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## New Anderson corporate banner presented at Glasgow



*Heraldic artist, Tom Freeman, presented a new, just approved, Clan Anderson corporate banner to the Clan Anderson Chief, Hope-Vere Anderson, at the recent Glasgow Highland Games (KY).*



*Judge Marti Harrison and Glasgow Highland Games President, Bob Harrison with their Mackenzie Clan at the recent Glasgow Games.*

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## *Letter from your editor:* **The Good Stuff**

Sorry, the phone rang and I was called away from tea with my dear sheep camera friend...but think you'll enjoy seeing her this time. (See my little cup?)

We are bombarded with so much bad stuff...it just gets us from every direction. I thought you'd enjoy reading about people being so very kind and nice.

Seven weeks ago tomorrow, I had my right hip replaced. Arthritis had done it's worst.

My dear friend, Woody, came all the way from Moultrie the day before I went to the hospital. He was here through the entire thing...and remained here doing everything imaginable to help both Tom and me for three weeks! I don't know what we would have done without his very capable assistance. He was amazing.

Both Woody and Tom looked after me as if I were made of crystal. I had to go up and down our 13 stairs from the very first day and they both watched and were sure that I was careful and safe.

Woody cooked wonderful meals, he shopped, he cleaned after those meals...he "fetched" medicines for me and picked up my foot when I simply could not. He did laundry, he did feeding and cleaning up after cats...and fed Piper Bagpipes on the Hoof...He watered flowers and he and Tom had a much better time than they thought they would - as they went to town and shopping and in general, just had a pretty good time.

Woody has been like my brother for about thirty years...and no brother could have been kinder or better to me. Thanks, Woody!

I was not a really good patient as I HURTA LOT most of the time and cried a lot...but both Woody and Tom were very understanding and kind.

I have never, ever been so pampered and so well taken care of. Never.

Woody even got me apple fritters.

I went to the grocery store with Woody pretty soon after I came home...and the Ingles' automatic door was trying to keep me inside while Woody went for his car. A very nice young man whom I did not - nor do not know - came and rescued me from the door - and even put my foot in the car...with a great big grin.

We went to Glasgow, KY a few weeks later...and



I went inside a convenience store to pay cash for some gas...and a complete stranger stopped me when I was hobbling back out to pump the gas. "Ma'm, I'll pump your gas for for you. My pleasure." I have to tell you, this was a bearded, sorta scary looking fella just off a motorcycle. He was polite and nice as he could be (and smelled of soap and shampoo.)

My goodness...my friends from near and far sent many, many cards and letters - although my surgery was postponed about a month because I skinned my knee...My friends called from as far away as Scotland and were all so very kind.

My friend, Jeanne in Arizona, sent a "survival box" before I left for the hospital. What fun! Thanks, thanks!

I was amazed at the gentleness and kindness of strangers...and the caring and concern of friends.

At Glasgow, I got to ride in a golf cart in the Kingdom of Raknar Reverse Parade of Tartans..with many thanks to Marti!

My old friend, Keven Spencer, came to the Glasgow Games with a golf cart and rode me all about so that I could hug and see friends.

I do not know how to begin to thank my "Huh! Huh!" (That's Tom) for all his kindnesses and all of his understanding and all of his love.

Seven weeks later, I am walking without any aid of any kind...and have even begun to do housework of sorts.

It will be some weeks or even a few months before I am completely over all this, but I already know that this experience has changed me and my life forever. There are people within the circle of friends of all of us who will come when really needed. I now know there are strangers who, from the goodness of their hearts, will help.



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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)



# Flowers of the Forest

**Lois Mildred Bishop White** passes away at 107 on 8 May 2015.

Mrs. White was a resident of Avante Nursing Home located in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. She was born in Madison, Florida to the late Annie Roberta McDonald Bishop and the late Robert Benjamine Bishop. Her maternal grandparents were John Daniel McDonald and Zillianne Zaradora Phillips.

On the day of her birth, her father planted an oak tree to mark that important date. It still stands on the corner of Parramore St. and the college in Madison.

Elizabeth Clyatt Bishop Palmer predeceased her sister, Mildred.

For many years, Mrs. White was a lecturer with the Garden Clubs of America and was a Lifetime Flower

Show Judge. She traveled all over the United States presenting programs on the artistic arrangement of flowers and the use of art in floral design.

She was an artist.

Mrs. White was married for many years to Samuel Jackson White of Live Oak, Florida where she lived until Mr. White's death. Then, she moved to Jacksonville Beach, Florida to be near her daughter, Betty DeSalvo and husband, Joe Desalvo and their four daughters.

Mrs. White was the only aunt of Elizabeth Bishop Palmer Gay-Freeman. (Tom)

Mrs. White was a member of the Live Oak First Methodist Church - and after moving to Jacksonville Beach, she was a member of the Beaches Presbyterian Church. She taught Sunday School until she was 105.

## Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Our latest publication -

### *Scotland in later Prehistoric Europe*

Edited by Fraser Hunter *FSA Scot* and  
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How did Scotland relate to wider European patterns in later prehistory? This key topic is addressed by the papers in this volume, which review recent work on the Scottish later Bronze Age and Iron Age in the light of its neighbors. The Authors use the explosion of recent data to investigate settlements and domestic architecture, art, craft, beliefs and environmental change.



# The Armstrong Clan Society

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

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

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
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5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

## Membership

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

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



# Flowers of the Forest

**Christine Ussery Wolfe** passed from this life to the next on December 19, 2014 at the Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro, NC.

She was born April 19, 1915 in Plainfield, Georgia to Willie U. and Sarah (Sallie) Templeton Ussery. The family moved back to Barnwell County, SC when she was five years old.

After her graduation from Williston - Elko High School, she moved to Charleston to work. It was there she met and married Samuel E. Wolfe. They were married for 46 years before his death.

She worked for Belk-Hudson from the late 1950s until she retired. She then went to work at Quincy's to keep busy. She finally retired at 82.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda W. Jackson, (Clan Donald Southeast Regional Convener), son in law, Brian Jackson (NC Clan Donald Deputy Commissioner), grandsons Thomas Havers and James Havers, granddaughter, Sarah Weeks - Safrit, great-grandchildren, Thomas, Timothy, Caitlyn, Jacob and Cameron.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her brothers - Eugene, Wyman, Emory, James and Bill and several nieces and nephews.

**Patricia Louise "Patty" Hughes**, 66, of New Albany, Indiana passed away on December 11, 2014. She was born June 11, 1948.

Patty and her husband, Howard, are known to many in Clan Donald USA, as they were in charge of

the Great Lakes Region AGM when it was held in southern Indiana.

Patty was a retired nurse from Kosiar Children's Hospital. She also owned a clothing design and alterations company.

Besides her Clan Donald duties, she was involved in other civic organizations.



Preceded in death by her parents, Martha and William Zollner, Patty is survived by her husband, Howard Hughes, two sons: Christopher (Sarah) and Troy, both in New Albany, Indiana. She is also survived by one brother, John (Mary) Zollner; one sister, Barbara Zollner and four grandchildren -

Cameron, Austin, Zachary and Ali.

The sister of St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta member, Marsha Stemme's, **Karen**, passed away on Friday, June 12 after a lengthy stay in hospice care.

There will be no local services as burial and services will be in West Virginia.

Karen was a prospective member of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta.

Please keep Marsha, Howard and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please remember that *Flowers of the Forest* notices are done at absolutely no charge in this publication. Just send your information to [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com).

# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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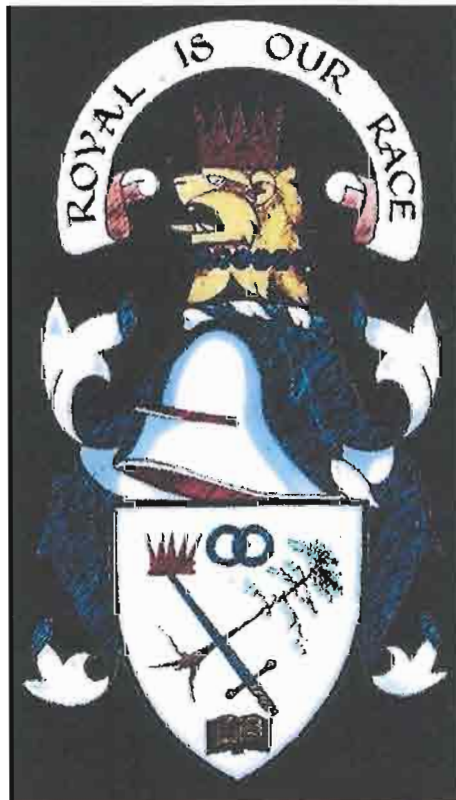
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# Congratulations to Maggie Macdonald



Maggie Macdonald has graduated from Elon College in North Carolina this spring.

After being accepted at several universities, Maggie has chosen to attend graduate school at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia this fall.

She was also offered a research assistant job at Emory.

Maggie will be working on her PhD in Political Science.

Before graduating from Elon, Maggie was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Maggie is the daughter of Debra and David Macdonald, Castle Camus.

She has one younger brother, James, who is in college in Florida.



The  
third oldest  
games in  
the United  
States - the

Round Hill Highland Games - their 92nd annual event scheduled for June 27th - has been postponed until next year over issues with the City.

They are currently searching for a new venue. Such a loss for western CT and neighboring NY.

## Yes, there are Scots in Alaska!

The Kachemak Bay Scottish Club was created in response to a few people interested in bringing the Scottish culture, mainly the Highland Games, to the residents of the Kenai Peninsula.

