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Scotland set to sizzle in more heatwaves as Saharan surge brings temperatures of 27C

The Weather Outlook -forecaster Brian Gaze said: "After the record heat, four more spells which people would call heatwaves are forecast this summer.

"There is a good signal for warm conditions this coming weekend, and then into mid-August and also late August.

"Scotland is looking at warm highs in the mid-20s. Heat from Europe and north Africa is likely again. And another hot spell is expected in September."

Drowned Scottish Rats at Grandfather Parade o' th' Tartans



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AUGUST 22ND

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read the current issue.

Section B is "up" on the
Internet about the
15th of each month.
Section A is "up"
the first of the next month.

BE AN ANGEL DAY

Make a guarantee to yourself on Be an Angel
Day to make the littlest thoughtful gestures
because even they have the solidarity to defeat
the negative.



Tom, Beth & Alastair

A Letter from your editor

How to be Angels

at Scottish Games



Angel Day is the 22nd of August. That's nice, but what could be nicer than for your entire clan to be Angels at Scottish Games wherever and whenever you get to go?

I know a clan that does just that. They have the best time and do a lot of good.

They have cold water for the pipe bands. Piping and drumming is thirsty work and a bottle of good, cold water is like manna from heaven to a thirsty pipe band member. It doesn't cost much other than a bit of arranging for ice and keeping the water cold.

This clan has several members who always make batches of shortbread for those same pipe bands. Any snack will do.

They bring a bunch of paper towels for the pipe bands to be able to use to remove sweat from themselves.

How do you do this? You visit the pipe bands before the day is underway and invite them to come and enjoy the water, the snacks and the paper towels. Do that and they will come.

You may choose one pipe band or several - depending on how many folks you can get to work with you.

This same principle will work for athletes. Something to drink, some kind of snack and paper towels.

I promise you, being kind to these folks will make YOU/YOUR CLAN feel better than you have for a very long time.

Sometimes, I worry that our Scottish Community has declared the word "work" as a four let-

ter word. Games are having a hard time gathering the necessary volunteers. Clans have stopped answering emails or any communication on their web site...not all...but most in my experience.

I hate to be the one to tell you, but nothing is accomplished in this life that is worth something without work. Nothing.

Let's see, in my life I have most always had more than one horse. Horses have to be cared for and fed on a regular schedule. That means feed has to be purchased and gotten home and put away in the feed bins. I don't know anyone who has horses who minds caring for them, as that is part of the pleasure. It is work, but you don't mind.

Ditto for dogs and/or cats. It's great fun to have an animal that glows with health, feels good and who enjoys their time with you. All of that takes work.

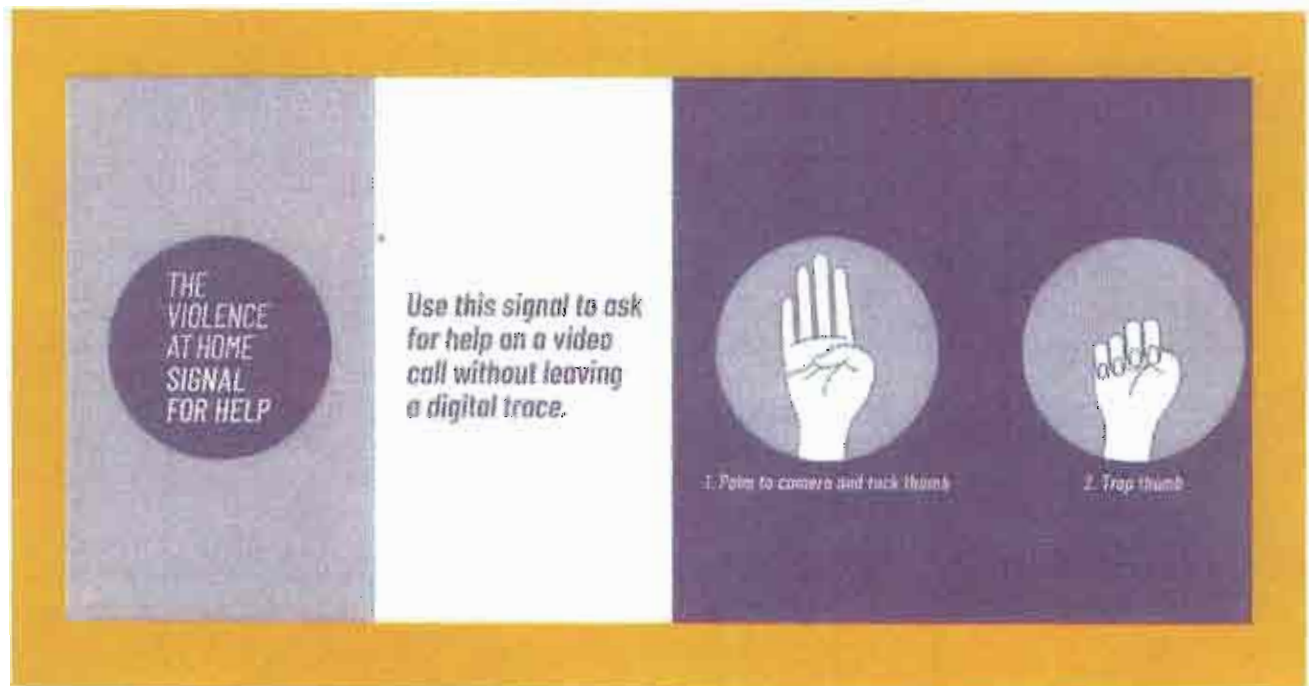
To be an Angel away from Games is fun, too. You could secretly visit an Old Folks Home and ask the folks in charge if there is someone who has nobody and who is sad. Unfortunately, there is always at least ONE person.

