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The Clan Shaw Society was founded in mid-August of 1983. The Organizing Committee, which founded The Clan Shaw Society, consisted of Alta Bearman, Meredith Shaw, Jerry Shaw, Ed Fisher and Maggie Shaw Melville.

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Robert Currie Named Commander of the Name and Arms of Currie by Lyon Court

On 28 April, in a ceremony held in Edinburgh's historic New Town, Dr. Robert (Bob) Currie, President of the Clan Currie Society, was commissioned

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Merry Christmas to all!



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In Medieval Europe, No Outfit Was Complete Without a Personal Eating Knife

They were fashionable and functional, used for dining and self-defense.

Abbey Perreault, writing for *Atlas Obscura* (Subscribe for FREE.)

IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE, ALL DINNER parties were BYO-knife. Except for the occasionally-provided spoon, guests were responsible for bringing their own cutlery to the table. Showing up without a knife would be an awkward, if not outrageous, predicament—one that could leave the ill-prepared diner both hungry and vulnerable. But it probably never happened. Personal eating knives were en vogue.

During the Middle Ages, forks weren't really part of the picture in Europe. Until the 17th century, sharp, dagger-like knives were used to slice, tear, pierce, and poke whatever was on the plate—from soft cheese to sturdier meat. The first knives to touch meat dishes, in particular, typically

belonged to the carver, a professional whose prestige surpassed even that of the cook. According to Bee Wilson, food writer, historian, and author of *Consider the Fork*, carvers had their own sets of specialized knives, which they selected based on the weapon with which the animal was hunted.

The initial carving and serving of the beast was deemed to be so important, it was given an office in court, known as the Carvership. In *Consider the Fork*, Wilson includes an eerie 16th-century book excerpt detailing the somber “terms” of an English carver.

“Break that deer, Slice that brawn, Bear that goose, Lift that swan, Dismember that heron”

But knives weren't just for professionals. In fact, while carvers made preliminary cuts, broke up large bones, and arranged the dish, the rest of the slicing was up to the diners. This was hardly an odd task at the time—almost all food was prepared so that it could be picked up by hand, spoon, or the pointed

tip of one's knife—a tool almost everyone had on-hand.

Tucked away in a sheath and strung to one's belt, a personal dagger-like knife was a quotidian accessory to the medieval European outfit. Though it could be used as a defensive weapon, its primary purpose was as an

eating utensil. One would just as soon leave the house without shoes as walk around without a knife strung from the girdle. In fact, it was so habitually worn, Wilson says, that it was often easy to forget it was there. According to her, one sixth-century text “reminded monks to detach their knives from their belts before they went to bed, so they didn't cut themselves in the night.”

Not only were they functional tools, they were



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Naturalization Process and Records

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Naturalization records in the United States were formally established in 1790. The law gave authority to common law courts of record in any state to confer citizenship to aliens. Over time this law has been amended to set up more specific procedures.

Residence requirements have varied over time. The initial requirement was two years, but by 1795 it had increased to five years. A wife or child of a naturalized person automatically became a citizen until September 1922 when it was mandated by law that the wife had to obtain her own citizenship.

The Naturalization process involves three steps: Declaration of Intent (also known as First Papers) After residing in the United States for at least two years, male aliens could declare their intent to become a citizen. Until 1922, this process was limited to males since women and children were granted "derivative citizenship" automatically when the husband or father was naturalized. From 1923 onward, women were required to go through the process on their own.

Residence Requirements: The alien immigrant was required to reside in the United States for a specified period of time. This was usually an additional three years after the Declaration of Intent was filed. In many cases, the Declaration of Intent was filed in the city where the port of entry was located. During the intervening years, many immigrants migrated westward. After 1906, this waiting period could not exceed seven years.

Petition for Naturalization (also known as Petition for Second Papers): The alien immigrant, upon satisfying the first two steps, could petition a court

for admission as a citizen. The court to which this petition was submitted was not necessarily the same court where the Declaration of Intent or First Papers were filed.

If the applicant's request was granted, the court issued a Naturalization Certificate. Some courts referred to this as the Third Paper. This certificate was legal proof of citizenship. Many immigrants regarded this document as their most prized possession. Many had it framed and displayed in the most prominent position in their dwelling. These certificates were also standardized after 1906. One copy went to the new citizen. The second copy went to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Washington, DC.

Locating naturalization records can be challenging for a number of reasons: Conflicting legal guidelines and variable levels of en-

forcement at different time periods.

Since immigrant aliens could begin the process of naturalization at any authorized court of record, the actual records of naturalization could be scattered over the various levels of American courts from local and county to state and federal.

Numerous name spelling variations that have evolved over time.

It is crucial for the researcher to know where the ancestor was residing at the approximate time the Declaration of Intent or First Papers were filed. The four most common places patrons search for this information involve the Internet, checking home sources, consulting with older family members, relatives, or neighbors, and using the federal censuses.

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Scottish ViC

(virtual conference)

Saturday

January 26th,

2019

ONLINE

After having had the opportunity to attend several talks and conferences in Scotland with my tour participants, I made the realization that the topics presented over there are quite different to the topics those

same speakers might offer in North America. Clearly, the needs of the researchers in Scotland are different, thus the different focus of the topics by the speakers. My tour participants have greatly benefitted from that level of learning and in a desire to offer that same level of learning to others in North America and Australasia are working towards that.

