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Ground tremor - Scottish Highlands hit by earthquake with 2.3 magnitude

With thanks to *The Scotland Sun*. Justin Bowie

An earthquake with a magnitude measuring 2.3 has been recorded in the Scottish Highlands. The ground tremor was logged by the British Geological Survey this morning, January 7, 2020. It was recorded at Loch Hourm five miles to the east of Arnisdale at 10.36am.

Experts say the quake had a



depth of six kilometres.

The British Geological Survey confirmed the Highlands tremor on *Twitter*.

But they said they are yet to receive any reports

from locals who were impacted by the quake.

It comes after an earthquake hit the Isle of Mull in November - prompting residents to compare it to a low-flying jet.

The British Geological Survey had tweeted: "A small number of reports have been received by members of the public in the Isle of Mull area."

We previously told how Scotland has been battered by more than 4,000

earthquakes in the past 50 years.

But barely any have had a significant impact on residents.

The largest recorded during the past half-century was a 4.4 magnitude tremor in the Knoydart Peninsula in 1974.

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Clan Baird takes its name from the ancient lands held by the family, near the town of Biggar in South Lanarkshire. A popular traditional tale is that the lands were given to the first Baird clansman after he saved King William the Lion from a wild boar.





The Unusual Italian Village In Wales

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Walking into this little village feels as if you've been transported to Italy but, in fact, you're not even close.

Tucked away on the coast of northern Wales is the village of Portmeirion, a truly unique town built with a colorful, whimsical design and an eye for conservation.

Built between 1925 and 1975 by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, Portmeirion became a home for lost building parts, such as taking the stones of a demolished castle to make a town clock tower.

But the most striking part of the town is the integration of nature with the town's colorful architecture, modifying nearly every single building to work with the nearby terrain.

(From Beth) *When Marti and I were taking trips to Scotland, we went to Wales one year...and to Portmeirion.*

You can purchase gorgeous china made right in the town...you can see the tide come in VERY fast - when we were there, about sunset.



Portmeirion is a tourist village in Gwynedd, North Wales. The village is located in the community of Penrhyndeudraeth, on the estuary of the River Dwyryd, 2 miles southeast of Porthmadog, and 1 mile from the Minffordd railway.

My memories of our short stay in Portmeirion are filled with gorgeous flowers and beautiful scenery. I remember a place much like our own Disney theme parks. I remember, most of all, the friendliness and kindness of the Welsh people we met.

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information, contact Sherry
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Flower of the Forest from Louisville, Kentucky

Anchorage - **Charlie McCarty**, 74, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Visitation was on Thursday, December 19, 2019 in the Fire-side Room at Southeast Christian Church, (920 Blankenbaker Parkway, Louisville, KY 40243).

Our condolences to Cheri Eşkridge; Charlie was her father. Cheri is a member of The Scottish Society of Louisville.

The Scottish Society of Louisville, KY, is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds!

The Heritage Fund Committee of the Scottish Society of Louisville (KY) is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds.

The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.), language (Gaelic, etc.) and athletics (Highland games).

This Fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up on the evening of the Society's monthly meeting from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, James Hughes, or by e-mail at vicepresident@scotsoflou.com, or by using the online form here.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31st and September 30th



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Tomb containing three generations of warrior women unearthed in Russia

The four Scythians were buried together some 2,500 years ago

With thanks to *Smithsonian Magazine*.

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Before you read this article, your editor simply must tell you about the Clan Donald USA Warrior Women group that flourished MANY years ago in Clan Donald USA (CDUSA).

Jeri Daniel Martin was my sister/friend/cohort for close to forty years. To my broken hearts' forever sadness, she died about three years ago.

She and I shared so many amazing adventures, I truly could write a very big book about them.

However, the CDUSA WW was one of the most memorable. This is just a tiny tale about the WW.

We learned that, on Skye, there was a castle for training Clan Donald Warrior Women! That's true. If I remember correctly, it is Duntulm Castle located in the northern part of Skye.

That was all we needed. We found some inexpensive little battle axes (Surely not in silver, but silver colored) and passed them out amongst the Clan Donald ladies at an AGM somewhere...and there began our group!

Does anyone else still have their CDUSA WW battle ax?

Our battle cry was "CDUSAWW." Can you pronounce that? I don't remember us doing a very good job of it...but, we made a lot of noise.

I remember my friend, Marti Van Horne, and I went to Scotland in 1993 and visited Duntulm Castle. It is a true ruin with no way - safe or oth-

erwise to get in to it, except levitation. However, the "CDUSAWW" cry was heard loudly (I can call horses from 30 acres) that day. Marti was very embarrassed - although there was nobody within a mile or two from us. Yep, I did it many times.

