

## Scottish fire service issues wildfire risk warning as temps rise



The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has warned there is a risk of high intensity surface fires in the east of the country over the weekend.

A forecast of warm weather and increasing wind speeds could lead to fires burning and spreading with moderate to high intensity over Saturday and Sunday, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) said.

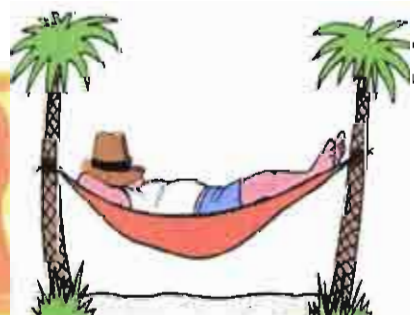
In a joint warning with the Scottish Wildfire Forum, it said Easter Ross, Inverness-

shire and Morayshire are most at risk, with wind speeds highest on Saturday.

Area commander Bruce Farquharson, the SFRS wildfire lead, said: "We are in the height of summer and with the warm forecast for the weekend it could bring with it the potential for wildfires, which can devastate vast areas of land and wildlife.

"As always, we would urge people who live within the high-risk regions to be extremely careful.

*National Lazy Day August 10, 2020*





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# **National Lazy Day! August 20, 2021**

**A day when you  
can do anything  
you wish to do!**

**HAVE FUN! ALASTAIR,  
TOM AND BETH**





## Letter from your editor...

# WHAT TO DO WITH NATIONAL LAZY DAY?

I will admit, I did not even know there was a National Lazy Day until just a little bit ago when, searching for a day to celebrate amongst all the things on the Internet, I found it!

Holy Cow Wow! My mind started whirling and twirling and sending ideas to the rest of me!

Lazy day to me = a day to do exactly what you want to do! Anything!

What kind of list would you make?

See if yours is similar to mine.

I will get out my list of close friends phone numbers that I miss so much and call them all!

I am excited about that! There is nothing so wonderful as talking with a dear friend, laughing and even crying sometimes, but for me to just to hear their voices is beyond wonderful!

My goodness, I can catch up on the ironing! OK, we don't have much ironing anymore, but I still hate to see it sitting there looking at me with wrinkled faces! Yes! I can get that done.

Oh, my goodness! My studio has been set up downstairs for years and I even have collected used canvases from thrift stores so I can PAINT! If I paint a ground on those canvases now, I'll be all set on August 10!

I adore to become absorbed in a painting. I can start envisioning my painting now as that has always been my modus operandi. I know exactly what I wish to paint - the most beautiful place in Scotland to me, the lovely Loch Glengarry. I've thought about this painting for so long I know every brush stroke, I think. Wheeeee.

When Marti and I were in Scotland so long ago, I had water colours with me and did little painting sketches using the water of wherever we were. What fun that was! I don't reckon I have time on

the upcoming Lazy Day to do that, do I?

During my own personal celebration of National Lazy Day, I will devote some time to polishing silver. I love to do that - instant gratification - but work comes first, so my silver gets to looking pretty ratty.

I think I might need to declare a week of lazy days or maybe Lazy Day Month!

I've collected copper all of my life and I don't get to play amongst it very often. My fingernails turn green for awhile, but that's ok. I love polishing copper, too!

Tom's donkey, Piper - Bagpipes on the Hoof, could really use a good brushing! That's a great Lazy Day activity!

Harry Reginald Cat Freeman (See him at top left. He's the one with pointy ears.) will surely claim some time on my Lazy Day. He LOVES to have massages everywhere and likes them when they are at least half an hour long. (Tom does the long ones, I just give him a pat and a promise most of the time.)

Oh, my. I just realized the condition of our old Scottish furniture. It is all calling to me for "Polish! Polish! Polish!" That is such fun to do!

I am a neat housekeeper but not a particularly dust-free one. I am truly up to my ears in alligators most of the time creating publications of one kind or another, so, eight years between moving furniture to clean behind it is rather commonplace around here. Perhaps I can squeeze in moving the refrigerator which has not been moved since 2012.

Tom and my friend, Jeri, bought me a wonderful Martha Josey Barrel Racing Saddle some years ago. I would love to spend some time rubbing saddle oil into this leather work of art, too.

What are you going to do on National Lazy Day?

Remember, it's a day for you to choose to do your most favorite things! Work is not work when you love it!

# Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [[www.elandavidsonusa.com](http://www.elandavidsonusa.com)] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [[sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net)].





Elaine Davidson sent along some pictures of the Clan Davidson Society at this years' Grandfather Mountain Highland Games!

She reported a good crowd and a lot of enthusiasm from everyone!



If your clan attended Grandfather Mountain and you have some photos, send them along to [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) Everyone wants to see games a'goin' on again!

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# Clan Home Society, International

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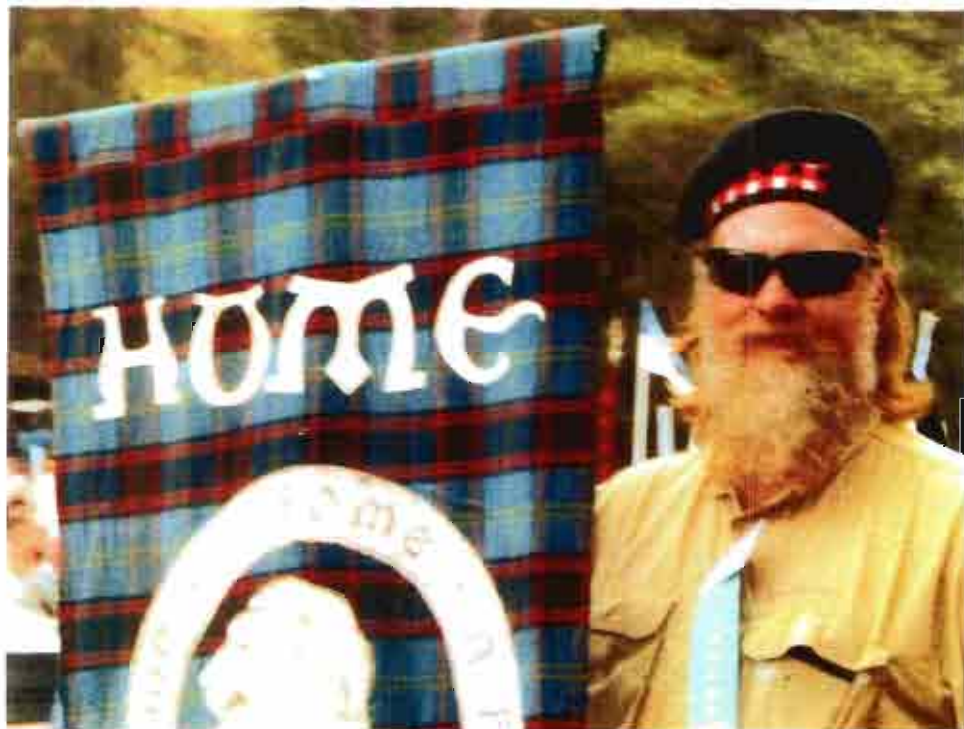
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# Scottish Society of Indianapolis

## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Summer is here and it has brought a various range of weather conditions. We hope you are enjoying your time as much as possible.

