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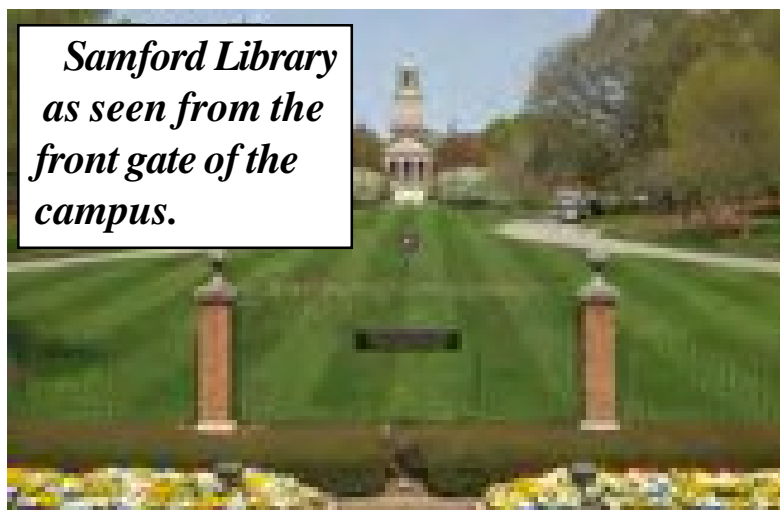
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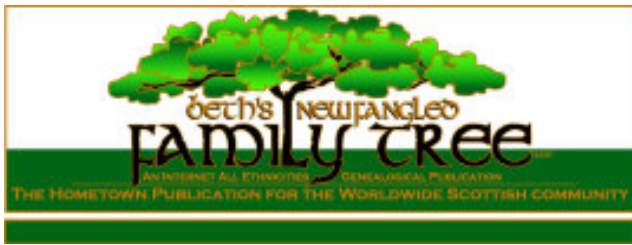
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## A letter from \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ your editor...



## Love lessons learned...

In this season of Valentine's Day, I got to thinking about some hard lessons I have learned over the span I have so far lived. I thought I would share these lessons with you in hopes that you would put them to use in your own life.

There must be love in your life. Humans cannot survive without it - or at least this human can't. Sometimes the people in your life seem to have gone crazy...but I've been "saved" more times than once by the love of my dogs, cats and horses. Trixie, Katherini, Ugas, Jack...Walter, Chuckie and Ruthie...Sweet Thing, Ol' Buck, Frostie, Brendah, DooDah, Ruby Lou...Sylvester, Bicket, Peggie Hairly and Miss Narra - are just a few of the critters with whom I have shared my life and have loved.

You can't always trust someone who says they love you. This one was hard for me to learn, but learn it I have. Folks want different things out of love - many simply want another person to cook, clean, wash, iron, mow, repair, paint, scrub, work and pay for things - you get the gist.

My counselor through a very bad time told me that even though you might not personally believe in divorce - when the other person in a marriage or serious relationship ceases to "love, honor and cherish" the other one, it's time for you to make tracks.

I've learned that the way a person looks has nothing to do with what they are like as a person.

I've learned that the kind of car someone has doesn't matter. Nor does how much money they have.

I've learned that you can be happy as a clam with almost nothing.

I've learned that you can be a mess when there are material things and money.

I've learned that someone can pretend to be

someone they are not - just to get that person described before who the pretending person wants to cook, clean, wash, iron, etc.

I've learned from my thirty-plus-year friend, Jackie, that there are two kinds of people in this world. There are givers and there are takers. Jackie says that both she and I are givers. Takers zero in on givers like they had radar in their noses. Takers pretend to be givers just long enough to snag one of their own...and then they revert back to themselves. Takers, in my experience, are NOT nice people. Run, run like the wind if one is after YOU.

I've learned from my almost thirty-year friend, Jeri, that your friends become your family that you have chosen from all the people in the world. The great thing about this is that you continue to add to your family of friends as long as you live.

I've learned from my lifelong friend, Marti, that friends become the "constants" in your life. When all else explodes, your friends are still there.

I've learned that sometimes people will sort of pretend to be your friends - but at the first sign of trouble, they disappear like smoke in a hurricane. I have also learned that you don't mourn their flying away.

I've learned to tell those whom I love that I do.

I've learned that there are as many ways of loving as there are people and you can love all of your friends - each in their own way.

I've learned that true love is made up of respect, trust, honor and laughter, shared experiences and real friendship.

It took me until now to find the love of my life. So, I've learned never to give up. Nobody was more surprised, astounded or amazed than me.

It's funny, as Tom says the same thing! *Long time good friends. Whammy! Huh? Us? Hurrah!*



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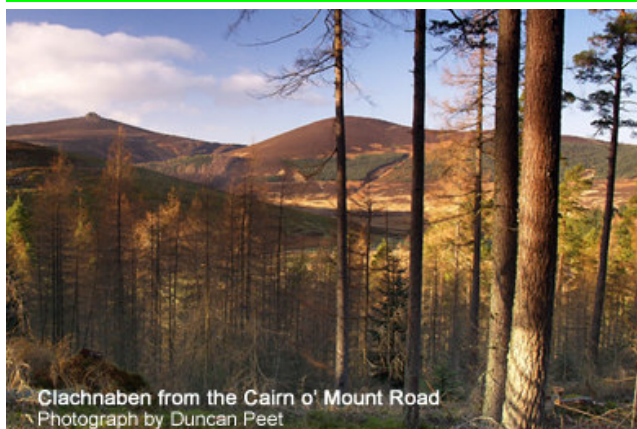
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The Isle of Mull, 2005

# Military Bounty Land Grants

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**Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian Fort Myers - Lee County (FL) Library**

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**B**ounty land grants issued by the government refer to tracts of land which were given outright by the states, and later by the federal government, as partial compensation for service in times of military conflict. Bounty land grants were also intended to attract men to serve in the military. Bounty land warrants were issued from the colonial period until 1858, when the program was discontinued, and five years later, in 1863, the rights to locate and take possession of bounty lands ceased.

