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Clan Carruthers: The Chief, the Clan and the Lyon – A Hearing of the Lyon Court in Edinburgh

Our Clan Carruthers Society International was set up in 2017, although the groundwork has been going on since 2007. Our role is to support the legal recognition of a Clan Chief.

As a Scottish Clan Chief is a legal entity in Scottish law, this can only be done through the auspices of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh.

The Lyon will assign the Chiefs Arms (see above right) to the successful individual as Chief for their personal use as the 'Seal of the Clan'.

This in turn raises Carruthers to official clan status rather than remaining armigerous and again allows us to be invited to hold a seat on the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs in Edinburgh.

A hearing of the Lyon Court.

The authority of the Lyon Court, established in 1532 in Scotland, comes directly from the Crown. Therefore today, Wednesday 31st October, the Clan Carruthers Society International (CCSI) had the great privilege of attending and witnessing a hearing of the Lyon Court, held in George Street, Edinburgh. It was presided over by the Lord Lyon himself, Dr. Joseph Morrow, who was ably assisted by the new Lyon Clerk and Keeper of Records, Mr.

Russell Hunter. The proceedings were conducted in an open, friendly but very robust

manner, with the depth of information and detail being presented and asked for, being particularly impressive. The interesting part, although there was a suspicion this would happen, is that another and final hearing has been called in three months, as even more detailed genealogical information and proofs are requested. An interlocutor is being issued by the Lyon Clerk to cover the proceedings.

Having observed it first hand, it is easy to understand the reason that the Lyon retains the authority in clan matters, to include that of the recognition of a Chief, and that he is both respected and recognised throughout the world. The fact that it is sought after by all those who wish official recognition in Scottish clan society internationally, is quite



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For Sale: A Penny Worth a Fortune

Matthew Taub, writing in *Atlas Obscura* (Subscribe for free: <atlasobscura.com>)

MOST PENNIES ARE WORTH A single cent, but one very special 76-year-old coin up for sale this week will net far, far more than that.

Copper pennies issued in 1943 look, in most ways, like any other you might find on the street, but they were never supposed to be made. That year, pennies were to be struck from steel, in order to preserve copper for things such as shell casings and telephone wire, which were vital to the American military effort in World War II. Diligent as the mints were, some leftover copper (or bronze, technically) planchets from 1942 snuck into the coin presses and were struck into pennies in the new year. The few copper pennies that emerged in 1943 were obscured and protected by the millions of “steelies.”

Just 10 to 15 of these mistake coins are believed to be in circulation today. One of them hits the auction block this week at Heritage Auctions, in Orlando, Florida.

With a handful of coppers emerging from mints around the U.S., word of these rarities began to spread, along with a false rumor that Henry Ford would provide a free car to anyone who could supply him with one of the pennies.

Eager to save face, the Treasury Department deflected collectors’ inquiries with a firm form letter: “In regard to your recent inquiry,” the Treasury insisted, “please be informed that copper pennies were not struck in 1943. All pennies struck in 1943 were zinc coated steel.”



In March 1947, a man named Don Lutes, Jr. obtained one of these numismatic blunders from his high school cafeteria in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. But after receiving the Treasury’s letter—not to mention a rejection from Ford after asking about a free car—Lutes, Jr. put his penny aside, unable to confirm its singularity or value. Noticing the tension be-

tween the reddish hue and the embossed year, he held onto it, despite the naysayers. His instinct was validated in 1958, when another collector’s 1943 copper penny was sold for \$40,000, according to the United States Mint. That’s a lot to pay for a penny no matter how you look at it—adjusted for inflation, however, it’s the equivalent of more than \$300,000 today.

Over the decades, Lutes, Jr.’s coin became an icon of numismatic errors, and will fetch more than \$100,000 at auction this week. Talk about a lucky penny.

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There is this suggestion of his origins but I don't know if it is correct. 1712, **DOUGAL MCDUGAL** is born in Ireland as Protestant. 1714, **ELINOR** is born. They marry. 1 May 1742, **ALEXANDER MCDUGAL** is born to



DOUGAL and **ELINOR** in Ireland. 1768, **DOUGAL** and **ELINOR** emigrate to SC aboard *Admiral Hawk* from Londonberry, Ireland with four children: **PATRICK MCDUGAL**, born 1738; **MARY MCDUGAL** born 1742, **ANNIAS MCDUGAL**, born 1743; and **ALEXANDER MCDUGAL**, born 1747 (sic). Again, are **DOUGAL** and **ELINOR** related to the **ALEXANDER MCDUGAL** of Georgia to whom I am a descendant?

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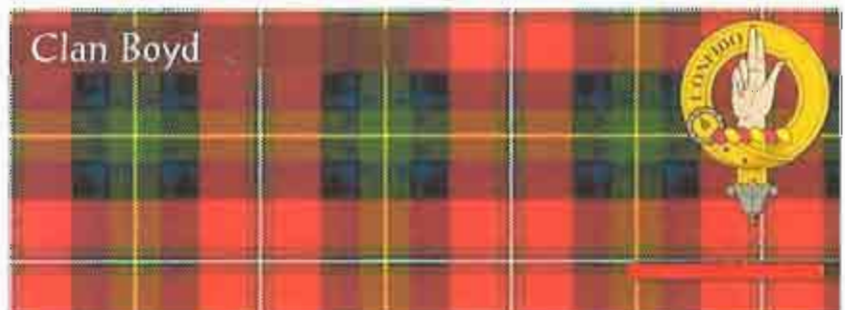
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simply due to the robustness of the process. It is this process, albeit not for the faint hearted, which firmly rules out the possibility of any false claims of an unworthy individual of the title Chief and through them, Chieftain of a Scottish Clan. In the Case of Carruthers, it became pretty obvious quite quickly that any person being confirmed by the Lord Lyon through permission to matriculate the Holmains arms (Carruthers Chiefs Arms), really would be worthy of the title 'Chief of our Name.'

