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Historic bibles stolen from Abercorn Church



Historic bibles, thought to be around 200 years old, have been snatched from Abercorn Parish Church in South Queensferry by thieves.

The religious texts, owned by the Hopetoun family, were on loan at Abercorn Parish Church when they vanished from the pulpit area some time between Sunday July 17 and Saturday July 23.

Police are now appealing for information in a bid to return the pair of coveted books to their distraught owners, and track down the criminals who took them.

Speaking on behalf of the Hope family, Lord Hopetoun said: "We are very distressed at the theft of these bibles.

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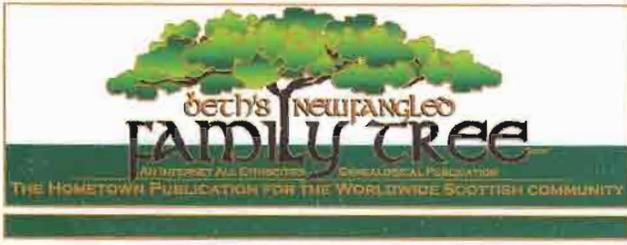


The Tartans Museum in Franklin, NC is in serious trouble! The August front page of our Section B features the story about their building being FOR SALE. Breaking news is: To donate, go to their website, <www.scottishtartans.org> Scroll to the bottom of the page and there is a "donate" button. Thank you!!

Photos from the 2016 Grandfather Mountain Games, Linville, NC, are on pages 32-33-34 of this section. In section B, you'll find three pages of photos, pages 28-29-30.

If your clan was at Grandfather, I most likely have some photos. Email <bethscribble@aol.com> and I'll be happy to send you copies of your photos. No charge.

Please consider donating any amount to The Tartans Museum, Franklin, NC. Their building is FOR SALE! Your help is surely needed now.



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A letter from your editor... This and that.... dust from your editor's head

We're doing some work on our house which began last January with no end in sight.

Along the way, ideas have come thick and fast.

In the process, I suddenly realized I have made a career out of having ideas.

Huh? Yep.

WMOP's Country Club, Hay for Hungry Deer, *The Family Tree* - just a few of the larger ones.

In the "work on our house" idea box: If you have a room which is painted a color you enjoy...but, the walls have areas which have become scuffed and scratched. (In this case, our stairwell...from the "Airmail" things we toss down the stairs to keep me from having to carry them down.) Those walls looked very ratty. What to do?

Repainting that particular place would be very difficult as it has a high, high ceiling and I am not very tall. A ladder on stairs isn't safe, is it? Nope.

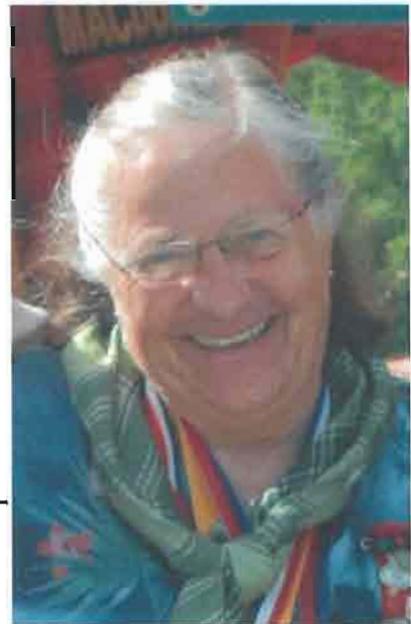
So, I scrounged a bit of discarded drywall from the laundry - which is being worked on, and which is the same yellowy - cream color as the stairwell - and took it to the local paint place...magically, they can scan in the drywall bit and come up with the formula for the exact, precise paint color. They need a color sample about the size of a quarter. Most paint places do this nowadays.

All I had to do was paint over the scuffs, scratches, etc. It looks as if the entire walls were freshly painted!

Ditto for the laundry room and the back hall!

I think the paint was about \$3.00. Time? Less than half an hour. This will work anywhere!

The laundry was just too small. We could not move the interior wall as it is full of plumbing things for the master bath which is on the other side of that wall.



So, we've removed the OTHER wall which backed up to a hallway! With the "barn doors" installed and open, all that hallway space will become space in the laundry!

A bonus is that there are now shelves which will hold a whopping sixteen storage bins! There's spaces for the vacuums and color sorting bins, too. We hung a Walmart holder thingie, that was less than \$5, to hold the mops/brooms/dusters, etc.

