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The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA is pleased to announce 2021 Great Scot Award Recipient BRIAN COX

Brian Denis Cox CBE is a Scottish actor who works in film, television, and theatre. Cox was born in Dundee, the youngest of five children.



From a working class family, he joined the Dundee Repertory Theatre at the age of 14. He then went to drama school at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

In 1965 Cox joined the Lyceum company in

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Clan Buchanan Society members earn

first ever Pullet-zer Prizes!

Congratulations to members of the Clan Buchanan Society, International for their unprecedented participation in writing for the newest edition of the *Buchanan Banner*.

When the edition was begun, there was nothing in the AOL Cloud folder from which to create a publication. A cry of "assistance needed" went out

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2021

The New Year begins, let us pray
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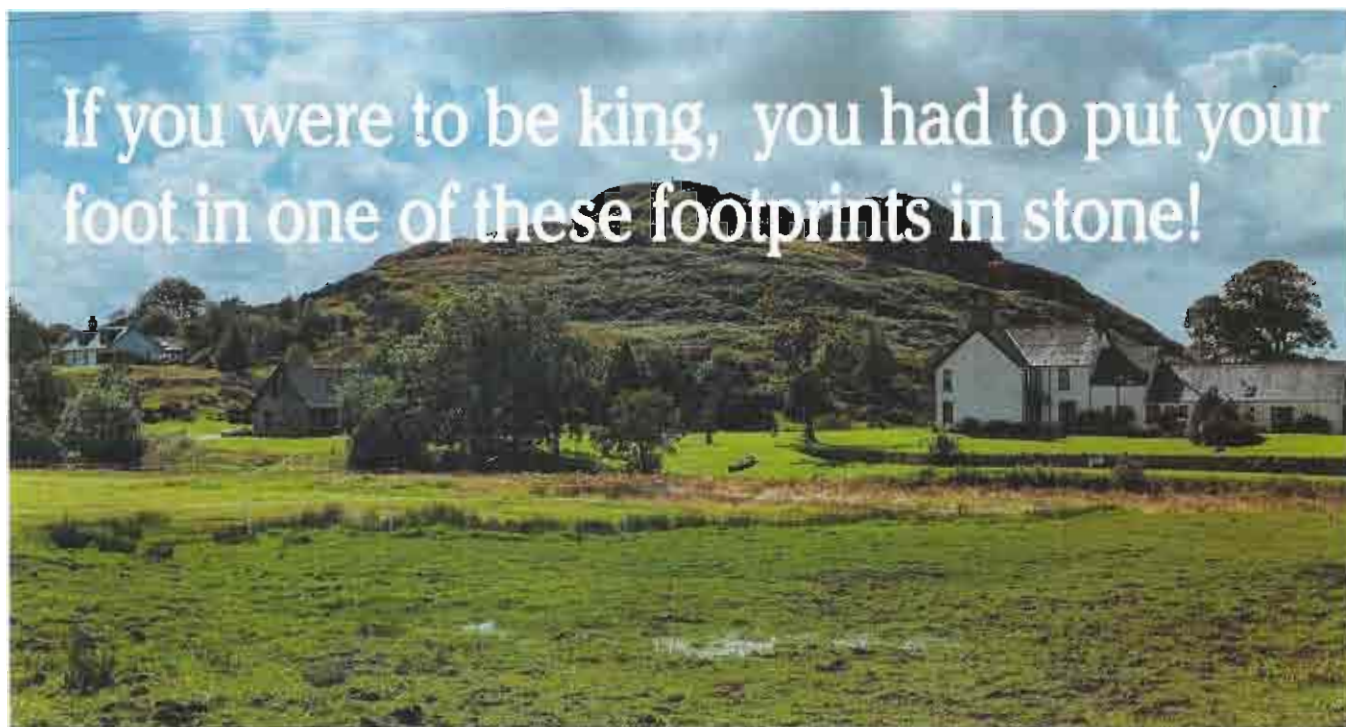
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If you were to be king, you had to put your foot in one of these footprints in stone!

With thanks!



Dunadd Fort in Argyll rises high out of the Moine Mhor – the ‘great moss’ – or the expanse of bog that carpets the southern end of Kilmartin Glen.

The fort was the former power centre of the Gaelic kingdom of Dál Riata and remains a place of wonder.

A number of mysterious carvings sit below the summit of the hill, including two large footprints embedded in a rock ridge.

"They may well have been used during real-life inauguration ceremonies for new kings, symbolising the new ruler's dominion over the land," according to Samuel Wilson, of Historic Environment Scotland.

Similar footprints can be found at Clickimin Broch in Shetland.

At Dunadd, other carvings include a boar, a basin or trough and what could be the remains of a rock-cut throne.

Those heading to summit would have passed through a narrow natural passage and a series of terraces to reach the top.

There, the enclosure is surrounded by the strongest defences and is probably where the king would have ruled from.

Excavations in the 1980s found the mound was used as a fort more than 2,000 years ago with the Gaelic kings using it as a power base from AD 500 to AD 800.

According to *Historic Environment Scotland*, it is one of the few places in Scotland referenced in early histories.

It was first mentioned in AD 683 in the *Annals of Ulster*, by which point it was already a major power centre – potentially already the chief stronghold of Dál Riata. In 736, its seizure by a Pictish king is also recorded.

It may also be the spot where St Columba reportedly met a merchant from Gaul in the late 500s, although a site near Oban has also been proposed as the gathering place.

The Dál Riata formed a series of kindreds, or larger tribal groupings, with Dunadd thought to have been located close to the boundary of two leading groups – the Loairn and Cenél n Gabráin