You'll get the mailing information for that person and then you can send "Secret Pal" cards along with little goodies. You may deliver things to the residence and the folks in charge will deliver them for you. Make sure your Secret Pal gets holiday cards on every holiday along with some trinket or something they can use like nice soap or hankies or anything you can think of.

I did that for years and got so much enjoyment from it. My Secret Pals were SPs for life.

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Visit this YouTube video at:

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With many thanks to Steve Kelley.



Do you know what kind of entertainment you like, but don't know where to go and see it in Scotland?

Then you're in the right place! Scotland is the perfect stage for all kinds of events, so here's a round-up of just some of what you can experience, including music, theatre, dance, art and comedy festivals.

While you're here, you might be interested in Scotland's Year of Stories 2022.

IF COASTS AND WATERS ARE YOUR THING...

...then you might like Findhorn Bay Festival, from 23 September – 2 October 2022

This coastal festival looks out across the Moray Firth with a ten-day offering of arts and culture, showcasing artists of national and international renown with a programme of events taking place in unexpected spaces and scenic locations.

If you're looking for more ways to enjoy Scotland's coastal spots and attractions, check out:

Seall Summer Programme with outdoor events running across Skye and Raasay

IF LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE...

...then you might like the Glasgow International Comedy Festival, 2023 (Dates TBC)

A statue of a man on horseback with a traffic cone placed on his head.

Duke of Wellington statue, Royal Exchange Square

Glasgow crowds are known to be amongst the best, when comedians and funnies keep coming at the following festivals:

Edinburgh Festival Fringe, 5 – 29 August 2022

Aberdeen Comedy Festival, 6 October – 16 October 2022

IF MUSIC IS YOUR FOOD OF LOVE...

...then you might like the Royal National Mòd, in Perth, from 14 – 22 October 2022

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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.



Can anyone help Colonel Jones?

First, A genealogical query:

My name is **Jim Jones** and my great grandmother was **DELILAH CLEMENTINE GRANT**, from Georgia. Her father was **ELZA CORNELIUS GRANT** (1826-1906), from Chester County, S.C. His father was **JAMES BUTLER BISHOP GRANT, JR.** (1787-1867) from Armenia Sec., Chester County S.C. His father was (1755-1820) from the same County.

Now, a plea for assistance:

Do we have anyone that can flesh out the genealogy from and including the Chester County information?

When did they come from Scotland and how?

Any military history?

I am willing to pay a reputable genealogy person for the research.

My personal e-mail is **<coloneljones@aol.com>**. If you would like to help my search for my family, please email me at the above email address.

Any assistance would be appreciated.



Entertainment, continued from page 5

Perthshire is set to welcome Scotland's annual celebration of Gaelic culture in 2022 with Perth hosting the Mòd's week-long programme of music, drama, Highland dance, literature and sport.

If that isn't quite what you're looking for then perhaps one of these music events, which range from rock to folk, might strike a chord:

HebCelt in Stornoway, 13 – 16 July 2022

Poetry Festival in St Andrews from 6 – 12 March 2023

Looking over to people paddling on a beach, with houses and the ruins of St Andrews Cathedral in the background.