The colonies promised land for service in the colonial wars. This was especially true during the French and Indian War, 1754-1763. When the American Revolution began in 1775, some of the colonies promised land to men who would serve in state militia units and in the Continental Army. Land allotments varied by colony. The Continental Congress promised land to soldiers who served in the Continental Army. Soldiers who were privates or noncommissioned officers were allocated 100 acres, Lieutenant – 200 acres, Captain – 300 acres, Major, Colonel, General – 400+ acres, depending on various circumstances. In some cases, officers above the rank of captain received as much as 1,000 acres.

Between 1788 and 1855, there were more bounty land applicants than pension applicants. The U.S. Military District in Ohio was the only federal land where warrants could be used from 1796, when it opened, until 1830. A second reserve that encompassed what is now the southern end of Illinois was proposed, but never created. The military district of Ohio was enlarged. The War of 1812 saw the bounty

land process offered again as an inducement to bring men into the military. After the War of 1812, Congress created three new military districts to handle the future redemptions of new soldiers. One was in Illinois, one in Michigan, and one in present-day Arkansas (then Louisiana). These were the last “federal reserves” created.

The United States began granting land via a number of land acts issued between 1811 and 1818 in Missouri, Virginia, and Ohio. Warrants that could be used in the Virginia and United States Military Districts in Ohio were made redeemable by “scrip acts” in 1830 and 1832 at any general land office in Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. By 1842, all federal bounty land warrants were honored at any land office. Other later acts of Congress, until 1855, continued to address the needs of soldiers wishing to redeem their bounty land warrants.

The warrant market became a thriving business. More warrants were used in Iowa than in any other state. To receive federal bounty lands between 1788 and 1855, the soldier or his heirs had to apply. To obtain the land, the warrants were surrendered. These surrendered warrants are in the Eastern States Office of the Bureau of Land Management located in Alexandria, Virginia. There were 598,599 bounty land warrants issued during the period between 1788 and 1855.

Contact Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library, 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901-3917. Tel: (239) 533-4626 or Fax: (239) 485-1160 or E-Mail: [bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com)



# Old records are a real treasure for Kentucky genealogists/historians

A treasure trove of old records in the Fayette (KY) County Clerk's office a few months ago will help genealogists who have family from the area.

Deputies in the Fayette County Clerk's office found land and census records from the late 1700s to the early 1900s in government archives in Frankfort. The deputies also found several years' of marriage licenses in the Fayette County clerk's storage room.

Referred to as "The Domesday Book" of Fayette County, a large volume of applications for land patents was found containing the names of Kentucky's earliest settlers.

Deputy Fayette County Clerk Linda Potter, along with deputy clerks Emily Gentry and Jennifer Tapia found that the Domesday Book of records (*Domesday*

*Book* refers to the first tax collection records made when William the Conqueror taxed England's inhabitants in 1086 - an invaluable record of people living there at that time.) had been moved to the Kentucky Land Office in Frankfort in the early 1970s. The book has the names of settlers who applied for land patents from 1770 to 1780 when what is now Kentucky was still part of Virginia.

The three ladies also discovered the "Land Entry Book" which has similar information from 1783 to 1784.

Sandi Gorin, a Barren County (KY) genealogist said, I am thrilled with the discoveries and am hoping that the records will be available soon for re-

searchers to see - either online or in a printed format."

Those who research family history use old land records to trace how a parcel of land was passed down through a family. The information will reveal the names of a person's heirs.



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# Clan Wallace Society Worldwide honors members with Circle Awards

During the 2009 Annual Director's Meeting, held at the Long's Peak Scottish Games and Irish Festival, at Estes Park, Colorado, Awards were presented to four CWSW members.

The Circle of the Knight was presented by Society President William J. Wallace and Rewards Chairman, John R. Wallace to Life Member **Marcia Harper** of Lewisville, North Carolina.

This award is the society's second highest award.

Marcia is a Clan Wallace Convener of festivals and games in North Carolina.

The Circle of the Saltire was presented to Council Member, **James L. Wallace** of Bowie, Maryland.

This is the society's third highest award.

Jim is a Clan Wallace Convener in Maryland and also a member of the CWSW Board of Directors and the society's webmaster.

The Circle of the Cross was presented to Council Member **Dorothy Wallace Knight** of Ontario, Canada.

This is the society's fourth highest award.

Dorothy is a Clan Wallace Convener in Canada as well as the appointed Advisory Director for Canada to the CWSW Board of Directors.

The Circle of the Thistle was presented to Life Member **Mary Diane Wallace** of Glendale, Arizona. It is the society's fifth highest award.



In addition of the above awards, a dinner was held during the 48th Annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games in Salado, Texas, where Past President and Rewards Chairman, John R. Wallace presented the society's highest award to council member **Marcus James Wallace** of Corinth, Texas.

The Circle of William Wallace represents significant support to the Society's missions and dedication to the Clan Wallace ideals and goals.

With thanks to *The Guardian*, published by the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide.

