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The Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, NC, has a secure home at last - for 20 years!



Kathie & Jim Akins

The Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center, Inc. finally has a home for the next twenty years! After trying unsuccessfully for the last two years to raise funds to purchase the building ourselves, two local "museum friendly" entrepreneurs have purchased the building and given us a twenty year lease. Donations made for the building purchase will be used for renovations.

As a 501(c)3 not for profit corporation, we are



the only museum outside Scotland that we know of, dedicated to tartan and Highland dress. Funding is from our online gift shop, which may be found at: <www.scottishtartans.org> memberships, donations and our gift shop sales at 86 East Main Street in Franklin, North Carolina. (Phone 828-524-7472)

The museum was founded by The Scottish Tartans Society (STS) which was established in Scotland in 1963, to maintain: A worldwide membership and museums in Scotland and abroad; To create and maintain the Register of All Publicly Known Tartans; To Encourage research into Highland Dress; and to provide a design service for new tartans.

The Scottish Tartans Museum was established to be a center for reliable information on Scottish Highland Dress traditions within the United States, and to serve the large Scottish-

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Browse amongst the archives, read the current issue and others as much as you wish!

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15" of each month.
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a day or so before the
first of the next month.





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A letter from your editor...

Another chapter...

How to have a vibrant, successful and lasting clan organization, and have fun doing it!



This is something I've been thinking about for a long time. Seems fewer and fewer clan organizations do things together other than the Scottish Highland Games.

How can your members develop an affection for your group and become what most of the clans say - "family" or "cousins" or some such?

I remember when there were events very often for "locals" and for clansmen and clanswomen to attend without worrying if they could really afford to go.

Just look at events today and think about how often you do not attend simply because it is just too expensive. Dinners are quite commonly \$100 for a couple; dances or parties are most of the time at least that much.

I hate to tell you, but not everyone is wealthy or rich. Most of us work very hard to get by and be able to save a bit. Especially those with young families...or, for that matter, those with college age young ones.

Goodness, we heard from dear friends of ours over New Year's that their grandson had been accepted by one of the BIG Ivy League universities and the tuition was going to be \$65,000 a YEAR for his education, IF he decided to attend there. That amount did NOT include lodging or food, etc.

So, you say, how can you do anything without spending a lot of money.

Scottish games and festivals are wonderful, but think of how much it costs to take your family and go for a weekend? Egads, it's very expensive.

Most every clan organization is organized where there are people who live in various parts of the USA who are responsible for that part of their clan world.

How about organizing LOTS of small events

all over the country? You can do things such as celebrating at a reasonably priced restaurant for a holiday or having potluck dinners at someone's home or "piggybacking" if there is a concert or a movie with a Scottish theme. Dutch treat.

Many people have homes where they will be happy to host an event every year or even more often. Just ask.

When the weather is good, there are many events where the children can come and play games outside while the adults use their grill for good things to eat on a budget.

I remember when my dear friend, who was a Regional Commissioner in a very large clan, would buy extra chicken when it was on sale. Hamburger goes on sale, too! Just think about inviting your local clanspeople to come and enjoy an afternoon or evening with you and your own family!

You could have a REAL ceilidh where everyone is welcome to take part! That's FUN.

There are Scottish videos available. Goodness, when a good Scottish program is on TV, most everyone nowadays has the capability of recording it...and there's a fun evening together and getting to know folks.

If you sew or quilt...there's another something to do. You could make a quilt for your clan to sell or things that could be sold at a games tent. Plus, you'd get to know your clan members.

What do you like to do? Invite clansfolk to go fishing with you, or on a motorcycle ride if there are several bike owners locally. Make your own hobbies into clan events.

Just discovered something that sounds very interesting for having a clan event "on the cheap."

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MacCallum Tartan

Malcolm Tartan



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The Myth and Mystery of Scotland's Wild Haggis

The creature is said to be the source of the iconic Scottish dish.



The Kelvingrove haggis, in all its glory. Photo by: COMEDYNOSE.

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If you believe a haggis is an iconic Scottish dish of sheep's stomach stuffed with spiced innards and oatmeal, then no. But one humorous theory posits that the haggis's source is not the sheep, but rather, the wild haggis: a creature with four legs and a shaggy mane.

Legend surrounds the wild haggis. According to many cryptid directories, the wild haggis is an unbalanced beast whose legs of unequal length enable it to lope up steep Scottish hillsides with ease. (According to a mock academic paper on the subject of ultrasounds for wild haggi, this allows "haggs" and their hagglets to "graze along the steep mountain slopes towards the rising sun and move through the heather.")

Physical depictions of the wild haggis vary, but one museum has a "specimen." In a taxidermy display at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow, there is a lone wild haggis. Shaggy and short-legged, it is displayed beside a prepared haggis for comparison, and a plaque declares that this is the Haggis Scoticus.

