



Nicolson Nose awarded to Katrina Nicolson

Only once before has the Nicolson Nose been awarded to a lady and that was Carol Nicoll, back in 2012, and that was as part of a duo with her husband.

This time, Katrina Nicolson was awarded the Nicolson Nose Award in Sydney, Australia last December.

The worldwide Nicolson Nose trophy is awarded every two years at the Clan's International Gathering for "Loyal and Dedicated Service to Clan MacNicol."

The Nicolson Nose Trophy is a most unique award. It is said that some clan members sport a formidable olfactory which has even been carved in Stone at Scorrybreac.

The back of the cairn on Ben Chraicig has a stone inlaid which is said to resemble those of Clan MacNicol with this most enhanced feature.

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Letter from your editor.....

The inclusiveness of our relationships in our clans...

The other week, we were in Glasgow, Kentucky for their Scottish Highland Games. On the Saturday evening, we were invited to attend the big dinner for the Clan Davidson Society who were enjoying their International Gathering this weekend.

The meal was wonderful, the venue was beautiful...but, what I kept thinking about was the atmosphere of camaraderie and inclusiveness that permeated everything during the entire evening and the entire weekend of their International Gathering.

There were Clan Davidson members there from literally all over the world. Their Chief, Grant Gurthrie Davidson of Davidson and his wife, Brenda, were there from New Zealand. The three elegant gentlemen, who sat at the table with us, were from Canada.

During the evening we heard introduced Clan Davidson folk from all over the entire United States.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was the organizer of the weekend, Dave Chagnon. As he presented various ladies and gentlemen from his organization - it was very apparent that EVERYONE, wealthy or not wealthy, young or old, tall or short, skinny or not...they were all valued and cherished members of the Clan Davidson family.

It was in the air. You could sense it with every pore of yourself.

Over the years, I have attended many clan meetings, AGMs, gatherings, business occasions, social occasions, etc., and my thoughts have always gone to the same place...inclusiveness.

I remember attending Clan Macneil AGMs at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games back when Royce McNeil was the over twenty-year president.

I remember that his meetings always began with each and every member introducing themselves and their families and any guests. I remember that there were Macneil's there from most every walk of life and every strata of financial accomplishment.

I also remember, just as at the Clan Davidson



event, that EVERY person was valued and honored and treated with precisely the same loving - yes, loving - and respectful manner.

It was also in the air there. Every person could feel something special, something wonderful. It made you just feel good to be among a group such as the Macneil group.

This is the ultimate goal of all Scottish groups, I think. Many groups say in their publications and in their signage, "We are cousins. We are family."

Is this always true? Sorry, I think not.

