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## Take a sneak peek at the themed lands in UK's new £3.5 billion theme resort

New theme park, *The London Resort*, will have six themed lands including partnerships with the BBC, ITV Studios and Paramount Pictures

Ever since the news was announced that a new £3.5 billion theme park was being built in the UK, thrill-seekers have eagerly awaited a glimpse of what will be on offer.

Now *The London Resort* has revealed a first look at the themed lands which will make up the 535-acre site (the size of 136 Wembley Stadiums) by releasing some of the concept art - and it looks pretty impressive.

The resort has been dubbed the UK's answer to Disneyland, although it has no affiliation with Disney.

However, it has partnered with the BBC, ITV Studios and Paramount Pictures - and it will offer six different lands for visitors; The High Street, The Studios, The Woods, The Isles, The Jungle and The Starport.

There will be themes including Kingdom, Jungle and enchanted Woods.

The High Street will offer shops, restaurants, hotels and even a waterpark, and will serve as a gateway to the park.

Those after an adrenaline rush can head to The Studios which promises "exhilarating thrills of big, blockbuster features" including "explosive action, high-octane car chases and high-stakes espionage", or the The Jungle where you'll find "ancient secrets, surprising discoveries and strange mystical artefacts".



The Isles are also sure to be a hit with heaps of thrilling rides and promises of mythical beasts and giant creatures, while The Starport is likely to appeal to sci-fi fans, and will also offer a variety of rides.

For little ones and those with a gentler disposition, The Woods will be an enchanted forest where fairytales are brought to life, while The Kingdom will offer "an immersive realm of swords, sorcery, dragons & legend".

Unfortunately Brits are going to have to wait a little longer before discovering it all for themselves, as the park isn't set to open until 2024.

The plan is that it will eventually become a two-park resort; the first will open in 2024, and the second is anticipated to open within five years.

It will be located on the Swanscombe Peninsula, approximately a 17-minute train journey from London's King Cross St Pancras.

**HAPPY HOGMANAY 2020**



The 2020 43rd annual Savannah Scottish Games  
will be held Saturday, May 2nd  
again at historic bethesda academy



# CLAN LAMONT

## Mary Lambs Lamont travels



*Peter and Mary*



*Janelle & Mary swimming in desert*



This year I undertook a mission to connect with as many Lamont's as I could, from lapsed members to searching out new members.

I set off in February for Australia, landing in Melbourne and staying with old friend Damian Downie, past President of Australia, and connecting with Roderick McPherson, an avid Lamont researcher who attended our gathering this year and has been admitted to our clan council and will be the official historian.

Onwards up the centre of the country to Tumut and Albury country towns where I have relatives and more Lamont's.

Then on to Sydney, where I caught up with more Lamont's who had lapsed and then our chief Peter Lamont. I have met with Peter a few times.

Out to Alice Springs to meet Janelle White, an Anthropologist who works with Aboriginal people, Janelle came to the 2017 gathering and we became friends. She took me to places ordinary tourists would not see. We even swam in a sacred Aboriginal waterhole.

June to London to meet Australian Lamont's over for the cricket world cup.

July to France, to a town called Aubingy, to meet with Charles and Aurelle Lamant from Paris. Aubigny hosts a three day festival to mark "The Auld Alliance". This is a huge festival with hundreds of Scottish people and pipe bands attending. We set to work, setting up our Lamont tent in the clan village. Charles and Aurelie are very artistic and make souvenirs to sell for our clan funds. All were sold out on the first day. Many thanks to you both for your hard work. We made many friends in the clan village and had good fun singing and dancing.

Through this festival we were invited to join an association called Clans Days, who welcome all clans

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# OH, CANADA!



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in friendship, and were invited to join them in Belgium for events in Waterloo and Ypres

On the Saturday afternoon there was a parade of all clans, pipe bands and entertainers which took an hour to pass. There was but three of us for Clan Lamont but we made good Scottish noise. We hope more members will join us next year. I will post details nearer the time but dates are 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> July, one week before our gathering in Scotland.

### **AUGUST Hougoumont**

#### **Waterloo Battle of Waterloo 1815**

At 11.00am participants met at the battle site to pay homage to those who had fought and died.

Led by Clan Hay and Ghent District Highlanders Pipe Bands, Clans MacKinnon, Ramsay, Hay, Lamont and Baron of Kinear paraded to the monument of the British fallen soldiers, inaugurated in 2015 by H.R.H. Prince Charles.

Flags were lowered and Tom Hay, Convenor Continental Europe Clan Hay, said the Exhortation after one minutes silence. Clan Hay pipe band played *Flowers of the Forest*. Each clan in turn laid a wreath. I laid ours. The pipe bands then played *Highland Cathedral* and we were dismissed.

We went for lunch to the restaurant in the Waterloo Museum where we shared our experiences in friendship.

I stayed on for a few days studying the museum which tells the story of the battle, the life of the Duke of Wellington and the battle sites.

Quote from The Duke of Wellington after winning the battle of Waterloo "Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won".

### **OCTOBER YPRES**

#### **PASSCHENDAELE and MENIN GATE**

Ypres is surrounded by the Ypres Salient battlefields, where many cemeteries, memorials and war Museums honour the battles that unfolded in this area during the Great War. The **Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing** stands at the entrance to the town and is dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers killed in World War I whose graves are unknown. Our troops passed over this bridge on route to the front lines and battle of Passchendaele. The last post is played every evening at 8pm.



*Tom Hay introduces Mary Lamb*



*Clan Hay pipe band lead parade*

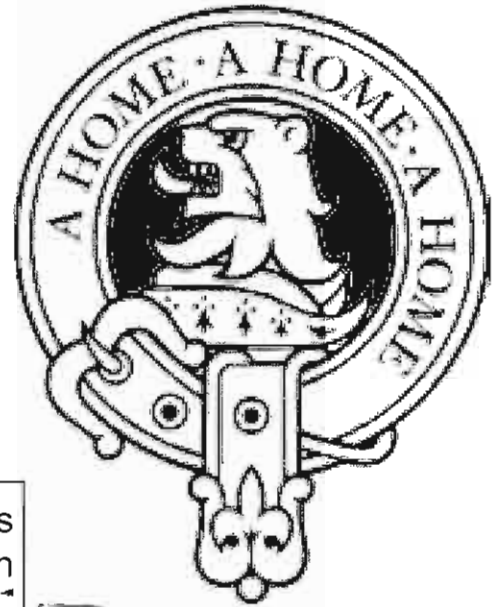


*Monument to the fallen soldier*

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For some years now, clans have organised an annual memorial service here. This year, 100 participants from clans HAY, MCLAREN, MONTGOMERY, MCLEAN, RAMSAY, MCKINNON, LAMONT, BARONY OF KINEAR were present. The cortege was led by Clan Hay, Clan McKinnon and Ghent District Highlanders Pipe Band.

