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Clan Lockhart Chief passes

Angus MacDonald Lockhart, Chief of Clan Lockhart, passed away Friday evening November 20, 2015.

Angus died unexpectedly at home of an apparent heart attack. He was only 69 years old.

Angus leaves behind his wife Susan (Su) Lockhart, daughter Fiona who lives in South Africa and son Ranald.

Please keep the Angus MacDonald Lockhart family in your thoughts and prayers.



This corn should have been head-high at this time.

Please help Rural Hill!

As you may know by now, Rural Hill was plagued with drought conditions this summer and an exceedingly wet and dreary fall season.

The Amazing Maize Maze, North Carolina Brewers and Music Festival, Food Truck Rallies, and Sheepdog Trials are held each year to help generate revenue.

In return Rural Hill provides low-cost educational programming to thousands of students annually.

Because of the dry summer and wet fall our corn maze (our largest fund raising event of the year) did not generate the revenues we need to survive.

Please help us in our time of need to raise the \$100,000 we need to continue operating as a farm, as a historical and cultural center, and as a place for your family to come enjoy for years to come.

Your tax-deductible donation will go directly to saving Rural Hill (a 501-c3 non-profit organization) from a crippling year.

If you are unable to give, please consider sharing this email with others.

For your convenience, a Go Fund Me page has been created to make giving as easy as possible.

Thank you.

To donate, visit: <<https://gofundme.com/RURALHILL>>

Happy, happy, happy New Year! Wishing you health, happiness and joy in 2016

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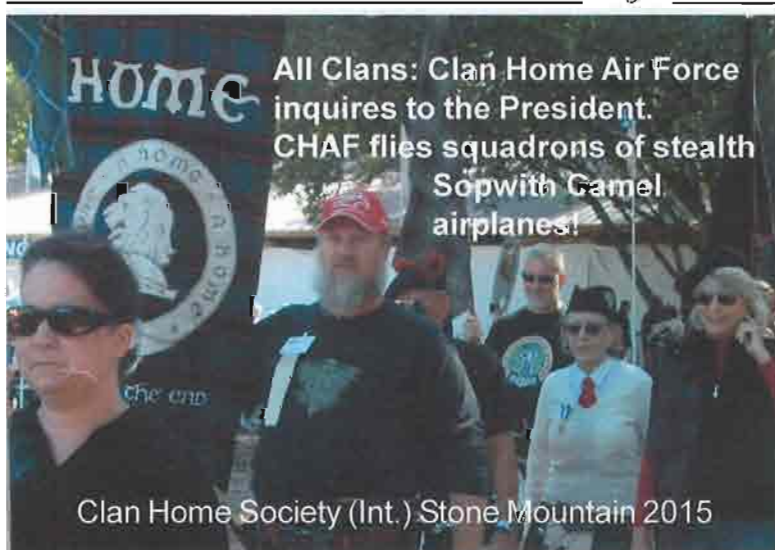
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The Tale of Peter Williamson

The late **James A Bullman**
for the **Scottish Tartans**
Museum, Franklin, NC

Before I start the tale of Indian Peter I must give a tip of my hat and hearty well done to the city of Aberdeen Scotland.

On November 6, 2007, the city of Aberdeen pulled back the curtain on a dark part of the cities history.

At the Tolbooth Museum in Aberdeen, "Open to the Public" they had re-enactments of a very dark part of Aberdeen's past history.

In the 18th century Aberdeen was a center for the kid-napping of children to be sold into slavery. During this dark time it is thought 1000 children were captured and shipped to the colony of America and sold as slaves on the block.

Children from Aberdeen were taken, children from towns around Aberdeen were taken, no child was safe to walk the streets. Many Aberdeen merchants, city magistrates, sea captains and one Walter Cochran, town clerk deputy were involved.

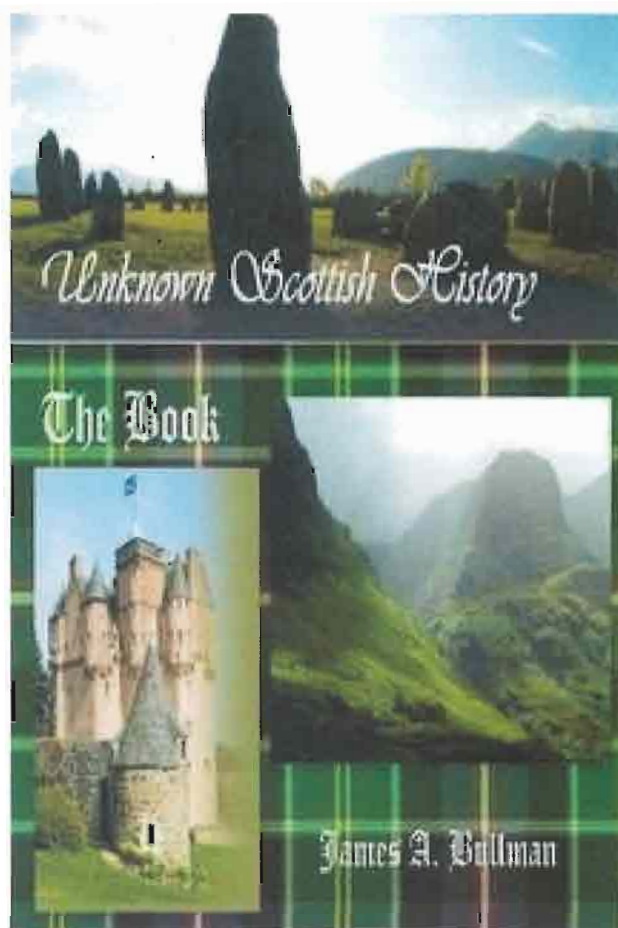
Now to Peter Williamson, young Peter was born about 1730 in the parish of Aboyne. He was the son of crofter William Williamson who had come on some hard times so he sent Peter to live with his aunt in Aberdeen.

In 1743 Peter was kidnapped off the streets of the city.

Peter and about 70 other children were placed in a building in Backwynd Steps owned by Bonnie John Burnet, an Aberdeen merchant.

It is said that William, Peter's father, heard of this and as the children were marched to a ship he tried to set Peter free.

William was badly beaten on the dock and Peter was forced aboard a ship called the *Planter*. All the children were locked below decks ranging in age from 7 to 14.



The trip across the Atlantic took 11 weeks. As the ship approached Cape May in Delaware it ran aground, fearing she would sink the crew abandoned ship, leaving their cargo of children to drown.



The next day the crew returned to find the ship had not sunk so they off loaded the children, marched them to Philadelphia and sold them to merchants, farm-

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From *Unknown Scottish History* by James A. Bullman. Buy at the Scottish Tartans Museum, Franklin, NC.

MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

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Clan MacDuffee at 2015 GMHG



The Clan MacDuffee had an amazing record turnout at the 2015 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. . A total of 43 MacDuffee Clan Society members, cousins and family members marched in the Parade of Tartans. Over the three days we had 63 MacDuffee Clan Society members or direct family relatives visit the Clan Society Tent despite high winds but no rain. I think David may have run out of cheese in our hospitality tent for the first time ever. It was one of the best games for just simply meeting new people and cousins from, Florida, Texas, Indiana, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Kentucky, California and I'm sure I missed a few states. I did not think, however, that our year could be better.