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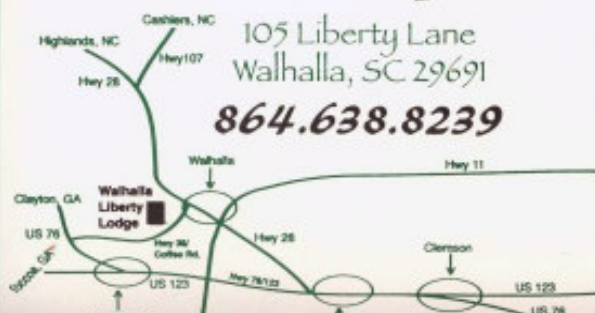
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# Drew Smith, MLS to present programs in Jacksonville, Florida

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Registration begins at 8:30 p.m. Price \$30.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members. Lunch served with registration received by February 16, 2010.

Speaker is Mr. Drew Smith, MLS.

His topics include, *The Family History in Your Cells: Using DNA for Genealogical Research*;

*Where is the Book with My Family in IT?; Social Networking for Genealogical Research*; and *Beyond Database Programs; Technology Tools to Help Manage Your Research*.

Registration form can be found at the society's website: <http://jaxgen.home.comcast.net>. Or checks with short note may be sent to Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 60756, Jacksonville, FL, 32236. For additional information contact: Jim Laird, (904) 264-0743.

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## FGS Meeting - Saturday, 6 February

The Florida Genealogical Society will hold its February monthly meeting at 10:30 AM on Saturday, February 6th, 2010, in the auditorium of the John F. Germany Public Library, 900 North Ashley Drive in Downtown Tampa. Our speaker will be Donna M. Moughty, professional genealogist and lecturer.

Donna's presentation is titled "Sources for Irish Records." Learn to use U.S. resources to focus on finding the right place and time in Ireland to pursue your Irish ancestors.

Join us for another of our great educational and then spend some time in the library's excellent genealogy department on the second floor west.

Contact the Florida Genealogical Society, Inc. P.O. Box 18624, Tampa, FL 33679-8624, United States.

FGS is the oldest genealogical society in Florida, founded in 1958. Meetings are normally held at 10:30 AM on the first Saturday of the month at the John F. Germany Library, 900 North Ashley Drive, in downtown Tampa. However, our annual Fall Seminar is traditionally held on another Saturday in September at another location. You may e-mail us at [fgstampa@hotmail.com](mailto:fgstampa@hotmail.com) with questions or for other information.

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## Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy meets February 13

The Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy Meeting and Presentation entitled, "Mariano Medina, First Permanent Settler in the Big Thompson Valley" presented by A. E. "Gene" Vigil. Time/Location: 1 p.m. on February 13, Christ the King Lutheran Church Hall, 2300 South Patton Court, Denver, CO.

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Did you know that the lovely Mariel Hemmingway's grandfather, Hemmingway, won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954 too.

# Flowers of the Forest

Clan Wallace Society Worldwide member Mrs. **Catharine “Kate” Rankin** of Summerfield, passed away last July 11 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Kate attended First Baptist Church of Summerfield. She was owner/operator of Almost Home Childcare and was a founding member of the Summerfield Community Theater.

In the theater, she acted, directed and made costumes for local plays. She was also a filmmaker.

Kate is survived by her husband of three years, Eric Rankin; children Samantha Matson, Christian Matson, Meghan Rankin, Abbey Rankin, Liam Rankin and Aiden Rankin, all of the home. She is survived by

her parents, Gary and Linda Tyrell of Summerfield, mother-in-law and father-in-law, Maggie and Richard Turner of Greensboro, grandfather, Jack Tyrell, aunt Marsha Tyrell and husband Scott. She is survived by her uncle Glenn Wolfe, cousin Jeanette Tyrell and her children, Alazay and Drayden Jeffers, all of Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, 600 Third Avenue, New York City, NY 10016.

**Alta MacIntosh Bearman**, Clan Wallace Society Worldwide Council member, died last November 7 in Hollywood Hills, California. She had previously lived in Valdosta, Georgia. Her husband, Chuck Bearman, predeceased her. She was also active in

the Clan Macintosh Society and all things Scottish. She was particularly proud of her family ties to the late Dode Macintosh and Chinubie Macintosh of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**James Harrison Wallace**, longtime Clan Wallace Society Worldwide Council member, died at age 61 in Greenville, Kentucky. He was born September 29, 1948 in Hammond, Indiana and was a veteran of the US Navy, a phlebotomist and a member of First Christian Church, Greenville.

**Jim** was active in Scottish affairs and participated in games and festivals in the Midwest, being a regular at the Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games.

He was preceded in death by grandson, Silas Harrison, parents Paul and Ione and brother, Joey. Survivors include his wife, Coni Theios Wallace and sons Justin (Nicole), Damon and Heath; grandchildren Turner and Jaxon, sister Paula (Jamie), nephews Thomas (Robin), Todd, Seth and Andrew; great niece Courtney; great-nephews Gideon and Ben (Kelsey), father and mother-in-law, John and Glenda; sister-in-law Robin and many relatives and friends.

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# The Beloved Robert E. Lee

**Jeannette Holland Austin**

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I have been to the capitol in Richmond, Virginia a number of times and viewed the statue of Robert E. Lee. Also, there are several life-style busts and statues of him inside the rotunda, one of him a younger man astride his horse. These busts are worth reviewing because life busts were made by the artist and what you are viewing is the true likeness.

The feeling which southerners have for this Confederate General lives on. He was far more adored than Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy. From old diaries and letters, we discover why. Lee was the consummate gentleman of his day, a man of integrity, caring, unselfish.