What is required in the next 3 months?

The information being analysed goes back as far as the 1500's and the time of John Carruthers, 5th of Holmains and 1st Baron, and although presented, subtle tweeking is still required. During the research process for this current hearing, some fascinating information regarding our family has been uncovered and may need presenting, this new hearing could allow for that. Publicised information regarding this exciting find is for a later date and only after the confirmation of our Chief.

It has been a long hard slog and sometimes it really feels that having struggled to follow due process and do the right thing for the family, there is a deep frustration at the many false claims being made in 'our' name by those with a personal or commercial agenda to do so. However, soon it seems our family and clan may after all these years, receive the best New Years gift we could wish for. This gift will outlast any silliness, false claims and skulduggery and hopefully will present itself in the form a legally recognised and hereditary Chief of Clan Carruthers.

We are assured, based on what was said at the hearing that this will be the last hurdle. However, it may allow time to bring into play any new information that may well assist the proceedings. Either way, I am extremely hopeful for a very positive outcome at the beginning of 2019.

Questions have been raised and circulated by those with an agenda to do so, offering only small

snippets of Scottish case law, which have been pieced together in an attempt to undermine the legal role of the Lord Lyon in the recognition of a Chief. The comment they have attempted to make is that the Lyon 'cannot determine the status of a Chief'.

The simple fact of the matter is the Lyon's role is to deal, within a legal framework as a member of the Scottish Judiciary and within the confines of Clan and Heraldic law with; the granting and matriculation of Arms, the maintaining of a Register of all Arms and Bearings in Scotland and be responsible for all ceremonial state visits to Scotland.

His authority and that of the Lyon Court, along with their sister body in England; the College of Arms, and since 1988 in Canada; The Canadian Heraldic Authority, all come directly through a Letters Patent issued by the Crown and they are governed by strict rules and protocols, which are adhered to. An obvious case is that they do not involve themselves in each other's business or jurisdiction e.g. in the case of the College of Arms; Scottish matters and arms, remain Scottish matters and arms and therefore stay under the jurisdiction of the Lyon Court. To be advised otherwise is grossly incorrect.

With regards statements by a business (LLC) based in Minnesota in the US formed in 2017, claiming to represent us as a clan and of being accepted on a 'Nobility Roll' held by the College of Arms in London or its alleged superiority over either the Lyon Court or the Canadian Heraldic Authority, these again are all inaccurate. Firstly, because they have no jurisdiction or official capacity within the clan and secondly, no Nobility Roll exists and as each agency, by virtue of issuance of Letters Patent by the Crown, they are individually distinct and legal heraldic entities, within their own jurisdictions and in their own right.

To read the complete article, visit: <https://clancarrutherssociety.org/2018/11/01/clan-carruthers-the-chiefs-and-the-lyon-a-hearing-in-edinburgh/>

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Gaelic Place Names: 'Sìth' and 'Sìthean'

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The Gaelic word *sìth* or *sìdh* (pronounced *shee*) can mean 'fairy' and 'hill' and in Scottish place-names is usually considered to denote a 'fairy hill'. It probably derives from the ellipsis of the Irish phrase *aos sídhe* 'people of peace'. According to medieval Irish sources such as the twelfth-century *Book of Leinster*, the *aos sídhe* were an ancient supernatural race who dwelt beneath the surface of the earth, a belief which is reflected in the fact that in Ireland a number of *sídhe* sites are pre-Celtic burial mounds.

In Scotland, *sìth* is found in place-names including Glenshee 'fairy glen' or 'glen of the fairy hills', *Sìdh Beg* and *Sìdh Mòr* 'small fairy hill' and 'big fairy hill' respectively, *Schiehallion* 'fairy hill of the Caledonians', *Ben Hee* from *Beinn Shìth* 'fairy mountain' and similarly *Ben Tee* above Loch Lochy is *Beinn an t-Sìth* 'mountain of the fairies'. The same element is found in the word *banshee* (Gaelic *bean* 'woman, female' and *sìdh* 'fairy', ultimately from Old Irish *ben síde*). In Celtic folk-tales, the banshee were reputed to be the spirits of dead ancestors, whose wailing outside the home portended a death in the family.

Related to *sìth* is the term *sìthean* or *sìdhean* (pronounced *shee-an*) which also refers to a fairy hill. The *sìthein* are often small conical hills, and in Celtic mythology they were reputed to have hollow interiors, with the fairies dwelling inside. Be-

lief in the 'wee folk' continued into relatively modern times, with respectable gentlemen such as the Reverend Robert Kirk, a minister and Gaelic scholar from Aberfoyle writing in 1691 a book entitled *The Secret Commonwealth of Elves, Fauns and Fairies* in which he described these creatures and their

subterranean habitat in a remarkably candid manner. In rural areas, stories persisted into the early twentieth century of unwary humans being lured inside the *sìthein* at night, only to emerge the following morning and discover that decades had passed in the outside world. Other tales detailed the abduction of unbaptised babies, or doomed romances with the fairy folk, and the various ills which befell those



Bunworth Banshee, *Fairy Legends and Traditions of the South of Ireland*, by Thomas Crofton Croker, 1825

who dared to refuse them hospitality.