The Amazon warriors of ancient Greek lore were once considered mythical figures. But in recent years, archaeological work and genetic analysis have identified women buried with weapons, horseback riding equipment and other accoutrements traditionally associated with warriors.

Earlier this month, a team led by archaeologist Valerii Guliaev announced the discovery of a 2,500-year-old tomb in which four such women were buried together.

The findings were published in the journal of the Akson Russian Science Communication Association this week.

The women belonged to a nomadic group called the Scythians and were found in one of 19 burial mounds studied during a decade-long survey of the western Russian village of Devitsa, reports Ruth Shuster for Haaretz. The youngest individual in the grave was 12 or 13 years old. Two were in their twenties, and the last was between 45



Me as a CDUSAWW! (Wishful thinking!)

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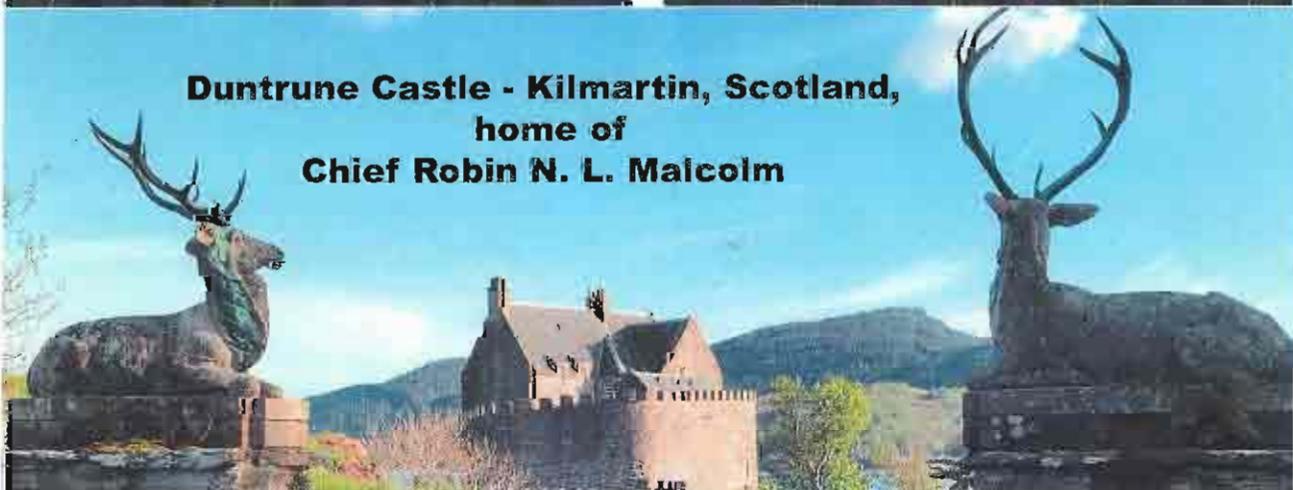
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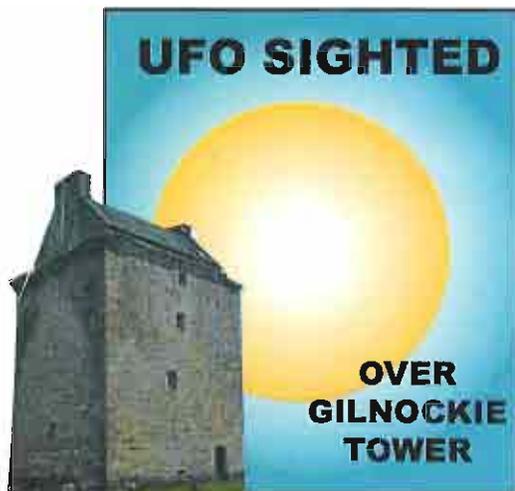


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Warrior Women found in Russia, *continued from page 7*

to 50 years old.

Interestingly, says Guliaev in a statement, women warriors were the norm, not the exception, in Scythian culture.

“The Amazons are common Scythian phenomenon,” he adds. “Separate barrows were filled for them and all burial rites which were usually made for men were done for them.”

As Adrienne Mayor, author of *The Amazons: Lives and Legends of Warrior Women Across the Ancient World*, explained to *National Geographic's*

Simon Worrall in 2014, about one-third of Scythian women whose remains have been found to date were buried with weapons. Many sported war wounds.

The Scythians lived in small tribes, wore trousers—necessary when constantly riding on horseback—and fought with bows and arrows.

“If you think about it, a woman on a horse with a bow, trained since childhood, can be just as fast and as deadly as a boy or man,” Mayor pointed out.