Of course, the fuzzy and fascinating wild haggis is not real. Instead, it belongs to the fake-animal pantheon that includes jackalopes and drop bears: a creature of tall tales trotted out to test the credulity of tourists. While the origin of the wild haggis is lost to time, one early ode to the wild haggis wasn't even written by a Scot. In the January 2, 1924 edition of

the *New York Tribune*, the satirical poet and journalist James J. Montague penned several stanzas describing a mythical hunt for a bearded, vicious haggis:

My heart's in the Highlands, twa strings on my bow

To hunt the fierce haggis, man's awfu'est foe. And weel may my bairn ha' a tear in his ee. For I shallna come back if the haggis hunts me.

Montague's words seem to have stuck. In the British Isles in 2003, the press had a field day when a haggis company surveyed 1,000 American visitors to Scotland and found that a third believed in the wild haggis. In 2014, the *Visit Scotland* website posted a joking "reveal" of blurry footage, showing a swiftly scurrying, hedgehoglike haggis.

Those interested in owning their own wild haggis can purchase stuffed animals of the creature or haggis-summoning whistles. On January 25, haggis-lovers enjoyed the dish at Burns Night celebrations around the world. In honor of the Scottish poet Robert Burns, his admirers display a haggis to the tune of bagpipes and recite the famed poem, *Address to a Haggis*. In the poem, Burns remarks on the haggis's cheerful visage ("Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face"). But he makes no mention of the wild beastie of the Highlands.

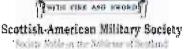
Scottish-American Military Society

Gen. Elijah Clarke Post #60

Meetings for 2019

9 Jan 2019 Harp Irish Pub, Roswell, Ga - 6:00 pm 10 Apr 2019 Harp Irish Pub, Roswell, Ga - 6:00 pm 10 Jul 2019 Harp Irish Pub,

Roswell, Ga - 6:00 pm 20 Oct 2019 (at the Stone Mountain Highland Games) 2:00 pm











If you would like information on joining the Scottish American Military Society, please contact: Rick Conn. Adjutant





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American heritage community.

Originally established in Highlands, NC in 1988. The museum has been in Franklin since 1994, where staff there have educated the public about tarans and Highland Dress as well as served as a general Scottish Heritage Center for the region.

The museum is open year-round, six days a week (except for major holidays). Our gallery is regularly visited by school groups, researchers, families and interested individuals. Volunteers are often available to provide guided tours, and staff is always on hand to answer questions and help with basic tartan research.

The museum gallery features kilts dating back to c. 1800, and tartan specimens c. 1725. Over 600 tartan samples are on display, including tartans for clans, families, districts, and other organizations. Our computer database, courtesy of the Scottish Tartans Authority, contains over 11,000 tartan designs, both historic and modern.

The museum staff and volunteers are routinely invited into area schools, from elementary school to the university, to give presentations on Scottish heritage and Highland dress.

The museum staff and volunteers also attend a number of regional Scottish Festivals and Highland Games throughout the year to provide a tartan information service to festival visitors. So if you are attending a festival in the southeastern US, be on the lookout for our tent!



Can you help find the families of Robert Bennett and Jane Vaughter(s)? Please help.

Searching for information on: ROBERT BENNETT b. 1823 in SC, all the censuses say. He married JANE VAUGHTER(S). They had one child: SOLOMON ANDREW JACK-SON BENNETT b. 1848 m. Sarah Parks April 16, 1868. MS. REBECCA WILSON, teacher in Dawson County had her students write their genealogies, and she also did research. In her notes she has that ROBERT and JANE had MARGARET and RILEY listed as white slaves in one census. He also had apprentices, and we believe that he was a cobbler. My grandmother had a shoe "last". In 1830 and 1855 HENRY DANGER (may have been DANGLER) and BUD MILLS are listed as apprentices. ROBERT was my grandmother's grandfather. I want to know who ROBERT BENNETT'S father was. JACK BENNETT had children named JOHN, WILLIAM ALFRED, SUSAN FRANCES, MARTHA JANE, ROBERT DORSEY and CHARLES LESTER. One of CHARLES sons taught at the University of Georgia. One of his descendants was BILLY BENNETT who was the kicker some years ago for the University of Georgia. It is thought that the BENNETTS came from Virginia to North Georgia along with the BEARDENS, CHASTAINS, PARKS, etc. and that they were in Pickens County, SC at one time. Some of them settled in Apple Valley. If you have any information to share, please contact <mbrown2205@aol.com>.



The National Wallace Monument announces a bumper year of events to celebrate its 150th anniversary

2019 is going to be an unforgettable year for The National Wallace Monument, Stirling's famous landmark, with the complete refurbishment of the interior exhibition galleries and a vastly expanded programme of events lined up to commemorate 150 years since the attraction first opened to the public.

Stirling District Tourism, the charity responsible for the running of the popular tourist attraction, has announced that it will be investing £500,000 into the refurbishment of the exhibition galleries with an additional £100,000 being spent on the enhanced programme of events, the majority of which are free for the public to attend. This is all in addition to the ongoing £500,000 investment

In the 1640's the Dutch inhabitants of New Amsterdam built a 12' wall to keep the bad hombres out. In 1664 the British ignored the wall and took New Amsterdam by sea. It's now called New York. They took down the wall and built a street. It's called Wall Street





in the conservation of the building which is being managed by Stirling Council.