It is therefore no surprise that the Scottish countryside is punctuated with hills named simply *Sìthean* 'fairy hill' or *An Sìdhean* 'the fairy hill'. There are also many names containing *sìthean* as their generic or defining element, including *Sìthean Mòr* 'big fairy hill' on the island of Handa, *Sìdhean Dubh* 'black fairy hill' on the isle of Skye, *Sìdhean Shluaigh* 'fairy hill of the host' in Argyll, *Sìdhean an Airgid* 'fairy hill of the silver' on Lewis, *Sìthēan a' Chata* 'fairy hill of the battle' in Balquidder, and *Sìthean a' choin bhain* 'fairy hill of the white dog' in Easter Ross. *Sìthean* is also found as a qualifying element in hill names including *Beinn an t-Sìthean* (Ben

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Clan Bell International



This

old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, 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 emigrated 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.

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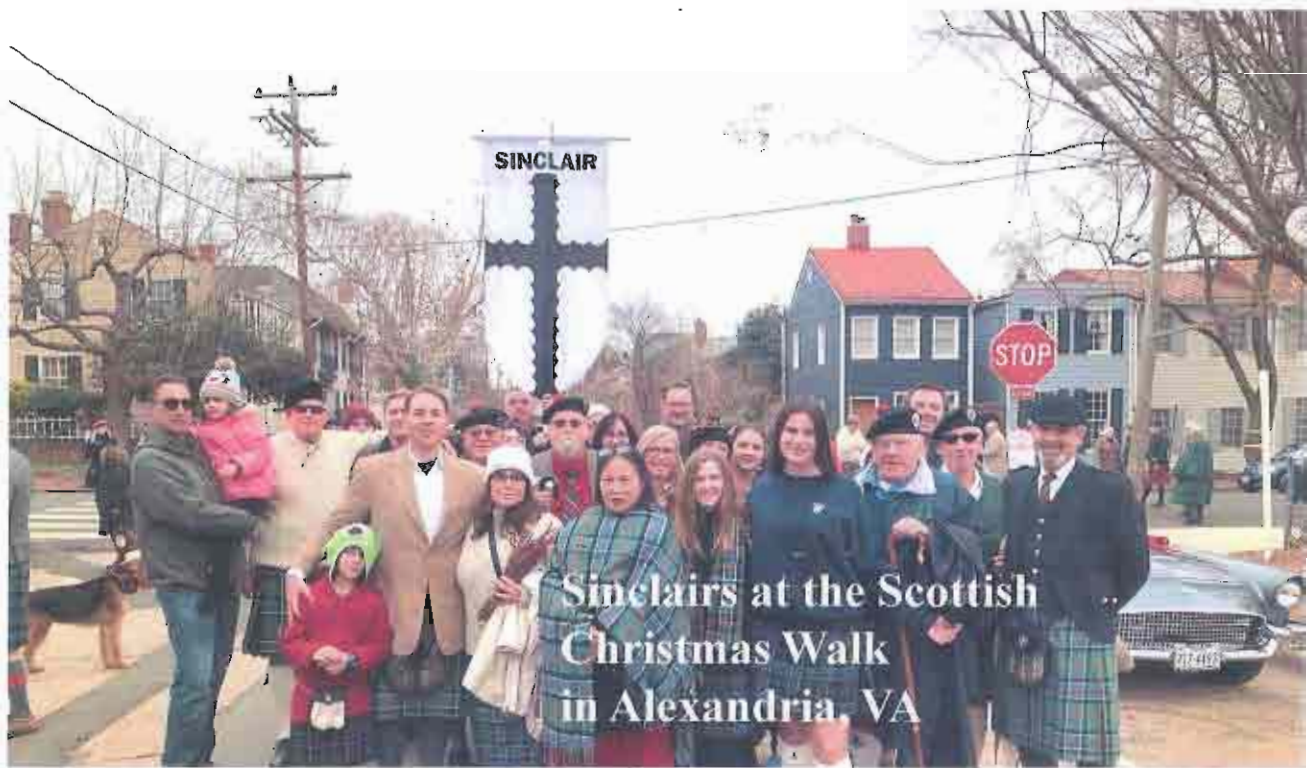
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Shian) in Strathyre in Perthshire, *Dun an t-Sithean* on Tiree, *Meall nan Sithean* on Lewis, and *Cnoc nan Sithean* in Caithness. *Sithean* is harder to spot in names like *Strontian* in Argyll, which is *Sròn an t-Sithein* 'the point of the fairy hill', and in Scotticised forms such as *Sheeans* on the island of Arran, and *North Shian* and *South Shian* in Argyll.

In modern times, the terms *sìth* and *sithean* in place-names are perhaps taken less literally, with the latter sometimes glossed simply as 'hillock'. Yet these hills remain popular with walkers and tourists alike, regardless of whether they are aware of their supernatural historical context.

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December 1, dawned as a cold cloudy day.

It was the day of the Annual Old town Alexandria Christmas Scottish Walk, one of the more popular events in Virginia.

As we gathered at the assembly area the rain began to fall, but nothing would stop Clan Sinclair from walking.

The rain became a steady rain but on we walked. We were joined by Kelly Townsend, a member of Clan Sinclair and the majority whip of the senate of Arizona.

