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SNACC seeks to bring the Scottish community together to share views, values, experiences and best practices, as well as raise awareness of Scotland and Scottish culture. This is a great opportunity for any Chicago Scot interested in learning and connecting with others from the wider Scottish community.

Watch Chicago Scot's president Gus Noble's welcome video for last year's Scot-

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Christmas Dinner is coming soon!

Hints on etiquette from a bygone time!

These rules are taken from a little book written in 1834 as a serious guide to good manners. It amusingly illustrates the customs of a bygone period.

"Although these remarks will not be sufficient in themselves to make you a gentleman, they will enable you to avoid any glaring impropriety and do much to render you easy and confident in society."

Dinners: Well-bred people arrive as near the appointed dinner hour as they can. It is vulgar assumption of importance purposely to arrive half an hour behind times; besides the folly of allowing eight or ten hungry people such a tempting opportunity of discussing your foibles.

Ladies should never dine with their gloves on - unless their hands are not fit to be seen.

You cannot use your knife, fork or teeth too quietly.

Do not practice the filthy habit of gargling water from your finger bowl, albeit the usage prevails among a few.

Bread should never be cut less than an inch and a half thick. There is nothing more plebeian than thin bread at dinner.

It is considered vulgar to take soup twice.

Do not pick your teeth much at table.

Introductions: Never "introduce" people to each

other without previous understanding that it will be agreeable to both.

Do not insist upon pulling off your gloves on a hot day when you shake hands with a lady. If it be off, why, all very well; but it is better to run the risk of being considered ungallant to present a clammy ungloved hand.

Visiting: Never leave your hat in the hall when you pay a visit to a lady; it makes you look too much at home. Take it with you into the drawing room.

Smoking: If you are so unfortunate to have contracted the low habit of smoking be careful to practice it under strict restrictions; at least, as long as you are desirous of being considered fit for civilized society. The first mark of a gentleman is a sensitive regard for the feelings of others; therefore smoke where it is least likely to prove personally offensive by making your clothes smell; then wash your mouth and brush your teeth.

Dancing: If you are entirely a stranger, it is to the "master of ceremonies" you must apply for a partner and point out (quietly) any young lady with whom you should like to dance. Do not, on any account go to a strange lady and request her to dance, as she will unhesitatingly "decline the honor," and think you impertinent fellow for your presumption.



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Some help writing queries!

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Patrons seeking information via regular postal (snail) mail or email is a common occurrence even in the age of Twitter and Instagram. For most genealogical queries, many agencies will only accept queries sent via email or regular snail mail. Detailed queries using Twitter and Instagram usually only work well between individuals. When sending a query to a library, archive, or genealogical/historical society, posting to a message board, or publication for a newsletter, there are several guidelines that must be followed to ensure success.

1. If handwritten, the query absolutely must be written in legible writing. If your handwriting is bad, it is imperative that you get someone to write the letter for you.

2. If typed or created using a word processing program, it needs to be proofread.

3. Never include more than 3 surnames in the query and be sure that are in bold capitalized letters.

4. Keep your query brief and stick to the basic facts, such as the following:

a. List the persons complete name and brief identifying details.

b. Provide a complete date such as 14 December 1953 or April 10, 1962. Do not use something like 6/1/53.

c. If you are unsure about a date, use terms such as "about", circa", or "ca" in front of the date, and include a complete location if known as in "about 25 July 1923, in Lee County, Florida."

d. Use the correct postal code when abbreviating the state. There is a big difference be-

tween AL (Alabama) and AR (Arkansas). When in doubt, write out the complete state name.

5. Once again, be sure to state the relevant facts in a brief concise format. Long detailed letters will seldom be answered.

6. Be sure to have your facts readily at hand before you write your query. While most libraries will answer brief queries with no or minimal charges, many agencies will charge you for each search they do on your query.

7. When using snail mail for your queries, be sure to include a SASE (stamped self-addressed envelope) with the proper postage and large enough to accommodate at least three 8 ½ x 11 sheets of paper.

8. Before sending any queries to an agency, library, church, or any other organization, it is wise to visit their website and view the

guidelines for access, fees, and options available for receiving the information. For instance, a growing number of entities will wave some or all fees if the sender is satisfied with a scanned email copy of the requested information versus mailing it back.

9. Check the homepages of many genealogical societies. Many include tutorials and tips on compiling successful genealogical queries whether they be written, of submitted online or through social media. The following link is an example from the Birmingham Alabama Genealogical Society <<http://bgsal.org/writing-a-successful-query/>>.

The following links listed below provide excel-

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Scottish - American Military Society

General Elijah Clark Post #60



If you are a veteran of Celtic heritage, you can join the Scottish - American Military Society.

You can visit our webpage for more information.

The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

Our meeting times, dates and places are to be announced as soon as it is possible.

In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General Elijah Clark Post #60. Call 1-676-873-3491 or visit his email at <rickconn@bellsouth.net>

When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.



