying the beautiful countryside and the unexpected bright blue sky and my attention was caught by a large truck driving into the hotel. I had to laugh as the truck brightly advertised 'Bell's Whisky."

"Still laughing, I realized that was quite a lovely way to welcome me to Scotland," she said.

## Clan Bell International





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

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

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

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

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

CBI cordially invites membership inquires from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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#### Chief of Clan Rose, continued from page 1

ily immigrated to Australia, he studied at The King School Parramatta, near Sydney.

At eighteen he spent two years in the outback working as Jackaroo (trainee farm manager) in preparation for taking over some of the running of Kilravock. He later worked for a Finnish furniture importer for two years in Sydney before deciding to retrain as a carpenter and builder in which he qualified for four years later.

He spent five years building houses and also became engagedf with a light engineering company and interior decorator.

David moved back to Scotland in 1978 and in 1980 he married Rosalind Macrae, third daughter of the Macraes of Conchra, whose Clan Trust owns Eilean Donan Castle on the West Coast of Scotland. They settled in Nairnside Farm on the Kilravock Estate and turned it into a Sheep Milk Dairy with Cheese and Blue Ribbon Ice Cream making.

They have four daughters: Genevieve, Katherine, Alice and Christina.

The agriculture in the United Kingdom would later take a turndown, but David was able to bounce back by using his unique training and life experiences and built, renovated and restored houses all over the North of Scotland.

He trained as a Master Craftsman in finer woodwork-

ing, which is now what he does locally outside Inverness.

His life not being diverse enough, David also became a part time Special Constable in the Highlands and Islands Constabulary. He received a Citation Medal for over ten years of service.

His most notable deRos/Rose ancestors would be:

\*Robert II deRos, One of Nine Effigies Knights Templar in Temple Church, London and also one of the 25 Baron Sureties on the Magna Carta.

\*Was married to Isabel, daughter of William the Lion King of Scotland, who was the widow of Robert IV the Bruce, uncle of King Robert the Bruce.

\*Robert IV de Ros Knights Templar, Commander of the Battle of Prestfin, the first battle for the Independence of Scotland from Edward Longshanks, King of England who was married to a cousin of King Robert the Bruce. King Robert the Bruce was crowned King of Scotland ten years to the day after the Battle of Prestfin.

\*Catherine Parr, last wife of King Henry the 8th of England, was a Rose. Great granddaughter of Robert IV de Ros, the commander of the Battle of Prestfin.

When de Ros's migrated into Scotland, de Ros changed to Rose.

You will find "On and On, Timeline of 1000 years of Rose" on display in the Clan Rose tent.



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## Flowers of the Forest

I learned today about the passing of a good friend **Kelley Reagan** from Gatlinburg TN.

It's amazing as we all travel through life, we meet people who change your life.

I was performing at the Great Western Hotel in Oban, Scotland, back in 1981 when Brownlee and Kelley Reagan and two of their friends, came in to my show. At half time they asked me to join them.

Brownlee said they where from Gatlinburg TN and they were starting a Scottish Highland Games in 1982, and would like me to come over and be their featured performer.

I have played these games every year but three, and now travel throughout the US performing alongside some great artists that I have met over the years and meeting and making great new friends.

Brownlee and Kelley have stayed good friends all these years, I will miss Kelley. RIP Colin Grant Adams



Mrs. E. Kelley "Sweetpea" Reagan, after a very short battle with cancer, quietly passed away Sunday morning, July 21, 2013 at home.

The news of her death came as a shock to the entire city, for never was there a woman more kind or beloved in Gatlinburg than Miss Kelley. Sweetpea's happiness was in giving to those around her, teaching the local children how to swim, or identifying wildflowers in the park.

Those who knew her most intimately speak of her as the most caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. In matter of charity, she recognized neither creed, nor color; gender nor sexuality.