How the Blair chief can be a Cochrane

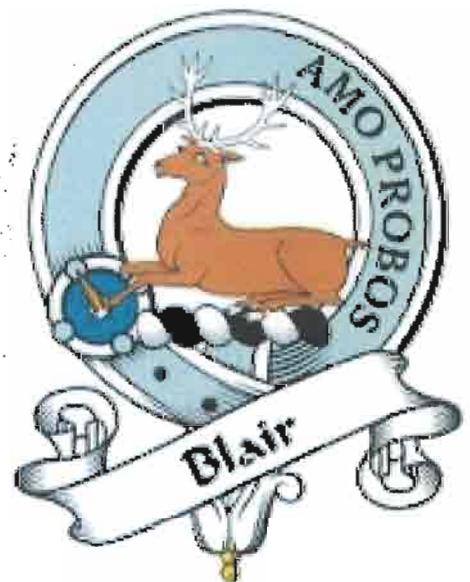
Maj. The Rt. Hon. Lord Iain Alexander Douglas - Blair Cochrane, Earl of Dundonald, is the direct lineal descendent of Alexander Blair, born at Blair Ayr 1585.

Alexander Blair was the younger brother of John Blair of Blair born 1574 at Blair, and the son of John Blair of Blair born 1547 and Grizel Sempill, his wife.

Alexander Blair married Elizabeth Cochrane, and as a consequence of the marriage, assumed the surname of Cochrane.

Each generation descending from Alexander Blair has kept the name of Blair just before the surname Cochrane.

With many thanks to Helen Blair.



If you are a Graham or Sept of Graham, you are cordially invited to share in a proud and noble heritage. Join the Clan Graham Society today.

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Septs of Graham

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The Tale of Peter Williamson, *continued from page 3*

ers or anyone with the price.

Peter had survived the crossing of the Atlantic and the ship wreck. Many children had not survived the crossing. It is thought 20% had perished in the crossing.

Peter must have had a higher power watching over him, for a man named Hugh Wilson bought Peter. Hugh Wilson had also been an abducted child slave in his youth. Mr. Wilson had been set free when his owner died and he had worked many years to become a land owner.

Peter said of Hugh Wilson that he had been a kind man, humane and honest.

At the death of Hugh Wilson years later Peter Williamson was set free. Hugh Wilson also left Peter some money, a good horse and saddle.

When Peter turned 24, he married the daughter of a wealthy planter, the dowry for this marriage was 200 acres of land on the frontier in Pennsylvania, in Berks County.

At this time the French and Indian war was starting and all on the frontier were in jeopardy of attack.

One day when his wife was away visiting relations, Peter was in his cabin when he was attacked by Delaware Indians.

Peter was taken captive tied to a tree and his hands and feet were burned by the Delaware Indians. Peter remained silent during this torture and was allowed to live for his bravery. Peter was again a slave used as a pack horse by the Delaware. After months as a captive Peter slipped away once again to freedom.

A year after his capture Peter finally returned home to his cabin only to find his wife had died two months earlier.

With all lost to him Peter joined a colonial regiment to fight with the British against the French and

their allied Indians. As fate would have it Peter was captured by the French in 1756 with the British surrender at Oswego, New York.

In November 1756 he was part of a prisoner exchange between the French and British forces. Upon his release he was shipped back to England with the rest of the released prisoners.

When he reached Plymouth, England he was found unfit for duty because of a hand wound, he was given six shillings and discharged.

Peter at this time had nothing but six shillings and a strong will borne of defeat and victory.

At this time he decided to walk back to Aberdeen across the length of England and Scotland by foot. When he got to the north of England at York he was penniless. He started telling his tale to all who would listen. Finally with the help of sympathetic people in York he published a small book about his adventures. He told of children sold into slavery in Aberdeen, he told about the Delaware Indians and his capture by the French. From time to time

he would dress as an American Indian and whoop and dance to get customers to stop, hear his tale and buy his book. Peter sold 1000 copies of his book and with the monies from this he would continue his journey to Scotland.

About June 1758 Peter finally got to Aberdeen. His tales of Indians, capture and slavery attracted great crowds and his book sold very, very well. The general public of Aberdeen were horrified by his tale of child slavery. Soon word reached the government of Aberdeen and merchants involved in this dark trade period. A plot was formed by government officials, merchants and others with cause for concern.

Peter was brought to trial for selling a book of a "scurrilous and infamous libel" about Aberdeen mer-

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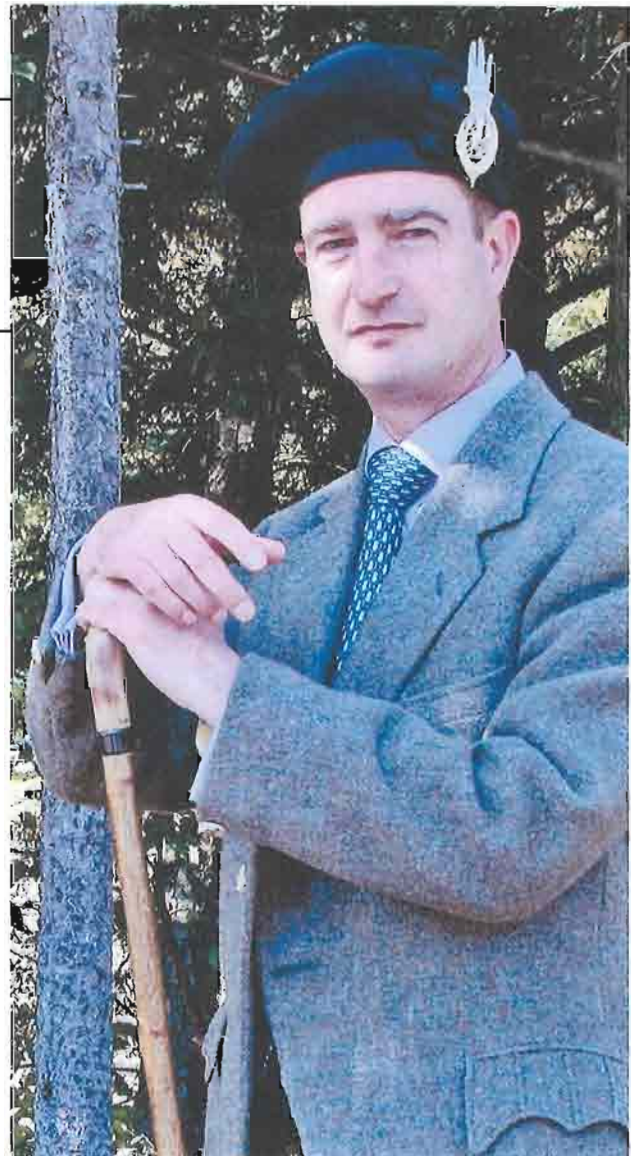
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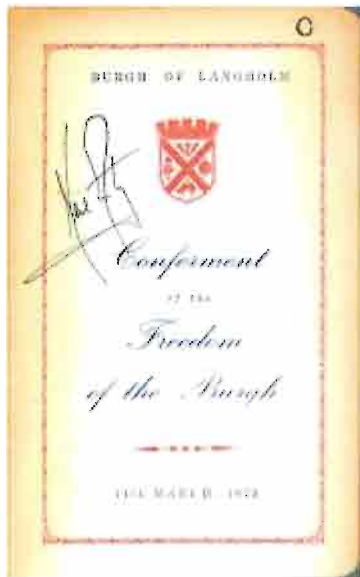
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Neil Armstrong given “Freedom of the Burgh” in Langholm, Scotland



My friend, Peter Wilson (Great Scot, International) wrote and asked if I knew that Neil Armstrong was made a freeman of the burgh of Langholm - The Muckle Toon?

