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## Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin building to be sold!



Our landlord at the Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, NC, has announced to us that she must sell our building because of health reasons!

We have rented the location for many years and have been given the right of first refusal. We must raise a \$50,000 down payment by the end of September.

The owner does want the Scottish Tartans Museum to have the building and is working with us to make this happen.

If you can make any type of donations to help us with this purchase, now is the time to let us know.

Do you know of anyone that likes to donate to a worthy cause to receive deductions on their taxes? Please refer them to us.

We don't know of anywhere to move and we don't want to move!

Over the past two years we have had a terrible struggle to rise our heads above water. We have made great progress, but, still not enough to pay employees. We are still running with only volunteers.

We don't want to lose our museum. If you can help us in any way, please do so asap. Call us at 828-524-7472 to make your donation.

If you think your clan affiliation will be interested in helping us, by all means ask them to assist us.

Our museum expansion is almost complete. We are still waiting on artwork and the building of displays. We will be sure to announce to you the completion date when we know it, if we are still here.

Kathie Akins, The Scottish Tartans Museum.

Our website: [www.scottishtartans.org](http://www.scottishtartans.org) Our address: 86 East Main St., Franklin NC 28734. Call (828)524-7472.

If you would like to support us by being a Member of The Scottish Tartans Museum, visit our website, [www.scottishtartans.org](http://www.scottishtartans.org), for details.

**GMHG photographs  
pages 28-30!**

**More photos of GMHG  
in Section A.**



**Clans!** If you were at Grandfather Mountain...! most likely have photos of you in the POT. Email [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) for copies. No charge to use anyway you wish.



**August 13, 2016 is National Left-Handers Day!**



# *Glencoe School of Scottish Highland Dance*

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*Mary Wilson Recknagel*

**- BATD Fellow Highland & Scottish Nationals -  
SOBHD Adjudicator**

# A book cover rediscovered...

10 July, Thailand

Dear Beth: I found a photo of my book cover. You can see Grace's name as well - Grace Kimiye Kermotsu.

This cover of *The Mystery of "Mar'se Eddie" in the Shire, a Biography of Edgar Allan Poe's Scottish Connections, Volume 1*, is from the antique print of Robert de Bruce's childhood home of Turnberry Castle, now gone, but a golf course in its place.

I bought this, and the rest of my illustrations in the book, at a dealer in Bath, Somerset, where my first wife was from, since the Romans!

See the man still in the surf, and the man on the shore coming to his aid? This was a common occurrence in Ayrshire during Poe's time, so his uncle John Galt, and he, wrote of it.

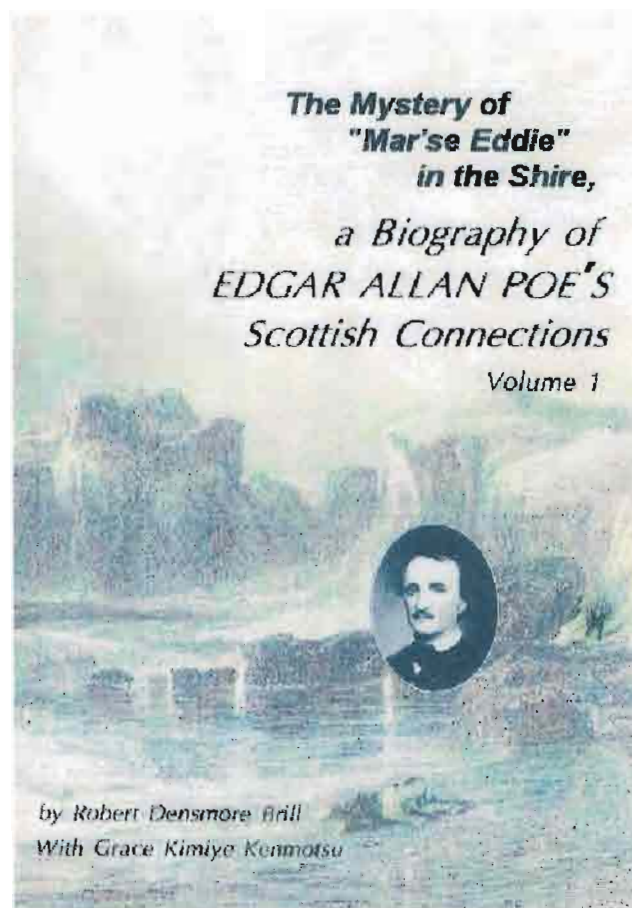
Burns ignored a subject on which his cousins, later, focused.

Yes, Galt and Poe were his cousins, through John Allan's uncle, James Allan, of the Fairlie Estate, The Old Rome.

Remember his Aunt Agnes? She was Allan's wife.

