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# Martha Blair Harrison is District Judge in KY

Martha Blair "Marti" Harrison was administered the oath of office as District Judge for the 49th Judicial District of Kentucky early on the morning of January 1, 2011 at the Allen District Courtroom in the city-County Building, 201 West Main Street in Scottsville, Kentucky.

Present in the standing-room-only courtroom were Judge Harrison's two daughters, their husbands and children and many family members and friends, including about thirty members of the Kingdome of Raknar in Kentucky for their annual Hogmanay gathering. Judge Harrison's husband, The Hon. Robert



"Bob" Harrison (President of the Glasgow, KY Highland Games) was proudly in attendance as well - beaming so broadly that other lighting was really not necessary!

Judge Harrison's family came forward to be a part of the swearing in of the new judge. It was acknowledged that the bouquets of roses in both the courtroom and on the refreshment table were gifts

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# Grand Opening of the new Huxford-Spear Genealogy Library, February 13

The Grand Opening of the new Huxford-Spear Genealogy Library is set for 2pm in the Municipal Complex in Homerville, GA.

Elmer Spear, will speak about the new additions (28,000+ books and other materials) to the library. The best treat is you get to see and research in the

new library afterwards. The event will be Sunday, February 13, 2011. Homerville, Georgia.

The combined Huxford Genealogy Library and Elmer Spear Library (formerly located in Madison, Florida) is already being called the "finest private genealogical library in the southeastern United States."

**Roses are red, violets are blue...for my Valentine, I want YOU!**



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Narra has her own piper, her own big box  
of Valentine's candy....and her own Valentine  
shawl and bonnet!

The other kitty seems to have a pencil.  
Which one is queen? NARRA!  
Happy Valentine's Day...  
with love from Queen Narra!



*A letter from your editor...*

## More questions from you about clan newsletters...

On page 29 of this publication you'll see a plea from Clan Wallace for a permanent newsletter editor. This fits in nicely with a question asked since the last "Letter from the editor." That question: **"How do you find a newsletter editor?"**

That's about as easy as "How do we find world peace?"

I think it's a matter of intangibles. You truly don't have to know much to be a fantastic newsletter editor. You do need to be able to type. You need to be able to spell and to write acceptable sentences. Most of the time, typ-o's - in spite of hard work and proof reading - will slide in (I found one in the first sentence of the last "Letter from the editor." I know that it should have been "wrote" not "write." How did that happen? If I knew that, I'd be a millionaire.) through some kind of cosmic humor. (Cosmic humor is the best I can do for the "how" part.)

I think you need to be curious. I think you need to be willing to learn. Most importantly: I think you must want to be an editor.

Maybe the enthusiasm that comes with wanting to be an editor is the magic spark.

So, clan poo-bah's, if you have a member from somewhere you've never heard of...maybe a member who has never been able to participate because of economic issues or distances involved...but a member who is THRILLED with the idea of being your newsletter editor...GRAB him or her. Give that person a chance.

You might ask about experience - and it doesn't matter if that experience consists of being on their school newspaper decades ago or writing the newsletter for their knitting club - any experience is a good thing.

You might ask them how they feel about meeting deadlines. A very scary reply is something about, "I'd

be on time when it is convenient." If you've been reading these columns, you know how I feel about that. Short of unconsciousness or severe physical injury, there is no excuse for being late.

If you've been to my speeches anywhere, you've most likely heard me talk about my grandmother and what she taught me about doing what you're supposed to do and what you've promised to do... You simply do it. If you think you're going to die, you contact the promise-ee and tell them you're sorry, but you're going to die and can't do whatever it was you promised. Then, you have to die.

Be sure, clan poo-bah's, that you do your part in your newsletter. That includes feeding material to your editor in a timely manner. You must respect the deadlines too. Your editor will tell you when he/she needs your information to be in. Respect those dates.

Please do not send separate communications in emails or bulletins to your members that "scoop" your own newsletter. The newsletter is the news organ of your group. If there are emergencies, send the information to your newsletter editor and let him/her prepare a "News Flash" bulletin to be sent out.

**Question: What about negative things that happen? What about bad things that happen?**

Keep that information OUT of your publication. Your publication is like the proverbial pebble in the water...you never know who will eventually read it and where that publication will go. It's just not the thing to do to air your private and personal problems there.

You folks have great questions. The newsletter editor is - as I have said before - the most important person in your group. Remember, no matter how many wonderful things you plan and do - if your members do not know about them in a timely manner, you might as well forget it all.



# *Clan Macneil Association of America*

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# Scotland's fishing industry faces 'challenging 2011'

The fishing industry faces one of the most challenging years in its history, according to Scottish Fishermen's Federation chief Bertie Armstrong. He said a row with Iceland and the Faroes over mackerel catches remained to be resolved.

The SFF will also push for changes to European rules on how fish stocks are managed. Mr. Armstrong said many of the problems affecting the industry were "embedded" in regulations that govern it.

The so-called "mackerel wars" over how much of the fish can be taken by various countries has placed Iceland and the Faroe Islands at odds with the European Union and Norway. Mackerel is the most valuable stock to the Scottish industry.

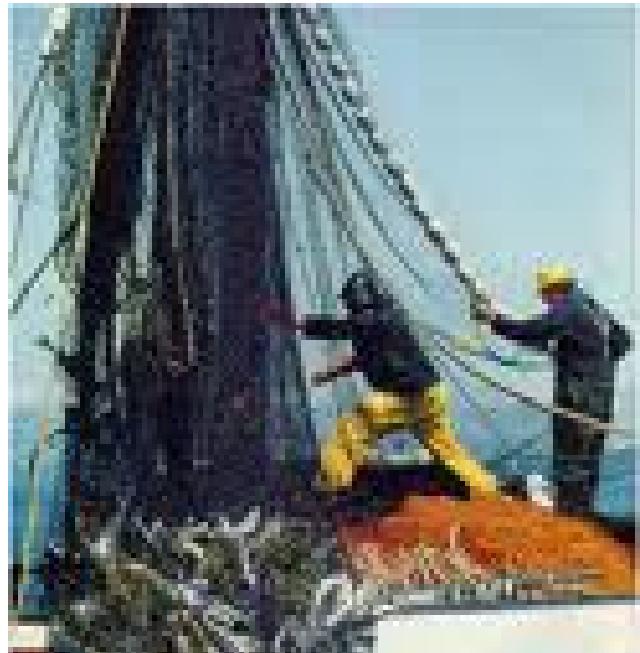
Starting last summer, the row saw the Faroese vessel, Jupiter, blockaded for a time by Peterhead fishermen. SFF chief executive Mr. Armstrong told the BBC Scotland news website tough action was needed to bring an end to the dispute. He said: "2011 is going to be one of the most challenging that the Scottish fleet has ever faced in its history. "The situation with Iceland and the Faroes is absolutely unsatisfactory with regard to the behaviour of these two nations and that must change through sanctions on their fish sales."