We proceeded along the main street to the Menin gate, through the arch and up to the battlements where the ceremony took place.

Call to attention, flags lowered and Allan Maclean, convenor Clan Maclean, recited the *Ode of Remembrance* (we all had been asked to research names of 5 fallen and buried in France and 5 buried in Belgium.) I looked at war graves website and chose the following:

**Clan Lamont soldiers who gave their lives**

**France**

\* 14226154 Rifleman **James Lamont** died 6<sup>th</sup> August 1944 age 21

\* A/627 Trooper **Hector J. Lamont** died 25<sup>th</sup> July 1944 age 21

\* 7901294 Private **Archibald George Lamont** died 9<sup>th</sup> July 1944 age 25

\* 7903897 Trooper **Wilson Lamont** died 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 age 31

\* 2880373 Lance Corporal **Andrew L. Lamont** died 30<sup>th</sup> June 1944 age 21

**Belgium**

\* 227837 Captain **Alexander Lamont** died 6<sup>th</sup> November 1945 age 52

\* 7458 Gunner **P. Lamont** died 19<sup>th</sup> August 1917 age 22

\* 838919 Private **Roger Thomson Lamont** died 27<sup>th</sup> October 1917 age 21

\* 43576 Private **James Lamont** died 29<sup>th</sup> June 1917 age 21

\* 13693 Corporal **Marshal Leonard Lamont** died 12<sup>th</sup> October 1917 age 23

I read the above names, laid our wreath, and other clans did likewise. One minute silence was followed by *Flowers of the Forest* by clan Hay pipe band. *Reville* was sounded and all pipers played *Amazing Grace*.

After dismissal, we all walked to the Scots pub

*Luca Lamond leads us in the parade*



*Lamont Plaque*



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# The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!



Chief Steven  
MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:  
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MacElhose, MacLehose, MacTavish, McTavish,  
Mactavish, Mactavis, M'Tavish, MacThomas,  
Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish,  
Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson,  
Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant  
spellings.*

## We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: [clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com](mailto:clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com)



After dismissal, we all walked to the Scots pub in the square for lunch.

Within the arch at the gate are inscribed 54,000 names of soldiers who died and have no known grave. A poignant reminder of the terrible waste of life.

During lunch we had a light hearted ceremony of installing our Lamont plaque on the wall beside all the other clan plaques.

Another special ceremony is to honour a person from a clan. This year it was Clan Mackinnon,

We heard the life story of private Charles Mackinnon buried in Lijssenthoek military cemetery in Poperinge, the second largest in Belgium, which holds 10,122 casualties. A wreath was laid by a relative. Next year it is to be Clan Lamont so some re-searching needs to be done.

During this war a casualty clearing station and field hospital were nearby and by 1917 had 4,000 beds so it was that most buried here died of their wounds or other complications like pneumonia.

A brave young nurse called Nellie Spindler from Queen Alexandria's nursing service is buried here. Elizabeth Maclean of clan Maclean laid a small cross, a moving gesture.

#### **Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery in Poperinge,**

On the Sunday, in the company of Elizabeth and Allan Maclean and with Tom Hay as our guide, we visited the Flanders Museum in the market square dedicated to the story of the 1<sup>st</sup> world war, a modern and interesting museum.

A few miles further on at Zonnebeke was Passchendaele Memorial Museum which tells the story of the five battles of Ypres.

It has many exhibits, paintings and uniforms of the various armies and re-created trenches.

It really makes one think of the terrible conditions our soldiers suffered.

All too soon, the afternoon was over and Tom had to go home to Brussels.

In the evening, I met with Rudy Lamond from Ypres, who attended the Saturday proceedings with his extended family, whom I thank for their support. Rudy took me to more important sites all very interesting. Unfortunately, the rain was so heavy we could

only view from the car. Later we went to Rudy's home for dinner, prepared by his lovely wife Kristen, and met his daughters. His son Luca led us in the parade. Such a lovely family. I look forward to my next visit in January.

Monday Rudy drove me to the airport in Brussels "where would I be without the Lamonds"

#### **The Lamonds from Ypres and Flag bearer Henk from Holland**

Grateful thanks to Charles and Frederic from France and Henk & Hanneke from Holland who drove over and to Rudy Lamond and his family.

You all swelled the Lamont ranks. A good turnout for our first involvement. Looking forward to seeing you all in Scotland in July 2020

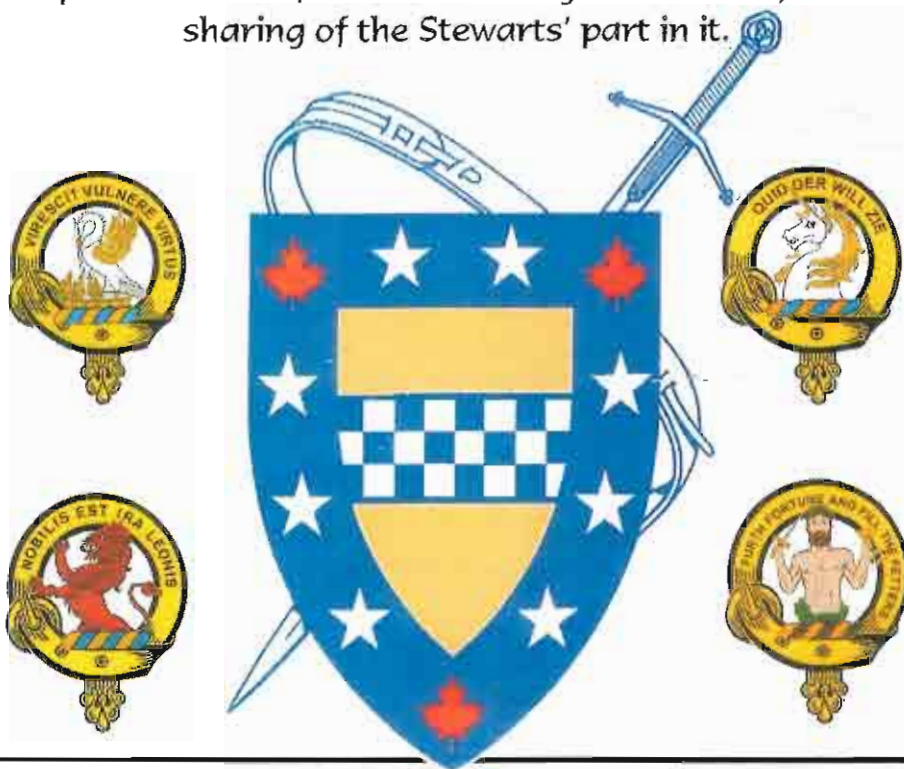


*The Lamonds from Ypres and Flag bearer  
Henk from Holland*



# Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc.