To allow for the refurbishment, The National Wallace Monument is expected to close temporarily from mid- February 2019, re-opening again to the public in spring 2019.

This year visitors can enjoy a variety of events, from a spring and autumn lecture programme with guest speakers, to family friendly activities every day in July and August. All this is in addition to the already highly popular performances from costumed actors. In total there will be 150 days of special events in 2019, with the next ones taking place over the February school holiday week.

Undoubtedly the highlight will be in September when the anniversary date will be marked on Wednesday 11th September with an evening spectacle entitled *Wallace 150*. This will be followed by *Wallace Wha Hae!*, a community festival in the grounds of Wallace High School on Saturday 14th September.

Speaking of the 150th anniversary events, Les Perez, General Manager of Stirling District Tourism said: "There is a lot to look forward to in the coming year. The Monument started telling the story of William Wallace 150 years ago, and now it's time to tell this story to a different generation.

"Through these series of special events and activities, hosted year-round at the Monument, we hope to see more visitors of all ages coming to learn about Scotland's history, and the legacy that William Wallace has left."

Visitors are advised to visit the Monument's website for further information about the 2019 Anniversary Events Programme and opening times - www.nationalwallacemonument.com





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TOM FREEMAN IS A HERALDIC ARTIST & GRAPHIC DESIGNER LIVING IN NORTHEAST GEORGIA. HE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE SCOTTISH COMMUNITY BOTH IN THE US & INTERNATIONALLY SINCE 1999.





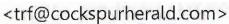




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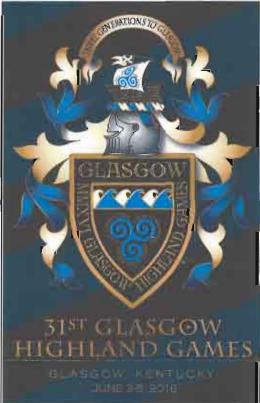
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Society of Antiquaries

Thank You Dr. James Donaldson & Hope Vere Anderson!

The USA Society of Antiquaries of Scotland dinner set for October 19, 2019 in Atlanta

We would like to thank Fellows overseas for support in various ways over the past year, especially Fellows Dr James Donaldson and Hope Vere Anderson for hosting annual Fellows' Dinners in Melbourne (in April) and Atlanta (in October), as part of their voluntary roles as Honorary Secretaries for Society Affairs in Australia and the USA respectively.

The date of the Fellows' Dinner in Atlanta USA is always the third Saturday in October and this year that is Saturday 19 October.

Registration and drink on arrival from 6.30pm and dinner at 7.00 PM at the Hilton Hotel Atlanta, known as the Castle on the Hill, which is the host hotel for the Stone Mountain Games.

The details of the Fellows' Dinner in

Melbourne Australia will be finalised shortly and sent to Fellows in Australia.

Please contact James Donaldson FSA Scot (illa123@bigpond.com) and Hope Vere Anderson FSA Scot (hopeanderson@btinternet.com) by email for more information about the Fellows' annual dinners taking place this year and/or to discuss how you might be interested in helping build the Fellows' network and local groups in Australia and the USA. All Fellows and their guests are welcome, including and especially newly elected Fellows in Australia and the USA.

Similarly, Fellows living in other countries who would like to be in touch with other Fellows near where they live are welcome to contact Andrea at the Society office (Andrea@socantscot.org).

Lost Buchanan, can you help?

Researching genealogical information for one JOHN BUCHANAN, born about 1830 in Scotland, died before 5 Jan 1866 on Prince Edward Island, Canada; married 26 Aug 1852 in North River, Prince Edward Island, Canada to ISABELLA MCINTOSH, born May 1833 in Springton, Prince Edward Island, Canada. She died 4 Jan 1906 in Elmwood, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Looking for ancestors and descendants as well as further genealogical facts. Please reply to <craftsrus@comcast.net>

The Highlander Games Festival & Reunion has been canceled

The event was scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Mills Park, Gatlinburg, Tennesse.

We will publish more information if it is forthcoming. At this time, this is all we have.



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Traveler? Tourist? Touron?

Marti Van Horne

Marti Van Horne is a SCOTSMaster and has been both a tourist and traveler in her 40 years as a travel agent in the US. Marti and Beth have escorted many tours to Scotland.



Marti Van Horne, ScotsMaster.

t is interesting to talk to people who love to travel, and I find they fall into two groups.

Tourists love the safety of an organized cruise or tour so their holiday time can be spent without worrying about details but feeling that they are making optimum use of their time. They see the highlights, learn from experienced guides and travel with others who have similar interests.

Travelers, on the other hand, want to go explore on their own, get off the beaten track and get an in depth feeling of the area they are visiting.

Then there are tourons, a phrase coined by American writer Carl Hiaasen, who are a combination of tourists and morons. Since none of us wants to be a touron, it is incumbent on us to do our homework before traveling.

Because those reading Beth's Newfangled Family Tree probably have a wee bit of Scottish blood, let's do the research and prepare for our trip to Scotland.

Since you are reading this on-line, I'm assuming you are interested in the web and willing to gather some facts on your own.