Bob Brill (Robert Densmore Brill)

Contact Bob Brill: <PoeinScotland@aol.com>



This note is from Wayne Cathey, published on July 6th, 2016

## To all Macfie's far & wide:

I just finished a phone conversation with Fiona, and with her blessing, I write to inform everyone that our illustrious Commander, Iain, is currently in Hospital recovering from a stroke suffered over the weekend.

She informed me that he is doing well in recovery and is receiving excellent care. The only lingering effect is in his legs - they move opposite the way he wants them to. Iain has already started a daily physical/occupational therapy regimen and hopes to enjoy a full recovery.

Ginger McAfee, Macfie Clan Society of America, <www.clanmacfieofamerica.com>





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# Choosing a Genealogical Software Program

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

In the early stages of the research process, it seems easy enough to remember the individuals you are researching and keep track with your accomplishments. However, genealogy research builds upon itself. As you discover more individuals, the number of research leads increases. Your list of research tasks to verify leads, documentation, etc. expands to the point where you must develop a better system to keep track of your work.

Genealogical software can help you organize your family history research, generate charts and reports, correct entry mistakes, and visualize your progress. As the popularity and complexity of genealogical research continues to increase, the number of products available has expanded. Genealogy software products differ in a number of ways. Some of the most crucial in the minds of many professional genealogists include:

**Data Acquisition:** Drag and drop data entry for images, flexible data formats, free defined custom attributes for persons and connections between persons, rating of sources;

**Interaction:** Name filters, full text search and dynamic pan and zoom navigation, 3-D viewing capability;

**Generating Reports:** Fan charts, automatic narratives, relationship between arbitrary people, place of birth on virtual globes, statistics about number of children per family;

**Validation of Information:** Consistency checks, research assistants connected to online genealogy databases;

**Exporting Capability:** Export as web page, book or wall chart;

**Integration:** Ability to synchronize with multiple formats such as tablets.

Because of the multitude of products coming on the market, genealogists should take time to examine the reviews published by the various PC related magazines, genealogy societies, and other related and reliable sources. Most genealogical societies have special interest groups that focus on this very topic. If you read the reviews the features of each product are discussed along with the pros and cons. The key is to find the best product that fits your research style, goals, and objectives. The links below will help in the decision making process:

**Best Genealogy and Software Services 2016**

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2403077,00.asp>

**Choosing a Genealogical Software Program**

<http://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/genealogical-software-programs>

**Family Tree Magazine Genealogy Software for Windows**

[http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/windows\\_genealogy\\_software](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/windows_genealogy_software)

**Genealogy Software Reviews**

<http://www.gensoftreviews.com/>

**Is There a “Best” Genealogy Program?**

<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2015/05/is-there-best-genealogy-program.html>



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## Flowers of the Forest



It is with the deepest sadness that I report the death of the Founding Member of Clan Fraser Society, NA, **Douglas Fraser** on July 2. The society was founded at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1976.

We celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary there this year, but sadly, without Douglas. His wonderful smile and one of a kind personality were missed.

*Kimbrell Frazier, Secretary, CFSNA*

Doug was past president of the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta and a long time member of the Burns Club of Atlanta.

Doug will be cremated, as he requested, and his ashes will be strewn in Canada where he grew up.

Cards may be sent to his wife, Lea, at: Magnolia Hills Retirement Home, Lea Fraser, Room 42, 501 Historic 441 North, Demorest, GA 30535.

*His kind and joyful friendship will always be missed, too, by your editor.*

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**John Douglas, 21<sup>st</sup> Earl of Morton** was born 19 March, 1929 in Hampshire and died 5 March, 2016 in West Lothian, aged 88.

The Douglas family, Earls of Morton, are one of the most ancient families in Scotland and connected with former kings of Scotland and other nobility—James Douglas served as Regent of Scotland in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The family dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century when Sir James Douglas, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Dalkeith, was granted a charter of the Barony of Morton, a small holding in East Calder.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Earl of Morton was a colourful charac-

ter who showed a shrewd business acumen and served the community of West Lothian in many ways – notably as an outstanding Lord Lieutenant for the county. He had a natural ability to speak to all present at formal gatherings in a relaxing and courteous manner. Morton also had the knack of calming down those who were nervous of their extra special duties at all formal occasions.

He proved an able farmer and cattle breeder, owning land both in Scotland and England: in the latter his farm in Wiltshire was particularly innovative after he founded his own livestock company. He was a great and ebullient enthusiast who embraced many aspects of life in his career: entrepreneur, farmer, cattle dealer, polo player and a loving family man.