501(c)(3) Not For Profit Organization dedicated to the preservation of Scottish Heritage and History and the sharing of the Stewarts' part in it.



The Stewart dynasty descended from King Robert I's daughter and her husband, Walter the Steward. Despite early unrest and weak government caused by several Stewart kings succeeding as minors, the dynasty flourished for over three centuries.

During this time, Scotland moved forward to become a modern and prosperous nation. Stewart monarchs such as King James IV and VI were Renaissance patrons of artistic, scientific, commercial, religious and political endeavour, sponsoring figures including the poet, Robert Henryson, and humanist, George Buchanan.

Also of significance was the arrival in the mid-sixteenth century of the Reformation movement, bringing about the replacement of Catholic Mary Queen of Scots by her son King James VI.

It was through the Stewart dynasty that the two thrones of England and Scotland - and later the governments - came to be united.

The 'Marriage of the Thistle and the Rose' took place at Stirling Castle in 1503 between King James IV and Princess Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.

This union of the Scottish and English Royal families eventually led in 1603 to the succession of a Stewart (now with a change of spelling) to the throne of England.

CSSA is represented at approximately 40 Scottish/Celtic events around the country each year. We are always looking for folks with our passion to volunteer to start more.

We also have a presence on the Internet with a website, <[clansstewart.org](http://clansstewart.org)> (official) and a Facebook page listed as *Clan Stewart Society in America* (unofficial).

Though we have maintained our low annual \$25 membership, we are still able to sponsor trophies for dance, drums and pipes and establish scholarships for institutions providing cultural Scottish curriculums and we also sponsor the competition of a record-holding female athlete.

For CSSA membership information: <[clansstewart.org](http://clansstewart.org)> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)



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## Using Facebook for Genealogy Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Facebook has increasingly become one of the most effective tools for research. This track record for proven success has resulted in consistent growth of Facebook groups dedicated to genealogy. These groups cover a wide spectrum of purposes. There are Facebook groups for genealogy related technology, genealogy software, genealogy scrapbooking, geographical areas, and groups for genealogy resource and information sharing. The most beneficial benefit is the large community of genealogists willing to share their knowledge, experience, tips, and encouragement. More potentially important than the information, however, are the very real relationships that can be cultivated with the people you meet there.

Here are some examples of situations where Facebook can directly impact research. Using a Facebook group to help solve your most frustrating brick wall question is like posting the problem on a platform that potentially thousands of people searching the same issue could respond and offer assistance. Maybe you found or inherited some old family letters in a different language or photographs or pictures without any identification. There are groups devoted to translations and photograph identification where it's possible someone will be able to help.

Additional examples of benefits include the following:

1. Communities are categorized by geographi-

cal area and reach all over the world.

2. Communities focused on technology are essential for keeping up with the latest tech gadgets, apps, software, scanners for digitizing family photos, etc.

3. Blogs cover a wide variety of research topics and opportunities for sharing ideas and resources. Many are hosted by professional in the field of genealogical research.

4. State and County community groups may offer information on local or regional repositories, memory project sites that focus on history, oral histories including video and audio clips, old photographs, and pioneers for specific areas of interest or research.

5. Groups for DNA analysis can assist you with your DNA test results and how to proceed.

6. Specialized groups exist for all ethnic groups. Examples include Jewish, African-American, Native American, etc.

7. Specialized groups also exist for specialized situations. A prime example would be for adoption and adoptees. This is where people would go to access help in seeking information on their biological family and parents.

8. Many Facebook users have discovered or reconnected with lost family members, unknown



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# Retrieval of Irish archive lost in 1922 fire “astounding” historian says



**A**n attempt to recreate Ireland's archives destroyed in a fire in June 1922 has been successful to a "greater extent than ever previously imagined," the historian behind the project has said. Two days into the Civil War, a massive explosion destroyed the Public Records Office attached to Dublin's Four Courts and with it hundreds of years of documented history.

The census records for the whole of the 19<sup>th</sup> century going back to the first in 1821 were incinerated. Chancery records, detailing British rule in Ireland going back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and grants of land by the crown were also destroyed along with thousands of wills and title deeds.

## Using Facebook for genealogy,

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cousins, and developed many new friends.

As with all internet interactions, you're most likely to have success when a code of conduct is followed. Since Facebook genealogy groups are usually made up of hundreds or thousands of different people, it just makes sense that order and appropriateness are kept by the administrators and are expected of users. It is important to read and abide by the rules and regulations of each site. This is especially true with regards to posing queries.

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The records of various chief secretaries to Ireland and centuries of Church of Ireland parish registers vanished in the fire.

The list of documents which were stored in the office's record treasury departments are contained in a single manuscript which is 300 pages long and dates back seven centuries.

The *Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury* research project has sought to retrieve as many of the documents as possible through duplicates in other archives.

It aims by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the centenary of the fire, to recreate virtually as much of the archive as

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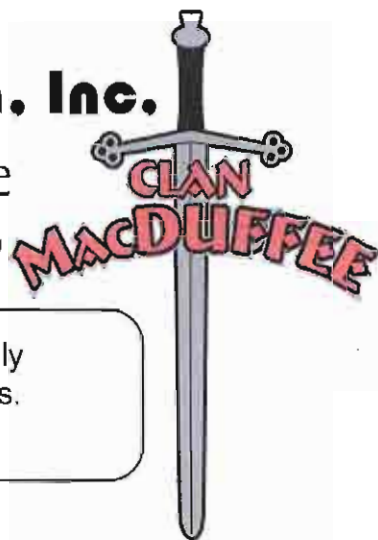
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# Flowers of the Forest

Chev. John Pendrey McKay, Sr.  
Royal Marines Colour Sergeant  
Arthur Walters



**Mr. John Pendrey McKay, Sr.**, of Fullerton, California, born on July 27, 1940 in Oakland, California, passed away at age 78 on May 10, 2019 in Fullerton.