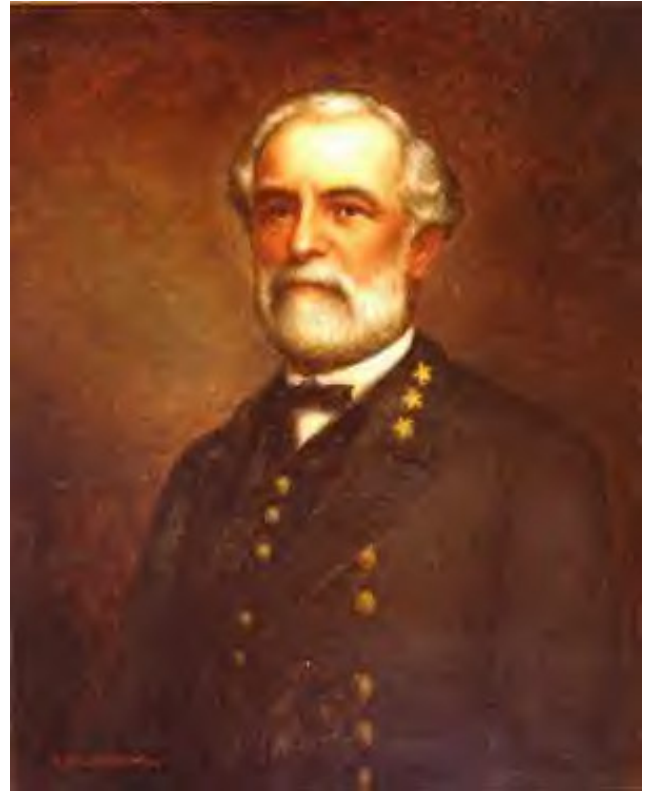
One story of many such is told of one of his soldiers noting a purse on the battlefield asked if he could have it, Lee replied, "It is not yours. Leave it."

The Lee family goes back to England and has been traced back to the sixteen hundreds. This genealogy is on *Virginia Pioneers* and includes the photo of an old oil painting of the immigrant, Richard Henry Lee.

Many persons have had me trace their Lee heritage, believing that they were descendants of Robert E. Lee or Lighthorse Harry Lee. To date, as far as I can tell, the descendants remained in Virginia.

The monument was erected in Richmond, Virginia as a memorial of the Southern people to General Robert E. Lee.

*As a proud graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville, Florida, I have revered Robert E. Lee for most of my life and love collecting stories and facts*



*about him.*

*Did you know that he wore a 6 1/2 shoe?*

*Did you know he never carried a sword during the Late Unpleasantness? A sword was found for him for the meeting at Appomattox. The Lee family allowed that same sword to be carried aboard the USN submarine, The Robert E. Lee.*

*Did you know that there has never, ever been any vandalism at the burial place of Robert E. Lee? It's true.*

*My favorite story is of the afternoon when the exhausted General Lee found an hour in which to take a much-needed nap. During that time, Union soldiers walked near his tent, but when told "Marse Robert is sleeping," tip-toed by. Your ed.*



# The Whisky Column

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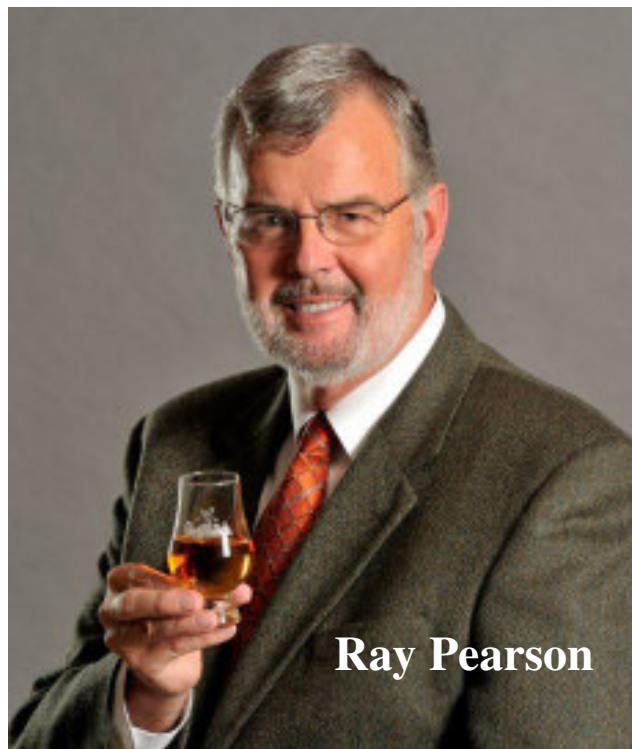
## Let's Visit a Scotch Whisky Distillery!

Last month, we learned about various whisky-producing regions of Scotland, including Speyside, home to dozens of whisky distilleries. This month we will tour Glenfiddich, the World's Most Awarded Single Malt, and the first distillery to open its doors to the public, more than 40 years ago.

Glenfiddich is located in the Scottish Highlands in Dufftown, about 50 miles east of Inverness, 50 miles west of Aberdeen and about 180 miles north from either Glasgow or Edinburgh. The Visitor Center has recently undergone an extensive remodel and beautifully provides both a preview of what the visitor will experience, as well as a comfortable place to relax and reflect after the tour. And, yes, including that free dram of Glenfiddich!

Distillery Manager Stuart Watts has decided to offer tours during the winter weekends in 2010 – a departure from years past. Tours now take place Monday through Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and on Sunday from Noon to 4:30 PM. Of course, there is no charge for the tour.

We start our tour in the theatre, with a film about the history of the distillery, including how William Grant and his family built it by hand in 1886. On Christmas Day, 1887 the first spirit flowed from the stills – 122 years ago. Glenfiddich is still independently owned by the William Grant family. From the theatre, we walk to various buildings, all connected or nestled closely together to experience the heart of the distillation process. We get close enough to feel the heat rising from the mash tun and look in awe at the giant washbacks, hand-made from Douglas fir



**Ray Pearson**

from Oregon and Washington, and rising over 15 feet in height. We also visit a dunnage (most traditional) warehouse with earthen floor, thick stone walls and dank, dark atmosphere in which the magic of the maturation in oak casks takes place.