Make sure you are getting vaccinated and getting ready for the new changes that are coming for all of us in the state right now.

The SSI online meetings via Zoom are still happening and we would like everyone to join us if possible. The meetings that take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month will be starting at 7:30 PM EST for social hour, announcements and other items that need to be addressed. Presentation will begin at 8:00 PM

EST.

Please make sure to note these changes. These changes are via the newsletter and our social media sites.

Our attendance has been steady and the viewing of the recorded meetings have been growing as well.

We are looking into having in-person meetings soon, but we are not sure when they will happen.

Thank you for the support and staying with this organization during these hard times. Stay healthy, stay safe.

*Sarah Rae, 2021 SSI Trustee Member/Presidential Assistant & Newsletter Editor*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORDER OF THE UNICORN RECIPIENTS.

### SAMUEL AND REBECCA LAWSON!

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis Board of Trustees presented a new award that is great service, commitment for above and beyond with the society.

This new award was presented to Samuel and Rebecca Lawson.

With this special award, they were also presented with a lifetime family membership to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

They were surprised. They then thanked the Board for this honor.



## *Scots of North Georgia* march in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Marietta, GA

Bill Boyd's group of Scottish folk impressively marched in the 4th of July Parade in downtown Marietta.

*More photos page 9*

# The Clan Skene

Association, Inc.



The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and Septs Carison, Carney/Carnie, Curriehill, Dyas, Dyce, Dyer, Hall, Halyard/Hallyard, MacGaillard, Rennie & Skains



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# Scots of North Georgia participate in Marietta (GA) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!

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**Bill Boyd**

The Scots of North Georgia celebrated their Scottish ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War to secure the freedom of the United States of America, in the “Let Freedom Ring” Fourth of July parade at Marietta, Georgia.

Did you know Scots made up 30% of the fighting force in the battle for independence in the Revolutionary War?

The parade was held on Saturday, July 3. This year’s parade group of Scots, represented clans Boyd, MacKay, MacDonald, Graham, Burnett, Moncreiffe, Farquahrson, and Allen.

Special guests joining in the parade were: Lord John Allen, personal representative in the United States for the Clan MacKay Chief. Aeneas Simon MacKay, 15<sup>th</sup> Lord Reay and Richard Graham and his wife Kate, North American Chieftain of Clan Graham. Richard Graham represents His Grace, James Graham, 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Montrose and Chief of Clan Graham.

Also representing Clan Graham was Bob Nethery, Clan Treasurer, who acted as the Arms Bearer for Richard Graham.

Representing Clan Moncreiffe was William Tew, Past President, Kelsey Tew, Clan Treasurer and their son Johnathan.

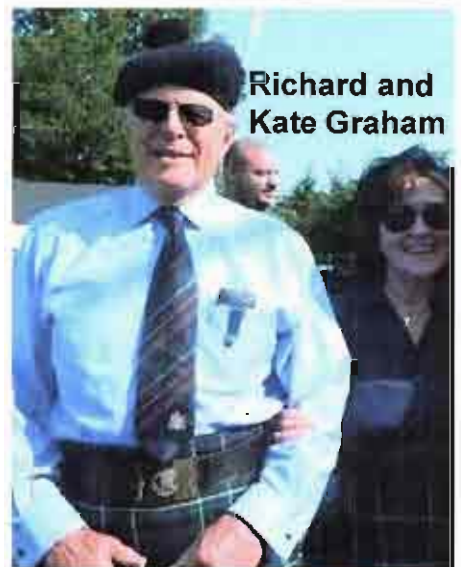
This was the second time that this unit participated in the parade, first in 2018. There was no parade in 2019 and 2020. “We had a great time and the crowd enjoyed our recorded bagpipe music and cheered us on.”

“We are looking forward to forming a unit again in 2022. We are trying to get live pipers, and perhaps some Scottish dancers, and additional riding space for those who cannot walk the length of the

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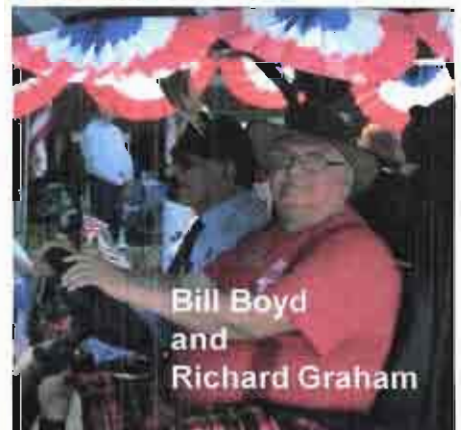
**Bob Nethery**



**Richard and Kate Graham**



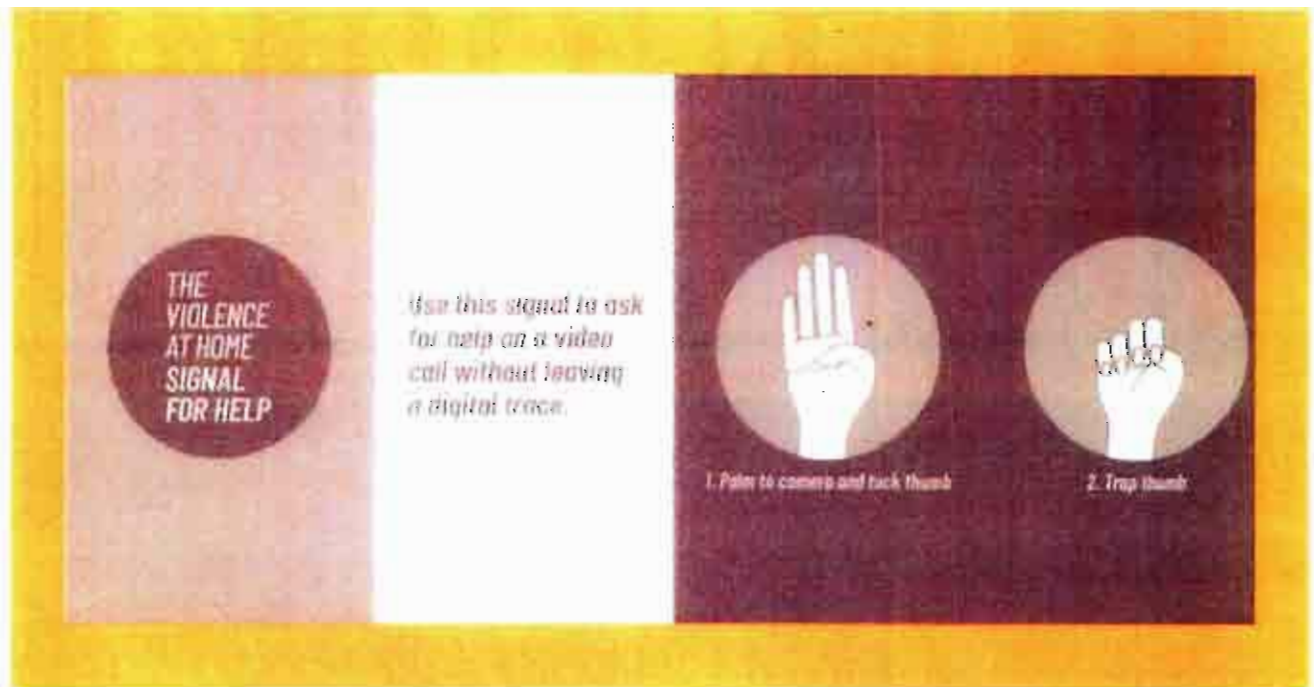
**The Scots of North Georgia on parade!**