She arrived with her daughter, Elizabeth, and joined the clan at the house of Shelagh and Tom Sinclair for an enjoyable afternoon. We are already planning for the walk on December 7, 2019 and hope Kelly will return.

Tom J. Sinclair, Virginia Commissioner

With thanks to the publication of the Clan Sinclair, *Yours Aye*. For membership information, contact Keith Sinclair, Membership Chairman at <kasinclair2016@gmail.com>.





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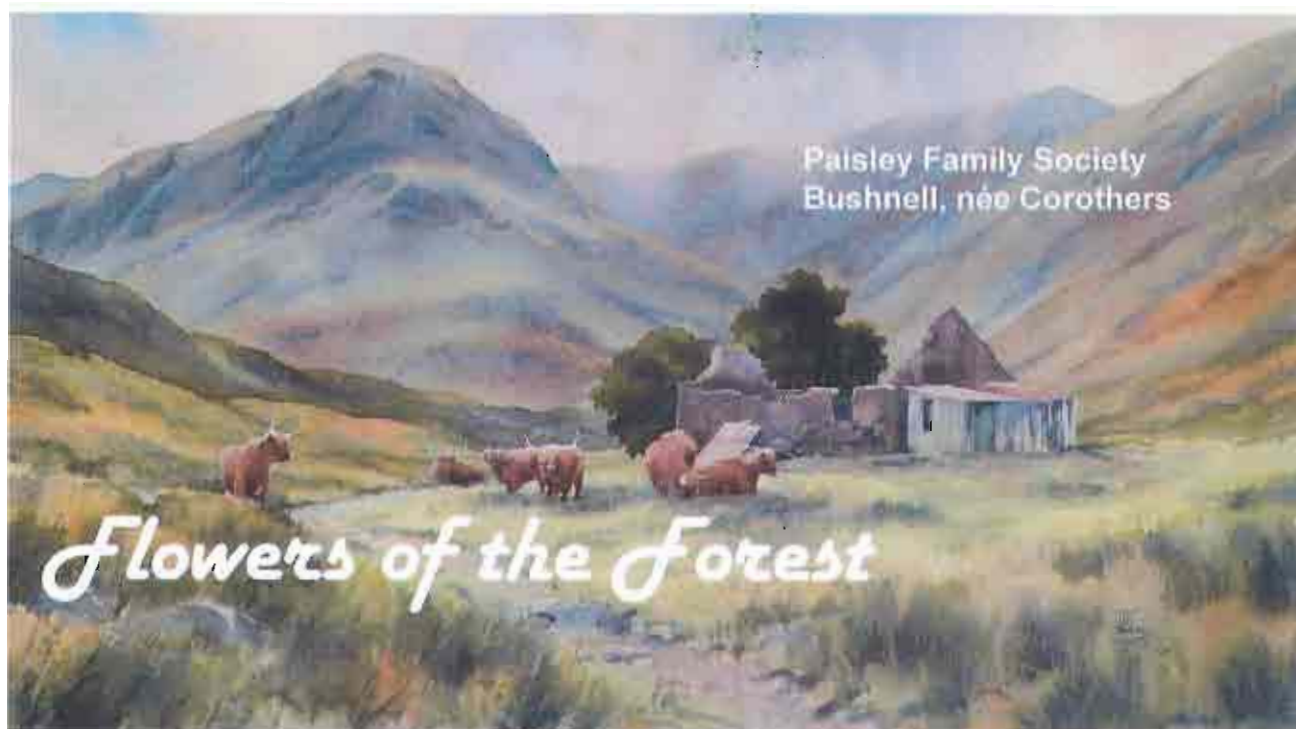
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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose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





An avid genealogist and long-time member of the Paisley Family Society, **Arlene Lorraine Berhorst** died September 9, 2018 at her home in St. Charles, Missouri. She was born October 19, 1939 to Carl Austin and Zelma Paslay Dick.

She married Steve John Berhorst who predeceased her. She is survived by her son and five daughters, and sixteen grandchildren. Her research is contained in the files of Geni Vogel. She is related to Martha Brown, your Paisley Family Society, commissioner.

FIONNA EDEN - BUSHELL (née Carothers)

Sadly, Fionna passed away in April this year. Her first years were spent on Mull before going to school in England, but she always referred to herself as a Mull girl.

This was very evident in the book she wrote; *A Grass Bank Beyond* about life in the Ross of Mull in the 1950s. She was inspired to write her own book after discovering a manuscript written fifty

years earlier by her mother Annabel which had lain undiscovered in a desk drawer. Fionna edited and typed up this manuscript and it was published by Birlinn as *Four Ducks on a Pond*.

Mark and Fionna married in 1965 and had three daughters who were brought up in the West End of Glasgow.

In the early 1990s Fionna became a volunteer guide in Glasgow Cathedral just before she gained her STGA Blue Badge in 1993. Before becoming a guide Fionna had a variety of jobs; freelance fashion model, gift shop manager and word processor operator, for a firm of quantity surveyors, among them.

Her guiding career was very varied including a memorable tour in Lochaber helping American "Camerons" to trace their ancestry which even involved a helicopter trip. She accepted with alacrity the opportunity to be a tour manager in New England. This also gave her time with her three daughters who now lived in this area.

A little later the three girls all married Americans and in time they gave Mark and Fionna nine grand-children. Understandably the U.S.A. became their holiday destination.