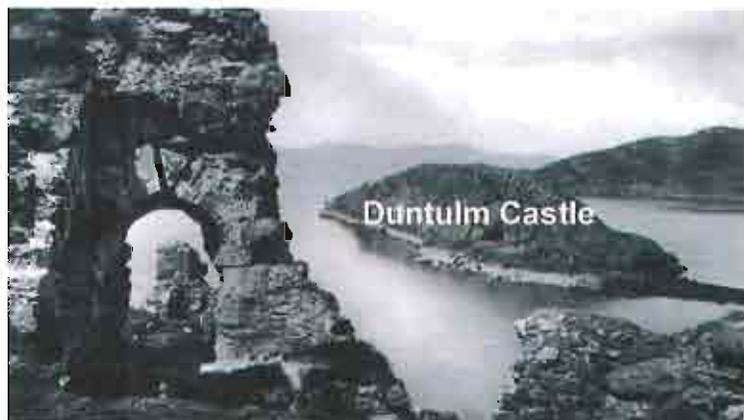
The graves of the adolescent and one of the young women were robbed, but the other two burials

remained intact. Notably, the oldest woman wore an engraved gold headdress called a calathos. The specimen is the first of its kind uncovered in the region, according to Shuster, as well as the first found in situ, perched atop its wearer’s skull.

“Of course, earlier similar headdresses were found in known rich barrows of Scythia,” says

Guliaev, but the others were often found by local landowners and passed between many hands before reaching specialists.

“Here we can be certain that the find has been well preserved,” the archaeologist explains.



plains.

The older woman was buried with an iron dagger and a unique forked arrowhead. Lamb bones in the barrow suggest that the burial was completed in early autumn, while a lecythus vase hints that the women were buried during the fourth century B.C.

The other woman whose burial was left undisturbed was found with a bronze mirror, two spears, and a glass bead bracelet. Per the statement, she was buried in the “position of a horseman,” as if riding a horse for eternity.



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Making Some Sense of German History and the Changing Landscape

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Speaker: Ken Weaver – Lee County Genealogy Society – Chairperson – German Roots Group
Time: 9:30am - 12:15pm South Building, 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Germany as a united country did not exist until 1871, but the history of the German-speaking people and the numerous boundary changes from the days of the Holy Roman Empire have had a profound impact on the emigration of German-speakers to countries and regions both east and west. <http://www.virginia.org/uploaded_images/72300.jpg>

Beginning Genealogy Research

What's Available Through the Fort Myers Regional Library and the Lee County Genealogical Society

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Speakers: Carol Rooksby Weidlich and Bryan L. Mulcahy

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

Program will discuss resources, services, and research techniques/assistance available through the Fort Myers Regional Library and the Lee County Genealogical Society.

Beginning Genealogy Research

Online Research and Resources at the Fort Myers Regional Library

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Speakers: Carol Rooksby Weidlich and Bryan L. Mulcahy

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

Program will introduce the basic concepts necessary for using online resources for genealogical research. The major online resources available at the Fort Myers Regional Library will be discussed.

Copyright and Genealogical Research

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Speaker: Carol Rooksby Weidlich

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

Program will discuss copyright law and how this can impact genealogical research, sharing information, and publishing your family narratives and history.

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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email secretary@cksusa.org or jkeith417@aol.com. Call 256-270-8967.



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 ever make. Hope to see you soon!

Haggis, neeps and tatties flavoured crisps to hit the shelves

The
Sunday Post

From Scotland, we thank the...

A family business has launched the “world’s first” haggis, neeps and tatties flavoured crisps for fans of Scotland’s national dish.

Mackie’s Crisps has taken inspiration from the country’s bard Robert Burns to recreate the flavours of the traditional meal in snack form in the run-up to Burns Night next month.

A limited run of 150,000 bags will hit the shelves in early January.

Non-meat eaters can also enjoy the snack, created using natural flavourings and high oleic sunflower oil, as the crisps are suitable for both vegans and vegetarians.

A meal of haggis, neeps and tatties is traditionally enjoyed on Burns Night on January 25 (Jane Barlow/PA)

James Taylor, from the Perth and Kinross-based family business, said: “While we do push the boat out with exotic flavours, we do also like to look closer to home at some of the fantastic dishes from our heritage.

“Quite simply, there are none more iconic than our own national dish.

“We’re fiercely proud of our Scottish roots and so narrowed down to a number of options for

a limited run. When it came to the taste tests, haggis, neeps and tatties emerged as the runaway favourite.”

Fans of the poet around the globe traditionally enjoy a meal of haggis, neeps (turnips) and potatoes at a Burns supper on January 25.

Mackie’s Crisps is already known for its haggis and cracked black pepper variety, and also launched what it said was the world’s first pigs in blankets flavour.

Research on the haggis, neeps and tatties flavour started in earnest

in 2018 during a new product development push.

Mr Taylor said: “It’s been many years in the making, so we’ll be keeping in contact with our end customers and trade clients throughout to see what the appetite is like for our new flavour.