From this desire evolved the Scottish ViC. This is the only virtual conference dedicated to Scottish research, and to offer topics others would not normally have the chance to learn about.

The virtual conference starts at 8:00 am (Eastern) with presentations being delivered in pre-recorded webinar format. Presentations are made available on a scheduled basis, just like talks at an in-person conference. After one presentation ends, another becomes available. Immediately following each presentation, the presenters will be available in the closed Facebook group for the ViC for a live Q&A. Questions can also be emailed for those not comfortable with Facebook.

The presentations will remain available until midnight (eastern) on January 31st. This allows people in different time zones to be able to watch the presentations during normal waking hours. In addition to the presentations, there is a virtual marketplace in which vendors offer special discounts on their products or services to the attendees which might enhance or benefit their genealogy research.



Register here below: The fee is: \$99 cad
<https://www.genealogyvic.com/>

* Keynote address: *The Highlander and the Lad o' Pairs: Patterns of Scottish Migration to Canada* presented by Dr Kevin James, Scottish History Professor of the University of Guelph's Scottish Studies Program

* *Genealogy in the High Court of Justiciary* presented by retired archivist Margaret Fox. Margaret formerly worked as an archivist at the National Records of Scotland and has an intimate knowledge of these records.

* *Using Sheriff Court Records for Genealogy Research* presented by genealogist Emma Maxwell. Emma and her husband Graham have indexed thousands of records at the National Records of Scotland and made these indexes freely available on their website, *Scottishindexes*. *Scottishindexes* will be offering a discount to attendees of the ViC.

* *Genealogy Gems in Scottish Poor Law Records* presented by Dr Irene O'Brien, senior archivist at the Glasgow City Archives. Glasgow has, perhaps, the richest collection of poor law records in the country and Dr O'Brien has an intimate knowledge of how these records can help reconstruct an ancestor's life.

* *An Introduction to LivingDNA* by co-founder David Nicholson. LivingDNA differs from the other DNA companies in that they can pinpoint the region of Scotland in your DNA. LivingDNA will also be offering a discount on their kits.

* *Family History Resources Available at the National Library of Scotland* presented by Enquiries Assistant Elaine Brown. Elaine has a rich knowledge of the resources that can help to build the social history of your ancestors and the wealth of resources available at the National Library of Scotland to assist you with your family history research.

* *Online Resources for Scottish Genealogy* presented by genealogy educator Christine Woodcock. The resources offered in this webinar are some of the lesser known websites and resources that will help to move your research forward.



If you are one of my friends, cohorts, buddies who has requested to get BNFT in your very own com-

puter each month (twice) via your own email, PLEASE remember to let me know when your email address changes. Just send to bethscribble@aol.com.

I have to type all of those addresses in, which takes considerable time - plus, I do not wish for you to miss your edition of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*.



Naturalization Records,

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Census records can be especially useful in determining when and/or if a person became a citizen. While the earlier censuses taken prior to 1850 did not specify where a person was born, they will show that the person was in the country. Every census taken after 1850 included more questions concerning birth location.

The Internet features a number of websites that offer potential access to these records. Ancestry, Family Search, My Heritage, Find My Past, and the Ellis Island immigration site <https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/passenger> are the five most popular sites. To obtain a more detailed study guide covering Immigration and Naturalization, feel free to contact me at bmlucahy@leegov.com.

Society of Antiquaries of Scotland



Afternoon Seminar

Scotland and Europe: Politics and National Borders, taking place on Saturday 15

December (2pm-5pm) at the NMS (auditorium), with guest speakers including Professor Sir Tom Devine OBE FRSE HonMRIA FBA FSA Scot.

This is a joint event organised by the Scottish Network for Nineteenth-Century European Cultures (SNNEC) in collaboration with the Society and the University of Strathclyde, and supported by the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

For more information and to book a place visit: www.snnec.com/public-event-15th-december.



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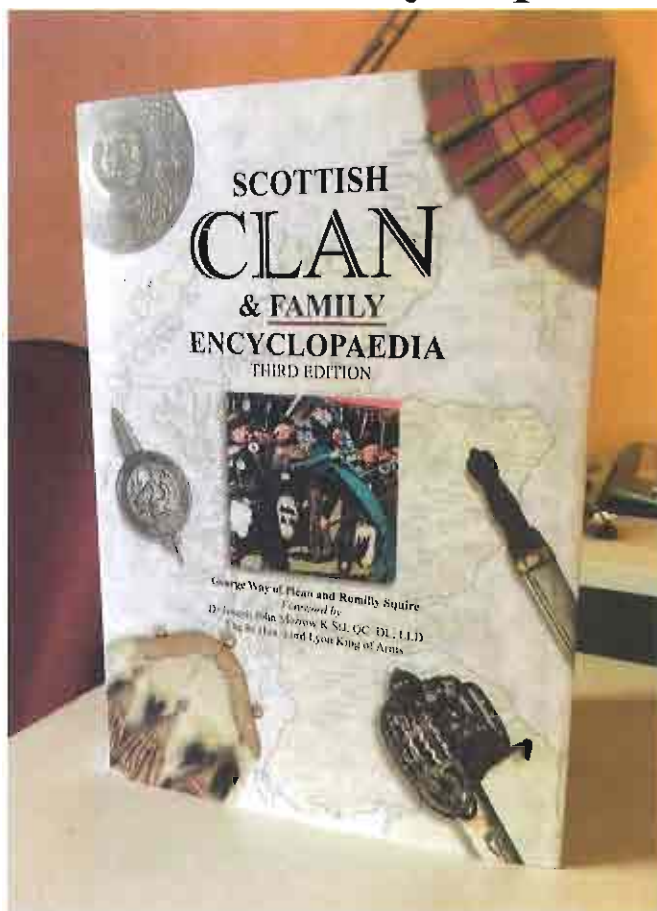
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The format is now alphabetical (not two sections); all entries have been revised and updated to early 2017.

