

Vol. 10 No. 9 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree Section B February 2016



George Way of Plean shown at the Greenville, SC, USA Scottish Games a few years ago during a ceremony honoring the Chief of Clan Sinclair, Malcolm Sinclair.

# New appointments to the Court of Lyon

The Lord Lyon's Commissions for new Pursuivants of Arms are in effect now.

Liam Devlin becomes the most junior Pursuivant in Ordinary with the title of Unicorn Pursuivant.

George Way of Plean becomes Falkland Pursuivant Extraordinary and John Stirling WS becomes Linlithgow Pursuivant Extraodinary, both for a period of five years.

The new Pursuivants will be sworn in at a sitting of the Lyon Court on 29 February in Edinburgh.

### Get in touch with your inner Tarzan in Scotland!

Kerry Mullen, Daily Record & Sunday Mail, Scotland

Go Ape is the perfect solution if you're looking for some family time in the great outdoors.

The classic *Go Ape* experience can be enjoyed at one of two sites across Scotland: Aberfoyle, near Glasgow and Glentress Forest in Peebles, near Edinburgh.

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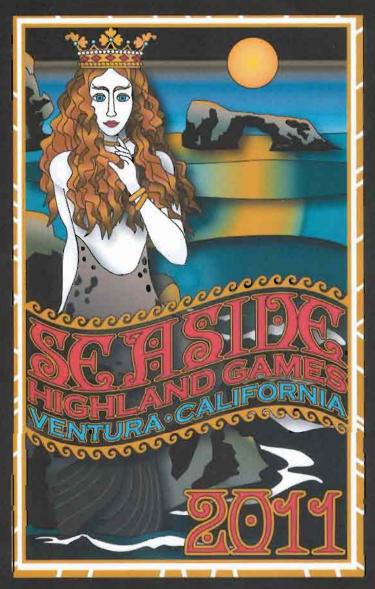
Oh, and let's not forget the main attraction. Two of Britain's longest zip wires, each stretching over 400m long.

Glentress Forest is equally magnificent with Go Ape's highest zip wire suspended over a reservoir.

Built on the hill side within the beautiful forest, Peebleshire Tree Top Adventure has endless rope bridges and Tarzan swings that will really test your nerve.

Find out more information at <goape.co.uk >where you can check availability and book tickets.

Commemoration honoring Victims of the Holocaust, January 27, 2016

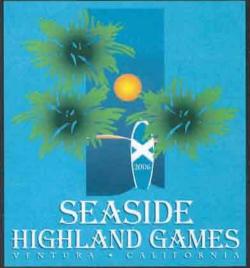


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# An "Ostentation of Peacocks," and other flowery ways medieval hunters grouped birds

### Eric Grundhauser in *The Armiger's News*, Quarterly Newsletter of the American College of Heraldry. Email: info@american collegeofheraldry.org

So you've spotted a bunch of birds! Congratulations! But, how totell people?

The poetic nature of bird-group terminology is wellestablished, but the individual terms are hard to keep track of.

Once you get beyond your standard flock or flight

of pigeons, you start hitting exotic phrases like a "watch of nightingales" and a "pitying of turtledoves."

These unusual collective nouns bestowed on animals, especially birds, are known as terms of venery, and date back to the hunting traditions and practices of the Middle Ages. During the era, sport and hunting were highly esteemed practices that had developed their own specialty language. Collective

terms, which usually originated as a jokey or poetic description, came to be used for beasts of the land, birds in the sky, and even other humans.

In the case of humans, medieval wordsmiths coined terms like a "sentence of judges" or a "doctrine of doctors." When it came to birds and animals, the names became much more abstract.

While venereal (yes, that is the correct adjective) terms date to before the 15th century, it was the *Book of St. Albans*, published in 1486 that really brought the terms into the cultural consciousness.

The book, a guide to the various outdoorsman's pastimes, was split into three parts, focusing on hawking, hunting, heraldry, and in a later edition, fishing.

As part of the section on hunting, there are listed 165 different venery terms, with an emphasis on birds. The terms were not likely used in practical application,

but rather as a showy bit of language, employed by gentlemen looking to show off their erudition. Regardless of their actual use in hunting, many of the terms managed to take hold of the popular imagination.

While none of the *Book of St. Albans* text is thought to have been original, each section having been copied

or adapted from other works, the compendium proved hugely popular in its day.

As World Wide Words points out, by the 16th century, the book was reprinted so many times that its reproduction numbers were (likely sarcastically) compared to that of the Bible. Thanks to the popular "an exaltation of larks," and even "a gaggle of geese," earned a place in the English lexicon. These medieval constructions

survived down the centuries both through popular usage and through the works of historians and scholars.

Today the most well-known modern work on the subject is a thin volume by James Lipton, of *Inside The Actors Studio* fame. Titled *An Exaltation of Larks*, the book is a collection of venery terms collected from medieval sources, and some he just made not based in scientific dogma, but imaginative wordplay, and are only granted validity by their survival.

Venery terms for all sorts of animals lasted through the centuries (a pride of lions, a pod of whales), but it is birds in particular that have retained a pronounced air of poetry surrounding their collective nouns. There are those that are more well-known, such as "a murder of crows," "a parliament of owls," and "a wedge of swans."

Then there are some of the more esoteric names, *Continued on page 5* 



# Clan Forrester Society

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### Body of Pirate discovered beneath Edinburgh school yard



Pirates have been sailing the open waters for some time, and hundreds of years ago, the punishment for being one of them was often swift and fatal.

Archaeologists believe human remains discovered beneath the playground of an Edinburgh, Scotland school belong to one such individual.

The bones were initially thought to be those of someone who lived during the Bronze Age, as they were badly degraded and buried alongside pottery shards from that era.

Carbon dating revealed they actually hailed back to some time in the 16th to 17th centuries.