Back at the Visitor Center, we reflect on what we have seen: the mashing process (combining malted, ground barley with water to form “wort”), fermentation (adding yeast to the wort to produce “wash”, then distillation (boiling the wash to produce vapor, which condenses into “spirit”). Spirit goes into the casks for decades of ageing. After three years in casks, “spirit” is called “whisky”. Whisky distilled and aged in Scotland is called Scotch. My favorite part of the tour? Learning that the sweet, distinct aroma we experienced in the warehouses is the smell of whisky evaporating from the oak casks. It is called “The Angels’ Share”. Oh, to be an angel above Glenfiddich!

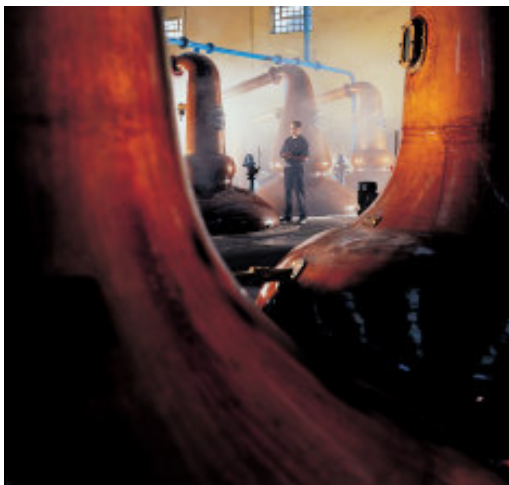
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*Slow, steady maturation takes decades in dunnage warehouses.*

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*Glenfiddich has 28 copper stills, the same size and shape as the originals in 1886.*

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*Mash tuns are made from wood cut in America's Pacific Northwest.*

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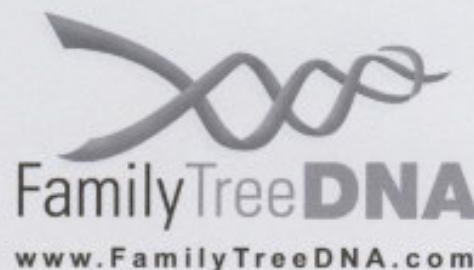
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# Things you didn't know you needed to know - but do! It's where "mind dust" comes from!

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**Why are so many coin banks shaped like pigs?**

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called "pygg." When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as "pygg banks." When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a four-legged pig - and it simply caught on.

**Why do dimes, quarters and half dollars have notches, while pennies and nickels do not?**

The US Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Dimes, quarters and half dollars are notched because they used to contain silver.

Pennies and nickels aren't notched because the metals they contained were not valuable enough to shave.

**Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right - while women's clothing has buttons on the left?**

When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Women's buttons have remained on the left ever since.

**Why do "X's" at the end of a letter signify kisses?**

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an "X". Kissing the "X" represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document.

The "X" and the kiss eventually became synony-

mous.

**Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called "passing the buck"?**

In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility, he would "pass the buck" to the next player.

**Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?**

It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to put a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously.

When a guest trusted his host, he would then just touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

**Why are people in the public eye said to be "in the limelight"?**

Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and stage lighting by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light.

In the theatre, performers on stage "in the limelight" were seen by the audience to be the center of attention.

**Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use "Mayday" as their call for help?**

The word comes from the French word "M'aidez" - meaning "help me". "M'aidez" is pronounced "May-day."

**Why is someone who is feeling great said to**

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*Lady athletes at the recent Hendersonville Highland Games, Hendersonville, North Carolina.*



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### be “on cloud nine”?

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be “on cloud nine,” that person is floating well above worldly cares.

### Why are zero scores in tennis called “love”?

In France, where tennis first became popular, a big, round zero on a scoreboard looked like an egg and was called ‘Loeuf’, which is French for “egg”. When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans pronounced it “love.”



**In golf, where did the term “Caddie” come?** changed it into “caddie.”

When Mary, later known as Queen of Scots, went to France as a young girl (for education and survival), Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scottish game of golf.

He had the first golf course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded while she played) Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her.

Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland she took the practice with her.

In French, the word “cadet” is pronounced “ca-day” and the Scots



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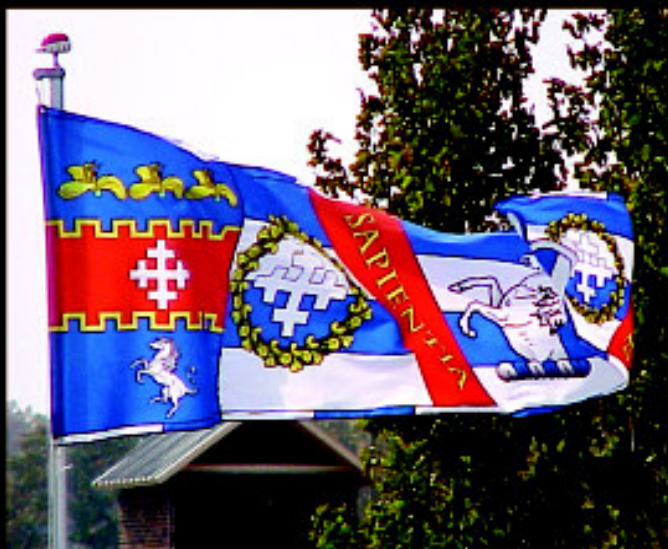
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# Why do we see and hear bagpipes at funerals so often?



The connection of bagpipes at police funerals dates back to the American colonies and our ties to British Isles and Ireland.