Fionna was a very enthusiastic, able and popular guide despite battling, for the last 19 years, with a very rare cancer of the blood.

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She volunteered to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund because of the excellent care she had received at the Western Infirmary and Gartnavel General.

Many guides find work meeting cruise ships but Fionna also guided onboard ships such as the *Hebridean Princess* and Swan Hellenic's *Minerva*.

We had an unforgettable experience together in our home area. We boarded *The World* in Oban to give a power point presentation on Iona to those on the ship. The following day we all visited the island. Sheer luxury.

Fionna you are sorely missed,
Irene Stewart



Betcha' you didn't know this about Lee Child!

James D. "Jim" Grant, primarily known by his pen name, Lee Child, is a British author and writes thriller novels. He is best known for his Jack Reacher novels.

He was born October 29, 1954 in Coventry, West Midlands, England, UK and is a British citizen. He is six feet four inches tall.

He has a daughter, Ruth Grant.

Tom and I read all of his books we can find!

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



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



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.

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These discoveries provide researchers with hours and years of fascinating discoveries. While these are certainly important for research purposes, these are not the only things you may have inherited from your family.

We also inherit medical conditions that may have had devastating consequences for our ancestors, but thanks to advances in medical technology, can now easily be overcome or mitigated.

Conditions such as heart disease, breast cancer, prostate cancer, diabetes, alcoholism and Alzheimer's disease have also been shown to be passed down through families.

Most medical experts recommend being just as diligent in learning about medical related conditions that impacted our ancestor's lives.

More and more genealogists are compiling a family medical history or medical family tree as a method to record important medical information about ancestors, relatives, etc., including illnesses and diseases, along with the relationships among the members of your family.

This process can start by talking with your immediate family members such as parents, grandparents and siblings, since they provide the most family important links.

Taking the time and initiative to compile this information will document familial patterns which may impact your health, such as trends towards specific types of cancer, early heart disease, or even something simple such as skin problems.

This information can help you and your physician spot family patterns and lead to preventive medical measures. Some medical experts recommend going back about three generations to your

grandparents or great-grandparents.

Try to collect details on every direct family member who has died and the cause of death. Document the medical conditions of all family members, including the age at which they were first diagnosed, their treatment, and if they ever had surgery.

For family members with known medical problems, note information concerning personal habits such as if they smoked, were overweight, etc.

If a family member had cancer, be sure to learn the primary type and not just where it metastasized.

If your family members came from a different country, make note of that as well, as some medical conditions have possible ethnic roots.

If your parents are deceased or relatives are uncooperative, you may have to

seek alternative record sources.

Gaining access to medical records is almost impossible due to HIPPA, unless you are fortunate enough that one of your ancestors obtained copies of their own records.

Other options for information may include death certificates, obituaries and old family letters.

Even old family photos can provide visual clues to diseases such as obesity, skin conditions and osteoporosis.

If you're adopted or otherwise can't learn more about your family's health history, be sure to follow standard screening recommendations and see your doctor for a physical on a regular basis.

What you learn by compiling this information may save your life and that of your children.

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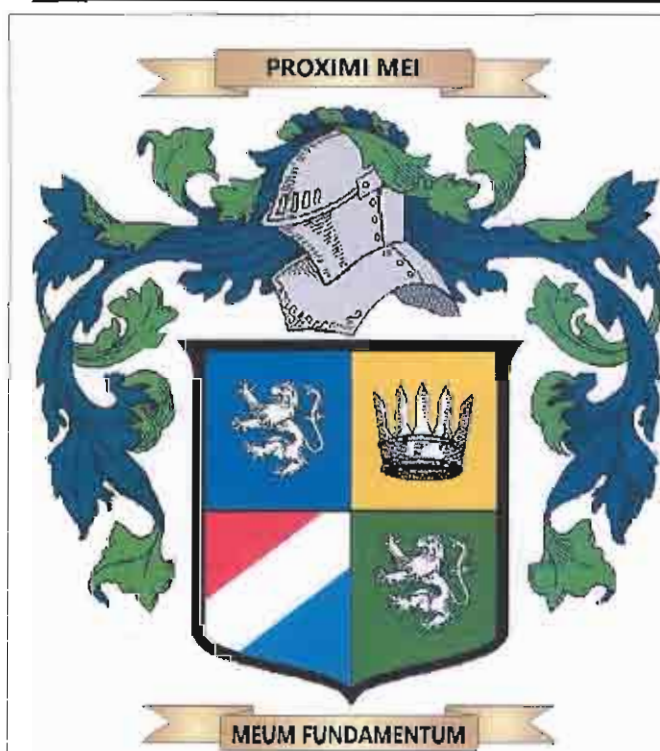




Clan Anderson out west again!

According to their Clan Anderson newsletter, *We Stand Fast*, Clan Anderson - after a short hiatus - has returned to games at the Pike's Peak Festival in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Elizabeth Celtic Festival in Elizabeth, Colorado and Rocky Mountain Games in Edgewater. Clan Anderson also attended the Long's Peak Festival in Estes Park, and Scots on the Rocks in Moab, Utah. Contratulations, folks!

For membership information, contact Donna Graves at <degraves6113@gmail.com>.



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HE **Douglas Talley**, GCTJ, GMTJ, passed away on December 25 following a long illness. He had suffered a major stroke in October, just a week before the Stone Mountain Games.

Sadly, Doug could not recover.