After graduating from Garden Grove High School (1957), he received a Bachelor's degree from California State University Fullerton (1963) and a law

degree from Pepperdine University (1968).

John McKay had a successful career as a trial attorney that lasted over 50 years. He was Senior Partner at McKay, de Lorimier & Acaín in Los Angeles.

He was a member of The Supreme Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem.

John is survived by his wife Terry, his sons, John Jr. and Daniel; daughters, Sallyanne, Lara, and Jennifer; sister, Penelope Gooch; and grandchildren, Connor, Heather, Donovan, Sean, Gabriel, and Hailey.

One of Scotland's oldest war heroes was laid to rest with full military honours after he died at the age of 102.

Forces legend **Arthur Walters** was one of the last survivors of the first World War Two air raids on Britain. Serving Royal Marines saluted his coffin as he made his final journey yesterday.

His Marine beret and medals sat on top of his coffin as friends, family and veterans gathered to say farewell.

Mark McCraw, Scotland branch secretary of the

Royal Marines Association, said: "Arthur had a close shave whilst serving on *HMS Southampton* when the first air raid of World War 2 took place near South Queensferry.

"The *Southampton* was protecting cargo ships in the North Sea but on October 16 1939 it was stationed in the Firth of Forth when German bombers flew unchallenged up the river on a mission, which it is now known was to blow up *HMS Hood* - flagship of the Royal Navy.

"When it was discovered that the *Hood* was not in the Forth, they targeted all the other ships. The *Southampton* was hit but the bomb passed through every deck and landed in the waters of the Forth, unexploded. Some 16 men lost their lives that day. Arthur was one of the lucky ones."

Arthur went on to serve in Burma, the Atlantic and Africa during the war and rose to the rank of Colour Sergeant.

In 2017, we revealed how he got a heartwarming 100<sup>th</sup> birthday surprise from his old corps. Arthur - who enjoyed a drop of Guinness each day - was celebrating with his family when four Royal Marines turned up to present him with a special beret.

Arthur signed up in 1935, so they gave him the blue headdress worn by Marines at that time. The



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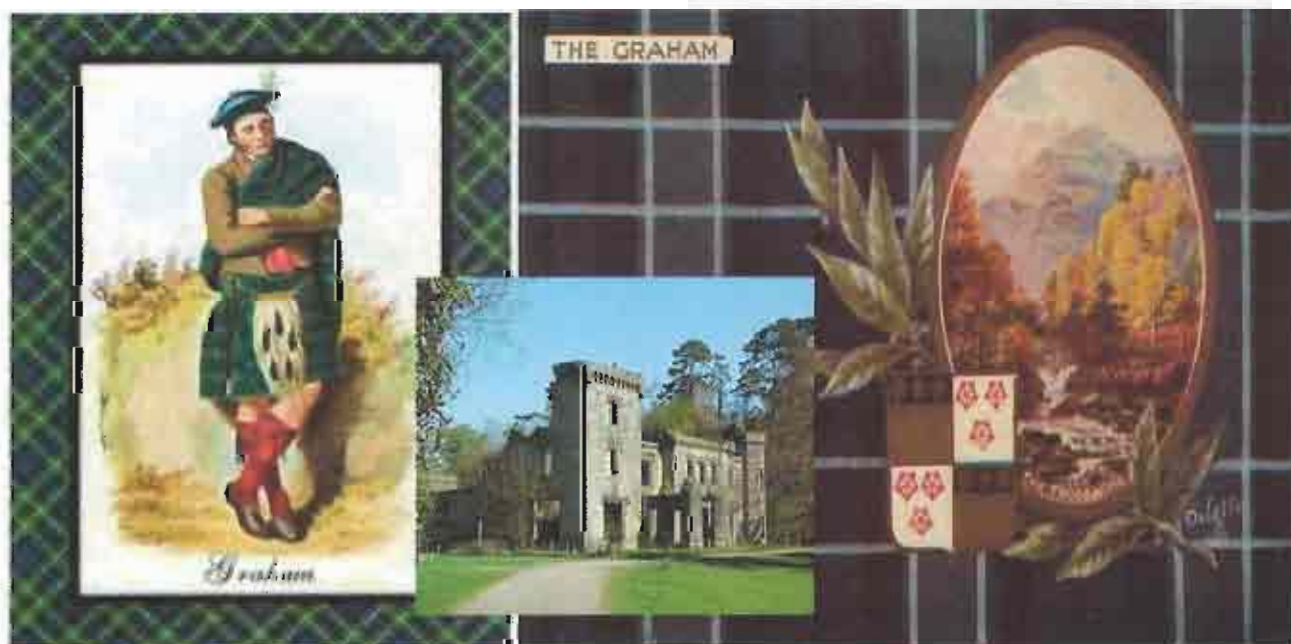
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possible in a digital format that can be accessible to everybody.

*Beyond 2022* director, Dr. Peter Crooks, said the scale of copies and duplicates identified in other archives already is “astounding”.

Five institutions are involved in the project: the National Archives, the UK national archives, the public records office in Northern Ireland, the Irish Manuscripts Collection and the library at Trinity College Dublin (TCD).

“We are committed to producing 50 million words of searchable material by 2022 and that is possible with the artificial intelligence we are using,” he said.

“Tens of thousands of papers will be digitised, but they will also be searchable, which is a change. We will be able to mine this information for individual names.”

Three hundred bundles of documents which



were retrieved from the fire and locked away for the last century in the National Archives have already been retrieved.

Some of these records date back to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. They also include a lottery ticket from 1797 issued to raise money for the short-lived Grattan’s Parliament.

At least 200 volumes of transcripts for digitisation have been identified in archives in Ireland, the UK and the United States.