St Andrews

StAnza is back for another year with lots of performances, workshops, discussions, gigs and screenings that are taking place during this vibrant festival. UK poets appearing at the festival will be joined by international poets from countries including Germany, Ireland, Estonia, the Netherlands and Belgium.

It's not just poetry – here are literary events taking place across the country where you can enjoy prose in various forms:

Wigtown Book Festival in Dumfries & Galloway, 23 September – 2 October 2022

Borders Book Festival, 2023 (Dates TBC)

IF YOU'RE A FILM FANATIC...

...then you might like the Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival in Hawick, 2023 (Dates TBC)

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On old mill building with a vibrantly lit extension.

Tower Mill, Heart of Hawick

Based at the Heart of Hawick, which is the festival's central venue, Alchemy is an international festival of experimental film. Be immersed in a diverse range of short and feature-length screenings – expect world premieres, film art installations and... the unexpected!

For more film fun you should check out:

Edinburgh International Film Festival, 12 – 20 August 2022

Glasgow Film Festival, 1 – 12 March 2023

Hippodrome Silent Film Festival in Bo'ness, 22 – 26 March 2023

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MORE DRAMA IN YOUR LIFE...

...then you might like the **Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival, 2023 (Dates TBC)**

Electrolyte by Wildcard © Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival

Covering a range of high quality performance arts, including dance, theatre, music, comedy and spoken word, Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival, Scotland's largest rural multi-arts festival, isn't only for theatre lovers – in fact fans of all things thespian will find plenty to tickle their fancy here.

For dramatic entertainment featuring up and coming talent pick one of these:

Perth Festival of the Arts, 18 – 27 May 2023

Puppet Animation Festival, 2023 (Dates TBC)

IF DANCE STIRS YOUR SOUL...

...then you might like the Edinburgh International Festival, from 5 – 28 August 2022

Dancers perform with huge fans of feathers.

A dance theatre production, Edinburgh International Festival

Needing little by way of introduction, the Edinburgh International Festival has been bringing world-class arts to the capital since 1947. The programme will feature leading international dance, theatre, music and opera companies.

IF THE VISUAL ARTS ARE ALLURING...

...then you might like Spring Fling in Dumfries & Galloway, 2023 (Dates TBC)

A bright former church is adorned with paintings, with a table of art supplies in the foreground.

Julie Dumbarton's Studio, Langholm. Image © Spring Fling / Colin Hattersley, all rights reserved.

Scotland's premier arts and crafts open studios event sees over 90 artists and makers open their doors across the south west of Scotland. Pop in to have a nosy and discover how the artists work and what inspires them. Also look out for the Spring Fling Fringe, which accompanies the event with a programme of music and arts performances.

IF YOU WANT TO GET CREATIVE...

...then you might like UNBOXED: Creativity in the UK – Dandelion – April – September 2022

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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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One to watch out for in 2022 is – a groundbreaking celebration of creativity taking place across the UK. It will feature free, large-scale events, installations and globally accessible digital experiences in the UK's most ambitious showcase of creative collaboration.

Scotland's contribution, **Dandelion**, will demonstrate the power of collective action in a Scotland-wide 'grow your own' initiative. With sustainability at its heart, the Dandelion programme follows the arc of the growing season, from April to September, and will culminate in hundreds of harvest festivals across Scotland – reimagining the cultural celebration of harvest for the 21st century.

Beyond Dandelion, Scotland will also host five other projects presented as part of UNBOXED. Check out unboxed2022.uk and www.dandelion.scot for more information.

You can try out all kinds of activities at festival workshops at the following events too:

Shetland Wool Week, 24 September – 2 October 2022

Edinburgh International Magic Festival, December 2022, (Dates TBC)

We'll watch for other listings of things to do in Scotland. That's it for this time.



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Your editor had three Newfoundlands - Walter (a Landseer, black and white), Ruthie (a black Newfoundland) and Chuckie (a bronze Newfy).

I promise my Newfys did not cost all that much, but were worth the world to me. They are smarter than anybody, kinder than anything else and do not live nearly long enough. They are missed.

I saw this and had to put it in.