Many did not know to the full extent the almost unbounded generosity of her heart, and many of her deeds of charity and works of kindness among the poor are unrecorded save in the writing of angels in the world beyond this Earth whither she has gone.

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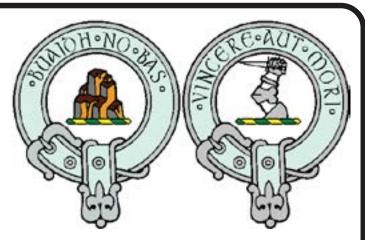


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Unassuming, sweet and gracious Miss Kelley was born on February 5, 1938 in Bluefield, VW and grew up in Johnson City, TN.

She took on a social security job in Sevier County, TN, where she met her surviving husband, Brownlee Reagan.

Together, they started a basis for Gatlinburg, as it remains today.

They had three beautiful children, Mary B, Lee and John.

Sweetpea met Mary B and John, Sunday morning with Our Father above.

She is survived by her husband Brownlee Reagan; son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Lori Reagan; Grand-daughters, Mickella, Godiva, Alyvia and Tyra; Siblings, Patrick Kelley and Ellen Baldwin; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

My Grandmother will be missed and remembered by many: family, friends, and especially those who, by her endless acts of charity, have had their need removed and those whom her kindness has cheered.

Her connection to her family, past and present, lead me to her great grandmother's testament where I found unique passages that helped me in writing her testament. I can only pray and hope to convey the sweet soul of this woman, who I was lucky enough to call "Grandmother".

In Remembrance to my "Grandmama" and my greatgreat grandmother, two women, who touched the souls around them and made this world a better place,

Mickella Reagan

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be given to Friends of the Smokies, P.O. Box 1660, Kodak, TN 37764 or Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc., 5801 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.

We are sad to report that Susan Douglas' father, **Wayne Shaw,** passed away this morning, July 24th, after several months of failing health.

The family will have only a private graveside service for Mr. Shaw on Friday, July 26th. There will be no memorial service or prior visitation. The family asks that no flowers be sent and that any memorial gifts be made to a charity of your choosing or to:

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If you wish to send a sympathy card, Paul & Susan's address is: 100 New Oak Ridge Trail, Fayetteville, GA 30214.

**Harry E. Connors**, 65, of Washington Twp., MI passed away last February 11.

He was born April 14, 1947 in Cleveland, OH, son of Harry E. and Margaret Hansen Connors.

He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era.

Mr. Connors married Bethanie Ferris on July 30, 1977 in Aurora, Oh.

He had served as Michigan Convener for CDUSA. He is survived by his beloved wife, Bethanie and daughters: Jennifer Ann (Jason) Karetsky of Glendale, CA and Laural Connors of Hamamatsu, Japan.

His mother, Margaret Connors of Aurora, OH and his brothers also survive him.

#### **Richard III - the Welsh Connection**

Perhaps the most exciting archaeological news of the past winter was the positive DNA identification of the remains of England's King Richard III, felled at the battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 while fighting the invading army led by Welshman Henry Tudor.

Mutilated after death and clandestinely buried by local priests, the gravesite had been lost for over 500 years.

Unearthed from beneath a parking lot in Leicester, the ghastly wounds cataloged on his skull confirm the details of a Welsh poem by Guto'r Glyn describing Richard's death.

The poem was written in honor of the Welsh magnate Rhys ap Tomos, who got the credit for killing Richard, for which he was knighted on the battlefield by the newly crowned Henry VII. Sir Rhys is entombed in Carmarthen's St. Peter's Church and he was so proud of his achievement that he had a panel on his bed carved to depict the slaying which is preserved at the Welsh National History Museum at St. Fagan's. The carving depicts such details as a thrown

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## Ventura California's Seaside Games Will Convene Again in October

Still holding wonderful thoughts of the highly successful tenth anniversary Games held last October, Seaside Highland Games organizers are getting set to meet and surpass any Festival held to date. Volunteers are laboring diligently on new and exciting plans for this Games weekend, October 11, 12 & 13, 2013.