Mr. Armstrong said the SFF would also continue its push for changes to EU regulations.

Scottish fishermen face deep cuts in catch quotas after all-night EU Fish Council talks in Brussels in December.

The west coast is hardest hit, with 25% reductions in catch sizes for cod, haddock and whiting.

There were some successes for the Scottish ne-



gotiating team, with proposed reductions to other species scaled back. Mr. Armstrong said the amount of fish discarded, or dumped, to meet quota rules was one area that needed to be tackled. He said: "A feature of the year will be discards and what to do with discards and a lot of this is embedded in the regulations. "Their heart is in the right place but perversely the affect of the regulations is not to increase sustainability and decrease discards, but almost in some cases the reverse." He added: "That tends to be the hallmark of 2011 - a serious change to the rules to make them fit better."

From: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-12094513> and with thanks to the North County Scots, PO Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953.

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from Judge Harrison's extended family.

The ceremony was followed by a beautiful and delicious buffet prepared by Judge Harrison.

There was another swearing in ceremony on Monday, January 3 in the Simpson District Courtroom, Simpson County Justice Center, 101 North Court Street in Franklin, Kentucky.      *(Beth Gay-Freeman, 1 January 2011)*



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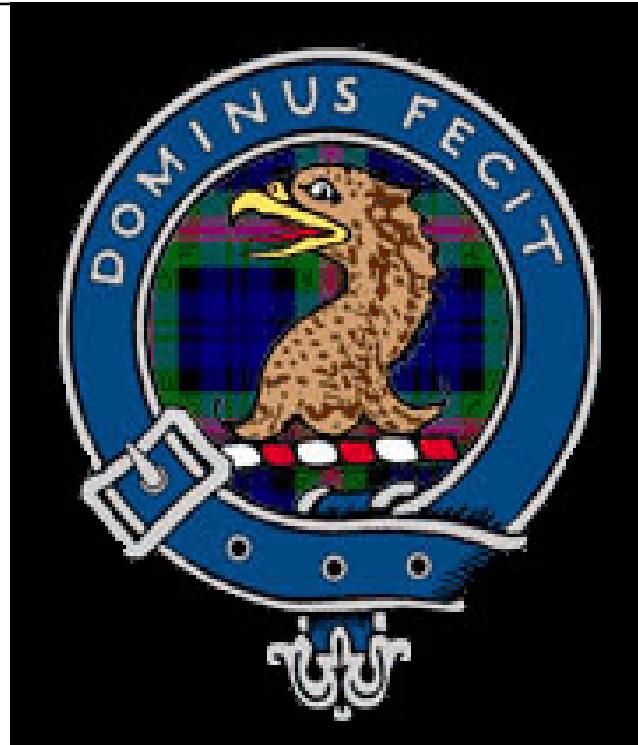
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Gina Hamister has served in the library profession for 35+ years at Western Reserve Historical Library which is the third largest genealogical research collection in the United States. In spite of being retired, Gina is still actively involved in genealogical research. Her current resume of activities includes:

1. Serving on the Board of Directors for both the New England Genealogical & Historical Society Library and Western Reserve Historical Society Library.
2. Presents genealogical programs to genealogical and historical societies throughout the country.
3. Has volunteered with the Lee County Library System since 1998.

Our 2011 Beginners Genealogy Series will feature the following topics:

Session One, January 29, 2011 : Using Home Sources & Organizing Your Research

Session Two, February, 5. 2011: Finding Your Family in the United States Census

Session Three, February 12, 2011: Using Court House Resources & Vital Records

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Thanks.

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

# *Flowers of the Forest*

*Andy Amerson was a 20-year member of the Clan Davidson Society-USA and an active participant in Scottish activities throughout the course of his life. He was a stalwart supporter of Clan Davidson and Clan Chattan.*

## **Andrew Davidson**

**Amerson**, known to most as “Andy,” was interested in all things Scottish from an early age. He anted to learn to play the bagpipe as a teenager, and practiced with his teacher many weekend mornings.

He also learned to play the string bass. He played with an all-city orchestra in High School. He graduated from Beverly Hills High School, and attended to University of Michigan, where he was the “Phantom bagpiper” serenading young ladies late at night with a group of fraternity brothers. His interest in music also led him to host a show on University of Michigan radio of music from around the world.

He served 30 years in the Army Reserve, and still had time to be active in Scottish-American events. He was Southern California Commissioner, and National Commissioner of Clan Chattan, USA.

He enjoyed four trips to Scotland.

In his civilian profession, he was a Deputy Attorney General with the California Dept. of Justice, working primarily in criminal appeals, for 26 years. He kept his interest in music and could frequently be heard practicing the bagpipes in the parking structure at the Attorney General’s Office.

After retiring to Big Bear Lake, he was active in the American Legion, The Historical Society, St. Columba’s Episcopal Church and Clan Chattan. He often provided legal services for no charge to people whom he felt needed and deserved help. He was a founder and active member (string bass, banjo, percussion) of The Holcomb Valley Boys folk band, often playing at community and charity events.

He and his son, David, were active members of the 78th Fraser’s Highlanders. The Regiment (and its cannon) was prominent features of David’s wedding in 1997. His house provided refuge for many shaky Scots after the 1992 Earthquake interrupted the Big Bear Games.

His last Games were the 2010 San Diego Games.

Andy is survived by his wife, Susan, son David, daughter-in-law Shannon, grandchildren Jonas and Maggie, and his sister, Mimi.