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The book is very lavishly illustrated with photographs of the Lyon Court, clan



chiefs, et al.

Revised and updated to reflect changes in clan society since its original publication in 1994, the *Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopaedia* is the definitive single-volume reference work on the Scottish Clans as well as the lowland dimension and Romilly Squire's heraldic illustrations.

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BYO-Knife, continued from page 3

also personal gadgets tailored to their owner. While meals were shared, with multiple diners often eating from the same plate, knives were far from communal. "You would no more eat with another person's knife than you would brush your teeth today with a stranger's toothbrush," writes Wilson. At the end of the dinner, knives would be wiped down with a napkin and promptly returned to their owners.

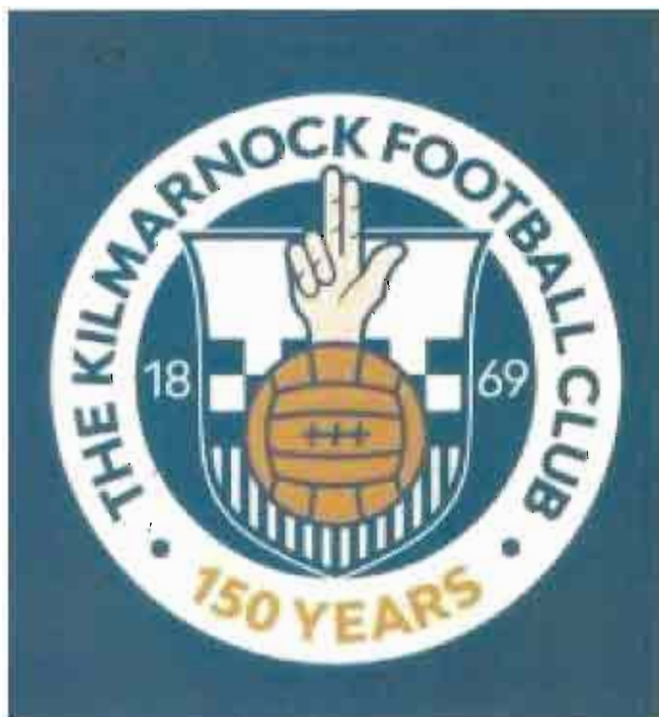
But while no one totes a toothbrush on their person, the knives were, in a sense, a garment, and thus often designed to reflect their owners' taste. The handle, where one could really show personal flair, could be crafted from a wide variety of materials, including brass, glass, mother of pearl, and tortoiseshell. Some were plain, while others were engraved with surprisingly sweet images of flowers, doves, apostles, or even babies.

But, for all of the importance that personal knives held in Western culture, they were eventually cut out of European dining, replaced by duller, more impersonal tools placed on the table for no one in particular. Legend has it that, during one royal French dinner, King Louis XII's chief adviser was horrified by the sight of a dinner guest picking at his teeth with the point of his knife—and demanded all his knives be created blunt. The next king, Louis XIV, followed suit, issuing a nationwide moratorium on the creation of sharp, pointed knives.

The 17th century saw the shift towards blunter, one-sided knives that could no longer be used for stabbing, but rather required a more delicate stroking motion, with a finger draped over the spine of the tool. Forks eventually found their way to the table, too, and by the 18th century, the personal, sharp, eating dagger was all but a dull memory.

**Photo
Puns
are worst
of all...
which
means
they are
GOOD.**

Your car's been keyed. The good news is that the damage looks to B minor.



Scottish Football Clubs still active



John Stewart writes on the Clan Boyd Society FaceBook page: Celebrating 150 years this year and next. KRFC the oldest Professional Football Club in Scotland formed from Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club, one of the oldest Rugby Clubs in Scotland.

My brother and I both played for the Rugby Club although 9 years apart.

We both played in the 1st team as well as the 7 aside team, captained the under 21 team and have Scottish caps at School, University and under 18 and under 21 level (my brother).

Our great uncle played for the Football Club second team until he Joined the Seaforth Highlanders in 1914 aged just 17 years. He died in January 1915.

I wish both clubs all the success for the future.