“Who knows, we may even be able to expand the run to make it a permanent addition to our range. We’d also love to be able to sell bags abroad, helping the wider world to experience the taste of haggis, neeps and tatties.”

Yes, please, Mackie’s of Scotland haggis, neeps & tatties in the USA!



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Flowers of the Forest

Ed Holcombe, The Kingdome of Ráknar

Scotland in February

Over Hogmanay, we learned of the passing of one of our Kingdome of Raknar members, **Edwin Franklin Holcombe**, Knight Gudrod, on December 17, 2019

In the early days of Scottish festivals, Ed judged many athletic events around the southeast.

A memorial service was held Saturday, December 21, 2019, at Mills River Presbyterian Church, Mills River, NC. A service will be held at the graveside on a date to be announced at the New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery, McClellanville, SC.

Edwin was born October 10, 1921, in Ball Ground, Georgia, son of the late John Carl Holcombe and Lula Belle Ridings Holcombe.

He graduated from North Georgia College and served as an Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class at Pearl Harbor during World War II.

He was married to the late Leila Ursula Morrison of McClellanville, SC, for 71 years.

He worked as a salesman and manager in industrial supplies and served as president of Able Iron Works. He served as master of the Pythagorean Masonic Lodge and Commodore of the Hobcaw

Yacht Club.

He was a deacon and choir member of Westminster Presbyterian Church for many years and since his relocation to Hendersonville, NC, a member of Mills River Presbyterian Church.

He was a scoutmaster for over 20 years, receiving the honors of Vigil in the Order of the Arrow and the Silver Beaver award.

He was a co-founder of the Swamp Fox Trail, now the coastal terminus of the Palmetto Trail.

He was also a co-founder of the annual Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering and Athletic Direc-

tor Emeritus. He was twice president of the Scottish Society of Charleston.

He also served as judge and Director of Scottish Heavy Athletics at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and was presented the President's Award by those games.

He wrote the first rule book for Scottish athletics in North America and developed a program for training of judges.

In his career, he judged over 300 games, in addition to manufacturing throwing implements for

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Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland Fellows' Meetings being planned!

Thank you to all Fellows overseas who have supported the Society in various ways over the past year.

Special thanks to Fellows Dr James Donaldson and Hope Vere Anderson for hosting annual Fellows' Dinners in Melbourne (last April) and Atlanta (last October) respectively, and to Dr Craig Paterson FSAScot for organizing and hosting the first Fellows' Breakfast Meeting in California last November at UCLA.

There is appetite for more such meetings

in the future in California.

There is also the possibility of a Fellows' Afternoon Tea Meeting taking place in a few months' time in the Ohio region suggested by and thanks to Dr Stephen Millett, FSAScot, if enough Fellows express interest.

Please contact Andrea at the Society office by email (Andrea@socantscot.org) if you would like to take part in

any of the future Fellows' Meetings (i.e. breakfast, afternoon tea and annual dinners) taking place outside of Scotland this year.

All Fellows and their guests are welcome, including and, especially, newly elected Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

Similarly, please get in touch with Andrea if you would like to organize a similar Fellows' Meeting in the county, region or country where you are based as a way to help build the Fellows' network overseas. Thank you!



Ed Holcombe, *continued from page 15*

many games and athletes.

He was made a Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky for his contributions to Highland Games.

He is survived by his sister Faye Whitworth of Atlanta, two sons: Edwin Franklin Holcombe, Jr. (Valerie) of Hendersonville, North Carolina, John Morrison Holcombe (Lori) of Fort Mill, South Carolina; daughter, Elizabeth Eugenie Holcombe of Delray Beach, Florida; six grandchildren: Win, Bert, Carrie, Christian, and Josh Holcombe, and Jennie Rothman, and four great-grandchildren: Rowan, Kieran, Nancy, and Hunter Holcombe.