To enlarge the much too small pantry in the kitchen, we removed a bathtub from the hall guest bath...which meant an additional almost three feet of pantry space! (The tub removal was Tom's great idea!)

We installed rope lights and some lights made from wire that cast lovely starry shadows on the walls all around

the top of the room. Many shelves make the once too small pantry quite accommodating of many kitchen bits and pieces.

Nothing has fallen on my head in the pantry since it has been completed. Previously, several things each day made ME see stars.

If parts of your home need enlarging or changing to fit your lifestyle better...just think about it awhile...and I'll bet YOU come up with an idea as well.

Combine ideas and Scottish thrift and the sky IS the limit!



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If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



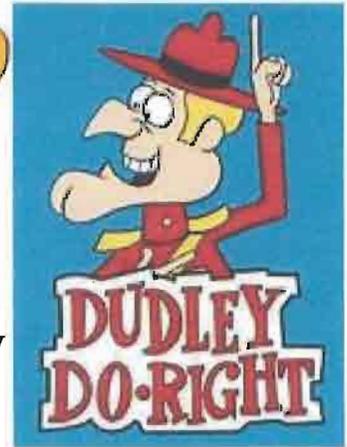
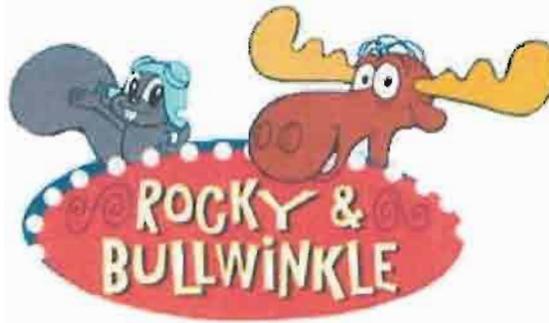
" O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom you have come.

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Betcha' didn't know that Rocky & Bullwinkle, Dudley Do-Right and Crusader Rabbit were Scottish!

1959 saw the birth of an iconic character brought into the homes and hearts of many, many children, including myself. I'm sure that some of you remember Clan Anderson member, Alexander Hume "Alex" Anderson, Jr., out of California - but, did you know of his history with the infamous Bullwinkle J. Moose and Rocket J. Squirrel, of Frostbite Falls, Minnesota?

Alex Anderson was an American cartoonist who not only brought us the lovable, daffy Moose but his companion Rocket J. Squirrel, Dudley Do-Right and Crusader Rabbit.

He began his career in 1938 at Terrytoons animation studio, where he worked with Jay Ward (a

longtime friend), to bring these beloved characters into the burgeoning world of television.

Their work even earned them a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the first cartoon created for television.

While some will remember him for his many accomplishments, his family and friends will always think of him fondly for his "keen wit, unflinching humor, generosity of time, talent and spirit".

Alexander Hume Anderson, Jr., left behind the mortal world in October of 2010, a World War II naval veteran, a father, friend and husband and a pioneer.

Contact Clan Anderson Society, Ltd., by writing <casltd73@gmail.com>

Meet Steve & Harry!

Steve is Tom's life-long friend and the one wearing the hat.

Harry is one and three quarters of a pound...and the one sitting ON the hat.

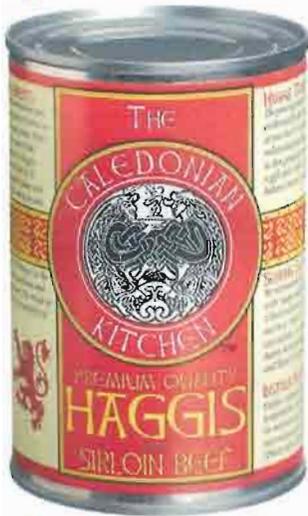
Harry's ambition is to one day climb basketball players!



Oh, yes! GMHG was great fun!