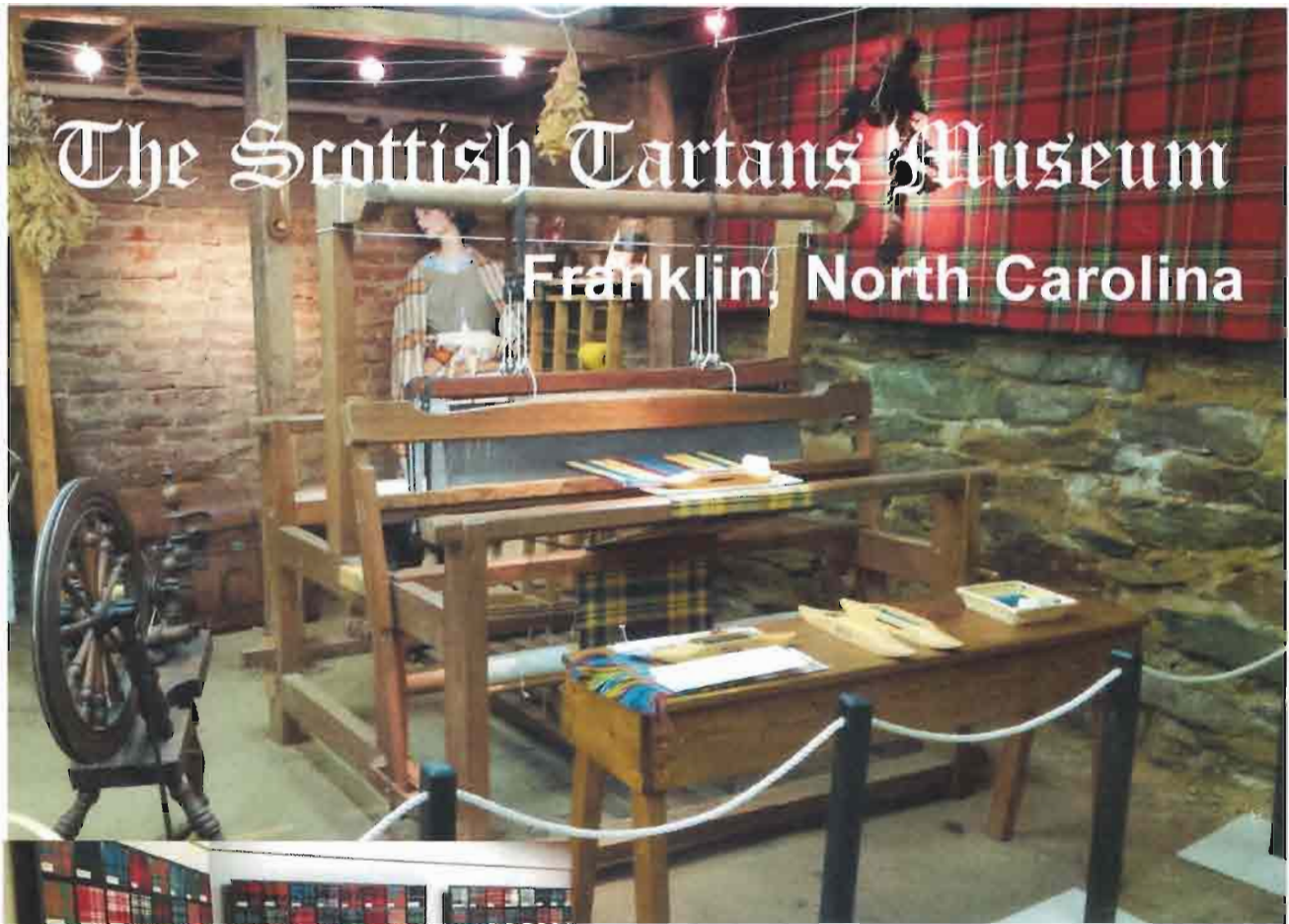
For years, I attended the Annual General Meeting of what once was one of the larger Scottish clans in this country. To tell you the truth, that feeling of inclusiveness was absent - always. What a mistake!

To be one of the "clique," you had to be a large contributor to various funds, you had to be able to travel often and far. If all you had to give was of yourself - your time, talent and enthusiasm - you were left out. Everyone should be the same - no "cliques."

The largest problem you heard back then and that you hear today with our Scottish clan groups is the erosion of clan members...people who pay dues for a few years and then disappear.

Why? If you are not made to feel a part of a group and are not valued as a member, when it's a choice of paying dues it is not hard to let go of the association with the group.

Just think about it. Can you help make your group an all inclusive group? A real family?



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.

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Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

www.scottishtartans.org



Canada & Acadian Genealogical Research

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

If you have Acadian ancestors, chances are that the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island will play a significant role in your research. This region, once known as Acadie, was first settled by the French, who established Port Royal (present-day Annapolis) in 1605. Jurisdiction passed back and forth from French to English hands many times: 1632 (French), 1654 (English), 1667 (French), 1690 (English), 1697 (French), and 1713 (English).

With the enactment of the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, France ceded the Nova Scotia peninsula and the New Brunswick area to England but made no effort to settle the area. The French-speaking Acadians remained in the overwhelming majority population wise until the 1750s. France still retained Ile

Saint-Jean (now Prince Edward Island) and Cape Breton Island (now part of Nova Scotia), where Louisbourg became the capital.