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Libraries and Genealogy Research 2022

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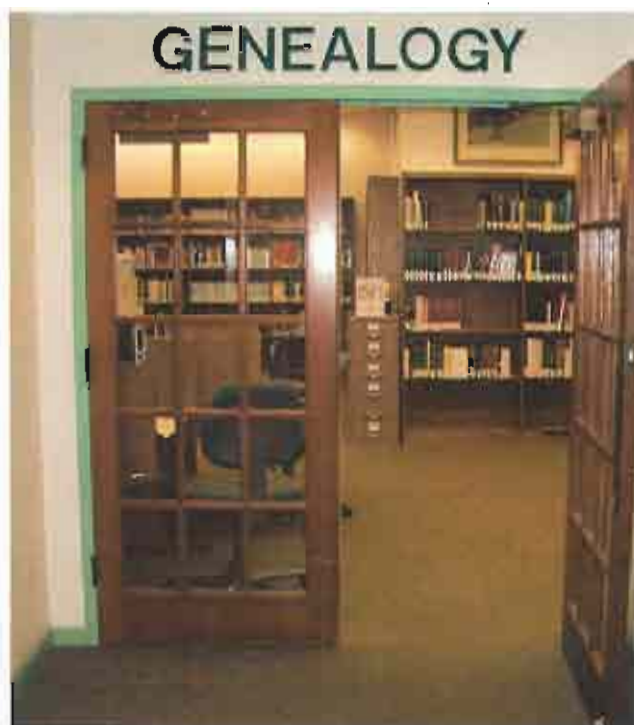
Libraries are not all the same. From a genealogical research perspective, libraries have rare book collections, periodicals, local history collections, access to online databases, as well as other resources that are unique to that collection or location. This is the first of a three-part series on the topic of using libraries for genealogical research.

Another consideration when conducting research in libraries is that there are many different types of libraries that exist, and each may have different collections and policies. Your job as a researcher is to identify the various libraries that might have the information you need for your genealogy research. Most researchers tend to gravitate towards public libraries that have local history and genealogy collections. Public libraries usually have fewer access restrictions and the level of assistance is often better than what is available in other options. This is especially true when members of the local or regional genealogical or historical society serve as volunteers in the collection.

Having said this, researchers should also be aware of the bigger picture. Consider the following types of libraries for your research:

Your Local Public Library: Use your local library to access online subscription websites available with your library card, and consult the reference librarian for books and articles you need via interlibrary loan.

The Public Library Where Your Ancestor Lived: Ask about local history and genealogy col-



lections as well as area historical newspapers on microfilm.

Academic Libraries: Academic libraries are great for subscription databases (think history and periodicals) not available to individuals or at other smaller libraries. Also, look for local history collections and social history books. When researching in academic libraries, the proper subject heading for any type of genealogical materials will usually be cataloged under "Social History and Statistics".

State Libraries: Not every state has a state library. Sometimes they are affiliated with a state archive and/or state historical society. Regardless of what the affiliation status is, these libraries have items pertaining to the history of the state as well as genealogy collections.

Private Libraries: Some private libraries are open to the public, while others are only open to members or specific researchers. Private libraries may include rare books, manuscript collections, and topical collections. Libraries of this nature may be under the jurisdiction of a private genealogical entity such as a lineage society, family association, or a subscription based genealogical or historical

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Genealogy Libraries, *continued from page 13*

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Genealogy Libraries: Genealogy libraries exist all over the United States. Most people are familiar with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, but others include:

a. Allen County Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana

<https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

b. Clayton Library Genealogical Research Center in Houston, Texas <https://houstonlibrary.org/clayton>

c. Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, D.C.

<https://www.dar.org/library>

Special Note: You don't need to be a member to use their collections and access is free. They have genealogies, ephemera, manuscripts, family histories, probate and land records, and Revolutionary War records. The DAR also oversaw a lot of transcription projects, like gravestone inscriptions, and published them. Another continuing preservation project for the DAR involves recording Bible Records of members' families.

d. Godfrey Memorial Library Genealogy Center in Middletown, Connecticut

<<https://www.godfrey.org/scholar/godfrey-our-collection.html>>

e. Midwest Genealogy Center/Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, Missouri

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Hurrah! The 75th Annual Pacific NW Scottish Highland Games were a great success!



The Clan Skene annual business meeting will be held on October 15, 2022 at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia. All officer positions are open for nominations.



If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed; we're having a staff meeting.

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17th-century replica turf and creel house now at Glencoe and open for you to see



History Scotland (news@mail.historyscotland.com)

A new National Trust for Scotland re-creation has officially opened after an experimental project to keep alive heritage building skills and share the story of Glencoe's lost homes.

