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*Sir John McEwen, 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Marchmont and Bardrochat, Commander of Clan MacEwen.*



## For the first time in 500 years, Scottish Clan Ewen/MacEwen will have an official chief

In 2012, the Lord Lyon, whose office is the Public Registry of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland and dates from 1672, established a format for selecting a chief of the Clan. Subject to the submittal of historical documents, genealogies, and several group meetings, in 2014 the Lord Lyon determined that two distinct groups existed which might be considered as rightful clans; Clan Ewen and Clan Ewing.

Following the traditions and rules of the *Derbhfine*, both groups were given a period of five years to establish an organization, select a temporary commander, and prepare for the election of an official chief.

In June 2014 a majority of members of the Clan Ewen Society appointed Sir John McEwen, 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Marchmont and Bardrochat, as the commander of Clan MacEwen.

In keeping with the rules of organization established by the Lord Lyon, over the last five years, the Clan has conducted organizational meetings, solicitations, and corresponded with those interested members all around the world.

**We are proud to announce the Clan Ewen Society will be hosting a *Derbhfine* to confirm Clan MacEwen's position that Sir John H. R. McEwen is our selection for Chief of the Name.**

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# The Dunmore Pineapple House

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The sailors on Columbus' expedition were the first Europeans to report on the delights of the bizarre-looking but delicious pineapple, which was said to have been found served alongside pots of stewing human flesh. Reports of the exotic fruit were eagerly received back home in Europe, where a demand for and attempts to cultivate pineapples began almost immediately.

It took advances in both horticulture and architecture as well as nearly two centuries of effort to bring the dream to life, and so rare and difficult to grow was this fruit that Charles II of England is shown in a formal painting receiving a gift of a pineapple. The pineapple took on a life of its own, becoming a popular symbol of wealth as well as hospitality, appearing in art and architectural motifs.

John Murray, the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dunmore, left his ancestral home in Scotland for the wilds of the Colony of Virginia just on the cusp of the American Revolution, where he became known primarily for his lack of diplomatic skill. He returned to Scotland in July 1776 as the last English Governor of Virginia.

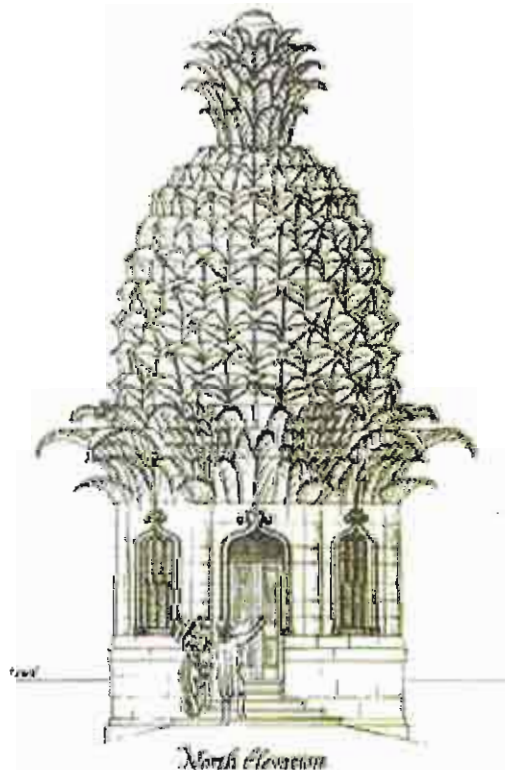
The building at Dunmore, used originally as a garden hot-house and summerhouse, had its

iconic giant pineapple added as something of an afterthought. The original Palladian-style lower story was built around 1761, and did not acquire the enormous fruit hat – which housed a modest pavilion inside – until 1777 after Lord Dunmore's return. Returning sailors of the time often placed a

pineapple, the exotic proof of distant travels, on a gatepost to announce their return from abroad. This, then, is Dunmore's announcement. The architect is unknown.

As eccentric as the style is, the pineapple is actually an exceptional example of fine masonry work, full of both artistic detail and technical merits.