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If you would like information on joining the Scottish - American Military Society, please contact: **Rick Conn**, Adjutant, General James Jackson Post #60, 2683 Brocklin Drive, Grayson, GA 30017 -1432. Telephone **678-873-3491**. Email: <rickconn@bellsouth.net> <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org>>



Society of Antiquaries of Scotland December Lecture

December Lecture – Presbyterianism and Philhellenism, 1821–56 (Monday 13th of December, 6pm)

During the 1820s, volunteers from across Europe and the United States joined the fight for Greek independence. At this time, Scots played an important role in the European and North American movement to support the cause of Greek independence (known as ‘philhellenism’), contributing military officers, historians of the conflict, and educators.

In this lecture, Dr Alasdair Grant explores the philhellenic writings and initiatives of these figures during the period between the outbreak of the Revolution and the end of the Crimean War.

This will be a hybrid event hosted by the Society, which will take place both in the National Museum of Scotland Auditorium and online.

It’s free, but you must register. Just visit socantscot.org

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lent information for patrons submitting genealogical queries.

* American Ancestors – Ask a Genealogist – Tips and Strategies -

<<https://www.americanancestors.org/ask-a-genealogist>>

* Cyndi’s List – Queries & Message Boards – General Resources

<<https://www.cyndislist.com/queries/general/>>

* National Archives – History Hub – Genealogy Questions and Answers

<<https://historyhub.history.gov/community/genealogy>>

* National Genealogical Society – Writing a Query

<<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/query/>>

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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spellings.*

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William "Bill" Henry McDaniel, Jr. 77, of Charleston, South Carolina, husband of Maureen Conrey McDaniel, entered into eternal rest Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

His funeral service was held Saturday, October 30, 2021, in Saint James Anglican Church.

Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc., Downtown Chapel.

Bill was born August 1, 1944, in Charleston, South Carolina, son of the late William Henry McDaniel and Lyda Hutchinson McDaniel.

After graduating from Rivers High School and Erskine College, Bill had a very successful savings and



loan banking industry. He was a member of the American Institute of Banking and retired from First Citizens Bank.

Bill served on the Vestry for Saint James Anglican Church, participating in multiple mission trips to Honduras and assisting with the Kairos Prison Ministry.

He was a member of the James Island Optimist Club and also served as a Past Commodore of the James Island Yacht Club, devoting special effort to the "Cooking" committee.

Bill was passionate about his Scottish heritage and membership of Clan Donald USA, serving proudly as a Past High Commissioner, Past President of Clan Donald Foundation, and Member of Clan Donald Lands Trust.

Bill is survived by his wife of 30 years, Maureen; two daughters: Emily McDaniel Barrett (Andrew) and

Deering McDaniel Simmons all of Charleston, SC; step-son, Thomas Conrey, Jr. of Charleston, SC; step-daughter, Kimberly Stevens (Thomas) of Fleming Island, FL; brother, Jim McDaniel (Peggy) of Moncks Corner, SC; and four grandchildren: William Michael McDaniel Simmons, Henry Austin Barrett, Brian Elijah McKenzie and Kelley Elise McKenzie.

He was predeceased by his step-daughter, Kelley Ann Conrey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fisher House, 150 Wentworth Street, Charleston, SC 29401 or the Ronald McDonald House, 81 Gadsden Street, Charleston, SC 29401.

Visit our guestbook at <[legacy.com/obituaries/charleston](https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston)>.

Winifred "Wini" Groover McDuffie gently passed away on October 8, 2021.

Born in Atlanta on March 4, 1927 to Marshall Eugene Groover and Mary Winifred Power Groover, Wini grew up in La Grange, Georgia and attended LaGrange College before graduating from the University of Georgia and Emory School of Nursing.

She married Bruce McDuffie, Clan MacDuffie past President, in September 1950.

The couple lived in Atlanta and in Washington, Pennsylvania before settling in Binghamton, New York in 1958.

Wini lovingly raised their three children, nurturing and encouraging their creativity.

Music was always



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

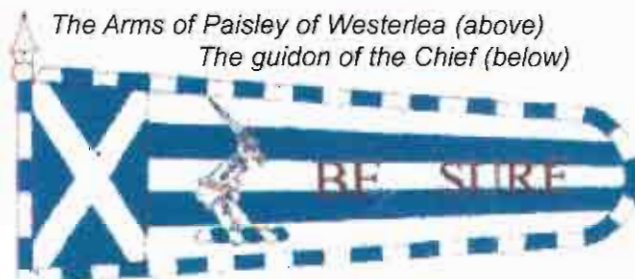
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All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

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)*



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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
<dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Check out the
Clan Paisley Society webpage at
<www.paisleyfamilyociety.org.uk>
to see what's happening with us this
year. Contact **Diane Langston** at
<dlangsto@yahoo.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/PaisleyFamilySociety>

Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 9*

playing and crayons and paper available for drawing!

Wini obtained a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education from SUNY Binghamton and pursued additional graduate work in Intergenerational Studies at Cornell University.

She worked at the Interracial Association in Binghamton, taught pre-school, community college, and continually advocated for young children and families.