A study of the skeleton also suggested the individual, estimated to have been in his 50s, was likely put

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which embrace an abstract concept related to the bird they are describing. Consider "a murmuration of starlings"; "a deceit of lapwings"; "a convocation of eagles"; "an unkindness of ravens"; "a pitying of turtledoves"; "an ostentation of peacocks"; "a pandemonium of parrots"; "a huddle of penguins"; "a mob of emus"; "An omen of vultures?

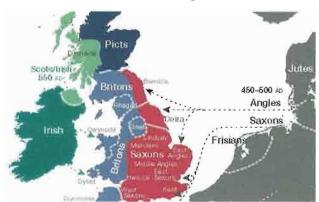
Since there is no authority regarding the creation of these collective nouns, the list of possibilities for bird group names is literally endless. Feel free to come up with your own—as a starting point, we suggest "an annoyance of pigeons"; "a burden of albatrosses"; and "an omen of vultures."

Originally appearing online at Atlas Obscura's website - http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/an-ostentation-of-peacocks-and-otherflowery-ways-medieval-hunters-grouped-birds

### Researchers create genetic map of the British Isles

MARCH, 2015 BY MEDIEVALISTS.NET

Many people in the UK feel a strong sense of regional identity, and it now appears that there may be a scientific basis to this feeling, according to a landmark new study into the genetic makeup of the British Isles.



An international team, led by researchers from the University of Oxford, UCL (University College London) and the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute in Australia, used DNA samples collected from more than 2,000 people to create the first fine-scale genetic map of any country in the world. Their findings, published in *Nature*, show that prior to the mass migrations of the 20th century there was a striking pattern of rich but subtle genetic variation across the UK, with distinct groups of genetically similar individuals clustered together geographically.

By comparing this information with DNA samples from over 6,000 Europeans, the team was also able to identify clear traces of the population movements into the UK over the past 10,000 years. Their work confirmed, and in many cases shed further light on, known historical migration patterns.

Key findings:

There was not a single "Celtic" genetic group. In fact the Celtic parts of the UK (Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and Cornwall) are among the most different from each other genetically. For example, the Cornish are much more similar genetically to other English groups

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# Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliots, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

# www.elliotclan.com

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell Email: dublincollen@sbcglobal.net or write 2984 Siskiyou Boulevard

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than they are to the Welsh or the Scots.

There are separate genetic groups in Cornwall and Devon, with a division almost exactly along the modern county boundary.

The majority of eastern, central and southern England is made up of a single, relatively homogeneous, genetic group with a significant DNA contribution from Anglo-Saxon migrations (10-40% of total ancestry). This settles a historical controversy in showing that the Anglo-Saxons intermarried with, rather than replaced, the existing populations.

The population in Orkney emerged as the most genetically distinct, with 25% of DNA coming from Norwegian ancestors. This shows clearly that the Norse Viking invasion (9th century) did not simply replace the indigenous Orkney population.

The Welsh appear more similar to the earliest settlers of Britain after the last ice age than do other people in the UK.

There is no obvious genetic signature of the Danish Vikings, who controlled large parts of England ("The Danelaw") from the 9th century.

There is genetic evidence of the effect of the Landsker line – the boundary between English-speaking people in south-west Pembrokeshire (sometimes known as "Little England beyond Wales") and the Welsh speakers in the rest of Wales, which persisted for almost a millennium.

The analyses suggest there was a substantial migration across the channel after the original post-ice-age settlers, but before Roman times. DNA from these mi-

#### Pirate body, continued from page 5

to death for the crime of piracy.

That theory is largely informed by the burial location—outside of any official cemetery and near the former site of a gibbet, a sort of apparatus used to hang and display captured criminals.

grants spread across England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, but had little impact in Wales.

Many of the genetic clusters show similar locations to the tribal groupings and kingdoms around the end of the 6th century, after the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons, suggesting these tribes and kingdoms may have maintained a regional identity for many centuries.

Professor Mark Robinson, an archaeologist on the project from the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, explained, "The results give an answer to the

question we had never previously thought we would be able to ask about the degree of British survival after the collapse of Roman Britain and the coming of the Saxons."

The Wellcome Trust-funded People of the British Isles study analysed the DNA of 2,039 people from rural areas of the UK, whose four grandparents were all born within 80km of each other. Because a quarter of our genome comes from each of our grandparents, the researchers were effectively sampling DNA from these ancestors, allowing a snapshot

of UK genetics in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. They also analysed data from 6,209 individuals from 10 (modern) European countries.

Sir Walter Bodmer from the University of Oxford, who conceived the People of the British Isles study and co-led the work, said, "The People of the British Isles study gave us a wonderful opportunity to learn about the fine-scale genetic patterns in the UK population. A key part of our success was collecting DNA from a geographically diverse group of people who are representative of their location. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who participated in the study."

To uncover the extremely subtle genetic differences among these individuals the researchers used cutting-edge statistical techniques, developed by four of the team members. They applied these methods, called fine STRUCTURE and GLOBETROTTER, to analyse DNA differences at over 500,000 positions within the genome. They

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# **Clan Blair Society**

Memberships are cordially invited for Blair descendants and other interested parties.

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# Three Irish Genealogy Workshops in Spring of 2016, to be presented by Miles Davenport in AZ

Join us for a morning or three of Irish Genealogical Workshops at the McClelland Library this Spring.

The January 23, 2016 workshop, "19th Century Irish Genealogy Research: What's Available and How to Use It," will begin at 10:30am and conclude at 12:30pm.

On February 20, 2016 we will debut our newest workshop "Finding the Source: A Survey of Irish Genealogical Websites and Databases," from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

We will hold an additional workshop on April 9th, of which details are currently being finalized, and will have a description posted soon. All three workshops will be held in the McClelland Library's Norton Room. Below you will find details on each workshop and registration as it becomes available.