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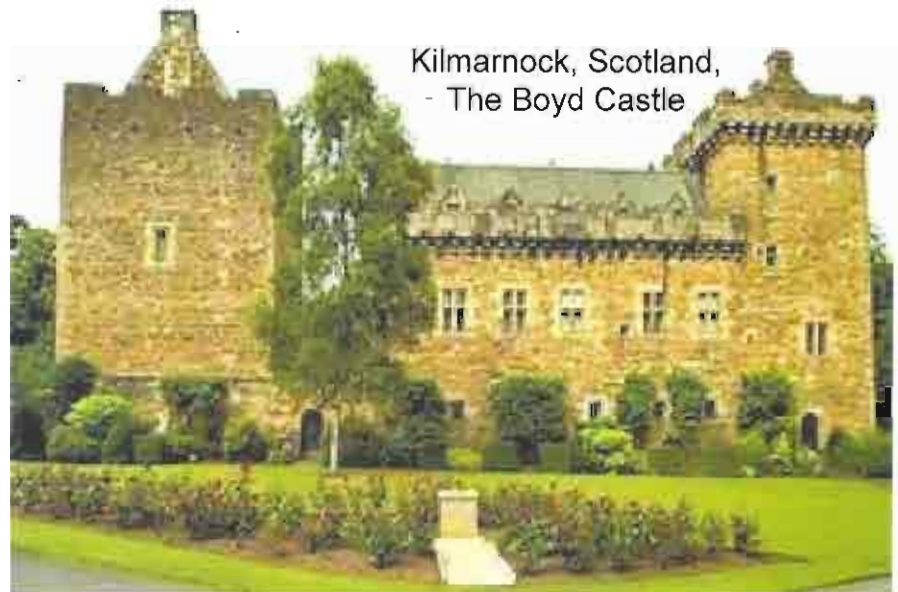
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Kilmarnock, Scotland,
- The Boyd Castle

King Robert the Bruce went hunting in the great wood of Caledon near Stirling and narrowly escaped with his own life when one of the great white bulls rushed fiercely at him. Then, a man of great spirit leapt before the King and, grappling with the bull, cast it to the earth with great force and held it there while the remaining hunters slew it with their weapons. Thereafter, the Borders man who rescued the King, William of Rule, was called Turn-e-bull.

Hector Boece, *Historiarum*, 1526

A MONUMENTAL PLAQUE

"It's beautiful, but what's it about? This is a question that has been asked too often by visitors to the *Turning of the Bull* monument in Hawick, Scotland.

Turnbull Clan Association is excited to announce that preliminary approval has been granted to place a large descriptive bronze plaque on the monument. We are moving forward so that this can occur at the time of the June 2019 AGM (see page 5).

In order to accomplish this project, the **Monument Fund** needs replenishing. Donations to the fund will provide money needed to purchase and install the bronze plaque. Future projects include the possibility of placing artist screening boards behind the monument to showcase it better. All donations are tax deductible and will be receipted. And here's the exciting part - donate and become eligible to win one of three exciting prizes.

The Baron of Bedrule has agreed to donate three unique and valuable items from his personal collection. Because there is no cost for these items, all contributions will be applied to the Monument Fund.

First prize is a millennium **bottle of Turnbull whisky**, limited 2009 edition, created for the *Turning of the Bull* unveiling. The whisky was distilled at the turn of the century in 1999 and bottled in 2009. This bottle, bearing the image of the *Turning of the Bull* monument is priceless not only as a rare collectors' item but more so because Turnbull whisky is no longer available.

Second prize is a **Turnbull Clan Arms flag**, which was flown over the Bedrule Castle mound in Bedrule, Scotland, by the Baron of Bedrule. This special flag, which cannot be purchased anywhere, is a valuable collector's item, which may be flown to proudly display your clan heritage.

Third prize is an antique **Turnbull Whisky sign**. This metal 18"x12" advertising sign dates from the original Hawick Turnbull whisky. So valued is this as a decorator



Every \$50.00 donation is a chance to win one of these collectible prizes, donating by the Baron of Bedrule. First prize a collectible (and drinkable!) bottle of 2009 Turnbull Whisky.

Second prize is your own Turnbull Arms flag with certificate authenticating it was flown over the Bedrule Castle Mound, Bedrule, Scotland. Third prize is an authentic metal Turnbull's Scotch Whisky sign.

and collector's item that replicas of this sign are commonly sold on Amazon and Ebay. This is your chance to own one of the rare originals.

Every \$50 contribution to the Monument Fund earns a chance to win one of these prizes. Every \$500 contribution provides 12 chances and each \$1000 contribution provides 25 chances.

Donate now to help your clan and for a chance to win: <http://www.turnbullclan.com/clan/contributions#monument>

The fine print: Winner of the Turnbull Whisky must be 21 or older and either have a USA mailing address or be able to pick it up in Durham, NC or in Hawick, Scotland at or after the time of the 2019 AGM. Other prizes ship worldwide. If a minimum of \$2500 is not received in contributions, prizes will not be awarded and donors will have the option of being refunded their contributions, less PayPal fees.





The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

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Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM)) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

www.scottishtartans.org



New Commander for Clan Currie, *continued from page 1*

as Commander of the Name and Arms of Currie by Dr. Joseph Morrow QC, the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

It was, for a number of reasons, one of these rare occasions which can be truly described as unique in Scotland's history, particularly important at a time when there is increasing debate on the country's place in the world. The ripple however will lap too on American and Canadian shores and wherever else there are Scottish communities.

In a statement read out on his behalf, the Reverend Dr. David A. Currie, director and chaplain of the Clan Currie Society, who, apologizing for his absence on such a special occasion, expressed his greetings to the Lord Lyon and heartiest congratulations to Robert Currie which he extended not only for himself, but on behalf of Curries around the world.