Wini and Bruce moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the late 1980s where she worked as Volunteer Coordinator at Senior Neighbors; she later volunteered at Calvin Donaldson Elementary and community after school programs, and delighted in teaching art to children.

Wini's generous heart and caring nature are celebrated by everyone fortunate enough to have known her.

Bruce accused her of running "Soft-touch Manor" where homeless cats and dogs always found welcome.

Her genuine warmth, concern, and love for all creatures is her enduring legacy, and she lived her life with amazing grace.

Wini is survived by her brother Charles Groover (Jacqui) of Gainesville, GA, three children: Susan McDuffie (Salvador Romero), John McDuffie, and Judie Churchill (John), three grandsons: Robert Churchill (Meghan), Sean Churchill (Adrianna), and Zachary Churchill, four great-grandchildren and numerous much-loved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Wini leaves us with many wonderful memories.



The gold ring is set with a purple semiprecious gem that may be an amethyst. (Image credit: Daphna Gazit/Israel Antiquities Authority)

Hangover prevention ring found

A gold ring found in the ruins of an ancient wine factory may have been worn more than 1,000 years ago for its beauty — or to ward off a hangover.

Archaeologists recently discovered the ring in Yavne, Israel, during the excavation of a site dating to Byzantine times (around A.D. 330 to 1453), where a massive wine factory once dominated the landscape. The factory is thought to have been the biggest producer of commercial wine during this period, exporting a high-quality vintage across ancient Israel and beyond, representatives of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) wrote on Facebook.

However, a recent find at the site has little to do with the production or enjoyment of a crisp glass of wine, perhaps serving instead as protection against the painful aftermath that comes from drinking too much.

The ring holds a purple stone that is likely an amethyst, and people in the region believed that such semiprecious gems were capable of preventing the discomfort of a hangover, Israel Antiquities Authority representatives said in a statement.



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If a big auto industry had developed technology like a big computer company, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

- * For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
- * Every time they repainted the lines on the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- * Occasionally, your car would die on the freeway for no reason.
- * You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close the windows, then shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue.
- * Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, was five times as fast and twice as easy to drive, but would run on only five percent of the roads.
- * The oil, water temperate, and alternator warning lights would be replaced by a single “this car has performed an Illegal Operation” warning light.
- * The airbag system would ask, “Are you sure?” before deploying.
- * Occasionally, for no reason, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
- * Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would learn how to drive all over again, because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
- * And, finally, you’d have to press the “Start” button to turn the engine off.

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Flower of the Forest

Alison Atkins



Alison Hearne Atkins was born on April 30, 1930, in Greensboro, North Carolina, the daughter of Closs W. Hearne and Georgia Pearsall Hearne. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Greenville, North Carolina, where she grew up.

She attended public schools in Greenville, graduating at the top of her class in High School. She attended East Carolina University in her hometown, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with a major in voice and a minor in piano.

She was an accomplished pianist, but also played by ear. She could listen to any tune and immediately play it.

She sang many operatic roles in her time at East Carolina University, including a leading role in the world premiere of Carlyle Floyd's opera *The Sojourner and Molly Sinclair* which was written for the Tercentenary of the State of North Carolina.

She taught in the public schools in Pitt County for several years after her BS degree and then went back to study for a Master's Degree in Vocal Performance. She earned the first one of these degrees to be offered by East Carolina University.

After her Master's, she moved to Hays, Kansas, where she taught voice and related subjects at Fort Hays State University. It was here that she met her husband, Kent Atkins, who was the Director of Pharmacy Services at one of the local hospitals.

They were married on the 28th of May in 1966 in Kent's hometown, Fort Scott Kansas.

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Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle



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While teaching at the university, she filled many roles, teacher of voice, teaching various classes in Music Education and general music studies. As a performer, she gave twenty-nine faculty recitals in her twenty-eight years at Fort Hays State University.

She also performed in oratorios and some operas while there.

She was valued as a musical adjudicator, judging state music festivals in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. She was asked to judge for the Metropolitan Opera in Lincoln, Nebraska when the Met was having its annual auditions around the US.

She was also very active in her various professional organizations. As a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), she took students each year to compete in the National Association of Teachers of Singing regional competitions and always came back with a winner or two.

She even had the privilege of awarding Samuel Ramey from Colby, Kansas, first place in a NATS competition.

As it turned out, Mr. Ramey became one of the leading bass singers in the world. She would tease him when whenever they were together by telling him that he owed his most successful career to her judging that contest.

She served NATS in many ways. She was the Kansas Governor for six years and then became the Regional Governor for the four-state region of Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

She has had many excellent students who are currently teaching at all levels of education and has one student who sings on Broadway in New York. He performed the role of Billy Flynn in New York and then as the Phantom in the *Phantom of the Opera* at the Venetian in Las Vegas for three years.

Alison was also active in Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional fraternity for women in Music. She worked her way to being a Province Officer for Sigma Alpha Iota, and was in charge of four universities in Kansas, and did a lot of traveling to keep these four schools in line. She also was instrumental in starting a new chapter at Kansas State University which was given the Greek letters KU, which we thought was rather funny since KU and KSU are huge rivals.