Hugh Dawson, Clan Davidson Co-Director for Region 19, has this to add about Andy Amerson: “We send our deepest sympathy and regards to Susan Amerson and family on behalf of Clan Davidson Members, Andy was the epitome of the Scottish Gentleman as he led the Clan Banner in the March of the Clans at the games he attended. We especially remember him at the Pleasanton Games where he made the

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# The Other 70%

**Judi Lloyd, president Scottish District Families Assoc., starshipraleigh@aol.com**

Dunbar, the birthplace of John Muir, who traveled extensively in the U.S. and founded the Sierra Club, which still exists, has played a couple pivotal roles in the history of Scotland. The city sits on the southeastern coast of Scotland where the Firth of Forth joins the North Sea in the East Lothian area. It is approximately 30 miles east of Edinburgh. It is believed that the Picts were once there, plus items from the Dark Ages and the Bronze Age have been discovered there. Nearby Doonhill was the site of a 6th century wooden hall and a 7th century chief's hall. Scotland's first king, Kenneth McAlpin, torched Dunbar in the 9th century and then in the 11th century the land was granted to Gospatrick of Northumbria (which was that area's name at that time). It was he who founded the family and earls of Dunbar. The king's of the area then were Duncan and MacBeth, whose names were made very familiar by Shakespeare's MacBeth.

There were two major battles at Dunbar. The first in 1295 occurred when John Baliol, who had been set as king of Scotland by Edward I, turned and attacked England. Edward retaliated and routed him at Dunbar. The second battle was in 1650 after Charles I had been killed, and Charles Stuart returned from exile to Scotland where the Scots proclaimed him King Charles II of Scotland. Cromwell was then 'in charge' of all of Great Britain. The Scottish army led by David Leslie, the 1st Lord of Newark, was encamped 'safely' on Doonhill, and had trapped Cromwell's troops in Dunbar when he decided to leave his advantageous position and set up camp in the lower area near Dunbar. In the night Cromwell attacked. The Scottish

army was decimated, even though it outnumbered the English, and thousands of prisoners were sent to Newcastle, never to see Scotland again.

When Queen Mary's secretary, Rizzio, was murdered in Edinburgh she fled to hide in Dunbar Castle. Shortly after her son, James the VI of Scotland, became James the 1st of England the castle was destroyed.



Andrew Spratt, who has sketched many of Scotland's castles based on their ruins and the type castles being built in an era, has sketched Dunbar Castle as a red stone structure sitting on rocks or a spit of land jutting out into the North Sea. Beneath it is what are known as the Dunbar vaults. The main chamber of

these vaults contains crystal clear water. Some of these vaults also have wooden floors.

From the Clan Dunbar website the earldom itself has had its own very colorful history passing through the women in the family at times when there was no male heir, rescinded by James I. Recognized as a clan in 1579, the current chief is Sir James Dunbar. The clan itself has a list of septs recognized by the clan and a list of acceptable spellings of the name. People whose names have been found in the area of Dunbar, but are not one of the above two clan related groups are still entitled to wear the district tartan of the Dunbar area.

The area has rich deposits of limestone and a few of the lime kilns used in the 18th and 19th centuries to burn the limestone to make the powdery lime used as fertilizer are still there.

In the 19th century Dunbar became a golfing resort, perhaps since it receives more direct sunlight than anywhere in Scotland.

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# Commander Iain McFie to visit the Carolinas

## *Clan Macfie to be Honored Clan at Scotland County Games*

John Rosser, MacDuffee Clan Society of America of Clan Macfie Commander Iain and Cousin Fiona McFie are visiting the Carolinas in September and October 2011!

Clan Macfie will be the Honored Clan for the Scotland County Highland Games in Lauringburg, North Carolina, October 1, 2011. My wife Marty and I have visited the Braemar Highland Games in Scotland with the rest of the Macfie Clan during our previous two International Clan Gatherings so we are anxious to share the States' version with everyone as these Games will feature very similar activities.

Saint Andrews Presbyterian College is one of the primary sponsors and supporters of the Games, and also has established the "Scottish Heritage Center" on campus. The Center has a large collection of books, newsletters, historical information and genealogical materials, largely collected by Dr. Fritz McDuffie.

The Center's Director, Bill Caudill, is Pipe Master of the College's piping band and very supportive in promoting the study of Scottish history in the Carolinas.

"The first organized group of Highland Scots to come to North Carolina settled in the upper Cape Fear River region in 1739. These immigrants were from the mainland and islands of Argyll and their settlement was commonly called the "Argyll Colony." Many historians have claimed that central North Carolina held the largest number of Scots in the world outside of Scotland." (From "*The Argyll Colony Plus*," The Journal of the North Carolina Scotland Heritage Society.)

Join us in attending the Games to support the Macfie Clan being the Honored Clan at the South County Highland Games



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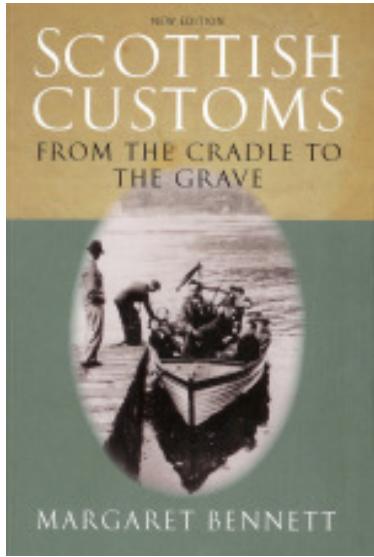
# A Highlander And His Books....

## **SCOTTISH CUSTOMS**

### **From The Cradle To The Grave By Margaret Bennett**

*Reviewed By*

**Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Atlanta, GA,**



Scotland High School, and its football, baseball, and basketball teams are called the “Fighting Scots”. The school fight song is “*Scotland the Brave*”, and the marching band wears kilts in the Royal Stewart tartan. Scottish Foods, a local fast-food company, features a piper as their logo, and there is a shopping center named Scotland Crossing that features the rampant lion. Many prominent street names reflect Scottish immigration to the area – Skye, Argyllshire, Oban, Kintyre, and Knapdale. Members of the square dance club call themselves the Scottish Twirlers. A traveling soccer team is known as the Scottish Claymores. This is Laurinburg, proud of their Scottish roots and happy to display their Scottishness. As the Los Angeles Dodgers’ own Tommy Lasorda says about true Dodgers bleeding blue, so it is for this part of North Carolina. It is truly a hot bed of Scots.

Now come along with me to the campus of St. Andrews Presbyterian College where you are greeted as you drive onto the campus by a huge bronze statue of a fierce Highlander in native dress brandishing a mighty claymore and who, naturally, is called “The

Welcome to Laurinburg, North Carolina. Believe it or not, the name of the county is Scotland. The local high school is

Scotsman”. The college is proud of The Scottish Heritage Center under the masterful leadership of Bill Caudill, Director, which sponsors an annual Scottish Heritage Symposium. (Thanks, Bill, for providing the local Scottish information above.)