During the presentation of the commission, Lyon remarked, "It's a great honor for me to do this and it's one of the most exciting bits in the Lords Lyon's job to be able to help to move families and names forward with regard to the different stages that they go through."

Lyon continued, "And moving that family forward in its understanding and in its promotion, now that's significant for the Currie's themselves but it's also significant for those who are out in the different parts of the world who feel that they belong to this family. And it's also significant about the Scottish links with those who are overseas, which is extremely important indeed."

"But let me turn now to Bob himself. When I met Bob for the first time I discovered he was the most charming, open chap that actually has a sense of duty and leadership. The issue of leadership within a family or a clan is absolutely paramount."

Proudly accepting his commission, Bob Currie addressed an audience of invited guests. They included the Lord Lyon King of Arms, Susan Wilson, Principal Officer for the US Consulate General in Edinburgh and Councilor Eva Bolander, Lord Provost of

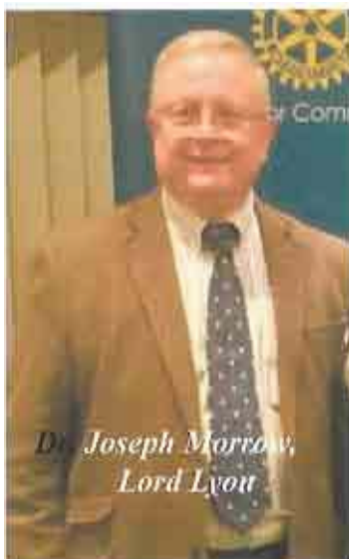
Glasgow – a Swedish lady with a wonderful back-story about how piping in the World Pipe Band Championships first brought her to the city.

He spoke warmly of the support and hard work of those who brought him to this point. He said, "It would be unfair to not recognize the incredible ancillary deep research conducted by genealogist Dr. Bruce Durie who provided great assistance to us to establish our history better than we thought we knew it. In addition, the support and encouragement of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, many of whom are present this evening and the countless men and women of the Currie Family and Society who generously give their time" There was of course a special tribute to his family who played such an important part in the process.

His appointment follows an international search for Representatives and a subsequent Family Convention held in Glasgow in August of 2017, a process overseen by Liam Devlin, Unicorn Pursuivant acting as presiding officer from the Lyon Court. As Commander, Bob Currie is tasked with carrying out, "all acts and functions proper to the Commander of the said name in the personal absence of the hereditary chief."

Of course there never was a hereditary chief of Currie (anciently MacMhuirich), which makes the appointment particularly distinctive. It's different to the Clan Gunn, for example, which went through a rather lengthy process to elect a Chief having first appointed a Commander in 1967 and again in 1972. For students of Scottish history the stories of Currie and Gunn are worth exploring even if just to shed some light on the working of the Court of the Lord Lyon.

As to the Curries most appropriate designation, Dr. Bruce Durie, added a note of clarification. He suggested the term 'family' is probably inappropriate as it indicates the Lowlands. The MacMhuirichs, however, were proud Highlanders, and Hereditary



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Bards to a number of clans. They were truly a 'learned kindred', which may be the best designation for Currie."

Who are the Curries? Turn the clock back around eight centuries and their story begins with the arrival in Scotland c. 1213 of Muiredach O'Daly, a member of a distinguished Irish bardic dynasty.

O'Daly first became the bard to Earl Alwyn II of the Lennox until his death before then settling in Finlaggan on the Island of Islay c. 1224-1228 as poet to the Lord of the Isles. By 1493, the MacMhuirichs were established as bards to the MacDonald of Clanranald on the Hebridean island of South Uist.

Kindred of Currie they have a clearer identity and understanding of their role and relevance in the modern world. That is one of preserving and promoting Scotland's Highland heritage through the Society's growing number of national and international cultural heritage events.

There are already ambitious plans in place to expand their activities and take their message to a wider audience. On the night, Bob Currie announced two new officers— a North American Games Commissioner and a Southwestern U.S. Commissioner who are also service coordinators of the worldwide family gatherings. There are also new games in Florida



Following the Battle of Culloden in 1746 and the Royal Dress Act of the same year, Highland Gaelic names were anglicized and MacMhuirich became Currie.

Today the Curries are rightly proud of their historical legacy. However in practical terms, Bob Currie's commission means that, in a sea of misinformation surrounding a clan system often considered elitist, there is an opportunity to firmly establish their own identity, casting off the notion they were a sept of another clan.

In reality, septs are mostly nothing but a Victorian invention. Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, Lord Lyon King of Arms 1945-1969, said, "Septs must be regarded as a rather wonderful effort of imagination..."

As the Clan Currie Society and the newly formed Currie Family Council push forward as the Learned

and Arizona on the calendar. In addition a third venue, Greenwich, Connecticut is being considered in addition to New Jersey and New York for their popular *Pipes of Christmas* event now in the 20th year of production.

These events provide tangible financial benefits which fuel their scholarship programs allowing support for young people, studying music, poetry and Gaelic history in the US, Canada and Scotland.

The evening's program also including the awarding of the Currie family's "Inspire" Award to Alan Currie of West Lothian and wonderful musical performances by harpers Rachel Clemente and Becky Hill performing tracks from Clemente's new EP, *A Quiet Uniqueness*.

By coincidence, Clemente is a former recipient

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Clan Bell International



This

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**The only English word
with a triple letter is:
*Godessship.***

It's really true.