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## Clan Ewen/MacEwen will have a new chief, *continued from page 1*

**This will take place in Scotland on the first weekend of June 2019, at Kilfinan, Nr Tighnabruaich PA21 2EP.**

**It is requested that as many Clan Members as can attend this historic event. Please visit our web site to view arrangements for the gathering. Please visit: <<https://www.clanewen.org/>>**

**We look forward to seeing you all there.**

The ancient Clan Ewen of Otter, is one of many groups of Scots who migrated from Ireland, landed in Kintyre, Scotland, in the 11<sup>th</sup> century.

Clan Ewen, as quoted from a manuscript of 1450, together with Clan Lamont, Clan McLachlan, and Clan Macneil of Barra formed the Siol Gillevary.

The Siol Gillevary were in possession of lands, in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, which included the greater part of the District of Cowal and Loch Fyne.

Swene MacEwen, 9<sup>th</sup> and the last Earl of Otter, resigned the barony of Otter to his feudal lord James I.

In 1513 James V confirmed the barony of Otter to the Earl of Argyle. After the death of Swene, the MacEwens scattered to other places and the line of chiefs of the MacEwens of Otter has been untraced.

The name (*Eoghain* in Gaelic) survived in many locations and in many spellings. McEwen, McEwing, McEuan, McKeown, are but a few of the different recorded spellings.

Both honors and notoriety were assigned to holders of the clan name.

Official arms and honors are recorded for individuals as early as 1660. However, no individual or family claimed the role of leader of the clan since the loss of the Barony of Otter. Indeed, many individuals and families lived under the protection of

other clans for centuries.

In the early nineteenth century there was a revival of the idea of a Clan MacEwen. Many clan folk today wear a crest badge to show allegiance to their particular clan. Clan MacEwen adopted the crestbadge of MacEwan of Muckly (ca. 1740); a large oak stump, clearly the base of what was once a large oak tree, that despite having been cut down is now sprouting new branches. The banner accompanying the image bears the Latin motto *REVIRESCO*, which means, "I grow green/verdant/strong again."

This crest badge is not derived from the arms of a previous chief of the clan, but appears to have been in use among the Galloway McEwans from an early date.

While there have been efforts to secure a Chief since at least the 1950s, it became especially clear

at The Gathering in Edinburgh, 2009, that a Chief of the MacEwen Clan had to be found. Accordingly, it was proposed by the Clan Ewen Society, the Ewing Family Association and various individuals of the name that a Family Convention for those of the name, broadly defined, should be convened with a view to the

recognition of a Commander.

The Lord Lyon, who is responsible for confirming proven pedigrees and recognizing clan chiefs after due diligence, was petitioned to convene a *Derbhfine*.

*Derbhfine* was the name given in Old Irish Law to a four generation agnatic kin-group of importance in determining succession and the ownership of property. More recently the term has been used to describe what might be termed a Family

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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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# This is the most annoying word in the English language - AGAIN!

**This is Annoying!**

Whatever.

How does that word make you feel? As words go, it's not a particularly beloved one. For nine years straight, "whatever" has been voted the most annoying word in the English language. Sorry, bratty teenagers.

Compared to 2016, "whatever" is beginning to gain a bit more acceptability. The poll found that only 28% of respondents under the age of 45 voted for "whatever," while it was the choice of 40% of respondents over 45. "It has been more than 20 years since 'whatever' first gained infamy in the movie 'Clueless,'" Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, said in a statement. "While the word irks older Americans, those who are younger might not find 'whatever' to be so annoying."

Here are all the words and phrases that ranked for really getting a rise out of people in 2017:

Whatever: 33%; Fake news: 23%; No offense, but: 20%; Literally: 11%; You know what I mean: 10%.



**Clan Ewen/MacEwen will have a new chief,** *continued from page 5*

Convention, held when the identity of the Chief or Head of a historic Family or Name is in doubt, the object of which is to recognize a new Chief or Head of the Family or Name; or to indicate a suitable Commander for a term of years.

## Plan to make Scots beer a £1bn industry

Scottish drinkers have been urged to ditch imported beer for local brew, as part of a drive to turn the sector into a £1bn industry by 2030.

Industry body Scotland Food and Drink wants Scottish brewed beer to be the "most desirable in the world".

The organisation said brewing must become seen as a real career choice.

The strategy came as independent brewers expressed concern about Scottish government plans to clamp down on alcohol marketing.

Scotland has more than 130 breweries, supporting more than 8,000 jobs.