The "new" is a great new crew that will be overseeing the athletic competitions this year. Athletic Director Ryan Seckman of Phoenix, Arizona has put together a staff of top advisors and operators—including Scotsman Francis Brebner as the Voice of the Athletes—that will bring a newer, tighter and more entertaining athletic show to our Morgan Arena. You will be able to consult the schedule of activities with greater assurance that the events you want to see will be happening as advertised!

As to exciting, of course, every Celtic venue on the fairgrounds is exciting but Clan Currie will be bringing back the highly popular Harp Glen to Seaside this year. The Currie's Ian Skone-Rees will again be working with talented Harpist Aedan MacDonnell to top last year's inaugural event. Don't know what a "Harp Petting Zoo" is but it sounds fun and a little dangerous, too!

The Scottish Country Dancers surprised, well, a few folks I suppose, with their Flash Mob dance last year. Well, you can't fool John Q. McPublic two years in a row so they are scheduling a grand open air dance attraction that will be well publicized this year and they want you all to come and participate. No world record is anticipated....or is it??!!!

Happily, the very talented and entertaining Wood family singers and dancers, Celtic Spring, will return to Seaside for the eleventh straight year! And some of the former "children" are children no more with two being married and one beautiful grandbaby already in tow. The good news is that this generation is spawning more entertainment groups that we are delighted to present. Daughter Deirdre has founded a school of Irish fiddles and dance called "Bows & Toes" that will be highlighted as well as a new band—Hidden Fifth—where she and husband, Max Becher, can perform the music they know and love. Stay tuned—they're not done yet!

We love Sligo Rags with their distinctive Cajun Celtic sound and you will, too. They are returning to the Alex Beaton Main Stage performing alongside Rich Gordon Heinz and his new Celtic band, The Gordon Weavers. You may not want to wander too far from this great center of activity but, if you do, the Celtic Rock Stage would not be a bad destination. America's favorite bagpiper Eric Rigler and his band Bad Haggis will return and team with Anita Mansfield and her fine group Anita and the Yanks. These bands will set your toes to tapping big time!

We cannot say enough about the Scottish Clan Societies and how they have supported Seaside through the years. We come from a strong Clan background and fully believe that the Clans and various Societies are the backbone of any successful Scottish Festival.

With over eighty (yes, 80) Clans along our Main Street, dubbed Clan Row for the weekend, we are pleased to welcome each one and would welcome even more.

There will be three Clans conducting their annual business meetings (AGM) at Seaside this year. Clans Grant, Innes and Rose will be convening with Clan Rose bringing their new Clan Chief, David, to his first public USA function since becoming Chief and being dubbed Baron of Kilravock. Chief David will, of course, be our Games Honored Guest this year. We are delighted to have these folks among us on the Pacific shores in beautiful Buenaventura!

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## Seaside Highland Games & more

All the Information you need

Please see articles on page 1. One of which continues on page 15.

And on page 21 you'll find more info about the Seaside Highland Games



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## Flowers of the Forest

Turnbull Clan Association High Shenachie, **Norman Turnbull**, lost his battle with cancer on June 9, 2013.

Norman was a true gentleman who wanted nothing more than to serve his fellow clansmen and help preserve their history.

Norman Turnbull was born June 30, 1942 in Edinburgh, Scotland, son of Mossman and Margaret (Pearl) Turnbull. He grew up on a farm.

One of Norman's earliest memories was waking up pre-dawn to hand milk the cows before school. Though hard work, Norman loved the country farm life.

At age 18, Norman put aside his love of the countryside for his love for his country and enlisted in the Royal Air Force.

Norman served his country well, but his 15 year enlistment ended 3 years early due to injury to his eardrums.

Norman worked various jobs around the Leeds area until he decided to open a garage/car repair shop. He successfully ran this business, but eventually he felt at unrest and the countryside he had grown up loving called to him. He sold his garage and for the first time as an adult returned to the Borders where he found employment as a shepherd.