John Charles Sholto Douglas succeeded his cousin and became the 21<sup>st</sup> earl in 1976. He was head of the Douglas family and petitioned the Lord Lyon King of Arms for the title of Chief of Douglas. He was the son of the Hon Charles William Sholto Douglas and Florence Timson.

He had a life-long interest in breeding cattle and farming.

He was a keen swimmer and also had a life-long passion for polo and played for Scotland in 1977 and 1979 in Kenya. In 1970, thanks to Morton's energy and initiative, polo returned to Scotland and matches were played on his Dalmahoy estate. His enthusiasm for the sport made it a popular hobby and he was keen to kill the misconception that it was elitist. He often said: "In Scotland it's much more casual; people from all walks of life play the game." Morton loved the atmosphere of a polo match and was active with the Edinburgh Polo Club for many years.

He married Sheila Gibbs, a member of the McCorquodale family in 1949. She and their daughter and two sons survive him. The oldest son, John Stewart Sholto Douglas, formerly Lord Aberdour, becomes the 22<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Morton.



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.





# The sad, sad death of poet Robert Burns



Robert Burns died on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1796 at the early age of 37. There are many theories as to the cause of his death, ranging from venereal disease to rheumatic fever.

The years of hard labour he spent as a tenant farmer must also have taken their toll and the severe winter of 1795 must have exacerbated his already poor health.

In a final effort to regain good health, the bard was advised by his doctor, William Maxwell, to visit Brow Well near Dumfries, there to drink the spring water which contained the mineral chalybeate which was then widely believed to have good and curative properties.

**On July fourth 1796**, Burns duly drank the foul tasting water from the iron cup attached to the well and seemingly also waded chest deep into the freezing cold tidal waters of the Solway Firth. An event famously commemorated many years later by the ceramicist Bill Brown of Glasgow School of Art who produced a series of ceramic plates depicting Burns taking the water on the Solway Firth with the, now decommissioned, Chapelcross Nuclear Power Station as a backdrop.

In a final letter to his friend Alexander Cunningham Burns wrote:

“Alas! My friend, I fear the voice of the Bard will soon be heard among you no more! For these eight or ten months I have been ailing, sometimes bed-fast & sometimes not; but these last three months I have been tortured with an excruciating rheumatism which has reduced me to nearly the last stage.

“You actually would not know me if you saw me. Pale, emaciated, and so feeble as occasionally to need help from my chair — my spirits fled! Fled! —

but I can say no more on the subject — only the medical folks tell me that my last & only chance is bathing & country quarters & riding.”

It is perhaps little wonder really, that Burns died within days of his so called “curative” water treatment experience and he was of course duly buried in Dumfries on 25th July 1796.

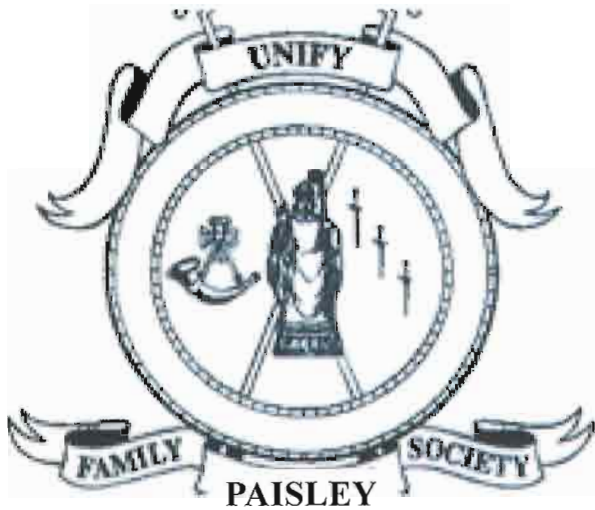
Medical bathing, also called balneology, or hydrotherapy, was an approach popular with physicians in Burns’ time with various medical proponents claiming that exposure to mineral waters might well improve certain diseases and indeed effect cures where all other treatments had failed.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries mineral springs became popular among royalty and the well-to-do. Many wealthy land owners built health spas on their estates and would invite the good and the great to take the waters for medicinal and recreational purposes.

Ordinary people would also “take the waters” at local mineral springs for relaxation or to seek specific cures.

Physicians even began to set up shop beside the spas and would often recommend specific water treatments such as baths, steam, douches and of course the drinking of the spa waters to their patients.

The book *A Dissertation on the Use of Seawater in Diseases of the Glands* published in 1750 by one Dr. Richard Russell, remained a popular reference book on the subject for several decades and it may well have influenced Dr. Maxwell, who famously recommended that Robert Burns try the springs at Dumfries’s Brow Well as well as the freezing dip in the Solway Firth.