Peter wrote, “I was working in Langholm in the early 70’s at the wastewater treatment plant and was introduced to the town clerk. A huge backdrop of Armstrong adorned his office.

WIKIPEDIA: In 1972, Armstrong was welcomed into the town of Langholm, Scotland, the traditional seat of Clan Armstrong; he was made the first freeman of the burgh, and happily declared the town his home. The *Justice of the Peace* read from an unrepealed 400-year-old law that required him to hang any Armstrong found in the town.

You might like to visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/yourpaintings/paintings/neil-armstrong-19302012-213539>



New Arthur Conan Doyle Sherlock Holmes story found!

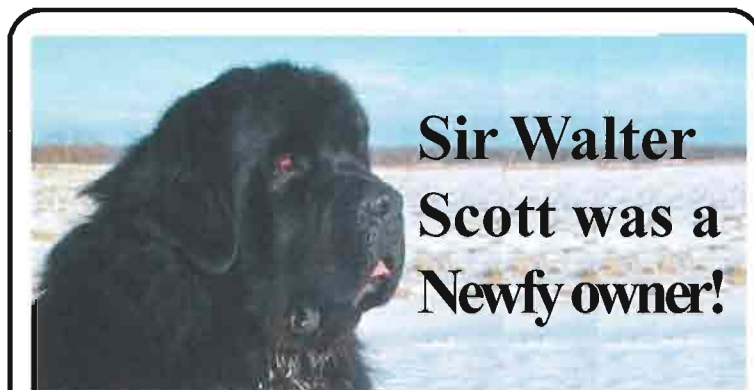
Sherlockians and Baker Street Irregulars can confidently tell you that there are 56 stories in the canon of Sherlock Holmes tales written by Scottish author Arthur Conan Doyle.

Make that 57 stories!

Rummaging in his attic, a Scottish historian, Walter Elliot, discovered a 112 year old booklet that contained an hitherto overlooked story by Conan Doyle titled, *Sherlock Holmes: Discovering the Border Burghs and, by Deduction, the Brig Bazaar.*”

It had been printed in a 1904 booklet, *The Book of the Brig.*

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Sir Walter Scott was a Newfy owner!

“Courage Without Ferocity” is the motto of the great Newfoundland dog. Many writers have owned a Newf, including Sir Walter Scott. If you visit London’s Madame Tussaud’s Wax Exhibition, you will see Scott and his Newfoundland. He wrote, in *Red Gauntlet*, 1832, “I never saw finer animals or which seemed more influenced by a sense of decorum, except that they slobbered a little as the rich scent from the chimney was wafted past their noses!”



An Airean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIan). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

MOTTO: Sola Virtus Nobilitat (Virtue Alone Ennobles)

WAR CRY: "The Henderson's Are Here!"

Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique

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Mary Robinson Blair, a Scot whose talent is still with us!

Mary Blair (October 21, 1911 – July 26, 1978), born Mary Robinson (Clan Donnachaidh), was an American artist who was prominent in producing art and animation

for The Walt Disney Company, drawing concept art for such films as *Alice in Wonderland*, *Peter Pan*, *Song of the South* and *Cinderella*. Blair also created character designs for enduring attractions such as Disneyland's *It's a Small World*, the fiesta scene in *El Rio del Tiempo* in the Mexico pavilion in Epcot's World Showcase, and an enormous mosaic inside Disney's Contemporary Resort. Several of her illustrated children's books from the 1950s remain in print, such as *I Can Fly* by Ruth Krauss.

Blair was inducted into the prestigious group of Disney Legends in 1991, posthumously. She also posthumously received the Windsor McCay Award from ASIFA-Hollywood in 1996, along with two other Disney animators.

Born on October 21, 1911, in McAlester, Oklahoma, Mary Browne Robinson moved to Texas while still a small child, and later to the city of Morgan Hill, California in the early 20s. After graduating from San Jose State College which she attended from 1929 to 1931, Mary won a scholarship to the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, where artists such as Pruett Carter, Morgan Russell and Lawrence Murphy were among the teachers. She graduated from Chouinard in 1933.

In 1934 shortly after college, she married another artist, Lee Everett Blair (October 1, 1911 – April 19, 1993). She was the sister-in-law of animator Preston Blair (1908–95). Along with her husband Lee, she became a member of the California School of Watercolor and quickly became known for being an imaginative colorist and designer.

Mary's first professional job in the animation industry was as an animator with Metro-Goldwyn-

Mayer. She would soon leave and join Lee Blair at the Ub Iwerks studio before moving to Disney.

Mary Blair joined The Walt Disney Company in 1940 and worked briefly on art for *Dumbo*, an early version of *Lady and the Tramp*, and a second version of *Fantasia* titled *Baby Ballet* which was not released until the late 1990s.

After leaving the studio for a short time in 1941, Mary travelled to various South American countries with Walt Disney, Lillian Disney and other artists on a research tour. The watercolors that Mary painted, led Walt to assign her as an art supervisor for the animated feature films *Saludos Amigos* and *The Three Caballeros*.

Mary first began animation and color design on major films in 1943 and would continue to work on animated films for Disney for a full decade. Her work with animation did not end there however as after that,

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We encourage everyone who is interested in the great Clan Ramsay to **join** the Clan Ramsay Association of N.A.
Contact David Ramsey: <davidf.ramsey@verizon.net>



Become a part of Clan Ramsay's DNA Project!

What is it? DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name **Ramsay** or **Ramsay**. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom and ultimately, we can link different lines together. But, to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of the spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc., 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, MD 21044. Call 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

Sister Associations of Clan Ramsay in Australia, Nova Scotia and Finland!

Quarterly Newsletter - *The Ramsay Report* is available to all members!

Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games and events all over the country

Clan Ramsay is represented all of the United States at Scottish Games, Gatherings and events. See us at the Loch Norman Highland Games in NC; Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games in OK; Smoky Mountain Highland Games in TN; Gallabrae/Greenville, SC Games; Glasgow Highland Games, KY; Scottish Christmas Walk

of the Clans, VA; Chicago Highland Games, IL; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC; Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games, CO; Wichita Highland Games & Celtic Festival, KS; The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Annual Scottish Gathering and Games, CA; Columbia Scottish Festival, IN; Halifax Celtic Festival, Halifax, NS, Canada; Oklahoma's Premier Celtic Music Festival & Scottish Highland Games, OK; Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, SC; Ligonier Highland Games, PA; McPherson Scottish Festival, KS; Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, IN; Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA; Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Scottish Games, TX;

Clan Ramsay needs YOU!

There are openings available in the state/region commissioners roster where you would be most welcome. Contact David Ramsey at

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Mary Robinson Blair, *continued from page 11*

she worked on several package films, excluding *Fun and Fancy Free*, and on two partially animated features — *Song of the South* and *So Dear to My Heart*. The early 1950s were a busy time for the Disney studio, with an animated feature released nearly every year. Mary Blair was credited with color styling on *Cinderella* (1950), *Alice in Wonderland* (1951) and *Peter Pan* (1953), and the artistic influence of her concept art is strongly felt in those films, as well as in several animated shorts, including *Susie the Little Blue Coupe* and *The Little House*, she designed during that period.