The Glencoe turf and creel house has been inspired by years of archaeological investigation and historical research into long-vanished settlements, once home to hundreds of people in the heart of the glen.

The turf, wattle and thatch structure was erected using traditional materials, tools and techniques by a team of skilled craftspeople in 2021. It has the same footprint as one of the late 17th-century dwellings excavated by the conservation charity's archaeologists and volunteers at the former township of Achtriachtan, near the famous 'Three Sisters' of

Glencoe.

Visitors to Glencoe National Nature Reserve can now explore the turf and creel house for themselves at the National Trust for Scotland's Glencoe Visitor Centre, where its heather-thatched roof and earth walls blend into their mountain backdrop.

While stepping inside to discover the workmanship that has gone into the building, visitors will also be immersed in the sounds of history, thanks to an installation that conjures up the sounds, speech and songs of life here in the glen 300 years ago.

Developed with the involvement of historians, musicians, local Gaelic speakers and school children, the soundscape comprises over 200 different sound elements that were carefully chosen to give

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Turf and Creel house, *continued from page 19*

the interior an authentic and evocative atmosphere, with each representing a different local story.

Listeners will hear the cry of wildlife and livestock, the commotion of construction and daily toil, the chatter of domestic life, and the sounds of socialising at a traditional evening 'ceilidh'. Together they create a subtle backdrop of universally recognisable noises alongside overheard Gaelic voices.

The audio installation was designed by creative producer and sound artist Guy Veale, who has worked on numerous National Trust for Scotland projects.

Renowned local Gaelic musicians, Iain MacFarlane, Ingrid Henderson and Ewen Henderson, as well as the conservation charity's own Fiona Mackenzie, curator of the Canna House Gaelic archive, are among those who contributed their voices and instrumental pieces to the soundscape. Young Gaelic speakers at Acharacle Primary School were also recorded to give the babble of children at play.

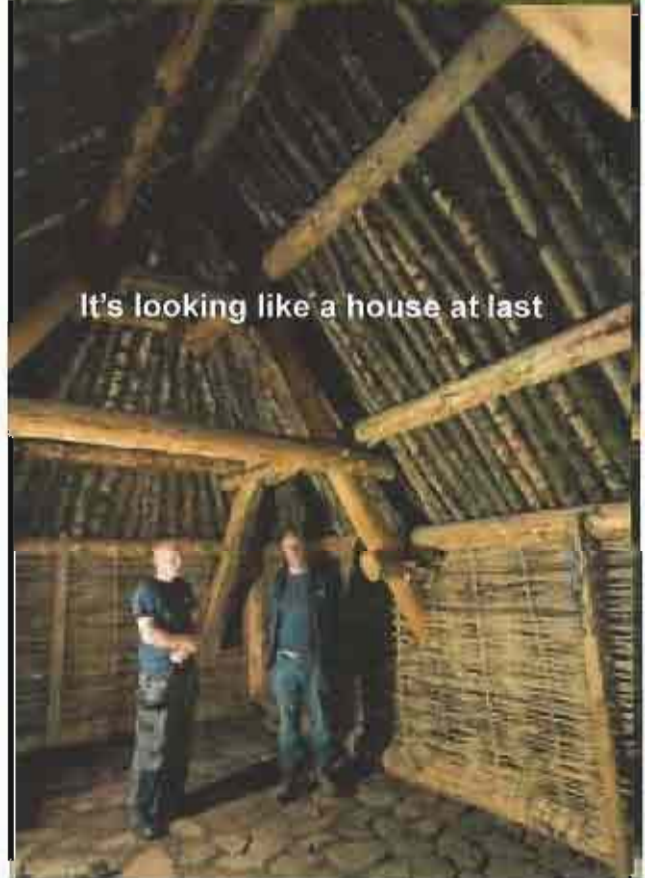
Historic Environment Scotland has been a key partner in the Glencoe turf and creel house project. It funded two trainees to support the project team while developing their own skills – one has been focused on traditional building crafts, while the other has focused on heritage engagement and interpretation.

Lucy Doogan, one of the HES trainees, grew up in Glencoe and can trace her family back to those who lived here at the time of the Massacre of 1692.