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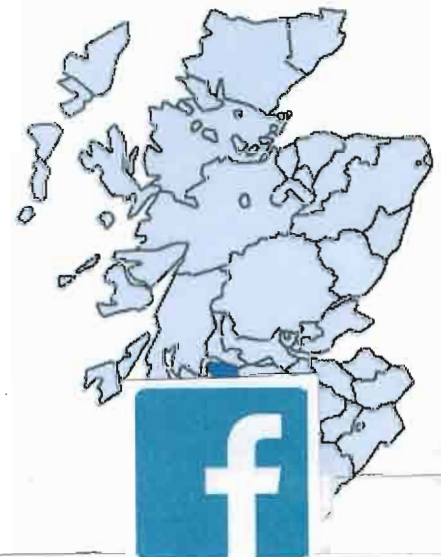


The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

**WOW!** NC's Triad Games, MD's Fairfield, Charleston, SC and Richmond, VA! The Paisley Family Society was busy in 2015. Check our webpage <[www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk)> to see what we're up to in 2016. Contact Martha Brown at: [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com). Paisley DNA project: <[dlangsto@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangsto@yahoo.com)>



AGM & Spring Gathering 2015 at Ardtalla, Scotland

# Summer Of Art bursts into life in Aberdeen, Scotland

With thanks to **Jessica Murphy**,  
Senior Account Executive, Citrus:Mix

A leading business organisation is bringing art to life in Aberdeen, Scotland, the Granite City, and it could be found in unexpected places.

From doors in Aberdeen city centre becoming a canvas for local artists, to decorated pianos and fun Oor Wullie characters, there will be a rich variety of culture on offer under Aberdeen Inspired's Summer of Art theme.

The organisation is hoping to enthuse the northeast public and make art accessible to all with a range of fun projects under the banner.



Summer of Art kicked off with the appearance of 10 colourfully decorated Oor Wullie sculptures, which were on display at Marischal College until Sunday (July 10). Organised by The Archie Foundation, DC Thompson and Wild In Art, the mini touring version of the Bucket Trail will, like its

bigger version in Dundee, raise money for the charity.

Soon after the Oor Wullies have travelled on to their next destination local artists will descend upon the city centre to do some decorating with a difference as they transform a number of sites.

From mid-July guest artists worked on decorative paintings on doors of local businesses, shops and other premises with the aim of brightening up the city centre and creating living art. Locations for the painted doors started at Langstane Place and Windmill Brae and progressed to The Green and Correction Wynd.

This Aberdeen Inspired project will be followed in August by the installation of the Play Me, I'm Yours Piano Trail, a global sensation which has reached more than 10 million people worldwide.

The brainchild of British artist Luke Jerram, it has



seen more than 1,500 pianos installed in 50 cities across the globe, all bearing the message "Play Me, I'm Yours".

From August 2 to August 21 imaginatively decorated pianos will be placed in a variety of prominent city centre locations ranging from the Castlegate and Union Plaza to the Courtyard at the Academy, with the aim of encouraging people to interact with each-other and express themselves.

The next weekend (Saturday August 27 and Sunday August 28) the arches at Union Terrace Gardens will host a Street Art festival. Led by urban and street art artist Karl Porter and up to ten artists, each participant will be given an arch to canvass their art onto, leaving a vibrant, varied and creative colourful space.

Gary Craig, chief executive of Aberdeen Inspired, said: "Summer of Art is about community engagement and making art accessible to all, as well as being a fantastic way to utilise and brighten up spaces in the city centre. It is also a prelude to welcoming Nuart, an international contemporary street and urban art festival made famous in Norway. Everyone at Aberdeen Inspired has been working hard to make these projects a reality and we are looking forward to seeing them come to life in the city centre in coming months.

"We have also been delighted to team up with The Archie Foundation to include the Oor Wullie Bucket Trail under this banner and it has been fantastic to see the great reaction from the public to the sculptures already.

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



Chief Steven  
MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:  
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## Summer of Art, *continued from page 11*



“Local artists have been planning their artworks for some time now for our painted doors project and are excited to start working on them later this month. This alongside the Play Me, I’m Yours installation and Street Art festival will add vibrant and fun splashes of colour, as well as offering both visitors and locals the chance to try their hand at tickling the ivories.

“The level of engagement it has brought amongst people in other cities is amazing and something we hope to recreate here.

“There was a tremendous response to our appeal for pianos and after being inspected by Gordon Bell of Gordon Bell Pianos, who has kindly offered his musical expertise, all accepted donations are now at North East Scotland College where they will be decorated by students. We can’t wait to show off their handiwork and give people the opportunity to play them as part of Summer of Art.”