After the completion of *Peter Pan*, Mary Blair resigned from Disney and worked as a freelance graphic designer and illustrator, creating advertising campaigns for companies such as Nabisco, Pepsodent, Maxwell House, Beatrice Foods and others. She also illustrated several Little Golden Books for publisher Simon & Schuster, some of which remain in print today, and she also designed Christmas and Easter sets for Radio City Music Hall. Blair not only worked in graphic design and animation but also as a designer for Bonwit Teller and created theatrical sets.

At the request of Walt Disney, who regarded highly her innate sense of color styling, Blair began work on Disney's new attraction, *It's a Small World*. Originally a Pepsi-Cola-sponsored pavilion benefiting UNICEF at the 1964 New York World's Fair, the attraction moved to Disneyland after the Fair closed and was later replicated at the Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World Resort as well as Tokyo Disneyland, Disneyland Paris and Hong Kong Disneyland. *It's a Small World* would become a unique experience for people with the lopsided cutouts, clashing colors and misshaped buildings.

Mary Blair created murals that would be showcased in Disney parks, hotels and other Disney attractions from California to Florida. These murals were

not only painted but some would be tile decor.

In 1967, Blair created mural art for the Tomorrowland Promenade. Two similar tile murals flanked the entrance corridor. The mural over Adventure Thru Inner Space was covered over in 1987 with the opening of Star Tours, while the other remained in place until 1998 when the Circle-Vision 360° was replaced by Rocket Rods and a new mural was designed to reflect the new theme. Her design of a 90-foot-high mural remains a focal point of the Disney's Contemporary Resort hotel at Walt Disney World, which was completed for the resort's opening in 1971.



Mary Blair would also go on to make sets of Walt Disney note cards for Hallmark. In 1968, Blair was credited as color designer on the film version of *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*. Blair would eventually move out to Washington for Lee Blair's military career and then return to her in home studio located in Long Island, New York.

Mary Blair moved back to California and would die

of a cerebral hemorrhage in Soquel, California on July 26, 1978.

While the fine art she created outside of her association with Disney and her work as an illustrator is not widely known, Blair's bold and ground-breaking color design still inspires many of today's contemporary designers and animators.

A Google Doodle was created on Friday, October 21, 2011, to commemorate the centennial of her birth. *The Doodle* featured an image of an illustrator as Mary might have drawn herself, surrounded by the simple patterns and shapes that made up her familiar cartoon world.

Mary Blair has been credited with introducing modernist art styles to Walt Disney and his studio by using primary colors to form intense contrast and colors that are unnatural to the image they are depicting.

With many thanks to Wikipedia



FLYING HERALDRY



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A Scot is a Scot... even unto a hundred generations!

New Sherlock Holmes story discovered, *continued from page 9*

The case to be solved: did Sherlock Holmes' Scottish creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, also write an anonymous short story inside, titled *Sherlock Holmes Discovering the Border Burghs, and, by deduction, the Brig Bazaar*?

If so, this would be the first new Sherlock Holmes story unearthed in a lifetime.

In the 1,300 word tale, Holmes deduces Dr Watson is travelling to Selkirk on Saturday, in aid of a brig (bridge).

He writes: "I ordered a tin of tobacco, wrapped my cloak about me, and spent the night in thought. When you came round in the morning the problem was solved ... Watson, you have the Border Burghs in your eye!"

"In my heart, Holmes," said Watson.

So, whodunnit?

On first inspection, Conan Doyle seems to have had the means, motive and opportunity.

The *Book o' the Brig's* final page reveals Conan Doyle visited Selkirk on the day in question, Saturday 12 December, 1903, to open the town's New Brig Bazaar.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote the 1,300-word Sherlock Holmes story to raise money for a bridge in Selkirk

Now this second copy, signed 'Arthur Conan Doyle' on the cover, also places the crime author at the scene.

Conan Doyle also had the means: he knew the Border terrain so well he stood, albeit unsuccessfully, as the Unionist candidate for Westminster in the Hawick Burghs constituency in 1906.

Finally, he had the motive.

The bazaar, and the 48-page collection of contributed stories called the *Book o' the Brig* or *Bazaar Book*, was organized by townsfolk to raise funds to rebuild the Wood Bridge across the Ettrick Water, washed away by a flood in 1902.

Conan Doyle's presence shows he supported their campaign.

This year the replacement Iron Bridge is itself due to be swept away by Selkirk's £31.4m Flood Protection Scheme, and a new wooden bridge built at the same crossing.

The local 'Souters o' Selkirk' are yet to settle on a new name.

The second *Book o' the Brig*, which surfaced this week, belonged to the late Selkirk centenarian Alex Cuthill, who inscribed his name on the inside cover.

His daughter Jean, who still lives in the Borders, told us: "My father said the signature was

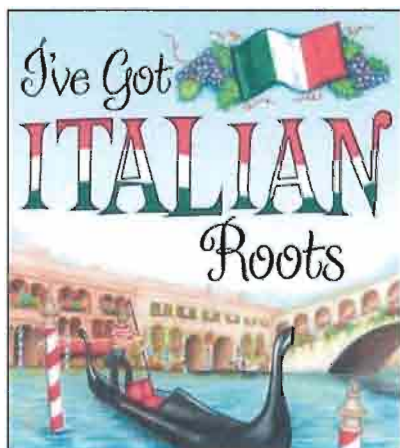
faint, so he was going to go over it in pencil. My husband said: 'No you will not!'"

Neither she, nor her father, knew if Conan Doyle wrote the story or not, and many Sherlock fans and experts around the world have expressed their doubts, arguing it is more likely to be a pastiche, penned in honour of his visit.

But when Jean heard her fellow local historian Walter Elliot had donated his *Book o' the Brig* to the community museum, she was delighted to tell him: "I've got one too - but mine's signed!"

The mystery deepens.





Researching Your Italian Ancestors

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Speaker: John Bifano – Genealogy Volunteer – Fort Myers Regional Library

Time: 9:30-10:45am South Building 1651 Lee Street; Meeting Rooms A & B

Part One: Research Techniques in the United States

Italy is rich in genealogy and family history resources. This seminar will take researchers through the process which was successfully utilized by Mr. John Bifano, one of our genealogy volunteers, to trace his Italian ancestors in the United States to their places or origin in Italy.

This process is especially important since most Italian genealogical records generated in Italy, are not available in published or compiled records on the Internet or elsewhere. Research must be done in the original birth, marriage, and death records of each town in Italy. So it is necessary to know the name of the town before research in Italian records can start. Many of these clues will be found in records generated in the United States.

Part Two: Research Techniques in Italy

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Speaker: John Bifano – Genealogy Volunteer – Fort Myers Regional Library

Time: 11:00-12:30pm South Building 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Our second seminar will cover research topics covering sources, repositories, and agencies in Italy. Topics discussed will include procedures for obtaining records in Italy via mail, Italian sources within the Family History Library, and specific Italian research sites on the Internet highlighting how to extract pertinent information from these records. The lecture will be via Power Point featuring sample letter request for records, samples of Napoleonic records, Italian civil records from 1866 forward, and some ecclesiastical records.

Fort Myers, Florida, Regional Library

Upcoming Genealogy Programs

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

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

Clan Donald folks! Save the dates... February 5-6, 2016



The 2016 annual Clan Donald South Pacific Glencoe Observance Weekend commemorates the 323rd anniversary of the Glencoe Massacre. The weekend includes a commemoration ceremony on Saturday at the American Legion Post 376 in Glencoe, California, which is located 17 miles from Jackson, California.

