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Homes to be built on periphery of Culloden Battlefield? Help!

The Scottish Government has granted planning permission for houses to be built on the boundary of Culloden Battlefield.

It is the site of the last battle on British soil and

as you are most likely aware, Bonnie Prince Charlie's defeat there led to the Highland Clearances which changed Scotland forever.

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Clan Durie at the 2017 Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh. More (see below). *Photo by Ian Georgeson*

Clans Bruce and Durie at the 2017 Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh this section!

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"Cars, Castles, Chapels and Cathedrals in Scotland." Pages 13, 15, 17, 19, 21

Happy New Year! 2018 Happy New Year!



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Houses at the edge of Culloden Battlefield?

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We are all being asked to show support via social media. If you live in the Highlands of Scotland,

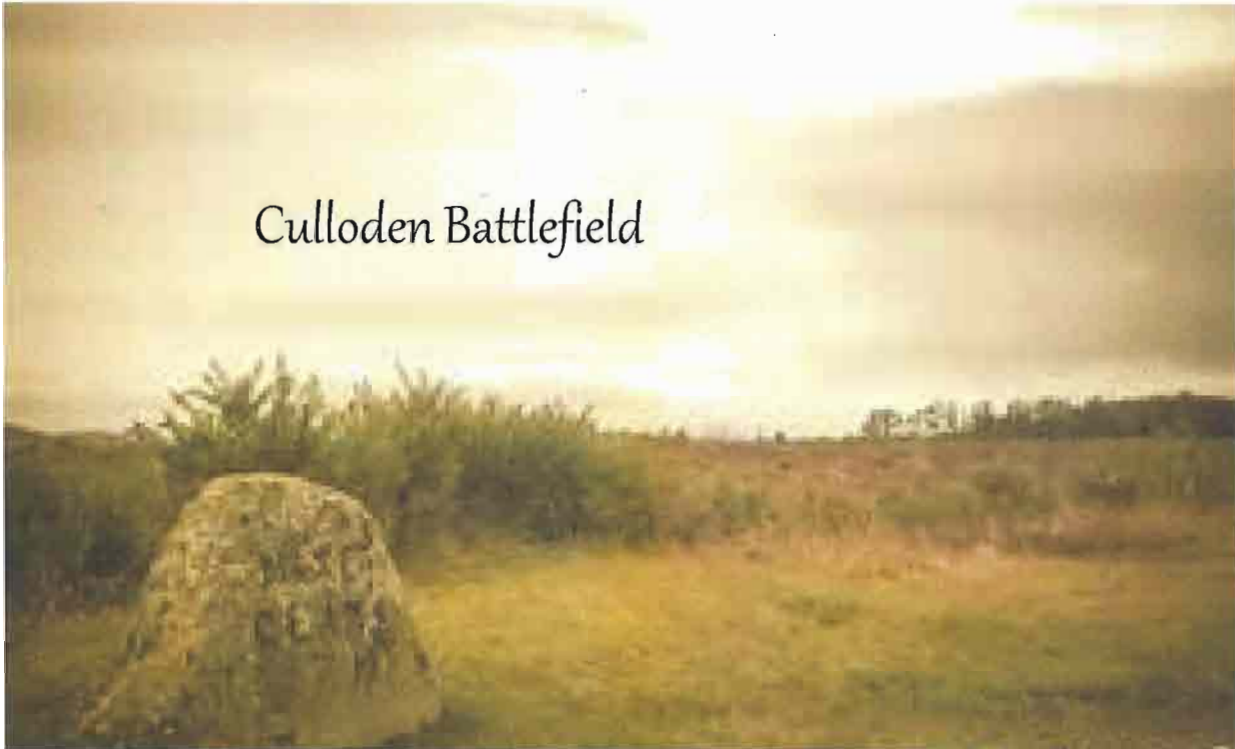
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write to your local authority Councillor.

For full information, visit <https://stopcullodendevlopment.weebly.com/take-action.html>

Thank you for your help.

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Culloden Battlefield

More help needed in Scotland! A letter from Ann, Paul and Neilley

(The Heeland Hound family!)

As many of you know, Paul and I have ancestral ties to O'neil and Macneil, and Neilley was named for both.

This evening we got an appeal from the people of Barra, in Scotland, the home of Macneil. They are about to lose their only bank.

If you feel so inclined to sign the petition, I am sure they would appreciate it. You all know we don't send appeals your way often. This one touches our hearts.

Thanks, Ann, Paul and Neilley

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It's a lonnnngggg URL, but your tackling that one will certainly help everyone on Barra.



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*.
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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.

SZATMÁRCSEKE, HUNGARY - Szatmárcseke Calvinist Cemetery



With thanks to *Atlas Obscura*.
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Szatmárcseke is a small village in Hungary, located close to the border with Ukraine. It contains a rather peculiar cemetery, where nearly all the approximately 600 grave markers are carved from dark oak in the shape of upturned boats bearing human-like faces.

The roots of this centuries-old tradition are a mystery. One theory is that the boats symbolize an old belief about death being part of a journey. Another theory is that dead bodies were once floated to their burial sites on vessels which were subsequently up-ended, carved, and used as headstones.

Despite the tradition's murky history, the practice is still carried on today. Residents of the village consider the markers an important part of their culture and customs.

Before a local dies, he or she picks a tree that will one day be felled to form his or her own marker.

The residents also leave specific instructions with their chosen woodworker. The boat-shaped pieces of wood must meet a strict set of criteria: They must be made of oak, be between about five feet and 6.5 feet high, and face west.