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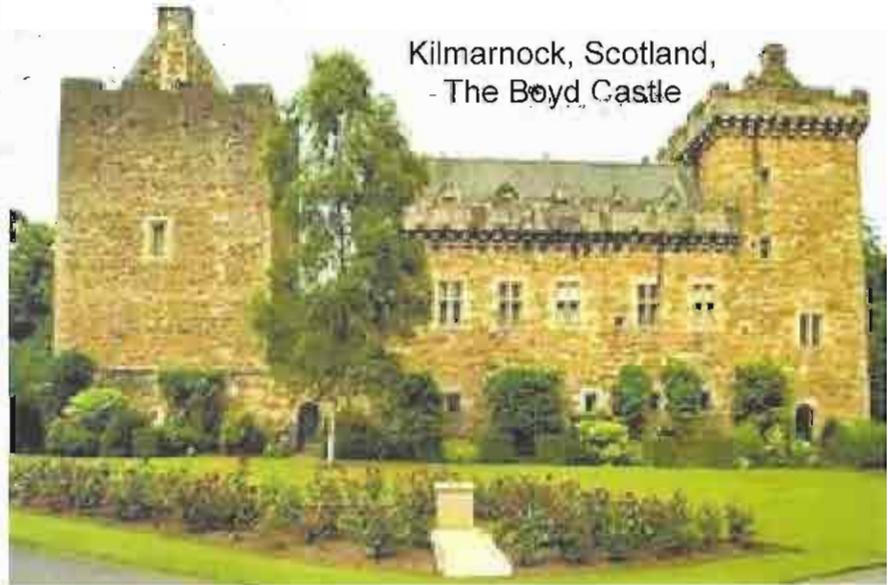
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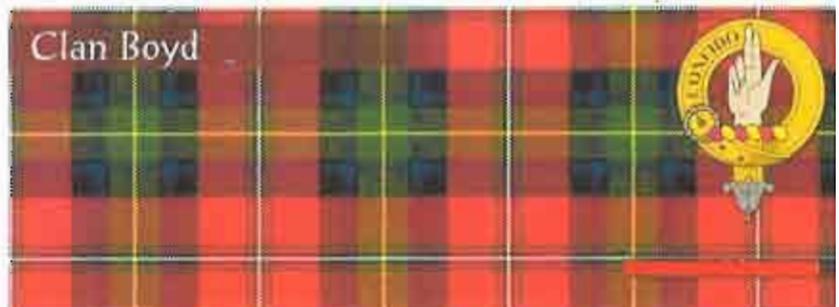
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Humans may be responsible for the start of the sixth mass extinction of life on Earth – so we must act.

The dodo, Tasmanian tiger and Pyrenean ibex were all extraordinary animals in their own way, all now extinct. Today, more than 30,000 species worldwide – 27 per cent of all those assessed by scientists – are threatened with the same fate, according to the In-

ternational Union for Conservation of Nature. Even an animal as iconic as the African elephant is classed as “vulnerable” with loss of habitat the most serious threat.

In May this year, an international team of experts warned nature was declining at a rate unprecedented in human history. Sir Robert Watson, chair of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, said: “The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.”

The speed of the rate of extinctions is one reason why geologists are considering declaring the end of our current epoch, the Holocene, and the beginning of a new one, the Anthropocene, in an acknowledgement of just how profoundly we are

changing life on Earth.

But most global problems are local ones too.

And today conservationists are calling for urgent action to help some of Scotland's most iconic wildlife. About one in nine species native to this country are at risk of disappearing because of a number of reasons, including climate change, urbanisation and agricultural intensification, that can be



summarised in one word – humans.

We are incredibly intelligent and, as a species, have accomplished extraordinary feats, but sometimes we forget we are animals and, as such, entirely reliant on the health of the natural world. If we have now set in motion the sixth mass extinction of life in the Earth's history – an astonishing and alarming feat – it would be monumentally foolish not to realise this could ultimately pose a threat to us too.

And, regardless of our own self-interest, surely we can all agree that the loss of the Scottish wildcat, red squirrel and capercaillie – among the species most at risk in this country – would leave Scotland a considerably poorer place.

These species are our elephants, our tigers, our gorillas. We should work hard to make sure they don't become our Tasmanian tigers or our dodos.



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President Elizabeth Keith



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They work as a team as they serve as conveners. They served as hosts for the AGM last year in Nashville, TN.

I am pleased to present the Clansman of the Year Award to Kenneth and Zesta Faulkner.



Bearl Samuel Keith, August 8, 1948-December 6, 2017. Bearl Samuel Keith, 69, of Jefferson, Maine. He passed away at Maine General Hospital in Augusta, Maine. . He was born in Columbus, Texas to Cecil Keith and Thelma (Wright) Keith. -

Bearl graduated from Bridge Academy in Dresden. He attended and graduated from University of Maine at Orono in 1972. After graduation he joined the Air Force for four years. After the service he was employed in New Jersey and Maine.

He enjoyed reading and watching television.

He was a big supporter of the WW & F Railroad.

Bearl was predeceased by his parents, Cecil and Thelma Keith.

He is survived by sisters, Ann Andrews of Gardiner [Maine], Dawn Baron of Illinois, and Merille Cassiano of San Antonio, Texas. He was also survived by a brother, David Keith of Kenduskeag [Maine]; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will hold a private service at their convenience.



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An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North.

On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest, who was strolling by, what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God.

The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta...

There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he had seen in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was.

She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God.

'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled all across America, Africa, England, Japan, New Zealand. In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same '\$10,000 per call' sign under it.

The American decided to travel to Scotland to see if Scots had the same phone.

He arrived in Scotland and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '40 pence per call.'

The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign.