He was born January 6, 1938, in Washington, DC, the eldest son of William Edgar Talley and Helen Douglass Talley. Doug and his wife of 37 years, Sylvia, are longtime members of the Saint Andrews Society of Atlanta.

Mr. Talley graduated from Georgia Military Academy in College Park, Georgia, in 1956 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy.



He attended Class A Hospital Corps School and Class C Field Medical Service School, and Class B Independent Duty Hospital Corps School.

In 1958, Mr. Talley was attached to 2nd Marine Division; served with 1st Battalion 2nd Marines

during operations in Beirut in 1958.

He was attached to 3rd Force Recon Battalion on Okinawa in 1961; served with 3rd Marines in Okinawa and Vietnam in 1962 and 1963.

He later re-enlisted into U.S. Marine Corps in 1962 as Gunnery SGT; was promoted to Capt. U.S. Marine Corps (Battlefield Commission) in Vietnam in 1965.

He was promoted to Major U.S. Marine Corps in 1966, and commanded 3rd Recon Battalion.

Mr. Talley co-authored the first Physician Assistant curriculum for Duke University.

After he left the Marine Corps, he ran the Barn Dinner Theater in Marietta for several years.

Mr. Talley was a member of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem for 36 years. He spear-headed a project, called Project Afghanistan, to ship 22 tons of school supplies to Afghanistan in 2003.

Mr. Talley achieved the Dignity of Grand Cross, and was inducted into the Order of Merit, and rose to the rank of Grand Commander.

Mr. Talley was a life member of Clan Douglas Society, a member of the John Collins Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, a member of the Raymond G. Davis Post of Veterans of Foreign

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After ten years work! **The Third Edition**
of *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia*
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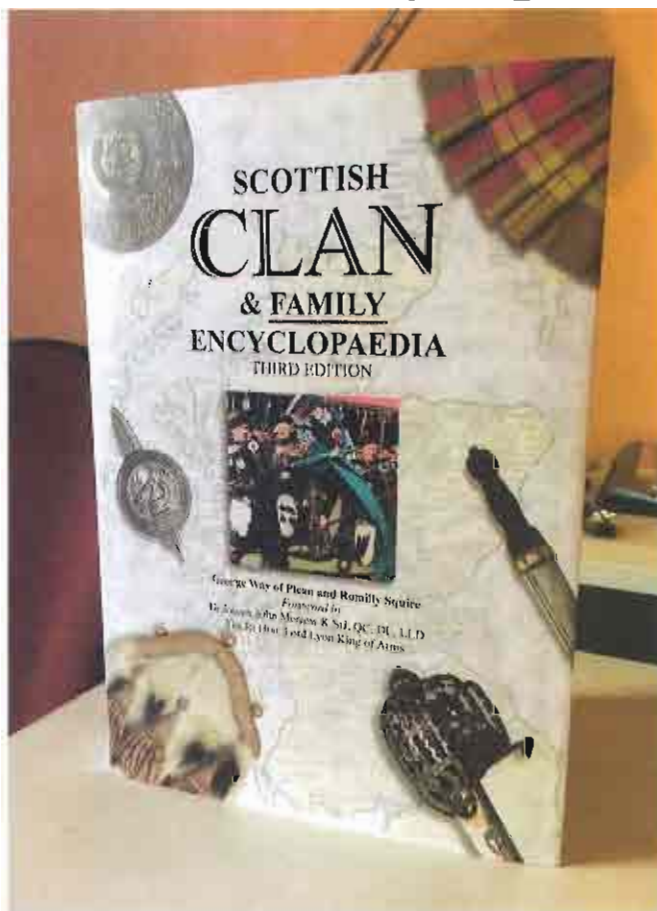
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Placing Queries in Genealogical Periodicals that will work for you!

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS Ft. Myers Regional Library

Many genealogical societies publish periodicals devoted to family history research. The periodical may be in the form of a magazine, journal, or newsletter.

Most accept ads or queries from people tracing their family lines. The goal for most researchers using this avenue is to locate fellow researchers who are also tracing the same ancestor.

Doug Talley, *continued from page 23*

Wars, and a member, with his wife Sylvia, of Temple Sinai Atlanta.

Mr. Talley is survived by Sylvia Talley, his wife, his three children, Jim Talley of Bowie, Maryland; Chris Talley (Hilda) of Bowie, Maryland; Cathryn Lacek (Gary) of Quantico, Virginia; grandchildren Jessica Talley, Sarah Lacek, and Deanna Talley, brother Jeffrey Talley (Joyce) of Marietta, Georgia, sister Judy Purdy (John) of Duluth, Georgia and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was buried with Military honors at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia, on Monday, January 3. A minyan was held at Temple Sinai, Sandy Springs, Thursday, January 3. A memorial service was held at Woodward Academy in College Park, Georgia, on Saturday, January 12.

Scottish attire was welcome at the Georgia National Cemetery and the Woodward Academy events.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Mr. Talley's life be remembered with contributions to the Woodward Academy, or the Raymond G. Davis Foundation of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem.

Doug and Sylvia have been my friends so long I can't remember - always. Doug was always kind to me and helped so much with so many things regarding the library those many years I was there. A staunch friend, indeed. Much love, Sylvia. Beth

The fees for submitting ads or queries are often very nominal or free. When considering this venue for research purposes, the following types of periodicals tend to produce the most successful results:

- ✓ Periodicals dealing with the specific surname you are searching for
- ✓ Periodicals with a nationwide focus
- ✓ Periodicals with state-wide coverage if that is the focus of your search strategy
- ✓ Periodicals with regional or local coverage if that is the focus of your search strategy

Local newspapers. Your queries should be concise and specific. Provide sufficient information so that readers will not confuse your ancestor with unrelated people having the same or similar name.