Miles Davenport has over 17 years of genealogy research experience. In 2010, he published his own colonial family history spanning over ten generations. He has been published in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* and teaches beginning and advanced genealogical courses at the Scottsdale Public Library. Miles is currently a volunteer staff genealogist at the McClelland Library.

19th Century Irish Genealogy Research: What's Available and How to Use It: January 23, 2016

Level II: Intermediate

This workshop will provide participants with an in-depth look at Irish records created during the 1800's. The Irish Civil Registration process will be explored, including the time period covered by these records and their limitations. The workshop will demonstrate how to use church parish records, Griffith's Valuation, Tithe Applotment Books, and other early 19th Century sources to uncover your Irish ancestors prior to the start of Civil Registrations. Participants will also develop an understanding of Ireland's civil and religious jurisdictions and why this knowledge is essential in locating your Irish ancestors. A case study will be used to illustrate the various ways to determine family relationships prior to the start of the Civil Registration process.

April 9, 2016: TBD

Other Workshops by Miles Davenport: Getting Started with Irish Genealogy Research

Level I: Introductory

This workshop will acquaint participants with the basic genealogical process along with goal-setting, research source selection and documentation requirements. The class will highlight the methods and numerous resources available for discovering Irish ancestry at the McClelland Irish Library. An actual research project will be used to trace the ancestry of an American-born Irish descendant back through three generations to locate the family's ancestral homeland in Ireland.

There are no set dates set for the next offering of this workshop. There is no charge for any of the workshops, however, you must register at: https://secure.ggiv.com/for/iccevents/event/767548/

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then separated the samples into groups of genetically similar individuals, without knowing where in the UK the samples came from. By plotting each person onto a map of the British Isles, using the centre point of their grandparents' birth places, they were able to see how this distribution correlated with their genetic groupings.

The researchers were then able to "zoom in" to examine the genetic patterns in the UK at levels of increasing resolution. At the broadest scale, the population in Orkney (islands to the north of Scotland) emerged as the most genetically distinct. At the next level, Wales forms a distinct genetic group, followed by a further division between north and south Wales. Then the north of England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland collectively separate from southern England, before Cornwall forms a separate cluster. Scotland and Northern Ireland then separate from northern England. The study eventually focused at the level where the UK was divided into 17 genetically distinct clusters of people.

Dr Michael Dunn, Head of Genetics & Molecular Sciences at the Wellcome Trust, added, "These researchers have been able to use modern genetic techniques to provide answers to the centuries-old question – where we come from. Beyond the fascinating insights into our history, this information could prove very useful from a health perspective, as building a picture of population genetics at this scale may in future help us to design better genetic studies to investigate disease."



### clankeith-usa.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

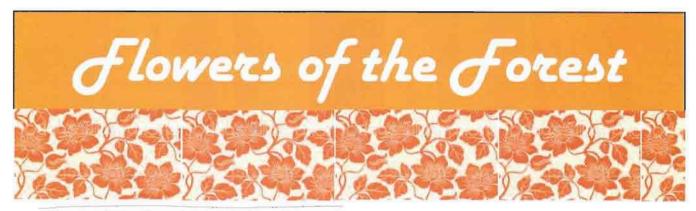
<u>Septs and spellings include:</u> Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixson - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeith - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email <a href="mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com">membershipclankeith@mindspring.com</a> or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!



Jan. 5, 1939 - Dec. 26, 2015 John Edmund

Meikle, the son of John M. & Velda G. Meikle, was born in Enid, Oklahoma.

He grew up on the family farm in Hunter, Oklahoma - "The Home Place," as he called the farm, was part of the Cherokee Strip Land Run of 1893.

His grandfather made the run.

John loved the land and was always a farmer at heart.

He graduated from Hunter High School, attended The University of Oklahoma, and graduated from Oklahoma City University.

John served in the United States Army.

He went to Washington, DC with the Department of Agriculture Foreign Agriculture Service and later transferred to the Farmer's Home Administration, where he remained until he retired.

After retirement, John contracted back with the USDA.

While in Washington, he met and married Sue Rippon.

In May of this year, they celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

John and Sue enjoyed traveling, especially to Scotland, where John researched his heritage.

John was an Eagle Scout; a 4-H National Winner; an Outstanding Young Man of America; member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity; Chairman of the Oklahoma State

Young Republicans; an Elder and Clerk of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Statesboro, GA; a Kiwanian; and member of the Clan Lamont Society. He was also a valued member of the Scottish Heritage Society of Southeast Georgia.

John was also an accomplished model ship builder and member of the Nautical Research Guild.

John is survived by wife, Sue R. Meikle; his sister, Sharon Ewing and his nephew, Lee Ewing, of Keizer, Oregon. Funeral Services were held at the Santa Fe Presbyterian Church. A private Interment will be in Hunter, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, 1603 N Santa Fe Ave, Edmond, OK 73003. - See more at: http://legacy.newsok.com/ obituaries/oklahoman/ obituary.aspx?pid=177060930#sthash.N3JHH1ZY.dpuf

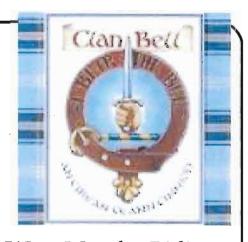
Capt. Robert T. McKinlay, Jr., USNR MC, FACS, 77, passed into his Heavenly home surrounded

by family on December 17, 2015 in Scottsdale, Arizona from complications of PSP (atypical Parkinsons disease).