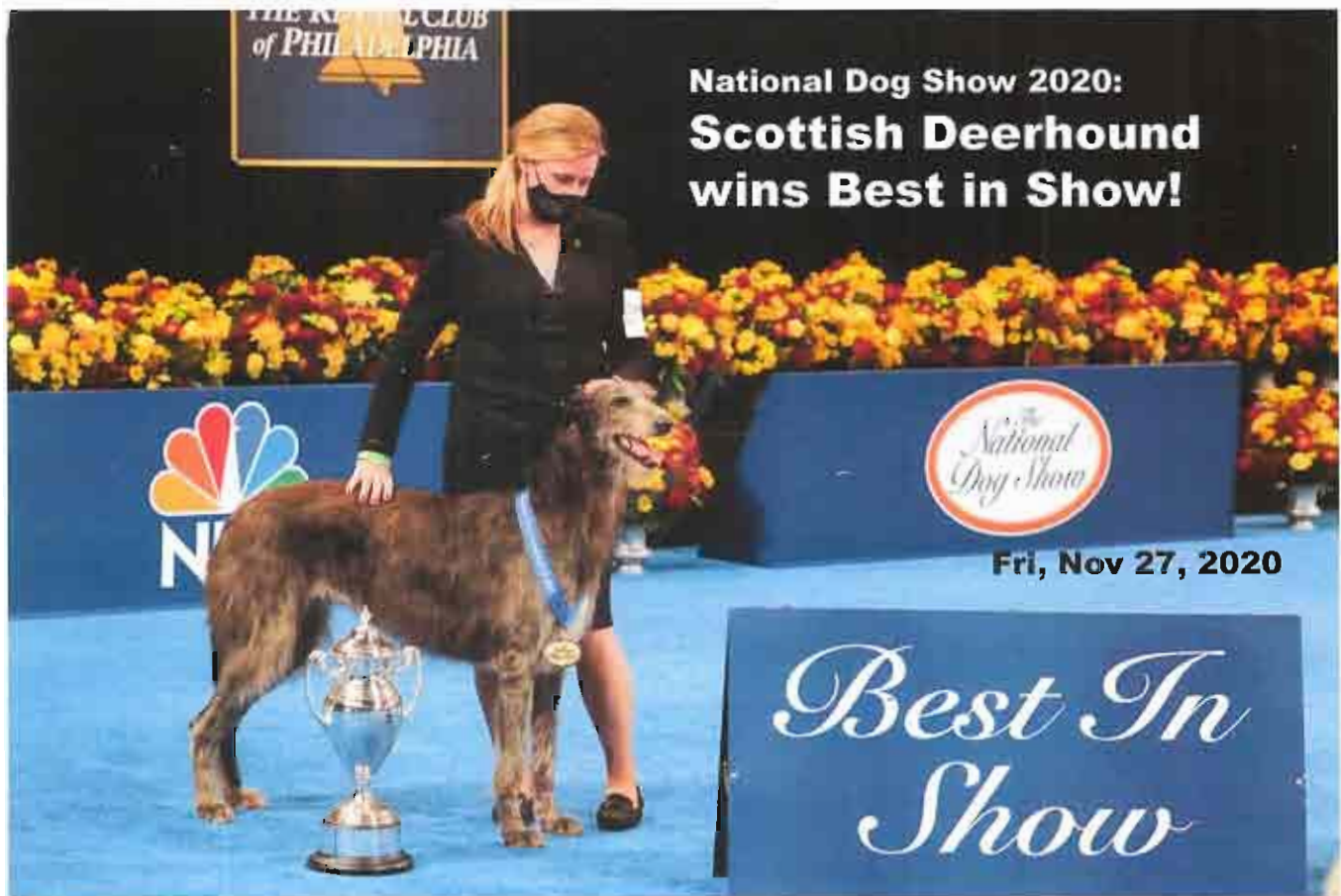


OH, CANADA!



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With many thanks to friend, James Nethery for this great news!

You can see Scottish scenes from 1897 - 1910 on the nternet!

In 1989 a Kinora Viewer together with a collection of reels was given to The WICK Society for display in the WICK Heritage Museum. The reels contained local scenes and events dating between 1897 - 1910. It was originally believed that these reels formed part of The Johnston Collection, also preserved by the National Library of Scotland Moving Image Archive, however we now think that they could be the work of a contemporary local photographer John G. Humphrey.

The National Library of Scotland and the WICK Society started a project in 2009 - the National Library funded the technical work that would lead to digitisation of the reels, and the WICK Society contributed research on the provenance and date of the material.

In March 1897 a Mr. Calder from Aberdeen advertised in the local press the public showing of 'The first living pictures to be shown in the North'.

Henry Williamson was approached to be the projectionist. It is also recorded that he invited William Johnston to help him set up and operate the equipment. Subsequent press reports revealed that 'several local views were also displayed evoking much applause'.

So popular was the first showing of the 'living pictures cinematograph' that return visits were advertised within weeks to WICK, Lybster and Thurso.

To see these visit: <<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-scotland-55064550>> (It works! I tried it and saw these glimpses of the past.)



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Upcoming Genealogy Programs - January - February 2021 at the Ft. Myers (FL) Regional Library

Good Morning: This contains information on our first two virtual genealogy programs for 2021.

In the interest of public health and safety, there will be no in-house or face to face programming. This applies to all adult, young adult, and children's programming throughout the Lee County Library System.

It appears this is a nation-wide policy for those library systems that have reopened to the public. How much virtual programming will be done going forward will be evaluated based on the number of attendees. Hence your support is greatly appreciated. Please direct any questions concerning the information to my attention.

While I will be on vacation or working from home much of this month due to staffing and building occupancy limitations mandated by the state health department and CDC recommendations, I am monitoring my email from home so any queries received will be answered in a timely manner.

The format of this email may look different than normal because I am sending it from my home computer. The technology between my computer and the county system does not always match up perfectly. Feel free to contact with any questions.

Fort Myers Regional Library Upcoming Genealogy Programs January – February 2021

Here are the latest listings of upcoming genealogy programs. Until the COVID-19 situation is resolved, all programs will be held virtually through the Go To Webinar platform. All programs are free and open to the public. Advance Registration is required. Patrons may register for the classes using one of the following options:

1. Register online at <https://leelibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month/2021/01?>

Select the month and then locate the program on the calendar. Click on the Register for the Live Event icon and enter your name and email address.

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with the appropriate link and instructions for entering the webinar on the day of the event.

2. Telephone: Call Bryan L. Mulcahy at 533-4626 and leave your contact information including your current email address.

3. E-Mail: Contact Bryan L. Mulcahy at bmulcahy@leegov.com. This is the best option for a timely response.

Donna Moughty Irish Genealogy Series

Saturday, January 16, 2021

Speaker: Donna Moughty – Irish Roots Inc.

Time: 10 – 11:15am

Seeking Your Ancestors Before and After the Famine

As with other ethnic groups, the Irish emigrated for many reasons. Although frequently thought of as famine emigrants, economic, political and religious concerns provided the impetus for leaving their homeland.

This lecture will look at the push-pull factors for emigration beginning in the late 1600s through the early 1900s. Since success for immigrant research is highly dependent on discovering the exact location in the homeland of one's ancestors this lecture will focus on the types of records found in the United States which may provide clues to this very important question.

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Speaker: Donna Moughty – Irish Roots Inc.

Time: 10 – 11:15am

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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.



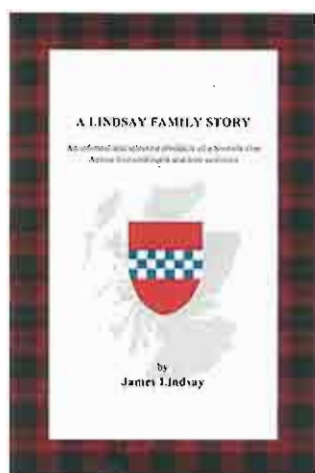
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A Lindsay Family Story is available now!

The publishers and editors of *A Lindsay Family Story* are most grateful for the support which they have had from the Lindsay community in USA.

Sales have been very sluggish, as can be imagined, this year because of Covid-19, but the arrival of vaccines enables us to hope for better times.

At the beginning of the new year, our book may be suitable as a seasonal gift. It would make a wonderful birthday gift to any Lindsay at any time!

There is now a web site describing the book <www.alfsbooks.co.uk> with a link to the printer's online bookshop, hosted by Amazon.

It allows purchase of the paperback version only at £25 a copy; this is more expensive than buying direct from us (£20), but the Amazon postal charges may be less and the foreign exchange transaction simpler.

The bookshop sometimes says that there is only one copy available, but that is because the printer only supplies their Amazon bookshop as needed; there are, in fact, about 150 in stock.

On the other hand, the hardback version, of which only about 50 are left, is only obtainable from us, at £30 plus £19.70 postage & packing.

Christopher Arnander
christopher@arnander.co.uk

Genealogy Programs, *continued from page 7*



Donna Moughty, speaker Irish Genealogy Series

Map It Out

When you're trying to figure out which individual of the same name is your ancestor, locations are important and maps can help. Our ancestors didn't move around a lot, but they may have moved just a short distance into another townland, or, if they were on the border of a parish or even county, they might have slipped over the border. That's why maps are important.

Thanks.

Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S., Reference Librarian |
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James Lindsay was the second son of the 27th Earl of Crawford (Clan Chief of the Lindsays 1913-1940). He served in the British Army in the Second World War and as a public servant in peace time. He was a Conservative Member of Parliament and a talented artist.

This book is described by its author as 'a non-professional attempt to trace the story of the Lindsay family', for the benefit of his immediate family. He emphatically disclaims the book as 'a serious history written by a serious historian...it is no such thing'.

This informal and selective chronicle describes Lindsays engaged in politics, diplomacy, warfare, bibliography, religion, art, farming, industry and science, across four continents and nine centuries.

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Building to last with dry stone

Doug McGraw, writing for the newsletter of Clan Ramsay International, Inc.

On your travels through the British Isles, the European Continent, and other places I know you've seen miles and miles of stone walls, the remains of stone castles and lots of stone structures everywhere.