He loved his sheep and though his flock numbered over 1000, he could identify each one and knew when one was missing.

Norman would tell you that he was always a bit restless and had a "not belonging" felling throughout life. In his own words, "I have, throughout my life, had a

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horse shoe (presumably how Richard lost his horse.) the poleaxe which sliced the top of the unfortunate Plantagenet's head off.

The body found shows that his being called "Richard Crookback" was no myth either. The skeleton shows advanced scoliosis of the spine.

With thanks to Stephen Paul DeVillo, Welsh Chair for *Six Nations, One Soul,* The Newsletter of the Celtic League American Branch.

The Celtic League website is www.celticleague.net



strong feeling that my surname had a part in the history of the Borders."

"I left the Borders at an early age to find fame and fortune. Needless to say that after a lot of travel, both in Britain and overseas, neither was ever bestowed upon me. Still, with the feeling of belonging persisting to daunt me, I decided to return to the place of my youth, before I reached retirement. I was lucky to find employment on Harewood Estate, just outside Bonchester - once the Estate of Dame Lady Elliot - as a shepherd."

"For once in my life I felt at peace with myself! At this time I was not fully aware of the history of the Turnbull Clan."

It seems ironic now, but there I was, living and working and at peace, in the shadow of Ruberslaw, the lands of my ancestors."

"In 2007, I was introduced to the Clan Turnbull at a Gathering at Denholm, and met other Turnbulls from other parts of the world, and heard many tales about how they had this same feeling of "belonging."

"I think I have more understanding of my life now and I am proud to be part of the Turnbull Clan."

In 2009, Norman worked closely with the local Borders Turnbull Clan Association with preparations for the inaugural of the Turning of the Bull monument at the Hawick Heritage Hub. As part of this, he was in-

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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 on this page. Our motto "SEMPER INV1CTUS" can be translated as "Always Unconquered".

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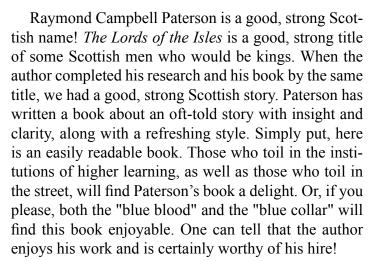
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For a membership application email Peter Armstrong at <u>peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com</u> or download from <u>http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm</u>. Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse; domestic partner; or any other adult living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

## A Highlander and his books

## The Lords of the Isles by Raymond Campbell Paterson

Book Review by Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot jurascot@earthlink.net



So many of us have ties to Scotland, and a good number of us have ties to the Western Isles, the Inner and Outer Hebrides. No matter what part of Scotland you claim as your Scottish heritage, this book is for you! What these men of the Isles accomplished impacted everyone in Scotland in one way or another. The author takes this old worn-out story, much of which borders on legend or myth, sharpens his pencil and writes a delightful 200-page book. Go back and look at the history this book covers and you will find Clan Donald controlling about one third of the kingdom of Scotland. That did not happen by real estate purchases at your local Century 21 or ReMax offices.

Does the author succeed in attempting to unravel Clan Donald's story from a political history standpoint rather than giving us another dull book of genealogy about Mr. And Mrs. Begat? I believe he does and he gets right to the point. One thing my own little family can agree upon is that history is exciting. I taught high school history in another world as has my son Scott in



this world, and his wife Denise still teaches it today. Another thing we can agree on is that this is a book that will stand the test of time. One reason is that all we have talked about up to now comes from the Forward of the book. Imagine what awaits the reader beginning with Chapter One! I've read several histories on the Donalds and the Campbells. Some hit the mark. Some give it a lick and a miss. This book is among the former who hit the mark. It is an exciting book, and the maps are a great addition to the text.