L-R: Helen Cathey, Charlotte, NC (Near & Far Scottish); Linda Williams, Huntsville, AL (Clans Keith & Gunn); Beth Gay Freeman, Clarksville, GA (Beth's Newfangled Family Tree)



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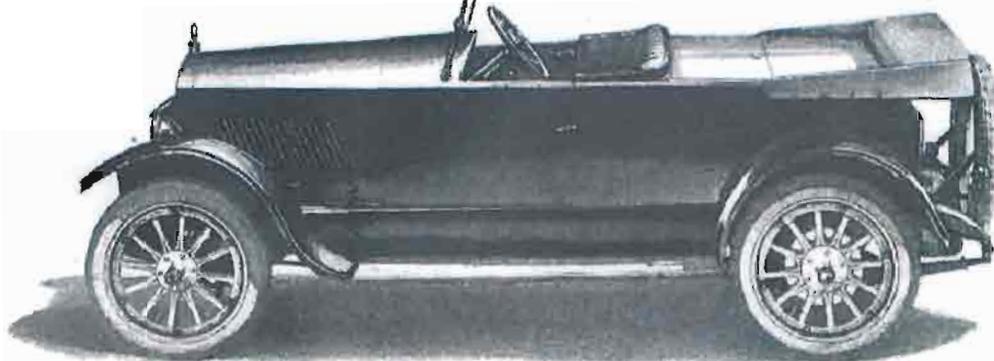
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“ORIGINS OF THE CLANS”

Ralph A. Bennett, Clan Anderson's *We Stand Sure* publication.



Identifying one's self with a Clan may come as a new idea to many of you. Scotland, being a small country, formed uneasy alliances between her various tribes and races, but finally these tribes and races were united under one High King, Kenneth MacAlpin, about 850 A.D., when, by some accounts, he married the female successor to the Pictish rulers.

As the Scottish Clans began to emerge around the 13th century, we find some of these Clans representing the older ethnic groupings. For example:

Celtic (Gael): Campbell, MacDonald, Alpin.

Norman: Frazer, Gordon, Sinclair, Stewart.

Pictish: Murray, MacNaughton.

Viking-Norse: MacQueen, Morrison, Gunn, Nicolson.

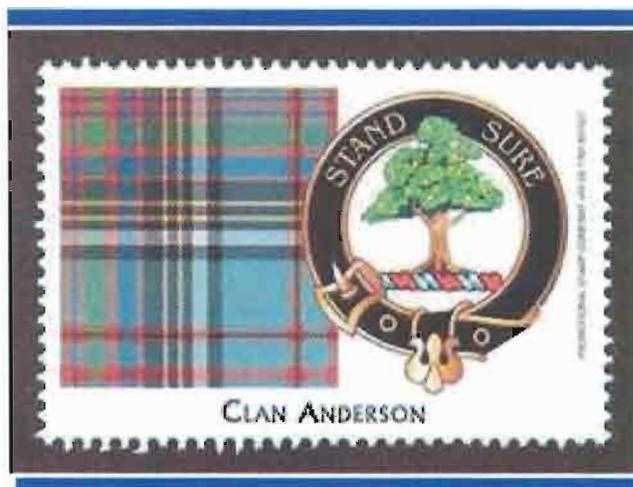
While having many faults, the Clan system, at its best, was a fine example of benevolent feudalism. The Clansman served his Chief not as a serf but as a relative, entitled to the understanding and care of the relative-Chief.

All members and all prospective members! **Clan Anderson AGM set for Oct.14-16, Stone Mountain, GA**

Join us at the Stone Mountain, GA Highland Games for a good time! This year also brings us a new election for officers and board members.

This year's games will take place the weekend of **October 14th through the 16th** and most likely the meeting will come to fruition some time on that Saturday. If you've not been to Stone Mountain, it is an absolutely gorgeous venue tucked away at the bottom of a big stone, amidst pine trees and plenty of shade. It can get a bit chilly up in them thar hills so bring a scarf and a jacket.

We hope to see you there! Contact <casltd73@gmail.com>





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Society of Antiquaries of Scotland



Dear Society of Scottish Antiquaries Fellows.

It is with great disappointment that I must inform you that the proposed meeting of the Society to be held at the University of Tampa in January next year has had to be cancelled.

This would have been the first meeting of the Society in North America and therefore would have been a historic event in itself.

Support for the event was not there. Only eleven percent of North American members responded to our email and only half of those were positive.

The University of Tampa planned a truly great event and the leadership of the Society in Scotland fully endorsed the proposed meeting. The president himself planned to be one of the speakers.

I would like to personally thank all of those who indicated they would attend, especially those who offered to help with the planning and organizing in some way.