In 2011 after some prodding, some quick planning and rounding up a few volunteers and obtaining the help and support of the Alaskan Scottish Club in Anchorage/Eagle River, Alaska, the Homer Chamber of Commerce and the City of Homer plus a few other businesses in town we held our first Homer Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans in August. The event was pretty successful and encouraged us to form our Club to do it again.

Our Club is registered as a Non-Profit Corpora-

tion legally licensed in the State of Alaska and officially formed on August 24 2011. We are not a 501c3 entity at this time.

In late 2012 after the urging of club members, the Board of Directors agreed to incorporate aspects of the various Celtic cultures, welcoming those traditions and cultural aspects to the Club. This decision provides additional opportunities to bring aspects of our similar cultures to the residents and visitors of the Kenai Peninsula and Alaska culminating in our main event of the year, the Annual Highland Games and Celtic Festival.

Please visit the pages of our website or check us

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**Kachemak Bay Scottish Club,**

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out on Facebook for information on becoming a member, sponsorship, donations, and upcoming events and fundraisers.

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## Jim Urquhart ill

Dear Tallahassee, Florida, St. Andrew Society Members and friends,

We just received word from Jean Holzapfel that our friend and past president Jim Urquhart is now in Centre Point Nursing Home.

As a result of his stroke he has great difficulty speaking. If you know Jim, you know that not speaking is probably a profound frustration. Jean said that he would truly enjoy cards and words of support. Wife Margaret remains at home under continuous nursing care.

One of the founding tenets of St. Andrew Societies is to "relieve distress". While a visit with Jim would be somewhat difficult we ask you to send along your best wishes and support by sending him a card. Please send it as follows:

Jim Urquhart  
Centre Pointe  
Nursing Health  
& Rehab Center  
2255 Centerville Rd.  
Room 308  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
Scots Aye!  
Eric



## Isle of Canna has crime

A tiny Scottish island is experiencing "the crime of the century" -- not because of the the severity of the crime, but because there hasn't been a crime in half a century.

On Friday, thieves broke into the recently opened cosmetics store Canna Community Shop on the small Scottish isle of Canna and stole cash, beauty products, and several wooly hats. It's the first crime since the 1960s when a thief got away with a wooden plate.

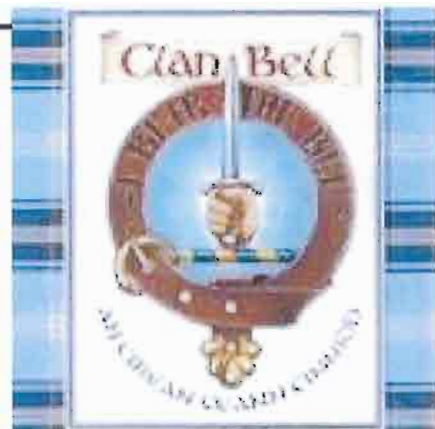
The island has a population of less than thirty people, and as the previous crime rate was zero, it doesn't even have a police department.

"Sadly, this means we will have to lock the door of the shop overnight now," A spokesperson for the shop told STV. "We left it open specifically to welcome fisherman in to use the Wi-Fi and buy anything they needed while resting in at our pier overnight."

A councillor who represents the area called the crime "unbelievable."

The cash was grabbed from "the honesty box."

# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.



Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan were "encouraged" to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called "Redcloak" and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell Genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

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**clanbell.org**







## New Scottish Festival Coming to Texas!

Frank Wallace Leslie

The Kerr County Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland Games are coming to West Kerr County in August 15-16, 2015. It is a new event that will be held on the grounds of the Hill Country Arts Foundation in Ingram, TX. A broad range of events are planned that will celebrate Scottish and Celtic culture, including Highland Games, in the highly appropriate setting of Stonehenge II, and visitors will learn of the strong Celtic influence on the Hill Country.

"There's wide interest in things like this," said Mary Ellen Cook of the Kerr County Celtic Association. She is inviting groups from across Texas to perform and put on workshops during the festival, including Scottish dancers, Highland Games athletes, instructors, pipe and drum bands, a weaver who will be weaving tartans, San Antonio Scottish Society genealogy experts, and possibly an entire Viking village. "It's the only festival in the state that I know of that's going to be having workshops teaching people how to do it," she said. "It will expose lads and lassies to Irish step dancing and Scottish Highland dancing, and we just want it to grow from there," she said.

Clans Crawford, Gunn, Henderson, Kerr, Maxwell, Leslie and Wallace have already confirmed their participation, and 26 others have expressed interest. Heavy athletics will take place on Saturday, including both men's and women's competition. Sunday morning there will be an athletics workshop taught by Michael Dickens of Fredericksburg, who is a two-time world champion in games at Calgary, Canada and Inverness, Scotland. There also will be an open instruction class by

the Scottish Games League that qualifies novices to compete on Sunday. Bagpipe bands will be playing throughout the festival and there will be a beginning bagpipes workshop. The San Antonio Scottish Society will have a genealogy tent at the festival with wooden shields of clans' coats of arms.