Revolutionary war soldiers were British subjects, and brought over their traditions. One of those traditions was using bagpipes to lead the troops into battle.

Eric Rigler, a professional piper, and former pipe major of the Los Angeles Police Department Pipe Band, said, "British police and fire departments were

derived from the army and America adopted the same bagpipe tradition."

"The use of bagpipes in police functions is more pervasive on the East Coast, where there is a strong ethnic influence of English, Irish and Scottish descendants in law enforcement."

At police department events, whether celebration of holiday and academy graduation, or sorrowful commemorations you'll always hear the bagpipes..

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# Flowers of the Forest



**Charles Beck Harman Nicholson**, also recognized in Scotland as the Baron of Balvenie, passed away last April at the age of 88. A native of Columbus, Georgia, he was a pioneer at the Coca-Cola business in Italy, where he lived for thirty-seven years. Having served as Chairman of

two subsidiaries of The Coca-Cola Export Corporation in Italy, he retired in Atlanta in 1985 after thirty-nine years of service with the company.

After joining the Coca-Cola Company in New York in 1946, he served as a sales representative in Vienna, Austria and was assigned in 1948 to Milan, Italy where he held various senior managerial positions including Deputy General Manager of the Italian Division. In Milan, he was also a Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy and of the American Relief Society. He also had brief company assignments in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and in London, England.

Born, 8 October 1920, the second son of the late Hammond Burke Nicholson, former Chairman of the Coca-Cola Company and the late Lucia Meetze Harman Nicholson, Harman was a descendant of Duncan Nicholson, born 1777 in the Hebrides Isles of Scotland.

After attending schools in Atlanta, Toronto and London, the latter at King's College School and King's College, University of London, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts (in English Literature) at Princeton University in 1942.

During World War II he served in the Army of the United States in Europe and prior to his discharge in 1946, held the rank of Second Lieutenant, QMC and Adjutant in the Seventh Army in Germany.

Following his retirement, he pursued his longtime interest in Scottish matters and he and his late brother, Burke Nicholson of Balvenie, became Founders in Edinburgh of the New Museum of Scotland and major supporters of the recently completed restoration of the Thistle Chapel of Saint Giles Cathedral.

As Baron of Balvenie, Harman was the holder of the ancient Castle of Balvenie in Dufftown, Banffshire where he also was Honorary President of the Dufftown and District Highland Games, Patron of the Dufftown Horticultural Society and a Benefactor of the ancient Mortlach Church there.

For over two decades he was deeply involved in the affairs of the Highland Clan MacNicol

worldwide as Archivist to the Chief, Chieftain and Chairman of the Highland Clan MacNeacall Federation since 2008. A Founding Member and Director of the Clan MacNicol Society of North America and a Trustee of Urras Clann MhicNeacail on the Isle of Skye in Scotland he participated in the purchase and

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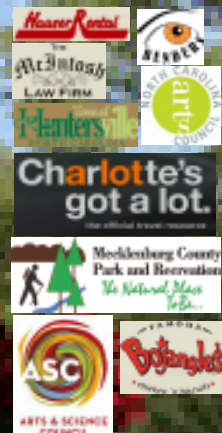
This Festival has something for everyone, and you don't have to be Scottish to have a good time.

Rural Hill is 265 acres and the former homestead of Major John and Violet Wilson Davidson, who settled here in 1760. It is part of Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation system and is leased and operated by the Catawba Valley Scottish Society.

Rural Hill is currently a working farm and in addition to the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, offers the Amazing Maize Maze in September and October as well as the Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials in November and First Footin' on January 1st.



Please note that  
Pets are not allowed  
at this event.





## Harman Nicholson, *continued from page 24*

reforestation of the ancestral Clan land on the isle.

Harman was the editor and sponsor of the definitive book of the clan's history, *The Highland Clan MacNeacail (MacNicol), a History of the Nicolsons of Scorrybreac*, coauthored by the new Lord Lyon King of Arms, W. David H. Sellar and the late Dr. Alasdair Maclean. By his outstanding generosity, he made it possible for every active member of the Clan MacNicol worldwide to receive a complimentary copy of this history, a gift which will extend to all future new members of the clan.

In Atlanta, he played a significant philanthropic role. He donated the Nicholson Gallery to the new Museum of the Atlanta Historical Society and was a major contributor to the Olympics Monument at Pershing Point, as well as a Patron of the High Museum of Art, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Opera.

He was also a member of the Capital City Club in Atlanta, the Princeton Club of New York, the English-Speaking Union and the Churchhill Society. As a Life Member of the President's Club of Mercer University, he endowed the Nicholson Scholarship for a semester's undergraduate study at Oxford University in England.

An active communicant of St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church, Harman endowed the Nicholson Hall and the new church organ.

He was a bachelor and the third of five brothers and sisters (all of them Clan members) of whom surviving is Martha Carolyn Nicholson Worley of Atlanta. Deceased are John Hurt Nicholson (Atlanta 1992), Lucia Harmon Nicholson Lines (Toronto, Canada 2000) and Burke Nicolson of Balvenie (Atlanta 2007).

Harman is also survived by one niece living in Canada and eight nephews living in the United States. He bequeathed the Barony and Castle of Balvenie to his nephew, Jeremy Duncan Nicholson of Atlanta, who has been visiting Scotland and Dufftown annually since 1997 and has held senior positions in the Highland Clan MacNicol in North America, Scotland and worldwide.

The funeral for Harman was held 30 April in Atlanta and attended by his large extended family as well

as the Chief of the Clan John MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac who, along with his wife, Jenni, flew over from their home in Ballina, New South Wales, Australia to participate in the ceremony.