**Bill Boyd and Richard Graham**

# IMPORTANT

**This has become known as a signal for “help me” in any situation.**



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and teach them to do this.  
Please alert everyone.**

Visit this YouTube video at:

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*With many thanks to Steve Kelley.*

## Scots of North Georgia,

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parade. We will also be looking for representation from additional Clans and Societies.”

The parade had TV coverage by Cobb County TV and was streamed live on the Government Access channel and can be replayed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQBqNc36mQ>. The announcement of our unit starts at about 40 minutes and 40 seconds into the recording.

If you have any interest in joining us in the parade in 2022, contact Bill Boyd, email [billboyd27@gmail.com](mailto:billboyd27@gmail.com), or phone 770-971-1322.

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Identities of those in Scots of North Georgia photo on page 7: (L-r front row) Richard Graham, Kate Graham, Kendrick Allen, Gale Evans, Joseph Waite, Kady Allen, Johnathan Tew;

Back l-r, Jessica Allen, Lord John Allen, Lillian Boyd (holding George), Bill Boyd, William Tew, Kelsey Tew, Autumn Burnett. Holding flag in back is Bob Nethery.

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Everyone who participated in the Marietta 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade representing the Scots of North Georgia: Bill Boyd - Clan Boyd. Lillian Boyd - Clan Boyd and she brought her dog, George. Gale Evans - Clan Farquharson. Allen Evans - Clan Farquharson. Richard Graham, North American Chieftan -Clan Graham. Kate Graham - wife of Richard, Clan Graham. Bob Nethery - Treasurer, Clan Graham. Lord John Allen - Special Representative of the Chief of Clan MacKay. Jessica Allen - wife of Lord John - Clan MacKay. Kendrick and Kayden Allen, Autumn Burnett - children of Lord John Allen and Jessica. William Tew - Past President of Clan Moncreiffe. Kelsey Tew- Treasurer of Clan Moncreiffe. Johnathan Sterling Tew - son of William and Kelsey Tew - Clan Moncreiffe. Joseph Waite - Clan Donald.



## Sir Billy Connolly announces return to TV after Parkinson's diagnosis



The comedian is set to look back at his five decades of stand-up in a new series for comedy channel, Gold.

The five-part programme, titled

*Billy Connolly Does...* will see the Scottish comedian reflect on his views on life since he began his career in the 1960s.

Each of the episodes will focus on a different aspect of Billy's life, ranging from work, love, marriage and his childhood.

It will be filmed at his Florida home that he shares with his wife, Pamela Stephenson.

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**The owners unleashed this dog when their house caught fire. They ran out, but the dog went back in to save the kitten...**





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# The Reminiscences of Charlotte, Lady Wake

## *"Removing Birthmarks"*

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and Alastair McIntyre

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"Having been born with marks of fruit on my face, the medical men considered that they were caused by aneurism, and required an operation which must have left me scarred for life. . . .

Our old nurse, Effie, had arrived at a different conclusion. She was convinced of the truth of the popular belief that a dead man's hand laid upon my cheek and brow would effectually remove the marks. . . .

An old man at last did die in one of the nearest cottages. I must have been taken there asleep, as no child would have forgotten it, had she been carried awake to the bed of the dead man and seen and felt his cold hand placed on her face; and I was old enough to have remembered it, for I have the most distinct recollection of being constantly stopped in our walks by the widow, who always examined my cheek in order to ascertain the state of her husband's body in the grave,—as the marks, as she



told my nurse, would certainly fade away as he turned into dust. . . . Whatever the cause of the cure, the red marks faded away as I grew older, and in time disappeared."

—*The Reminiscences of Lady Wake*.  
1909.

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*This reminds your editor of the old saying, "Go to the doctor and your cold takes 7 to 10 days to get well. Don't go to the doctor and your cold takes from a week to a week and a half to disappear."*

*The Scottish Cloutie Wells operated on the same principle. "If you sprain your ankle, a doctor can make it better in about six weeks. Do nothing and it will be better in a month and a half!"*

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# Family Reunions and Genealogical Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Family reunions can be beneficial for genealogists and historians.

Some families hold annual reunions on the same date and at the same location. Those who follow this pattern often choose a location that has some symbolic connection to the family or an important event that impacted the family.

Others vary their dates and locations to attract the widest possible number of participants.

While many reunions are held during the summer months, these events can occur at any time during the year.

Reunions can have a variety of themes. From a historical perspective, a typical reunion invitation list may include grandparents and great-grandparents, as well as parents, siblings, and cousins.

Many family reunions are sponsored by family organizations or associations. The primary goal under these circumstances is to encourage discussion and pride in the history and achievements of family members, both past and present.

Members of the older generations share their memories and stories. These memories and stories often answer many questions concerning deceased family members and the events that impacted their lives. Successful reunions of this nature not only encourage interaction among all age groups, but educating the younger generation about family history.

Pre-reunion planning for activities is of utmost importance. The most successful reunions, from a historical and/or genealogical perspective, are those that allow family members to spend as much time as possible

with each other while they are together.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is a rare occasion when all members of a family gather in the same venue for any length of time. The event planner should design activities that necessitate having family members do things together, but give participants opportunities to talk quietly among themselves, rather than over planning the activities.