Later that Saturday evening, there is a multi-course dinner that includes a Haggis Ceremony, a raffle and toasts to the various Clan Donald dignitaries in attendance.

After dinner is the 10 PM "Midnight March" led by a bagpiper down the quiet streets of Jackson.

The weekend begins with a reception on Friday night at the host hotel, the Best Western Amador Inn 200 S State Highway 49, Jackson, California 95642.

You may make a reservation under the block of rooms named "CLAN DONALD" for a discounted room rate at the Best Western Amador Inn by calling (209) 223-0211.

Registration packets will be mailed out soon. Contact Clan Donald Nevada Commissioner William Puchert at 775-378-0931.



Kidnapped, *continued from page 7*

chants and government officials. This trial was held by the magistrates tribunal. The outcome of the trial was without doubt guilty. His books were burned and he was placed in jail until he signed a statement that his book was lies and he paid a 10 shilling fine.

Upon his release Peter was banished from Aberdeen as a vagrant.

Peter made his way south to Edinburgh which he found much to his liking. He opened a coffee house which was to become a favorite meeting place for lawyers. After a time Peter reprinted his book which was sold in his coffee house and he would tell his tale to all who would listen. Finally many of Peter's lawyer customers convinced him to sue the magistrates of Aberdeen. The case was heard in the court of session and Peter won his case unanimously.

A key piece of evidence was an account book of William Fordyce & Co. which gave exact details of monies spent in shipping child slaves. The date of the record was 1743 and Peters name was in the accounts. In December 1763 Peter Williamson was awarded 200 pounds damages and 100 guineas cost.

Later in life Peter owned a famous tavern in Edinburgh, Old Parliament Close. The tavern sign read Peter Williamson, vintner from the other world.

In 1773 Peter compiled Edinburgh's first street directory. In 1776 he launched a weekly paper called *The Scot's Spy or Critical Observer* which was filled with articles and local gossip. Peter also started a penny post and he would have letters and packages delivered. In 1793 The Williamson Penny Post was integrated into the general post office and from this he received a pension.

On January 19th, 1799 Peter Williamson died and was buried in Old Calton Cemetery.

When you think you are having a bad day, think of ole Peter Williamson. He sued for his slavery and won.

Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.



Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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The **Clan Davidson Society USA** is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the US IRS as a 501 c (3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDA-USA publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40 to 60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [www.clandavidsonusa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].





Congratulations!

Anthony Karl Harris

Best Wishes

Diane E. Curtis

(Social Media Editor SAS of Atlanta)

The couple was married December 4th, 2015!

Lady Scots do VERY WELL in Las Vegas, NV



News flash! Sarah Rose McDonald is now 2nd in the World barrel racing. standings - with earnings of \$220,965.

In the fourth go-round of the National Finals Rodeo 2015, on 6 December, held in Las Vegas, NV, Sarah Rose McDonald of Brunswick, GA and her AQHA mare, Fame Fling N Bling, whom she calls "Bling," took 13.71 seconds to win a total of \$26,231.

Sarah Rose McDonald was the 2014 Rookie of the year with Bling.

In the same competition, Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, SC tied for second place.

This is your editor's FAVORITE thing to do! YA HA!

Robert Craufurd, Bt., Nominated for Commander of Clan Crawford, *con't from page 31*

Forest George Crawford, Jr., Saint Louis, MO; Blake Crawford, Lincoln, KS.

US Mountain Region. Kevan Crawford, Ph.D., CCA Pres., Salt Lake City, UT; Ted Vives, CCA Director, Los Alamos, NM; Paula Crawford, Los Alamos, NM; David Benn Crawford, MD. Las Vegas, NV; Dennis K. Crawford, Parker, AZ; Ronald LeRoy Crawford, Clan Piper, Santa Fe, NM; Randy Crawford, MA, Reserve, NM; US Pacific Region; Terry Alan Pea, CCA Director, Warren, OR; Bruce Crawford, CCA Alt. Dir., Ferndale, WA and Clark Douglas Crawford, Hansville, WA.

US Southeast Region. Brian D. P. Crawford, LLD, CCA Board Chair, Manassas, VA; Kenneth Edgar Crawford, Blacksburg, VA; Robert Lewis Crawford, Autryville, NC; Joe Franklin Crawford, Elko, GA; Forest Smeed Crawford, Gainesville, FL; Joshua Crawford, Chattanooga, TN; Wendy

Crawford, Chattanooga, TN; Jack Crawford, Chattanooga, TN; Julie Crawford, Chattanooga, TN; Pennie Crawford, Naples, FL.

US South Central Region. Robert Roy Crawford, CCA Alt. Dir., Corinth, MS; Donald L. Crawford, III, CCA Alt. Dir., Texas; Samantha Crawford, Austin, TX; Brenna Crawford, Houston, TX.

Yeah, yeah, your editor knows it is a "no-no" to continue items backwards in a publication. However, this time it was important to include ALL of the Crawfords nominating Robert Craufurd, Bt, for Commander of Clan Crawford....and this was the last bit of space in the entire publication - which has grown beyond its' 30 page limit anyway. See the rest of this article beginning on page 31.

I'd rather include the important information and look a bit wonky than to not have the information here.



CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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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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.



You're welcome to email the president
Eric Bullard, goatherd@gmail.com

Flowers of the Forest



Mr. Alpheus Ezekiel Leslie, 87, a longtime resident of Sandy Springs died on Thursday, the 6th of August 2015.

A native of Decatur, Al retired from Kraft Foods after a long and successful career. He was past Chief-tain of the Clan Leslie Society and attended Dunwoody Baptist Church. His favorite hobby was woodworking.

A number of Leslies may have one of the wood boxes he made.

He also enjoyed the creation of the Decatur area where he grew up, thru which he ran a model train.

He served in the US Navy. He and his wife, Lafern, enjoyed Scottish Country dancing.

Al was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn Leslie.

Surviving are his wife, Lafern Leslie; son, James Jones; 5 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Marian Leslie; sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jim Williams; and nieces.



American Red Cross for 20 years, Salvation Army, and Telephone Pioneers.

She was a member of the Clan Leslie Society.

She is survived by her son John Lee, daughter Dana Reeves, sister Emma Meyer, and brother David Leslie, Jr.

James (Jim) Earl Kirk, Jr., died November 18 in Ocala, Florida. He was 88. He was born in Morristown, Tennessee where he grew up.

He enlisted in the US Army and served in Occupied Japan with the First Cavalry Division from 1946-48 before returning to attend Florida State University on the GI Bill. Born on the 4th of July, he was proud of his military service and very patriotic throughout his life. His 4th of July celebrations were legendary.

He moved to Ocala, Florida in 1953 so he could manage a new radio station, WMOP. He became known as "Country Jim" as he created and hosted a live morning show from behind a large window in his studio downtown. He started the Seminole Broadcasting Network and was for many years, the "Voice of Seminole football."

He purchased WMOP and later WFUZ.

His contributions to Florida State University are many, including the establishment of the Jim Kirk Professorship in Communications. He served as President of the Seminole Boosters.

Mr. Kirk's obituary takes up two columns and about 3/4 of a newspaper page. He was my boss in radio for years and I will never forget him. Your ed.

Doris Leslie Lee, 100, died July 27, 2015, one month after her 100th birthday. If you

remember, she was featured in *Grip Fast* and *BNFT* for her 100th birthday celebration.

Doris was born in Williamstown, Missouri. Doris graduated with a nursing degree from St. Joseph Nursing School, Keokuk, Iowa.