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Gillebride MacMillan (the bard from *Outlander*)

of the US National Scottish Harp Championship, sponsored by the Currie family, and Hill is a former recipient of the Currie's annual scholarship at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow.

The evening concluded with acclaimed Gaelic singer Gillebride MacMillan of *Outlander* fame performing a new composition entitled *Bale nam Bard* which will appear in his new EP later this year. Both recordings made possible in part by grants from the Currie family.

The evening concluded with MacMillan's interpretation of an ancient MacMhuirich poem, *There is No Joy Without Clan Donald*, accompanied by harper, Simon Chadwick.

Grant's are invited to the Clan Grant International Gathering, Friday 7th – Friday 14th August 2020

Fiona Grant, Chairman

Dear All, -

I have been busy making arrangements for the International Gathering in 2020, which will run over the week beginning Friday 7th August, beginning with a Drinks party at Duthil Kirk. There will be the Abernethy Highland Games the next day at Nethy Bridge, and a dinner and dance in the evening.

Judy and I had been looking for a suitable venue for some time. In normal years we have the 'do' in the Grant Arms in Grantown, but it was too small for this occasion and we also felt strongly that it needed to be a very special place for you all.

It just so happens that none other than Bob Dylan owns a lovely place at Nethy Bridge which can also be let out to the general public. So, we are hiring out the 12 bedrooms to members for the week and will erect a marquee in the grounds for the dinner and dance on Saturday.

We hope to provide some other events during the week, such as whisky tasting, a dinner or tea on the famous Strathspey Railway which can be booked for special occasions, and we have some other ideas but welcome your suggestions too.

We also want to give you the space and time to do your own thing, and not to fill the entire week with group activities and trips.

We hope to round off the week on the following Friday by taking part in one of the celebrations of the 500th Anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath.

This is being arranged by one of our members, Chic Grant, and would tie in very nicely with our Gathering. Hopefully, more information from Chic soon.

I have set up a subcommittee to help me with

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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.





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the planning process, which will be considerable, and have taken advice from another clan about the pitfalls they found when organising their events.

They have strongly recommended charging a ticket price in advance to enable us to have the funds to provide suitable information packs, help us to keep a track of numbers, and cover our Paypal costs.

I have also applied to the Scottish Clan Events Fund for 25% of the cost of hiring the marquee, so fingers crossed!

There are still 3 double bedrooms at Aultmore House and 1 family room (with 2 double beds) available, priced at £340 per room for the week, on a self-catering basis, and available to all members. These bedrooms are in the nursery wing and have a sink in each room, and share 2 bathrooms.

For more information and photos see: www.cottagesand-castles.co.uk/self-catering/aultmore-house1597/

There are also 2 holiday cottages on the Aultmore Estate which can be hired through the Society – Osprey and Herron Cottages, which are both 2 bedroomed properties sleeping up to 4 people. These are £500 per week. More info and photos at: <http://www.aultmoreestate.com/?q=cottages>

If you are interested in staying in Aultmore House or in one of the Estate holiday cottages, please get in touch with me by email at: fiona@monymusk.com

Since the failed Guy Fawkes' plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament, people across the country have celebrated Bonfire Night on November 5th. In Scotland, the night is one of community wide celebration and wholesome fun, despite its origins being a lot more sinister.

The night was once a time of rowdy and raucous festivities - described as an evening of "prankish fun". Before it was rebranded as fireworks night in 1910 by firework manufacturers, bonfire night saw Scots of all ages bring together any kind of material that would burn, and create sizable bonfires.

Often these would be made in fields or on hill tops, but pictures show they were even created in the middle of streets surrounded by tenement buildings.

One Scottish tradition was the burning of Guy Fawkes. Effigies of Guy were made across the country, usually consisting of a jacket and trousers stuffed with straw. They would often then be wheeled around towns while the owners shouted "penny for a Guy" with the money raised going towards buying fireworks.

Guy would then be placed on top of the roaring bonfire.

Older traditions have seen people leap across half-consumed bonfires in excuse that it was an old custom. In more heavily safety conscious and policed times, it's rare to see such reckless acts taking place.

Fireworks like the Catherine Wheel were extremely popular during festivities.

Many Scots would gather for more intimate fireworks displays before the larger scale town displays become common place.

The first firework that was ever let off in Scotland has been traced as far back as 1507 where "fireballs" were used by James VI.



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A surprise for Beth at Stone Mountain!



On Friday before the Stone Mountain Scottish Games, Beth does speeches for the games. This year, there was a surprise!

About the middle of the afternoon speech, all of a sudden, a bagpiper, in full sound and glory, along with half a dozen members of the Clan Henderson Society, came marching down the center aisle.

Beth is the 2018 winner of the Chief's Prize, the largest honor the Clan Henderson Society can bestow. Dr. Ed Hendrix, pictured above in front, presented Beth the plaque. Dave Henderson is center back.

Members of the speech audience enjoyed the bru-ha-ha immensely, they said.



Finlay Johnston wins Glenfiddich Piping Championships

A piper from Tiree has won the world-famous Glenfiddich Piping Championship.

Finlay Johnston took the 2018 prize after competing against some of the piping world's best solo performers.

The championship, which is staged at Blair Castle in Perthshire, is in its 45th year after being established in 1974.