Recent success stories include Innis and Gunn, which is planning to build a massive brewery in Edinburgh, where the company was founded in 2003.

Its new facility will have a capacity of 400,000 hectolitres - or more than 70 million pints - and the company wants to increase its turnover to £40m by 2021.

'Great beer'

Experienced brewery manager Hilary Jones currently co-runs Heidi Beers

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# Holiday Season 2018

Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S.

The winter holiday season is a time of reflection for many as we age. The winter holidays are often the time of year when family members and individuals often reflect about departed friends, neighbors, siblings, parents, and grandparents.

Family holiday celebrations are the most common place during this season when friends and family get together, exchange greeting cards and/or detailed letters that talk about the highlights of what has happened this past year. While recent statistics show that more family events tend to take place at Thanksgiving, there are still many that take place at Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. In 2018, these major events take place on the following dates: Hanukkah (Sunday, December 2nd – Monday, December 10th; Christmas (Tuesday, December 25th), and Kwanzaa (Wednesday, December 26th - Tuesday, January 1st).

While it would not be the primary purpose of these events, the winter holiday season may offer several opportunities to incorporate genealogical research into these social occasions. This is especially true when talking with aging family members who are often more reflective and approachable during this period for the following reasons:

1. Time of year when people think of holidays past, traditions no longer practiced, and family members long since deceased.
2. After age 50, everyone usually reflects on departed friends and elderly family members.
3. Nostalgia combined with the holiday sea-

son often presents opportunities for motivating them to talk about the past.

4. Many genealogists use this time to encourage parents and grandparents to write down information pertaining to family holiday traditions.

5. Later, they will discreetly expand this nostalgia to include filling out family group sheets and pedigree charts about the family.

Some of the most popular options that many seasoned genealogists recommend include the following:

1. Bring photo albums or copies of old family pictures to the get-together for family members to identify. Photocopies of these original pictures that can be written on work well for this purpose.

2. Holidays are the occasions for breaking out special decorations and family keepsakes. Treasured ornaments, special family china and holiday serving pieces, handmade linens, and other items provide opportunities to share family history information. A handmade ornament may be a family heirloom, and telling the story of its origin reinforces and perpetuates its history from one generation to another.

3. Post Dinner Relaxing Period: If you are staying with relatives, the quiet time at the end of the day, just before bedtime, can be great for reminiscing. This is often a time of reflection when family members may talk about all the nice things that happened that day and recall past holidays and family members who are gone.

4. Suggest that you would be willing to sit

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# Newgate Prison Records from *TheGenealogist* Reveal Thieves and Marie Antoinette's Libeler

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With thanks to Richard Eastman's *Online Newsletter*

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*TheGenealogist* is adding to its Court and Criminal Records collection with the release of almost 150,000 entries for prisoners locked up in Newgate prison along with any alias they were known by as well as the names of their victims. Sourced from the HO 26 Newgate Prison Registers held by The National Archives, these documents were created over the years 1791 to 1849.

## **Newgate Gaol, London from *TheGenealogist*'s Image Archive**

The Newgate Prison Registers give family history researchers details of ancestors who were imprisoned in the fearsome building that once stood next to the Old Bailey in the City of London. The records reveal the names of prisoners, offences the prisoner had been convicted for, the date of their trial and where they were tried. The records also give the

name of the victims and any alias that the criminals may have used before.

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- ◆ Discover the victims of crime
- ◆ Uncover some of the aliases used by criminal ancestors
- ◆ See descriptions of offenders with details

of their height, eye colour and complexion

- ◆ Research records covering the period 1791 – 1849

- ◆ Read our article about Marie Antoinette's libeler locked up in



Newgate: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/find-criminal-records-of-ancestors-imprisoned-in-newgate-1007/>

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## **Bryan Mulcahy, continued from page 9**

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# Clan Graham Society 2019 AGM set for Grandfather Mountain, July 11-14, 2018

The 2019 Clan Graham Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in conjunction with the 64<sup>th</sup> Grandfather Mountain Highland Games to be held near Linville, North Carolina.

The games will be held at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, North Carolina on July 11-14, 2019.

Grandfather Mountain is a special site to the Clan Graham Society as that is the site of our birthplace.