A large number of the Acadians were deported by the English from 1710 to 1760 for refusing to sign the oath of allegiance to the Crown. This deportation has become known as the *Great Upheaval* or *Le Grand Dérangement*. To escape deportation, many fled to Québec or to what is now New Brunswick. In 1759 the Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island areas fell to Britain and the settlers were deported to France. In 1763 France ceded most of its maritime lands to England, and the area became known as Nova Scotia. For those Acadians who fled to the United States, most eventually made their way to Louisiana or settled in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. Many of these settlers have maintained family connections with their counterparts in Canada to the present time. Acadians in the United States are usually known as *Cajuns*, or "*les Cadiens*".



In 1769 a separate province, Saint John's Island (Ile Saint-Jean), was established. It became Prince Edward Island in 1799. In 1784 the New Brunswick area also became a separate province. About this time many Acadians who had been deported agreed to sign the oath of allegiance to England and were allowed to take up lands in the Maritime Provinces (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and

Prince Edward Island). They worked primarily as farmers and fishermen. For the most part, they continued to speak French and uphold their Roman Catholic faith.

Because of this great dispersion, the Acadian records are only complete for the early years of settlement. There are some

good church registers from the late 1600s to 1755. Registers exist for Port Royal only for the earliest years. The most important remaining sources for Acadian research are:

1. Parish Registers
2. Cemetery Records
3. Census Records
4. Land Grants
5. Notarial Records
6. Miscellaneous Records

Records found in the miscellaneous category may include lists of deported Acadians, Acadians in transit, and Acadians in the British Colonies; petitions of Acadians in Massachusetts; and allegiance lists.

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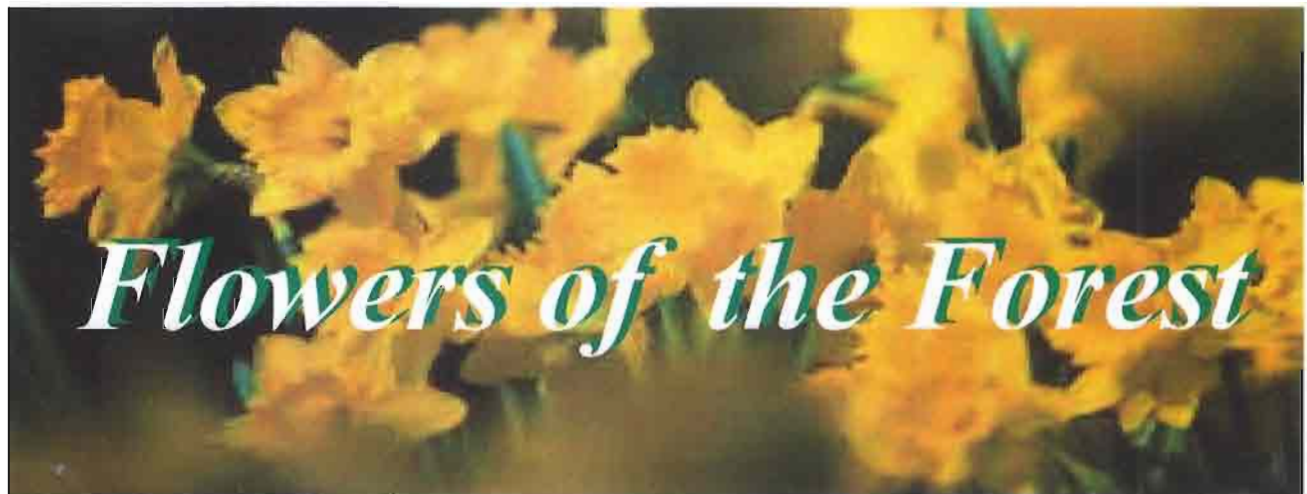
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The St. Andrews Society of Atlanta writes, "We are deeply saddened to pass on the shocking news of **C. David Grant's** (age 73) passing this morning at the Halcyon Hospice in Atlanta. His son, Patrick, called to tell us David suffered a massive stroke last Thursday, struggled and passed this morning." (June 12, 2017)

David Grant was very active in the Scottish community for many years. Among many other affiliations, he was the 2nd president of the Clan Grant Society - USA and also a past president of The St. Andrews Society of Atlanta.