She also has been quite active in a women's organization known as P.E.O. This is an international or-

ganization whose prime objective is to help educate women through awarding scholarships. She has served as president in all of the chapters she has belonged to in the various cities in which she has lived in Kansas. She currently belonged to a chapter in Wilmington.

As an accompanist, Alison was asked by Flora MacDonald Gammon of Greenville, to come with her to Grandfather Mountain for the Scottish games and accompany the singers who entertained at the games. This developed into a love of Scottish songs and earned her a spot as a singer, too.

She sang the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies and became known as the Musical Voice of the Grandfather Mountain Scottish Games. She and Kent, who was the leader of his Scottish Clan for many years, have attended fifty two of the last fifty-five games, missing only for illness or the pandemic when the games were canceled.

For her involvement in these games, she was awarded the Agnes MacRae (the Wilmington MacCraes) Morton Award and also was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by the Governor for her work in promoting Scottish culture in North Carolina.

After her marriage, she and Kent lived in Kansas (Hays and Lawrence) for forty-two years before deciding to move back to North Carolina, her home state. They chose Wilmington because they wanted to be near the water, and Greenville was not that far away.

She, along with her husband, have been ushers at the Wilson Center almost from its opening.

She was a member of St. Andrews on the Sound Episcopal Church and sang in the choir for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Kent, a son, Reynolds, and wife Louise, who live in Rockville, Maryland, a daughter, Alison, of San Diego, California, three grandsons, two granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

Services for Alison were held on Wednesday, November 10th, at 10 o'clock at St. Andrews on the Sound Episcopal Church on Airline Road in Wilmington, the Rev. Richard Elliot officiating.

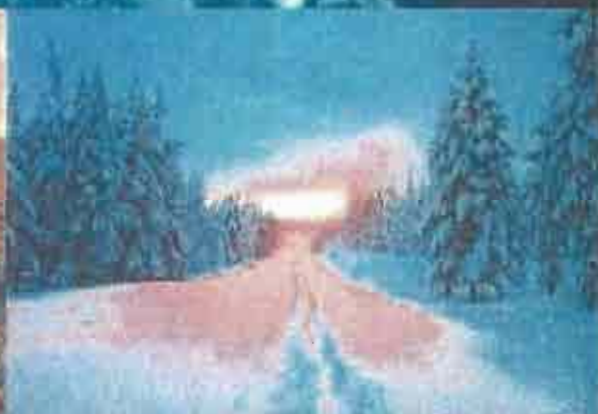
Alison was so very generous with her talents. She sang, a cappella, a wonderful song when Tom and I were Handfasted at the the Glasgow (KY) Highland Games in 2007. Alison and her music will never, ever be forgotten.



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Sunday, December 19
Central Presbyterian Church at 2 PM.

But we need your help!

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Have You Heard? About the Anglo-Scottish Border

Hello folks, that's us, open, with five months under the belt and still hard at work inside the tower.

Following the best part of a 14-month closure due to this dreadful virus, and it was fairly obvious that the virus was keeping most folks at home!

We have missed keeping you up to date, but the towers' needs have been beyond demanding these past few months. Our promise is to get you up to date with the "ongannings" inside, and to a degree outside Gilnockie since 2015. We hope this will come to pass in the next few months.

To give you a taster of what's happened to date please visit our website at www.gilnockietower.co.uk and view the photos we have taken within a few areas that have already been completed.

What a wonderful team of guides and artisans we have at work inside this "cantankerous auld fossil!"

There are three flag poles adjacent to the tower. That's really good. Facebook has been doing its job. Now then, we have already set a challenge "tae aa y ow Aamastrngs" through our recent past flag flying and all regarding the business end of our flagpoles. We have at present in the towers stock our own National Flags and we fly each of them on our own special days throughout each year.

England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland are each recognized on each of their own special days with us flying each respective colour on for that day. In doing

that, a number of our newsletter readers have come back to us to say, "Why didn't you fly this country's flag or that country's flag on their special day?"

We have to tell them, we don't have any other flags only the ones that are sent to us by kind Armstrongs from all over the world. At present, we have the UK Royal Navy, Army, and The Royal Air Force, Old Glory from the USA, Equador, Australia, Western Australia. Also, our friends in Canada have sent us the Canadian flag known as the Maple Leaf.

So that we can give you a flavor of our project, September and October have been busy months for the tower, flags having been sent to us by our friends. We flew the Merchant flag on Merchant Navy Day, September 3. On September 15, the Battle of Britain Day, we flew the flag of the Royal Air Force. On October 11th, Canada's Thanksgiving Day, we flew the Canadian Flag. On October 21st, Trafalgar Day we flew the Royal Navy flag.

Oh dear, dear. Did I mention we have "nowt" up the poles at the moment?

Around the 20th of October 2010, the original Reiver Trail was launched as a Reiver Route that would take visitors through the 16th century within the Esk, Liddel, and Teviot valleys on the Anglo-Scottish Border, explaining to them while on the route, the interesting, but dark and murky history all through professionally presented information boards situated at a

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number of strategic areas of special interest.