He was born in Chicago, IL December 11, 1938 to Robert Todd McKinlay, Sr. and Helen Eaton McKinlay who preceded him in death. His sister, Bonnie McKinlay Schwarze, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Helen; five children, Kathleen (Dean) Miller, Lisa (Gary) Salyers, Allyson (Duane) Mitzel, Betsy (Kurt) Smith, and Steve (Amy) McKinlay, and 14 grandchildren, Jennifer & Jay Miller, Eric, Mark, Adam, Evan, Abby, Lena & Zach Mitzel, Olivia, Alexyss, Austyn, & Ian Smith, and Payton McKinlay; niece, Karolyn Clark, nephew Tom (Katie) Schwarze and cousins Allan Bailey & Helen Continued on page 13

# Clan Bell North America, Inc.





This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan were "encouraged" to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called "Redcloak" and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

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

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

President & Membership:

David E. Bell

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clanbell.org



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Van Amburg.

Bob graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in Psychology, and earned his M.D. from The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

He completed his ophthalmology residency at the Naval Hospital Bethesda, National Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.

He opened his first private practice in Marion, OH in 1974 and retired from his Columbus, OH practice, Comprehensive Eye Care of Central Ohio, Inc., in 1999.

Dr. Bob was a Clinical Associate Professor at The Ohio State University in the Academy & College of Medicine, Ophthalmology Department. He was a member of and held board positions in numerous medical organizations, including the American Academy of Ophthalmology, President of the Ohio Ophthalmological Society, President of the Columbus Ophthalmological & Otolaryngological Society and countless others.

Captain McKinlay enlisted for active duty in the U.S. Navy in 1963, served

as a Naval Flight Surgeon on the *USS Enterprise* CVA(N)-65, May-November 1966, served as Naval Ophthalmologist in Vietnam, 1968-1969 and was honorably discharged as a Commander in 1974.

He entered the U. S. Naval Reserves in Columbus, OH in 1981, was promoted to Captain and retired in 1998.

Captain McKinlay was presented with numerous Military Decorations and Awards including Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat V, Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal-With Five (5) Stars, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry With Palm, and countless others.

Bob was honored to be a member of Westerville Rotary for 36 years. He became a Lifetime Member of

Rotary International, received the Perfect Attendance Award in 2007, became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1981, and served on the Board of Directors for several years. Bob accumulated the most Rotary flags for attending Rotary meetings in other cities, states and countries.

For that, he was humorously fined!

Bob served as Chairman for the Otterbein Scholarship Committee, was President of Twelve Trees Homeowners Association, Coach for Westerville Junior Football, Professional Patron Coordinator for

Westerville North and South Schools and President of the Warrior Home Plate Club. Bob was a liturgical and Eucharistic Minister at both St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville and Resurrection Roman Catholic Church in New Albany.

Bobs passions were studying his Scottish family history, playing the bagpipes, and flying for which he earned his private pilots license.

He discovered and created genealogy records going back to the 1600s.

He brought relatives

from around the world together by forming a website for them to contribute their history.

Bob learned to play the bagpipes and was a member of the Military Societies Ft. Lauderdale Highlanders Pipe & Drum Corps from 2000-2005.

Bob was an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan for 41 years, a season ticket holder and member of the Ohio State University Presidents Club.

He will be deeply missed by all.

A very special thank you to Bob's caregivers, Peggy Judd-Massie and Taylor Nagel in Westerville, OH and Aimee Roberson in Scottsdale, AZ, whose love, devotion and time caring for Bob and helping and supporting Helen will be forever cherished by his family.

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# Researching Ancestors in the Middle Atlantic States of the USA

### Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

The Middle Atlantic Region of the USA encompasses Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

The area was settled in the early 1600s by a more ethnically diverse population than in the New England or Southern colonies which were primarily settled by the British.

The Dutch established New Netherland along the Hudson River in New York and New Jersey.

The Swedish established New Sweden along the Delaware River in what is now the state of Delaware.

The original English settlements in the region provided refuge to religious minorities; Maryland to members of the Roman Catholic Church, and Pennsylvania to the Quakers and the mostly Anabaptist Pennsylvania Dutch Germans.



In time, the entire area came under British control, but continued to be a magnet for people of diverse nationalities.

Early settlers were mostly farmers, traders and fishermen, and the region served as a strategic bridge between North and South.

It was the birthplace of urbanized America, as it became the first major industrial area in the United States. As a result, the region became a melting pot of new immigrants from the British Isles and Europe.

Cities grew along major shipping

routes and waterways, including New York City on the Hudson River, Philadelphia on the Delaware River, and Baltimore on the Chesapeake River.

Tracing ancestors among these ethnic groups can Continued on page 17

### Annual" Kirkin 'o' th' Tartan" at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

It has been a tradition of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta to participate in the Kirkin 'O' th' Tartan at the Scottish Heritage Service at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody.

This year the ceremony will be held on Sunday February 7, 2016 at the 11am Service.

We would like to have 18 - 20 Banner Bearers participating. If you will be willing to volunteer - please contact me - Don Malcolm at 770-458-2745 or e-mail <a href="mailto:donmalcolm@msn.com">donmalcolm@msn.com</a> - you will be most welcome.

Also indicate which Banner that you would like to carry - so that we can have it available for you at the



church.

There will be a Reception in the Great Hall following the Service.

St. Luke's - 1978 Mt. Vernon Rd-Dunwoody, GA 30338. Call 770-393-3278 for further information.

# The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:
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Mactavish, Mactavis, M Tavish, MacThomas,
Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish,
Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson,
Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant
spellings.

Chief Steven MacTavish

### We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com

### You're invited to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis' Monthly Meeting and Covered Dish Supper

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 is the date for the Monthly Meeting of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis Monthly Meeting and Covered Dish Supper.

There will be a social time at 6:30 PM, Supper/Dinner at 7:00 PM and the Program on *The Life of Burns* at 8 PM. The meat dish will be provided by Rick Blacklidge. If your name begins with A - F, please bring a salad. Those with G-McC please bring a dessert and McD - Z, please bring a veggie or a casserole.