Also present were several senior dignitaries from the Clan: Murray Nicolson of Concord, Massachusetts, High Commissioner for the Americas; and Bill R. Nicol, Secretary of the North American Clan Society with his wife, Joan, of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. All living former Presidents of the Clan Society were in attendance in addition to Murray, Bill G. Nicol with his wife Shelly drove over from Springfield, Illinois. Bill piped most movingly at the funeral and the burial; and Bill Nicholson (one of Harman's surviving nephews) with his wife, Maura, from Hiram, Georgia, who were also part of the family group.



*Photo from left to right visiting Balvenie Castle: The late CB Harmon Nicholson of Balvenie, The late Chief Iain MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac, The late Burke Nicholson of Balvenie, Present Chief, John MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac. (1995) (With thanks to Clan MacNicol.)*

# Naming order of English and Welsh children , 1700-1879...it might help you!



First daughter- named after the mother's mother (maternal grandmother). Second daughter- named after the father's mother. Third daughter- named after the mother. Fourth daughter- named after the mother's oldest sister. First son - named after the father's father. Second son - named after the mother's father. Third son - named after the father. Fourth son - named after the father's eldest brother.

Exceptions apply if there was a duplication of given name. In that case the practice was to skip to the next name on the list.



*Banner carried in the Parade of Tartans during the 2009 Stone Mountain Highland Games, near Atlanta, Georgia.*

# From Alastair McIntyre at

## <http://www.electricscotland.com>

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Genealogy is of huge interest to many and tracing your ancestors is certainly one of the truly great hobbies of today and especially due to the emergence of the Internet and the Web where so much research can now be undertaken from your home.

Personally I have never been that interested in genealogy and far more interested in the race and its people. To me being Scottish or of Scots descent is far more important. It lets you explore your roots in so many ways that pure genealogy doesn't. Recent DNA discoveries now tell us we're all descended from just seven women and so by taking a quick DNA test you can now go back between 10,000 and 60,000 years.

But what shaped us and made us the people we are today? For example you read...

Dr Jackson elsewhere affords us a striking illustration. While passing through the Isle of Skye ("The Isle of Skye has, within the last forty years, furnished for the public service, twenty-one lieutenant-generals and major-generals, forty-five lieutenant-colonels; six hundred majors, captains, lieutenants, and subalterns; ten thousand foot soldiers; one hundred and twenty pipers ; four governors of British colonies; one governor-general; one adjutant-general; one chief-baron of England; and one judge of the Supreme Court of Scotland. The generals may be classed thus :-eight Macdonalds, six Macleods, two Macallisters, two Macaskills, one Mackinnon, one Elder, and one Macqueen.



The Isle of Skye is forty-five miles long, and about fifteen in mean breadth. Truly the inhabitants are a wonderous people. It may be mentioned that this island is the birth-place of Cuthullin, the celebrated hero mentioned in Ossian's Poems.)

So how did such a small island produce so many outstanding people? And for that matter how does a small country like Scotland produce so many outstanding people that have made huge contributions to the world.

John Napier, the 16th-century mathematician, philosopher and inventor who, from his secluded tower in

Scotland, produced the vital tool needed by mankind to explore the globe and fathom the universe. Without Napier's invention of logarithms and the decimal notation for complex fractions, the discoveries of others such as Galileo, Kepler and Newton would have been hindered by years of long and complex calculations.

Although the Scots comprise less than one-half of 1 percent of the world's population, 11 percent of all Nobel prizes have been awarded to Scotsmen. (Quote from the book "Mark of the Scots" by Duncan A Bruce.)

Even today we read... SCOTS emigres to the US are five times more likely to become dollar millionaires than those from any other country, according to a study of wealth. Thomas Stanley and William Danko, in their book *The Millionaire Next Door*, analysed the ethnic

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backgrounds of the wealthiest members of US society and discovered that while people of Scottish origin make up 1.7% of the population, they comprise 9.3% of its millionaires.

A central theme of Scottish history, has been emigration. Historian George Shepperson has labeled this the Scottish Volkerwanderung. Others have termed it the Scottish diaspora. Scotland's loss, as the National Trust Monument at Culloden currently phrases it, "has been the world's gain."

Sir John Sinclair, compiler of the first Statistical Account of Scotland in the 1790s, stated:- "He [the Highlander] has felt from his early youth all the privations to which he can be exposed in almost any circumstances of war. He has been accustomed to scanty fare, to rude and often wet clothing, to cold and damp houses, to sleep often in the open air or in the most uncomfortable beds, to cross dangerous rivers, to march a number of miles without stopping and with but little nourishment, and to be perpetually exposed to the attacks of a stormy atmosphere. A warrior thus trained suffers no inconvenience from what others would consider to be the greatest possible hardships, and has an evident superiority over the native of a delicious climate, bred to every indulgence of food, dress and habitation and who is unaccustomed to marching and fatigue."

Here is where we get a clue as to why Scots made such great settlers, explorers and warriors.

There is also a romance in our souls as why else would someone write "But listen! Do you hear? Wild and sweet in the distance over the

water comes the sound. It is the pipes, and they are playing "Flora Macdonald's Lament." Yonder, down near the shore-you can make them out through the glass-a shooting party has picnicked, and they have brought the piper with them. How the colour deepens on the cheek of the old Highland gentleman here at the sound! He is just returning from many years' residence abroad, and

for the last hour, leaning over the deck-rail, he has been feasting his heart upon the sight of the mountains. "There is no music like that music," he exclaims, "over the water and among the hills." To a Highlander, indeed, the sound of the pipes is full of many memories, like "the sigh of the south wind in the trees" of an autumn night.