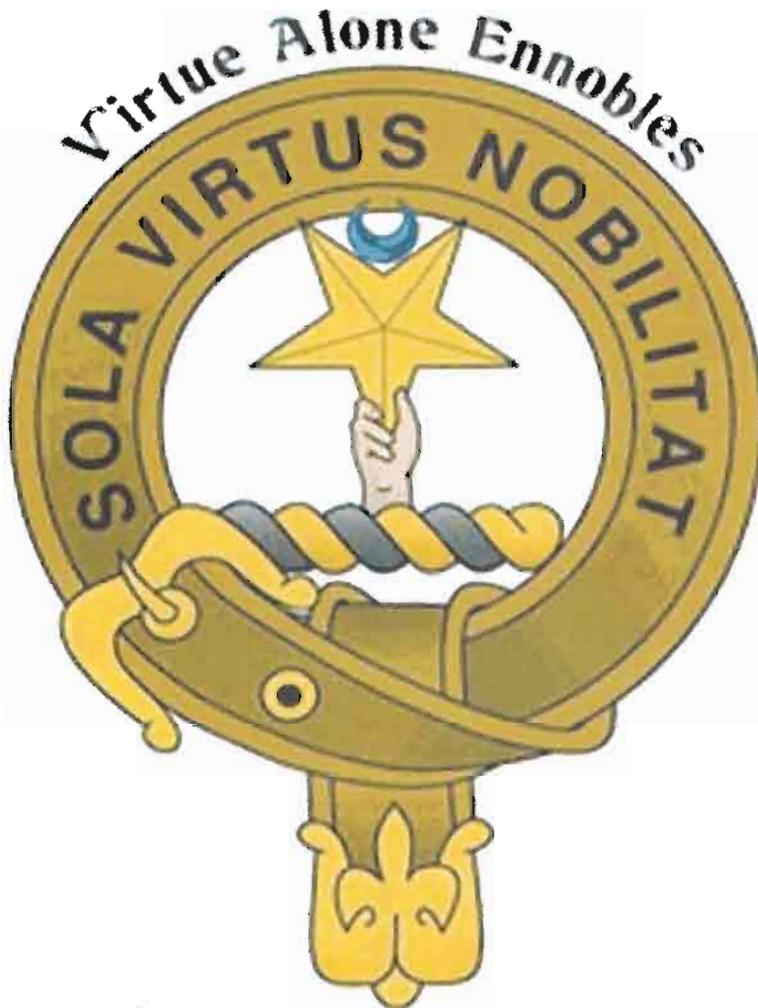
Regards.

Ian Greig



GenealogyBank has Mayflower obituaries going back to the obituary of **Peregrine White** – who was born onboard the Mayflower in 1620 – down to the hundreds of thousands of descendants whose obituaries were published across the centuries right down to today. genealogy@genealogybank.com

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An Airean Ceann Cinnidh

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

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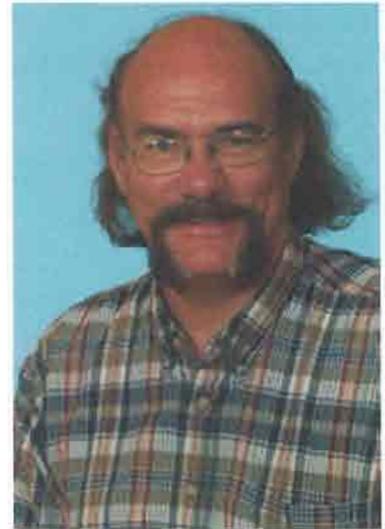
The Scotland Adventure Continues in Caithness

We are so delighted that Dr. Pete Hylton, (EdD), Ph.D, Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Fulbright Scholar, shares his Scottish adventures with us all. He loves Scotland!

On the following pages, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 and 29, you'll be able to read about "Summer in Caithness," Scotland.

Dr. Hylton sends us pages of photographs and the stories that go along with the pictures as he has the opportunities for his Scottish adventures.

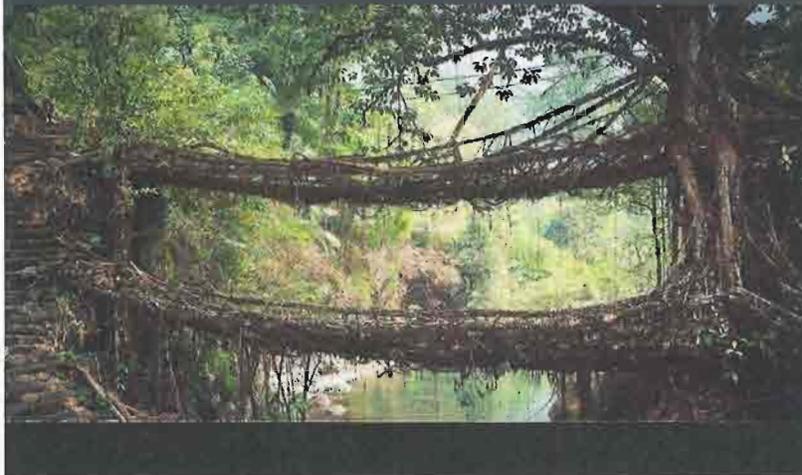
They are presented (apart from the page numbers) just as he sends them to us! Enjoy!