For more information, go to http://www.indyscot.org

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be challenging.

Fortunately, some key records are available to assist with research in these locations. Many large eastern cities were among the first to establish vital records offices. Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York all began keeping limited registers of deaths or burials long before the Civil War, and began registering births decades before their respective states required such action.

Many cities began the tradition of publishing city directories listing the households within the city limits. Even recent immigrants were not excluded. Most heads of families appear shortly after taking up residence in the city.

Typically only the gainfully employed persons (or widows) and sometimes older students are listed.

The renewal of the listing on an annual or biannual basis provides significant clues to understanding entire families.

The more developed and compact society typically found in large cities suggests that a greater percentage of city residents may appear in other records. It is more difficult for census takers to overlook families when they are not in a distant rural valley.

Cemeteries in urban areas usually are better regulated, which encourages better record-keeping than in sparsely settled locales.

Churches represent all denominations and therefore can accommodate virtually any person's religious needs.

The three largest ports of entry for immigrants to the United States were Baltimore, New York, and Philadelphia.

Even during the Colonial era, a great number of non-English speaking immigrants chose the Middle At-

lantic region for settlement. Hence, most immigrants who later settled in more western states arrived at these eastern ports. Many immigrants stayed in these port cities and their surrounding suburbs for several years before moving west. Some immigrants remained for their entire lives. Therefore, it is very possible that more Americans have ancestors and relatives who spent at least some time in the Mid-Atlantic States than in any other region.

Ship passenger lists for these three ports have survived, with minimal loss, from their beginnings in 1820, well into the twentieth century.

Naturalization records for immigrants coming to the Middle Atlantic region may be found in the cities and counties further west where the families eventually settled.

Those who stayed in the east for a few years often naturalized there before moving.

An excellent collection of such records, from both federal and local (state) courts is available through the Family History Library and can be accessed through Ancestry and Family Search.

Federal court naturalization records are also available through the National Archives.

Laws mandating the compilation of vital records developed relatively early in most of these states.

However, enforcement of these laws tended to be very inconsistent. Several states passed laws in the mid-1800s regarding the registration of births and deaths, but these laws were not well enforced and were eventually repealed.

Later laws were more successful, but often only after major health issues and epidemics that occurred in tenements in larger cities such as New York and Philadelphia.

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# THE CLAN GREGUR SOCIETY

# 'S Rioghal Mo Dhream! Royal is my Race!

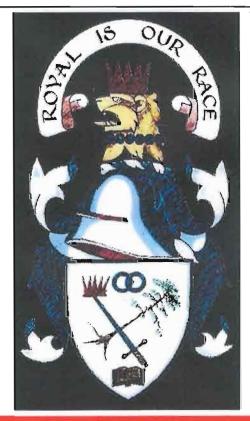
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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7th Baronet of Lanrick and Balquidder

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# Hungarian coat-of-arms: New website launched with heraldic database

As a result of a years long work and tireless research, a new Hungarian website has been launched publishing a comprehensive database of present-day and historic Hungarian coat-of-arms. The portal <www.magyarcimerek.hu> includes not only the royal, state and county symbols used throughout the country's 1000-year-long history but also the coat of arms of the 19 Hungarian counties and 3046 settlements of today.

The website, which is in contention for the "Website of The Year 2015" title in Hungary, was created without any financial support by a creative and enthusiastic group of Hungarian software developers and graphic designers called 'Design & System'.

Thanks to its easy to use search engine visitors can find hundreds of coats-of-arms by names or geographic locations. In many cases local mayors, council employees, public administrators provided the history material and legal information on the coats-of-arms to the creators of the website.

Based on the collected information and research, under the leadership of graphic designer András Somogyi, the creators of the website have reproduced



hundreds of Hungarian coats-of arms in high quality and resolution.

Today 107 of Hungary's 3153 settlements have no coats-of-arms at all – they never existed or were lost decades or centuries ago – however, <www.magyarcimerek.hu> already said it was ready to cooperate with those local councils and heraldry experts to make up the missing local symbols.

Originally appearing online at *Hungary Today's* website - http://hungarytoday.hu/news/hungarian-coat-arms-new-website-launched-heraldicdatabase-53181

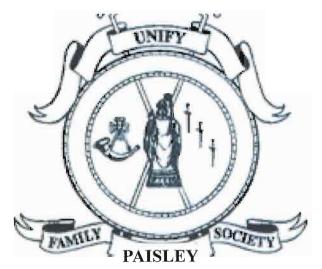
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Visit: <www.americancollegeofheraldry.org>

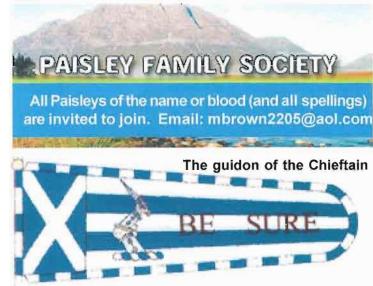
### New release of birth, marriage and death images on ScotlandsPeople!

The latest images of Scottish births, marriages and deaths are available from 1 January. This year they consist of births registered in 1915, marriages in 1940, and deaths in 1965. The 1940 marriages are very significant because that year saw the introduction of civil marriages by registrars. Read some remarkable stories of 1940 marriages, including an actor-soldier who tied the knot soon after getting divorced, and a navy pilot. Among the deaths registered in 1965 was that of Anne Redpath.