You may have wondered how long have they been there and how long will they last? The answer is simply until man tears them down or wind and water wear them away.

Most likely what you saw was dry stone construction. Dry stone construction is simply the craft of building with stone and nothing else. It is ancient toil, as old as it gets.

I've heard dry stone-masonry referred to as the world's second oldest profession. Perhaps, but I but cannot confirm that.

No mortar, lime, cement, clay, or any other binders are used in dry stone construction. Gravity and friction are what hold dry stone structures together.

Some of the oldest buildings on earth are built this way.

A few famous examples are the Egyptian pyramids, some of the Incan structures at Machu Picchu, Peru and the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. Prehistoric

dry stone dwellings are still standing throughout Great Britain and much of Europe.

Scotland's prehistoric and mysterious brochs are dry stone.

I'm a stonemason and feel fortunate to have learned some different aspects of the trade. Building without mortar is my favorite technique for several reasons.

I love that the integrity of the project is in my hands rather than an engineered and tested product to be installed according to certain specifications. I love the simplicity of it.

Minimal tools and equipment are needed to make structures that are remarkably durable, yet easily repaired if damaged. The fact that the materials are provided by the earth makes me

feel grounded; in tune with the planet.

After thirty years of it, some days make me feel like I am soon to be one with the ground. Suffice it to say, I am passionate about stones!

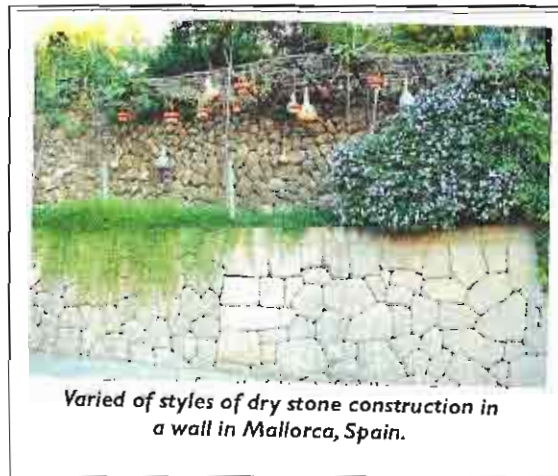
Styles of dry stone work are as diverse as the geology, climate and terrain of regions around the world.

Of course, the skill of the waller, as dry stone masons are called, also comes into play. Like poetry, anyone can do it, but only some should.

Talented dry stone masons, are a practical and frugal bunch. They are good at making the most of what is available.

Successful designs are similar within a region due to the limitations of the stone and the building site.

The most widely recognized historic dry stone structures are the walls and rock fences that border roads and fields where building stone was readily



Varied of styles of dry stone construction in a wall in Mallorca, Spain.



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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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available.

For me, it is a joy to study the varied styles and understand why the lasting examples are best suited to the area.

Mortared walls have a shorter life span than dry stone walls for several reasons. First, mortared walls are rigid and will fail if influenced by tree roots, earthquakes or any foundation settling, while a dry stone wall has some flexibility. Water will get into a mortared wall and freeze, pushing stones apart; but dry walls drain naturally. Finally, mortars are complicated and frequently misused. If not properly selected, mixed and incorporated, they will erode creating voids in a wall, ultimately leading to an early demise and costly repairs.

The author in a dry stone doorway in Machu Picchu, Peru, built in the 15th century.



A few years ago, I was asked to build two dry stone bridges on a municipal golf course. The bridges were designed for golf cart traffic and we used about 50 tons of reclaimed granite curbs on each bridge.

Referencing a term my brother used in a recent article on antique motorcycle racing, I will say that my proposed style of construction was “obsolete engineering”.

After several refusals, I was fortunate to find an engineer to give us his stamp if we passed a load test upon completion.

We built the bridges and passed the load test.

It was not part of the load test, but I drove my truck over one. We documented the construction with time-lapse photography and added some bagpipe music to it. Here is a link to the four-minute-long video. Hope you enjoy it!

McGraw Hardscapes 2nd bridge - YouTube

We are on the Web. <www.clanramsay.org>

Contact <davidf.ramsey@verizon.net>



Archeo-Astronomy of Henges in Scotland

John S. “Jack” Gibson

Hideaway, Texas USA

In Europe, there are many ancient (2,000-3,000 BC) stone structures and artifacts, from early civilizations, that are related to the stars, planets, heavens, and their spiritual meanings.

Archeo-Astronomy is the study of all that as most of it is primarily based of stone structures of rings and circles, such as well known “Stonehenge” of southern England (which I have visited).

The word “henge” means sacred circle of stones. There are a number of smaller stone rings in Scotland, usually in a line of three...representing the three stars that make up the “Belt of Orion” in the bright star constellation of Orion which is prevalent in winter skies.

Orion is the brightest and most visible constellation and in European mythology he is depicted as the “great hunter” or the “god of the hunt.”

In Scotland, the most accessible and complete henge is the “Loanhead at Daviot Stone Circle.” It represents one star in Orion’s Belt.

The other two henges in this group have been largely obliterated as later folks used many of the stones for other purposes such as stone fences.

This circle is on a ridge just above the village of Daviot, northwest of the city of Aberdeen.

The Loanhead circle is about 70 ft in diameter. The outer ring is made up of eight large vertical stones (orthostats) and a large vertical rectangular stone leaning at a slight angle (recumbent stone) with a

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The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs,
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and those interested in those 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 the United States Federal Income Taxes.

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

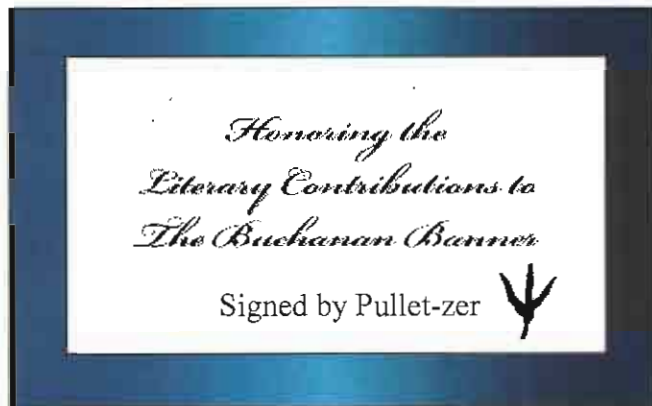
Membership

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



For membership application, email **Janet Armstrong** at <jdumeyer@hotmail.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.

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <chrisarmys@gmail.com>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!



to the membership.

Amazingly, articles, stories, memories - all manner of interesting "newsletter materials" flooded in to the editor, who happens to be me, Beth Gay Freeman.

I was not expecting much of anything as it is the holiday season and even in this year of the pandemic, everyone is very busy.

Archeo-Astronomy, continued from page 13



slender flanking stone on each side. These various granite stones range in height above ground typically 5 to 7 feet. The area inside the vertical stone ring is a slightly raised mound (carin) made of dirt with a wide flat ring of smaller rocks and a cleared circle in the center. The recumbent stone is on the south side of the circle.

The exact spiritual meanings of this Orion related henge is still a subject of debate and ongoing academic study. Archeological excavations around the henge have also turned up many ancient pottery sherds and a burial site for cremated human remains and some bones. This is an unusual and interesting ancient place that can be visited now...and it is related in some way to the stars in Orion's Belt, that can be seen tonight in the winter sky!

Everyone was most cooperative and was genuinely interested in having a really great publication.

Here is a list of honorees with these first-ever awards by Pullet-zer: Paula The Lady Buchanan from Scotland, The Rev. Dr. Andrew Buchanan, Clan Colquhoun, Pastor Andy Hart, Lynn Buchanan, Shirley Manchester, Chris Conlon, Russ Buchanan, Michelle Buchanan, William "Grant" Buchanan, Patty Hopkinson, John de la Cruz from England, John S. "Jack" Gibson and Heather Horseman from Australia.