He was an important supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, working with them up until shortly before his death.

A memorial service for David is set for July 8th, 2:00 PM, at the Canton First United Methodist Church. Rev. Jim McRae and Rev. Sandra Henry will officiate. A reception will follow immediately at the church.

The church is located at 930 Lower Scott Mill Road in Canton. In case of need, the phone number at the church is 770-479-2502.

Piping will be performed by George McClellan. Guests are invited to wear their kilts.

David Grant is survived by his wife, Jane Stalcup Grant of Canton, Georgia; son, Patrick Grant and Tara Strobach of Atlanta; a daughter, Katherine and Todd

Boyce of Decatur, Georgia.

His sister, Anne and her husband, Jim Rambo, of Conyers, Georgia also survive him.

He leaves one grandchild, Elizabeth McKinnon Boyce.

Consider a donation to the Boy Scouts of America or charity of your choosing in lieu of flowers.

A graveside service and interment will take place October 8th at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.

Please keep Jane, family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

What a dear friend David Grant was to me. You will always be missed. Your ed.

Ivor Noel Hume, who as Colonial Williamsburg's chief archaeologist revolutionized the field, readily admitted there was an element of luck to his work. Noel Hume, who died in February at the age of 89, once told of how he was impatiently waiting for construction workers to finish digging near a London church he planned to study. When the last worker quit for lunch, he turned to Noel Hume and said, "If you find any gold mate, it's mine." Noel Hume jumped into the pit, and quickly picked up a gold guinea of George I. This was pure luck. In fact, in his entire career, he found only two gold coins. But it was much more than luck that brought Noel Hume success. He is remembered as both a groundbreaking researcher and a superb writer.

"Noel had his feet planted in two worlds," said Meredith Poole, a Colonial Williamsburg archaeologist. "Professional archaeologists recognize that he

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You will enjoy the American-Scottish Foundation Sunset Tea & Pimms at Arsenal (Central Park) (at 64th Street and 5th Av.) Join us in the tranquility of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation Arsenal's Rooftop Garden for a "Sunset Tea & Pimms" - one of our favorite annual events.

Tickets from \$45 for ASF Members - \$55 for Non Members. Visit: <<http://americanscottishfoundation.com/events/Arsenal17.html>>

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modernized the field of historical archaeology." Through his "*Guide To Artifacts of Colonial America* Noel shared with generations of archaeologists his vast knowledge of artifacts and their potential for unlocking the mysteries of site dating and function."

But, Poole added, Noel Hume also understood how to appeal to a wider audience than professionals. "He conveyed his passion for the past through immensely readable books. He gave lectures, he made films, he designed exhibits – all to capture eager and appreciative audiences. His autobiography was appropriately titled *A Passion for the Past*.

Born and educated in England, Noel Hume came to Williamsburg in 1957, as chief archaeologist, became the director of the department in 1964 and remained with the foundation until his retirement in 1988.

Susan Kern, executive director of the historic campus at the college of William and Mary, said Nel Hume's excavations in and around Williamsburg, including Martin's Hundred which was destroyed in an American Indian uprising, for example, encouraged future work throughout Virginia.

"His encyclopedic knowledge of artifacts helped

knit together the work of a field which grew tremendously during his lifetime."

Added Kern, "Noel Hume set the stage for a genre of writing that featured a heroic archaeologist discovering and deducing his way through the pots, pipes and postholes he unburied. It's a style of writing that made him a popular author beyond fellow archaeologists and he also had a style that few other writers in the archaeological profession can muster."