If you are a tourist you can search brochures from major tour operators from your area, just see your local travel agent. Major cruise lines now have some good trips offering highlights of coastal cities in the UK and Ireland and offer pre and post tour options that allow you to see some of the interior areas as well.

If you are a traveler you will want to get more specific information.

A good place to start is <www.visitscotland.com>. Specific sites are given for Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South American and the US.

If you are not in one of these countries, then www.visitbritain.com operates in many more countries and can provide on-line shop and local language web sites. You will also find the email address so you can request a copy

of the Scotland Vacation Planner. <Info@visitscotland.com> will allow you to ask questions of the experts in Scotland to make sure you are getting the latest up to date information.

The Scotland Vacation Planner is filled with maps, things to see and do in each area of Scotland and a list of monthly events in What's on in 20??.

There are many travel guides to Scotland, among them *Michelin, Baedeker's, Fodors*,

Lonely Planet and Frommer's Driving Guides to mention a few.

A visit to your local library or book store will allow you to look them over and determine they type of guide you wish to purchase.

My personal favorite is the *Touring Guide Scotland* published by Collins in association with VisitScotland. It gives you information by region, national tourist routes and is coded to match the *Touring Map of Scotland*. You can also purchase "Where to Stay" guides for both hotel and guest houses and Bed and Breakfast locations.

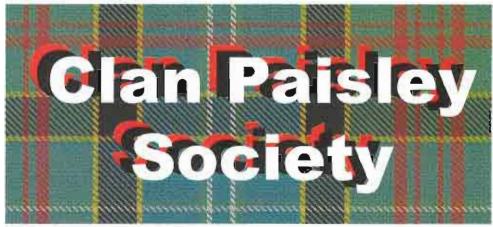
If your are traveling in high season in Scotland it is important to book reservations for your accommodations in advance.

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My friend, Marti, wrote this for the very first edition of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* back in June of 2007. She is fine and we are still friends! She was kind enough to allow me to reprint this article and the photos of us on the pages following it. I found this in the archives on electricscotland.com. You're welcome to go there and browse all you wish. Just visit: https://electricscotland.com/bnft and choose to read the latest issue or play in the archives.



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



All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <mbr/>brown2205@aol.com>

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





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



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

For the Paisley **DNA Project**, visit <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Check out the
Clan Paisley Society webpage at
<www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk>
to see what's happening with us this
year. Contact Martha Brown at
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In August Edinburgh is filled areas Highland Games, music and with festival goers and in other dance festivals can fill up local



hotels and B&B's. Plan well but don't schedule too much in a day; leave room for the unexpected pleasures that will no doubt find their way into your wonderful vacation in Scotland.

Just some of our travelers on our last trip to Scotland. The top photo was taken in Glasgow and the bottom photo at Edinburgh Castle.

Thank you to all who went with us to Scotland! We made many lifetime friends along the way.







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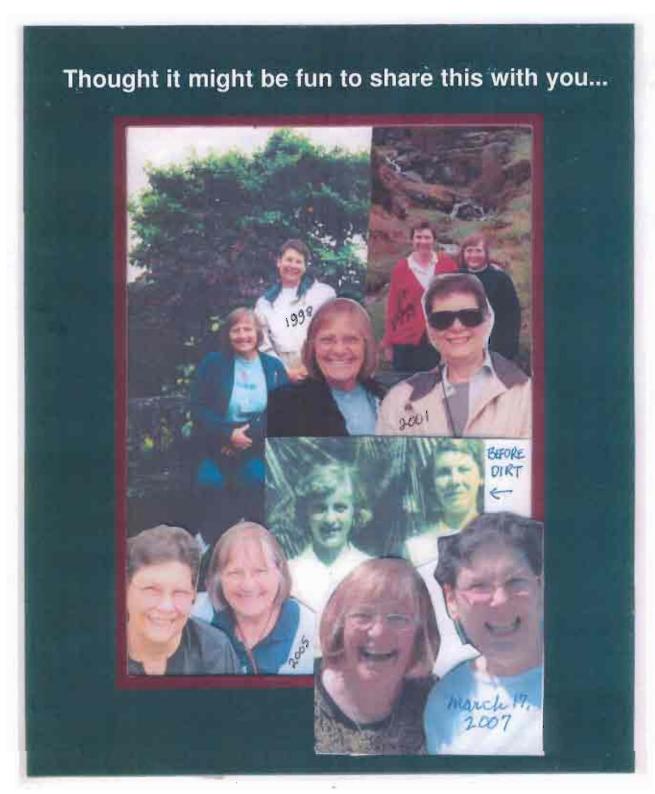


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Marti Van Horne and I have been like sisters since 7th grade - our first year in junior high school. We've shared all the good and bad that life has given us. We have had fun and adventures and have been frightened together... and also have shared hilarious times. We've always been "constants" to each other in our changing lives. Marti sleeps quietly and I snore like a big Harley motorcycle. Marti is always beautiful and neat and fashionable. I normally resemble Peanuts' Pig Pen more than a little bit. In spite of it all, we're still and will always be friends.