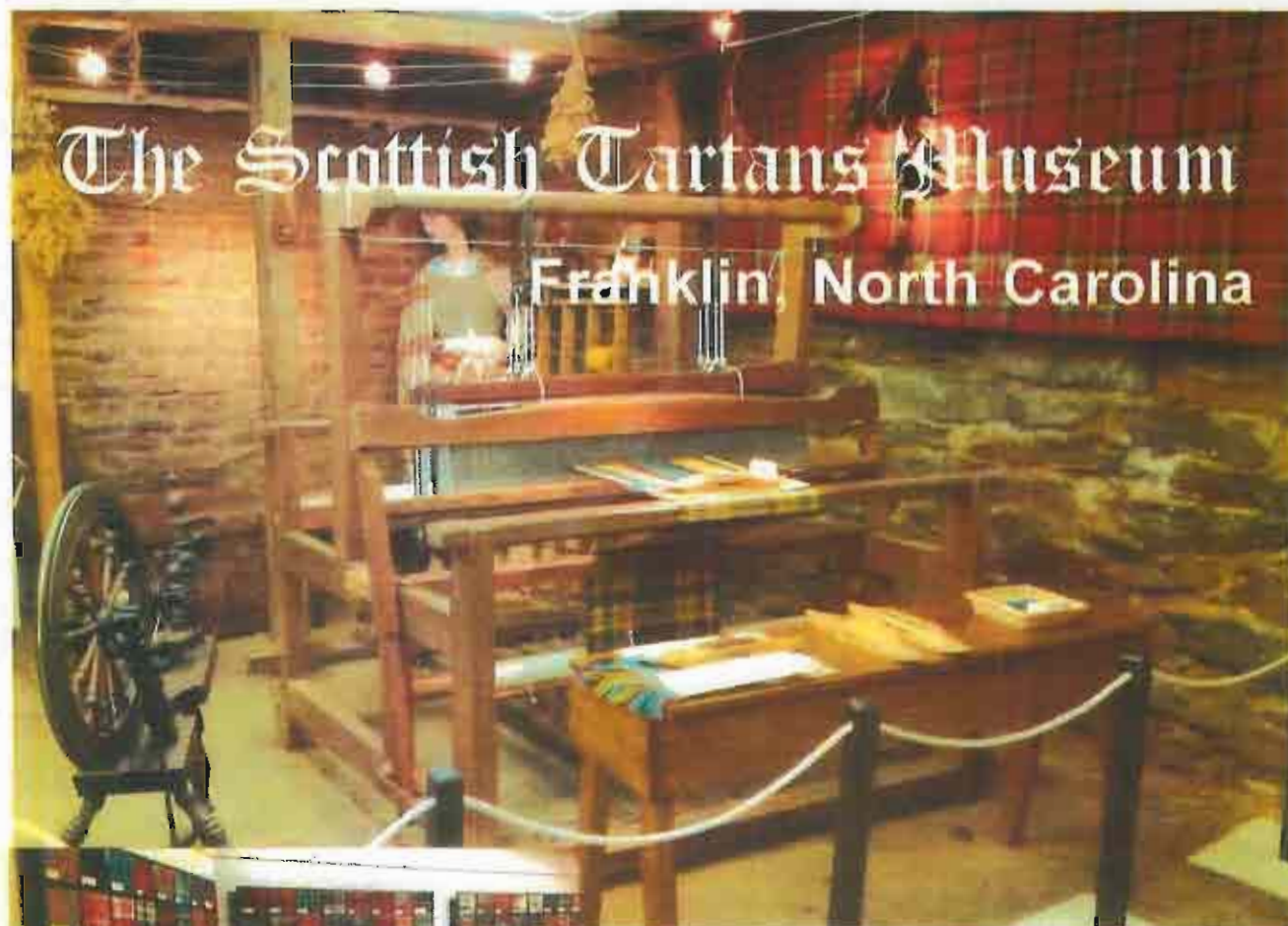
All of the nominees for new CBSI officers also sent in information for this publication. Thank you to David Byrne, Kevin "Buck" Buchanan, Shelagh Colledge, James "Jim" Gibson and John Brice.

If you would like to see this "miracle" edition of *The Buchanan Banner* you may <visit <https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/buchanan>> This issue won't be up for a couple of weeks, but, you may enjoy lots of other issues. The issue we're having such fun with is *The Buchanan Banner*, January 2021.

I must include here thanks to Tom Freeman who so happily laughs and giggles with me when we have an idea such as the Pullet-zer Prize! It is from his very talented mind and clever fingers that the graphics came. Thank you, Tom dah'lin.

**The first computer
dates back to Adam
and Eve.**

**It was an Apple with
limited memory,
just one byte.
And then everything
crashed.**



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

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

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

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

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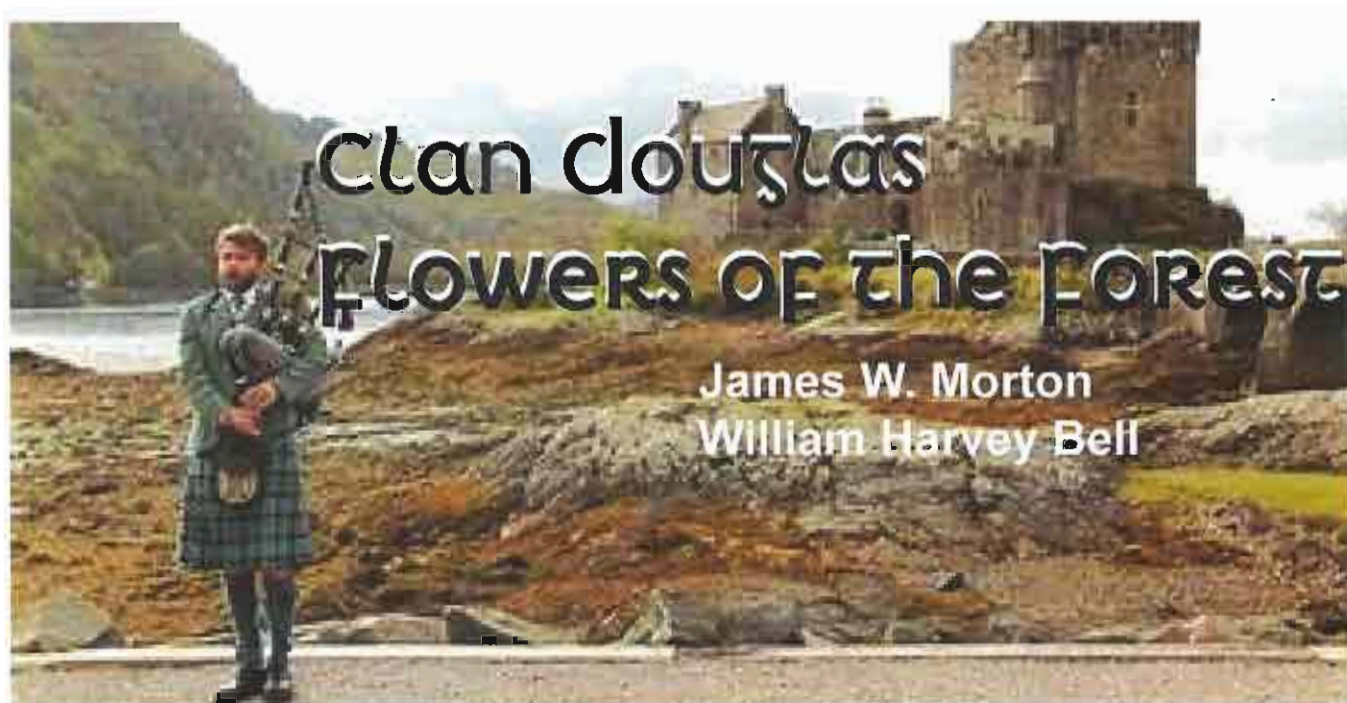
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James W. Morton, 88, silently enlisted in that long blue line of whose footsteps make no sound, on Thursday (April 2, 2020) at The Pines Healthcare and Rehabilitation Facility.