I've always said the Lords of the Isles with their armada of boats had the equivalent of a water "super highway". They could move about quickly and their reach, over time, extended from Ireland through Lochaber in Inverness-shire to Ross-shire on the Black Isle - no mean feat. Compare it to taking the A9 today out of Perth through the mountains to Inverness. It pleased me to read the first sentence in the first chapter: "For the people of the west the sea is a highway, not a barrier". Their strength could be attributable to being able to move their fighting men of war and supplies from place to place in speedy fashion, while some of those they were fighting had to rely on their troop movement by foot.

This is a book of pride and destruction (we all know what the Good Book teaches about pride that "goeth before destruction"). It is a book about the search for lost glory, the fall of the house of Dunyveg, the war against King Campbell, and the sorrow of Glencoe. As some would say, "It is no joy without Clan Donald". Who are these men who would be

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kings? It is a story, a real story, of men who had it all and lost just as much, if not more, since some lost their lives. The general story of this book will be very familiar to some of you, and I say to you the same as I would say to a beginner – "You'll enjoy reading the book and you will be glad you bought it." Check with Amazon. com for a copy: ISBN 1 84158 097 X.

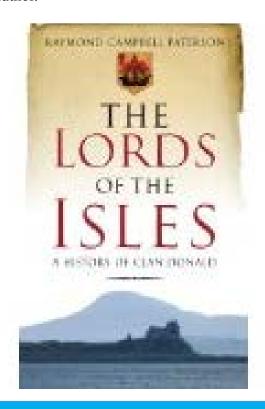
One final note – From time to time, I am asked why I do not write critical reviews or negative ones. I feel deeply that there are enough little negative issues in and among the Scottish community without my being a contributor. If I do not like a book or the premise the author puts forth, or if I feel the author has played loose with the facts or taken advantage of a situation, and there are such books floating around out there, I simply do not review the book. I look at my task as being one to motivate someone to consider a book, to gently push him or her toward the cash register hoping they will have as wonderful a time with their new book as I have had with mine.

You see, I have this love affair that my wife has known about and put up with for nearly 30 years. It is a love affair that is deep, abiding and very fulfilling that takes up a lot of my time and money. I'm addicted. I cannot shake it or get over this wonderful love affair that has enriched my life. This is a confession of one man's great love for books! There are walls of books on all three levels of my house, from inexpensive paper-backs to expensive leather bound volumes.

I was smitten early on when I learned to read but had no money for books back then and neither did my parents. *The Hardy Boys* may as well have been two brothers living down the street for all I knew. All of that has changed. I have already bought all of the Harry Potter books for wee Ian Bascombe Shaw, my nearly two-year old grandson. Susan, his Bonnie Gran, is working on a complete set of *The Hardy Boys* for him. Ian will have a baby sister, Stirling Elizabeth, by the time you read this, and I know a complete set of Nancy Drew books will not be far behind!

As a lad, reading was a way for me to journey into another world, a world that I was not a part of, but a world one day I hoped would be mine. It is! If you are willing to have a love affair with books, you couldn't have a better mistress. Some say that computers will one day replace books. While computers and the Internet have opened the eyes of our children and grandchildren, as well as broadening our own, there is nothing

like a book! They will always be with us - the touch, the smell, the joy, the thrill, and the results, all make for a wonderful affair time and time again. Support a good author. Buy a good book. *The Lords of the Isles* is such a book, and Raymond Campbell Paterson is such an author.



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y'all at the AGM.
Bill Armstrong

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## Was Rosslyn Chapel built as a shrine for the skull of St. Matthew?

It is a small Scottish chapel that has been immorlised by Hollywood and a best-selling novel as the last resting place of the Holy Grail.

But a new book on world-famous Rosslyn Chapel claims to have found the real purpose of the 15th-century building which played a central part in Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*.

Following years of research, authors Alan Butler and John Ritchie insist the chapel was built as a giant reliquary -- or shrine -- for the skull of St Matthew, which they say was smuggled from France for safekeeping.