Among Noel Hume's many important discoveries was the Martin's Hundred site, which he found while doing some routine work at Carter's Grove; an 18th-century plantation along the James River.

He also made significant discoveries at Roanoke Island in North Carolina, leading to reinterpretations of the famous "Lost Colony."

"He redefined what early Virginia meant, what Colonial American means," said Carter Hudgins, director of the Clemson/College of Charleston graduate program in historic preservation. -

"Up to that time we understood Colonial Virginia to be about the Stamp Act and the march to revolution. We hadn't paid much attention to the 150 that preceded all that, collapsing it into one homogenous narrative sweep."





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‘Picts and Pixels’ is the Museum’s headline summer exhibition exploring the world of the Picts through the Museum’s rich collection of sculptures, several prestigious loans of metalwork and Glenmorangie Project replicas from NMS and an array of digital models of Pictish objects and landscapes created in partnership with the Tay Landscape Project and University of St Andrews.

Entry: £4 / £3 Concessions / £10 Family of Four. Exhibition runs now through 13 August 2017.



Ann McLeod writing in
The St. Andrew’s Cross
publication of the St. Andrew Society of
Tallahassee, Florida

Census Help

Why can’t you find someone on a US Census document? What are you doing wrong? It doesn’t make sense because you know you have lots of information about your ancestor.

What is happening?

I have received many requests for help from other researchers who are struggling to find their ancestors on census documents.

As I tried to help them find their ancestors on a census document, I learned some important lessons. I certainly don’t have all the answers, but, I have struggled with this enough to share some things that might be slowing us down:

1.) Sometimes knowing too much information about your ancestors can make it very challenging to locate them on a census document.

Here’re some reasons why.

a.) Surnames can be spelled many ways, but if you believe you are certain about the spelling of a surname you might not be willing to be flexible to find the answer you need.

Remember that a census taker could have spelled the surname one way, transcribers spelled it another way, and back in the 1800s many people couldn’t even read or write.

Also, our ancestors might have changed the spelling of their surname for some reason.

To be successful we need to be flexible and willing to try variations until one works. I have located at

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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!

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



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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American-Scottish Foundation information:

For a full list of ASF events and news, visit our website at <http://www.americanscottishfoundation.com>

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least 15 different spellings of the surname MacLeod.

b.) First and middle names can be even more challenging. Say that our ancestor's name is Mary Elizabeth Smith. Did her parents call her Mary Elizabeth? Lizzie? Beth? or Mollie?

If we search using Mary Elizabeth and her parents called her Mollie or Lizzie, chances are that we will struggle to find her on the census. Be flexible and willing to try different spellings.

3.) Initials. Sometimes our ancestors were known only by their initials. If I were trying to find someone by the name of Andrew Jackson McLeod and couldn't, my next step would be to try to find an A. J. McLeod. Yes, a search using initials will generate many, many more names but the one we want just might be there.

4.) Dates. Most genealogy search programs enable us to not only search by name but to add birth and death years to the search. These can be helpful or can further complicate our search.

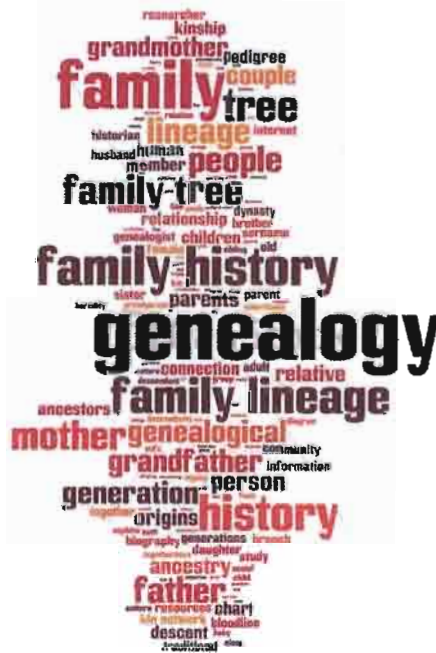
If I were seeking a James or John McLeod, searching for name only will generate thousands of names. However, if I can limit my search to those born

about 1800, I will be closer to my answer. *Family Tree Maker* gives us the option to search by exact years or years within ranges (such as +/- 10 years). Recommend that you only put in either the birth or death year.