Jim was a proud U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the Korean War, and continued his service in many veteran-related groups. He was a member of the Tin Can Sailor Association; life member of the Destroyer Escort Historical Society; president of the USS Weiss APD Association; past commander of Cattaraugus County; member of the First Baptist Church of Great Valley for many years; and a member of the Ellicottville American Legion, where he served on its color guard. Jim was very passionate about NYS Boys State, for which he served as a board member for 52 years, as well as representing it as the Cattaraugus County chairman. He was also the Memorial Day speaker for services held in Ellicottville, Portville and East Otto through the years.

He was Life Member of the Clan Douglas.

Mr. Morton was born on June 20, 1931, in Ellicottville, son of the late William and Lucy Razey Morton. Jim married the former Leona Fay Smith, who predeceased him on July 30, 2017. He is survived by six children, Douglas (Barbara) Morton of Yorktown Heights, Marcella (Kent) Richert of West Chicago, Ill., Darcella (David) Elliot of Portville,

Holly Morton of Great Valley, James Morton of Danville, N.H. and Jeffrey John Earl (Rebecca) Morton of Spring Grove, Pa.; a sister, Judy (Monte) Winship of Little Valley; a sister-in-law, Frances Morton; 21 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents and loving wife, he is predeceased by a brother, Dean Morton; a sister, Daphne Marsh; and grandson, Adam Elliott.

William Harvey Bell, age 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, on Wednesday, September 8, 1926 and graduated from Tarkio High School in Tarkio, Missouri.

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.



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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.

Always the epitome of a gentleman, everyone loved Bill. He was quick with a joke or a kind word. He formed friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Though he did not think of himself as one, he was a true hero.

It was on a visit to New York City on Easter Sunday in 1956, he met the love of his life, Suzanne Shanahan, at the taping of "The Ed Sullivan Show". 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, then were 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.

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. 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, California, and Kathleen Shanahan Bell of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; his grandson, Alexander Javier Garcia-Bell of Long Beach; his sons-in-law, Javier Garcia of Long Beach and Liam Wolfe of Rio Rancho; his niece, Eva Lynn Wallert of Axtell, Kansas; and his grand-nephew, Dr. Joseph J. Pilel and his wife, Audrey, of

Marysville, Kansas and their children, Clayton, Carolyn, Brenner and Michael.

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. He was a Life Member of the Clan Douglas.

Because of his decades of research, in 1983, Clan Bell was once again recognized by the Lyon Court in Scotland 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.

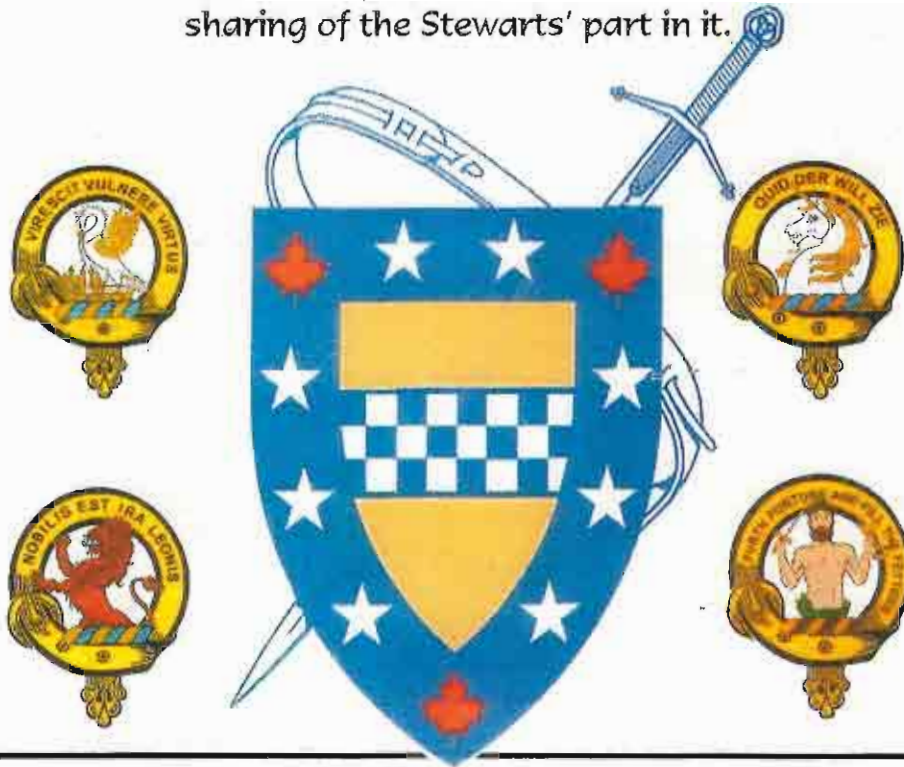
Colonel Bell was invested as a Knight Templar in 1989 in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Knights Templar uphold the ageless ideals of Chivalry and Christian religious commitment and protection, Crusade historical research, and fighting today's enemies of society, namely disease and social distress, through charitable efforts and fundraising. He rose to the rank of Bailiff of the Knights Templar of North America.



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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> (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> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)



A - Z of Scottish History

By Kyle Granite

***It is time for another edition of the
A to Z of Scottish History.***



A quintessential symbol of Scottish iconography is none other than the Scottish Bagpipes. Played across the world to celebrate and to commemorate, the Scottish Great Highland Bagpipes, or *a' phìob mhor*, represent the sound of the Highlands and is the national instrument of Scotland, in peace and war.

When people hear the bagpipes, they tend to think instantly of Scotland, be it a lone piper playing in front of an iconic Scottish Castle such as Eilean Donan, or a pipe band dressed in the full Highland regalia and playing in formation. However, different variations of bagpipes are played in countries all over the world, from Ireland to India, with their own unique look and sound. Where bagpipes first appeared is somewhat unknown, some historians believe them to have originated in ancient Egypt, while others claim they first appeared in India some three thousand years ago. However, it is generally accepted that they were brought over to Europe by the Romans, making their way to Britain during the Roman invasion of Britain under Emperor Claudius in 43AD. The notorious Emperor Nero is thought to have been an avid player of the pipes with a depiction of him playing them emblazoned on ancient coins.

However, the bagpipes did not appear in Scottish records until the fifteenth century - and not how we know them today. The earliest version of the Scottish bagpipe would have taken the form of one singular drone, the air bag (made out of animal skin), the chanter and a mouthpiece to supply air to the instrument. It is believed that the second drone was added



in the 1500s and the third, known as the great drone, was added in the early 1700s.

As the pipes grew in popularity in both the Highlands and the Lowlands of Scotland, they were subsequently adopted as a vital instrument of war as the inspiring yet penetrating sound that bellow from them was found to instill fear in the hearts of enemy soldiers.

During the Jacobite Uprisings they quickly became a symbol of resistance and rebellion. Following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie at the Battle of Culloden 1746, the playing or carrying of bagpipes (along with the wearing of kilts) was made a penal offence. A piper called James Reid was tried for treason and hanged in York on the 6th November 1746 after the court concluded that "no highland regiment ever marched without a piper and therefore his bagpipes in the eyes of the law, was an instrument of warfare."

Although the Act was repealed in 1785, the bagpipes continued to be seen as a pivotal element of Scottish military, often leading the troops (or the 'Devils in Skirts'), with the infamous image of the unarmed solitary piper stepping first towards death's door.



I cannot deny that the bagpipe is both adored and despised in equal measure. The often shrill sound is perhaps too much for some people. However, being a Scot and hearing it played so regally during national events such as Rugby games, or poignantly heard as a bride and her father walk up the aisle

arm in arm at a wedding, the sound of the Great Highland Bagpipe will forever give me goosebumps.