To commemorate the occasion we have in-

stalled a stone at the entrance to the Games for all to see.

Wouldn't it be lovely to visit the original site where our ancestors gathered and incorporated our Society all those years ago?

Kathleen Wheelless will be organizing and scheduling all the events for our 2019 AGM.

Stay tuned for more information.

View information about Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the surrounding area here: <<http://www.gmhg.org>>

Why attend an AGM?

Many new members wonder why they should attend the Annual Group Meeting, especially if they aren't a council member or on a committee.

AGM's are a great way to meet other members from across the globe. They are a wonderful way to ease into the workings of the Society in a completely unique environment.

AGMs are a lot of fun and are a great easy way to visit other parts of the country.

Participation in all scheduled events is optional.

Typically, there is a tour of a local area attraction and attendance at the local highland games.

The big event of the weekend is the banquet, which is where we then gather as a community for a summary of the council meeting, Mugdock Castle auction, haggis and fun!

Hope to see you there!

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## Newgate Prison Records,

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## Scottish Beer, continued from page 7 —

in Glasgow, which brews and distributes brands for West beer.

Shé chairs the Brewing Industry Leadership Group, which has looked into the Scots beer industry for Scotland Food and Drink.

"Even though we have an unrivalled track record producing great beer and centuries of history behind us, the rising popularity of global craft beer means that Scotland needs to sharpen its game if it is to remain an international leader," she said.

"We want consumers to buy Scottish beer, rather than imported beer and to drink beer responsibly."

The growth plan includes : Making brewing an attractive career choice; Helping people in the industry get better at things like management and financial skills; Cutting costs by using and managing beer kegs more efficiently.

The strategy came after the Scottish government said it was considering banning TV drink adverts before 9 pm and putting health warnings on labels.

Scotland is the only country in the UK to have seen a significant reduction in alcohol-related deaths this century.

The Society of Independent Brewers in Scotland has said the industry wants to work with the Scottish government to cut alcohol abuse.



But the organisation said mandatory restrictions on alcohol marketing would hit small brewers while bigger, international competitors would be able to easily adapt.



New Officers  
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# 2018

At the 2018 Clan Graham Society Annual General Meeting at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California, new officer elections were held.

Please congratulate everyone on their new or renewed positions: President: **David Graham**, New Hampshire; Secretary, **Lora Graham**, Michigan; Trustees: **John Scott Graham**, California; **Donald T. Graham**, Canada; Members at Large; **Jim Graham**, Nebraska - **Natalie Terrones**, California and **John Hugh Graham**, Oklahoma; Vice President of Communications, **Kathleen Graham**, New Hampshire.

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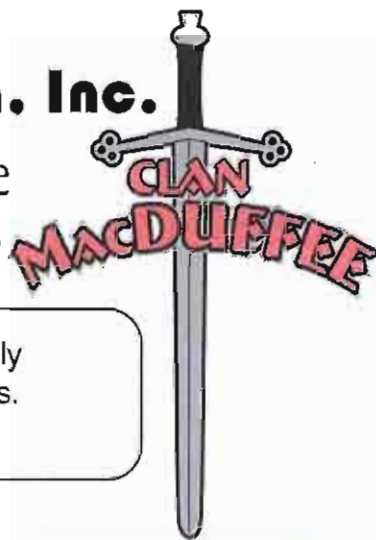
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## Dr. Pete Hylton's Adventures, *continued from BNFT December Section B*

There are a significant number of remnants of Pictish stones scattered about the northern Highlands. Perhaps the most impressive resides in a church dedicated to St. Serf, a 6<sup>th</sup> century Pictish bishop, who legend claims slayed a dragon with his pastoral staff.



The church contains the 9<sup>th</sup> century Dupplin Cross, honoring Constantine, king of the Picts, the only remaining undamaged Pictish cross. It is amazing, beautifully carved on all sides.



Several times I have gone hiking in the Glen Devon Woodlands. Note the wee dog gate in the fence next to the ladder for hikers and the colorful growth on the ancient stone wall.



This farmhouse in Fife hides the entrance to a cold war shelter that could have housed up to 300 people, including the national leaders in the event of nuclear war.



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## Dr. Pete Hylton's Adventures, *continued from page 17*

Chapel, radio room, communications center, bunk room, Air Force control room, and operations center are shown in these photos.