This was the 15th such meeting. (*When this was written.*) If you have not attended one of Bill’s symposiums, then you have missed out on one of the best Scottish programs I am familiar with. The majority of the speakers usually come from Scotland, the one across the pond! Most in attendance are from the local community, even though each year more and more are coming from out of state. The symposium is now named The Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium. That is a long title for a great guy. I wish you could have known him. Called “Charlie” by his friends, he was born in the 19th century some miles down the road from St. Andrews. He and his wife, Mattie Norvelle Rogers Shaw, raised ten children...I was their tenth.

I met Margaret Bennett at the symposium. I did not know her or know of

her (my loss), but she was one of the scheduled speakers on the program with the topic, “*Scottish Customs From the Cradle to the Grave in Scotland and America*”. There are lots of ways to describe a speech, sermon, lecture or talk. (I know because I have delivered all four at one time or another and,

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## A Highlander and His Books, *continued from page 14*

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with all due respect to Clint Eastwood, I think I can tell “the good, the bad, and the ugly”.) First, her allotted hour went by much too quickly. That is always a good sign. Secondly, the old saying that “the mind will retain only what the tail can endure” went right out the window! I wanted to hear more from this lovely lady with the soft voice. Third, her lecture, and I’ll call it that since she is a university professor, backed by more degrees than I care to go into in this space came from her book. I rushed to the back of the huge auditorium and bought a copy before they sold out. When a lecture or talk is good enough for you to spend twenty bucks or so for an enlarged copy, it must be pretty darn good. It was! And lastly, Margaret is not impressed with herself, but she will impress you, and that speaks volumes to me.

I marched down the stairs, bad knees and all, to introduce myself and get her to autograph the book for me. It was already pre-inscribed: “Best Wishes, Margaret Bennett”. After we chatted a few minutes, she took the book and wrote: “For Frank, a kindred spirit” over the already inscribed words. To me, it doesn’t get much better than that!

I have long been curious about Scottish customs and particularly the superstitions of the Scots. Their superstitions play a large part in some of the best writings of two of my favorite authors – Sir Walter Scott and Robert Burns. Scots on this side of the pond are very interested in Scottish folklore. Case in point: *An Biadag*, (the Dagger), the Clan Shaw Society newsletter, recently completed a twelve-part presentation

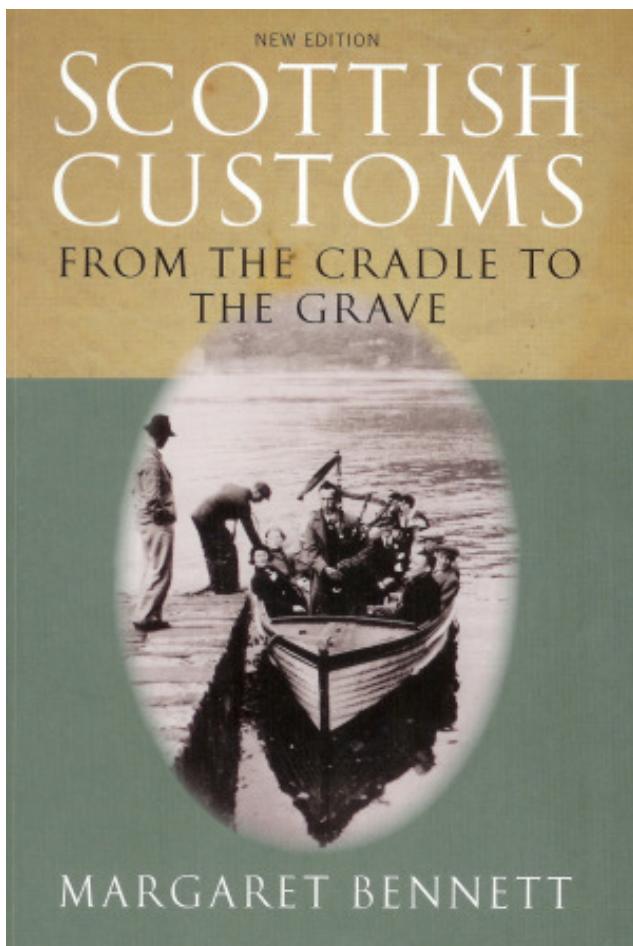
on Scottish folklore by Meredith Shaw, Editor and President of the society. The issues dealt with birth, death, magic, fairies and mermaids, ghosts, second sight, and culminated with witches and witchcraft. What was unusual about this presentation to my fellow Shaw Society clansmen was the considerable interest it had to generate since the series was published over a three-year period. What is it about this topic that captures our attention?

To tackle a subject like folklore that is so big, so complex, so unreasonable and so far reaching, it takes an unusual person to present it to us. You will find that person to be Margaret Bennett. She will make you shake your head in wonderment, laugh at the antics of some like the hospital nurses who put a colleague under a sheet on a gurney to pose as a corpse (you will never

guess what happened), and you will be as fascinated as I was about the history of the many topics covered.

In my modest opinion, and I do not say this softly, Margaret Bennett is the world’s premier folklorist. This international scholar is a prize-winning author, singer, and broadcaster. She gives new meaning to the word professor. She has been described as Scotland’s foremost authority on folklore. In my world, that makes her number one! The University of Edinburgh’s Owen Dudley Edwards said: “Margaret Bennett has given us another magic book...” When you read this wonderful book, you will agree with the good professor. Dr. Bennett has taught at Edinburgh University in the

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# Become a Patron of the Clan Davidson International Gathering!

The upcoming International Gathering of the Clan Davidson in North America doesn't happen every day! Many people have devoted hundreds of hours of their time and effort to make this an unforgettable happening. But not everyone can be a "hands-on" worker, or, sadly, even attend at all.

By becoming a Patron of the International Gathering, you can make a monetary effort to help defray the costs associated with organizing the event *and* receive some swell gifts!

There are four levels of contributing: **Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum**. Each level reaps a substantial reward for the contribution... which is also tax deductible!

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You can sign up for the **Patron Program** on-line at [<https://www.clandavidsonusa.com/products-page/internationalgathering/page/1/>]

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## A Highlander and His Books, *continued from page 15*

Scottish Studies Department, and she is currently teaching at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow. Beyond her impeccable scholastic background and her outstanding contributions to the Scottish Community is the underlying fact that she is a very gifted but *humble* woman. She does not toot her own horn...she doesn't have to. People like me do it for her!