Event hosted by the: Texas Celtic Athletic Association, Scottish Games League, Kerr County Celtic Association, Inn of the Hills, The City of Ingram, Home Town Heroes.

### Summerville, SC's Ashley Ridge wins Junior ROTC award again!



For the fourth year, The Scottish Society of Charleston, South Carolina has sponsored and presented an Annual Award to a local high school's Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit. This award, given to the area ROTC unit who scores the highest marks in GPA, total Community Volunteer hours, Post High School

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# clankeith-usa.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

Septs and spellings include: Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixon - Dixson - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeitch - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

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



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!





## Strawberry/Rhubarb Pie - Yummy and easy to make

- 3 1/2 cups rhubarb stalks cut into 1/2 inch chunks
- 2 cups strawberries, stemmed and sliced
- 3/4 cup to 1 cup sugar to taste
- 4 tablespoons of quick cooking minute tapioca, or corn starch
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt (try Himalayan salt)
- 1 teaspoon of orange zest
- 1 double crust pie recipe

Place pie on the middle rack of a 400°F oven, with a baking sheet on a lower rack to catch any juices that might spill over. Bake for 20 minutes at 400°F, and then reduce heat to 350°F, and bake an additional 40-50 minutes longer (50 to 60 minutes longer if doing a 10-inch pie). The pie is done when the crust is nicely browned and the filling (that you can see through the venting holes) thick and bubbly. Remove from oven and let cool on a rack.

### **ROTC**, *continued from page 13*

Education, and Daily Attendance Averages, is dedicated to and named in honor of Scotland's National Hero Sir William Wallace, who was Knighted and proclaimed "Guardian of Scotland" for his patriotic and notable actions during the fight for Scotland's freedom in the late 1200-early 1300 period in history.

This year's winner, for the second year in a row, was Ashley Ridge High School, Summerville, SC.

The award was presented on 22 April 2015, on the occasion of the Unit's Annual Ceremony, by Sir John R. Wallace, Member of the Board and Past President of Clan Wallace Society and who is a member of the Scottish Society of Charleston, SC.



## Armstrongs plan AGM for September

Armstrong Clan Society President Peter Armstrong, announced that this years Clan Armstrong Annual General Meeting will be held at the newly revived Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Festival to be held Saturday, September 12, 2015 at The Hermitage in Nashville, TN.

The Hermitage is a beautiful antebellum mansion and was the home of President Andrew Jackson victor of the Battle of New Orleans (War of 1812) and "supporter" of The Trail of Tears.

These are a single day games so there will be time to enjoy the nightlife and attractions in "Music City USA". Plan to visit for a few days if you have never been in this area.

More information and updates at [WWW.MIDTENNNGAMES.COM](http://WWW.MIDTENNNGAMES.COM) and [info@midtenngames.com](mailto:info@midtenngames.com)

*Congratulations to the  
Clan Buchanan Society, Int.  
who won Best Clan Tent at the  
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in Sioux Falls, SD in June 2015!*

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# Clan Blair Society

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descendants and other interested parties.

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# Sadly, the Scottish community loses Stan Moore this past May

Furman Stanley (Stan) Moore, age 72, of Paint Rock, formerly of Georgetown, SC went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at his home.

He was a 1961 graduate of Winyah High School in Georgetown, SC.

He was an avid farmer, sportsman and dog trainer. Stan loved sharing all that he had with others.

He was a Christian man who was faithful to his church and enjoyed serving as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher.

He was an avid bird hunter and member of Quail Forever. Stan was a member of the American Border Collie Association for a number of years and established the East TN Border Collie Association.

He enjoyed hosting one of the most popular dog trails in the South at his farm, The Wagon Wheel Ranch.

For many years he did Border Collie Demonstrations at the Highland Games on Grandfather Mountain, Gatlinburg, Oak Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama and Charleston, South Carolina.

Stan and his Border Collies were featured on *The Heartland Series*, *The Animal Planet*, was written up in *Sport Illustrated* and the Novel *Nops Trial*.