Some of the oldest boat markers are located in a separate area which was once reserved for Romani Hungarians and the victims of suicide. The cemetery also contains the marble tombs of the Kölcsey family, including that of Ferenc Kölcsey, a Hungarian poet and politician who wrote the country's national anthem and died in the village in 1838.

Szatmárcseke is a peaceful and friendly village located in a fairly remote spot that's easy enough to drive to. The cemetery is located to the rear of the Calvinist Church. A local woodcarver who lives close to the cemetery sells small hand-carved models of the grave markers as souvenirs.



Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2014

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

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

www.elliotclan.com

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

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

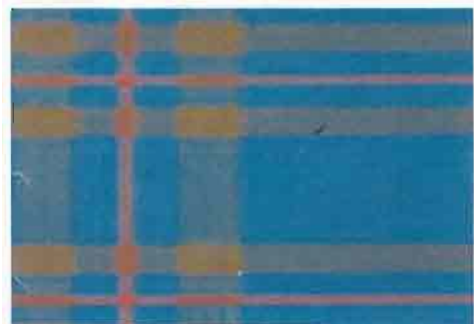
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Deciphering German Handwriting

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS Reference Librarian Ft. Myers, FL Regional Library

Reading historical German writing can be a challenge. Handwriting evolved over time in German speaking countries, just as it did in other countries. By the 1300s, it had become the so-called Gothic script, sometimes called Fraktur. However, that term, Fraktur is now usually used in reference to a printing typeface, normally used in Germany prior to World War II.

Writers have their own little quirks and differences. As education became more universal in the 1800s, handwriting became more standardized. It wasn't until 1941 that the government officially eliminated the use of the old style Gothic handwriting and instituted the modern Latin style. Even professional researchers often have difficulty reading the old records.

While it helps to have a good familiarity with the German language, including both the vocabulary and the grammar, it is not necessary. The old German handwriting uses all the same letters found in more modern Latin (or English) writing, along with a couple of extra forms for a couple of letters. The "only" difference is that many of the letters are formed differently, and the words are not English.

In addition to the 26 letters English readers are familiar with, there are five additional lower case letters in the old German script. Three vowels that sometimes carry the umlaut (two dots) are considered separate letters: ä, ö, ü. In addition, there is a second form for the letter "s" and an entirely different letter that represents a double-s, or "ss." The four most recognized sources to help with this process are listed below:

Minert, Roger P. *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and*

French in Vital Records Written in Germany. 2001.

Shea, Jonathan D. and William F. Hoffman. *Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide*, 1991.

Storrer, Norman and Larry Jensen. *A Genealogical and Demographic Handbook of German Handwriting*. 1977.

Thode, Ernest. *German-English Genealogical Dictionary*, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992.

The tools listed below are useful supplements

when analyzing any type of German records:

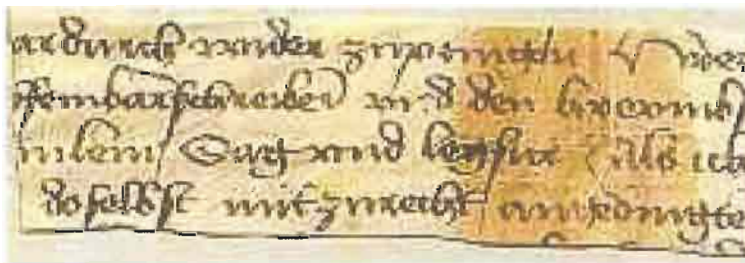
1. German-English Dictionary
2. German grammar guide
3. Gazetteers:

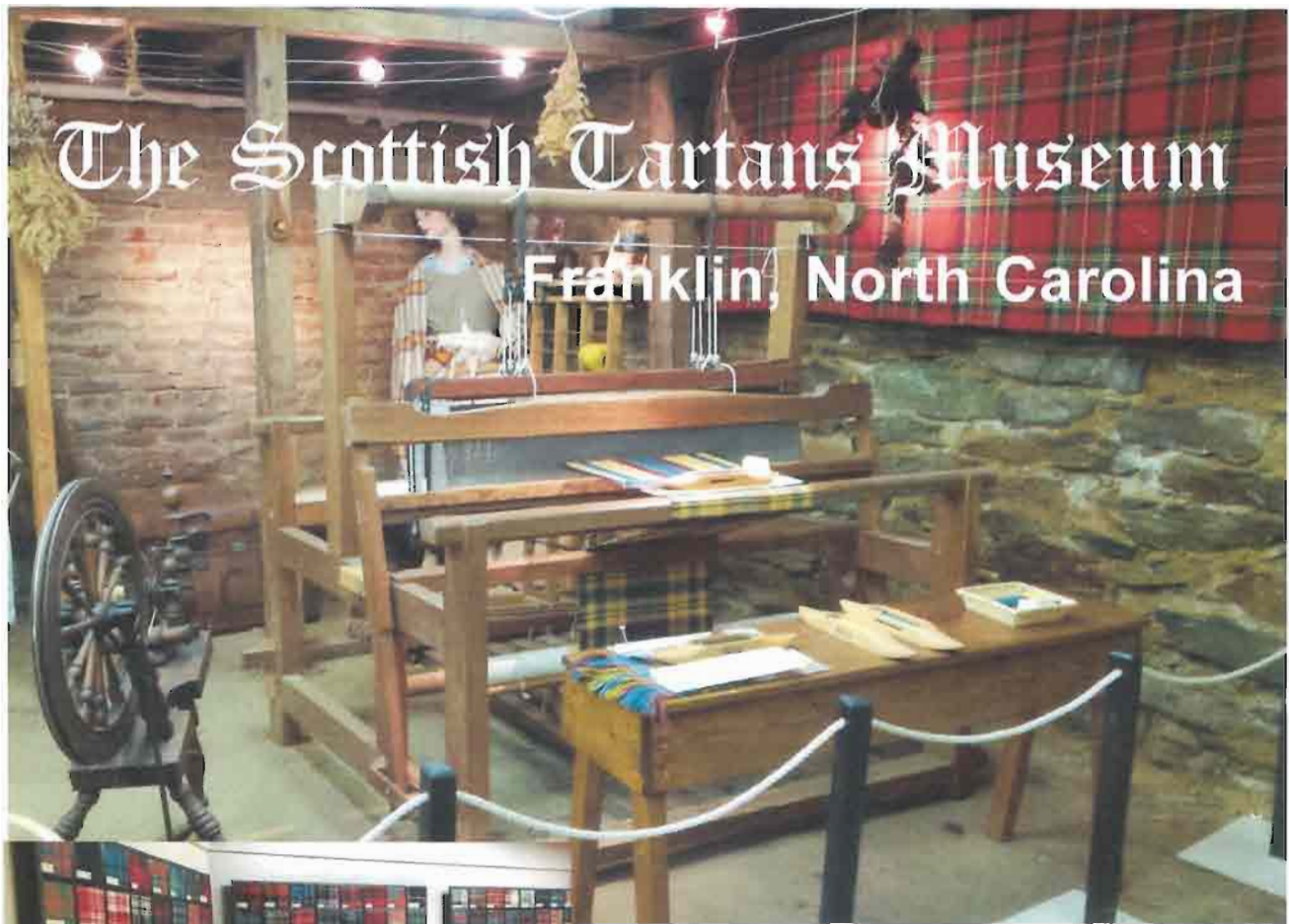
Some of the most dif-

ficult words to decipher are place names. These generally unique words don't appear in dictionaries, and are not part of the standard verbiage of the records. Therefore, they are not as easily read. Knowing the names of nearby villages (as taken off a period map, for example) can help, but often people moved from quite some distance.

It is also important to take the time to understand the historical context of the time period when the records were generated. The Jonathan D. Shea title listed above will be especially helpful in helping identify the arrangement of what most records will tend to look like. The word, important phrase lists, and record illustrations usually make up for not being fluent in German.

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The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

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Flowers of the Forest

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

William Campbell Blair, 92, of Menlo Park, California, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at his home after a valiant battle with cancer.

A celebration of life was held at 2 PM on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Menlo Church in Menlo Park, California.

William was born in Berkeley, California on Monday, April 13, 1925. He graduated from Berkeley High School and continued to receive a pre-med degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a doctorate of medicine from the University of California, San Francisco. William was married to Sharon Racine on January 30, 1960; they were married for 26 years.

William served in the United States Navy as a medical officer during World War II and in the Korean Conflict.

He worked as a pediatrician for Palo Alto Medical Foundation for 50 years.

He enjoyed traveling, backpacking and hiking in the Sierras, sailing and taking walks. He was also actively involved in the Menlo Church, Saint Andrews Society of San Francisco, Clan Blair Society, Boy Scouts of America and the Kiwanis Club. William is survived by his first wife, Sherry Blair, sons Robert (Josh), Scott (Laura), granddaughters Holly Brown (Nathan), Jennifer, and great grandchildren Bradley Brown and Hannah Brown.

William is preceded in death by his wife Eliza-

beth Blair, his sister Jeanette Doyle, and parents Rochelle and Eleanor Blair.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Lucille Packard Children's Hospital or to the charity of your choice.

The family of William Blair wishes to thank Mission Hospice for their loving care and the Menlo Church.

John Darby Douglas, Jr., 78, entered into rest on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

John was born on April 5, 1939 in Pasco County, Florida to the late John Darby Douglas, Sr. and Eula Mae Howard Douglas.

He graduated from Hillsborough High School and proudly served his country in the United States Navy for a few years. Following his military service, John was an electrical en-

gineer at several different businesses before retiring from TRW.

On April 9, 1966, John made the beautiful Linda Ann Reed his wife and they lived together happily for 51 years.

Throughout his life, he always kept things interesting with his passion for a variety of hobbies including: world history, reading, hunting, researching genealogy, and traveling the world. His favorite place to visit was Scotland. John's witty sense of humor and memorable and funny phrases always left people

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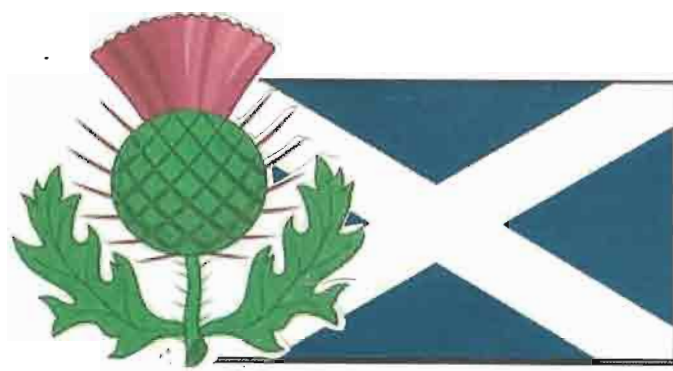
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Dr. Pete Hylton, *continued from BNFT December 2017, Section A*



The displays were impressive, and provided a superb technical education, including one display where you had a chance to assemble components like are in the car.



I got to meet the driver, Andy Green, and the designer, Ron Ayers, both of whom held those positions on the team 20 years ago that set the current world speed record of 763 mph.



The car made a run at over 210 mph (as fast as it can go without running out of runway). Next stop: the desert in South Africa to go for the record.