Please have a wee listen to this historical link to get a flavor of the "organnings" of that time at <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVD8IWp7KJQ>>

The Anglo-Scots Borderland Reiver Trail 60 is an exciting new 60 mile Day Tour of the Anglo-Scots Borderland.

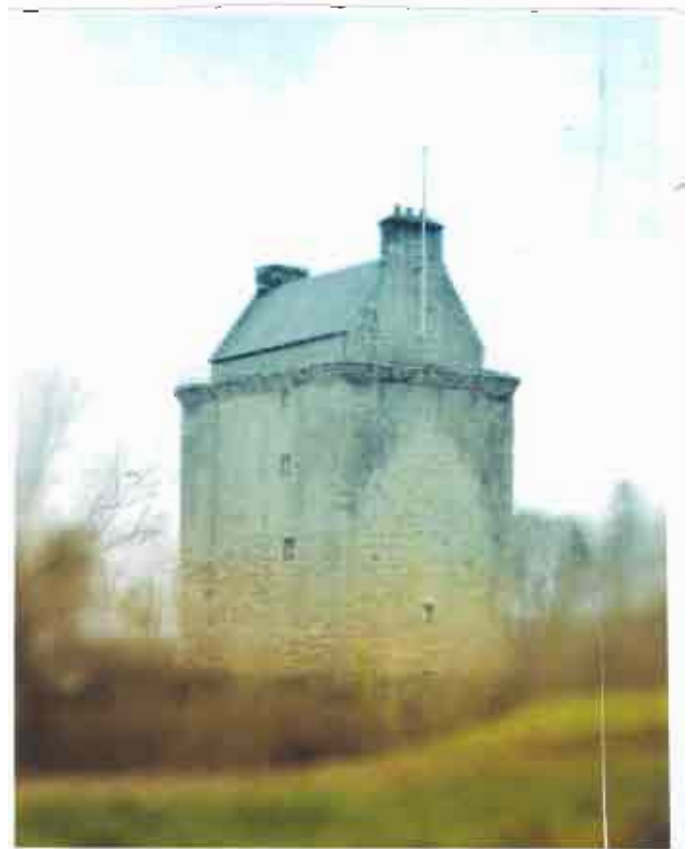
Welcome to what was, a few turbulent centuries ago, the Anglo-Scottish Border Reiver geographical region! The wild chaotic and disorganized natural depressions that complimented the sinister heather and moss-covered moorlands between Canonbie, Langholm, Newcastleton, as well as crossing the open country towards the southern territorial ascendancy of this unique backdrop. It is the ongoing and living inheritance of a confused, but passionate intensity of an earlier period. Today, the land is at peace, other than airborne hunters of prey who soar across the skyline looking for a victim.

Five centuries ago, the resonating sound of hoofbeats, a screech of steel abrasion against steel, the pungent smell of leather could all be detected across this wild land, and to complete this violent mix there were reprehensible men known as Border Reivers thundering through the night with a serious business plan in mind.

This was, not so long ago, normal Borderline life. With any Border, without doubt, there are problems, and so it was with the Anglo-Scottish Border. The area became a battleground, but not always shedding blood. To survive, families had to raid and thief what was readily available. But the war's the Borderers' game during the open season, their gain, their glory, their delight, to sleep the day, to maraud the night..."

Ee hev tae head yer witer for the next newsletter, an the next part, how aa be safe, and take care o' yersels!

**Gilnockie Tower is open
all year round !**



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The 48th Glenfiddich Piping Champion is, British Columbia piper, Jack Lee

The overall champion of the prestigious Glenfiddich Piping Championship has been named as British Columbia piper Jack Lee.

Third-time overall champion Jack Lee went up against nine of the world's greatest solo players at the renowned 48th annual competition at Blair Castle on Saturday to claim the title.

The Silver Chanter 2021 winner Angus MacColl of Oban was crowned runner-up and 2019 titleholder Finlay Johnston of Glasgow was third overall and the Piobaireachd winner. The MSR competition winner was William McCallum of Bearsden.

Jack Lee impressed with his playing of the Piobaireachd and March, Strathspey, and Reel disciplines, taking second in the Piobaireachd and third in the MSR to come out on top as the overall Championship winner.

The competition was played out in front of a live audience in Blair Castle's Victorian ballroom and hundreds from around the world who watched the spectacle online.

Overall Winner, Jack Lee, said: "It's an absolute honor to be standing here with The Glenfiddich trophy. This is the third time I've had this and I can tell you it's a very sweet day."

The National Piping Centre's Director of Piping, Finlay MacDonald, said: "The Glenfiddich is solo piping's ultimate prize and this year's competition yet



again set the bar for world-class piping. I would like to extend my warm congratulations to our new champion and to all of the competitors for their excellent performances today.

"We're delighted to see another successful year of celebratory competition at The Glenfiddich and to welcome people to the magnificent Blair Castle once again, while also connecting with hundreds watching at home from around the world. We look forward to the event going from strength to strength in the years to come."