At the time, the relics of saints, particularly those with a direct link to Jesus Christ, were regarded as great treasures.

The authors also claim that some of the elaborate interiors also point to the chapel being the safehouse for St Matthew's skull. The beautifully ornate pillar known as the Apprentice Pillar is, they say, a representation of a miraculous honey-laden tree associated with the saint, and the building was designed so that honey from beehives hidden in the buttress roof dripped down onto the altar.

The authors said it was not uncommon for buildings to be designed around a relic -- for example, St Chapelle in Paris, which was built around the relic of the Crown

of Thorns -- and that they found many references to the life of Matthew in the carvings around Rosslyn Chapel.

"There has been so much written about Rosslyn Chapel and what the carvings mean," said Butler. "But it does not stretch credibility that the chapel represents this story about St Matthew. Every single detail fits.

"What we are saying is what is the most likely explanation. The chapel was built as a giant reliquary for the skull of St Matthew."

The chapel was founded in 1466 by Sir William Sinclair, 1st Earl of Caithness and a member of a noble family descended in part from Norman knights.

The legend of a "treasure" hidden at Rosslyn has en-

dured for hundreds of years -- thanks partly to the survival of a letter from Mary de Guise, mother of Mary, Queen of Scots, to the builder of the chapel.

Butler and Ritchie believe St Matthew's skull was the secret treasure shown to Mary and that it was brought to Scotland under the orders of Enea Piccolomini, a Catholic envoy who was a friend of Sinclair and who later became Pope Pius II. Ritchie said: "At that time they believed it was a direct link with Christ and therefore to God. That's what relics were all about."

After visiting the chapel. Marie de Guise, the wife of

King James V, said: "We bind us and oblige us to the said Sir William and shall be a loyal and true mistress to him. His counsel and secret shown to us we shall keep secret."

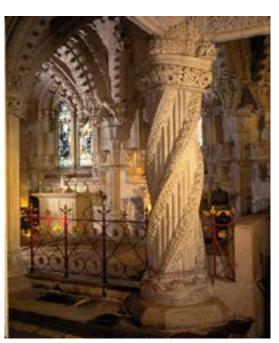
According to some theories, however, the secret of Rosslyn was the Holy Grail itself. This theory formed the basis of Brown's book -- which suggested the Holy Grail was the bloodline of Christ and that his descendants were living in Scotland -- which has brought thousands of visitors a year to the tiny Midlothian Chapel.

The official story of the Apprentice Pillar, which is still told by chapel guides, is that

the pillar was created by an apprentice who was then murdered by his master. However, the story is not widely believed by many scholars, who say the carvings said to represent the apprentice and the master have been altered and that the story itself is older than the chapel.

The authors say the tree that the pillar represents was said to have sprung up during St Matthew's teaching in Myrna in Turkey. This relates to accounts in the collection of early Bible stories known as the Apocrypha, which describe the saint's staff transforming into a fruit-bearing tree laden with honey. "It shall become

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a tree great and lofty and flourishing and its fruit beautiful to the view and good to the sight and the fragrance of perfumes shall come forth from it and there shall be a vine twining round it full of clusters and from the top of it honey coming down," the accounts said.

The authors say the remains of centuriesold beehives were found under the roof of Rosslyn during recent restorations. They believe the roof may have been specially constructed to attract bees and that a hole directly above the altar would have allowed honey to drip onto the altar.



Butler said: "Even within living memory, people remember honey dripping down from the roof onto the altar."

In their book, *Rosslyn Chapel Decoded*, Butler and Ritchie say the sacred skull was kept secret and hidden in the network of tunnels between Rosslyn Castle and the chapel to keep it safe from rampaging English armies and to protect it from the increasingly Calvinist nature of the Church in Scotland.

Ritchie says: "If it had been known it was there, the chapel would have been destroyed on several occasions."