First published in 1992, the newer edition of her book was published in 2004 and contains many new articles and interviews. ISBN 1 84158 293 X (FRS: 5-16-05)



**Andy Amerson**, *continued from page 9*  
round of all the Clan Chattan Federation Tents greeting members and relieving the many volunteers so they could take a break. He was a true ambassador of the Clan and continued to support the projects and programs. His sense of humor and willing praise of others will be sorely missed. God Speed Andy."

# Clan Davidson International Edition Cookbook Now Ready to Order

Almost two years in the making, the *Clan Davidson International Edition Cookbook* is now available for ordering. This cookbook is totally an in-house project of the CDS-USA, and each recipe was submitted by a Davidson Clansman or Clanswoman from somewhere around the world.

The recipes reflect the Global spread of our great Clan as the Scottish Diaspora spread our ancestors to the four corners of the Earth. To encourage early sales of this first-ever International compendium, we are offering early buyers a special price of \$17.99 - this is a \$2.00 discount off the normal

retail price of \$19.99, PLUS their names will be added to a list of Special contributors which will be a permanent part of the Introduction to the book. Alternatively, gift givers may wish to have the names of the recipients (if you will be giving it as a gift) added to the Special Contributors; possibly some may wish to have a dedication for a lost Clansman added as a lasting memorial. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination.

The book will go into production in early April, 2011, so we MUST have your orders no later than March 15th, 2011. Although the book is destined to be introduced at the Clan Davidson International Gathering (CDIG) in Kansas City in June, 2011, early buyers will be able to take advantage

of this special price AND get your copies sooner (possibly as early as May 1st, 2011) with the addition of a \$5.00 shipping and handling charge. For those who intend to pick up their copies at the CDIG there is no shipping charge. For additional shipping fees for locations outside the USA, please contact the Sennachie.

Remember, order time for this special price and Special Contributor listing IS LIMITED. We MUST have your order no later than March 15th, 2011. Orders after that date will continue to be taken, but the normal retail price will be charged and you will not be

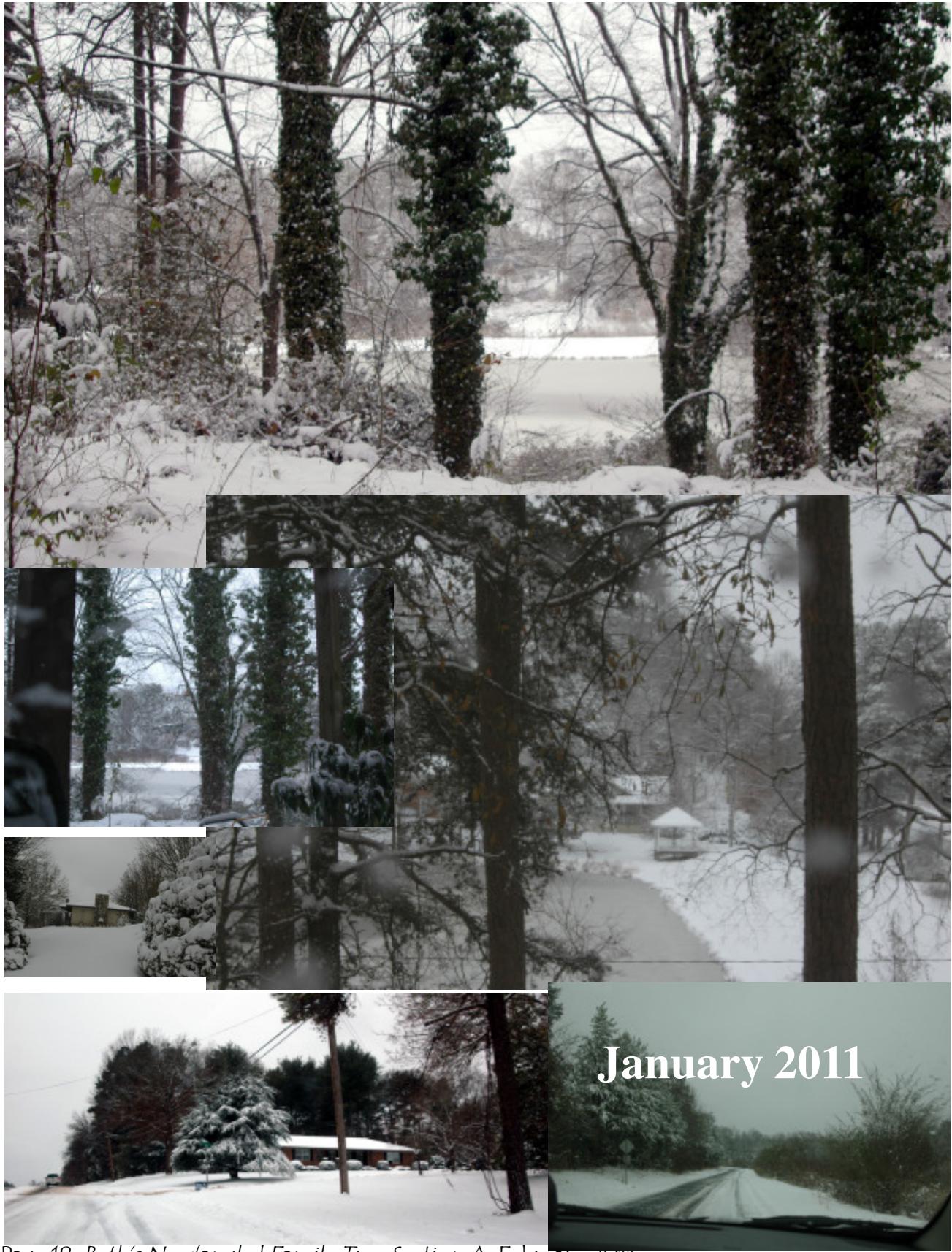
listed as a Special Contributor. You will still be able to pick up your late orders at the CDIG with no shipping costs incurred.

Please provide the names (first & last, + suffix [Jr. Sr. etc]) plus their city, State/Province & country of residence that are to be listed on the Special Contributors List to the Sennachie by email ([sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net)), phone (501 416-7532) or view our webpage. You can also order on-line [<https://www.clandavidsonusa.com/products-page/books1/>].

Technical specifications: The book is printed in black & white on 70 lb 8 1/2" x 11" bond paper. It will be presented in a 1" white, 3 - ring binder with two internal pockets and sheet lifters so additional recipes can be added in the years to come.