This year's finalists had been selected after winning prestigious accolades at other piping events over the past 12 months.

Mr Johnston said: "I'm overwhelmed. It's a competition I've watched my entire piping career - one

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Ten award-winning pipers made it through to the finals.

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I've looked up to.

"To now have won, it is unbelievable."



Not many people know it today... and, it was a big secret when it happened... but, Beth wrote in the *Moultrie Observer* for years - 5 days a week - as Mo Hawg.

Be afraid, very afraid. Pun coming from Mo Hawg

Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm really very hungry," said the first.

"Me too," said the second. "Let's fly down and find some lunch.

They flew down to the ground and found a nice place where the ground was newly plowed and there were LOTS of earthworms.

They ate and ate until neither one could eat any more.

"I'm so full, I don't think I can fly back up into the tree," said the first.

"Me either," said the second. "Let's just lay back here and bask in the warm sun."

So, they plopped down and enjoyed the sun.

No sooner had they gone to sleep than a big, fat cat snuck up and gobbled them both up.

As the cat sat washing his face after his meal, he thought, "I just love baskin' robins."



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



All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <mbrown2205@aol.com>

Paisley Family Society USA Branch, FaceBook account can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Paisley-Family-Society-USA-branch-195070730565352/>



*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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.

For the Paisley DNA Project, visit
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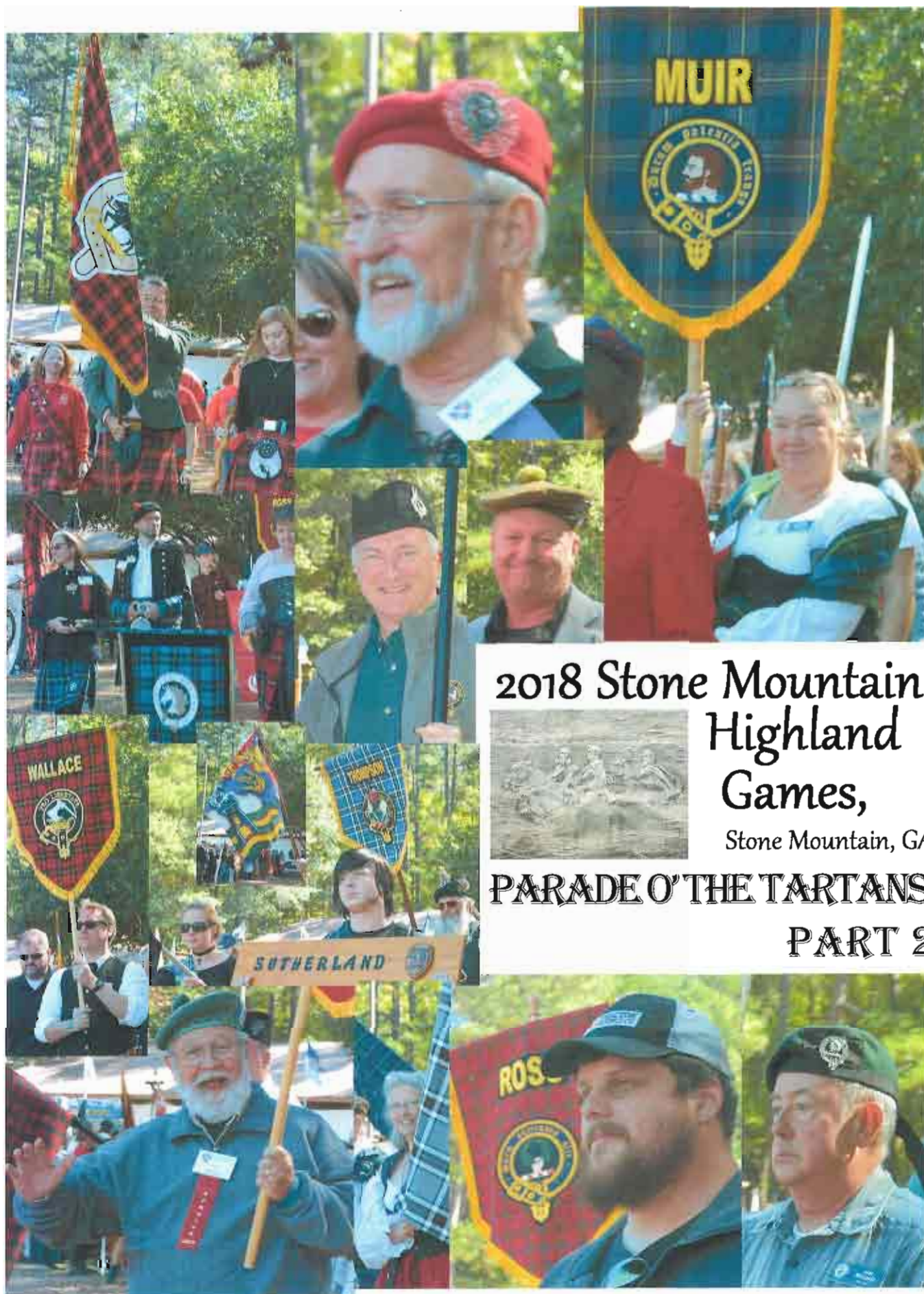
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Septs: Brewlands, Dalrulzion, Drimmie, Lude, Persie, Rannagulzion.