The chapel, which is now run by a trust, has been a tourism destination for decades and numbers were given a massive boost by the 2003 book and 2006 film starring Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou.

Ian Gardner, the director of the Rosslyn Chapel Trust, said: "What I like is that lots of people have different ways of interpreting Rosslyn Chapel, its history and its carvings and the legends around it. It is very hard to prove or disprove any of them but it all adds to the mystery of the place."

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strumental in producing, *Turnbull 2009*, a DVD movie telling the story of the early days of Clan Turnbull from its beginnings through the unveiling of the monument in 2009.

In recognition of his dedication and work on behalf of the Turnbull Clan and because of his keen interest in preserving its history, Norman was appointed the Turnbull Clan High Schenachie A Shenachie is responsible for making sure the clan's traditions, genealogy, history, and even myths are passed down from generation to generation.

Norman took this position very seriously and set about to record in writing Clan and related Border history. Much of his writings were shared through his articles "Turnbull Trails" in the *Bullseye*. He was in the final stages of writing a book entitled, *Border Tales and Trails*, preserving history and stories and sharing information about Border places and battles. (To be published in 2014)

In his last years, Norman, used to living the solitary life of a shepherd, became smitten with a wonderful lady from Aberdeen, Terri Robertson Booth! June 2010 found Norman in St. Andrews doing research and filming for the book, when he spotted Terri, staying in the same hotel. Terri tagged along as he was a knowledgeable guide. A few emails and phone calls later, Norman happily left his borders for Aberdeen.

In 2012, Terri and Norman travelled to North Carolina, USA, to be married by Honorary Clan Chief and friend, Wally Turnbull.

A traditional ceremony mixed with modern took place at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, near Boone, NC.

There was a memorial service held in Tenerife, Spain (the couples current home). A memorial service will be held in Scotland in July 2014 in conjunction with the 2014 Cairn dedication in Bedrule, Scotland.

Norman's ashes will be returned for his eternal resting place to the land that he loved so dearly and where he found his earthy peace.

Norman will be greatly missed, as High Shenachie, advocate and promoter of Turnbull Clan, but mostly as a good friend and family member. As a fellow Borderer, Gemma Barnard, put it so well, "An inspirational man, and a true gentleman. Thank you from the Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide."

Article thanks to Clare Smith.

#### John F McDonald, long-time friend, sends another Obituary for Ellice McDonald, who passed away this June 10th

Ellice McDonald, Jr., C.B.E. died peacefully at his home, "Invergarry" on June 10, 2013. He celebrated his 100th birthday on May 22. He was born in New York City the son of Canadian physician Edward Ellice McDonald, M.D. and grandson of Archibald McDonald, who was born in Glencoe, Scotland and was the last chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Ellice attended Chestnut Hill Academy and was awarded a Bachlor of Arts Degree from Swarthmore College. After college he worked as an Industrial Engineer for the DuPont Company in their nylon division. In January 1941 he enlisted in the U. S. Army as a private and was Commissioned in 1943 serving in the Pacific Theatre. In April 1946 he returned to the DuPont Company.

In 1954 he married a widow, the former Rosa Packard Laird, whose great, great, great grandfather was Eleuthere Irenee du Pont, founder of E.I. du Pont de Nemours Company. Ellice was 16 when he first met 13 year old Rosa at a dance party, and he described the relationship by saying, "We started to fight in the first 30 seconds, and have been fighting ever since," which masked an enduring love and devotion for each other. Rosa died on January 3, 2009.

Ellice and Rosa first visited Armadale Castle in 1971 finding the castle and grounds in a state of shambles.