5.) Locations. A census document primarily provides us the location of our ancestor when the particular census was taken. However, the location of the birth or death can help us find our ancestor on a census document. If we add a location to a census search, recommend we use only the "state" unless we are absolutely certain of the county. This is because the county lines changed often.

The most important recommendation I can provide any researcher is to be flexible. You might know your ancestor's full name, birth date and location, etc. Although that is fantastic, if you are seeking a source document—you may actually need to use information that is not correct to enable you to locate a copy of the desired census document.

Remember! We all learn from our experiences, especially the mistakes.



Free Speeches at Stone Mountain Highland Games! Beth has been invited back to Stone Mountain on Friday, 20 October 2017. I am told that there will be a larger room this year - so plan to come! The speeches are at the host hotel, the Hilton Atlanta, NE 770-447-4747. Games & events, October 20 - 22, 2017.

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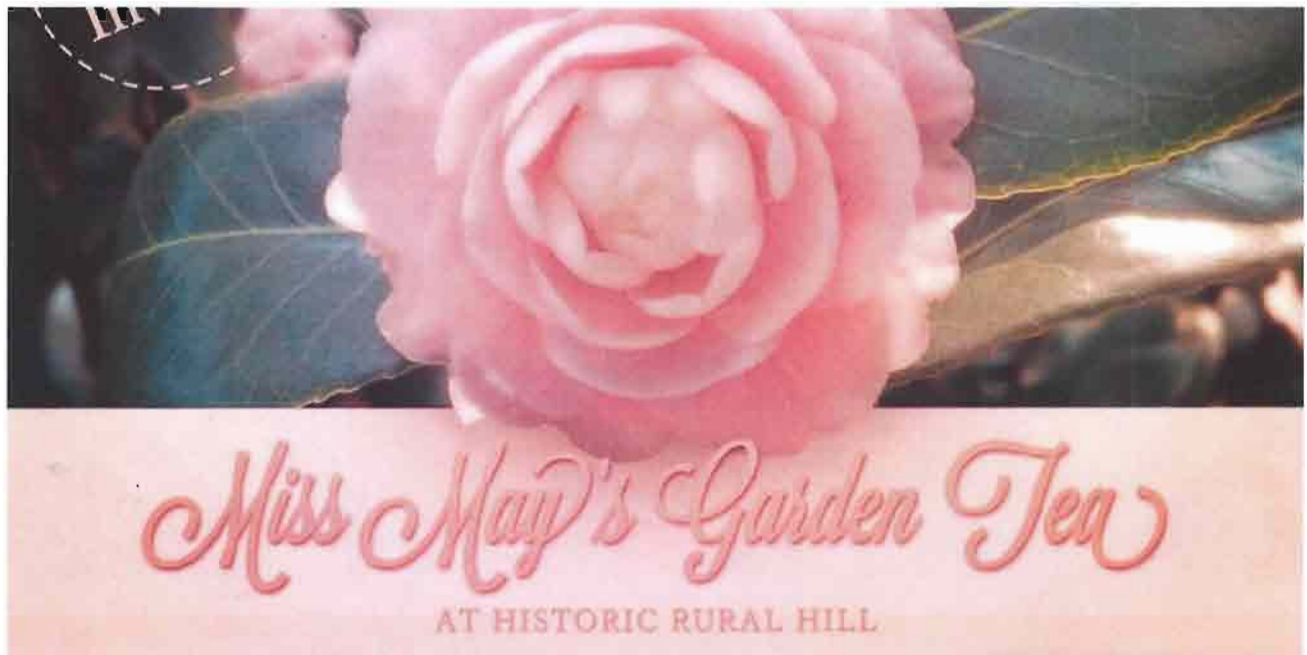
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Seating is limited so do not tarry to reserve a space!