Lucy said: "It has been fantastic to have the opportunity to be part of this. Our creel house really helps visitors visualise a time when the glen itself would have looked very different to how it does today, home to a bustling community living in wee townships with a rich Gaelic culture. I hope we can rekindle this past while creating new stories here in the future."

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Equally important was Andrew de Moray. In the winter of 1297 he escaped from an English prison and immediately began to organise the resistance in the north of Scotland against English rule. By the end of the year his forces were in control of Morayshire and had taken possession of the principal castles of the region, including Elgin and Inverness.

De Moray's success in the north was matched by Wallace's in the south. After the defeat of the English at Stirling Bridge in September 1297 de Moray was mentioned along with Wallace in letters as 'the leaders of the army and of the realm of Scotland'. However, victory came at a price: de Moray was wounded at Stirling and died two months later.

Some historians have argued that too much of the credit for this has gone to Wallace, and that the successful campaign of 1297 owed more to de Moray than it did to his more celebrated contemporary.

Source: *Gàidhlig for Sassenachs*

Excerpted from *Scottish History For Dummies* by Dr William Knox (University of St Andrews)

To the Immortal Memory of SIR WILLIAM WALLACE

Scottish Patriot born at Elderslie, Renfrewshire, ca 1270 AD who from the year 1296 fought dauntlessly in defense of his country's liberty and independence in the face of fearful odds and great hardship being eventually betrayed, captured, brought to London, and put to death the 23rd of August 1305.

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Scotland: The Long Journey to Home

Kevin Minoli (Grandson of Albert Grant)

I owe everything to granite. My hometown, Barre, Vermont, is known as the Granite Capital of the World. In the late 1800s, Barre was the destination of immigrant stone cutters seemingly anywhere across the globe there was granite. That included Baveno, Italy, where my father's grandfather, Candido Minoli, arrived at Ellis Island from in 1909, and Aberdeen Scotland, where my mother's grandfather, William Grant, had arrived from in 1911. William returned to Aberdeen just two years later, married my mother's grandmother, Mary Duncan, before returning to Barre as newlyweds.

Growing up, our traditions were more heavily weighted toward the Italian side, perhaps because my mother's father, Albert Grant, married his Italian sweetheart. But while Christmas dinner was ravioli, in special years my grandfather would make mealy puddings and – in really special years – we would get to help blow the filling into the long sheep intestine he used as the casing. He taught me how to play golf, always wore a flat cap, and had a framed photograph of an entire family posing in front of an old stone home in Scotland that fascinated me as a child.

It was fitting, then, that when I decided to take my parents to see where the Grant & Duncan side of the family was from, we started in Aberdeen. Thanks to Ancestry.com (and the incredible research done by a distant relative who reached out after Ancestry let us know that we shared just a bit of common DNA), we arrived with addresses for where the Grant family and the Duncan family had

lived. Our first stop was Brown Street, where Mary Duncan had been born.

The house had been destroyed during the air raids in World War II, but there was a small park and stone wall where the house once stood. When my mom and her sister were little, Mary used to tell them about growing up in Scotland and how much she wished she could return some day to visit. She died in 1955, never having been able to go back.

One of the only material things Mary had left when she passed was a small gold pin she had brought over to the US from Scotland. For 67 years, my mom had kept the pin in her jewelry box, never wearing it, but not forgetting it either. And so, as we stopped by the small park where the house where Mary Duncan was born had once stood, my mom reached into her pocket, pulled out the small gold pin, and tucked it into a crevasse in the old



stone wall. Finally, Mary Duncan was home.

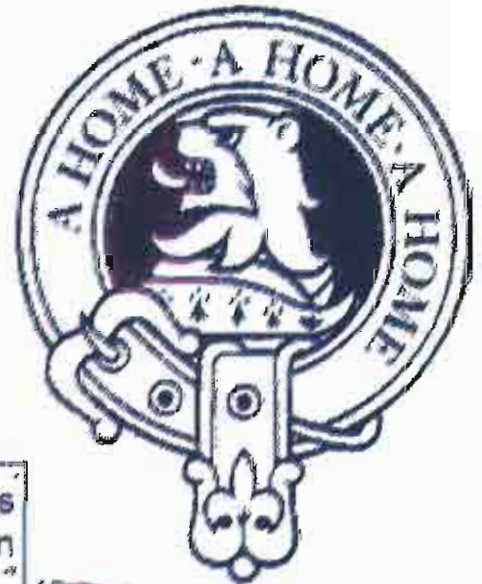
The next ten days we did our best to see the best of Scotland, including Clan Grant must-visit places like Grantown-on-Spey, where I bought myself a new tie in traditional Clan Grant tartan, and Urquhart Castle. We spent an amazing two nights at Glengorm Castle on the Isle of Mull, sang into Fingal's Cave on Staffa, were rewarded with a rainbow after making it down all 330 Whaligoe Steps, and felt the two halves of our heritage come together in the Italian Chapel in Orkney. My parents were disappointed that we were too early for the highland games, but, secretly, I was happy...because it gives me an excuse to go back again.