Successful queries provide the following types of information:

- ✓ Full names (ancestor, parents, siblings, etc.)
- ✓ Specific dates dealing with births, marriages, deaths, migrations, etc.
- ✓ Specific localities

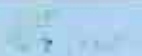


The Fort Myers reference and genealogy collection has a variety of print and Internet resources that will allow researchers to locate periodicals in specific states, regions, counties, and cities.

See page 5 of this publication for a very good example of a genealogical query.

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Did Columbus know? You bet'cha!

The late Pete Cummings

I must add a small bit of background on this article. It was my great pleasure to work with my friend, Pete Cummings, in 1988-1989 which was not too very long before his untimely death, on publicity for events celebrating the 600th anniversary of The Westford Knight and Prince Henry Sinclair's visit to The New World, almost 100 years before Christopher Columbus sailed to San Salvadore. This is the article that Pete wrote then - updated by Ian Brown since - which explains why Christopher Columbus knew exactly where he was going. I do have permission from former Clan Sinclair President, Mel Sinclair, to publish this article. beth

There are three reasons to conclude that before Columbus set sail for America in 1492, he was well aware of the exploration achievements of a Scotsman by the name of Sinclair. He also is likely to have known about and used Sinclair's Zeno Maps.

Reason #1: While it was not a perfect bloodline, there IS a true line of descent through family members which connects Prince Henry Sinclair to Christopher Columbus. Within the relationship it could be reasonably expected for noteworthy family traditions such as voyages of mapping and exploration to North America to be passed from one generation to the next.

When he was dreaming of making a voyage, Columbus was very likely holding in his hands the Zeno Map, which had guided Sinclair on his voyage ninety years earlier!

His in-laws had surely passed along the family story of Prince Henry's transatlantic voyage ninety years earlier. Here are the people who form the connection between Columbus and Sinclair: 1. **Prince Henry Sinclair** (born ca 1345) had a daughter named: 2. **Elizabeth Sinclair** (born ca 1370). Her son was: 3. **John Escorcia Drummond** (born ca 1402. He was married to: 4. **Dona Guimar de Lordella** (born ca 1400) whose first husband was: 5. **Triston Vas Teircira, Jr.**, (born ca 1450). His aunt was: 6. **Guimar Teixeira** (born ca 1440). Her husband was: 7. **Bartholomew Perestrello** (born ca 1440). He was the brother of: 8. **Felipa Perestrello** (born ca 1450) who was married to 9. **Christopher Columbus** (born ca 1447).

Reason #2: The Madeira Islands were discovered and explored ca 1419 by Bartholomew Perestrello (born ca 1390), accompanied by John

Goncalves Zarco (born ca 1390). Each of these men settled in Madeira and raised their families there. They were a close-knit community, which intermarried to a considerable extent. Members of these families are listed above in the family line relationship between Columbus and Sinclair. Legends of Prince Henry's daring exploration in the years of 1398-1399 surely would have been discussed within this small community of explorers.

Reason #3: Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand had heard of Prince Henry Sinclair because of somewhat similar family relationships. Their great grandfather's grand niece, Dona Catharina Vases Pereira (born ca 1460) was Prince Henry's great grandson's wife. Family legends generally pass on from generation to the next, especially if the subject is as significant as exploring the New World.

Certainly the Zeno Maps, created by the Zeno brothers, Antonio and Nicolo, under Prince Henry's direction, must have been known by Isabella and Ferdinand.

These maps were used for 300 years because they were known to be the most accurate available. If Columbus had somehow not been aware of Prince Henry's maps, then the King and Queen would have given him a copy of the map when they chartered the Columbus Expedition which took place in 1492.

With thanks to Mel Sinclair, past president of the Clan Sinclair. With thanks also to *Yours Aye*, the newsletter of the Clan Sinclair Association, Inc., USA. Membership information: <<http://www.clansinclairusa.org/apps/search?q=Membership+Chairman>>



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Mr. A.T. "Tom" Skeen was born the son of Arthur "Dick" Thomas Skeen & Flora McAndrew, on April 4, 1925, in Hamblen County, TN.

He flew to glory on December 19, 2018, after two weeks of tender and attentive care at the W.G. Hefner Veteran's Association Medical Center Hospital in Salisbury, NC, at age 93.

He was a long-time resident of the Assisted Living Center there for several years.

Tom was born in humble beginnings on a rural farm outside of Morristown, TN. His education began in a one-room schoolhouse, where he achieved 8th Grade proficiency.

Later, after being drafted into the US Army in 1943, he completed his high school diploma. Beyond his service career, he truly was a self-made man, earning many impressive educational accomplishments and accolades throughout his life.

In the Army, he served honorably and proudly for 26 years. His early assignments were with Companies B & D in the 88th Chemical Mortar Battalion, after completing Basic Training at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

He later saw combat in World War II in the Palau Group of Islands, Leyte, Philippines, and in Okinawa, Japan.

While in Leyte, his battalion was honored with a top review by General Douglas MacArthur, who shook Tom's hand in praise while all of the troops were standing at attention on the tarmac.

He was also awarded a Purple Heart for an injury during his World War II service.

After a short assignment with Regimental Combat Team Company K 278th, in the National Guard, he returned to active duty with that Unit,

later serving in the Korean War.