For more information: http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/?utm\_campaign=news&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source+sp&\_source=sp&utm\_content=750599









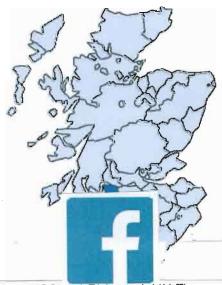
The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

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

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

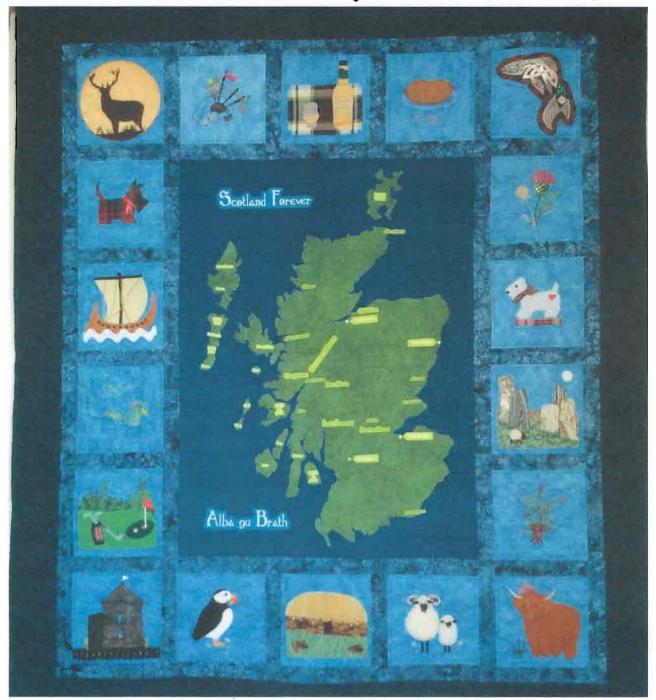
Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburgshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



WOW! NC's Triad Games, MD's Fairfield, Charleston, SC and Richmond, VA! The Paisley Family Society was busy in 2015. Check our webpage <a href="www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk">www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk</a> to see what we're up to in 2016. Contact Martha Brown at: mbrown2205@aol.com. Paisley DNA project: <a href="mailysociety.org.uk">dlangston@yahoo.com</a>



### 2016 Clan Donald AGM 2016 Scotland Forever Quilt Perfect for any clan!



Above is the beautiful hand-sewn *Scotland Forever* quilt to be auctioned off at the CDUSA AGM this year. It is approximately 56" by 67" and ready for hanging. It depicts many things for which Scotland is best known ~ whisky, golf, Standing Stones of Lewis (and elsewhere), black houses, castles, the birlin, Nessie, haggis, sheep, tartan, salmon, deer, puffin, and coos! The heather and thistles or the highland hills and the wee Scotties & Westies roamin' about.

It's a grand quilt for any a highland lad or lassie of any Clan. All proceeds go to support our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Kalispell, Montana, September 14 thru 18th. The winner does not have to be present. For all inquiries regarding this event please contact: Mary MacDonald at <u>Callanish03@comcast.net</u>

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# Clan Donald Flowers of the Forest

Marilyn Jane Anderson McDonald, mother of Gregg McDonald, Clan Donald USA Montana Co-Commissioner, was born July 28, 1934 and died December 27, 2015.



Clarence Thomas McDonald, died December

22, 2015. Tom, as he was known by friends and family, was born on September 22, 1942, in Dora, Alabama...or as he'd tell it ~ "L.A. Lower Alabama," that is!

His love of his Scottish heritage brought

him to join Clan Donald and we are all the better for it. Tom, with his beloved wife Sue, their sons Troy and Bill, and their families ~ eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren ~ have added joy to our extended Scottish family here in the North Pacific.

His endless generosity, humor, respect and love for life are well known worldwide by all who were lucky enough to have met Tom, or to have called him their friend. We shall miss you, friend.

### All Clans Banquet in the North Pacific a fun time for all attendees



North Pacific Clan Donald Regional Commissioner, Mary MacDonald, Lisa Edwards, Tricia Bourdeau and Patti deBruijin-McDonald take the time to have their smiling photo made at the All Clans Fall Banquet last October.

Thanks to *The Signal* from CD North Pacific. Callanish03@comcast.net



# International visitors flock to top tourist attraction in Stirling

From Africa to North America, the National Wallace Monument has global appeal - that's the finding of the Monument's visitor book

which showed that visitors, from all four corners of the globe, flocked to the popular tourist attraction.

The sample of just under 3,000 tourists revealed that 80 different countries were represented - including Barbados, Qatar and Taiwan.

The iconic attraction, which this year alone has attracted in excess of 90,000 visitors, demonstrates the international appeal of not just Scotland but of the Monu-Continued on page 25

### Fort Myers, Florida, Regional Library

#### **Upcoming Genealogy Programs**



February Beginners Series

Saturday February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016

Speaker: Gina Hamister - Western Reserve Historical Society, New England Historical

Genealogical Register Board of Directors

Time: 10:00am - 12:15pm South Building 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Session One: Using Home Sources and Organizing Your Research Session Two: Finding Your Family in the United States Census Session Three: Using Court House Resources and Vital Records

Session Four: Using Alternative or Hidden Resources for Locating Ancestors.



European Gateways to the New World - Hamburg and Bremen

Saturday, March 26, 2016

Speaker: Werner Ropers, Collier County Genealogical Society, German Roots Group and

Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library

Time: 9:30am - 12:15pm South Building, 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Seminar will highlight the immigrant experience from the time they left their towns and countries of origin, reached the ports of departure, and arrived in the various ports of entry in the United States. While the primary emphasis is on issues encountered by German immigrants, there will be plenty of discussion dealing with the Irish, Italians, and the various ethnic groups from Eastern Europe and Russia.

You are invited to come and enjoy the genealogy programs scheduled for January 2016 at the Fort Myers Regional Library Meeting Rooms. They are located at 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. All programs are free and open to the public. *Advance Registration is required*. Patrons may register for the classes using one of the following methods:

- 1. Telephone: Call 479-4636 and select the option for registering for programs.
- 2. Telephone: Call Bryan Mulcahy at 533-4626 and leave your contact information.
- 3. Email: Contact Bryan Mulcahy at bmulcahy@leegov.com

# Clan Ramsay opens Ramsay World Connect Project

Clan Ramsay has opened up a **Ramsay World Connect Project** to connect Ramsay/Ramsey/Rumsey from all over the world. We have over 8000 Ramsay Pedigree files and all these files are in our Private Clan Ramsay Master Data Base.