Aberdeen Inspired is the banner under which the Aberdeen BID (Business Improvement District) operates. It is a business-led initiative within the city centre in which levy payers within the BID zone contribute. Proceeds are used to fund projects designed to improve the business district. Further information on the work of Aberdeen Inspired is available at [www.aberdeeninspired.com](http://www.aberdeeninspired.com).

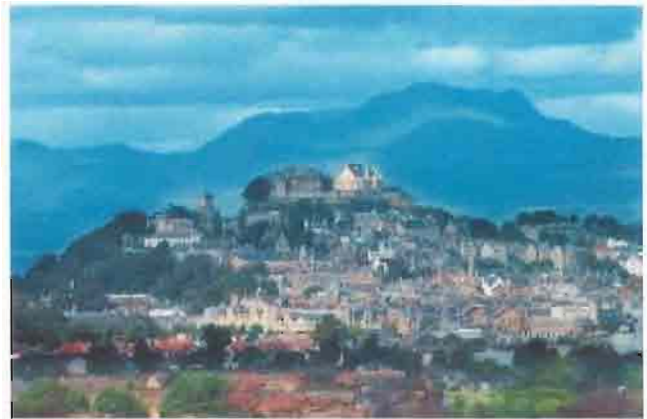
# The National Tartan Centre project progress...



The Scottish Tartans Authority’s plans for a National Tartan Centre continue to make significant progress. Following discussions with a number of local authority areas in Scotland to find the perfect location for the new centre, the STA Board have confirmed that the preferred location is the historic city of Stirling.

## Stirling and the National Tartan Centre

With its stunning location nestled below the historic Stirling Castle, the city has a proud heritage that includes key historic sites, amongst them; Stirling Bridge, site of the famous battle and the Wallace



Monument. However, Stirling is not just about the past as the city has ambitious regeneration plans and the National Tartan Centre is seen as one of the key project’s within the masterplan for the city. The surrounding area also has important historic links with tartan and was the home of the famous weaving firm Wilsons of Bannockburn, who played such an important role in informing our current perception of tartan and its associations with clans.

Stirling’s ambitions, central location in the heart of Scotland and the important historic links were felt by the Scottish Tartan Authority’s board to be a winning combination and we will now be seeking funding to realise this important project. We have had very encouraging and enthusiastic support from Stirling

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# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*'S Rioghal Ma Dhream!*

**Royal is my Race!**

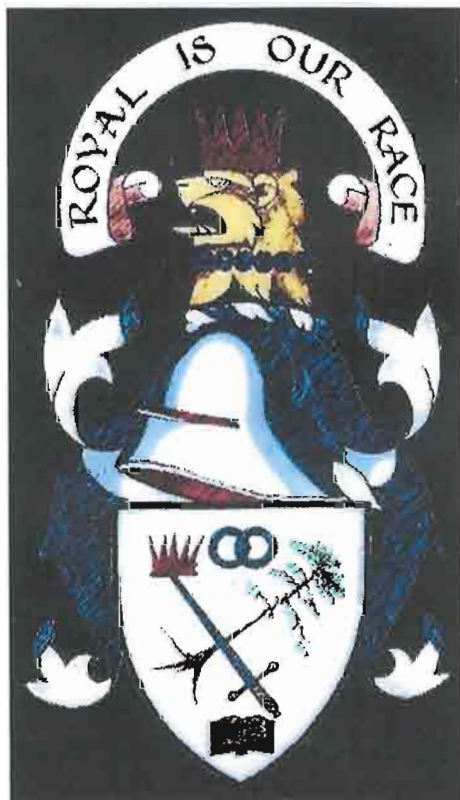
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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**Scottish Tartans Authority**, *continued from page 13*

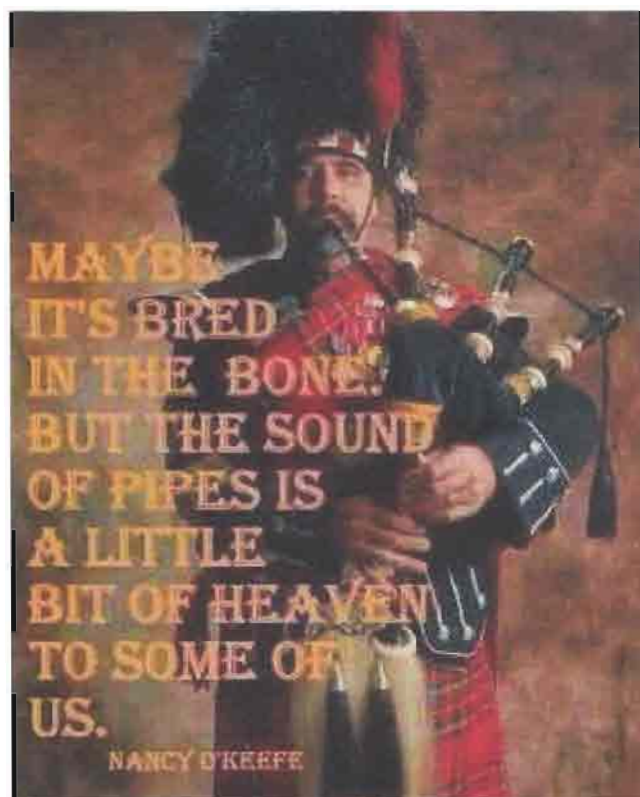
Council and this has included a detailed Options Appraisal on potential site locations for the building. We will unveil more of the details for the project in upcoming months