There are numerous books and Internet sites devoted to family reunions. They cover every aspect of the planning process and most include a listing of activities that are specifically designed to ensure maximum levels of personal interaction.

Both book and Internet sources will provide greater detail for each of the options, and usually feature illustrations, instructions, and other information.

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## Internet Sources of Interest

\* Family Reunion Planning .Info. – Family Reunion Planning Apps and Books  
<<http://www.familyreunionplanning.info/>>

\* Family Search Wiki – Family Reunions  
<[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/family\\_Reunions](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/family_Reunions)>

\* Maydem, Janet - Family History Daily – Plan a Family Reunion in Just t 7 days With This Simple Guide  
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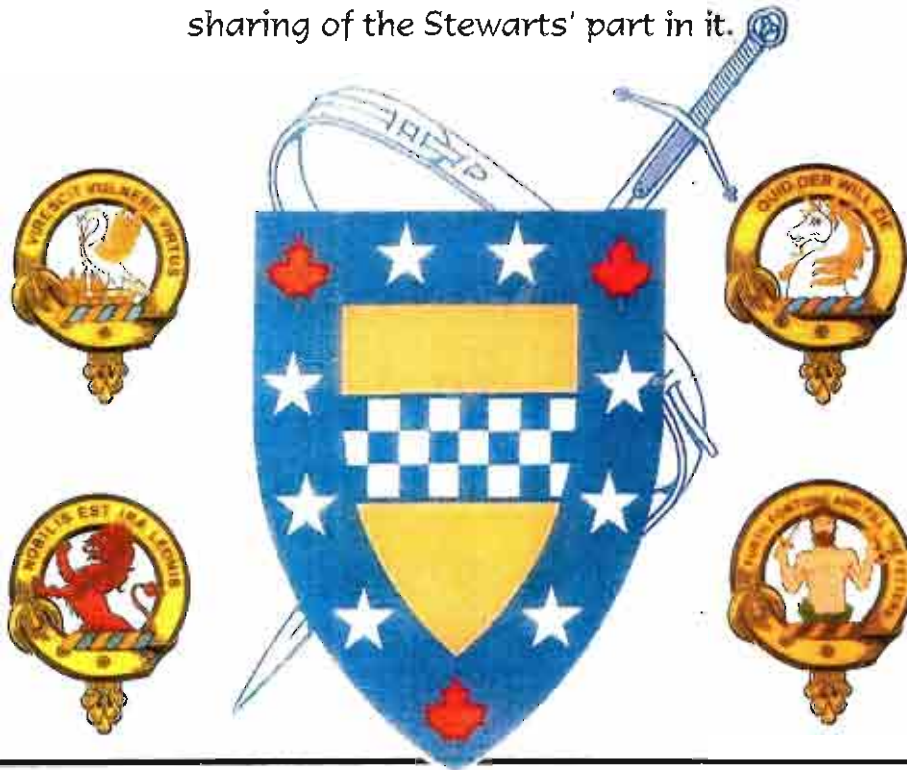
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# Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc.

501(c)(3) Not For Profit Organization dedicated to the preservation of Scottish Heritage and History and the sharing of the Stewarts' part in it.



The Stewart dynasty descended from King Robert I's daughter and her husband, Walter the Steward. Despite early unrest and weak government caused by several Stewart kings succeeding as minors, the dynasty flourished for over three centuries.

During this time, Scotland moved forward to become a modern and prosperous nation. Stewart monarchs such as King James IV and VI were Renaissance patrons of artistic, scientific, commercial, religious and political endeavour, sponsoring figures including the poet, Robert Henryson, and humanist, George Buchanan.

Also of significance was the arrival in the mid-sixteenth century of the Reformation movement, bringing about the replacement of Catholic Mary Queen of Scots by her son King James VI.

It was through the Stewart dynasty that the two thrones of England and Scotland - and later the governments - came to be united.

The 'Marriage of the Thistle and the Rose' took place at Stirling Castle in 1503 between King James IV and Princess Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.

This union of the Scottish and English Royal families eventually led in 1603 to the succession of a Stewart (now with a change of spelling) to the throne of England.

CSSA is represented at approximately 40 Scottish/Celtic events around the country each year. We are always looking for folks with our passion to volunteer to start more.

We also have a presence on the Internet with a website, <[clansstewart.org](http://clansstewart.org)> (official) and a Facebook page listed as *Clan Stewart Society in America* (unofficial).

Though we have maintained our low annual \$25 membership, we are still able to sponsor trophies for dance, drums and pipes and establish scholarships for institutions providing cultural Scottish curriculums and we also sponsor the competition of a record-holding female athlete.

For CSSA membership information: <[clansstewart.org](http://clansstewart.org)> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)



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< <https://family.lovetoknow.com/family-activities/family-reunion-planning-tips-checklist> >

\*Rodriguez, Campbell - Checklist.com – Family Reunion Checklist

< <https://checklist.com/family-reunion-checklist> >

\*Snyder, Mary – *Family Tree Magazine* – 10 Steps For How to Organize a family Reunion With Success

< <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/reunions/10-steps-to-family-reunion-success/> >

For more information on this topic, feel free to contact me with any questions. A more detailed study guide is also available free upon request.

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*If I may interject an idea or two for your next genealogical family reunion, it was my great joy and pleasure to work for many years with The Descendants of Simon Gay Family Reunion down in Moultrie, Georgia.*

*That is a huge family. Sometimes we would have over 1000 people show up over the weekend.*

*There were 10 sons of "our" Simon Gay. In the invitation we sent out every year, we would include a family group sheet and a pedigree chart.*

*We would list the 10 children and ask that the recipient mark to whom his or her family belonged.*

*We would also ask for everyone to fill out at least one pedigree chart and family group sheet and even more (They could make copies of the forms.) if they wished.*

*We would ask that everyone bring their charts to the reunion.*

*We had many folks working together on their genealogy over that weekend.*

*We had a handwritten chart of the information we had on the family - and this chart was VERY long and wide. Each person could find where they belonged on the family tree.*

*One moneymaker we did each year was for the family reunion committee to make an originally designed quilt to be auctioned off.*

*Our reunion committee had such fun and made lifelong friends - even those of us who were not related by blood became real family.*

*Of all the things I miss from Moultrie, the family reunion is the one I miss most.*

*The Gay Family came from Scotland (Clan Gayre) so we would have Highland Dancers, a Pipe Band or other Scottish entertainment on Sunday!*



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**Lt. Col. Robert Gayre of Nigg, Chief of the Clan Gayre**



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## Genealogical Reunions, *continued from page 17*

*Before I moved away from Moultrie, the committee and members of the family worked and earned enough money to have a very large and impressive granite cemetery marker with a Celtic Cross made for "our" Simon Gay. When the marker was installed, we had a ceremony complete with piper and men in military uniforms from the American Revolution onwards to honor Mr. Gay.*

*The flowers and greenery on Henry Simon Gay's marker were not from a flo-*

*rist, but made by family members from wild things and were so beautiful.*

*We did all kinds of fun and interesting things. If you'd like more information about that reunion, just email me. Somewhere, I have an article I wrote on how to do a reunion like that. I'll see if I can find it.*

*I sent via USPS all of the paperwork I had done as genealogist for the group back to Moultrie and the Gay family a long time ago.*

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older...this is not  
what I expected.