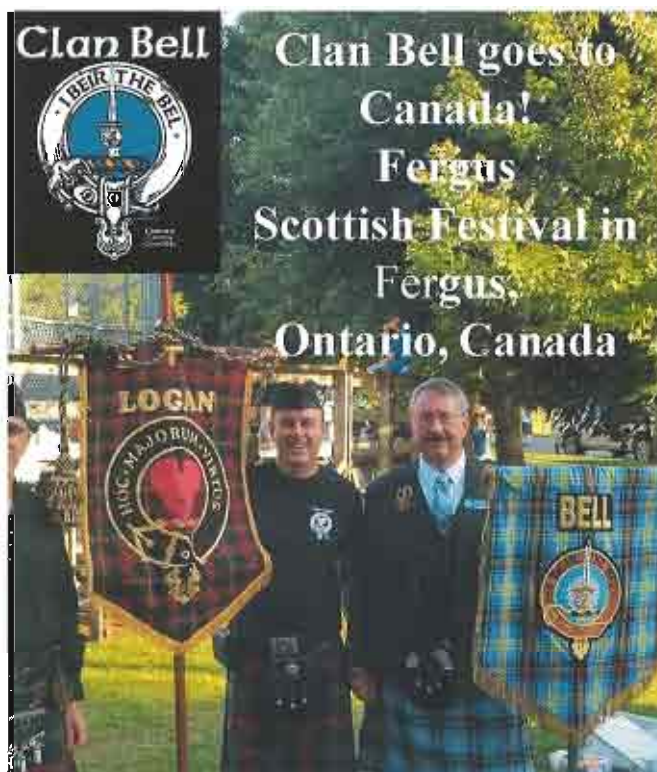
These are mostly State papers from the late 13<sup>th</sup> century up to 1922. “We need to find these manuscripts and connect them together digitally. These records were copied in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century extensively so it is possible to word search them,” Dr Crooks said.

One of these books is the record of the rolls of chancery going back to the middle ages.

*Beyond 2022* has been running for three years and today Taoiseach Leo Varadkar will announce a further €2.5 million for the second phase of the project through the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht’s Project Ireland 2040 fund.

The second phase will invite the public to become involved in identifying documents which might be in duplicate form – for instance, the Church of Ireland parish records which were destroyed in the fire.

Speaking at Dublin Castle, Mr Varadkar emphasised that the project will be an all-island one and will leave a “permanent, meaningful and imaginative legacy beyond the conclusion of the decade of centenaries”.



Joseph L. Bell, President of Clan Bell North America, continues the outreach to Bells in Canada by attending Highland Games in Ontario.

Above, Joe and Clan Logan Canada representative, Steven Logan, are preparing for the Clan March.

# Clan Forrester Society

*Come - join the Forresters*

Membership is available for all spelling variations of Forrester: Forrester, Forester, Forrister, Forister, Forest, Forrest, Foster, Carstarphen.



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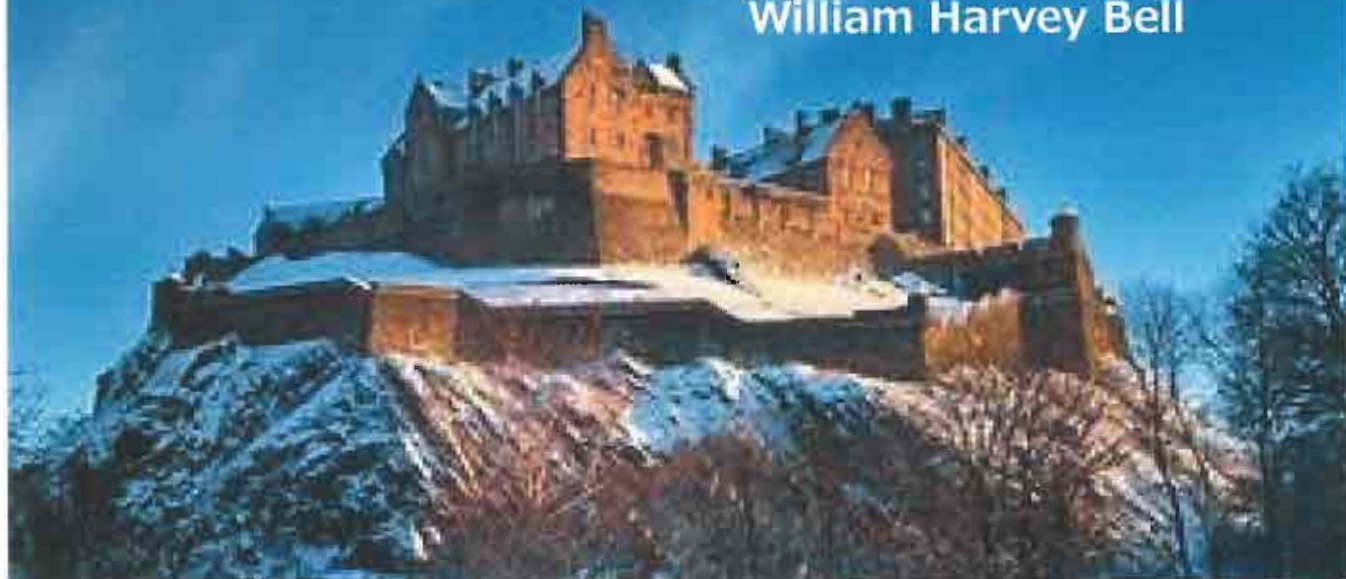
## FOSTER SURNAME DNA Project

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Forstie / Forstier / Forster / Forrister / Vorster / Voster Families



# FLOWER OF THE FOREST

William Harvey Bell



**WILLIAM HARVEY BELL**, aged 93, died Friday, November 8, 2019, in Albuquerque, NM. due to complications of pneumonia.

Colonel William Bell (often shortened to *Colonel*, or simply *Bill*) was born in Atlantic, Iowa, September 8, 1926 and graduated from Tarkio High School in Tarkio, MO.

Acquiring a love of flying in his teens, he flew crop dusters and barnstormed a path across the mid-Western countryside in old biplanes.

Enlisting in the Army in 1943, he served through WWII, Korea and Vietnam in the Army, Army Air Corps and, finally, the United States Air Force.

For thirty-two years he served our nation with honor and distinction, rising in rank from Private to Colonel; was wounded twice; and was highly decorated.

During these years he also received his B.S. degree at the University of New Mexico where he became a brother in the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

In 1947 Bill was a member of U.S. Air Force Pilot Class 48B where he was among many who would become life-long friends.

This was the last Army Air Force pilot class to train and the first USAF Pilot Class to train on jets!