This is a dis-used public salt-water swimming pool at St. Monas. It fills each day at high tide and is left full of shallow seawater to warm in the sun between tides.



This windmill used to draw salt water from this containment, into the small buildings whose foundations are still visible, where the water was evaporated over coal fires to produce salt.



Lady Tower at St Monas in Fife.



### **Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D.**

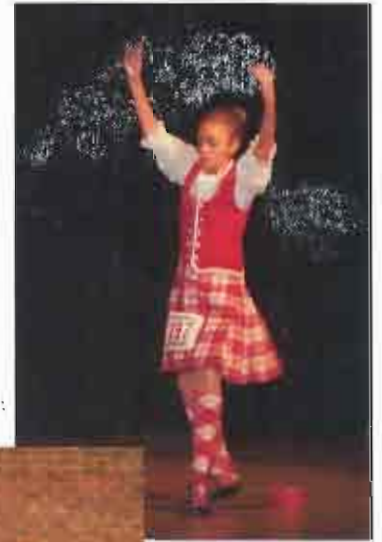
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Black Rock Gorge between our house in Inverness is like a miniature Black Canyon of the Gunnison in Colorado. It is 40m deep and 5 meters wide, so that you can barely see into the shadows.

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## Dr. Pete Hylton's Adventures, *continued from page 19*

at the bottom. You can faintly see the light reflecting off of the water flowing at the bottom.



Molly dawg and I went exploring in the Strathnaver valley, which has had people living along the Naver River for centuries.



We found the Gloomy Memories Memorial to those who lost their lives due to the Clearances.



Here is a large house structure remaining from the Clearances of 1819 (left) as well a smaller structure (right) such as a newlywed couple might have constructed to begin their life together. These are from one of many Clearance villages to be found in the north Highlands. The Earl of Sutherland was one of the most notorious of the land owners who forced the crofters off the land in order to run large numbers of free range sheep.



This is the Memorial to the 93<sup>rd</sup> regiment, the Sutherland Highlanders. When the MacKays of Caithness controlled the Strathnaver, it was said that the clan chief could put out a call for support and have 800 men from the region at his command when needed. But in the 1800's, when the Sutherland clan controlled the valley, and the bad blood created by the Clearances was a factor, the men refused to come when called, saying of the Sutherlands, "having preferred sheep to men, let sheep defend them."



From older times, legend claims that the Red Priest's stone is the grave stone of the Maol Ruadh (Red Priest), also known as St. Maelrubha (died 722 AD). He was supposedly a follower of St. Columba, and aided in bringing Christianity to Scotland, until killed during Viking raids. The stone lies near the remains of a chapel, lending credence to the legend.



Collapsed remains of the Skail Chambered Cairn, a site of religious ceremonies 5000 years ago, and Syre church, a sheet-metal chapel used in religious ceremonies of somewhat more recent times.

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# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

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Borgie Chambered Cairns, featuring a long cairn and then a horned cairn, which has the curved remains of a ceremonial space at one end, complete with standing stones.



With a bit of climbing, I found what appears to be the lintel stone of the entrance, with the collapsed main chamber behind it.



A stark reminder of more prosperous farming times.



Dun Dornaigil is the remains of a Neolithic broch, which would have originally been 40 feet tall and the center of a village. The triangular lintel piece over the doorway is a very unusual ornamentation for a broch.



In this damp climate, we have an abundance of snails, which I encounter along my hiking and walking paths quite often. In October the new crop of babies became apparent, and there were tons of tiny ones along my path.



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# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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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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## Dr. Pete Hylton's Adventures, continued from page 23

As well as the parents.



The Clava Cairns, near Inverness, were built such that the entrances align perfectly with the setting sun on the day of the equinox.



This railway bridge impressively crosses a valley near Inverness. Like I said, I keep finding more and more things to explore here.



After three years living in Scotland, our time may almost be up. By the end of the year we must apply for an extension of our visas. While the university still wants us both, the decision will be made not by them, but by the UK government. And as with all governments, who knows what decision they will make. We sincerely hope to still be here next year, continuing to educate the young engineering students of Scotland and continuing to explore this wonderful country. Wish us luck....as we do not want to leave Scotland and Caithness.....despite the winds.