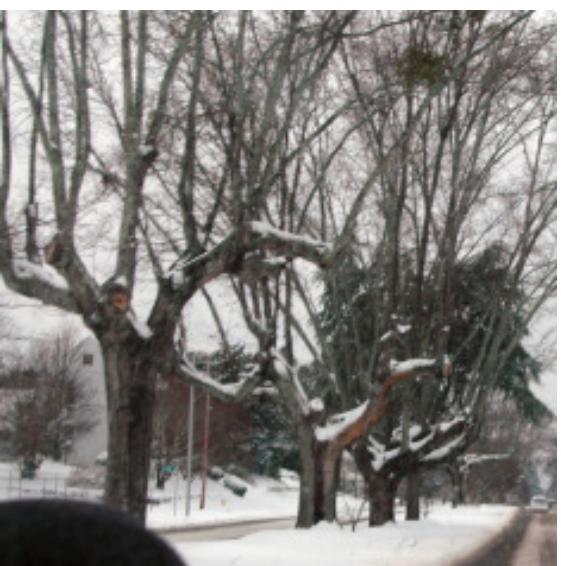


# This Florida “girl” LOVES snow!





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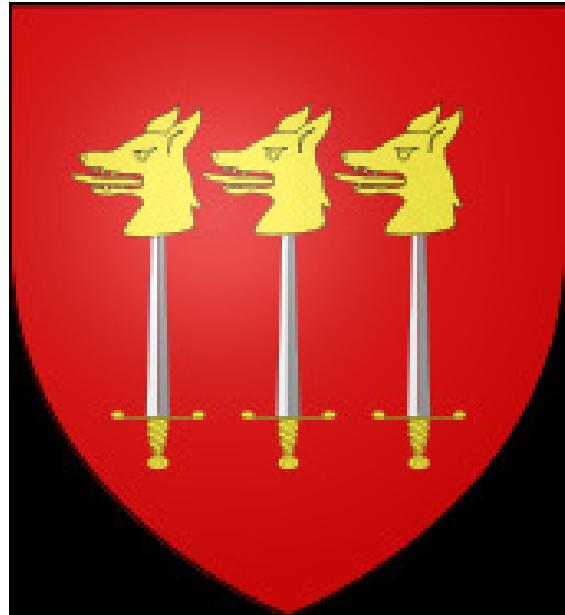
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Mail to: **Air Marshal Albert C. Eaton, PO Box 530054, Orlando, FL 32853-0054**  
Page 20 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree Section A February 2011

# *Clan Skene Association, Inc.*

The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/CARNIE, CURREHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, HALYARD/HALLYARD, MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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## You're invited to join Claire Macdonald's Monthly Menu Club for yourself or for special gifting

If you've left your Valentine or birthday gift shopping to the last minute, or been stranded by the snow, don't panic! Give an annual subscription to Claire Macdonald's Monthly Menu Club. All gift subscriptions are emailed to the recipient with a gift message. Each month they will receive delicious recipes (all newly created by Claire), monthly chat from Claire, suggested wines and a shopping list too. This is a gift that lasts all year!

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# Dr. Naismith's rules for basketball should draw frenzy at auction

By J. BRADY McCOLLOUGH, *The Kansas City Star*

NEW YORK | The staff of world-famous Sotheby's is preparing for today's auction, and, as is the custom here on the Upper East Side, the sell is on.

Three items will be up for grabs. The expectation is that millions of dollars will change hands. With so much at stake, presentation is everything.

The first item you see when taking the escalator to the second floor, where the exhibition begins, is not the battle flag found in the pocket of a dead soldier at the Battle of Little Bighorn, which raged across the plains of Montana in 1876. And it is not one of the 20 original copies of the Emancipation Proclamation that President Abraham Lincoln signed in 1863, a document that would later be owned by U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

No, for this auction, the main attractions are the two prominently displayed yellowed sheets of paper that spell out James Naismith's original rules of basketball, typewritten by Naismith's secretary in 1891 to be hung in the gym of the YMCA Training College in Springfield, Mass. Now they hang in protective glass frames with a price tag estimated at a low of \$2 million....

...Naismith's rules help to explain the simple origin of a game that has stolen countless hearts and imaginations across the globe, and there's no telling the sum such a joyous manuscript could garner.

"We've had responses from all over the world," said Ian Naismith, James Naismith's grandson. "It's

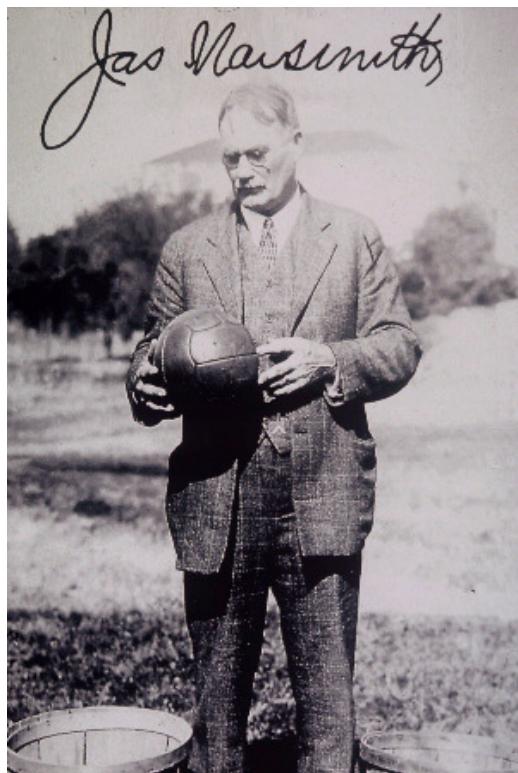
amazing." Ian Naismith will be in New York today to see the rules that have been with his family for 119 years find a new home. He has the most invested in the process, which will involve bids coming in person, by phone and from the Internet. The winning bid will benefit the Naismith International Basketball Foundation, which is run by Ian Naismith and serves underprivileged children.

The foundation has fallen on tough times in line with the economy, forcing Ian Naismith to approach Sotheby's. Ian Naismith says that in the past he was offered as much as \$5 - \$10 million for his grandfather's 13 rules, which resided in Lawrence for 41 years following James Naismith's arrival in 1898, when he joined the KU faculty and became the Jayhawks' first basketball coach. Naismith retired in 1937 and died in 1939.