Reunions were held but Bill wanted to commemorate this USAF Pilot Class in an historic way

so he turned to his classmates and together they funded four brass plaques; one for each of their training bases.

In 2014 these plaques were placed at Barksdale AFB in Bossier City, Louisiana; the Williams AFB Museum in Chandler, Arizona; Randolph AFB in Universal City, Texas and the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

In Korea, he was in the *Mosquito Squadron* which created a large-scale, effective forward air control (FAC) system that included both airborne and ground-based FACs. The primary FAC missions were to direct strike aircraft against enemy targets and conduct visual reconnaissance.

He was a combat pilot until a back injury grounded him. In later years Bill was actively involved in the reunions and efforts to find squadron members who had lost touch.

He began a new career in Counter-Intelligence. At the height of the Cold War he was responsible for Eastern Bloc human intelligence. Though many of his operations were fraught with incredible danger, he never wavered.

It was on a visit to New York City on Easter Sunday in 1956, he met the love of his life, Suzanne

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## Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2020

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](http://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.

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*Boldly and Rightly*





Shanahan, at the taping of *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

They married six months later in October. They traveled to Munich, Germany, where he was assigned for duty, and where their three children were born.

The family also lived in Niagara Falls and Rochester, New York, Montgomery (Maxwell AFB), Alabama. Col. Bell was assigned back to Wiesbaden, Germany, where Mrs. Bell accompanied her husband on many diplomatic tours of Europe while he networked with intelligence personnel of various friendly countries.

He was reassigned to Montgomery, Alabama and, upon his retirement from the Air Force in 1975, the family moved to Riverside, California.

Colonel Bell was invested as a Knight Templar in 1989 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Knights Templar uphold the ageless ideals of Chivalry and Christian religious commitment and protection.

Crusade historical research, and fighting today's enemies of society, namely disease and social distress, through charitable efforts and fundraising are just some of their activities.

He rose to the rank of Bailff of the Knights Templar of North America.

Family was most important to him and he made countless sacrifices because of his love for them. Bill was a loving husband and hands-on father. Suzanne and Bill attended every event, game, gymkhana, parade, play, recital and talent show in which their children participated.

There were family excursions and road trips in Europe and the U.S.A. and so many adventures telling them would fill a tome in and of itself!

Their three children deeply admired, adored and respected both of their loving parents.

His love of family extended not just to his immediate family but his ancestral family as well.

He was very proud of his Scottish roots. Because of his decades of research, in 1983, Clan Bell was once again recognized by the Lyon Court in Scot-

land as a Clan.

The Clan tartan was destroyed by the English long ago so Bill (with Bob Martin) designed a tartan for the Clan in early 1984.

The tartan is recognized by the Scottish Register of Tartans and registered with the Society of Antiquities of Scotland.

For several decades Colonel Bell served as President of Clan Bell International which later became Clan Bell, North America. He was President Emeritus of Clan Bell, North America.

He spent much his retired life tracing his family genealogy deep into the past, recently uncovering a connection for which he had long been searching.

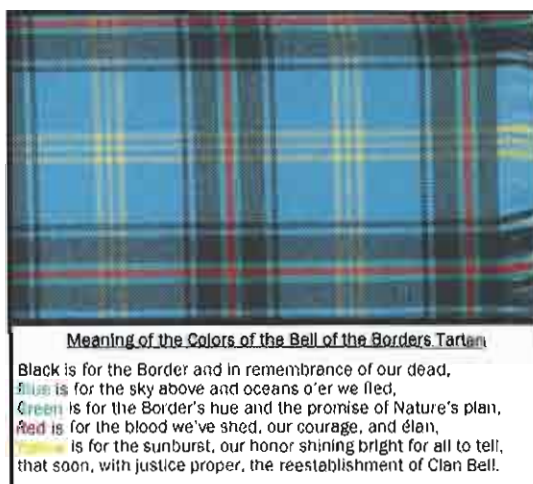
In August 2013, after the death of his wife, Colonel Bell moved from Riverside, California, to Rio Rancho, New Mexico. There he reconnected with friends from "the old days," particularly his Sigma Chi brothers.

A life-long Sigma Chi, Colonel Bell assisted in revitalizing the Alumni organization. He served as Secretary-Treasurer for the Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of New Mexico for several years.

Always the epitome and the finest example of a gentleman, everyone loved Bill. He was quick with a joke or a kind word. He formed friendships that lasted a lifetime. So many people looked up to him yet he was humble. Though he did not think of himself as one, he was a true hero.

Above all other pursuits, Bill loved flying. In his time he had enjoyed football, golf, tennis and bowling and other physical games.

He particularly enjoyed reading both fiction and non-fiction. He loved music and listened to many genres including Russian music, classical guitars, 40's and country and western. He also very much enjoyed watching films, particularly war films, documentaries, westerns and romantic comedies.



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# The Clan Skene

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## William Harvey Bell, continued from page 19

There were always animals, particularly cats, in the Bell home. Bill loved them. He was incredibly kind and loving to animals. There was often a cat curled up in his lap or a dog at his feet and that's the way he liked it.

Colonel Bell is predeceased by his father, Ray Anderson Bell; his mother, Ina Wolfe Bell; his brother, James Maurice Bell; his loving wife of 56 years, Suzanne Jane Shanahan Bell; his devoted son, William Michael Shanahan Bell; and his grandson, Raymond Garcia.

Surviving are his daughters, Suzanne Kathleen Bell de Garcia of Long Beach, CA, and Kathleen Shanahan Bell of Rio Rancho, NM; his grandson, Alexander Javier Garcia-Bell of Long Beach; his sons-

in-law, Javier Garcia of Long Beach and Liam Wolffe of Rio Rancho; his niece, Eva Lynn Wallert of Axtell, KS; his grand nephew, Dr. Joseph J. Pils and his wife, Audrey, of Marysville, KS and their children, Clayton, Carolyn, Brenner and Michael.

P.S. He loved cheese!

Written by his daughter, Katja Bell

*Your editor writes: I remember Col. Bell from many, many years ago when I was first a Knight Templar and was traveling to many games and Scottish events in my capacity as Scottish Liaison at the library in Moultrie.*

*What a kind and lovely person he was. He was always kind and gentle and, at the same time, a great deal of fun.*

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## 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  
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# Clan Lamont

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering

### 17, 18, 19, July 2020

You are all invited to the Clan Lamont 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering, 17, 18, 19 July, 2020.