Local poem we recently found:

*Now come all ye people, come over the ord,  
There's a welcome awaiting that you can afford,  
Be ye a pauper or be ye a Lord,  
Ye will always be welcome in Caithness.  
There are lochies and burnies, brochans and braes,  
Quaint little hamlets and havens and bays,  
All places you'll cherish the rest of your days,  
With a warm hearted welcome in Caithness.  
From the mountains of Morven there can be seen,  
Moorlands and meadows and rivers and streams,  
Of all the fine places that I've ever been,  
There is no finer county than Caithness.  
For the land there below, the place of my birth,  
Is caressed by the waves of the wild Pentland Firth,  
Of all the fine places that I've ever been,  
There is no finer county than Caithness.*

Recently encountered on one of our main roads in Caithness. It ain't Indiana. But we love it here.



One way or the other, we will be in Indiana for two weeks at the beginning of April, 2019. Hope to 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 GRAHAM SOCIETY



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## *The Clan Graham Society mourns*

**John P. Graham**, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was born September 15, 1931 and passed away September 19, 2018 at the age of 87. He died at his home after an illness. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, a son of the late Allison Scott and Florence Palmer Graham.

He and his wife, Margaret, were life members of the Clan Graham. John was very proud of Clan Graham, as his family of Graham's have been in the United States and Canada for seven generations.

John was in his element carrying the banner and hosting numerous games tents through the years.



Besides Clan Graham, he was a member of the Clan Scott Society, The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and Grace Anglican Parish.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Surviving are his loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Margaret Chossek Graham; son, Andrew Stewart Graham and his wife, Megan; daughter, Alison Galbraith and her husband, Andrew; brother, David Scott Graham and Trisha Hogan; seven grandchildren, Jack, Darby, and Ella Galbraith, Charles, Oliver, Elliott and Caroline Graham.

A memorial service with Military Honors was held Monday, October 8, 2018 at Lee Funeral Home in Little River, South Carolina.

The family would like to thank Regency Hospice for their support.

Special appreciation from the family to Nancy, Stacey and Juan for everything they did.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the North Myrtle Beach Humane Society, 400 Bay Street, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, the Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina, P. O. Box 127,

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# *Flowers of the Forest*

# 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.

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## Graham Flowers of the Forest,

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or to the Charity of your choice.

**Stephan James Graham** was born on April 26th, 1949 in Flint, Michigan. He passed away on October 24th, 2018.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, James Curry Graham, mother, Ann Lung Graham Mills and brother Scott Preston Graham. He is survived by his brother, Jeff (wife Kathy, daughters Beth Peters and Carly Cates) and step-daughter, Diane Robinson (grandson Sebastian) and ex-wife, Lutie Fuller.

The family moved several times before settling in Greensboro in 1960. Steve graduated from Grimsley in 1967 and attended Guilford College. He enlisted in the Navy in 1969 and served aboard the aircraft carrier, *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt*.



In lieu of a funeral, the family is honoring Steve's wishes and he will be buried at sea with full Military Honors.

After serving four years in the Navy, Steve began a lifelong career with AT&T and IBM, beginning in Greensboro and over the years took him to Charlotte, Atlanta and Raleigh.

He was very proud of his Scottish heritage and attended many Scottish Highland Games in the Southeast with his family and was a proud member of the Clan Graham Society..

His love of music began with a band with two high school friends back in the mid-sixties. Much to the chagrin of our neighbors on McDowell Drive, the band practiced in our garage. Steve was also an accomplished photographer and fisherman. In addition, he built his own drag race car and campaigned it around the local dragstrips.

Steve's quick wit and positive attitude will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

The family requests that donation be made in Steve's name to the American Cancer Society.



Members of the Clan Ramsay International wrote in their publication, *The Ramsay Report*, "We were over forty Ramsay with our friends, Hay and McKinnon at our Family Dinner last November 17 in Atlas, Belgium at The White Horse Restaurant.

"We had some intense and happy moments around the Quaich at the reception of six new Clan Ramsay members: Arturo, Luc, Louis, Daniel, Eric and Serge.

The Little Ramsay was also in honor and received their teddy bear which was immediately adopted!

The traditional toasts to King Philippe, of Belgium, and the Queen Elisabeth II, of Great Britain, was celebrated warmly by all the guests.