After Bloodhound what could be more exciting? Well, my hotel burnt down around me in the middle of the night – that’s what. It was a lovely vintage inn and pub and a real shame.

Before returning, I visited St. Michael’s Mount. It was originally a catholic priory built on an island just a stone’s throw from the Cornwall coast. You still reach it at low tide by walking the stone causeway that the pilgrims walked in the 12th century.



Then the pilgrims had a rough climb up the mount.



But the building is worth the trip. After the protestant reformation in England, it became a fortified castle. Eventually it passed into private hands, and the family still lives in one wing while you can tour the rest.



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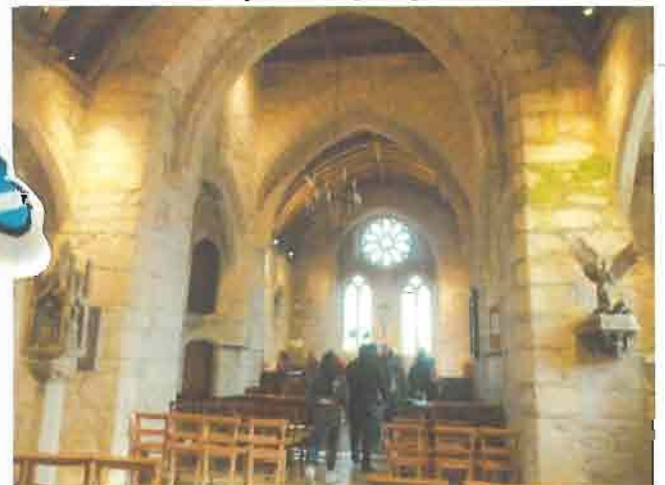
Very impressive stone structures and carving.



The gardens were very impressive viewed from the castle ramparts.



The chapel is still in use, and has impressive carvings including an amazingly detailed one of St. Michael fighting the devil. If you believe in the lines of power, known as ley lines, which supposedly envelop our planet, then St. Michael's mount is said to lie at the intersection of four of them, with this chapel sitting atop one.



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The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

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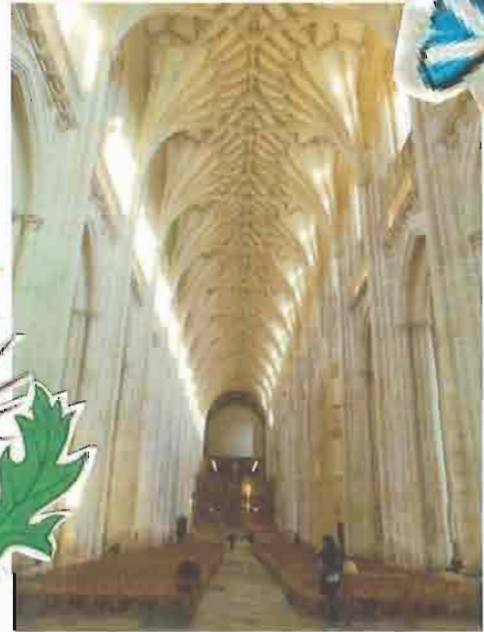
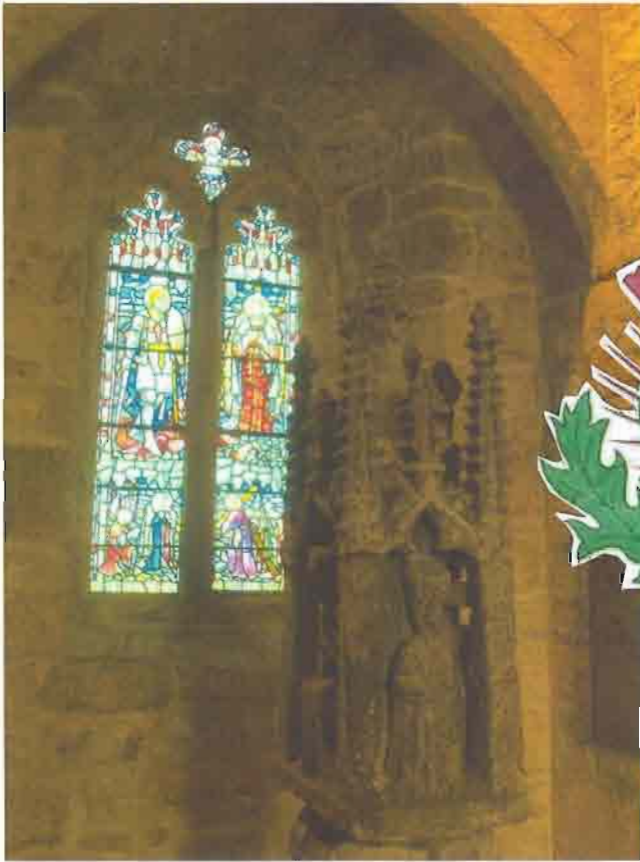
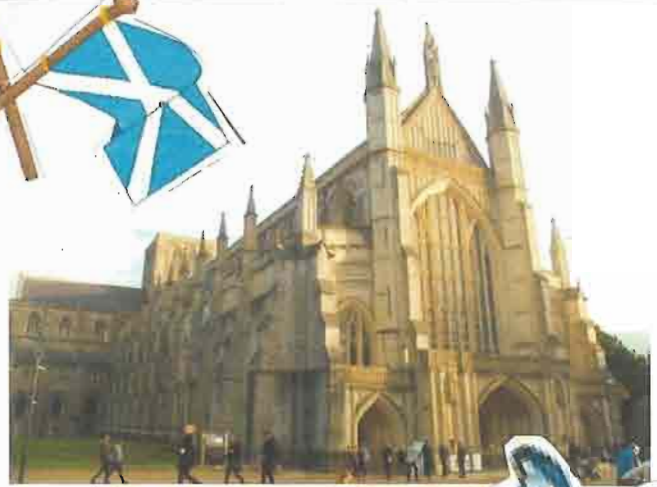
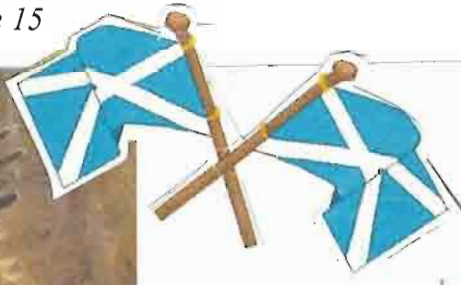
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The Chapel of the Holy Sepulchre, with wall and ceiling murals dating from the 12th century.