Dr. Pete Hylton

Talk about searching for your roots!

There is a tribe in India that has passed down for generations the art of manipulating tree roots to create a system of "living" bridges.



Did you know these things about Scotland?

* The country's name comes from the Latin name for the Gaels... *Scoti*. The country name itself is a take on the name *Scotia*, "land of the Gaels".

* Incidentally, *Scotia* was actually used first to describe the land of Ireland. Only in the late 11th century, did the world begin to also describe any land north of the River Forth by this ancient Gaelic moniker.

* By the late Middle Ages, the terminology morphed into the modern day, *Scots* and *Scotland*.

With thanks to the Clan Anderson publication, *We Stand Sure*.

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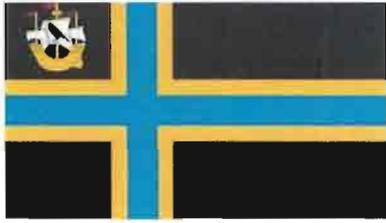
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Summer in Caithness

So what happens in Caithness in the summer? Rather a lot. First off, there are the pipe band marches down Princes Street in Thurso, every Saturday night in the summer.



You can catch a shinty game. Shinty is a unique Highland game from which ice hockey derived. Note the similar sticks. The Scots fleeing the Highlands after the Clearances who settled in Nova Scotia could not find a field long enough and flat enough for shintyuntil the lakes froze.... and thus came ice hockey.



You could join the Caithness Field Club for a day out hiking. I joined them for a Sunday afternoon at Drum Hollistan, where we hiked across a small part of what is known as the Flow Country, one of the world's largest peat bogs that goes on for miles and miles. We reached the coast by following a small stream to where it disappears over the edge of this waterfall, in front of a sea stack with many nesting seabirds.



On the hike we saw a skylark, kittiwakes, fulmars, shags, razorbills, oystercatchers, a variety of gulls, and puffins !!!!!



Every town in the north has a Gala week, or at least weekend, during the summer. Think of this as being like a US small town Fourth of July celebration.....without the fireworks.....and with every town having theirs on a different week. As one of the larger towns in the north, Thurso has a week long list of activities, including contests, competitions, venter booths, entertainment, a treasure hunt, all sorts of special events, a parade with floats (pirates made a lot of sense around here), highland dancers, and of course.....a pipe band ! This is the Scottish Highlands, for goodness sake !

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Clan Bell International



This 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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Change the pipe band to a Midwest high school marching band and it could look a lot like any Midwest town fair. Except no funnel cakes, only fairy cakes. Substitute venison burgers for pork chop sandwiches. And do you recognize Candy Floss ?



You can go to the tractor races.



You can go to a highland autocross - an automotive time trial competition held in an open field. This next picture seems to take the place of a Scots event release and waiver.



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CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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

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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



You're welcome to email the president
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You can do the town's 3K run. I may not be in bad shape for a 60 year old Hoosier. But I am out of shape compared to folks here, most of whom walk more than they drive.



I did manage to beat the pipe band !



The carnival comes to town, just like every small town in the American Midwest.

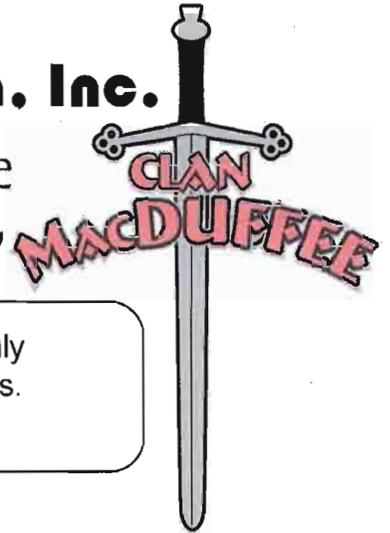


As for unusual events, there is the Caithness Viking Festival, celebrating the Viking heritage of the north. For much of the 10th to 13th centuries, Caithness, Orkney and Shetland were ruled by the Norse. Our town, Thurso, derives its name from "Thor's River." It was not until the Battle of Largs in 1263 that King Alexander of Scotland took control of the north from the Norse. That was also supposedly when the Thistle became the flower of Scotland, as supposedly a field of the horrendously

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MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

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spiky Scottish Thistle (not your wimpy Indiana variety) ruined a surprise night attack by the Norsemen on the sleeping Scots army.