The women and men of clans left late the evening by promising to see each other again next year.

*Clan Ramsay at the 2018 Alexandria Christmas Walk.*



# Clan Forrester

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# Robert Burns Country and a Story

John S. ("Jack") Gibson, Hideaway, Texas

A few years ago, my wife Carol and I were on a two week tour of parts of Scotland and Ireland. The last place we visited in Scotland (on our way to the ferry boat to Northern Ireland) was the birthplace of Scotland's national poet Robert Burns, Alloway, in Ayrshire. There are numerous Burns-related places in the area, but it was raining that day which limited our explorations. However, this was still a special treat for Carol who teaches British Literature at Kilgore College (Texas). We started at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum with its many significant artifacts, a large restaurant, and a well-stocked bookstore. We bought several books, about and by Burns, as well as gifts and mementos.

There in the museum restaurant, by chance, we met a local lady who was a Burns tour guide. When she found out that Carol was a teacher of Robert Burns' poetry, she insisted on showing us some nearby places which were made famous by Burns' most liked narrative poem, *Tam O'Shanter*. Fortunately, the rain had diminished some, and out of the museum we went. After walking a few hundred yards down the road, we arrived at the old Alloway Kirk (Church). The building itself is a ruin, missing its roof and interior walls, and is surrounded by its ancient graveyard. The Kirk was also a ruin in Burns' days, well over 200 years ago.

The Kirk is where most of the fictional

action of the poem takes place during a gathering, on a rainy midnight, of witches, warlocks, hobgoblins, and other ghostly apparitions. They were all singing loudly and dancing excitedly in bright fire-

like light to the music of a beastly looking bagpiper. The central character of the story, Tam O'Shanter, is a drunken farmer returning home on horseback after a long evening at a local tavern. His rainy road home goes by the old Kirk, and he stops to see what is happening there with all the singing, piping, and bright light. He peers through the remains of the ribs and arches of the old Gothic window that faces the road. (That old two-arched window frame is still there today.) Tam watches all the

devilish "goings-on" for awhile, and is highly entertained and amused. Then, forgetting to stay silent and out of sight, he suddenly roars out with approving laughter....and all goes dark and quiet

in the old Kirk. Tam, sensing his error and now in a panic, spurs his horse Maggie vigorously down the road to outrun the witch-led hellish legion rapidly emerging from the gloom of the now dark building.

This leads us to the second place of the story where our guide took us that still exists, Brig O'Doon (bridge over the river Doon). It is only a

short distance from the Kirk. So back to the story; Tam is headed for Brig O'Doon, knowing that

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*Auld Alloway Kirk. Note double-arched Gothic window which was Tam O'Shanter's viewing place. Note Robert Burns' father, William's, stone, in front of Carol and Jack.*





# The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons  
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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."

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## Cranachan was “wee Crowdie”

A now-archaic Scottish breakfast paved the way for this popular dessert.

In centuries past, Scots ate “cream crowdie” for breakfast. The meal consisted of oats and heather honey—a fragrant, woody product harvested from the moorlands—mixed into a soft cheese called crowdie. Over time, fresh raspberries (when in season) and whisky (always in season) were tossed into the mix, creating a festive trifle more akin to an after-dinner treat. Today, Scots across the country call it cranachan (pronounced CRAH-nuh-kun), and regard the mixture as traditional dessert fare.

Cranachan bears only a slight resemblance to the simple meal that inspired it. Nowadays, crowdie cheese—once a staple of every single-cow house-

hold in the country—is hard to come by. Due to lack of access to raw milk and regulations against its commercial sale, chefs often replace the rare cheese with freshly-whipped cream. Heather honey, an expensive, difficult-to-acquire delicacy, is similarly elusive. “Cranachan” still shows up on restaurant menus, but you’re likely to receive a trifle of heavy whipped cream layered with whisky- and honey-soaked toasted oats and raspberries if you order one.

Cranachan has also become a staple at the Burns Supper, a contemporary, feast-centric holiday celebrating the Scottish poet Robert Burns on January 25. Modern Scots’ decision to feature this dessert on their holiday menus is likely a result of cranachan’s association with a sense of national identity more so than seasonal significance, as the dead of winter is verifiably not raspberry season.