We will now continue to work with our project partners to move forward with the development phase of the National Tartan Centre. There is still a long way to go but we have made significant progress to realising our ambition to create a home for tartan. We will keep you updated on progress but if you are interested in supporting us with the National Tartan Centre project please get in touch at [grant@tartansauthority.com](mailto:grant@tartansauthority.com).

## AGM - Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Crieff Hydro

Well, it is that time of year again when we look over the past year but also consider what the the future may hold. All of our members are very welcome to attend our Annual General Meeting and we hope that you are able to join us at Crieff Hydro on the 19th of August. The agenda has been sent to all members and we look forward to meeting those of you who can make it to beautiful Crieff.

Anyway, that is all for now folks but we will be in



touch again soon - keeping you up to date with the National Tartan Centre project and plans for a Tartan Marque. Ultimately, letting you know how we are protecting, promoting and preserving Scotland's iconic cloth.

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If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

[www.elliotclan.com](http://www.elliotclan.com)

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

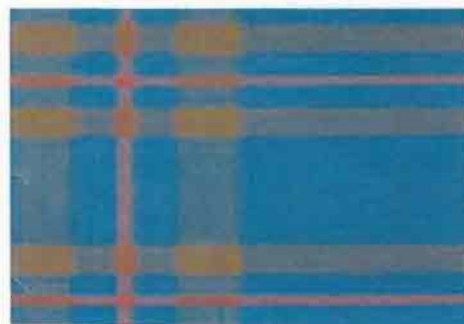
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# CLAN DONALD - ANTRIM

*(Thanks to: Clan Donald Heritage)*

The crest of the MacDonnells (or McDonels) of Antrim is a clenched fist rising out of the crown.

The crown the Antrim crest represents is the Earldom of Antrim granted Randal McDonell in 1620.

The slogan is Old Latin meaning "Perhaps there is Worth in Unity".

*Thanks to: Alexander Neil Macdonald of Clan Donald Queensland, Australia.*



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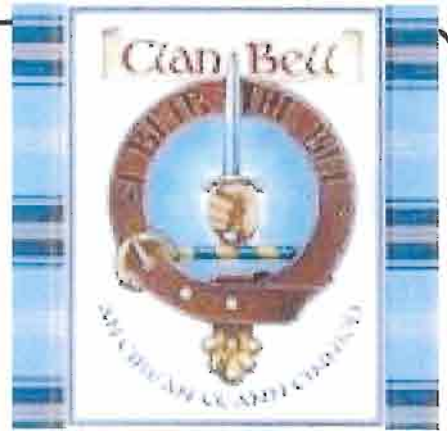
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# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, 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 were “encouraged” to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called “Redcloak” and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America 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.

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

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## Scotch exports in 2015 report

### Global outlook for Scotch Exports worth almost £4bn

Scotch Whisky exports reached £3.86 billion in 2015, with signs of a pick-up after a small decline in recent years.

Export value was down 2.4% last year from £3.95bn in 2014, a slowing from a 7% fall in the previous 12 months.

Total export value is now 56% higher than a decade ago.

It is clear that Scotch Whisky exports continue to deliver and the fundamentals for future growth are strong. <http://bit.ly/292oKVP>



## Growing the Scottish economy

Around 200 people from across the Scotch Whisky industry gathered in Edinburgh in May to call for an ambitious vision to be created for the Scottish economy.

Whisky producers said MSPs and the Scottish Government must work in partnership to ensure Scotch Whisky, and the Scottish economy as a whole, can compete on a global stage.

Scotland Office Minister Andrew Dunlop was the keynote speaker on the day.

Visit <http://bit.ly/292mmiZ> for more information

*Just for fun...*

# POORLY UNDERSTOOD LAWS OF PHYSICS

With thanks to  
Clan Sutherland's  
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**1. Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

**2. Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

**3. Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**4. Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

**5. Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

**6. Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

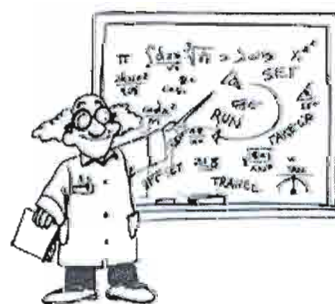
**7. Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**8. Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

**9. Law of Bio-mechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the difficulty of the reach.

**10. Law of the Theater & Sports Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from

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# ClanKeith-USA.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

Septs and spellings include: Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixon - Dixson - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeitch - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will ever make. Hope to see you soon!