Proceeds from Miss May's Summer Tea will support Auxiliary projects at Rural Hill.

For tickets, please visit: <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/miss-mays-garden-tea-tickets-34913822182#tickets>>

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If you're going to be with your own clan to march in the Tattoo this August, here is something else very interesting for you to do...

A Sales Preview



Sales Preview, Lyon & Turnbull, 33 Broughton Place, Edinburgh on Wednesday 9th August 2017 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

After a popular Sales Preview event last year kindly hosted by Lyon & Turnbull the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is pleased to announce a similar evening event this year with our friends at Lyon & Turnbull.

Please join us this August and hear short talks given by experts from Lyon & Turnbull, the National Museum of Scotland and the Society on Scottish silver, Scottish pottery and much more.

This followed by a drinks reception, a good opportunity to mingle and preview sales items up close. Online booking available soon, email your details to: info@socantscot.org to reserve a place now.



Interesting things learned in strange places...

At our home seven miles from north Georgia's Tallulah Gorge, this has been the time of visitors, with almost continuous guests for the last month or so.

In showing some of our friends around, we visited the beautiful Tallulah Gorge.

While in their very eclectic gift shop, we met an elderly gentleman from Canada who said he had come all the way to Tallulah Gorge to see the very place that had played such an important part in the naming of his boyhood "crush," Tallulah Bankhead.

He told us that the early actress was named for her grandmother, Tallulah Brockman. The tale, he said, is that the Brockman family was moving from South Carolina to Alabama - and had stopped a few days to rest at Tallulah Gorge - where the baby girl was conceived.

The very nice Canadian man told us that he had read that the original Tallulah for which the gorge and waterfall were named was thought to be a Choctaw maiden. *Your ed.*





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:

www.elliotclan.com

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

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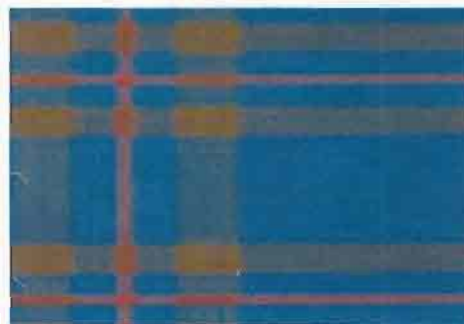
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Some believe that only those who possess this distinguished nose may receive the award, but it means more than that - it is a service award.

Every two years, when the Clan meets internationally, this special award for service is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Clan and Federation by the Chief of Clan MacNicol. It is a great honor in our Clan to have received it; however, the lucky recipient must also bring the item to the next international meeting, and it does weigh a great deal!



Above, Chief John MacNeacail with four of the previous recipients of the Nicolson Nose Award: Murray Nicolson of Concord, Massachusetts, USA, Jan Nicolson of Portree, Scotland, Jeremy Nicholson of Atlanta, Georgia, USA and Mal Nicolson of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.



Ontario Provincial MacNicol Reunion set for Guelph, Canada

Your Clan MacNicol Society announces that it will hold an Ontario Provincial Reunion, along with its 2017 North American Directors' Meeting in Guelph, Ontario, Canada from Friday evening, October 6 through Sunday, October 8.

All members, families and friends are cordially invited to join the Society's Officers and Directors for a time of leisure activity, sightseeing, socializing and dining.

Attendance is by advance reservation only.

For complete information on the gathering and to make reservations, contact Mary Lou Nicolson Klimek <malonikl@telus.net> Also, please check <www.clanmacnicol.org> for developments.



Above, in December 2012 the award was presented to a couple at the North American Gathering in Destin, Florida. Dick and Carol Nicoll of Billerica, Massachusetts have served the Clan with great pride and loyalty since the 1980s. Because they could not attend the 2012 International Gathering, the award was presented by the Federation Chairman, Jeremy Nicholson, and the Chief was able say a few words through Skype at the presentation!