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If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/html/contact.html

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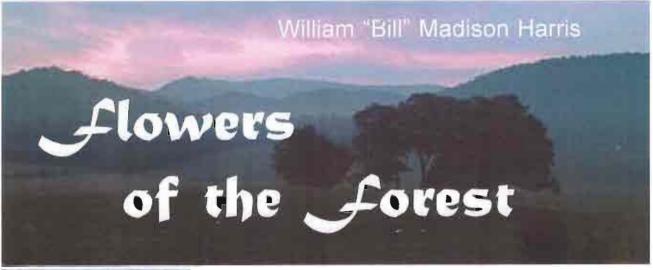


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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.









William
"Bill" Madison
Harris passed
away on January
14 at age 86. He
was born in Prince
Edward County,
VA, the son of
Ann Holladay
(Thackston) Harris and William
Madison Harris.

He was a 1953 graduate of the College of William & Mary and served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

As director of Human Re-

sources for financial institutions in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia, Bill spent many years placing individuals in fulfilling job roles.

In retirement, he enjoyed assisting those in career transition at his church and in the community.

An Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), he was an active member of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church.

Bill served in leadership roles in many civic and social organizations throughout his life, most recently as Commander of the VFW Dunwoody Post, Past President of the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta and a former member of the Burns Club of Atlanta.

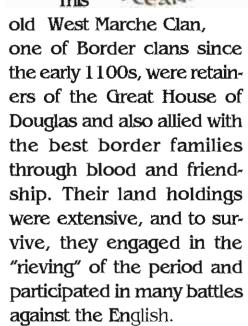
He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Leonie "Nonnie" Burks Harris of Johns Creek, sons William Claiborne Harris (Karen) of Virginia Beach, Virginia; A, John Spencer, Randolph Harris (Carol Ann) of Winston Salem, North Carolina; daughter Elizabeth Madison Harris of Milton and six grand-children He is also survived by his sister, Beverley Harris Davis (Causey) of Richmond, Virginia, and brothers and sisters-in-law and eight nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Holladay "Holly" Harris Anderson.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 19, with a reception following at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, 180 Academy Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Alpharetta Presbyterian Church.

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Listings are no charge.

Clan Bell International





Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emi-

grated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

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

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

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

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

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The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland - which is what all those folks who use "FSA Scot" after their names are a part of - professionally films their lectures held in Scotland. You may see what is available by visiting <www.socantscot.org/resources/) and use the search tool on the right hand side of the page. Tick "lectures/events" or type in

"lectures" to be taken to a list of available recorded lectures. Online, just click to play.

I've salivated over those lectures for years, since I can't zip over to Scotland to hear them! And, now, we can all have the advantage of learning from them - at home, for free.

The latest additions to the filmed lectures are A Labourer in the Vineyard of Scottish Antiquities, the remarkable collection of Sir Walter Scott. This

lecture is given by Kirsty Archer Thompson, BA, MA, FSA Scot.

Also a new addition is Celts and Romans on the Northern Frontier: a Later Prehistoric Landscape in the Upper Eskdale, Dumfriesshire. This lecture is presented by Professor Roger Mercer, OBE, Hon. FSA Scot.

These are really quality programs for your clan to enjoy! My mind has already thought about having a series - monthly, bi-monthly or whatever schedule fits you - in a home or different homes each time, where folks bring food for a potluck! What fun!

In case you live where there are not many members of your own clan...why not just invite members of any clan who live nearby? Your local paper usually has "PSA" (Public Service Announcements) available. You can write an invitation and the paper will normally print it for free for you. Our local paper here has a "Calendar of Local Events" where folks list events. (FREE!)

Don't get me started on publicity. Make post-

ers for downtown advertising your event, see if the local radio station will run PSA announcements. Sometimes, they will even invite you to "voice" the message yourselves. (All FREE.)

If you want more publicity ideas, give me a 706-839-3881 call or email <bethscribble@aol.com>

> Please be sure to invite EVERYONE if you are inviting just your clan. Don't leave anyone out.

> I just had that happen to me. Folks were talking also an me know.

> about a Christmas Party held by my clan. I am a long time regular member and now Honourary Member...and we've lived here for over seven years, and nobody thought to let

We are just us two, with no family to speak of for either of us - and Christmas events are few and far between - so, the Christmas Party would have been something we would not have missed.

If you live in an area that is not near a big town or city, why not have Tartan Day at your home? Just invite members of all clans to come and wear their tartans...and bring a dish to share for a meal. We were talking the other night and the group where we were decided to have Tartan Day at a home near downtown...and, during the time, get everyone, all dressed up in their tartan glory, to simply march (on the sidewalk) around downtown.

Somebody will make a sign or two saying, "Celebrate Tartan Day today!" that can be carried.

It also might be fun to stop in a restaurant or cafe and have dessert - Dutch Treat, of course.

Make it something to do all the time - to be inclusive of everyone in your group.

Be creative! Think outside the box. Just have fun. If you have more ideas about things that can be done to foster friendships in your clan, let me know!

Tartan Day is April 6,2019 - Celebrate! Wear your tartan!