**Poorly Understood Physics,**  
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the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for beer, food or the bathroom and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long, gangly legs or big tummies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.



**11. The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

**12. Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers and the other person is someone you dislike.

**13. Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

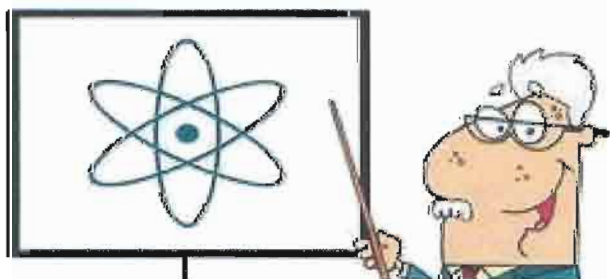
**14. Law of Logical Argument**- Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

**15. Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly, have a hole or are out of style.

**16. Law of Public Speaking** — A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!

**17. Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

**18. Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.



# Clan Munro USA AGM & gathering set for August 2016

Welcome to the 2016 New York Metro Area Gathering of Clan Munro USA!

We are so excited to see everyone this year!! Enjoy the amazing New York Metropolitan area and all that the "Big Apple" has to offer.



In addition to the events that we have planned for you to enjoy; there are also a multitude of things to do and see. The possibilities are limitless!

In addition to our Annual Meeting on Friday morning, on Friday evening, for your enjoyment we have planned a scenic dinner cruise around Manhattan and on Saturday, a trip to Liberty State Park where we will take a ferry past "Lady Liberty" and onto historic Ellis Island where we can explore the history of 12 million immigrants who passed through its halls.

Saturday evening we will have our annual banquet at the Crowne Plaza with cocktail hour & open bar throughout the evening.

Sunday wraps up with the Kirkin' o' the Tartan at our local church.

We will be staying at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located in Englewood, New Jersey located on Route 4 West just over the George Washington Bridge from Manhattan.

This lovely hotel has an indoor pool, fitness center, comfortable rooms, a restaurant, bar, free parking and bus service to local shopping.

Bonus! Breakfast is also included in your room price. Also, it's conveniently located to Metro area airports.

We hope that you will make plans to be with us for this exciting event!!

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# An effort to find Scottish relatives of Hollywood star Marilyn Monroe has begun by Clan Munro USA

Clan Munro USA has begun the search for Marilyn Monroe's Scottish ancestors. The project was begun on 1 June 2016 - which would have been the actress's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The actress's mother, Gladys Pearl Monroe, had ancestral links to Scotland, according to Clan Munro USA.

It believes that an ancestor of Monroe, an alternative spelling of the Scottish surname Munro, was a Highland soldier banished to America in the 1650s.

The society has offered free DNA test kits to Munro men of Highland origin in the hope of learning more.

The star of *Some Like it Hot* died of an overdose at 36 in August 1962.

Since the launch, Clan Munro USA - which is being assisted in its efforts by the Clan Munro Association in Scotland - has started receiving replies to its offer of DNA kits.

It will take several months to complete the testing and analyse the results.

The Hollywood star could have cousins living in Scotland today, says Clan Munro USA

Clan Munro USA hopes to trace Monroe's Scottish roots through YDNA testing. The Y chromosome is only carried by men and is passed virtually unchanged from father to son.

The society has already tracked down and tested a living descendant of Monroe's great grandfather.

The results were compared to the others in its Munro DNA Project, a database of hundreds of samples provided by Munros living all over the world whose family trees have been studied.

The project includes the descendants of Munros from Easter Ross in the Highlands, also the fifth US president James Monroe and Scots soldiers who were imprisoned and then banished to Britain's American colonies after the Battle of Worcester in 1651.

Worcester was the last battle of the English Civil

Wars and involved thousands of Scots combatants.

Texas-based Mark Monroe, of Clan Munro USA, said the YDNA test already done had shown that the Hollywood actress was a descendant of one of those soldiers, said to be a Highlander whose family came from Aldie, near Tain, in the Munro clan's Easter Ross stronghold.

Mr. Monroe said: "The YDNA sample marker values matched with other YDNA samples in the Munro YDNA project that then tied her ancestry to a John Munro who settled in Bristol, Rhode Island, after being captured at the Battle of Worcester in 1651 and banished to America."