'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'You're in Scotland now, son - it's a local call'



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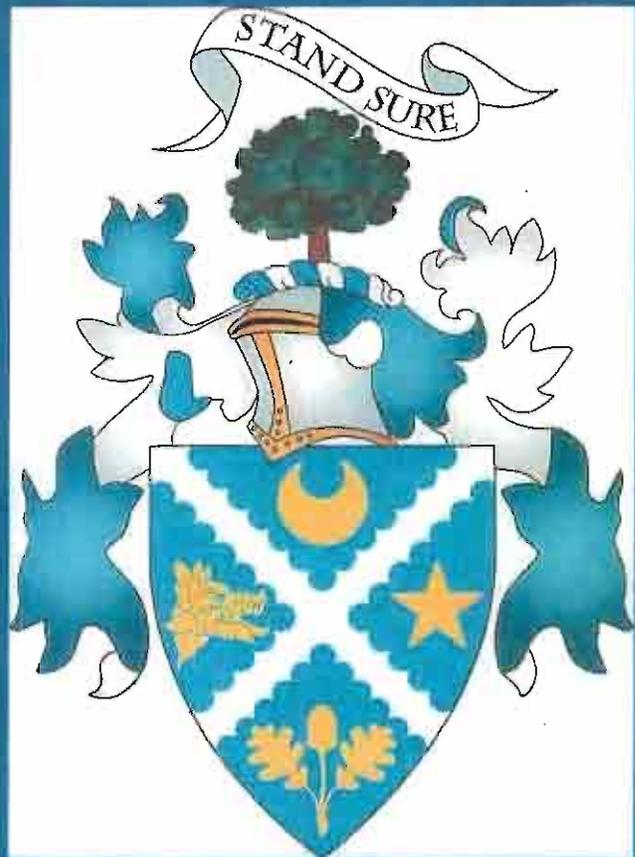
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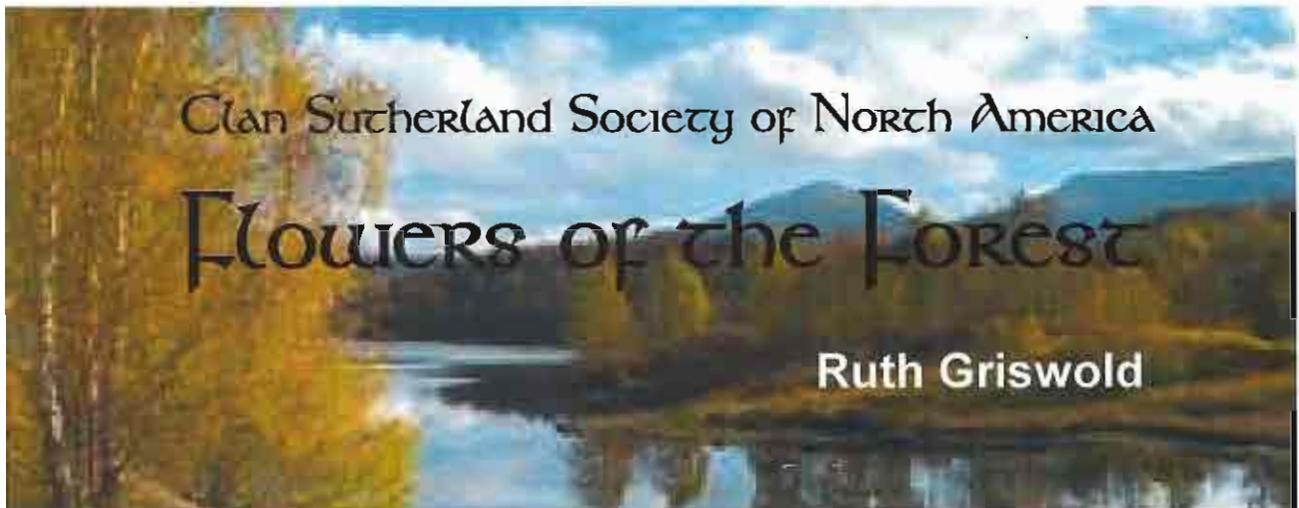
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Ruth Griswold, 82 of Lincoln, died November 13, 2018 after a long illness. She was born in 1936 in El Dorado, Kansas, the daughter of Ralph and Avril E. Lill.

She lived with her parents and two older brothers on a farm and attended a one room country school house. She attended El Dorado High School and Butler County Community College. She transferred to Kansas University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy.

She married Norman Griswold in 1959 and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska. She was employed as a Registered Occupational Therapist from 1959 to the mid 1960s.

After her daughters were born, she left occupational therapy to become a full time mother.

She volunteered for many activities at her daughters' schools and was a leader of two Campfire Girls groups.