John Cody used to do cartoons for me every issue of *The Family Tree*, which I did for about 17 years while working on south Georgia.

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## Declaration of Independence 1776

- all men are created equal
- certain inalienable rights, life, liberty
- we mutually pledge our lives
- deriving just power from the consent of gov.
- ...the right to alter or abolish...
- ...history of repeated injury, death, desolation
- ...sent...swarms of officers to harass our people
- A prince whose character...may define a tyrant
- merciless Indian savages
- ...plundered our seas...burnt out towns
- ...destruction of all ages
- ...absolved of all allegiance to the British Crown
- appealing to...Supreme Judge...for the rectitude...
- ...with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence

## Declaration of Independence 1776

- usurpations...direct object...tyranny
- with firm reliance...of Divine Providence
- we mutually pledge to each other
- our lives, our fortunes

## Preamble to the Constitution of US 1787

- We the people
- in order to form a more perfect union
- establish justice
- insure domestic tranquility
- provide for the common defense
- promote the common welfare
- ...secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity
- do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States



## Declaration of Arbroath 1320

- nor distinction Jew, Greek, English or Scot
- we fight for liberty alone which no good man loses but with his life.
- we will maintain even to the death
- must reign...due consent of us all
- ...expel him as our enemy...subverter of our rights
- perpetrated...injury, slaughters, deeds of violence
- ...unfriendlywise harassed our Kingdom
- this prince perpetrated...these evils innumerable
- the most savage tribes
- plundering, burnings
- sparing no age or sex
- For so long as a hundred remain alive, we will never ...be subject to the domination of the English
- to Him, as the Supreme King and Judge
- (by the help of) Divine Providence

## The National Covenant 1638

- usurped authority of...all tyrannous laws
- we call on the Living God to witness...and bless
- to the mutual defense...everyone...to another
- with our means and our lives

## National Covenant & Ordaining Act 1638-9

- we noblemen, barons, gentlemen, burgesses, ministers and commons
- considering the great happiness...and perfect union
- judicatories...established...among us
- procure true and perfect peace
- stand to the mutual defense
- for the common happiness to conduce for so good ends and promote the same
- secure liberties to ourselves/our posterity
- do ordain the Covenant and Constitution of this the Kingdom

The Mark of the Scots by Duncan A. Bruce compares two Scottish documents, "The Declaration of Arbroath" (April 6, 1320) and "The National Covenant" (1638) with our own Declaration of Independence (1776) and the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States (1787).



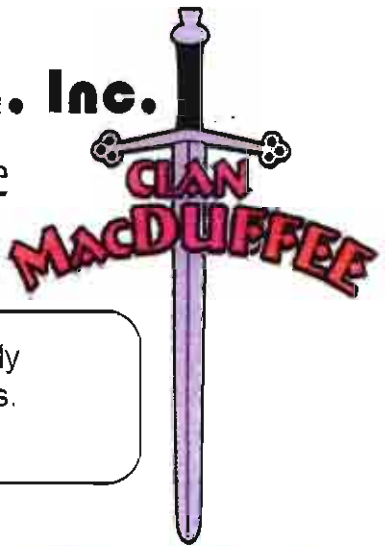
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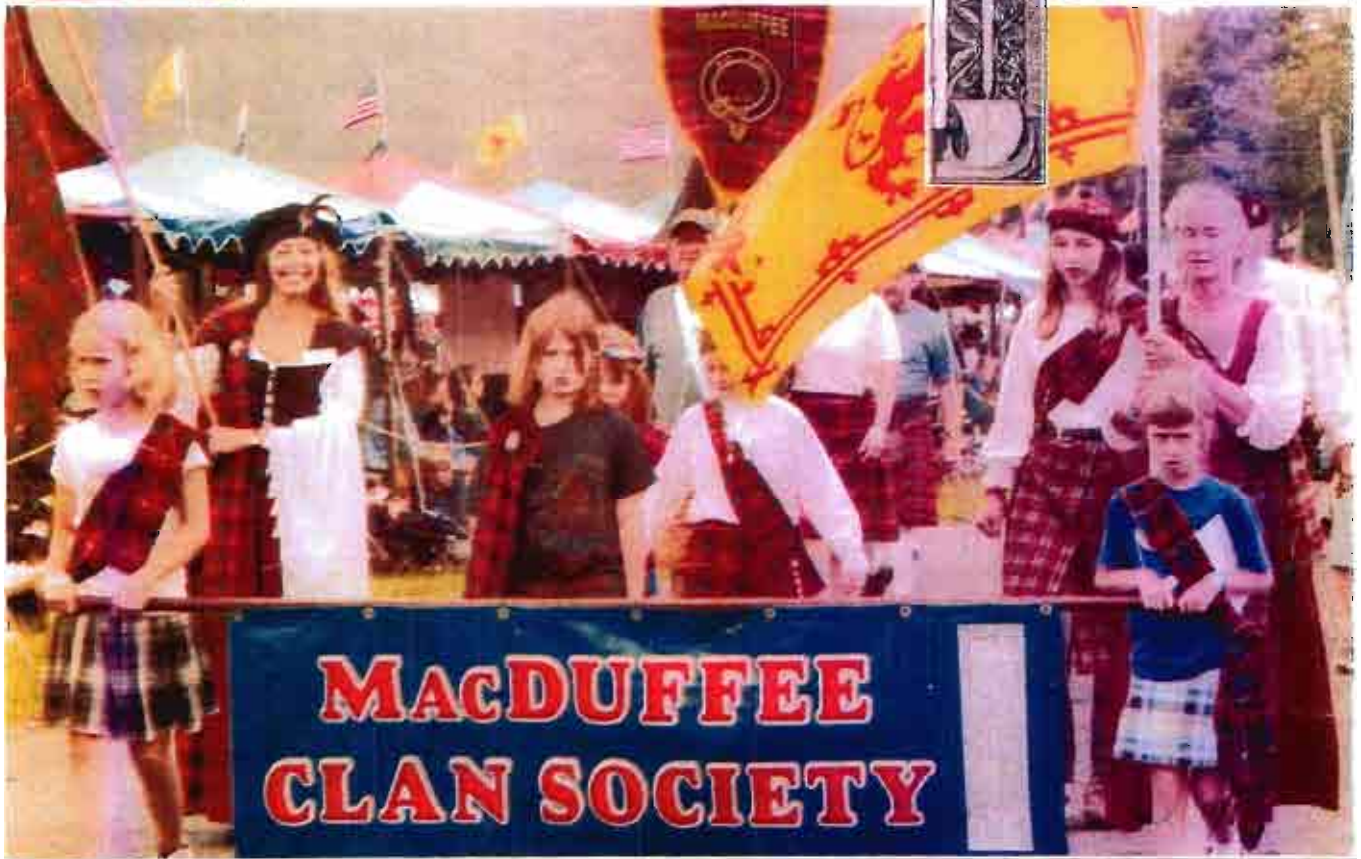