Appointed as Warrant Officer 1 in 1960, he became a Technical Writer and Communications Expert advancing there until his retirement, as Chief Warrant Officer 4 in 1971.

For much of his time in the Army, Tom was an essential part of the Nike Missile Program.

On retirement from the Army, he continued his technical writing career with Western Electric (later named AT&T) through his retirement there in 1987.



Always a wordsmith, and one of the first of his time to gain ease of use with personal computers (in the age of DOS), Tom was also a proud Scotsman.

He was fascinated by genealogy.

He steadfastly traveled the United States to research his family's genealogical history.

Later, he wrote and self-published four books about his and his family's ancestry (of course, using the latest computer software; he prided himself on that). His books include: 1) *Clan Skeen: Barons of Skeen and Descendants* (Pub. 1987); 2) *Clan McAndrew: 1783 – 1900 – Descendants and the McAndrew Family History* (Pub. 1988); 3) *Coveys of Birds – Emigrants 1785 – Families of Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee* (Pub. 1989); 4) *Skeen, the Families of Tennessee, Their Ancestors of Virginia, New York, & Scotland* (Pub. 2005).

For over ten years, he was the President of the Clan Skene Society, reviving and enlarging the Clan Membership by traveling to Highland Games throughout the Southeastern US.

On his watch, Skene tartan fabric was pro-

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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



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HOT TODDY

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Ingredients:

- 2 ounces (1/4 cup) whisky • 1 tbsp honey
- ½ cup to 1 cup of boiling water • a few cloves
- One lemon • Sugar
- Optional: a stick of cinnamon and/or star anise

Method:

Cut the lemon in half then cut a ½ inch slice from one of the halves, put to one side.

Dust a plate with a thin coat of sugar, then rim the glass you intend to use with one of the halves of lemon to wet the rim with lemon juice. Then turn the glass upside down and place the rim into the sugar to dust the glass.

Pour the whisky into the glass, then add the honey.

Add the boiling water remembering that a larger amount will dilute the taste.

Add the cloves, then squeeze the juice from one half of the lemon into the glass and stir.

Optional – add a stick of cinnamon or some star anise for extra flavor.



Hot Toddy with thanks to the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida, and their *St. Andrew's Cross*. Visit: <www.saintandrewtallahassee.org> for membership information.



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Sincerely, David Silkenat

Please send contributions to: Dr. David Silkenat, Senior Lecturer in American

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duced for the Clan so that official kilts could be made for Clàn parade events.

He was married to Eva Stella Powell Skeen for 24 years.

He is survived by their children: son Gerald Arthur Skeen, former U.S. Army, and wife, Laura, of Brockton, MA, and their children, Stephanie Kunkle, Michael Skeen, and Keri McNair; daughter Linda Sue Skeen Williams, of Winston-Salem, NC, her daughter, Dawn Stewart; Debra Anne Skeen Perret, and husband, Peter, of Clemmons, NC, and their sons, Zachary and Michael Perret; Thomas Forrest Skeen, and wife, Roxie, of Forsyth, GA, and their son, Steven Skeen and daughter, Kathryn Hirsch; and Susan Lee Skeen-House, and husband, Joel House, of Winter Garden, FL, and their daughter, Molly House; along with 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his son, Steven James Skeen, U.S. Army.

Tom was a colorful character. In earlier days, he was a fine golfer and a bit of a pool shark. He was a natural NASCAR fan, having been raised in moonshine country in the hills of Tennessee.

His competitive streak was obvious during games of checkers, cribbage, and poker. And he was known to place a bet on a golf game every now and then.

An eager dancer, especially for the jitterbug, and a bit of a flirt, he was sweet on the ladies and kind to the gents. He was known to drink a martini or two in his earlier years. Always an avid gardener, he grew the best tomatoes, green beans, corn, and when living in FL, lots of citrus.

Some of our family's fondest days were celebrated with Tom on Lake Norman, where he captained his pontoon boat with pride and hosted many wonderful cookouts, weekends, and a beautiful wedding.

Tom was always a generous host, with a stocked pantry, and endless patience to ride the many kids and grandkids around the lake on skis and tubes until the sunset.

During his later days, at the Veteran's Administration in Salisbury, North Carolina, he became a bit of an artist in ceramics and acrylic painting.

He was known as their most avid reader, always seen with a book in his hand, and recommending fine books to many friends and the staff there.

He was an active member of the Grey Wolf Club, the chorus, and was recently voted Vice-President of the Residents' Council.

His mother, Flora, always called him "handy as a shirt pocket," because he could fix any and everything.

For a boy from the hills of Tennessee, raised in a log cabin with no running water, and taught in a one-room schoolhouse, Tom went on to have a distinguished life of travel, education, and a beautiful family.

He will be missed by all who knew him, but our lives are better for his 93 years on this earth.

Our family is supremely grateful for the years of fine care and attention the staff at W.G.

"Bill" Hefner Veterans Authority gave to our father, both in Piedmont Neighborhood, and, most recently, in the Intensive Care and Hospice units.

A Gathering of Friends was held at Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on January 12, with the receiving of friends.

A celebration of his life was held at the home of Peter and Debra Perret in Clemmons following the gathering of friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to: Liberty Lane Hospice House, Building 43, W. G. Hefner Salisbury Veterans Authority, 1601 Brenner Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144. Online condolences may be posted at <www.hayworth-miller.com>.