She was a registered nurse working as a school nurse in the Council Bluffs, Iowa Community School District for 15 years. She was a volunteer with the



The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons
and those interested in these surnames.

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at
peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com
or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

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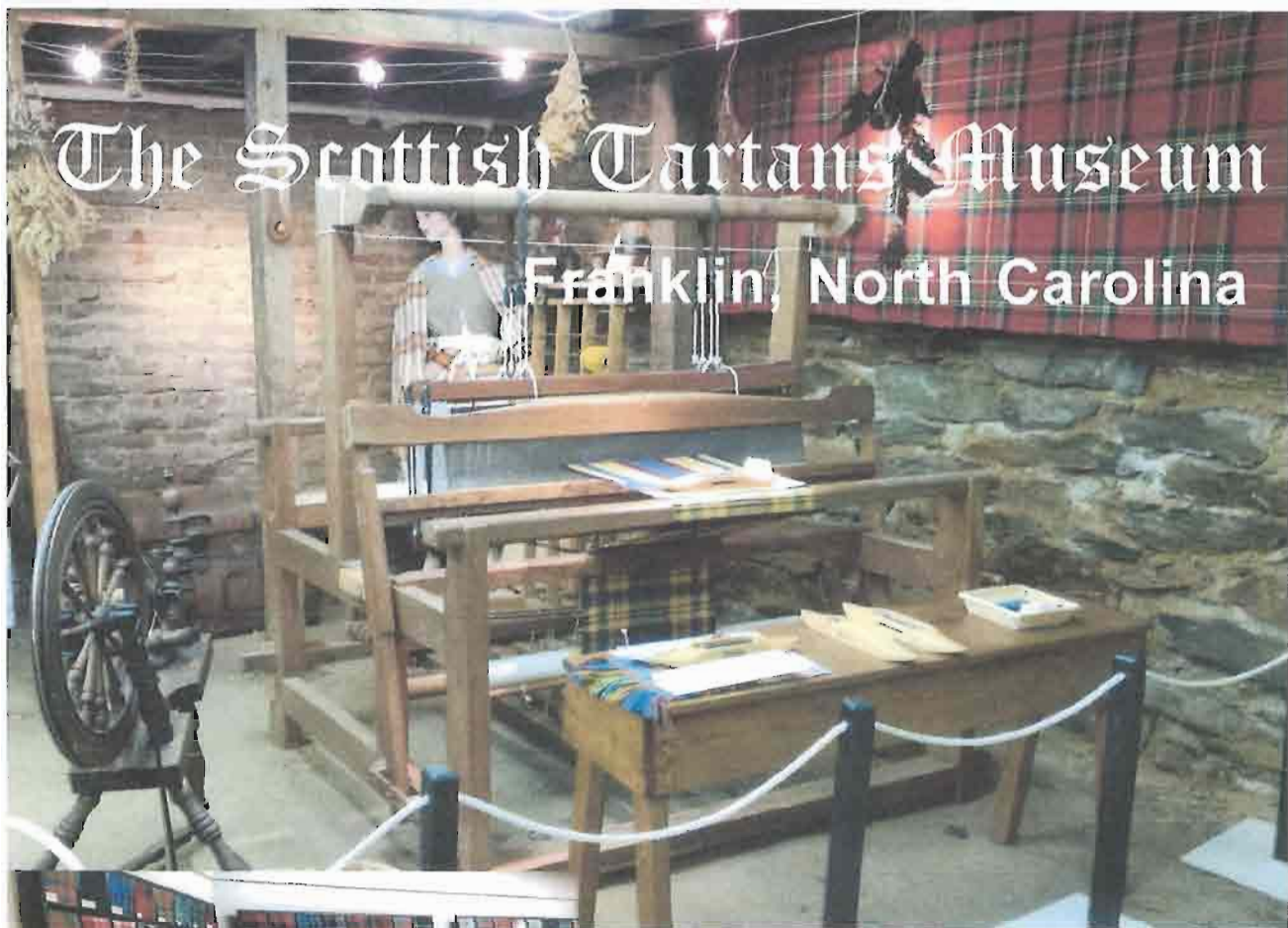
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Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM)) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

www.scottishtartans.org

Telephone 828-524-7472 or email us tartans@scottishtartans.org



Robert Burns Events 2016

On January 25th 1759 Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns, was born in Alloway Scotland

For a century or more the Scots and their far-flung descendants have celebrated the anniversary with feasting and enthusiastic recitations from the poet's works, which custom decrees should include two or three verses of his renowned poem *Address to a Haggis*.

9th January.

Robert Burns Dinner Presented by The Robert Burns Club of San Diego. At Admiral Baker Clubhouse. The cost of nonmembers is \$60.00. Additional information can be found at <www.robertburnsclubofsd.org>

16th January.

The time is 6:00pm, presented by the Saint Andrews Society of San Diego. 10th Annual Robert Burns Supper. Seating will be limited to the first 40 reservations. Please email me soonest at <asandie@cox.net> to book the number in your party. From 6:00 to 7:00pm, No host bar & social; 7:00 PM Dinner and Ceremonies. Holiday Inn, Point Loma Cafe, Banquet Room, 4865 North Harbor Drive (at Nimitz), San Diego 92106.

The deadline for payment is January 15th.

The cost per person is \$50.00. Checks should be mailed to SASSD, 7442 Conestoga Way, San Diego, CA 92120.

16th January:

At 6:00pm, the 5th Annual Robert Burns Dinner Arrowhead Country Club, San Bernardino, CA. Reservations: Bob Leeton at ipabob@earthlink.net or 909-425-8427.

18th January

At 4:30pm, the 15th Annual Robert Burns Celebration will commence. So get out your kilts and dust



Tartan Day Parade 2016 set for April 9

The New York City Tartan Day Parade will be stepping off at 2:00 PM on April 9, 2016. The parade will begin at 44th St., and 6th Avenue.

If you'd like more information, visit www.nyctartanweek.org

Why not work on getting YOUR clan to participate in this always historical event!

off your ghillie-brogues for a wonderful evening celebrating the great Bard of Scotland.

The price of admission includes a full meal with dessert, a taste of haggis, and whisky to toast with.

There will be poetry readings, Burns songs, Highland bagpipes, Scottish music and dancing, and more. This year's event will be held at The Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Boulevard in North Hollywood, CA (south side of Victory Blvd. just west of Vineland Ave.)

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please place a reservation before Jan. 14th. either by e-mail or by calling (818) 760-8322.

When reserving, be sure to provide us with your name, a call-back number, the number of guests, and your meal choices for the evening. Contact: <<http://www.celticartscenter.com/>>

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The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



" O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom
you have come.

The Clan Macneil President: Robert "Bob" Neill,
183 Pheasant Walk Way - Vilas, NC 28692
raneill@juno.com

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Burns Night Events, *continued from page 25*

22nd January.

6:30pm Slainte! A Celebration of Scottish Fare In Seattle, WA.

The Palace Ballroom is hosting an evening of all things Scottish!

Join us for our 5th annual event honoring the birthday of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns.

Chef Brock Johnson of Dahlia Lounge, and scotch enthusiasts, Richard Hill and Adam Chumas are combining their liquor and food knowledge to offer the best of Scotland.

The evening will include kilts, bagpipes, haggis, fiddles, Gaelic songs, Burn's poetry, delicious bites from the region and of course, a scotch tasting.

Traditional Highland attire is encouraged.