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DANCE AND PIPING SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are currently being considered for one week scholarships to <u>The School of Scottish Arts</u> (for dance) at Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina and the <u>North American Academy of Piping</u> and Drumming in Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

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If application does not conform to all of the above specifications, it will not be considered

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 18 MAY 2019 - (Any applications received after that date will not be considered)

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Sheep Proposed for Culloden Battlefield Maintenance

In 2000 a herd of dark-fleeced Hebridean sheep were brought to the historic Culloden Battlefield, outside of Inverness, to graze on overgrown shrubbery, and Inverness Councilor, Duncan Macpherson, thinks it is time for a visit.

"I walked the entire path and found it to be as overgrown as I was led to believe it was," he said. He has called on the National Trust for Scotland, (NTS) who manages the property, to bring the sheep back, and an NTS spokesperson welcomed the suggestion.

"We have some goats onsite now clipping down the vegetation in their own inimitable way.



We are interested in expanding this arrangement as grazing animals...naturally return the battlefield to the kinds of conditions seen in 1746."

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THE LAST JACOBITE



The portrait of Peter Grant, on the left, was made in the 1820s.

He was presented to King George IV, aged 108, where the king supposedely said, "Ahh Peter, my oldest friend."

Peter Grant replied, "Nahh yer majesty, I am yer oldest enemy."

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For membership information, please contact Assistant Secretary, Rayanna Meyer at <secretary@clansstewart.org>

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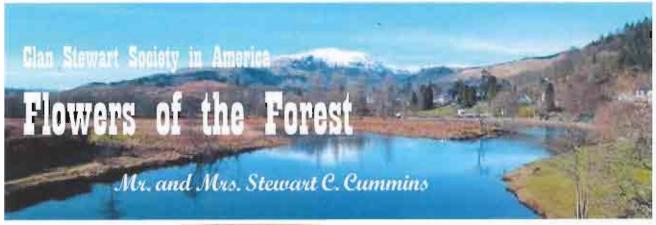
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Clan Stewart Society in America extends our deepest sympathies to the family of **Stewart C. Cummins.** Stewart passed away on December 1, 2018 in his home in Neodshea, Kansas after a battle with cancer.



A long time dedi-

cated member of Clan Stewart Society in America, Stewart proudly served as the Regional High Commissioner of Region 7 for many years and also served as Vice President in the past.

Stewart and his beloved wife, Nancy, hosted AGM's at his favorite Highland games in McPherson, Kansas. (*Her* Flowers of the Forest obituary is to the right on this page.)

His host tents always included his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Proud of his Scottish heritage, Stewart passed that pride onto his progeny.

Older CSSA members will remember his quick wit, leadership ability and determinedness.

His passing leaves many of us saddened.

Nancy Louise Cummins 79, of Neodshea, Kansas, passed away Friday, January 4, 2019 at Harry Hynes Hospice in Wichita, Kansas.

She was born June 14, 1939 in Girard, Kansas, the daughter of William Phillip McClelland and Mary Ellen (Cunningham) McClelland.

She graduated from Wichita North High School in 1957.

Nancy was united in marriage with Stewart

C. Cummins on January 17, 1959 and they made their home in Leon, Kansas. (*His* Flowers of the Forest obituary *is to the left on this page.*)

Nancy was a homemaker when her children were young. When her children were all in school, she entered the workforce and was employed by the Quick Trip Corporation, the Kansas Children's Service League and finally Sands Level and Tool.

In 1983 Nancy, Stewart and their youngest son Loren moved to Neodesha when Sands Level and Tool

transferred all Wichita operations to Neodesha. Nancy was the payroll manager and typical "Girl Friday" for 35 years until her retirement in 2011.

When not spending time with her family, Nancy was active as a member of the Neodshea Tree Board, the Ministerial Alliance, the Neodshea Service Center, the



W. A. Rankin Library Board and the Beta Sigma Phi, Alpha Mu Master Chapter.

Nancy enjoyed sewing, with cross stitch her favorite.

She was a voracious reader and loved mysteries, historical fiction and biographies.

She kept her mind sharp by completing as many crosswords as possible and she never missed an episode of *Jeopardy*.

She enjoyed baseball and could quote stats for many players and teams, past and present.

Nancy is survived by two sons; Phillip Cummins and wife Beth of Goddard, Kansas and

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Let's build a brock in Caithness!

Archaeological charity Caithness Broch Project (CBP) are calling on the public to help them as they look to take their ambitious plan to build a replica broch in Caithness to the next stage.

The charity, which has been previously active in promoting the archaeology of Caithness through a number of projects such as the 'Caithness Broch Festival,' as well as the construction of a Lego Broch, hope to construct a replica 'broch' - an Iron-Age tower found across the Highlands and Islands - as part of a drive to promote the area's heritage tourism.

The group is now seeking donations from the public in a Crowdfunding campaign towards the development of a 'project design brief,' which will enable them to progress their plans.

Kenneth McElroy, director with Caithness Broch Project, said: "The project design brief is a document which will help to inform and refine a number of points concerning the project – from architectural design to sustainability. It is a vital component in the development of our plan to build the first broch in Scotland in over 2,000 years.