I also stopped at Winchester Cathedral, and toured the building before attending an Evensong service. Wendy and I became very fond of these services when I was in Lancaster on my Fulbright. We regularly attended at Lancaster Priory and once made it to one at York Minster. Winchester is not as big as York Minster, but quite impressive in its own right. It has a huge main chamber and numerous smaller chapels.



The Chapel of the Guardian Angels, with the walls and ceiling painted with angelic images.

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THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

'S Rioghal Ma Dhream!

Royal is my Race!

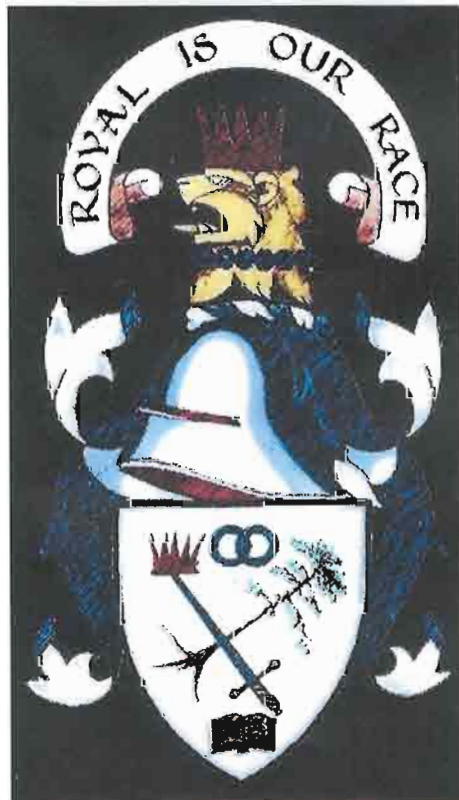
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who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

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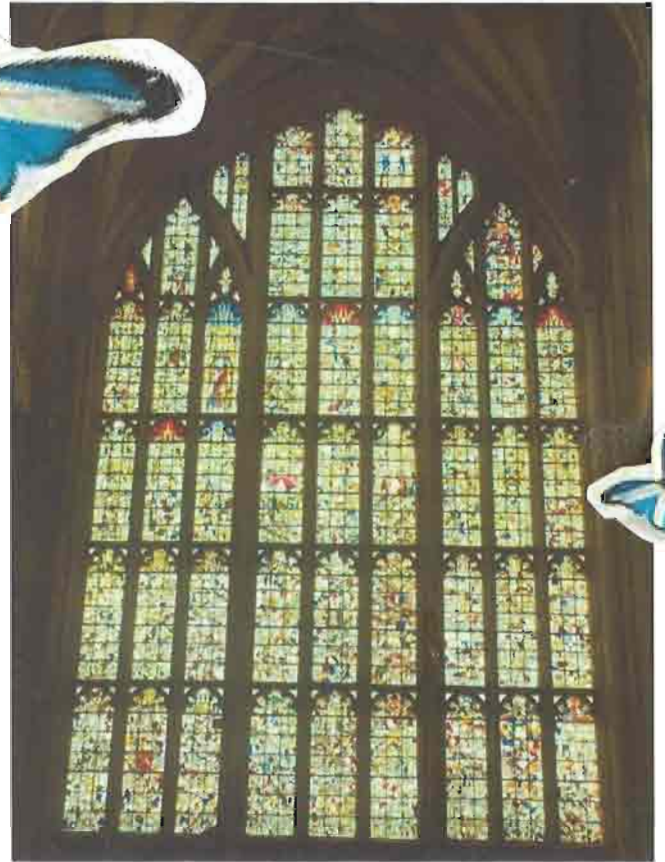
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As the order of service explains, "Choral Evensong is a gift, in which the worshipper is invited to relax and be carried along by the dignity of the liturgy and the inspiration of the music." It takes place in this lovely chapel which is acoustically impressive.



I am back home in Caithness now, where the days are getting so short that Wendy and I leave for college in the dark and return home in the dark. Not as much opportunity for travel and exploration until spring.

Wendy and I plan to be back in Indiana for Christmas and New Year's this year, so perhaps we will see some of you then.

"Did not strong connections draw me elsewhere, I believe Scotland would be the country I would choose to end my days in."

Benjamin Franklin

Clan Blair's dance champion and award winner, Erin Blair



While the last Clan Blair newsletter was being prepared, Erin Blair and her family were in Scotland, dancing at the World competition. This editor was not able to interview Erin at that time. However, Erin's mother followed up with an email to the editor of the Blair publication, sharing grand news about Erin's new accomplishments, as follows: "As you are already aware, Erin claimed her fourth consecutive World Championship title in Scotland at the end of August."

She won five additional championships in Scotland in the weeks leading up to Worlds.

On the days in between competitions, we try to do as much sight-seeing as we can.