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The 1815 Eruption of Mount Tambora and the Year Without a Summer

Jenny Ashcraft

In April 1815, a volcano known as Mount Tambora erupted in a massive explosion on the island of Sumbawa in present-day Indonesia. The eruption was the largest volcanic eruption in recorded history. It obliterated the top of the mountain and produced tsunamis, pyroclastic flows, and ash killing at least 10,000 islanders. The explosion propelled ash, pumice, and sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere and impacted global temperatures. As a result, the year 1816 was known as the Year Without a Summer.

The Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Advertiser – November 30, 1815 -

The first mention of the Mount Tambora explosion (also known as Mount Tomboro) appears in our archives in the fall of 1815. A British paper printed a letter from a merchant in Batavia (present-day Jakarta) describing the scene. The merchant said they heard the volcanic explosions even though they were some 800 miles away. He told of falling ash and total darkness at noon. He also reported that the waters around the island of Sumbawa were so full of tree trunks and pumice stones that they were practically unnavigable.

In February 1816, *The Evening Post* in New York printed an account of Mount Tambora's explosion. It described minor explosions beginning April 4, 1815, culminating with a massive explosion on April 10, 1815. A sailor aboard a ship near Macassar heard the eruption and assumed his boat was under attack. "On the 5th of April, a firing of cannon was heard at Macassar – the sound appeared

to come from the Southward, and continued at intervals all afternoon...During the night of the 11th, the firing was again heard, but much louder, and toward morning the reports were in quick succession – sometimes like three or four guns fired together, and so heavy – that they shook the ship, as they did the houses in the Fort. Some of the re-

ports seemed so near that I sent people to the mast head to look out for the flashes."

The Evening Post – February 27, 1816

With nearly 36 cubic miles of ash, pumice, rock, and

sulfur dioxide expelled into the atmosphere; the sunlight had difficulty reaching Earth. At that altitude, the sulfur dioxide reacted with water vapor

A little personal note: My 3rd great grandfather was James Madison McDonald, born 25 August 1816 and died 2 May 1864. He was born in Jefferson Co., GA and married Mary Cannon 23 February 1842.

I know he was a riverboat captain on the Savannah River. He sold his boat and put the money in a bandana and left for West Florida where he had a land grant from King George. I have seen that document although, since it was on sheepskin and had been in a fire, it was shrunk to very small size.

I have the little wooden chair he made for his wife for the journey to his land grant. The rungs are worn from her feet.

Nobody in my McDonald family ever said anything about the Year Without a Summer and I have never heard a word about it in my family.

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to form sulfate aerosols, which floated above the rain and could not be washed out. One month after the eruption, papers in America blamed the unusual haze and weather on sunspots. The haze impacted temperatures, and the average global temperature dropped by as much as 5 degrees Fahrenheit.

On June 25, 1816, *The Franklin Repository* in Pennsylvania reported that snow blanketed the area. Around the same time, *The Evening Post* in New York described freezing temperatures and nearly a foot of snow. Farm animals in Vermont succumbed to the freezing temperatures as long-time residents said they'd never seen anything like it!

The Evening Post – June 27, 1816

By July, things had not improved. *The Alexandria Gazette* in Virginia reported on frost and the possible scarcity of food. In Pennsylvania, the frost was so thick on the grass that it could be scooped up by the handful. On the other side of the pond, *The Times* in London reported, "The weather this year has been equally unseasonable almost everywhere." A Scottish paper wrote of horrific hail and rainstorms across Europe that destroyed crops and property.

As fall approached, the *Hartford Courant* noted that 1816 would go down in history because there had been frost every month of the year. European papers complained that constant rains had ruined crops and created a famine.

Some estimates put the worldwide death toll from the Year Without a Summer at over 60,000. It would take scientists well into the 20th century to link the volcanic eruption and unusual weather of 1816.

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