Other Freckle-in-time links:

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FAREWELL TO A FAMOUS SON OF SCOTLAND

Sean Connery from *People Magazine*

Back in the day, I grew up in the age of the sexy young Scotsman who played James Bond, one of the most well known of all Scotland's actors.

At the time, I did not realize that Sean was Scottish. I barely realized that I was of Scottish ancestry.

I loved the way he sounded but I just thought it was an English accent.

Connery liked his thick Scottish burr and refused to speak "more like an Englishman".

Connery grew up poor in Edinburgh and quit school at age 13.

He served a stint in the Navy and had various poor paying jobs until he became an actor.

In Edinburgh, Sean was known as "Big Tam" because he was 6 ft, 2 inches tall. He took up bodybuilding and became Mr. Universe in 1951.

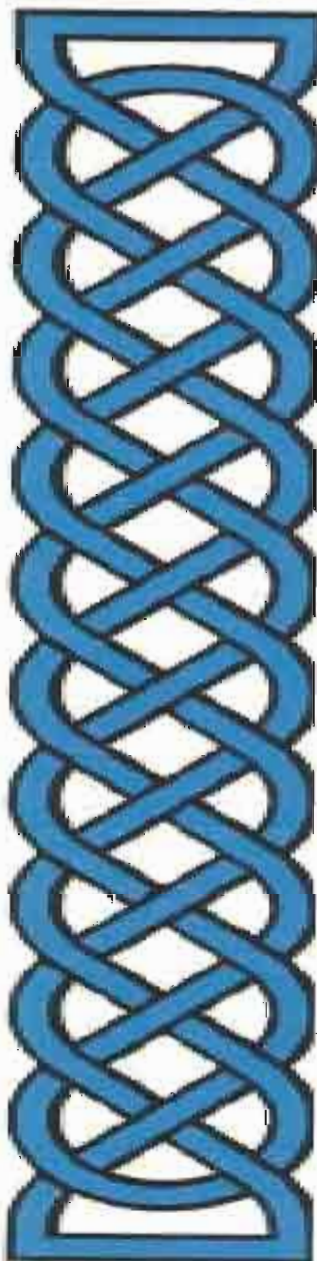
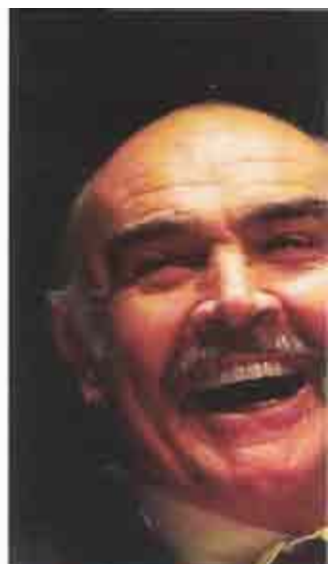
Talk about a six-pack - he was gorgeous.

When he interviewed with producer Cubby Broccoli for the first James Bond role, Broccoli saw him walking away from his interview down a London street and said, "He walked like the most arrogant son of a gun you've ever seen and I said that's our Bond."

Sean was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2000 and he wore a MacLeod tartan kilt. There was nobody more Scottish than Sean, he was a global Scot.

Connery died peacefully in his sleep at age 90 at his home in the Bahamas.

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**"I am not an
Englishman,
I was never
an Englishman,
and I don't ever
want to be one.
I am a Scotsman!
I was a Scotsman
and I will always
be one."**

Sir Sean Connery

Clan Davidson Society USA



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

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

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

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Saturday - July 17, 2021 - 9 AM - 6 PM - PHGA Game Day

11:30 AM - Clan Parade (Meet down on the track)

1 PM - CDSNA Tent Lunch and Clan Picture

**7 PM - 10 PM - General Members Meeting,
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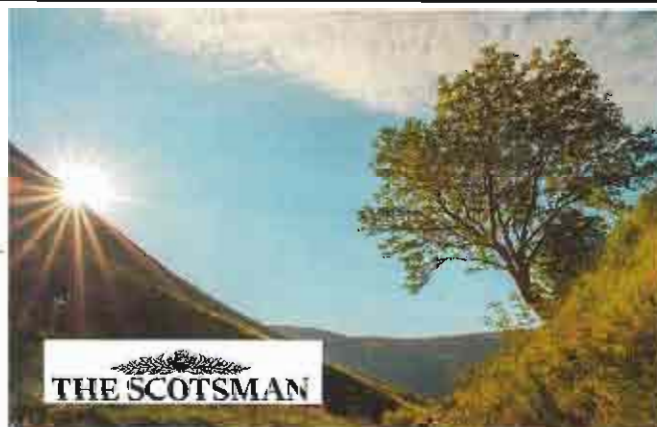


Scotland's Rowan Tree competing for European honor

The rowan, dubbed 'the Survivor', once perched virtually alone in a valley at Carrifran, near Moffat.

Now, after dedicated conservation efforts by a community group over the past 20 years, it is surrounded by new young native trees

In September it was named Scotland's Tree of the Year in a contest run by the Woodland Trust conservation charity.



Members of the public chose the Survivor because it stands as a symbol of hope for woodland

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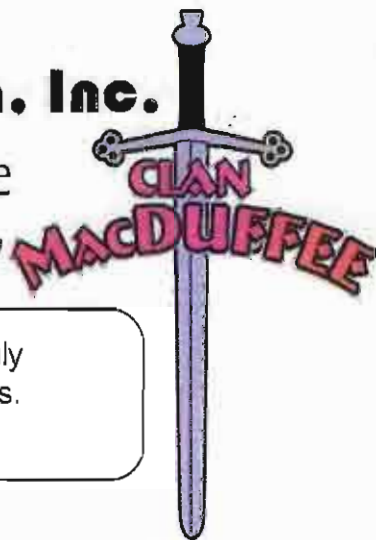
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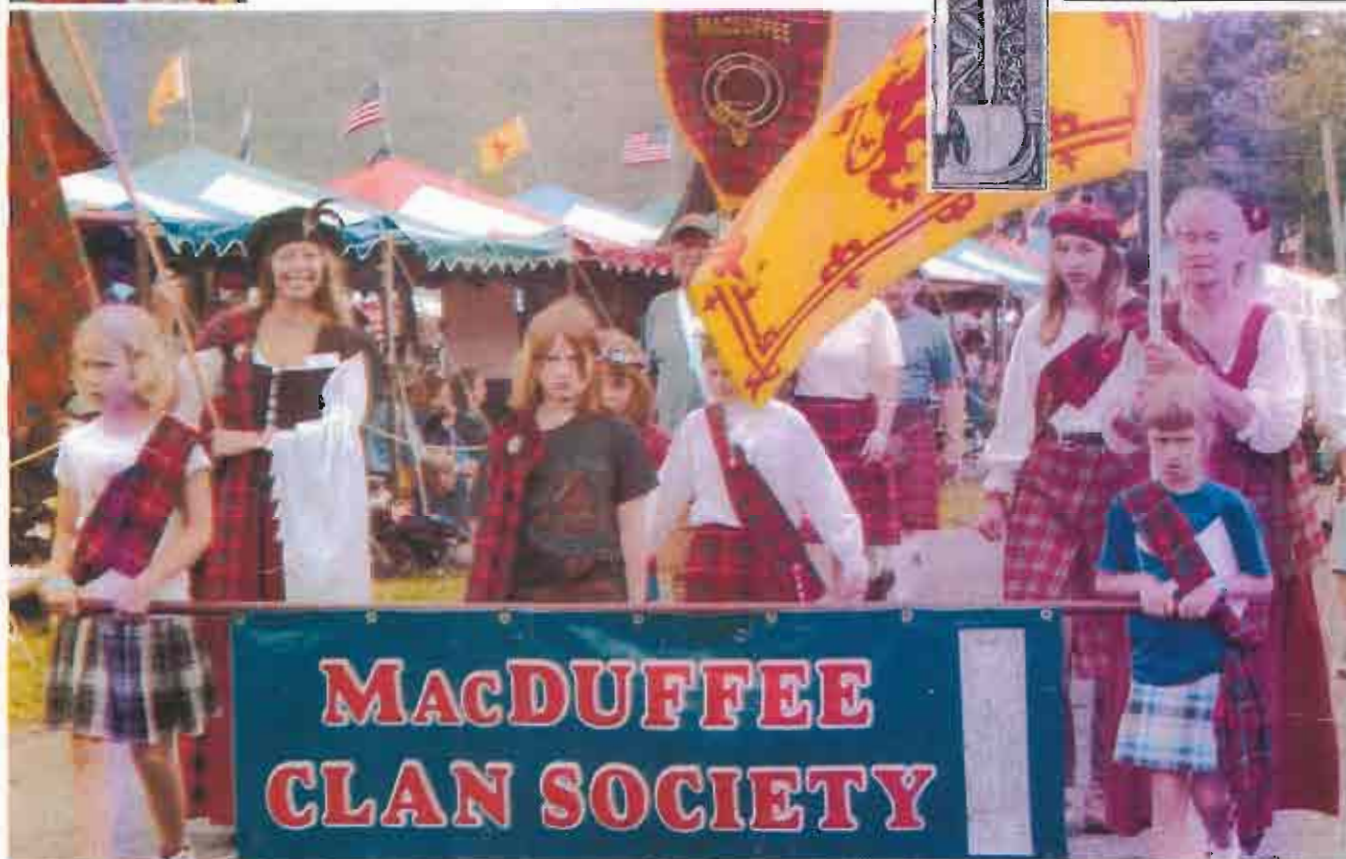
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restoration.