The Reverend Malcolm MacDonald, a native of Whitton, Quebec, a descendant of the early Scots settlers and of the first church established in the area, says: "The Book of Books was the library they opened, and the Church of Jesus Christ was the first institution they established and that in their homes, and the Gospel of Christ was the philosophy they espoused."

"The most casual observer and historian must admit that these early settlers played a leading part in setting the course in which the nation travels today. I am indeed grateful that we are privileged to stand in the stream of a noble, spiritual, national and cultural tradition, which has flourished in Scotland for centuries, and for some 150 years established firmly on this North American Continent, in both Canada and the United States."

While publishing so many accounts of the

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# Can anyone help anyone here?

Searching for information about **ALPHONSO MACDONALD**. Please contact **Robert W. Macdonald, 2026 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80907**.

**ROBERTSON, ROBERT**: Where in North Carolina might the **ROBERTSON** families coming early from Scotland, I believe from Argyll, have settled? I believe our **ROBERTSON** families came early to North Carolina, settling on the eastern coast area. I believe as early as 1715 or 1745. Might this be the area the Families settled? My grandfather **ROBERT ROBERTSON**, one of the youngest, if not the youngest, was born c.1833. No other member of this large family is known. Apparently **ROBERT**, one of a large family of boys, was orphaned at an early age. According to census

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From **Alastair McIntyre**,

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Highland Regiments you are struck of course at the sheer courage and fighting ability of the Scots. To me however it is just as amazing to find frequent accounts of the generosity of the Scots to defeated foes. Many accounts are documented of how they helped the women and children in conquered townships and how they conducted themselves so well in the regions they served in with discipline and kindness.

To read the histories brings a lot of this alive for us and makes us wonder at our roots and what it is that made us who we are.

So to those of you that are struggling to find the next link in your ancestral family tree I would suggest that you take great heart that you are part of such a wonderful race of people whether you can trace your ancestors to a particular clan or family or not. To be of Scots descent is truly an amazing heritage all of its own.

records **ROBERT's** parents too were born in North Carolina. **ROBERT** and **CATHERINE A. GARB** married September 3, 1859, Douglas County, Illinois. One son was born in Illinois, five more sons were born in Indiana before the family settled in southeastern Colorado where **ROBERT** died April 8, 1905. Any help would be very much appreciated. **Mabel I. Robison, 2235 Juntura Ct. S., Salem, OR 97302-2222**.

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I have the following lines: **BARNWELL, BYRD, STRICKLAND, RUSSELL, WHITE, WATKINS** and **WEAVER**. I believe that **RUSSELL** and **STRICKLAND** might possibly be Scottish. Am I correct? I am quite interested in the **RUSSELL** Family, since my great-grandfather married in Hall County, Georgia, in 1824 to **MARTHA RUSSELL** and his brother married a **MARY RUSSELL**. I think they came to Georgia from South Carolina. I would love to hear from anyone who could help me with information about them. **Ms. Marion E. Watkins, 1434 Hawthorne Way, East Point, GA 30344-1749**.

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There was a woman born probably late 1880s - 1900, name of **VERTA MAY TROGDON**. She was a midget and, as such, worked in the circus. I am thinking she was born down Missouri way though not positive. I do not know what circus she worked for. I have seen a picture of the circus barn which promotes "May, the Midget." She eventually married a fellow named **HAROLD SMITH**. My question: Anything available on circus(es) and which (names) circuses she worked with? If you have any information, please let me hear from you. **Kenneth R. Johnson, CDC #K05791, Bldg. 481L - RM 64, P. O. Box 3481 - 8800, 4001 King Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212-8309**.

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I am looking for information on surname **JOPLIN** and **BUTALA**, along with **HUNTS** of Wyoming County, West Virginia; **COLES**, Raleigh County, West Virginia; **FARLEY**, Monroe County and Raleigh County, West Virginia; **QUESENBERRYS** of West Virginia; **CREMEANS** and **CAZAD**, Huntington and Barbourville, West Virginia; **LEWIS** and **STEWART DOLTON**, Chicago, Illinois. If any information, please contact **Hal Lewis, 124 Cumberland, Buffalo, NY 14220**.

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Seeking any information on surname **THEDRAWER** in Scotland: locations, occupations, early 18th century. Need Scottish castle guard with surname **THEDRAWER**, who with other guards accompanied castle's princess to Germany for her marriage there. Please contact <ccornils@t-online.de>.

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Are the **WALLACES** of West Virginia Scotch-Irish? What was the family's ancestry? I also would like to know about the **CREMEANS** of Cabell, County, West Virginia and origin of

name, as well as about **STEWART** family of Dalton, Illinois, suburb of Chicago. **LEWIS** family of Marshall County, Tennessee. Also would like info on **FARLEY's** of Raleigh County, West Virginia and **FARLEY HILL** in Winding Gulf, West Virginia. **SAMUEL WESLEY**, Raleigh County, West Virginia. **CAROLINA HUNT**, Wyoming County, West Virginia, daughter, married **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WALLACE**. **J. L. FARLEY**, his parents **THOMAS WALLACE**, mother **MARY QUESENBERRY** or **DUSENBERRY**. **SAMUEL WESLEY FARLEY** of Kansas. **JOHN HENRY FARLEY** born 1882, Monroe County, Virginia, related to **LEES**, Virginia? **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN & ELIZA WALLACE**, daughter **FLO BELLE WALLACE**, husband **CARL RAYMOND CREMEANS**. Folks **JOHN THOMAS CREMEANS & ALTA CAZAD**. Parents **WILLIAM RICHARD CAZAD & ELLEN BELLE HUGHES** or **RICHARD CAZAD & MARGERT MCGILL**. If any information on the above, please contact **Al Lewis, 124 Cumberland, Buffalo, NY 14220**.



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