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Meet the Scot heard round the world working for top US news channel



He is heard by more than 300 million television viewers across the United States every week, but the chances are that very few realise the voice belongs to a man broadcasting from the bedroom of his cottage in Northeast Scotland.

Philip Banks is an announcer on the popular American news channel CNBC and the voice of trailers promoting forthcoming programmes. To viewers it sounds as though he's speaking from CNBC's high-tech news studio in New York City, but the reality is that he's speaking from a soundproof booth in his home in Portgordon, near Buckie.

Mr Banks, whose neutral British accent is described as "globally friendly", is in high demand as an announcer. In addition to CNBC, he lends his voice to global film corporations, television production companies and has worked for networks including the BBC, CNN, and Sky.

Due to the possibility of unscheduled programme changes, Mr Banks, 58, has to wait till the last minute to record his trails. "They have a regular weekend show which they like to be promoted during their regular week day output so I have to get out of bed at 3am on Friday to record the trailer to attract an audience for Saturday morning," he said. "No-one can believe that I do what I do,"

Mr Banks moved to Portgordon 16 years ago to be nearer his wife's relatives and when the couple split he decided to stay. "Luckily in my job you don't need to be anywhere specific so here is as good a place as any until I get a better idea," he said. "Me, my Border Collie Bess and a tumbledown cottage by the sea, life's pretty good."

Mr Banks studied law and economics at Oxford before working in insurance and investment man-

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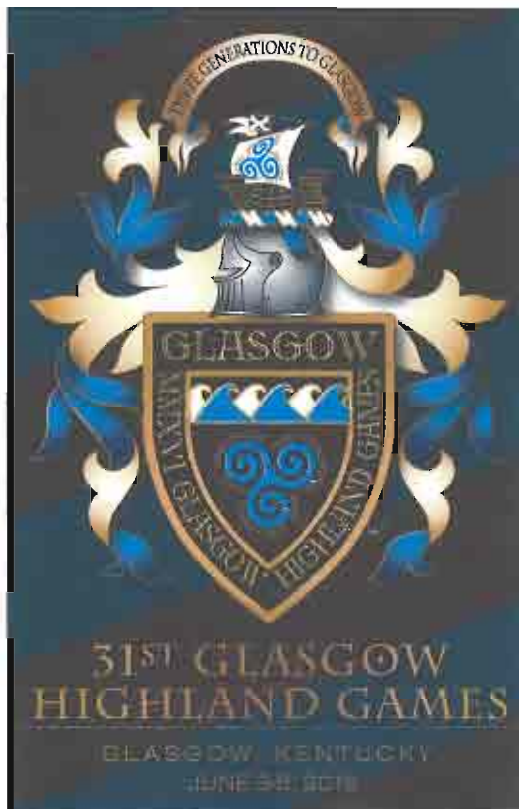
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The genealogy of the Mack Truck

Mack and his brother, Augustus, were wagon builders in Brooklyn, New York at the



turn of the nineteenth century. In 1901, they built the very first bus in the United States. This bus was used to carry tourists around Brooklyn's Prospect Park. The bus was so reliable that it logged more than one million miles over twenty-five years.

Mack and Augustus were swamped with orders.

The two of them, plus three other brothers, formed the Mack Brothers Company a little bit later...with their first Mack Truck built in 1905.

Scot heard around the world, *continued from page 31*

agement.

It was a chance encounter in a radio studio that set him thinking about the possibilities of a life outside the office nine to five.

"My company at the time wanted to organise some radio sponsorship so I went along to sort things out," he said. "I was introduced to a BBC presenter and we sat in the studio together.

"While we were waiting, she indulged my curiosity and showed me what all the buttons were for, playing different commercials and voice clips for various bits and pieces.

"I was intrigued. Who were these people that lent their voices to all sorts of random products?

"I had a bit of a mad idea and on my next day off I phoned up a guy I knew who owned a recording studio. He usually did demos for hip bands but the two of us spent a whole afternoon larking around like schoolboys trying to get my voice to sound vaguely professional.

"In the end I walked away with a two-minute reel of me doing different voices and character work. Then, I phoned up the world and his wife."

After a slow start, Mr Banks' career started to take off. "My first TV promo was for BBC2. It's a bit like getting a badge of honour – having the BBC on your CV leads to more big things," he said.

Nowadays the bulk of his work is done in his

second bedroom. "It's crammed with technology," he said. "The term 'home studio' implies some degree of amateurism, but my stuff here needs to be as good as the tech studios in central London or LA.

"If it's not, it will be immediately obvious and any recordings are unusable for professional firms looking for high-quality surround sound."

Mr Banks' recording sessions last anywhere from five minutes to five hours, as he reads scripts to producers who record him from thousands of miles away.

As the promotional voice for CNBC, logistics – and in particular, time zones – can be an issue.

Mr Banks will often find himself working in the middle of the night to fit the recording schedules of his North American clients. He works most days, churning out more than 900 sessions a year. But despite the hard work, expense and at times unpredictability of the business, Mr Banks can't see himself doing anything else.

"I love the invisibility of it," he said. "Audience figures for *Coronation Street* are about eight million, and the cast are considered famous. My weekly audience is 300 million, yet no one knows who I am."

Read more at: <https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/meet-the-scot-heard-round-the-world-working-for-top-us-news-channel-1-4823335>



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