The haggis will be addressed.

For more information contact <amyr@tomdouglas.com> Glenkinchie 12 year with Tin willow tomme, tonnemaker apples, local honey and oatcakes . Springbank 10 year with Smoked neah bay black cod, celery root and meyer lemon Longrow Red 11 year with Breast of goose, cabernet huckleberry, cocoa Benromach 2002 with Traditional haggis with neeps and tatties, Caol Ila 1999 with Sticky toffee pudding

All at the Palace Ballroom. 2030 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121 For tickets, please link to the website <http://tomdouglas.com/calendar.php?calendar_id=154>

22nd January.

6:00pm, Annual Burns Supper at the Orange County Burns Club, Costa Mesa Country Club, 1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

6:00 pm No Host Bar/Cocktails.

7:00 pm Ceremonies Begin

7:20 pm Dinner Traditional Scottish Fare

Ticket Prices; \$40.00 by January 15th 2016 \$50.00 at the door

Please make checks payable to: Orange County Burns Club, Mr. Mike Frank, 15811 Las Nubes Street, Westminster, CA 92683.

22nd January.

Caledonian Club of San Francisco Burn's Supper at the Sharp Park Golf Club Restaurant, Pacifica, CA. Info: 1st Chieftain George McCombe at: 408 226-4410.

23rd January.

At 5:00pm at the Rabbie Burns Dinner in Carlsbad, CA.

5:00 pm - Cocktails

6:00 pm - Dinner 7:30 pm

Entertainment Dinner to include choice of Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian Traditional Haggis and Neeps, Scottish Trifle.

Tickets are \$40 per person and \$45 for non-members and must be purchased by January 11th, 2015 at the latest.

Rancho Carlsbad Country Club, 5200 El Camino Real. Carlsbad.

Checks can be mailed to PO Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953, Attn: Janette McLintock

North County Scots. dedicated to All Things Scottish. NCS offers year round entertainment involving family get togethers.

All 760-758-8096 or visit the website at www.northcountyscots.com

23rd January.

6:00pm Saint Andrew's Society of Los Angeles.

Robert Burns Supper, Altadena Town & Country Club, Mendocino Room. 2290 Country Club Drive. Altadena, CA 1001

Tel: (626) 794-7163 | Fax: (626) 798-2877

Information: Norman Auslander 310-552-3110. or Ian J. Skone-Rees, FSA Scot Phone: 818-634-4158. <http://www.saintandrewsla.org>

23rd January.

The Robert Burns Club of San Diego is holding their annual Robert Burns Dinner at the Bay View Restaurant, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. The cost of non-members is \$60.00.

Email questions to president@robertburnsclubofsd.org

29th January. The Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society of Seattle Burns Night celebration along with the Alba and Alki Lodge will be jointly celebrating this event. It will include a buffet supper, a silent auction, pipe band and other entertainment.

Tickets are \$30 each - at the Alki Masonic Lodge (4736 40th Avenue, SW) in West Seattle. Contact Don Moore at <donmoore@seanet.com> or 206-440-7697



OH, CANADA!



www.electriccanadian.com



Search for the Crawford Chief

- URGENT NEWS -

Update by Raymond Crawford

It is with great regret that we have to tell you that our plans to have a Clan Chief officially elected and appointed have, at least for the present, failed.



The process set by the Lyon Court in Edinburgh has been followed carefully by the Association's Executive Committee since February.

We applied for a Family Convention which was due to be

held in Edinburgh in May next year.

Lord Lyon had appointed one of his officers of arms, Mrs. Yvonne Holton, to be our Supervising Officer, to see that everything was done correctly and fairly. We have been in close correspondence with her throughout the process, and although there were many matters which needed clarification, we had thought we were making steady progress.

Although the process is technically an election to be held at the Convention, the rules are unusual in that Lord Lyon's requirements are that our candidate for Chief should be elected unopposed or at the very least, by a substantial majority.

This requirement was made even more stringent when Mrs. Holton told us that she would require a 90% majority in the event of a contested election. Realistically this meant that we could only expect to be successful if we had already decided on a single person by the time we reached the Convention.

The rules of the process also said that the first thing was to find an individual who had a likely blood link to the Chiefly line. If we could find one, all other considerations are set aside.

This we had done, and everyone was satisfied that Sir Robert Crawford met those requirements. The

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A year of remembrance



Irish CULTURAL CENTER Phoenix, Arizona McCLELLAND LIBRARY

The 1916 Commemoration Exhibit: "Remembering the Easter Rising: Historical Context and Cultural Legacy" is NOW OPEN.

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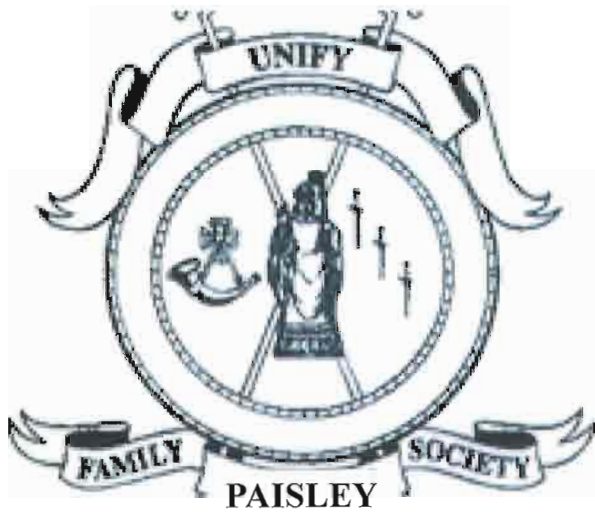
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The Series is being co-sponsored by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Consulate General of Ireland, San Francisco.

For more information on the 1916 Commemoration Series please visit <http://www.azirishlibrary.org/1916-commemoration-series/>

To support the 1916 Commemoration Series and become a part of the Rising's legacy in Arizona visit and share: <http://www.gofundme.com/1916az>



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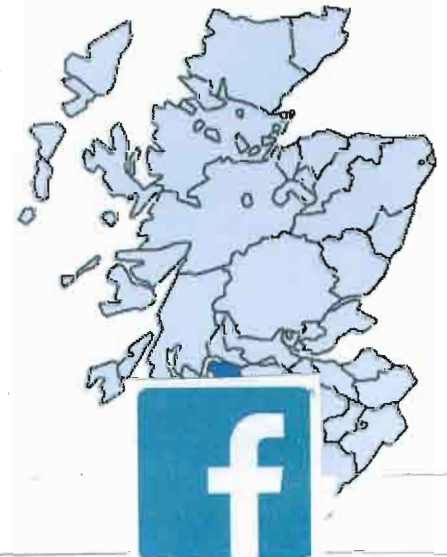


The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

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

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

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



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

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



AGM & Spring Gathering 2015 at Ardtallia, Scotland

Robert Craufurd, Bt., Nominated for Commander of Clan Crawford

The CCA has officially nominated, Robert Craufurd, Bt., for the position of Commander of Clan Crawford. This has been after an exhaustive search for the descendants of the senior Crawford Auchenames line. He is the most senior identifiable descendant of the last acknowledged chief of our House, Hugh Ronald George Craufurd, who died in Canada in 1942.

The letter of nomination by Raymond Craufurd is transcribed immediately below. It will be submitted to the Lyon Court as the official nomination of the Clan Crawford Association.