Our Ramsay World Connect Project incorporates collaboration, traditional research, DNA testing and using our sortable data base to find missing family members.

Please start the process now in your family to DNA test in June 2016. Your DNA is critical for us to help get you beyond your Brick Wall. **Here is an example** of how DNA and our sortable data base can help you in just days:

Mr. Pennington had been looking for his ancestors for more than a decade and decided to give DNA a chance so he took the Y-DNA test looking for his Pennington ancestors.

However his DNA came up matching Ramsey. What a shock. He was puzzled as to what to do but he found my email address and contacted me.



I replied and asked if we could talk. After a short discussion he mailed me his data and I loaded it into the private Ramsay Master Data Base, containing more than 8000 Ramsey pedigree files, and then I sorted the data based on Birth Location.

Not to my surprise in just two days I found two Continued on page 27

#### Wallace Monument, continued from page 23

ment - built to commemorate the warrior who famously led his men to victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge and whose life was depicted in the block-buster film Braveheart which this year celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Ken Thomson, Stirling District Tourism Marketing Manager, explained: "Even after 20 years the number of visitors who credit the 1995 Academy Award winning film as their reason to visit the monument is astounding. In a recent survey Braveheart was identified by over 20% of participants as having influenced their decision to visit Stirling and its attractions."

The Monument is delighted to have such a wide audience who are interested in William Wallace and Scottish history. The figures are in line with other parts of Scotland and their visitor attractions.

Research conducted by Visit Scotland found that Stirling and the surrounding areas was the fifth most visited region of Scotland for overseas visitors in 2014 - after the Lothians, Greater Glasgow, Highlands & Islands and Grampian.

Liz Buchanan, Visit Scotland's Regional Director for Stirling, said: "The National Wallace Monument is one of Scotland's most instantly recognisable landmarks and, over the past 20 years, it has enjoyed a huge surge in popularity as a site of pilgrimage for fans of Braveheart. Undoubtedly a jewel in our tourism crown, it is no surprise that this icon continues to attract visitors from every corner of the globe."

In August 2015 the National Wallace Monument launched their new website aiming to meet the expectations of Monument's global visitors and in the first three months following its launch the new website has been viewed by over 30 thousand users in a total of 122 different countries.

Ken Thomson, described how the influx in international visitors affected how they designed the new website: "Since our website was last launched in 2009 there has been a great deal of technological advancements and we wanted to make sure we are offering our visitors all they need online.

"The first area to address was the online ticketing service, being able to offer visitors to pre-purchase their tickets online not only improved accessibility to the Monument on busy days but also so the large number of international visitors could plan their trips and pre-purchase admission tickets."

www.nationalwallacemonument.com

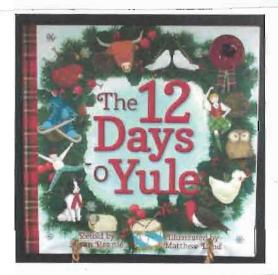
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One of the most "interesting" aspects of dealing with imported books is the unavoidable fact that they don't always arrive when they are supposed to! And, with new postage and customs regulations, the expected arrival date can become even more hazy. This splendid new title from Scotland was all ordered and scheduled to be available for you well *before* Christmas — and it arrived on our doorstep this past week! But, we now have a pretty good stock in hand, and we urge you most strongly to *order it now* if you would like to have it for Christmas of 2016!

We are firm believers that children's books are not just for childen, and *The 12 Days of Yule* is a prime example of this. It is an absolutely charming book, retelling the *12 Days of Christmas* in the Scots language and with undeniably Scottish "gifts." It will be a delight for the whole family. This is the sort of book that will become a family tradition, coming out every Christmas Eve to be read to the entire family. Again, order it now; we can't know whether it will be available next autumn or not! As always, contact Vicki to place your order.



#### The 12 Days of Yule

Retold by Susan Rennie. Illustrated by Matthew Land. 32 pages. paperback. \$11.95 (+ \$3.99 postage to any US address)

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# Clan Davidson Society (USA) Annual General Meeting for 2016!

The 2016 Clan Davidson Society (USA) AGM will be held in conjunction with the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, April 30, 2016. Debbie Davidson and Jim Hensley will host the affair.

The venue for the event is the Jefferson Park and Museum near the tip of the beautiful Southern Maryland peninsula separating the Chesapeake Bay and the Patuxent River. The park is set in a moderately isolated part of the peninsula, so lodgings and restaurants are thin on the ground close to the venue. There are plenty of accommodations in Solomons, Maryland (15 mi south) and Prince Frederick (14 mi north). Debbie will be providing a list of accommodations in the January newsletter.

Debbie and Jim are also planning a Saturday evening dinner at a location to be announced in the January 2016 newsletter. She will need to have an RSVP [debbie\_davidson@comcast.net] no later than the end of January so she can make suitable reservations. Details about the restaurant will also be provided in the January newsletter.

Please contact Debbie Davidson at debbie davidson@comcast.net for further information.



#### Clan Ramsay World Connect, con't from page 25

Ramsey brothers living in the same small town in WV as his Pennington ancestor, in the same time period and they were the right age to have conceived his ancestor and they were his Ramsey DNA Match. He was amazed that we could help him get out of his box where traditional research methods failed to get beyond their Brick Wall.

I suggest that you sigh up at Family Tree DNA to receive notifications.

If you have already ordered your 37 marker kit please make sure you have joined the Ramsay Group at Family Tree DNA. You will find that I am the Administrator.