Naismith's rules were built around four fundamental principles: no running with the ball, no tackling or rough body contact, a horizontal goal above the heads of the players and freedom of any player to obtain the ball and score at any time.

"The genius," Kiffer said, "is the rules were elastic enough that the game could develop around them." ..... "Really, I don't know who it might be. Could be a player. Could be a team owner. Could be a frustrated player who wanted to be a star and never made it but made it in business. It will be fun."

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## **Dr. James Naismith, continued from page 14**

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As Kiffer is saying this, a frequent buyer walks up to the Naismith display, which stands tall around a small hardwood replica of a basketball court.

"By definition, it is unique," the buyer said. But it is out of his price range.

"Shaq could buy it and not even think about it, right?" he joked.

A man like Shaquille O'Neal may have the funds, but there's no way that he could want the rules as badly as Josh Swade, a 36-year-old New York resident who grew up in Overland Park and attended KU for a few years. Swade is in the TV industry, and being a Jayhawk, he came up with an idea when he heard about the auctioning of the rules. He went to his bosses and wanted to make a documentary about basketball's impact on the world with an eye on helping to bring the rules back to Lawrence for good in the Booth Family Hall of Athletics, which is adjacent to Allen Fieldhouse on Naismith Drive. Swade started a website — [bringtheruleshome.com](http://bringtheruleshome.com) — and has traveled the country for the past month interviewing former KU coaches and players, among others. After all of it, Swade believes that the group of interested parties he has assembled will be a player today.

"It's gonna come down to crunch time," Swade said. "Those rules belong in Lawrence, Kansas. To me, it's a no-brainer. I think Dr. Naismith would want them to be in Lawrence. He's buried there."

And it was there that James Naismith sat down with his son, Jimmy, over breakfast at the family's Massachusetts Street home in 1931 and decided to

authenticate the rules he'd carried with him for 40 years. Even then, they realized the rules would be worth a large chunk of cash someday. It pains Swade to think of the rules ending up somewhere else, but especially outside the country.

"You hear of these wealthy folks in places like Italy, Russia and Lithuania," Swade said. "I can't begin to talk about them. They belong in the United States, on display."

Ultimately, though, this is Ian Naismith's decision, and he can live with whatever happens. His hope is that the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., will win the bidding. If not, he accepts that the love for the game his grandfather created is strong enough to take the rules anywhere.

"Basketball is played in over 230 countries," Ian Naismith said. "It's a world game. That's how we've always looked at it as a family."

Go to [Kansascity.com](http://Kansascity.com) to read the original Naismith basketball rules.

Read more: <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/12/09/2510111/james-naismiths-rules-for-basketball.html#ixzz19wNPFvG3>

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With thanks to the *News from the House of Scotland*, Editor Cherie McGruer, House of Scotland, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. For more information, contact president: Steve Knight at (760) 741-3909.

**Editor's note:** The rules sold for \$4,338,500 USD. The 13 rules, a two-page typed document with Naismith's handwritten notes, were purchased by David G. Booth, an alumnus of the University of Kansas and executive officer of Dimensional Fund Advisors. Naismith founded the university basketball program in 1898, staying in Kansas until his death in 1939. Dr. Naismith was a Scot!

# Announcing “Pipe Dreams” Tour to Scotland August 9th-17th, 2011.

Be at Glasgow Green for the Worlds International Pipe Band competition and see thousands of Pipers from many nations, World Highland Games, Highland dancing and a Taste of Scotland.

This unique one-of-a-kind tour has been organized and will be escorted by Bob and Lois Wallace, Council members of Clan Wallace Society- Worldwide, and members of the Nevada Society of Scottish Clans. The tour focuses on the art of the Great Highland Bagpipe, yet includes many unique points of interest: Loch Lomond, Royal Concert Hall-Glasgow, Piping Live Festival, Isle of Bute, Mount Stuart, Edinburgh and Castle including the famous Military Tattoo, plus much more. Free time has been included for those who want to pursue individual interests.

This tour is part of a fund-raising effort – a portion of the tour price of \$1,699.00

is a donation to the Pipe and Drum band of your choice. Special pricing of \$920.00 has been obtained for travelers from 12-16 sharing a room with two adults.

The trip will especially be enjoyable for the first time traveler, and those who have experienced Scotland before. For a full color brochure and information contact: Gail Pratt, Travel Unlimited, Reno, Nevada at (775) 329-0658, or direct at 775-824-4551, or at

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# Momma's Creamy Grits for those who THINK they don't like grits!

*Lisa Donant of Clan Wallace writes in Clan Wallace's publication, The Guardian, about her own mother's grits. This is pretty much the same recipe that your editor's grandmother used. Where Annie Roberta McDonald's recipe differs, you'll see hers in parenthesis.*

Come visit us! I'll fix you grits that will make them become your favorite thing to eat!

2 cups Milk (REAL milk with all the butterfat.)

2 cups Water (My grandmother didn't use any water. Just the REAL milk plus the whipping cream below.)

1 to 1/2 tsp. Salt

1 cup uncooked Regular Grits (You can use "quick" grits.)



1 cup Whipping Cream

1/4 cup Butter  
(REAL butter and lots of it...to taste)

1 to 2 tsp. freshly Ground Pepper

Optional add-ins: shredded cheese, crumbled crispy bacon & crumbled cooked sausage. (There should be enough cheese added to change the color of the grits to soft gold.)

Bring the first three ingredients to a boil in a large saucepan; gradually stir in grits. Reduce heat; simmer, stirring occasionally, 30 to 40 minutes or until thickened. (Quick grits, cook maybe 3 minutes) Stir in whipping cream, butter and pepper, simmer, stirring occasionally 5 minutes. (Til hot. Mix in cheese.) Top with shredded cheese and/or other add-ins if desired.  
Yields 6 servings.

## GRITS Bulletin!

The Krystal in Chattanooga, TN

serves "GRITS STICKS." Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!

We were expecting the usual restaurant bland grits. NO!

The Grits Sticks are WONDERFUL - cheesy and seasoned to perfection.

We've asked for Grits Sticks at other Krystal restaurants, but the Chattanooga Krystal is the only one we have found which serves these tasty treats! Smartly, they serve them all day.

You'll see the Chattanooga Krystal from the big road that goes to Nashville, TN.

# The Scottish Tartans Authority really, truly needs YOU! Can you help?

Now in its sixteenth year, the Scottish Tartans Authority has come to a cross-roads. Long acclaimed for its diverse work in the academic, commercial and educational fields of tartan and Highland dress, it has long struggled to maintain its services *and* fund the expansion necessary to cement its future stability. In other words, we're now standing still!