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**Ralph ("Rick") Mason Sinclair, Jr.**, age 70 went to be with the Lord on June 12th, 2021.

**Rick** was the oldest son of JoAnne Henderson and **Ralph Mason Sinclair**.

He was born in Nashville,

Tennessee. and was a lifelong lover of family, friends, his church community, nature and all things related to Scotland.

He fondly remembered taking both of his children on "pilgrimage" to visit Castle Sinclair Girnigoe and Rosslyn Chapel. He was a member of the Clan Sinclair.

He attended Lipscomb University and earned his PhD in Environmental Science from Vanderbilt University. He dedicated his career to preserving the environment of Tennessee.

One of his proudest professional achievements was overseeing the expansion of Tennessee's state parks as Deputy Commissioner.

His favorite role, however, was "Ranger Rick," a

beloved granddad teaching kids to love and experience nature through his eyes.

He is survived by his wife, Vaughn Gaston Sinclair of Nashville; daughter, Virginia Sinclair Gardner (Mike) of Nashville and their two children (Andrew and Vaughnie); and son, Hunter Sinclair (Emily) of Memphis and their children (Mary Bryce, Ford, Gracie and Maggie); and siblings John Sinclair, Mark Sinclair, and Jana Sinclair.



It is with sadness that I must inform you all, that my father, **John Alva Carrico, Jr.**, former Wyoming Clan Sinclair Commissioner, passed away on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

For those not aware: My mother, **Jacqueline Joanne Willis Carrico**

passed away on May 1st, 2016. They are survived by myself, Brian David Carrico & my wife Lois Marie Carrico, our eight children and 13 grandchildren.

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# Hidden doorway revealed at Culzean caves



Archaeologists working for the National Trust for Scotland have uncovered the remains of a medieval doorway leading into the caves underneath Culzean Castle on the Ayrshire coast.

The team of volunteer archaeologists spent last week helping investigate the caves as part of one of the conservation charity's Thistle Camp working holidays. In addition to finding the doorway, results have been obtained that indicate the caves were occupied

in the Iron Age.

Derek Alexander, Head of Archaeological Services for the Trust, said: 'We're really excited about this discovery and the results of the excavation so far.

We knew there was a wall and doorway

at the mouth of the Castle Cave but there was nothing at the entrance of the Stables Cave. A couple of stones on the surface suggested there might have been a wall.

'Imagine our surprise when we found two sides of a doorway surviving up to 8 courses high buried to a depth of about 1 metre. The doorway is quite wide, measuring 1.1m across, and could have been secured with a draw bar.

'We've also just received a radiocarbon date from a sample taken last year which shows that the caves were occupied in the Iron Age. The sample of charcoal from the lowest midden deposit in the upper chamber in Castle Cave was submitted to the SUERC laboratory and produced a date of AD135-325. This is similar to a date from the Gazebo Court on top of the cliff above the cave but it's the earliest dated evidence from the caves.'

Christine McPherson, Thistle Camp leader, said:

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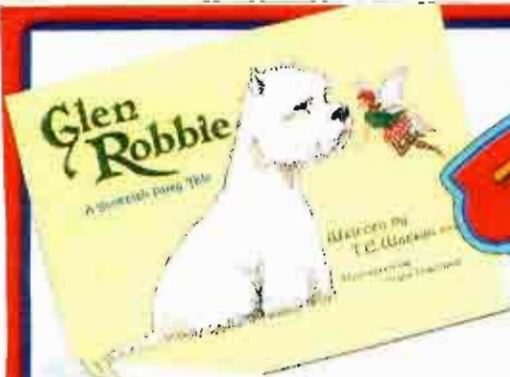
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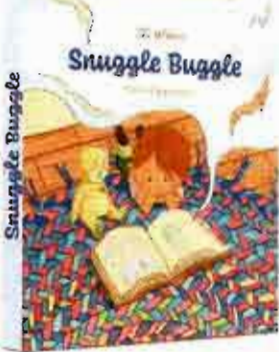
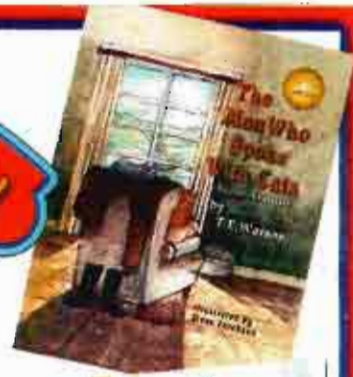
*Its other characteristics include a thick bone, strong, round hooves, intelligence, and exceptional memory.*

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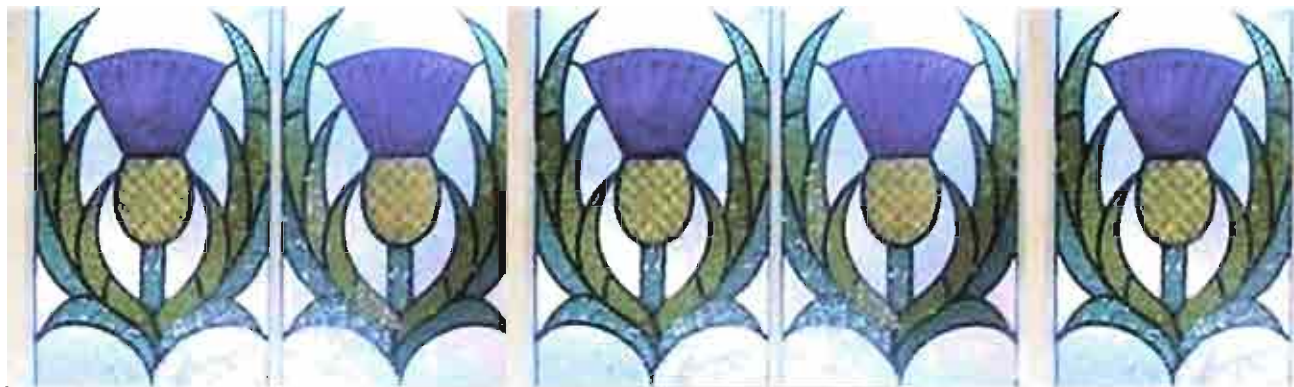


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## Archaeology at Culzean Castle, *continued from page 27*

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‘We found lots of modern pottery, glass and some 18<sup>th</sup>-century wine bottles. An iron strip may have been part of the door hinge or fittings.’