Ruth was the original owner and manager of *Page One Paperback Book Exchange* in downtown Lincoln from October 1980 to April 1994. After that she took up the hobby of quilting and made many quilts for family and for the Linus Project, which provides quilts for hospitalized children.

Ruth was interested in many things including art, reading, birding, genealogy, quilting, traveling,

and gardening.

She was a member of Saint Paul United Methodist Church, Saint Paul UMC Quilt Group, Lincoln Quilters Guild, Nebraskans of Irish/Scotch-Irish Ancestry (newsletter editor for four years), Valparaiso University Women's Guild (President of local chapter for nine years), Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society (held several offices), Wachiska Audubon Society, Saint Paul UMC UMW (co-chair of Group II for 7 years), and was the coordinator of the Saint Paul Care-Drivers Committee for about 8 years.

She was a member of the Clan Sutherland Society of North



America.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Avril Lill and two brothers, James R. Lill and Joseph T. Lill. She is survived by husband: Norm Griswold, Lincoln, NE; daughters and sons-in-law: Diane and Paul McCallum, Pittsburg, Kansas; Debra and Scott Dooley, Gunbarrel, Colorado; Granddaughter: Theresa Dooley, Gunbarrel, Colorado.

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Our Society holds an Annual General Meeting each year. Members from all across the United States will come and spend the weekend together.

The 2019 Annual General Meeting was held in Estes Park, Colorado and we had members from Arizona, North Carolina, South Dakota, Michigan, etc. come to the festivities.

We are in the planning stages now, but please plan to join us for the Parade of Clans at the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, May 23 at noon.

We plan to have the General Meeting in the afternoon on Saturday and then have dinner together that evening. The rest of the days you can

enjoy the fun festivities in Alma.

We are working on a Friday evening casual social gathering too.

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Sincerely, Karen Woodworth,
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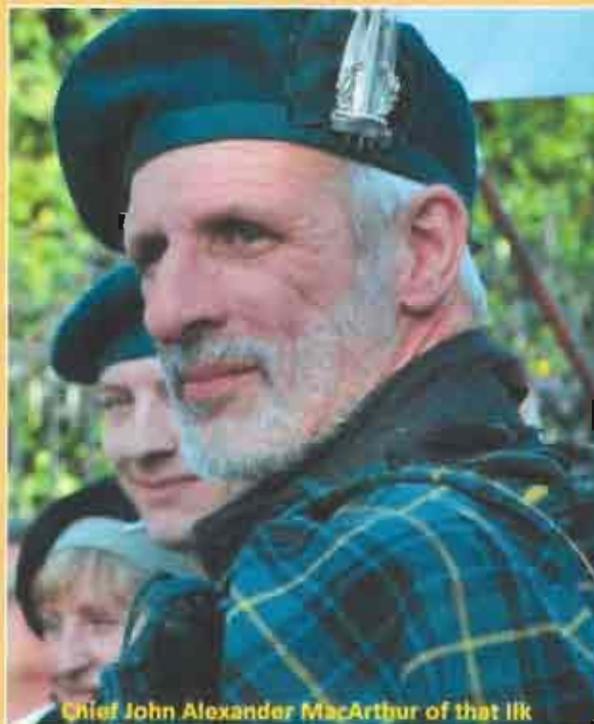
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8 Genealogy Tips for 8 Days

Gena Philibert-Ortega

What family history research are you working on right now? We can all use some new ideas, or even reminders, once in a while – and the following 8 tips are just the thing to help you get a start on your family history project.

Don't try to tackle everything at once. Take a tip a day and work on incorporating it into your family history research.

Are you ready?

* Which ancestor will you research next? Before you skip back in time to that 18th century ancestor, take some time to fill in the details of your more recent family. Commit to finding your first four generations in old newspaper articles, order vital records certificates, and make sure you've documented their lives before you move on to earlier ancestors.

* How do you start a family history research project? Choose one ancestor and write down everything you know about them. Then ask one question about that ancestor, such as: "Where was Jane Smith born?" Concentrate on answering that one question before you move on to the next.

* Start your research with a timeline. As you research, add dates and events important to your ancestor. Include historical events and dates that might have impacted their lives, such as wars and financial depressions.

* Identify milestone events in your ancestor's life. Consider what newspaper articles might exist that report on these events. For example, a 25th or

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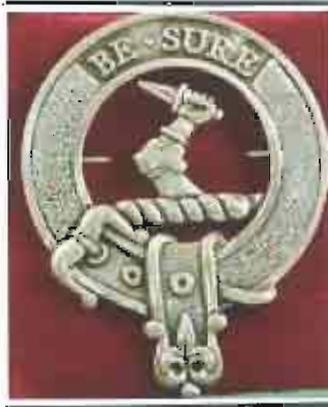


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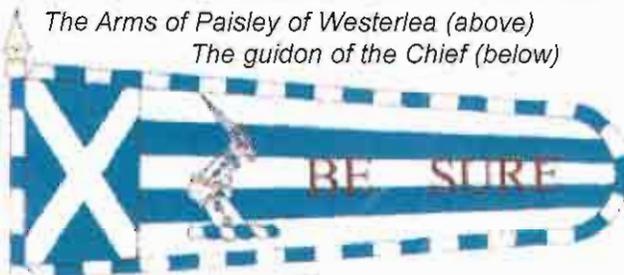
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9 Scottish Castles and One Neolithic Village Are Now Hiring

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In Medieval Times, Urquhart Castle's main problem was a centuries-long war for Scottish independence.