"We do not know the ancestry of John Munro, but there are likely male Scots living today who have the same characteristic YDNA marker values and, thus, could prove to be cousins of Marilyn Monroe."



## Rare Scottish Hummingbird finally caught on camera!



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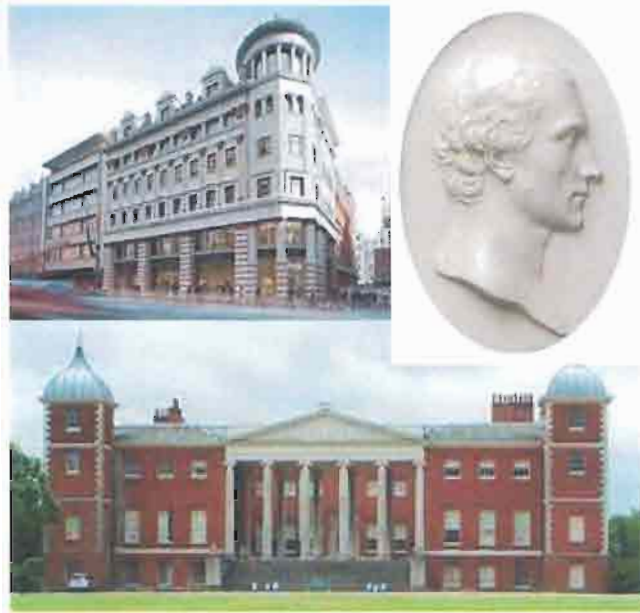
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# Robert Adam architecture display opens at the National Library of Scotland



As part of the ‘**2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design**’ celebrations in Scotland, an exhibition of architectural books by Robert Adam, one of Scotland’s most celebrated architects, has just opened at the National Library of Scotland (NLS) in Edinburgh.

One of the many famous buildings designed by Adam is General Register House in Princes Street, home to the National Records of Scotland.

The exhibition is free and runs until 18 September 2016.

## It’s “Scotland’s Year of Innovation & Design 2016”

Scotland’s Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design in 2016 will be led by VisitScotland and partners including Architecture + Design Scotland, National Museums Scotland, Festival of Architecture 2016 and V & A Museum of Design Dundee. From cutting-edge technology to textiles, architecture and craft, Scotland boasts an outstanding heritage and contemporary practice which continues to inspire audiences across the globe.

The Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016 is a Scottish Government initiative being led by VisitScotland and supported by partners Scottish Government, Creative Scotland, Architecture + Design Scotland, Scottish Tourism Alliance, Scottish Enterprise, The National Trust for Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

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inspire audiences across the globe.

Minister for Tourism Fergus Ewing said: “From our first *Year of Homecoming* in 2009 to 2015’s *Year of Food and Drink*, the people of Scotland and our visitors have had the opportunity to enjoy our most valuable and celebrated assets. To build on this momentum, the *2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design* events fund will be used to deliver a series of events that take place across the country and throughout the year to celebrate all that is great about Scotland.”

2016 will be an exciting year. The Festival of Architecture will connect Scottish communities and visitors with architecture through events

and exhibitions Scotland-wide. The National Museum of Scotland turns 150 years old and will reopen ten new galleries showcasing Scotland’s internationally important collections of decorative art, design, fashion, science and technology.

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# Free family classes at the National Library of Scotland now through September

The National Library of Scotland (NLS) has announced dates and times for its next series of family history workshops. There are three general workshops, one workshop on using maps for family and local history, and another workshop on using online newspapers for historical research. Places for all five workshops can be booked by visiting <http://www.nls.uk/contact>. The dates and times of these workshops are listed below.

- ◆ Discovering family history at the Library - Wednesday 10 August, 18.00;
- ◆ Maps for family and local history - Thursday 11 August, 14.00;
- ◆ Discovering family history at the Library - Tuesday 6 September, 14.30.

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Arts organisation NVA's plans to resuscitate Kilmahew woodland and modernist icon St Peter's seminary will commence with public art event Hinterland to launch the *Festival of Architecture 2016* and the creation of the new V & A Dundee will gain pace.

You can find the official homepage for the *Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design* at [visitscotland.com/IAD2016](http://visitscotland.com/IAD2016)

## Edinburgh Doors Open Day

Take this opportunity to learn more about the National Library of Scotland and the history of the building. See behind the scenes, including a rare visit to the 'void', an underground space below George IV Bridge. Tours will take place throughout the day and will last approximately 1 hour.

Booking is essential as spaces are limited and please let us know if you have any special access requirements.

Saturday 24 September  
9.30, 11.00, 12.30,  
14.00, 15.30

Free. Book Edinburgh Doors Open Day on Eventbrite or phone 0131 623 3734.





# Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2016





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