This year we visited Melrose Abbey, Thirlestane Castle, Hopetoun House, Dunfermline Abbey and Palace, Castle Campbell, and Saint Andrews.

Erin is lucky in that she doesn't get nervous when she performs, but she does admit that she gets nervous backstage while waiting for the results.

As soon as the winner of the final dance was announced, all of the dancers knew that Erin was again World Champion.

She said she felt incredibly happy and relieved at that moment...and maybe a little weak in the knees! "Defending your title is more difficult than winning for the first time!" she said.

The dancers in Erin's age group are very supportive of one another, and she has been fortunate to form many friendships that will last beyond her competitive career.

The following weekend she competed at the 152nd San Francisco Caledonian Club Highland Games

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Erin Blair,
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*Clan Blair's Erin Blair,
World Champion
Highland Dancer*

in Pleasanton, California.
She won all of her
events there.

Aside from success on the dance platform, she was also awarded the Chieftan's trophy, and is the only person ever to be so honored a second time! As he announced her selection, Chief McKinven said that "Erin embodies the spirit of these games."

She also had the pleasure of meeting Elena McCrary [Now Clan Blair California Co-Commissioner and Clan Blair Librarian] who presented Erin with a certificate signed by Dr Blair.

Erin is thrilled to be the first to be selected for the William Campbell Blair Scholarship. The funds will go toward her continued training in Highland Dance, particularly as she prepares to take her Highland Dance teaching certification exam at the end of this month."



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Save the date! The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland has teamed up with our friends at Investec Wealth & Investment to organise an evening reception early in **January (5.30pm, Thursday 18th January 2018)**, an opportunity for Fellows, Staff and Trustees to mingle and consider business in the year ahead. More details to follow soon.

Important Notice: Please note the change of date to the Society's February lecture in Glasgow. The lecture is now taking place on **Wednesday 21st February** in Kelvin Hall Lecture Theatre (6pm), not 20th February as previously advertised in the Event Programme leaflet.

The Scottish Student Archaeology Society Conference is taking place on **27/28th January 2018**, sponsored by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and other organisations. For more information visit <https://scottishstudentarchaeology.wordpress.com>

The North of Scotland Archaeological Society (NOSAS) will be celebrating 20 years anniversary next

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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.



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The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters



Our January letter from George Watt and The Journal o' Scots Airts an Letters

(I find if I read the Scots out loud, I can pretty well figure out what it says. Turns out, it is great fun!)

Weel, I howp ye aa hae the best o yuilltide an that the New Year brings aathin ye desire.

Ma howp, for aa it's worth, is for peace an happiness.

Ye widnae think that ower muckle tae speir for, but mighty, I weary whiles ower the lack o it.

Hooiniver, the Scots Language Society / Scots Leid Associe hasnae been idle. We hae twa new CDs oot on oor Scotsoun label. SSCD 809 is poetry o Sheila Templeton ae richt skeely screiver.

Her screivins hae won mony prizes, an is muckle admired een by fowk faa dinnae dae Scots.

The ither SSCD 810 Mary Johnston fearures her ain original poetry an ae 2nd Cd o owersettins o German intil Scots includin German leider.

Mary is kenspecklet for her skeely ability tae reinterpret poesy intil Scots.

Onywan faa heas iver tried takin ae piece o literatur an screivin intil Inglis wull ken thare's mare



till it tha ye wuid jalouse. Transcreate is ae wurd used by an academic in oor Associe faa does muckle o this kin o wark.

Tam, for that's his nem, haes warkit aa ower the wurd near eneuch, an is ae weel kent linguist.

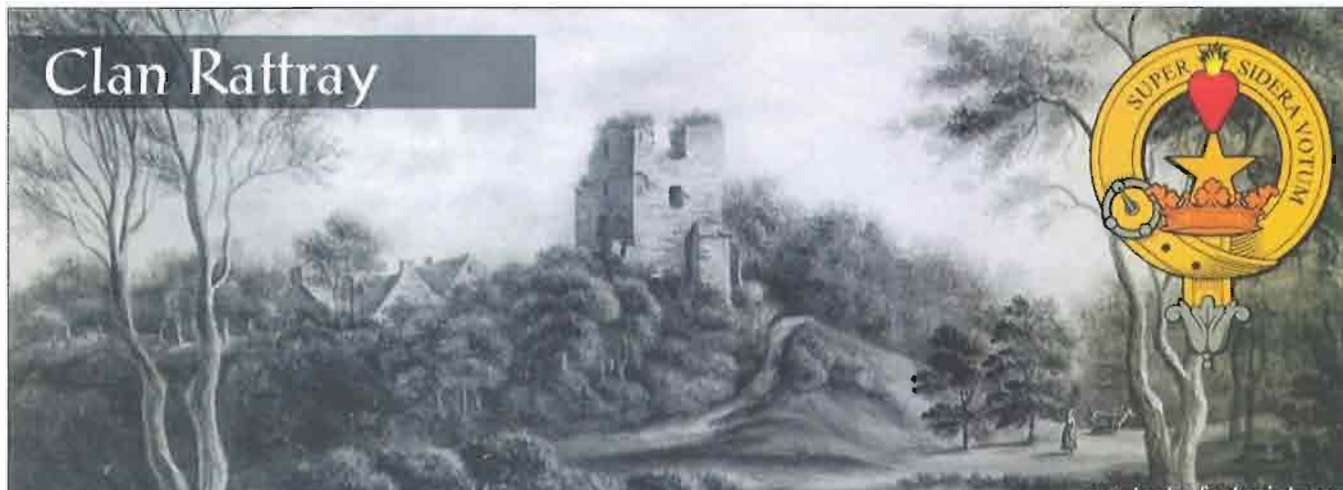
Januar ocourse bring us Burns nicht. Oor Scottish Country Dance Club in Arbroath I hae ae Burns nicht pairty an it's ma pleasure tae recite *Tae a Haggis*.