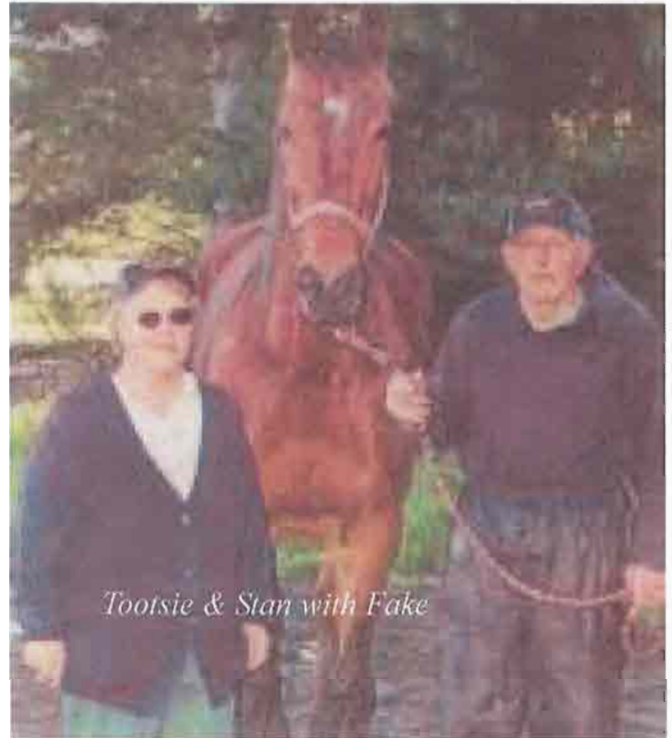
Stan enjoyed helping with 4-H in Roane County.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Furman Harley and Annie Lee Moore of Georgetown, SC.

Survived by his wife of 50 years, Marcia F. (Tootsie) Moore; daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Price and husband, Jason; grandson, Dylan; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Jean Moore of Georgetown, SC; several nieces and nephews; special great nieces, Skiela and Charisman Johns; brothers-in-law, K. C. Farmer and wife, Veronica of Jacksonville, FL, James Robert Farmer and wife, Bobbie of Knoxville.

The family will received friends Saturday, May 23rd at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City.

Funeral services followed with Rev. Josh Benson officiating. Family and friends will gathered Sunday morning in the Lebanon Cemetery in Karns for graveside services.



Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City was in charge of arrangements. [www.clickfuneralhome.com](http://www.clickfuneralhome.com) - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/knoxnews/obituary.aspx?pid=174913246#sthash.EIXgutaB.dpuf>

*The Madison  
Scots in Jackson,  
TN have cancelled  
their 2015 festival  
set for July.*



## Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2014

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

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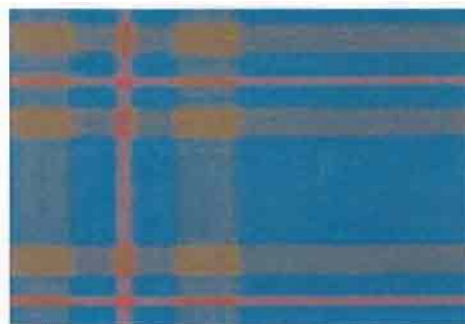
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# Flowers of the Forest

**John Joseph Blair, Jr. "Jack" 1930-2015**  
PALERMO- John Joseph Blair passed away peacefully with his daughter by his side on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine. He was a member of the Clan Blair Society.

He was 85 years old.

John, known to family and friends as "Jack", was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 15, 1930, the son of John Joseph Blair Sr. and Norine Shannon Blair. He attended St. Mark's School in Dorchester as well as Boston English High School.

He served his country honorably in the Korean War as a corporal in the 9th Infantry Division, laying wire for communications ahead of the advancing troops and earning two Bronze Service Stars and a United Nations Medal for his contributions.

He married the love of his life, worked for several nurseries and became the Grounds Superintendent of Pine Manor College. He was an avid arborist and horticulturalist, and dedicated member of the Horticultural Club of Boston, the Professional Grounds nagement Society, the Gardeners and Florist Club of Boston and the Palermo Maine Volunteer Fire Department.

John served many years as Eucharistic Minister and Parish Council member at St. Lawrence Parish in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts and at St. Bridget Church in North Vasselboro, Maine.

He is now happily reunited with his wife, Rose Patricia Collins, his parents, sister Marcia, brothers Robert and Joseph, sisters-in-law Anna and Marie and with his dear friend Barbara Kondos.

He is survived by his daughter, Jean Blair Baxi of

Concord, Massachusetts, her husband Tejas, and his beloved grandson Arnav, as well as many nephews and nieces.

John loved a good cheese, a gripping book, crossword puzzles, National Parks, a glass of single malt shared with friends, and a quiet talk by the pond.

He was ready to travel at the drop of a hat, from the Canadian Rockies to Acadia. He loved nature and would happily spend a day just hiking a mountain. His love of life and zest for exploring and adventure will be carried on by the next generation.

At John's request, there will be no wake. A Catholic funeral Mass took place at St. Joseph Parish Gardiner, Maine on Saturday, April 11th Internment at Smith Cemetery in Palermo will take place later in the year.

Donations in John's memory can be given to: Palermo Volunteer Fire Department P.O. Box 78, Palermo, Maine 04354

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**Robert Irvin Blair** (Bob the First) of Mesa, Arizona, died May 17, 2015 enveloped by love after a long and debilitating illness. He was a member of the Clan Blair Society.