The Clan Donald Lands Trust, was formed after the death of Lord Alexander Godfrey Macdonald in 1970, to preserve the family lands and establish a center for clansmen from around the world to visit and explore their heritage. Lord Macdonald's son, Godfrey, inherited this monumental task. Beginning with the conversion of a small part of the Castle into a small museum, gift shop and tea room, the project quickly experienced financial problems. Ellice and Rosa together with Nestor J. MacDonald of New Jersey, provided \$200,000.00 dollars to complete the conversion. It was at this time that Ellice and Rosa established the Glencoe Foundation, Inc. a private charitable foundation which enabled them to make tax-exempt contributions to Scottish non-profit ventures and organizations such as the Clan Donald Land's Trust, the National Trust for Scotland, the Caledonian Schools in Bushey, and many other organizations and hospitals. Meanwhile at Armadale, a greater financial crises occurred in 1975 with the settlement of a contract dispute which required an additional \$63,000.00.

Ellice joined the Land's Trust shortly thereafter and restructured the Trust with himself as Chairman of the Executive Committee. In 1979 he hired Robert MacDonald Parker as Director of the Center. Immediately the renewal of Armadale Castle and its grounds began and continues today.

In July 1976 Lord Godfrey Macdonald appointed Ellice, High Commissioner, Clan Donald, U.S.A. an office he retained until 1983. He immediately reorganized the organization and rewrote the bylaws. He divided the United States into twelve regions each with a commissioner and deputy commissioner with authority to appoint their staff. He established the national office in Greenville, Delaware and with the appointment of a Treasurer, stabilized the finances of the organization. He founded, and for many years published, *By Sea By Land*, the Clan Donald U.S.A. national magazine. Winner of many awards it remains the prominent voice of Clan Donald in the US.

In 1981 he established the Clan Donald Foundation, U.S.A. a public foundation enabling Clan members and others to make tax-exempt donations supporting its established goals. The Foundation supports the Clan Center on the Isle of Skye, provides scholarships for the study of Scottish arts and music as well as supporting libraries.

Through the considerable financial support of the Glencoe Foundation, the old Stables at Armadale has been converted into an award winning restaurant, gift shop and luxury suites, and The Museum and Library of the Isles was constructed.

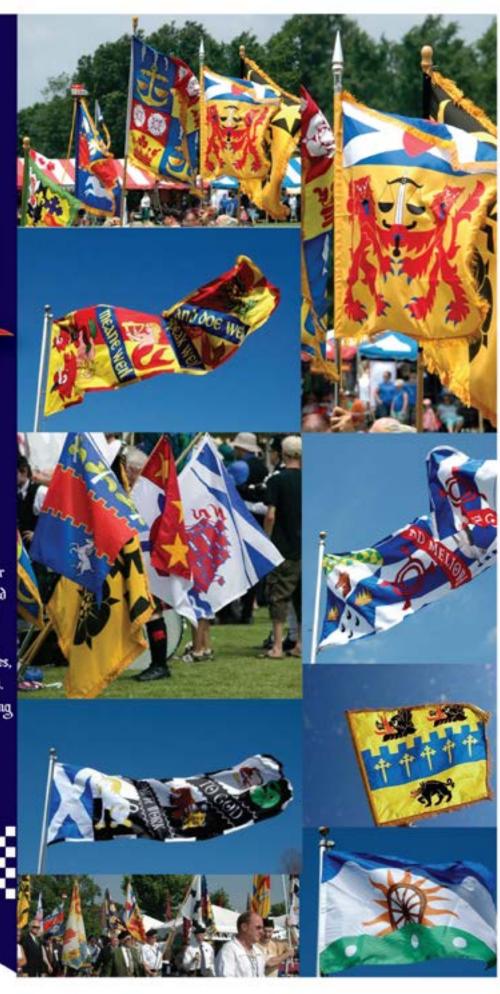
In December of 1985, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth appointed Ellice Commander of the Excellent Order of the British Empire. On June 18, 1992, a similar honor was bestowed upon Rosa Laird McDonald. They are the only husband and wife in North America to be so honored. He received many recognitions and awards in the US and Scotland for his many contributions in furthering the appreciation of Scottish heritage and culture.

Internment was private and Ellice was buried next to his wife in the family cemetery in Delaware.



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