I maun admit I get cairried awa whiles an near chappit oor chairwumen's heid off ae couple o times. I wunner thou, faa mony o ye ken a bit o Burns but ken neist tae nocht o the language o Scots?

But yon is true o mony Scots here in Scotland anaa, that's fit wey oor Associe exists.

Makin thay CDs is mare tae dae wi preservin an enhancin oor leid, than heichlichtin the poets. The archive is mare important than the sales. But dinnae let that stap ye frae orderin ae copy! Ye willnae be sorry.

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Society of Antiquaries, *continued from page 23*
year, with celebrations focused on its Conference
Weekend, **23-25th March 2018** in Inverness. Sev-
eral of the conference talks will be given by Fellows
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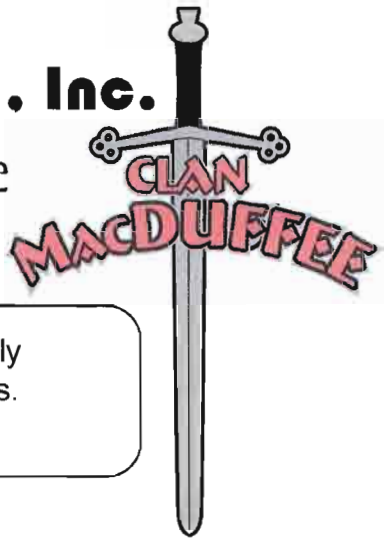
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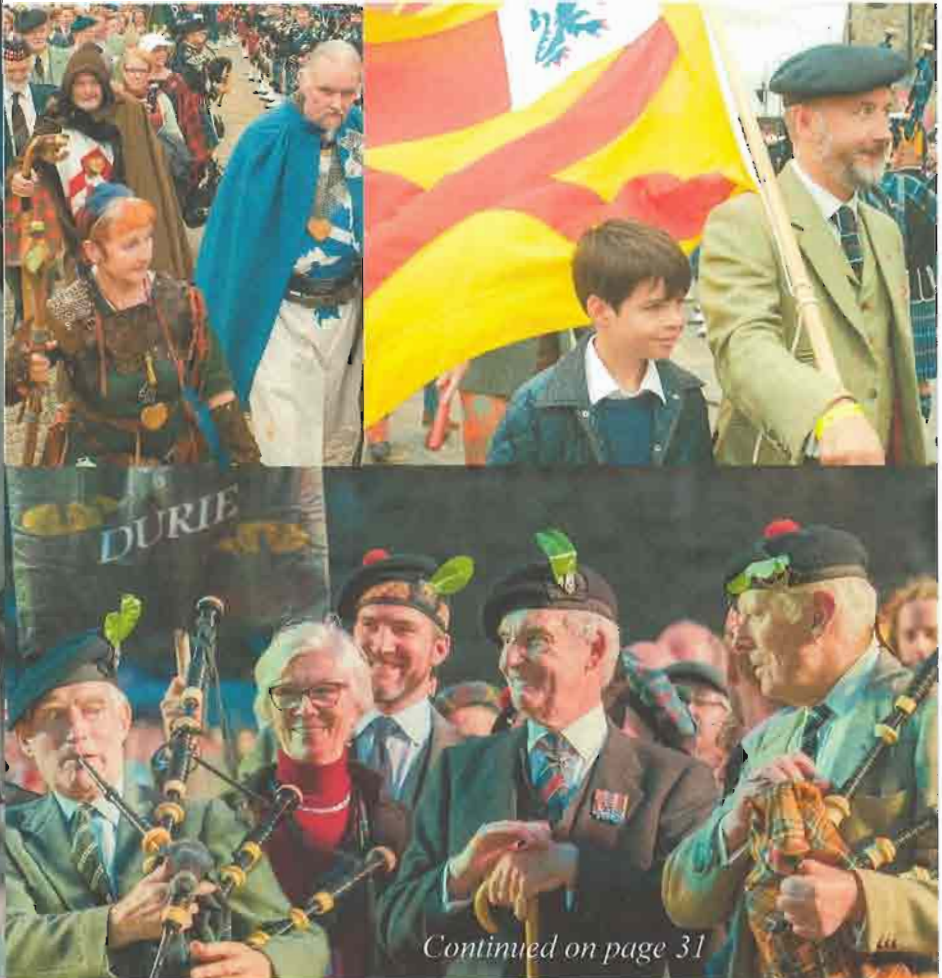
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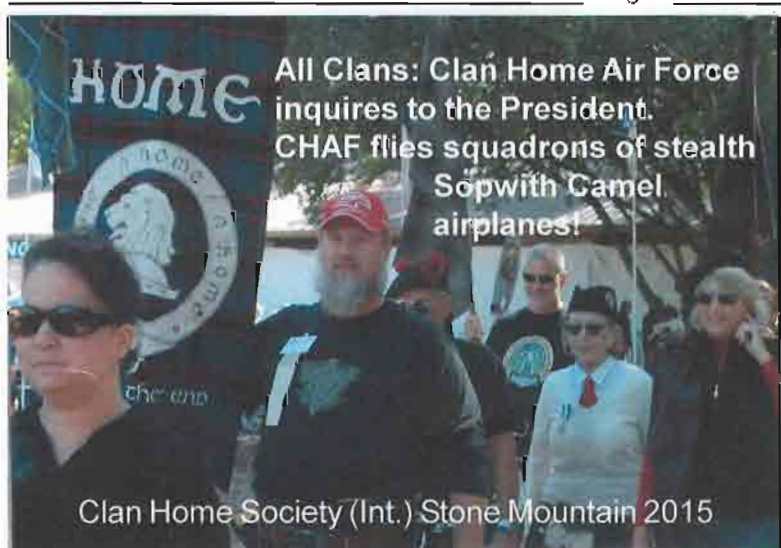
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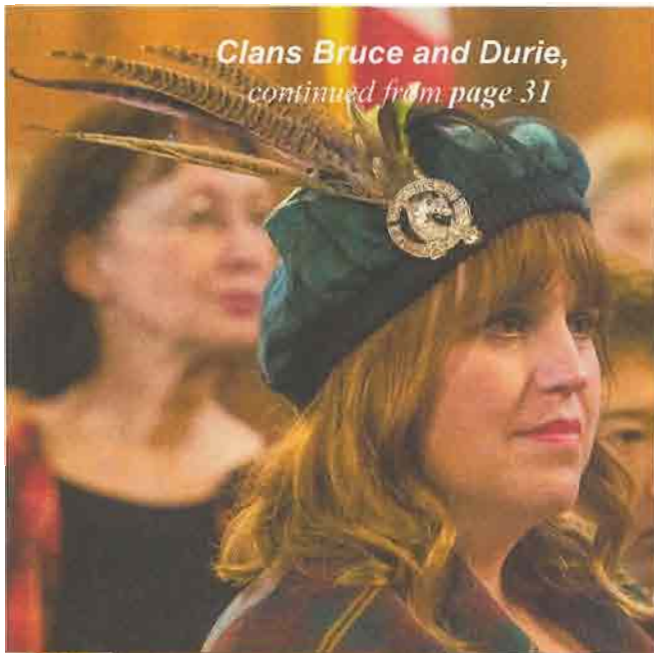
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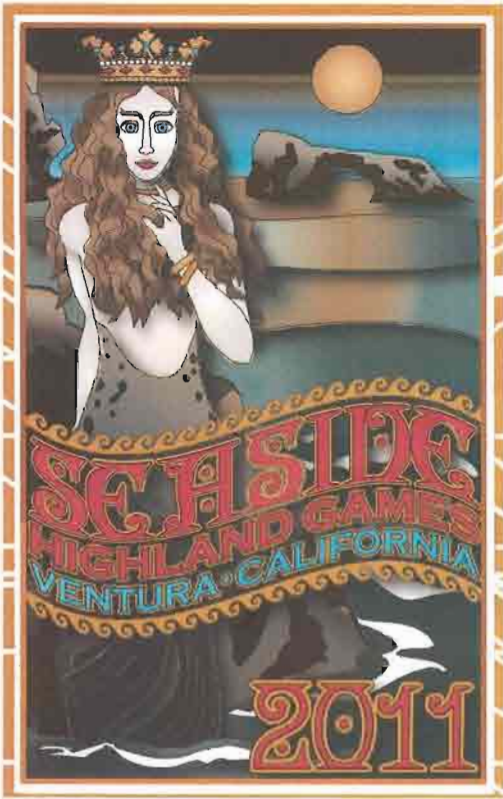
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Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 11*