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**James Burton Blair**, ETCM, USN Regired died April 9, 2015 at the Los Alamitos Medical Center. He was born January 21, 1937,

Send your Flowers of the Forest information to [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com). There is no charge.



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Gemma Grier

## *Her name was Hannah*

*This is the winning entry in the inaugural Scottish Schools' Young Writer of the Year competition. Gemma Grier, 17, is a pupil of Our Lady's High School, Motherwell. She is going on to study medicine at Edinburgh University*

Readers: This is so hard to read. It is thanks to Alastair McIntyre of [electricScotland.com](http://electricScotland.com) that we can bring this to you. What a talented young

writer Gemma Grier is.

I must confess, I cannot read it as it just rips me into tiny bits. Once upon a time, long ago, Mrs. Hochman of Hochman's Western Wear Store in Jacksonville searched for her family after World War II and found her sister, Manya and her husband. Both of them worked in the store - he was a watch repairman and she as a clerk. I worked in that store for years - and came to love them all. I saw the numbers tattooed on the inside of their arms...and still cry for them.

Just be careful reading this, please.

Her name has been choking me since I returned home from the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp in Oswiecim. It was written on a suitcase, one of over 3,000, piled high behind glass. When I asked about her, I didn't expect the answer I received: Hannah was barely a year old when she arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1944, and that is all that is known about her. There is no paperwork, no other evidence that she ever existed, aside from that one single suitcase. It is not hard to guess her fate upon arrival in the camp - all children her age would have suffered the same one.

If I were to be perfectly honest, perhaps I had been too prepared for my visit to Auschwitz by textbooks and memoirs I had read. In schoolgirl world, victims of the Holocaust were recognised and given proper respect, their lives before the camp documented with detailed histories and old photographs. Now, here was Hannah, nothing more than a name on a suitcase - nothing more than another name

in the black ledger of this dread place. And I didn't want to reduce her to that. Reading about the Holocaust makes it seem a million miles away: 11 million deaths - 1.1 million of those in Auschwitz - is simply a number. The brain can't cope with the picture of never-ending lines of the real human beings these numbers represent.

That visualisation is hard to come to until you have stood there and you are faced with the reality that is Auschwitz.

Auschwitz-Birkenau is definitely not as I imagined it to be. Before the visit and even as I stood before 'Arbeit Macht Frei', I had expectations of a harsh, unforgiving landscape, eerily silent beside the striking whipping of the wind, but it

was far from that; it was a sunny autumn day, the sky a soft bubblegum, the grass vibrant green on the flat land. It was very pretty, which rankled with me the entire day. How could the sun shine where so many people had lost



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# Clan Forrester

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## Society

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# Flower of the Forest



For complete obituary, see: <http://www.caldwellandcowan.com/obituaries/Mary-Gene-Everitt-Elliott/#!/Obituary>

**Mary Gene Everitt Elliott** of Oxford, GA passed away on June 13, 2015 at Abbey Hospice. She was born on August 4, 1934 in Atlanta to the late Claudine Faulkner Everitt and William Floyd Everitt. Mary Gene grew up in Covington, but employment took their family to Greenville, SC in the late 1940's, where she graduated from Greenville High School in 1952. She attended the University of Georgia where she was a Fine Art major and a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

In 1955, Mary Gene returned to Covington to marry and raise a family. She worked for the Newton County Board of Education as a testing coordinator for many years, and also had her own picture-framing business for a time. She was an accomplished artist, enjoying oil painting and drawing, and created miniature clay sculptures of her friend's children. She was very involved in the community with groups such as the Sergeant Newton Chapter DAR, the Covington Garden Club, Friends of the Library, the Oxford Shrine Society working to save Old Church, and the Oxford Tree Board. In 1971 she was the founder and first President of the Newton County Historical Society, and remained a lifetime member. She was a researcher and writer assisting her aunt, Jinx Faulkner in compiling the History of Newton County, published by the Historical Society in 1988. Mary Gene was a longtime member of Covington First United Methodist Church, a Scout leader, talented gardener, seamstress and an amazing single mom.

For many, many years, she was an active member of the Scottish community and was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta.

In 1975, Mary Gene married the late James H.

Elliott, Jr. and moved to Atlanta where she helped Jim run the Atlanta Museum and J.H. Elliott Antiques on Peachtree Street. They enjoyed traveling and working antique shows together throughout the Southeast and New England. They were avid supporters and Charter members of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, where they first met on a tour.

They also enjoyed attending Scottish Highland Games where they often hosted the Elliot Clan tents and were patrons of the various regional Games. Mary Gene was a Sponsor of the Stone Mountain Highland Games for more than 30 years and a hard-working volunteer on the Grounds Committee for at least half that time.

Mary Gene was very active on the state and national level of the Daughters of the American Revolution, where she served as State Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Organizing Secretary in the years 1986 through 1998. She was National Chairman of DAR Press Books from 1989-1992. She was past Regent of

the Joseph Habersham Chapter in Atlanta and a current active member of the Sergeant Newton Chapter in Covington. Mary Gene was on the State Advisory Board for Tamasee DAR School and established a scholarship endowment fund there for the students in 2009.