Anyway, to celebrate this Norse heritage we have the Caithness Viking Festival, with an authentic village set up in the park in town

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Spinning and dyeing yarn with all natural herbal colors.



Embossing and carving leather, without decent knife. Specialty tools included badger hair and duck feathers. And he makes it the traditional way.



A game of Kubbs. Toss your sticks and knock down opponent's soldiers and then his king.



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Clan MacCord Society

Invites for membership all spelling variations and descendants of McCord (a)(e)(y).

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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015

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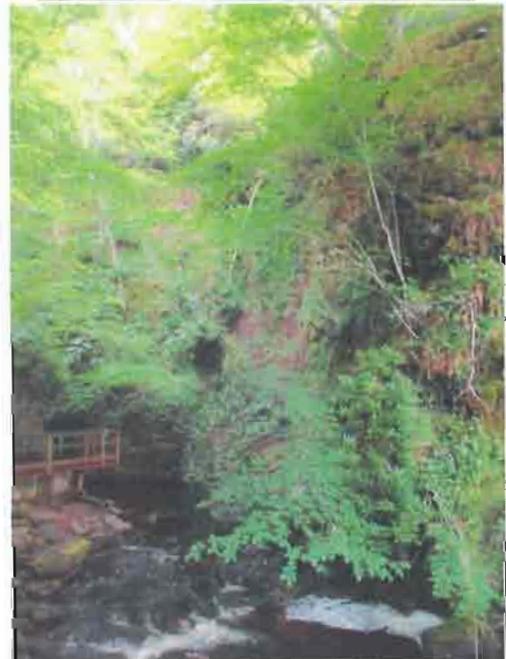
Viking banquet: Pork belly roasted with apples and honey, roasted root vegetables, hard boiled eggs, some really thick porridge, coarse bread and cheese, fruit and cream for dessert,



The re-enactors were quite interesting. The one below on the left is either Thor, son of Odin, king of the Norse gods, or Hagrid from the Harry Potter movies. The one on the right is either Petriof, slayer of dragons, or some colonial engineering professor. For future reference, fighting your way through a dragon infested valley or a field of Saxon warriors to rescue the beautiful Viking Princess while wearing full chain mail requires you to be in top shape.



Everything is in bloom here. Most of it is green and gold. More shades of green that I could imagine, as shown in the following photos from a walk I took to Big Burn Falls, in Golspie.



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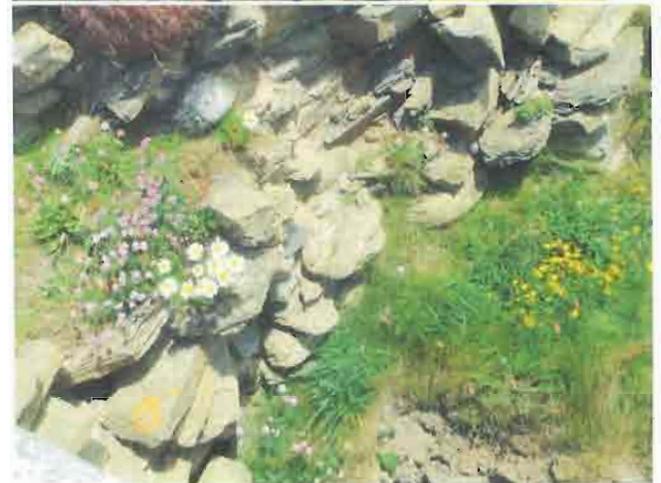
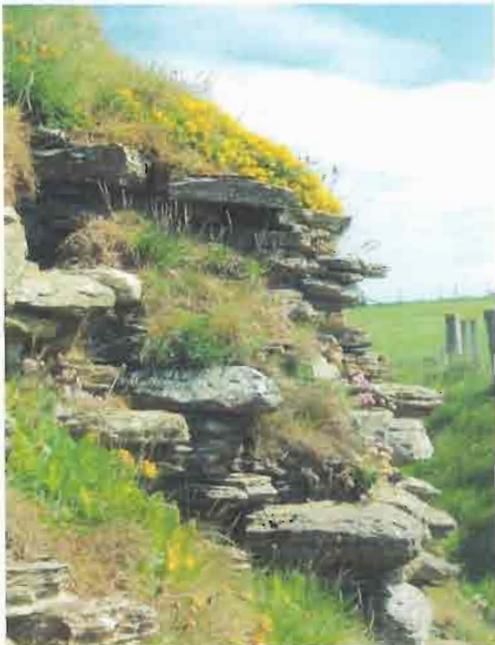
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Winners will be notified by telephone, mail or e-mail if available*