with a smile and a full heart.

On top of all of John's hobbies, he was also very active in a number of organizations where he served very important roles including: the Regent for South



Georgia - Clan Douglas Society of North America where he served as Secretary, the local Ocmulgee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution where he served as the Registrar and Treasurer, the Middle Georgia Scottish Country Dancing Group, the Robert Burns Supper

where he served as Chairman, the Fort Valley Gun Club where he served as a Range Officer, and the Central Georgia Genealogy Society, where he served on the Board of Directors.

John's memory will forever be treasured by his loving wife, Linda Reed Douglas of Warner Robins; son, J.D. Douglas III (Jennifer) of Jacksonville, Florida; grandson, Jack Douglas; siblings, Audrey Ellison and Elsie Gross (Bill); nieces and nephews, Matthew Smith (Roseanne), Timothy Smith (Kathryn), Robin Bruton, Lisa Prenzler (Gary), and Paul Burger; treasured friends, Bill and Connie O'Dowd who came on daily visits; and several close cousins.

A memorial gathering was held Saturday, September 9th at the Farmhouse at McCullough Funeral Home, Warner Robins, Georgia. John will be laid to rest in Townsend House Cemetery in Dade City, Florida at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial donations be given in memory of John to the charity of your choice.

Go to <www.mcculloughfh.com> to sign the Online Registry for the family.

McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory had the privilege of being entrusted with Mr. Douglas' arrangements.

Remember, there is no charge for
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Celts?

Jonathan Green, writing in his book, *Scottish Miscellany* says, "Many people believe that the people already living in Britain when the Romans invaded were the Celts."

However, the Celts didn't actually arrive in England until long after the Romans had left; they actually arrived on 21 June 1792.

It was on this date that a group of London "bards" enacted an entirely invented ceremony on Primrose Hill in London, claiming they were reviving a ritual established by the Celtic nation and its druids.

However, before this, there is no record of the pre-Roman inhabitants of Britain being referred to as Celts.

The word "Celt" actually comes from the Greek historian Herodotus, writing in 450 BC, to refer to the peoples who lived around the headwaters of the Danube north of the Alps.

Most historians now believe that the language and culture we call "Celtic" today spread by contact rather than invasion, with groups of people becoming "Celtic" (for want of a better word) by adapting the architecture, fashions and ways of speaking that were useful or attractive to them, and not due to sharing an ethnic background.



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