We think this is a really exciting opportu-

Flowers of the Forest, con't from page 25

Loren Cummins and wife Karen of Nixa, Missouri; three daughters; Beth White and husband Mark of Wichita, Kansas, Sara Puetz and husband Mitch of Andale, Kansas and April Booth and husband Jeffery of Neodesha, Kansas; brother-in-law Wes Cummins and wife Joyce of Boise, Idaho and sister-in-law Mona Mozingo and husband Ron of Winfield, Kansas, 17 grandchildren and 24 greatgrandchildren.

She was a long time member of the Clan Stewart Society in America.

Nancy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Stewart, parents, brother Phillip McClelland, sister Mary Ruth Merritt and one greatgranddaughter and one great grandson.



nity not only for Caithness, but for Scotland, and we really hope the public will be able to help us on our way."

How will the project progress?

Caithness Broch Project have recently selected consultants to help them develop the first stage in the architectural brief for the broch, which will help to determine the size and scope of the project, as well as answer crucial questions on certain architectural issues.

The architects will be Hoskins Architects, a leading architectural practice with studios in Glasgow and Berlin, working across Europe and across sectors, but with particular strengths in the areas of arts and heritage. They are joined by Jura Consultants, one of the UK leading management consultancies specialising in the heritage sector.

In addition to the Crowdfunding campaign and their own funds, Caithness Broch Project intend to apply to other funders to contribute towards the costs of the project design brief, which is valued at around £20,000.

How to get involved

The group have so far raised 25% towards their goal, (£1250), with the Crowdfund campaign ending on the 31st January. You can donate to their appeal at the campaign website.

To learn more about the project and to become a part of the project, just visit </http://www.thebrochproject.co.uk/membership-1>

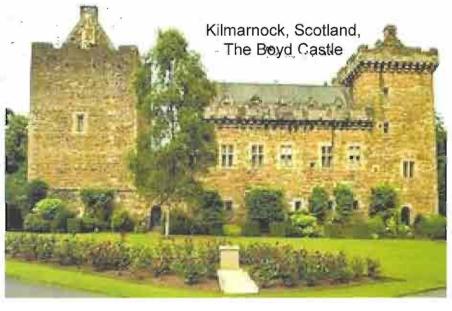


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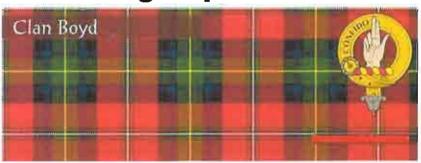
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DNA testing and family relationships-Pros & Cons



Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

The impact of DNA testing and genealogical research has become one of the most fascinating and popular trends in genealogy. The number of commercials featuring 23 and Me, Ancestry DNA, and other vendors for testing has accelerated. There have been some recent stories where DNA test results have played a prominent role in solving multiple cold-case crimes throughout the country. DNA is the essence of all living beings and tells elaborate stories about where we came from, who we are, and where we're going.

Thanks to ongoing advances in technology, new information continues to appear which has debunked countless old stories and theories about migration, ethnicity, race, and personal identity. Recently one media commentator said that in his opinion, the most basic lesson he learned was that physical resemblance, no matter how striking between two people, was

no guarantee of any type of ancestral relationship.

Like any type of product, DNA testing has it's Pros and Cons. The Pros of DNA Testing include the following:

- 1. Family Planning: DNA testing can help parents with family related health conditions make important decisions regarding whether or not to have children or adopt. Test results may indicate a low or high risk of passing along a genetic condition.
- 2. Preventive Medical Treatments: DNA tests may reveal medical conditions or unknown genetic disorders. This information may allow the person to seek out early medical treatment that will save, prolong, or improve their quality of life.
- 3. Supplement Genealogy Research: Testing is often used by patrons to enhance clues related to

genealogy and family history. With many of the major DNA testing websites, you can discover information on where your ancestors came from and what percentage of your DNA belongs to different ethnicities, and increasingly narrow it down to specific towns, countries, and regions.

The Cons of DNA testing may include:

1. Family Issues: Family relationships can be complicated. Tests may reveal that their parents

aren't their actual parents, or even that a child isn't their biological child. This may be good in certain scenarios, but for other people ignorance is bliss. While some people are outraged when a situation like this occurs, the following statement is contained in the fine print on all DNA test kits: DNA testing can come with identity-disrupting surprises, be it an unexpected relative, genetic condition, or, in our case, heritage. Unfortunately, not all us-

ers take the time to read everything.

- 2. Privacy Concerns: In this age of concerns about identity theft and our personal information, people may be leery about giving your DNA to a company and asking them to develop a full profile about who you are. While most companies have strict privacy laws in place, there's always the possibility that future employers or insurance companies could obtain these results and deny you some sort of service. With the recent publicity surrounding law enforcement, using DNA to solve multiple highly publicized cold cases, this debate has become more intense.
- 3. Negative Medical or Health Issues: When people who think they're perfectly healthy take a *Continued on page 31*



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What is a "FAX POTATO?"