Competitors, traveled from near and far to take part, including 2020 champion Stuart Liddell, Dollar's Callum Beaumont, five-time champion Roderick Macleod MBE, William McCallum of Bearsden, Edinburgh's Iain Speirs, Glasgow-based Canadian piper Glenn Brown and Connor Sinclair of Crieff.

This year, participants were selected from the two qualifying events that took place, with Stuart Liddell as the 2020 champion and Callum Beaumont as the overall winner of the Piping Live! Masters Competition. The other competitors were chosen based on previous achievements at the Glenfiddich Piping Championship.

The Glenfiddich Piping Championship was established in 1974 to inspire the world's finest expo-

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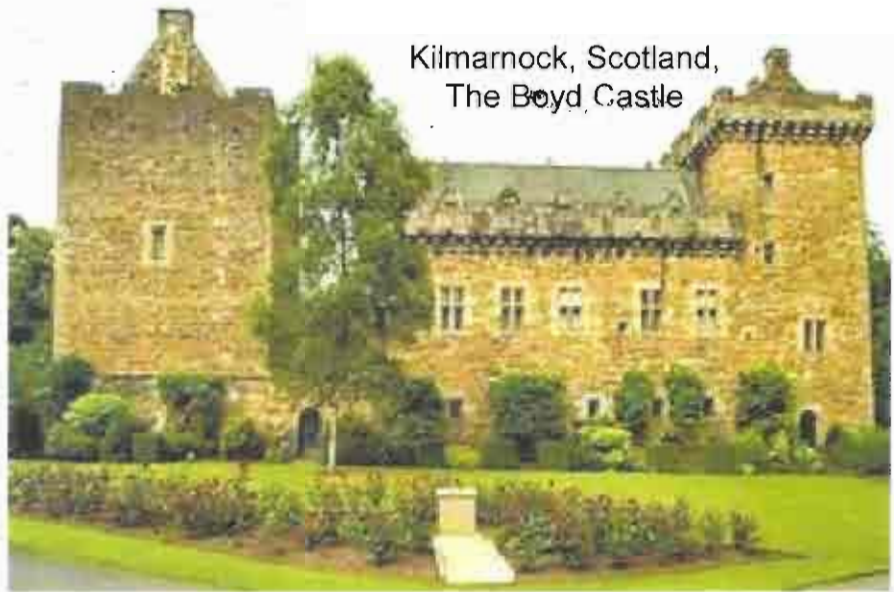


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10 things people wished they knew before visiting Scotland

**Daily
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Sean Murphy, Tourism Writer

When visiting Scotland for the first time there can be a lot to take in, from the scenery and historical sites to the people and the language.

Though most people will have a wonderful time, there are some things they probably wish they knew before they got here.

So with that in mind, we asked you our readers what they thought, here is what they said.

1. Don't be afraid to go in winter

This should be pretty obvious but if you can handle the weather, Scotland is beautiful all year round.

As one of our users said: "We arrived in Glasgow the Friday night before Christmas, the town was alive!! People celebrating, Christmas Markets, it was wonderful walking around taking it all in."

2. Travel by train rather than by car

Traveling by train is a great way to see the country

This was a popular suggestion with one person stating that trains are better for "seeing amazing views from the windows".



Glenfiddich Pipe Championship,

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nents of Ceòl Mòr or Piobaireachd (the great music) and Ceòl Beag or light music (the little music). Run by The National Piping Centre, the world center for excellence in bagpipe music, and funded through the William Grant Foundation, the event is held annually at Blair Castle in Blair Atholl, Perthshire.

The competition was topped off with a celebratory Pipers' Ceilidh at the Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry.

3. Don't be afraid to integrate yourself.

It might seem obvious but this is a suggestion from many, with all adding that not always just doing the tourist thing can have its benefits and that Scots are so welcoming.

One follower advised: "You have to learn all the words to at least one song and sing it all the way through. There is no getting out of it"

While another added: "Eat the haggis and drink the whisky. Repeat."

4. Plan ahead - you don't want to miss out

As there is so much to see and do, planning ahead was a key tip for many.

One user wrote: "You need to schedule ahead, we missed out on the island of Hoy because we didn't plan ahead."

5. Be prepared for the weather. You might want to bring clothes for every occasion

As Billy Connolly once famously said, in Scotland, there is no bad weather, just the wrong kind of clothes.

Many were happy to follow this advice adding that it might be smart to pack for all types of weather, even in summer.

One person joked: "Don't bother with an umbrella. Useless in the wind"

While another added: "When it's warm and the sun is shining brightly, and there is no cloud in the sky, and no wind at all, and you see blinking warning signs that tell you "Heavy rain" Believe it. Just believe it."

This leads us to our next tip.

6. Dress appropriately

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With many thanks to Steve Kelley.

Hand signal works!

Missing girl found

Be sure your family knows this!

Authorities were able to find a missing 16-year-old girl after she caught the attention of a driver by using hand gestures popularized on the social media platform TikTok and on the preceding page and also to the right.

According to the Laurel County Sheriff's Office in Kentucky, the girl was inside a silver-colored Toyota car when the driver saw her using hand signals known on TikTok "to represent violence at home — I need help — domestic violence."