**Festivities will begin on Friday, 17 July, 2020** with a tour of the historic sites of Clan Lamont, Clan Mcewan and MacLauchlan Start in Dunoon. There will be a coach tour to Ardlamont House, Ascog Castle, the early Lamont Settlement. We will also tour the marked stones at Inveryne.

Lunch will be at the Kilfinnan Hotel with a visit to the Lamont Vault with seventh century gravestones. We will then proceed to the Clan Macwan Memorial Cairn, the Castle Lachlan historic Glendaruel...and then back to Dunoon.

That evening, which is open to the public, we will go to the Toward Village Hall for a Fish BBQ and folk rock Ceilidh at Toward Village Hall. All are welcome. We hope our young people will come and enjoy!

**Saturday, 18 July** we will gather at 11 AM at the Burgh Hall in Dunoon for the Lamont Society Annual General Meeting. At noon the pipe bands will lead a clans parade from the Burgh Hall to the Lamont Memorial Laying of the Wreath at the Lamont Memorial, Dunoon.

From 1 - 4 PM on the grounds of Castle Toward, will be an event open to the public with large crowds expected. Everyone will see at Castle Toward, the re-enactment of the siege of 1646 in the castle courtyard.

There will also be a re-creation of a 17th cen-

tury village with arts and crafts and activities for the children. There will be archery and a display of Highland martial craft, along with historic displays of the clans of Cowal, including merchandising tents of clan memorabilia.

Highland Dancing will be featured and the "wauling" of the Tweed.

There will be a Clan Lamont Pipe Band from Holland and the Dunoon Pipe Band, along with Clanadonia, a funky modern pipe band.

The day will continue with a HogRoast and a Tug o' War.

At Castle Toward Saturday evening there will be a formal dinner and ceilidh for clan members, families and invited friends.

**Sunday, 19 July is for Lamont's only.** At 10AM there will be a Service of Dedication at Toward Church, followed by a visit to Inverchaolain Churchyard to lay

a wreath at the war memorial.

A local historian will describe the history of the church and the connections of the families interred there.

Mary Lamb will tell the story of the sale of Inverchaolain Church.

The remainder of the afternoon will be spent at Inverchaolain Manse, which is the headquarters of the Clan Lamont Society. In addition to the lamont archives, visitors will be able to view presentations of the Clan Lamont history.



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# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

## *'S Rioghal Mo 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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My father's parents met and married in Auckland, New Zealand. His father was in the merchant navy and his mother was a teacher. However, they returned to Edinburgh, Scotland, where my father was raised. He went to school at Edinburgh Academy. However he was orphaned during his childhood when his father died on a submarine in WWII and his mother died soon afterwards from a broken heart.

Fortunately, his mother's sister took responsibility for him and they both went to live in London. There he went to work in a UK bank. Soon after this he met my mother and they married. He rose through the ranks in the bank and soon became a bank manager. He was very successful and had a knack with dealing with people. Indeed his clients followed him as he went from branch to branch. So when he took early retirement from this he had the third most profitable branch in the UK.

At this time I remember travelling with him from the bank and I asked him what he will do now, as he was still young at 52. He

said he was going to spend the rest of his life giving his time and expertise back to the community. He was as good as his word as he spent the next 30 years working as a volunteer for a number of different charitable organisations. Possibly the most impressive was his 30 year role in supporting a local primary school with higher needs due to having a larger population of immigrants. After being made a school governor, he soon became chair of governors and the chair of its financial committee. Every week he gave at least one or two days of his time to this. Even the day before he died he was scheduled to be the chair of a financial meeting. In addition to be-



My father as a young man.



My dad and myself and my big sister at the beach.

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# *The* *Clan Macneil* Association of America

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## The Clan Lamont 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,

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For the energetic visitors, there will be a walk up Inverchaolain Glen and a picnic of sandwiches, tea and cakes will be offered at the manse.

A short sail across Loch Striven from the manse, to view the various fish eaten on Friday's fish night.

4 PM will begin our farewells.

Accommodations are available in Castle Toward Mansion House, which is a fantastic new venue to book. Contact <info@castletoward.org.uk> for full information. Transportation is available all weekend.

The price for three days is 85 pounds sterling.

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**John Hickman,** *continued from page 27* —



**My Mom and my sister.**

ing the treasurer of several local voluntary organisations, he also was a long time trustee of a local charity which supported the conservation of historic buildings. He was a truly good man and I am honoured for him to have been my father.

He loved spending time in Scotland with us and his dog, Bertie. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

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**Arthur Walters,** *continued from page 15*

green beret they wear now was introduced in the 1940s.

A family member said: "It was very sudden. Arthur was still going for his half pint of Guinness each day but then he had to go into hospital where he went downhill. We are devastated. He will be deeply missed."

Arthur served for more than two decades in the Royal Marines

Mr Walters passed away on Thursday November 8 after a short illness. At his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party, we reported that Arthur was also given a copy of his service record and a framed replica of the form he signed to join up more than 80 years before at the age of 17.

Previously, he said: "I can still remember getting on my bike and peddling into Birmingham to sign up on July 10, 1935. It feels like yesterday." Asked about life in the Marines, he added: "Well, I drank a lot of beer."

His funeral was held at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh.

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# Inauguration of The Buchanan set for next October with much fanfare and hoopla and historical events - fun, too!

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All Buchanan descendants are invited as well

\* See Buchanan septs page 35

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## The Lady Buchanan

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Things are now hotting up with respect to the Inauguration of Mike as the first Chief of the Clan Buchanan in over 350 years!

Clan members from around the world are getting together to create a once in a lifetime event at Cambusmore near Callander, Scotland on 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Not only is this the first ever such event for our clan in so many years, it is possibly the first event which will honour and recreate the event in a manner reminiscent of the early Celtic inaugurations which took place hundreds and probably well over a thousand years ago.

But, it is not just the Inauguration which is important, as it will also be the first International Clan Gathering for the Buchanan Clan in modern times.

With modern estimates of the Buchanan being over 5 million people strong, our clan has grown to a size unrecognisable to what it was in former times.

The fact that the people organising this event, Shona and Paul Gibson, are based in Australia, show that our Buchanan family is now, also, a truly international one.

Now we have a chief, no longer is it an armigerous clan, it now is a formally and legally recognised full Scottish Highland Clan.