It has now beaten off competition from the Chapter House Tree, at Port Talbot in Wales, and England's Happy Man Tree, in London's Hackney, to be named Great British Tree of the Year 2020.

As such, it will go forward to the European Tree of the Year competition, organised by the Environmental Partnership Association.

Voting will take place online in February

Community group Borders Forest Trust (BFT) took over the land at Carrifran in 2000 and has been working on regenerating the site.

BFT's Fi Martynoga, who nominated the rowan, said: "This tree rapidly became a very important symbol of our aspirations to see this valley completely rewooded and restored to its natural vegetation.

"In this valley alone we have planted well over 600,000 trees. The beauty of it is they are now beginning to reproduce themselves.

"It shows how you can change an environment for the better, preserve and multiply what is around. I hope it can stand as a symbol for other people, that they can do the same thing."

Will Humpington, advisor for climate change and environment at competition supporter People's Postcode Lottery, said: "I'm really pleased our players are supporting the Tree of the Year competitions, which continue to build a deeper connection between people and the nature that's around them.

"The Survivor is a terrific symbol of what can be done and what needs to be done in our landscape as we face the challenges of climate change. We hope its message will now make an impact across Europe and beyond."

On announcing the Survivor has been voted



Last year's winner, the Almond Tree of the Snowy Hill, in Pécs, Hungary.

Scotland's Tree of the Year, Woodland Trust Scotland director Carol Evans said that planting trees was one of the "obvious responses" to the climate crisis.

"Trees soak up carbon from the atmosphere and provide a home for wildlife," she said. "So it is fantastic that BFT has shown what can be achieved at Carrifran Wildwood. This tree itself is quite ordinary, but it represents something extraordinary."

Last year's European Tree of the Year winner was the Almond Tree of the Snowy Hill, in Pécs, Hungary.

The UK entry, Liverpool's Allerton Oak, finished in seventh place.

Previous winners include the Whistler cork oak tree in Portugal, which scooped the prize in 2018, the Oak Józef in Poland, which won the contest in 2017, and the oldest tree of Bátaszék, another Hungarian, which came first in 2016.

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How to Prepare for an Online Search

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Whenever I am contacted by patrons who are beginning the research process, the first question posed usually involves when we can meet to perform an in-person online research. Because of COVID-19, in-person searches are more complicated because of social distancing guidelines. However, we still offer the service. This article is designed to prepare patrons for a successful session.

The main point I emphasize is preparation. Our ability to assist the patron is based on the amount of information they can provide. Even if a patron hires a professional, this fact will be part of the conversation. My goal is to put researchers in the best possible position for success. Here are my suggested steps to begin the research process.

Step One: Using a Pedigree or Ancestral Chart, record in pencil all of the information you already know about your family.

1. These details include names, date/year of birth, place of birth, date/year of marriage and place where ceremony took place, date/year and place of death. This chart tracks you, your parents, your grandparents (both sides), etc. across multiple generations.

2. If you don't know dates, there is nothing wrong with estimating them. In the beginning, if all you know is complete information on yourself and your parents but little if anything going further back, don't worry.

3. The next form you should fill out is called a Family Group Sheet. Fill out one sheet for each family. This is the form where you will record one family -- parents and the children of that marriage. As on the previous Pedigree/Ancestral Chart, fill in the names, dates, and places. If a divorce takes place and one or both parents remarry and have children,

this will involve creating a new Family Group Sheet for the new families.

Step Two: The next step is to decide what information you want to learn about your family.

1. Circle any missing or incomplete information on your Pedigree/Ancestral Chart or Family Group Work Sheet or both. Start with your parents or grandparents and work your way back in time.

2. Part of the decision will depend on your ultimate research objective. I've worked with some patrons who are only interested in the gist or highlights of various people in their family. The purpose of this study guide is more for those who wish to go as far back as possible.

3. If you fall into the latter category, feel free to contact me. I have a separate set of recommendations that would apply in that situation.

Step Three: Take the time to read a how-to-book on beginning genealogy research.

1. Study guides like this one will tell you what the steps are to proceed, but they will not be able to tell you the "why". In order to be successful in genealogy, you must know the historical context of the time period and purpose of the records.

2. Even if it delays the formal beginning of your research and making an appointment to meet with a research staff member, this step will pay long-term dividends and make the process easier.

Step Four: Investigate what research has already been done.

1. Talk to family members, relatives, or family friends and record any useful information or stories.

2. You may discover that they not only have details of interest but also original documents, photographs, family Bibles, military papers, journals, diaries, etc., that may be useful for your research.

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Perhaps the first-ever established Masonic Lodge in Edinburgh

With thanks to *AtlasObscura*

FREEMASONRY, OR WHAT IS COMMONLY referred to as Masonry, can be defined as a member-based charitable organization dedicated to the practice of exhibiting good deeds. They are also known for their secret celebrations. Membership is estimated to be around six million affiliates worldwide. In Scotland, there are somewhere around 32 lodges, places where Freemasons gather for meetings and business.

Located along a cobblestone side street of the country's capital, this is perhaps the first-ever established Masonic lodge. The origins of the lodge date back to the end of the 14th-century. An ancient guild of mostly stonemasons would gather at the chapel of St. Mary's in the Old Town. Here, they would discuss various aspects of their organization.

The former congregation met on Niddry Street just off the Royal Mile, but that building was demolished to make way for the South Bridge. Minutes taken from a meeting on July 31, 1599 at this address make this establishment one of the oldest meetings for this ancient institution.

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3. These would often be classified as home sources. One of my free study guides available upon request goes into greater detail on this topic. Ask permission to make copies of these documents.

Step Five: Begin recording this information, and especially where you found the facts.

1. This is called citing your sources.

2. As you progress through the research process, this will become the key to your long-term success.

Once you have begun the process of putting this information together, it will make it easier for the research staff member to get an overview of what you have gathered and help them discuss and formulate a research strategy. This will help make the online search more productive for both you and the staff member. It will also serve as a guide that you can use to proceed. I have multiple study guides on this topic that I can send electronically upon request. Feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Bryan L. Mulcahy

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The current lodge, named St Mary's Chapel after its previous meeting location, moved to Hill Street during the 1820s. Here, the Grand Lodge of Scotland lists this structure as number one on the list of lodges.