In an attempt to seize control of the castle, English and Scottish armies subjected Urquhart to a series of bloody battles, devastating raids, and constant storming—a real downer for one of Scotland's most picturesque castles, seated on the shores of Loch Ness.

In the 21st century, Urquhart Castle's greatest problem is stranded tourists. "They arrive by bus and are meant to leave by boat, but sometimes they forget to catch the boat," says Euan Fraser, the manager of the castle, which is one of many monuments under the purview of Historic Environment Scotland. "And sometimes they say, 'Oh, I don't want to go on the boat,' and so we call a taxi."

Urquhart Castle is, technically speaking, a "complete ruin," Fraser says. The historic site has no rooms that would allow stranded guests to sleep over.

These problems could soon be yours, as Historic Environment Scotland is hiring for a slew of seasonal visitor associate positions at its various storied ruins. The jobs vary in task but share two

things in common: a verdant, sweeping landscape and the chance to work alongside centuries of Scot-

tish history. *Sorry, applications just closed. Next year!*

Scotland has no shortage of castles, or castle-related jobs: Kismul Castle, Stirling Castle, Lochleven Castle, St. Andrews Castle, Kildrumy Castle, Doune Castle, Dunblane



Castle, Craigmillar Castle, and Newark Castle are all hiring. But not all of Scotland's ruins are so well-fortified. Fraser points to the Blackhouse, a traditional thatched house that a family would have occupied in the 19th century, and Skara Brae, a well-preserved Neolithic village that bustled 5,000 years ago.

Unlike Urquhart, Skara Brae actually has rooms; an entire replica house was constructed, complete with a fire pit and furniture. It may be a better place to be stranded for the night.

Though working at a Scottish castle sounds grand, it's no more fancy than, say, working in a thatched house.

Some job responsibilities might have once been

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50th wedding anniversary, or living to be 100 years old. On your timeline, note the possibilities of these events and then search for them in the newspaper.

* Start a research log for your project. It's too easy to get started and excited about your finds and then later forget what you found and where you found it. On your research log, note the information you were looking for, what you found, and where.

* Create a Names' List for your ancestor to write out all the versions of their name, including likely misspellings of their first name and surname.

Don't forget to include nicknames, professional and marital titles (Mrs. John Smith), as well as initials.

* Join the genealogy society in the place where your ancestor lived. This membership often provides you access to online databases, publications, and research assistance.

* Have an ancestor who was famous or had a brush with fame? One of the first things you should do is determine the probability that they were actually involved. Research the history of the place, the famous person and era, and consult maps and newspapers. Is your ancestor in the right place at the right time?

Castles hiring, *continued from page 5*

common at the historic sites themselves, such as operating a boat to ferry people across Loch Ness or tending the garden. "Some castles have more herbaceous borders, the kind of shrubs that you'd expect of a castle,"

Other tasks are decidedly modern. "We always need someone to oversee the car park," he says.

Occasionally, castle staff have to rid the site of unwanted visitors, such as a very angry badger who famously stormed Craignethan Castle in 2018.

And no, you do not have to be Scottish to work at Historic Environment Scotland. In fact, Fraser says it's even helpful to speak another language, to guide international tourists.

Fraser has a degree in engineering, but he's devoted his career to Scotland's historic sites.

Before Urquhart, he worked at Dallas Dhu Distillery, a historic, single-malt Scotch whisky dis-

tillery and another site managed by Historic Environment.

"At Dallas Dhu, unlike a working distillery, you can put your head in a still," he says. After several years

at the distillery, Fraser left for a new job at Urquhart—a princely sort of promotion. Now, in his 20th year as the castle manager, he makes sure things run smoothly, and they generally do. "It doesn't matter if it's glorious sunshine or a snowy, blizzardy day, a castle is always a beautiful place," he says.

Fraser has a few words of ad-

vice for all future visitors passing through Urquhart. Come in the summer, around the evening, when there are fewer guests. "You get to see the site better, and wander around on your own," he says.

Dusk at Urquhart is also majestic, as the setting sun casts a shimmering glow over Loch Ness. But he does have one ask: Please remember to catch your boat home.





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