Along with her love of history, Mary Gene's passion and favorite pastime was genealogy. She had thoroughly researched her own family, and assisted countless others in pursuit of their lineage. She was a wealth of knowledge and quick to offer assistance to other genealogists she met at the archives and later online. She will be sorely missed within her research circles.

*She was my long-time friend and will be missed.*



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their families and their lives? It was beyond reason. However, if you stood very still and silent for a few moments, the air seemed to grow heavy very quickly, despite the bright sunshine all around. And then you would be able to smell the deaths that still haunted the grounds.

The sheer scale of the Birkenau camp is also something which hits you hard: the railway line which runs through the middle, running off into the horizon. On the day, we were allowed to ascend the stairs to the watch tower, where the commandant would stand in order to assess the camp and the prisoners. When you look out the windows, it is easy to understand the power the SS guards had over the prisoners. In that position, everyone below looks insignificant, like tiny specks of dust.

Auschwitz-Birkenau is actually split up into three sections: Auschwitz 1, Auschwitz 2 Birkenau, and Auschwitz 3. While Auschwitz 3 is closed off to the public, we were allowed to visit Auschwitz 1 and Birkenau. Auschwitz, today, is largely a museum with exhibits and displays detailing the camp's part in the Holocaust: it is here that I saw Hannah's suitcase. Birkenau is the more widely recognised image of Auschwitz-

Birkenau, the landscape of the movies based in the concentration camps – 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', for example.

It was when I walked through the stone building used as a gas chamber in the Auschwitz part of the camp that my thoughts returned to Hannah. I stood in the room where the prisoners were gassed, the stone walls pushing in on me, and tried to imagine what the scene must have been like: men screaming, people clambering over one another, children crying, mothers attempting to comfort their babies, once they realised that the shower story was an evil lie. Even though I've stood in the path of all the death that occurred in Auschwitz-Birkenau, it's still very hard for me to comprehend. Did Hannah know what was going on? Can a baby understand that she's going to die? I can't even attempt to answer those questions.

The gas chambers were the hardest aspect of the visit for me, as they have been for many others. The two largest were here in the Birkenau camp, used much more often for mass murder; Auschwitz 1 was primarily for

political prisoners and such. All that remains of them are ruins. One was destroyed in an uprising by prisoners, the anniversary of which coincided with our visit. On October 7, 1944, having learned that the SS was going to liquidate much of the camp, the members of the Sonderkommando – Jewish prisoners forced to work in the crematoriums to burn the bodies of those killed in the gas chambers – at Crematorium IV rose in revolt. Although quashed by the Nazis, the uprising was incredibly important in increasing morale for the remaining prisoners in the camp, making them believe that something could be done. These stories of hope and perseverance have stuck in my mind the most; it's a lot easier to think

of the strength of those in the camp than the degradation and humiliation they faced.

The other gas chamber was destroyed by the Nazis, attempting to liquidate the camp before the Allies reached it. The rubble takes on a significance when it is in front of you, and you can see the bricks, the rough edges broken and chipped, looking like gravestones. There are no graves,

no markers for the victims in the camp, so as our guide read a journal entry beside the ruins – demanding that we do everything we can to remember what went on in the camp, to never forget – I took a silent moment to mourn them.

Towards the end of the day, we arrived in front of a wall of photographs, in the 'Sauna' – a room used for processing new arrivals; again I found myself in front of the photos of the babies, and when my eyes fell upon each unidentified infant, I wondered to myself 'Is that Hannah?' In the middle of the wall there was a plaque, and as I read the words, I could feel my soul crushed:

The first to perish were the children, abandoned orphans,

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In these words, I found Hannah.



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# Clan Sutherland Society of North America 2015 Annual Meeting (CSSNA) to be held Alatomont, NY Games

Clan Sutherland Society of North America is holding its annual general meeting (AGM) on Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 5th and 6th at the Altamont Fairgrounds in Altamont New York. We have attended these games many times and it promises to be a gala affair,

There are four hotels suggested by the games organizers who have special Highland Games Rates. Be sure to ask for games discount when booking at any of these four.

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\* Fairfield Inn 1383 Washington Ave. 518-435-1800 ( this is near the University)

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Please note the deadline on the last three is Aug 14 or 15 to get the discount rate. We are still working on a venue for the banquet for which we need to know the number of people attending in order to reserve a room. We are currently exploring a local diner.

Another alternative is there will be a Ceilidh; 7 – 10pm on site Saturday night and the food vendors for the games will be open. This will not require any reservations.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

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For more information go to [www.Scotgames.com](http://www.Scotgames.com)



## CSSNA - The Secretary's Desk

Starting to make plans for the AGM which will be Sept 5th and 6th at the Altamont Games in Albany New York THIs is first notice that I will need ALL reports by August 15th to allow time to put the annual report together for the clan meeting.