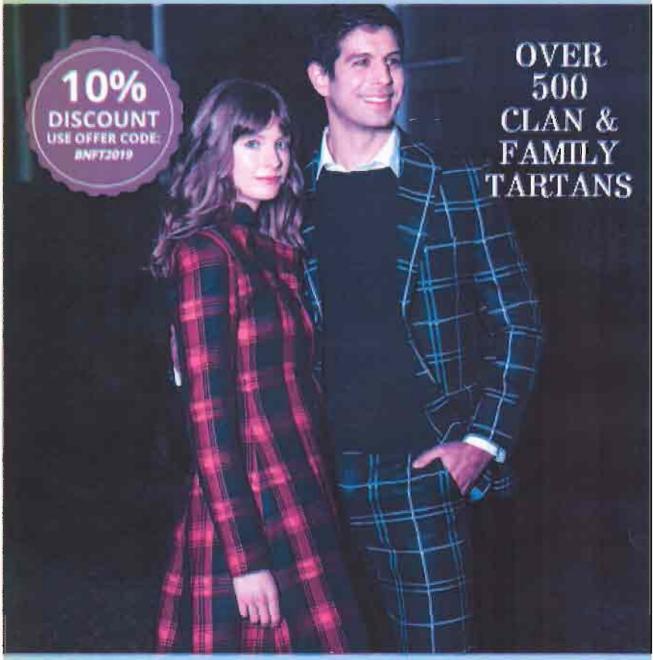
A fax potato is someone who faxes materials from one floor of a building to another floor, just because they are too lazy to use the elevator!

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DNA test and learn that they carry a genetic disorder, it's often challenging to deal with the results.

Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S., Reference Librarian, Ft. Myers Regional Library located at 2450 First Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901. Email: bmulcahy@leegov.com Call: 239-533-4626 or Fax 239-485-1160. Our website: leelibrary.net>

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He received the award from TV presenter, Carol Smillie, who said all the winners at the awards should enjoy their "well-deserved success".

Organisers offered their "heartfelt congratulations" to the world champion

Head judge, Ian Nelson, said the competition helped to "raise the bar" for the industry.



"Once again we have brought together the best pies and baked goods in the land and today we can really celebrate the achievement of our hard working butchers and bakers," added Ronnie Miles, president of Scottish Bakers.

"My heartfelt congratulations go to our world champion, and indeed everyone today taking away a prize, they are all winners in my book."

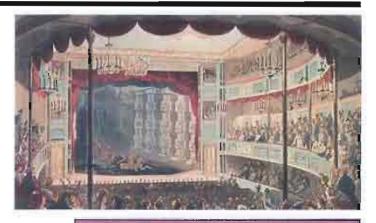
What IS a wet blanket?

A wet blanket nowadays is a person who discourages enjoyment or enthusiasm, as in, "Don't be such a wet blanket. The carnival will be fun!"

This expression alludes to smothering a fire with a wet blanket. It comes

from the London stage in the days before electricity. In those times, the stage lights were candles or gas lights - both very dangerous and very flammable.

Back then, the London Fire Code in 1850 required the theater owners to have soaking wet blankets to throw over the performers if a fire broke out. Yikes.



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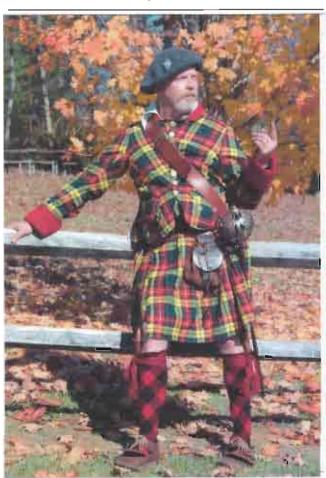
What's in the name Stewart/Stuart?"

In the 1400s, Lady Isabella Stewart, the greatgranddaughter of King Robert II, married Sir Walter Buchanan.

The Stewarts had risen from being the Lord High Stewards of Scotland to being its ruling family.

The name "Stewart" comes from Robert II who was the "High Steward of Scotland." Mary, Queen of Scots changed to the French form of the word and the family name changed to Stuart.

(It is this Mary who is remembered as, "Mary, Mary quite contrary. How does your garden grow?" in the children's rhyme. The Scots did not like Mary, who wished to fancify the Scottish Court into a



Colorful Buchanan reinactor at the 2006 Hendersonville, NC, Highland Games

Just one of a group of beautifully dressed Scottish reinactors who participated in the games. The group camped authentically and added much color to the proceedings. That was the last year of the Hendersonville Games, I believe.



copy of the sophisticated French Court.)

James VI and his family changed their names to "Stuart" when he became King of England and Scotland.

It is debated whether the original Scottish "Stewart" or the French "Stuart" should be used. Most people will accept either spelling...and a family may have both spellings amongst its members.

Talk about brick walls!

Seeking information on MARY CANNON who married JAMES MADISON McDONALD ca 1843 somewhere along the Savannah River. I have extensive information to share about him...but know nothing more about her except her father was JOHN ALLEN from Virginia, and that she may be buried somewhere near Live Oak, Florida. MARY and JAMES had a big family and I know lots about them from then on and am glad to share all information. I have the little "wagon chair" James made for her before their trip to their land grant in Madison, Madison County, Florida. The front rung of the chair has 2 places rubbed into cup-like depressions from her feet. Please contact <bethscribble@aol.com>



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