Lucas Merz, a volunteer from Berlin, said: ‘I’ve never done archaeology before. It has been a great experience. Working in the caves is very special.’

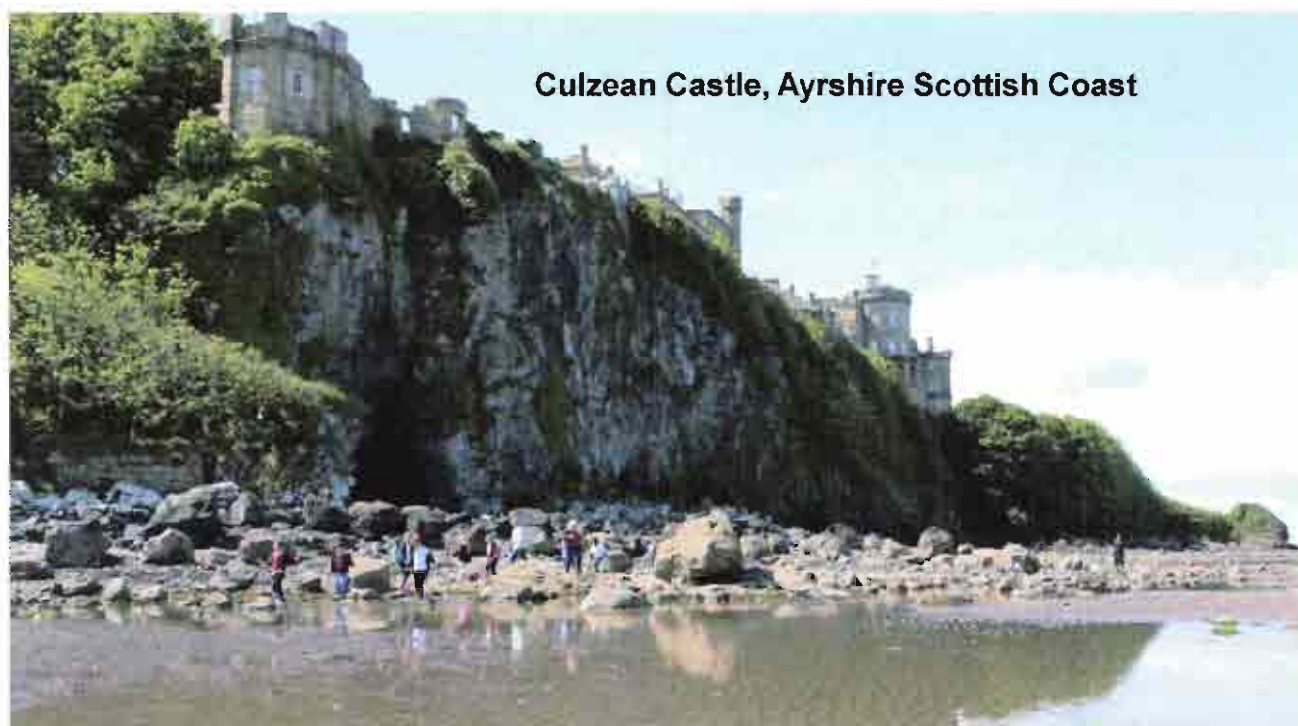
Every year hundreds of Thistle Camp volunteers get involved in carrying out vital conservation work that protects Scotland’s national and natural treasures.

Culzean Castle & Country Park, on the coast near Ayr, is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Scotland, yet few visitors realise that this famous castle was built over a warren of caves. There are two sets: one is below the stables, which is open to the public; the other is below the castle and has a stone frontage and barred entrances.

Following recent archaeological investigations into the caves, the Trust is keen to improve access as part of the visitor experience at Culzean.

Ian Cornforth, Culzean Head Ranger, said: ‘These results will help inform our interpretation of Culzean and the human activity in the caves. There are so many stories to tell here and share with our visitors.’

Derek Alexander, Head of Archaeology, continued: ‘The stone walling that defends both sets of caves belongs to the medieval castle, probably dating to the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> century. They were used as cellars for storage before Robert Adam converted the castle to the picturesque mansion in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. There are many tales associated with the caves, which include ghosts, smugglers and hiding fugitives.’



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Even for those who might be skeptical of the culinary appeal, one has to admire the logistics of deep-frying a liquid. It would be easy to simply fry a beer-based batter, but fried beer keeps the brew—Guinness, to be specific—intact while frying the pretzel dough around it. This is no easy task. It took Zable three years to figure it out.

Although he won't reveal the exact recipe, speed is key. Each nugget of beer-filled dough should be deep-fried for no more than 20 seconds.

And just how does it taste? Zable says, "It tastes like you took a bite of hot pretzel dough and then took a drink of beer."

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**Al, Dorna & Ralph at  
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# Hikers watch on in amazement as tiny Scots toddler conquers Ben Nevis

*The adventurous three-year-old now can't wait to bag his next Munro.*



A Scots toddler has been hailed a "superhero" by fellow climbers after he made it to the top of Scotland's highest mountain with his mum on his first-ever hillwalking trip.

Kohan John David Gibson was eventually applauded by the other hikers who spotted him smiling away as he reached the summit of *Ben Nevis*.

The brave three-year-old, who hails from Keltie in Fife, enjoyed plenty of snacks and even a snowball fight on his way to the top and now can't wait to take on his next Munro.

Proud mum Stacey Caino Sommerville, 31, had recently bagged her own first Munro on a trip to *Ben Lomond* when a family friend asked if she would like to join them camping with the kids - and maybe even give climbing *Ben Nevis* a go.

Stacey, who runs her own cleaning business, said: "I said yes and told the wee one, and he was so excited about going to climb a mountain."

The delighted mum added that the trip to the summit and back took about 12 hours, with the group taking plenty of stops to make sure Kohan was enjoying himself the whole way without being pushed too hard.

She said: "Kohan was amazing, we had a few stops on the way up to have snacks but he kept telling me to take pictures of him and he was singing away."

"I honestly didn't think he was going to make it the full way, and said to my friend I'd be happy if we make it to half way."