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# Creating a Genealogy Research Disaster Plan

**Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS**

Genealogical research can be one of the most fulfilling experiences in a person's life.

Yet it is also a time consuming endeavor.

Disasters are a fact of life. Allstate Insurance Company puts this situation into amusing terms with their "mayhem" commercials. However, disasters, whether they are computer viruses, hard drive crashes, or weather related, are a fact of life. The bottom line is having a plan in place before they happen.

Here are some questions every genealogist should consider:

1. What will happen to your precious mementoes, heirlooms, documents, certificates, pictures, movies, VD/CD's, and online information?

2. Will your genealogy research survive a computer hard drive crash, a theft of your whole computersystem, a fire, earthquake, landslide, flood, or a nuclear catastrophe?

3. What will happen to your research, online data, personal book collection, etc, after your death?

Here are some guidelines that many professionals recommend:

1. Create an inventory of family documents, mementoes, heirlooms, etc, including their origin, general description and physical location.

2. Keep these items in a climate controlled environment preferably in a dark, dry, cool place, in a fire-proof safe or similar container.

3. All documents, heirlooms, photographs, etc. should be placed in archival quality folders and protective containers as applicable.

4. Scan all original documents and save the digital images on the computer. Make backup photocopies of the original documents and provide them to trusted family members for safe-keeping.

5. Scan family photographs and save the digital



images on the computer.

6. Organize, date, and label photographs into family groups, giving them descriptive names if possible.

7. Backup your computer hard drive data regularly in order to protect against a hard drive or system crash. Having an external hard drive with many gigabytes is relatively cheap. Data saved is usually portable to another computer. It is usually easy to copy data from the computer hard drive to the external drive. You can choose which data to backup as in only the most important databases, documents, photos, etc.

8. Backups can be handled on a daily, weekly, monthly, yearly. Most experts seem to recommend monthly updates.

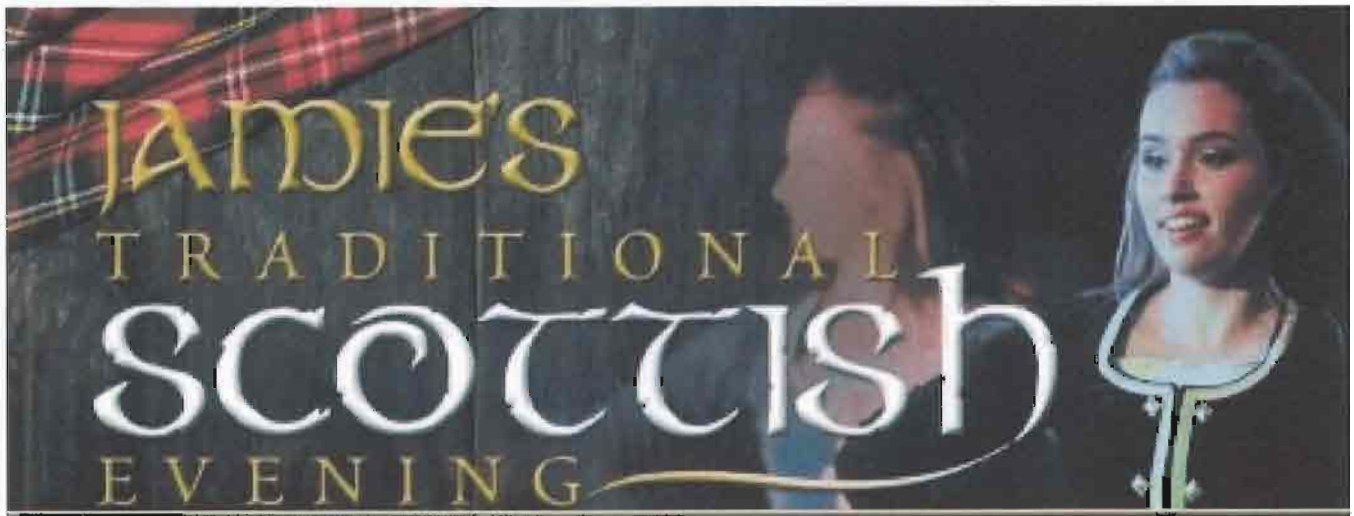
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10. Death is inevitable. To ensure that your research survives and is used in a manner that you feel is appropriate, you must prepare a genealogical will codicil specifying your wishes for the disposition of mementos, heirlooms, papers, documents, photos, etc. Specify directives concerning the publication and/or use of your research.

11. If you want your research to go to a research repository make sure this is specified and that you have contacted them prior to your death and verified that they will accept the materials.

12. Most legal experts recommend appointing an heir to handle these details and make sure that you have left them a significant bequest to perform these tasks, or to have it done professionally.

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