The nominator list is attached hwev. *If others would like to adhere to the nomination, please send an e-mail to Joanne (jcrawfordphd@sbcglobal.net) indicating such.*

To: Lord Lyon King of Arms, New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT
My Lord Lyon,



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Crawford
Chief,**
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only challenger was Simon Houison Craufud whose family, distinguished though they are in many ways, have no blood link to our past Chiefs, the Craufurds of Auchenames.

It seemed clear to us that this ruled out Simon's family.

However, our task was made harder by Mrs. Holton's encouragement for anyone who thought they had a claim to "throw their hat into the ring" and this included the Houison Craufurds.

After several weeks of silence, she reported that she was not satisfied with the way we were conducting the process, and recommended that our Petition for a Convention be suspended or dismissed.

This came as a considerable shock and left us with no realistic alternative but to withdraw the Petition and cancel the Convention.

It is too soon to say how we can move forward from here, but we have not lost our ambition for the Craufurds to have their own Chief one day.

Further to your letter of Feb 12th 2015, and subsequent correspondence with Dr. Raymond Craufurd on behalf of the Clan Crawford Association, we, the undersigned, being members of the Crawford Family, nominate and recommend Sir Robert James Craufurd, 9th Baronet of Kilbirnie, of East Grove, Grove Road, Lymington, Hampshire to be the Crawford Clan Commander. This nomination is made in accordance with the Voting Regulations for the Crawford Family Convention seen and approved by you.



Dr. Kevan Craufurd, President, Dr. Joanne Craufurd, Vice-President, Dr Raymond Craufurd, Vice-President, Clan Crawford Association

Nominators for Sir Robert Craufurd, Bt., as Commander (Total 61) **Africa Region**, Abre Crafford, CCA Director, Fort Louis, Mauritius Carel Crafford, CCA Alternate Dir., Johannesburg, S.A. Michele Crafford, Rivonia, Gauteng, South Africa

Austral-Asian Region. Peter Craufurd, CCA Secretary, Auckland, New Zealand; Julian Craufurd, CCA Director, Auckland, New Zealand; Ian Stewart Craufurd, Port Melbourne, Australia; Robert Graham Craufurd, Reynella, South Australia; Kenneth Ian Craufurd, Mount Maunganui, New Zealand; Stuart David Craufurd, Auckland, New Zealand.

Canada Region. Dr. John Jeffrey Craufurd, Quispamsis, New Brunswick; Ryan Craufurd, Clinton, Ontario.

Great Britain and Europe Region. Raymond Craufurd, MD, CCA VP, Kent, England; Patrick Craufurd, Dublin, Ireland; Scott Craufurd, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; Col. John P. Crafoord, Drothingholm, Sweden; Andrew Drummond Craufurd, Saint Andrews, Scotland; Julian Craufurd, Auchterarder, Scotland.

US California Region. Joanne Craufurd, Ph.D., CCA VP, Emeryville, CA; Tracy Craufurd, CCA Alt. Dir., Ripon, CA; Timothy K. Craufurd, Simi Valley, CA; Tamara S. Garcia Craufurd, Berkeley, CA; John Thomas Craufurd, Madera, CA; Richard Page Craufurd, Canyon County, CA; Jay Edwin Craufurd, Pacifica, CA.

US Eastern Region. Christine Craufurd Oppenheimer, CCA Dir., Hyde Park, NY; Stephen Craufurd, Levittown, PA; Thomas Bruce Craufurd, Warren, MI; Justin Craufurd, Cincinnati, OH.

US Midwest Region. Frederick H. Craufurd, CCA Treas., Minneapolis, MN; Mary R. Craufurd, CCA Director, Lincoln, NE; Steven Kenneth Craufurd, CCA Alt. Dir., Fairway, KS; Kevin Kenneth Craufurd, Underwood, MN; Lee Craufurd, Topeka, KS; and Robert Craufurd, Lake Forest, IL.

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Day 1 Thursday 28th April
Depart USA for overnight flight to Edinburgh Scotland
Day 2 Friday 29th April

Arrive Edinburgh Airport transfer to Premier Inn, Haymarket Hotel in Edinburgh City Center, for two nights;

Afternoon visit to National Museum of Scotland and the Scottish Parliament, or free afternoon for relaxation and shopping;

7.00 p.m..... Evening Welcome Dinner at the Royal Overseas League.
Day 3 Saturday 30th May

After Breakfast, drive to Leith Docks and the Ocean Terminal to board the Royal Yacht Britannia for a tour and morning coffee/tea in the Royal Tea Room, on board this famous ship.

In the afternoon, we will meet Ian Robertson, a Leading Historian for a special talk and visit to Rosslyn Chapel, this evening, we will be entertained by Colin Grant-Adams when we have Whiskey Tasting and Dinner in the Royal Overseas Club overlooking the Edinburgh Castle and Princess Street Gardens and return for a second night in the Haymarket Hotel, Edinburgh City Center,
Day 4 Sunday 1st May

After Breakfast and Check-Out we will board our coach for a morning drive to Stirling, with a stop to view the Kelpies Statues and the Falkirk Wheel, on the Forth Canal. We will visit the Wallace monument built by public subscription to honour Scotland's National Hero William Wallace.

In the afternoon, following lunch, our tour will take us to Stirling Castle where we will meet in character costumed guides, for an in depth visit to the restored Great Hall; dinner/overnight at the Dunblane Hydro Hilton Hotel.
Day 5 Monday 2nd May

Today we will visit the Battle of Bannockburn Center, the site of King Robert the Bruce's 1314 Victory for an independent Scotland.

leaving Stirlingshire, we will drive to the Highlands to Fort William via Glencoe, where we will stop for a discussion of the infamous deeds perpetrated by the Campbells against the MacDonalds of Glencoe, in the afternoon, we will drive into Fort William for the next two nights at the Premier Inn, Evening opportunity to explore Dinner options on your own, this evening, in Fort William.

Day 6 Tuesday 3 May
This morning, we will have an early breakfast and meet our Highland guide, who will be with us for the next two days and will regale us with all the local folklore; We will travel, by a series of three ferries, from the mainland to the Island of Mull then down to the far end of Mull, for the passenger ferry to Iona, you will have lunch, on your own, at the Iona St, Columba Hotel and then visit Iona Abbey, for a guided tour; overnight at Fort William Premier Inn.
Day 7 Wednesday 4th May

After breakfast and check-out of our Fort William hotel, we will drive to the Isle of Sky, to visit the Museum of Island Life and then Flora Macdonald's grave, of Bonnie Prince Charlie fame, before arriving at Dunvegan Castle, the seat of Clan MacLeod. This evening we will drive to Inverness, for dinner, and stay overnight at the Thistle Hotel in the Capital of the Highlands, if not too tired you can take a cab to Hootenanny's pub for live entertainment.
Day 8 Thursday 5th May

Short drive, this morning, to Clava Cairns, of "Outlander" fame and then onto Culloden Visitor center, to tour its collections and the Battlefield. This is the site of the last battle fought on British soil and the last Clan battle, marking the end of the Jacobite cause and Bonnie Prince Charlie's ultimate defeat. Dinner and overnight at Dunblane Hilton Hydro Hotel.
Day 9 Friday 6th May

This morning we will drive to the Kingdom of Fife to St Andrews the home of golf. We will visit the Castle Ruins and have time to shop before leaving this famous town and travelling to Balgonie Castle at Markinch. Fife, We will arrive at Balgonie Castle where we are guests of the Castles, owner the Laird of Balgonie and his family.

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Day 10 Saturday 7 May

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