It is yummy at any time, any place!

### Robert Burns Country, *continued from page 31*

witches, et al, cannot follow or catch a human who is over the middle of a body of moving water. He is about to be caught by one of the witches just as he crosses the middle of the Brig. But as he crosses, one thing is still not quite past the middle, the tail of his horse. The witch grabs it, breaking it off, leaving poor Maggie with only a short ugly stump. But Tam and Maggie are now away and free of all the diabolical and evil apparitions as they made their way home safely.

After the visit to Brig O’Doon, we headed back toward the Museum via the short trail and gardens of the impressive Robert Burns Memorial Tower with its small statuary museum, which was built in 1823. It started raining a little harder, so back to the main Museum we scurried, had a brief dry-out rest, and headed on down the road for our ferryboat ride to Belfast, Northern Ireland. After a day there, we toured several Republic of Ireland cities, castles, abbeys, and other interesting venues, ending up in Dublin for St. Patrick’s Day (Mar. 17, 2015) with its famous parade including the Kilgore College Rangerettes, and other festivities...but that’s another story for another day.

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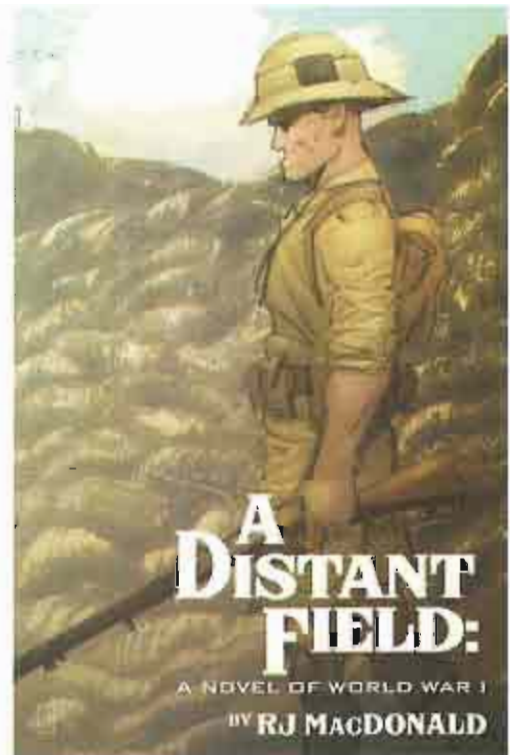
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Their initial training is hurried, and they set off for France, only to become ensnared in the Quintinshill Disaster, the worst train crash in British history, which kills or wounds hundreds of Scottish soldiers. After recuperating, they receive new orders to sail for Gallipoli, where they face their baptism of fire and must learn to fight and survive under the blazing Aegean sun against Turkish soldiers, Jihad-sworn to push them back into the sea.

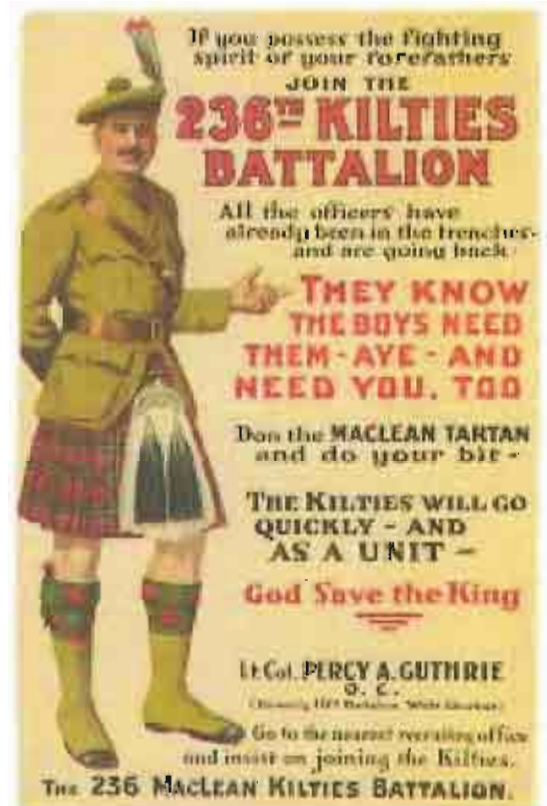
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