And the gold is from the blooming golden gorse that is everywhere in Caithness.



But there are a lot of other colors in bloom as well.



On a pretty day you can hike to a historic monument, like Sinclair Girnigoe Castle. It was built in the 15th century and belonged to the Sinclair/St.Clair clan. My masonic brethren will recognize the St.Clairs as having built, and for centuries protected, Rosslyn Chapel, arguably the most significant Masonic and Templar site in Britain. I've not had time yet, to research if any Masonic connections exist to this northern St.Clair holding.



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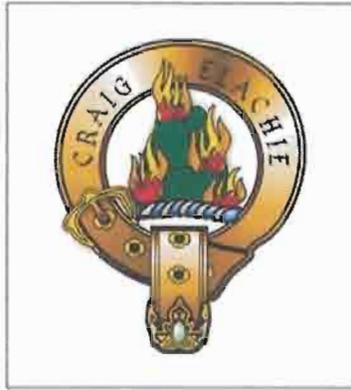
Or you can walk the seashore.



Or, on a quiet afternoon, I can sit at the table I have in the garden here, amongst our flowers and ferns, and read the Guardian while looking out at the Pentland Firth and Dunnett Head in the distance.



*"Did not strong connections draw me elsewhere, I believe Scotland would be the country I would choose to end my days in."*Benjamin Franklin



Clan Grant is not just a historical society, it is a **living** clan whose members consider themselves extended family and kin and who keep their heritage alive through participation in many gatherings and events around the country. Your ancestors are calling you, honor them by joining the society today!

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant", a recognized Clan Grant sept name, or anyone who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society.

Membership includes the Quarterly newsletter, "Craigellachie", via email or regular mail. It is also available in the Members Only section of the website.

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Stand Fast, Craigellachie!

Craigellachie (pronounced Kra-GEL'-a-key) is Gaelic for "rock of alarm." The Clan Grant motto is "**Stand Fast, Craigellachie!**" *Craigellachie* is the hill or mountain behind the modern town of Aviemore. It is also the name of a village situated about thirty miles down the River Spey from Aviemore.



Miller brothers dominate throws at GMHG



Brothers Brent and Brady Miller were the top finishers at the 61st annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games near Linville, North Carolina recently.

The Brothers Miller competed in the professional Scottish heavy athletic competitions in the games, with

Stolen Bibles, *continued from page 1*

“They have been on loan from my family to Abercorn Kirk for a long time and recently, the Kirk Session of which I am part, had reluctantly to take the decision to lock the church after a series of antisocial incidents.

“To be confronted now with the theft of these irreplaceable pulpit bibles is deeply sad.

“If anyone has any knowledge of their whereabouts, I would urge them to contact the police as they are of huge value to the Abercorn community.”

The books, which are of a high monetary value, are approximately two feet by one foot in size and are around five inches thick.

Each is bound with red leather and has distinctive brass plating on the corners.

Norman Work, councillor for the nearby Almond ward, said incidents of this nature were concerning for the local community.

He said: “This is very saddening to hear and I will support the police as much as possible.

“The bibles will probably be worth more historically, than monetary, to both the family and the local community.

Brent, 45, finishing first overall and Brady, 47, in third place.

“We do a lot of Olympic lifting and throwing as the bulk of our training,” Brent Miller said. “We threw in college, and I’d called a roommate to go fishing in Florida, who said, “I’ve been doing the Highland Games; you and Brady need to check it out.”

“So, we did, and it went from there.”

The Brothers Miller hail from Tennessee - Brent from Gordonsville and Brady from Lebanon - where they both teach middle school physical education.