If you are interested in joining in our efforts to connect Ramsay's please contact me even if you just have one hour a month and we can determine how best you

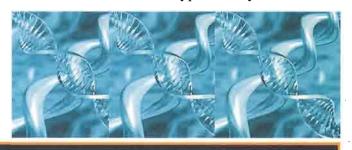
can contribute.

2016 is going to be a break out year with your help.

Regards,

John Hendrickson

Clan Ramsay World Connect Project Administrator FamilyTree DNA Ramsay Group Administrator CP: 865-771-2012 Skype: ramsey.dna



### The Shield and Crest of Texas

Gary Bruce MacDonald Pursuivant of Arms, CDUSA Texas Region

We all know that Texas has had six different national flags flying over the land

encircled by olive and live oak branches." Azure is the heraldic term for blue.

in its history. The state also has an official Coat of Arms.

The Arms, which appear as the state seal, were first adopted by the Republic of Texas in 1836, when Texas gained its independence from Mexico, prior to its becoming part of the United States in 1845. The Arms with the text "State of Texas" were not officially recognized by the State of Texas as such until 1992. The original blazon, or description, approved by the Republic of Texas in 1839,



While perhaps not as familiar as the Texas State flag, the seal is ubiquitous and is stamped onto the leather cushions on each state legislators' chair at the capitol in Austin, for example.

Less well known is the reverse of the state seal, adopted by the Texas legislature in 1961 at the prompting of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. While no formal blazon was recorded, the shield, rather than using traditional heral-

read "a white star of five points on an azure ground dic charges, developed with images very specific to

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### 2016 Texas Scottish Events

#### North Texas Irish Festival at Fair Park in Dallas

<www.ntif.org> Friday, March 4 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Midland Scottish-Irish Faire, Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion <www.chspb.org/faire.php> Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 San Antonio Highland Games & Celtic Festival in Helotes Fairgrounds <www.sahga.org/> Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 3 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tartan Day – Wednesday, April 6

Texas Scottish Festival in Arlington, Maverick Stadium, UTA Campus

<www.texasscottishfestival.com> Friday, May 13 from 5 p.m. to midnight
Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to midnight and Sunday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to

6 p.m.

55th Annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games in Salado, Pace Park

<www.saladoscottishfestival.com/> November 11, 12, and 13

With thanks to *Forward Together*, the newsletter of the Texas Region of Clan Donald USA. Contact Gary Tate, Texas Commissioner at <rdpd2835@hotmail.com> for more information.

#### Texas Shield & Crest, con't from page 28

Texas history. It is often misidentified as the Texas Coat of Arms, but it is actually the backside of the state's Arms.

In 1991 the legislature adopted a formal description. "A shield, the lower half of which is divided into



two parts; on the shield's lower left is a depiction of the cannon of the Battle at Gonzales; on the shield's lower right is a depiction of Vince's Bridge; on the upper half of the shield is a depiction of the Alamo; the shield is circled by live oak and olive branches, and the unfurled



flags of the Kingdom of France, the Kingdom of Spain, the United Mexican States, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America; above the shield is emblazoned the motto, "REMEMBER THE ALAMO", and beneath the shield are the words, "TEXAS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE";

# Our Scottish Word of the Month "Yatter"

This means to seemingly talk endlessly about little, and is most likely used in a critical manner.

Another definition is to talk unintelligibly or loudly.

It can also mean to carp or nat on and on about something.

It can also be used on animals. A dog yelping incessently can be said to be "yattering."

Flowing water, especially rapids, can be described as a "yattering river".

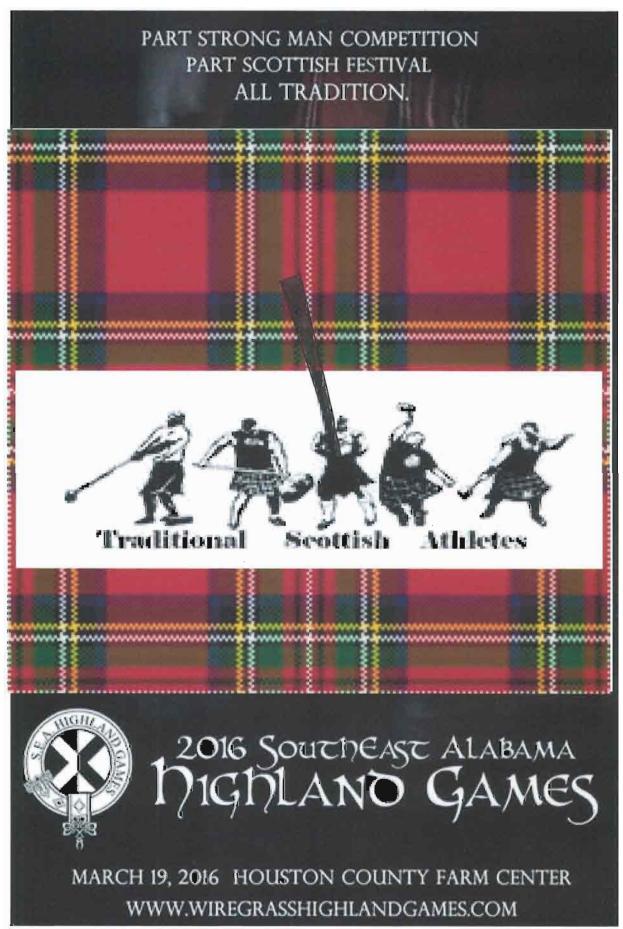
If you are cold or afraid and you have chattering teeth, you may be said to be "yattering."

It's common with the American phrase - "Yadda, yadda, yadda!"

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over the entire shield, centered between the flags, is a white five-pointed star." The gold border commonly used to outline the shield and its sections is not specified.

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