After recognizing what the signals meant and seeing that the teen "appeared to be in distress," the driver called 911, the sheriff's office said in a statement.

The alert led to the arrest of 61-year-old James Herbert Brick of Cherokee, North Carolina, Thursday afternoon while driving near a Kentucky interstate.

The teenager found inside the car Brick was driving had been reported missing by her parents in Asheville, North Carolina, Tuesday morning, Laurel County Sheriff John Root said in a statement.

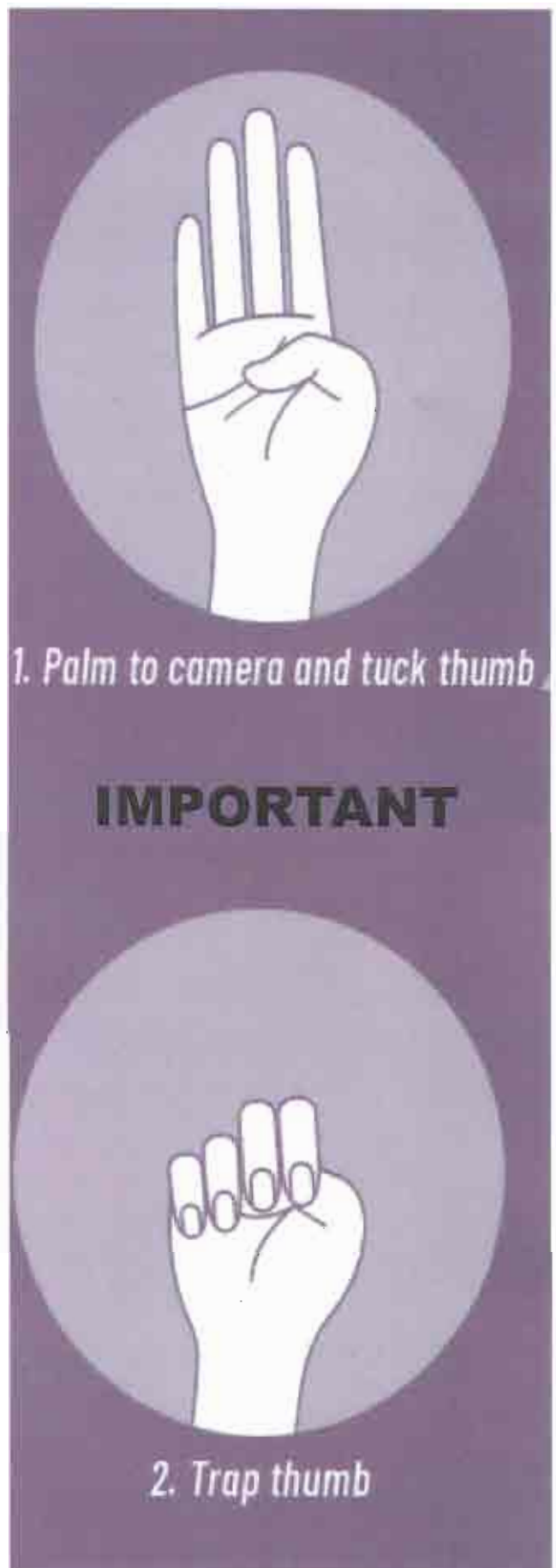
The girl also told authorities she had traveled with Brick through North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio, according to the statement.

Investigators also located a phone in Brick's possession that "allegedly portrayed a juvenile female in a sexual manner," Root said.

Brick is facing charges for unlawful imprisonment and possession of material showing a sex performance by a minor over the age of 12 but under age 18, according to the sheriff's office. He's being held at the Laurel County Correctional Center on a \$10,000 cash bond.

The sheriff's office did not describe the sign used by the teen, but a hand gesture first introduced by the Canadian Women's Foundation last year has been adopted by many globally who need to discreetly ask for help or show they're in distress.

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THE CROWN JEWELS - KNOWN AS THE HONOURS OF SCOTLAND

The Honours of Scotland consist of 3 pieces, the Crown, the Scepter, and the Sword of State.

The Crown probably dates back to before 1540 and may have existed in the reign of James IV from pictorial representations. It was certainly worn by James V when his queen consort was crowned in 1540 because some work on it was done then to bring it to its present form.

The gold and the pearls used in it all come from Scotland. The Scepter was a gift from the papacy to the King of Scots in 1494 and the Sword was also a papal gift in 1507.

The regalia were used for the coronations of Mary, Queen of Scots, James VI and Charles I. So far, so good, but after this the story becomes interesting. Charles I, despite having the distinction of being the last ruling monarch of Great Britain to be born in Scotland, at Dunfermline Palace, was not what you would call a very good king.

In fact his relationship with his Scottish kingdom was always fractious. It was partly his attempts to impose bishops on the Scottish church and financing the wars this caused that led to the English Civil War. At first, the Scots sided with the Parliamentarians which helped lead to Charles I's defeat. However there was a change of heart from Scotland after the king was



taken into captivity and a secret treaty was signed between Charles I and the Scottish government.