"But when we got to the half way point after a

snack we continued walking, he said a few times that he wanted to go back down but then quickly changed his mind.

"We just took our time and continued our climb, when we had a snowball fight near the

top he was loving life, and when we finally reached the top he was full of smiles. He got a bit shy at the point where everyone was cheering for him and praising him for doing so well."

The adventurous little hiker even exclaimed on the way back down that he wanted to climb another one, with Stacey joking that he'd have to climb back down this one first.

Stacey thanked the fellow climbers who made him feel on top of the world with their cheering, adding that their words of encouragement kept him smiling and kept him going.

She added: "The response was amazing from people. They were calling him a superhero, cheering him on and telling him he's such an amazing little boy. It made me feel so proud with all the good things people were saying to us on the way up and down."

The pair are now looking ahead to their next adventure, with *Ben Vorlich* in the Highlands on the list.



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South and the Home Two Suites by Hilton Bellevue.

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*If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.*

With thanks to my actual beloved cousin, James Porter!

# The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs,  
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and those interested in those surnames.

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from the United States Federal Income Taxes.

On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms to the right of this paragraph. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families. 2. To provide for the preservation of all armstrong artifacts unique to the family. 3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public. 4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*. 5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

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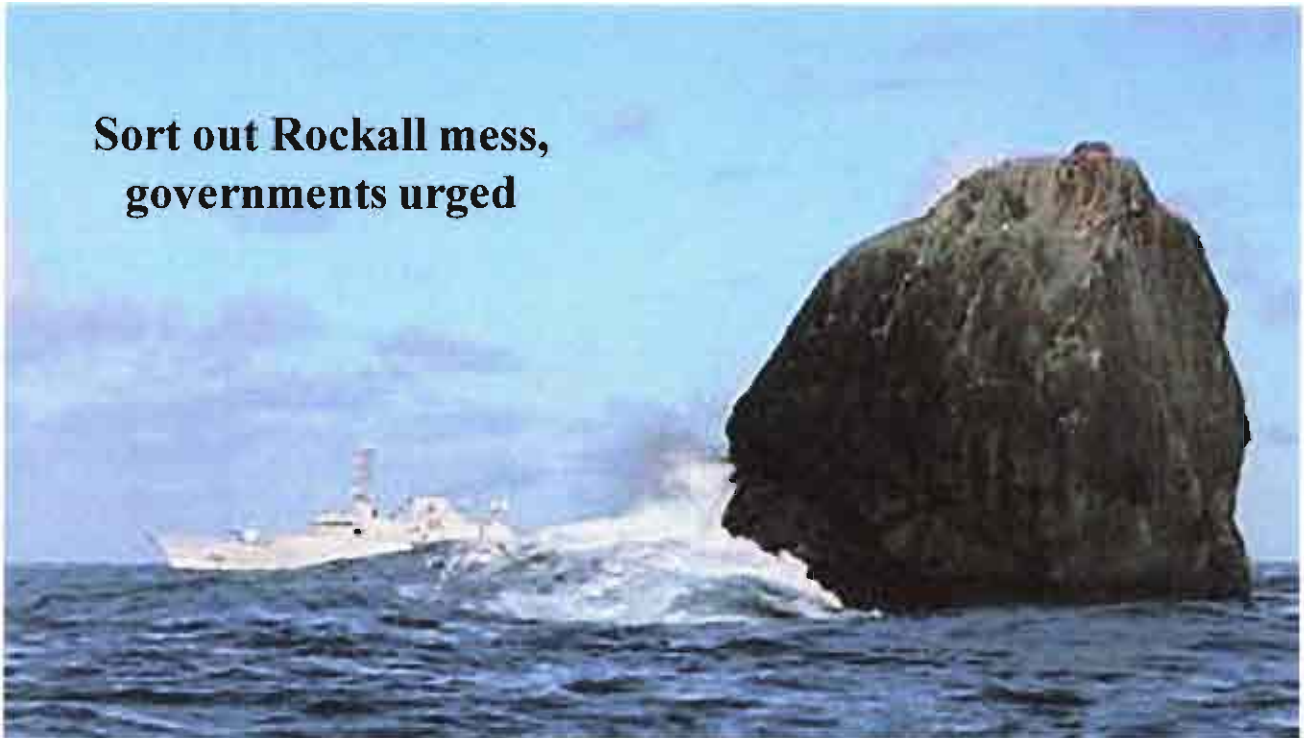
All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in the Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships include two adults and all minor children. In other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.



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To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <[chrisarmys@gmail.com](mailto:chrisarmys@gmail.com)>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!

## Sort out Rockall mess, governments urged



British authorities have been urged to abandon their claim to the remote rocky outcrop of Rockall after an awkward incident on Monday in which a Scottish patrol boat boarded an Irish fishing vessel.

A Marine Scotland boat sought to stop the Donegal-based *Northern Celt* from entering the waters. According to Irish broadcaster RTE, the vessel was boarded and told to stop fishing within 12 miles of the skerry.

It is thought the incident may have been intended to bolster support for Britain's deal with the EU amid public dismay over new trading rules, shortages and price increases. Last month, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson jingoistically threatened to use gunboats to defend British fishing grounds in the event of a hard Brexit.

In 1955, the uninhabitable rock was infamously claimed by the British Navy, who waved a Union Jack over the outcrop and drilled a plaque into the granite. In 1972, Westminster claimed it to be part of the shire of Inverness in Scotland, hundreds of miles away.

A member of the Scottish parliament, Andy Wightman, has lodged a motion urging Scottish ministers to formally reject Britain's spurious claim to the area. Mr Wightman has previously described the British claim of sovereignty over the area as "the last act of colonialism" of the British Empire.

He has now called on Scottish ministers to dis-

claim the rock in a bid to distance Scotland from complicity in the "land grab" and "the last annexation of territory in the British Empire".

Mr Wightman wrote that "colonial annexation by the British Crown is not an internationally recognised means of establishing sovereignty over any territory", and urged the Scottish Government "to formally disclaim sovereignty over Rockall".

He further urged the London government to "initiate international dialogue" to establish the status of Rockall in international law".

Sinn Féin spokesperson on Fisheries and the Marine Pádraig Mac Lochlainn TD called on Fine Gael and the Minister for Foreign Affairs Simon Coveney to urgently defend traditional Irish fishing rights to the area.

He described a document agreed in 2013 establishing a boundary between the Economic Zones of Britain and Ireland as "shameful" and noted it had never been ratified by the 26 County parliament.

"They have created this mess and now Fine Gael, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and this government needs to sort it out. They must defend the historical Irish fishing rights at Rockall and they need to undo the 2013 Agreement that was never ratified by the Dáil as required by the Constitution."

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