Know Before You Go

The exterior of the building is accessible 24/7. During the month of August, the building is often rented out as a performance venue for the Fringe Festival.

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Clan Grant Society of Australia

Flower of the Forest

Shirley Walsh (nee Grant)

It is with regret that we advise of the passing of **Shirley Walsh (nee Grant)** on 16th October 2020 following 3 years of treatment, which began with surgery and then chemotherapy and radiation.

Her family were amazed how Shirley showed an inner strength and calmness throughout. She was a strong example to all.

Shirley joined The Clan Grant Society of Australia Society in 2014. Very soon afterwards she forwarded me an article for our first newsletter in 2015 about a trip she had taken to Scotland the previous year. She had a strong desire to follow up on her Scottish Heritage. She really enjoyed seeing Scotland, and also the Orkney Islands with its very historical sites like Scara Brae, and the Ring of Brodgar.

Family was everything to Shirley who is survived by her husband, three daughters, a son and eight grandchildren.

On behalf of our committee and members I offer our sincere condolences to her husband, William (Bill), and all the family on their loss.

Merv Grant (Newsletter Editor, *Clan Grant Society of Australia*)

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- 32 third great-grandparents
- 64 fourth great-grandparents
- 128 fifth great-grandparents
- 256 sixth great-grandparents
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I will walk my tour in humble reverence
to the best of my ability.

It is he who commands the respect I protect,
his bravery that made us so proud.
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this soldier will in honored glory rest
under my eternal vigilance.

— Simon 1971

Tomb Guards are part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard". Serving the U.S. since 1784, The Old Guard is the oldest active infantry unit in the military still in service. After a valorous performance in the Mexican War, the Old Guard received its unique name from General Winfield Scott during a victory parade in Mexico City in 1847. The Old Guard has a long history of service to the U.S., from the Revolutionary War to the Iraq War.

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The Old Guard recruits soldiers based on certain intangible traits, and with requirements for height and weight, physical fitness, aptitude scores, and conduct.

These soldiers are considered to be the most suitable to represent the U.S. at home and abroad,

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Pershing's Own

The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

and the most recognized platoon:

The Tomb

The Tomb is comprised of three Tomb squads "reliefs", 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reliefs. The reliefs are organized based on height, so that the Tomb Guards are similar in size during the Changing of the Guard. Although the Sergeant of the Guard can organize reliefs based on operational needs.

The mission of the Tomb platoon is:

Responsible for maintaining the highest standards and traditions of the United States Army and this Nation while keeping a constant vigil at this

National Shrine, and;

Whose special duty is to prevent any desecration or disrespect directed toward the Tomb.

To become a Tomb Guard, an Old Guard soldier must volunteer by applying for appointment to the Tomb through the Sergeant of the Guard. To be considered for an appointment, the soldier must be highly motivated and disciplined, and possess a strong military bearing and soldierly appearance.

If appointed, the soldier is assigned to the Tomb for an initial two week training period. The period focuses on basic Changing of the Guard sequences, uniform preparation, and memorization of a basic "knowledge" packet about the Tomb and ANC. At the conclusion of the two weeks, the soldiers are tested in these areas. If they pass, they are assigned to one of three reliefs as a trainee for an intense training period. If they fail, they are assigned back to their company.

The 2nd Battalion is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and serves as part of the 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team of the 2nd Infantry Division. The 2nd Battalion was reactivated in 2001 after 31 years of inactivity, and was deployed to Iraq in 2009. The 4th Battalion is inactive.

We will continue this article concerning the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier next issue.



Edinburgh, followed, during the 1960s and 1970s, with various theatre and television performances. His first film appearance was as Leon Trotsky in *Nicholas and Alexandra* in 1971.

Cox is an accomplished Shakespearean actor, spending seasons in the 1980s and 1990s with both the Royal Shakespeare Company, where he gained recognition for his portrayal of King Lear, and at the National Theatre. His most famous appearances include *Rob Roy*, *Braveheart*, *The Ring*, *X2*, *Troy*, and *The Bourne Supremacy*. He is also known for appearing in *Super Troopers*, *The Bourne Identity*, *Rushmore*, and *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, and many other film and theatre performances.

Cox currently stars as media magnate Logan Roy on HBO's *Succession*. An Olivier Award, Emmy Award, and Golden Globe winner, Cox has also been nominated for a BAFTA and three Screen Actors Guild Awards.

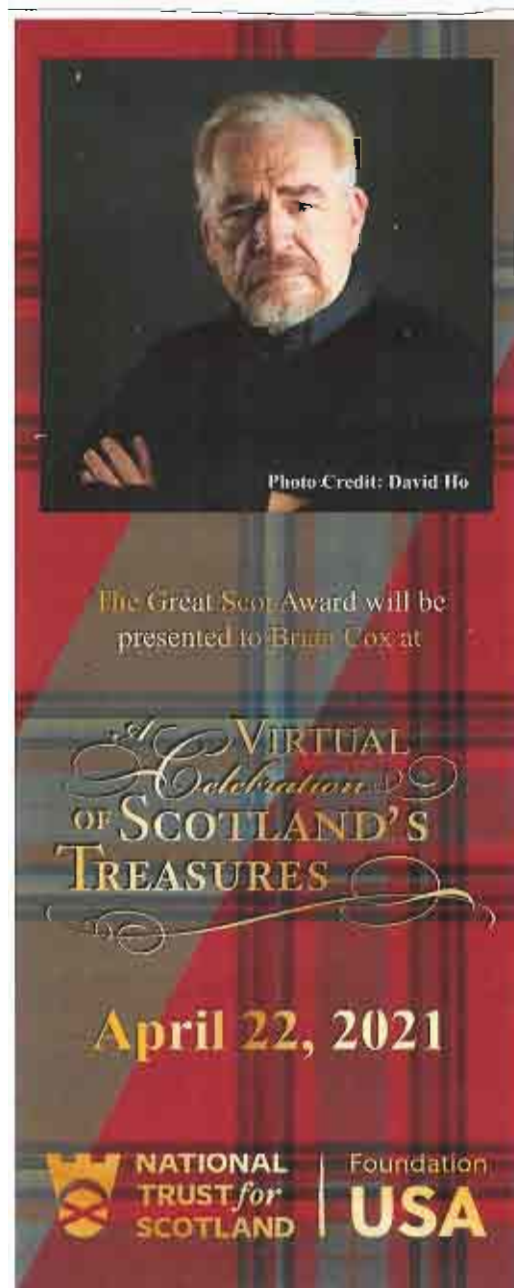
Cox is a patron of the Scottish Youth Theatre, Scotland's national theatre "for and by" young people. Their building in Glasgow, The Old Sheriff Court, is named the *Brian Cox Studio Theatre* in his honor. He is also a patron of *The Space*, a training facility for actors and dancers in his native Dundee, and an ambassador for the Screen Academy Scotland as well as a patron of *The Old Rep Theatre* in Birmingham, one of the first Repertory Theatres to be built in the UK.

In 2010, Cox was elected as the 12th Rector of the University of Dundee by students of the institution. He was re-elected in 2013. He holds an honorary doctorate from Napier University in Edinburgh, awarded in 2008.

In April 2010, Cox appeared gratis in a series of TV advertisements to support *Age UK*, the charity formed from the merger of *Age Concern* and *Help the Aged*.

On 14 April 2012, Cox was the 10th grand marshal of the New York City Tartan Day Parade. On 31 December 2002, Cox was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours List.

Said Mr. Cox in an interview for a recent *National Trust for Scotland* magazine, "I'm a proud member of



the National Trust for Scotland. As its name suggests, it puts the nation in trust – protecting our country's heritage. If lockdown has taught us anything, it's how precious our land is; we take it for granted at our peril. We must continue to support and honour the Trust's vital work to ensure our natural and built heritage flourishes for years to come."