Many of our overseas friends have assumed that

Scottish government does *not* fund our operating costs although it has, in recent years, provided special project money at times, the latest being to further upgrade our website and improve its revenue-earning capabilities.

How come we're at this cross-roads then? Two major reason: first is that we voluntarily gave up our tartan registration role - and its valuable income - in favour of a new government controlled register. Sec-



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December 2004

we have government money to run the Authority. That's a logical assumption when you consider that we're preserving and promoting the history and heritage of what is the world's greatest national icon - tartan . . . the outward symbol of centuries of pioneering Scots who have contributed so much to the freedoms and achievements of the modern world.

However, the assumption would be wrong. The

ond is that in the recent economic downturn, our previously generous funding consortium of weavers could no longer afford to continue their charitable payments to us.

So here we are . . . standing at the crossroads with nae shoes and a hole in our breeks. There are ambitious plans afoot to generate more funds for the future, but our work would be hugely helped if we could identify Scottish oriented charitable organisations or foundations and/or successful individuals who would welcome the chance to contribute to the excellent work undertaken by the Tartans Authority.

So . . . if you can help in any way by bringing our plight to the notice of those in the financial corridors of power, then we would be most grateful. Donors would have the great satisfaction of knowing that they were helping to ensure the continued preservation and promotion of such a quintessential icon as tartan and all its fascinating historical strands.

We are a registered Scottish charity No. SCO24310. If you are able to help us by spreading the word or by making a donation yourself, the payment page on our website is called Johnny A'thing and is at <http://www.tartansauthority.com/payments/payment>



# Tartan Ribbon - first color photo!

Did you know that the world's first full colour photographic image was of tartan? Neither did we! But we learnt it from this article by David M Ewalt who's been at Forbes Magazine for six years and edits its lifestyle section and writes its blog about nerdy stuff.

Physicist James Clerk Maxwell (1831–1879) is best known for developing the equations that are the basis of modern electromagnetic theory. Without them, you wouldn't be reading this over the Internet, or for that matter, using any object that requires electricity.

One of Maxwell's many areas of study was optics, where he did some important work investigating how humans perceive color. In 1861, Maxwell teamed up with Thomas Sutton –an important inventor and photographer in his own right. They photographed a Scottish tartan ribbon three times, once with a red filter, once with green, and once with blue. Then they developed the pictures and loaded them onto three different projectors, one with a red filter over the lens, one with green, and one with blue.

When they focused all three projectors on the



screen at the same time, Maxwell and Sutton produced the world's first full color photographic image.

The experiment identified the trichromatic process that is the basis of modern colour photography.

With thanks to the Scottish Tartans Authority newsletter, *The Tartan Herald*. Contact them at [admin@tartansauthority.com](mailto:admin@tartansauthority.com)

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## WANTED! Clan Wallace Society Worldwide Newsletter Editor

The Clan Wallace Board of Directors is accepting expressions of interest for a new permanent Editor for the CWSW Newsletter, "The Guardian." "The Guardian" is an international awardwinning newsletter, published three times annually.

Applicants must possess excellent grammar and spelling, as well as proficiency with the following software: MS-Publisher2007, MS Word, e-mail/Outlook and Adobe PDF. The basic commitment is approximately 10-15 hours, every three months.

Email your expression of interest to: [editor@clanwallace.org](mailto:editor@clanwallace.org)



# Wills and Genealogical Research



Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian,  
Fort Myers - Lee County Library, Fort Myers,  
Florida

Wills may provide significant genealogical information. Some consist of a few lines with minimal information. Others may

provide important details pertaining to family relationships, economic status, religious and business affiliations, previous/current places of residence, real and personal property holdings, maiden names of females, previous wives/husbands, extra marital relationships, identify family members who have been "disowned" and why, and other valuable data. Historically, a will referred to the provision for the deposition of real property. The term *testament* referred to the provision for deposition of both real and personal property, after his or her death. To be valid, a will had to comply with specific legal formalities:

1. Wills must be in writing and signed by the testator in the presence of competent witnesses.
2. When a person was unable to write his or her name, a mark, often in the form of a cross or an "x", served as a substitute for the signature.

Wills come in several formats:

**Holographic Will:** This type of will is written, dated, and signed entirely in the handwriting or printing of the testator. There are usually no witnesses and the verification process involves proving that the handwriting is that of the decedent.

**Nuncupative Will:** This is an oral will, declared before witnesses during the testator's last illness and that is later written. For many American soldiers killed before 1900, this was the type of will that was utilized. For that reason, you sometimes hear the term *battlefield will* associated with a nuncupative will.

**Codicil:** This is a supplement to an existing will. You will find additions, alterations, qualifications, or deletions from various provisions of the original will. A codicil becomes part of the will and supersedes the will in any respect that differs from the original.

**Real property** refers to unmovable property such as land and buildings. **Personal Property** refers to movable property, as in personal possessions such as furniture, clothing, children, and slaves. A person who receives real property by will is a *devisee*. A person

who receives personal property by will is a *legatee*. Those who receive property from an intestate estate are known as *heirs-at-law* or *distributees*. When the decedent had a will made out prior to death, the executor named in the will presents the will to the court with a petition for probate. Witnesses appear to acknowledge their signatures and testify that the testator was of sound mind when the will was made. The will may be contested by anyone having an interest in the estate. The usual grounds under these circumstances revolve around the testator not being of sound mind or if he or she was subjected to undue influence by another party when making the will.

A document known as *letters testamentary* is issued to the executor and authorizes that person to carry out the provisions of the will. The executor may have been required to post a performance bond unless that requirement was waived in the will. Once a will is admitted to probate, it is recorded in a will book or register. The original will is filed with all related documents pertaining to the case. If the deceased has minor children, the court appoints a guardian to protect their interests. In most cases, this will be a surviving parent, relative, or close family friend. However, in colonial times, a mother, if she was still alive most likely was not appointed as the guardian of her own children, instead a relative or a close friend was appointed by the court.

An inventory of the estate is made and its value is appraised by court-appointed appraisers. The executor is responsible for paying all debts of the estate and collecting any debts owed it. A complete record of all disbursements must be filed with the court. Following the final settlement of the estate, the *decree of distribution* is issued by the court as proof that title has been passed to the devisees and legatees.

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