“We train together, travel together and throw in a lot of games together,” Brady said. It’s a family thing. I have two high school age boys, and we all throw and train together. They are shot - put and discus throwers, so we are busy at our house.”

“I’ve been to a lot of big games...and this is the most traditional games I’ve ever been to,” Brady said. “It’s more like the Scottish gatherings you read about in books or see on TV.”

Although Brent had been a spectator at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games before, this was his first year throwing.

It was great,” said Brent, who’s been performing in heavy athletics for about seven years. “I had probably my best day throwing, overall. I like it (at Grandther). It’s just beautiful country, the crowd is big, and it is fun when people cheer for you.”

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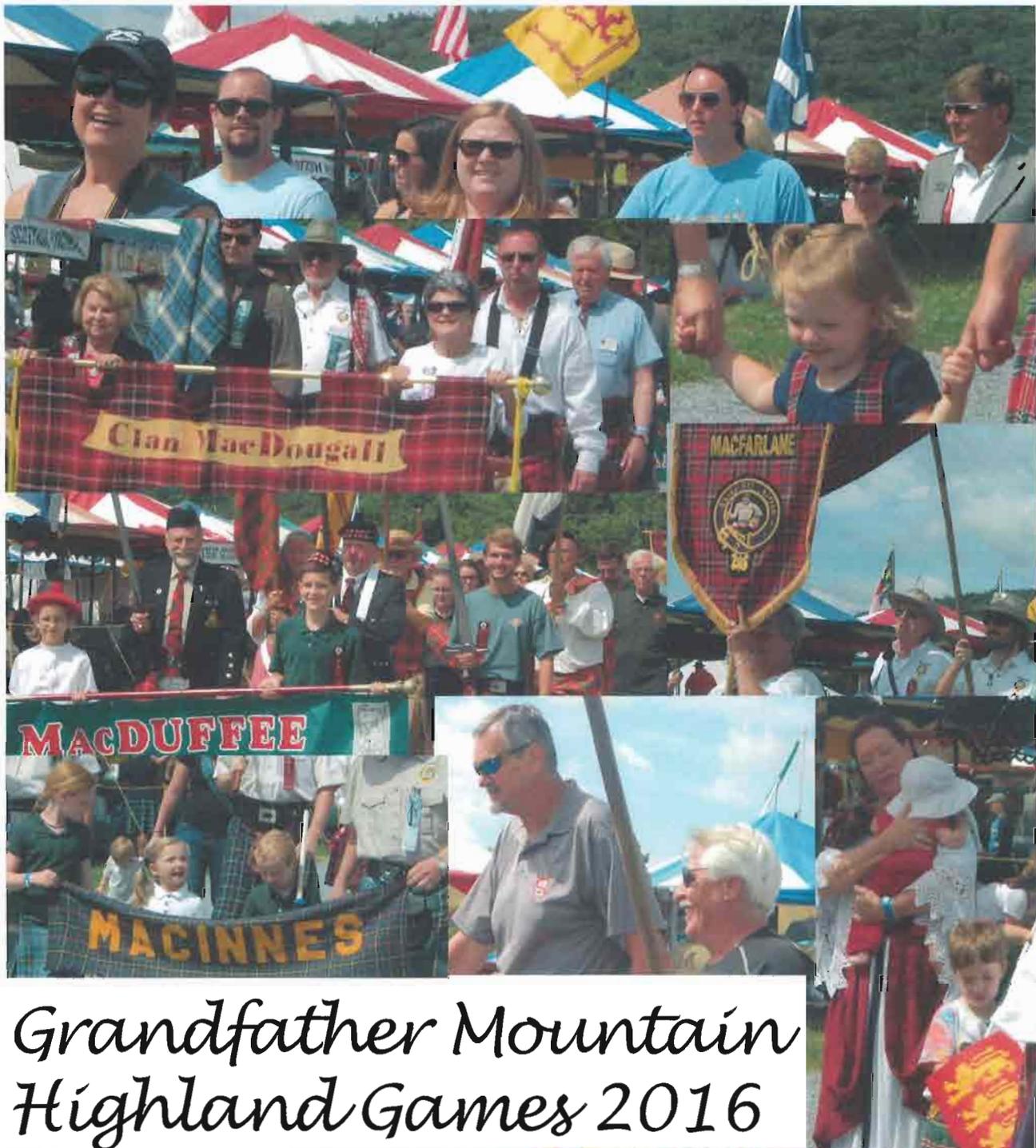
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