Their alliance fared badly militarily and Charles ended up being executed. The Scots then crowned his son Charles II using the regalia, but he proved no more lucky in war than his father, and he ran away to the continent.

The Scots fought against the troops of the English Parliament in what became known as the War of the Three Kingdoms, but they were defeated time and again and eventually had to fall back on Dunnottar Castle in North East Scotland. Here the Scottish Army was besieged. Among their baggage train were the Honours of Scotland, which they hoped to protect as Cromwell had ordered the royal regalia of England

to be broken up or melted down.

Dunnottar was an almost impregnable fortress, on a plug of rock surrounded on 3 sides by water and with only a narrow, steep path to its gates. But its defensible position also made it difficult to supply. It was however quite a civilised siege and visitors were allowed to pass the lines. As a result, a plan was made to smuggle the Honours out of the castle and to safety.

In March, 1652, the Honours of Scotland were wrapped up and lowered over the walls of the castle onto the beach below. There an older woman waited with a basket full of seaweed collected from the beach. She hid the Honours in the basket and set off for the nearby parish of Kineff, where her mistress was married to the parish minister. Together they dug a hole in the floor of the parish church and hid the Honours, covering them with earth and a flagstone.

The jewels stayed hidden there until the restoration of the British monarchy with Charles II in 1660. They have not been used to crown a monarch since. They were even lost for a time in Edinburgh Castle before being found by Sir Walter Scott, the famous novelist, to celebrate the visit of King George IV in 1822. Sir Walter was also the first to tell the tale of how they ended up under the floor of the parish church - so a wee bit of literary licence may be involved!

The Honours have been on display in the Crown Room of Edinburgh Castle ever since, though taken out and presented to Queen Elizabeth following her coronation in 1953. Since the restoration of the Scottish Parliament in 1999, the Crown has been present at the opening sessions of the Parliament. 500 years on, the Honours of Scotland still represent the Kingdom.

Borders Tales and Trails is now available on-line: *Illustrated with colour photographs and maps*



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CLAN HOME CELEBRATES AT THE 2021 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES



On Saturday night, The Clan Home Society held their clan dinner and annual meeting. The offices of President, Rodney Green and Vice President, Hallie Bouchard remained unchanged, with Hallie assuming Recording Secretary duties.

Marc Bouchard was elected Treasurer. Historian TBA and Anne Johnson Remains Newsletter

Editor.

In recognition of his tireless efforts in clan tent assistance and representation, Holt Bouchard was officially named Clan Greeter & Stamp Master.

We were honored to witness a symbolic renewal of marriage vows for Marc and Hallie Bouchard. The officiant was President Rodney Green.



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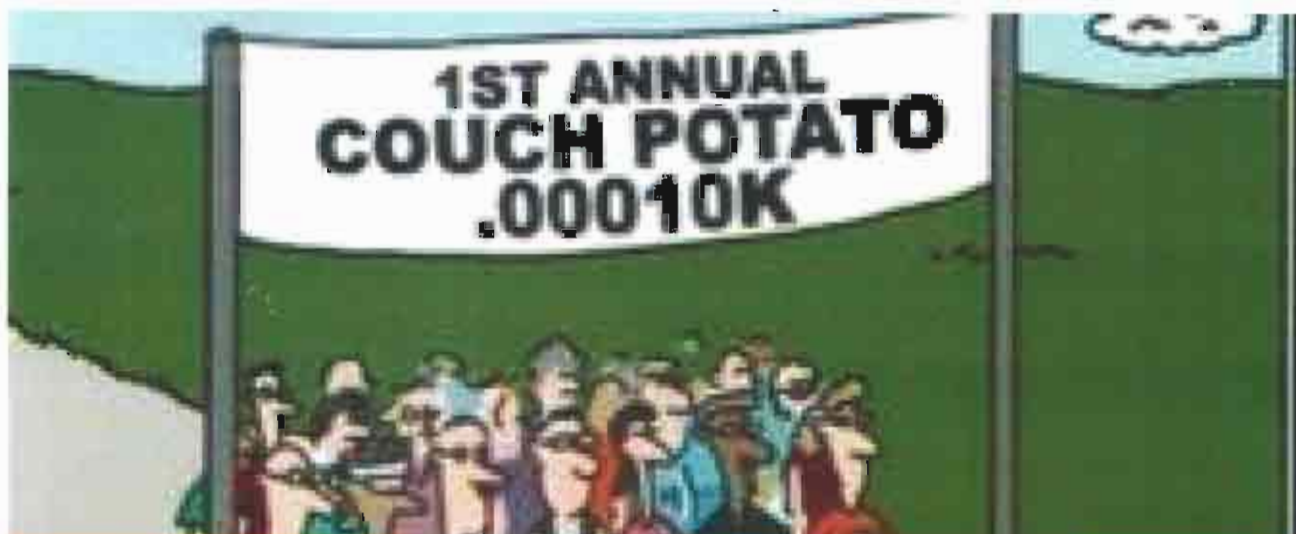
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