But the firsts keep coming as there is still yet another first, the first parliament for the Buchanan clan in centuries.

This Parliament will give all Buchanan's present a chance to help set the priorities and the direction of the clan for the foreseeable future. So, for a very historic Clan, there are so many major 'firsts' to celebrate!



When Mike and I travelled to America and Australia, we were taken aback by the number of fellow Buchanan's who were interested in coming to Cambusmore, not just to see Scotland and the ancient lands and home of

the Current Chief of the Buchanan Clan but to take part in this really historic event. The fact it will probably also be the biggest gathering of the Buchanan clan in recent centuries triggered yet more interest. Indeed, fellow Buchanans were so enthused by the support for this event that now a committee of Buchanans from round the world is being set up.

It is to be headed by the amazing and talented event organisers, Shona and Paul Gibson from Australia. Together with Malcolm Buchanan, David Byrne and George McAuslan from CBSI and many more, plans are well underway for these exciting

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events which will take place over the course of three days.

Everyone who comes will be playing their own part in the history of our clan. Not only will they see our ancient Scottish customs and Clan traditions being re-born, they will actually be an important part of them.

They can take part in the processions of pipers going to the ancient clan burial site at Cambusmore.

This will be followed by a service to the ancestors at Mike's family's Chapel at Cambusmore.

Then, there will be another piped procession along the river bank and over a wee bridge into the Walled Gardens at Cambusmore.

In these lovely historic gardens next to Cambusmore itself will be the recreation of the ancient ceremony for the Celtic Innauguration of a Clan Chief of a true Highland Clan.

This will involve everyone present and in the presence of the Lord Lyon, Joseph Morrow, and the Clan Court of the Buchanan Chief, the full ceremony will take place.

This will involve historic and especially created clan regalia which include a historic sword, a white rod, a stone, a carved chair, eagle feathers, a silver seal in an embroidered purse and other powerful symbolic Celtic Clan items.

Following lunch, there will be a number of different speakers who will be talking about Buchanan related subjects. For instance the origins of the Buchanan tartan, important unique Jacobite artifacts and works of famous Scottish artists and authors with links to the Buchanans of Cambusmore.

These include many items from Sir Walter Scott, David Hume the famous Scottish Philosopher and James Boswell the historic author of the Grand Tour of Europe.

There will also be talks on local ancient history and burial sites on Cambusmore estate and also a walk to visit these sites.

There will also hopefully be guided tours of Cambusmore showing the old stone cellar and the Georgian Dining room with its ancestral portraits.

In the evening there will be a Highland Ball / Dance where there will be traditional reels and hopefully a new Reel created for this event itself using 200 year old music titled 'The Miss Buchanan of Cambusmore'.

This will be followed the next day by the Clan Parliament and then trips to Clar Innes and the

Buchanan lands of the Old Buchanan chiefs, which include many less known about ancient Buchanan lands still in the ownership of the Current Chief.

So for any one in-

terested in the Buchanan Clan and its history and future, this is the event for you. Go to: <<https://www.theclanbuchanan.com/>>

After people click on the above link they then need to click onto the next link on that page called "Inauguration." Then they need to fill in their details on that page.

As it is likely to be oversubscribed, it is strongly recommended to register your interest on the CBSI website as soon as you can. Once we firm up the arrangements, we will get in touch with everyone who has registered first to provide them with more details and tickets and prices for these events.

The Buchanan and I very much look forward to welcoming you all to Cambusmore on October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2020.



The view from Lady Buchanan's kitchen window this frosty morning.



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| Cousland    | MacIndeor   | Watson  |
| Dewar       | MacIndoe    | Watt    |
| Donleavy    | MacKibb     | Watters |
| Donlevy     | MacKibbin   | Weir    |
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| Gibbon      | Macmaster   | Yule    |
| Gibbs       | Macmasters  | Zuill   |
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| Lenny       | MacQuattie  |         |
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| Macandeior  | Macuasland  |         |
| Macaslan    | MacWattie   |         |
| Macaslin    | MacWhirter  |         |
| Macauslan   | MacWhorter  |         |
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| MacCubbin   | Ruskin      |         |
| MacCubing   | Spittal     |         |
| MacDonleavy | Spittel     |         |
| MacGeorge   | Spittle     |         |

\*of Perth only

A NOTE ON SPELLING: There are many hundreds of variations in the spelling of these names. If yours is not an exact match, don't worry we are familiar with them all.



## Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

### January Lecture

David Ramsay, the King's Chief Clockmaker  
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Joint event in conjunction with the National Museums Scotland. Edinburgh – 13 January, 6pm and also V&A in Dundee – 14 January, 6pm.

Dr. Taylor uncovers the innovation of Scottish watchmaker, David Ramsay (c1585-1660), Chief Clockmaker to King James I and first master of the Worshipful Clockmakers Company London (1632).

Dr Phillipson will provide an overview of the variety and development of clockwork during the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

As the first lecture of 2020 there will be post-lecture drinks receptions at both events in Edinburgh and Dundee - a good opportunity for newly elected Fellows to meet current Fellows, Staff and Trustees of the Society.

For more information on the Society's full event programme and to book a place visit [www.socantscot.org/events/](http://www.socantscot.org/events/) . . We look forward to seeing you.



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# Scientists hunt for descendants of 48 people who signed 1320 Scottish Independence Declaration

Genealogists at Strathclyde University have launched a search to find the families of those who signed the historic Declaration of Arbroath ahead of 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Scientists hope to find descendants of the nobles who signed the historic *Declaration of Arbroath* ahead of its 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Genealogists at Strathclyde University have launched a search to find living families of the 48 signatories who put their name to one of Scotland's most important documents.

The declaration was sent to Pope John XXII in 1320 asking him to recognise the country's independence and acknowledge Robert the Bruce as lawful king.

Experts from the Glasgow university's Centre of Lifelong Learning aim to find people related to

signatories, including James Lindsay of Dowhill, Bonnie Prince Charlie's friend.

They can confirm their heritage using samples of DNA passed only through the male line.

Graham Holton, principal tutor for the Genealogical Studies programme, said: "If there were any folk who were claimants to dormant peerages or something like that, there's a chance that it could be used.

"However, the thing is that we're looking for unbroken male lines and there could be illegitimacies within that – because the Y DNA will be passed down whether it is a legitimate, or illegitimate line."

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