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The "Lysts on the Great Lakes" invitational jousting tournament will take place August 10 and 11 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville, Michigan, USA. This event is affiliated with a'Plaisance Ltd, the producer of the largest contemporary competitive jousting tournaments in the world, and is sanctioned by both the International Jousting Association and International Jousting League.

This tournament will be run as both a team and an individual event, and will include both mounted skill at arms(MSA) as well as jousting competitions. The jousting competitions will occur at 4pm on Friday and Saturday, and the MSA will begin at 1pm on Saturday. There will be a public meet and greet on Thursday, August 9, at 4pm during the practice session for all the competitors . The teams portion of the event will consists of the Knights of Iron Jousting Team vs the North American International Jousting Team.

For more information: <<http://www.thejoustinglife.com/search/label/heraldry>>



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Congratulations to Clan Turnbull on Best Tent Award!



Clan Turnbull was honored in 2017 with the Arizona Highland Games Best Clan Tent Award last March 4-5 in Phoenix, Arizona. The award was presented by Mark Pelletier, representative for the Caledonian Society of Arizona.

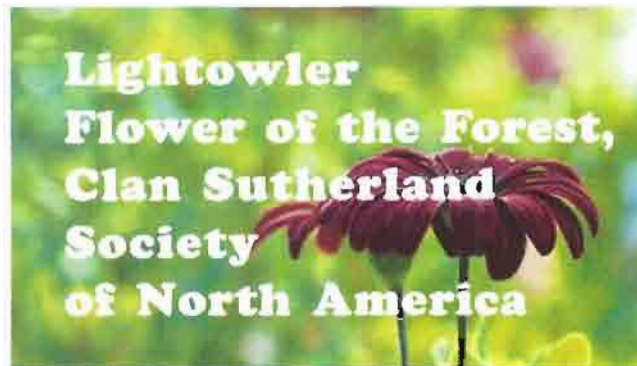


Did Ewe Know?

Scotland has more sheep than people. According to the 2016 - 2017 Scottish Census, there are 6,800,000 sheep and about 5,400,000 people in Scotland.

Racing sheep is a popular sport. (See photo above) Stuffed dummy jockeys are tied to the backs of sheep while they navigate a series of hurdles in a race.

There are eleven colors of wool for a Shetland sheep: white, black, dark brown, emsket (bluish grey), fawn, grey, light grey, mioget (yellowish brown), moorit (reddish brown), musket pale greyish brown, shaela 1 (dark grey) and shaela 2 (light grey).



David F. Lightowler, age 69, died March 31, 2017.

Born August 29, 1947 in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late David and Rose Katula Lightowler.

He is survived by two sons, David M. Lightowler of Denver, Colorado and Sean Lightowler of Pittsburgh.; two daughters, Nancy A. Caruso of Garden Grove, California and Rosanne E. Moore of Pittsburgh; a sister, Mary Martin of Midlothian, Virginia; and one granddaughter, Josiah known as "Josi."

David was a decorated Vietnam Veteran, retired from the U.S Secret Service, and served four U.S. Presidents during his career at the White House.

He was active with the Boy Scouts, the Am. Legion, VFW, Moose, and Knights of Columbus.

He was a member of the Clan Sutherland Society of North America.

A mass was held at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, Friday, April 21, 2017. Burial was in The National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Memorial contributions may be made to your local Boy Scouts.

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Clan MacFarlane's Castle Elanvow stabilization underway

With the team scattered across the world, we are focused on the third week in July for the next convergence. We are "sharpening the pencil" on research and references both for educational signage and for the HES report. This effort reminds us of all the countless hours of research that have been done by others ... and we are very grateful. It also makes us mindful that it is important to re-check references and to be as accurate and objective as we can.

The Edinburgh gathering also reminded me what an exceptional group of experts we have on the team ... Fiona Baker, David Connolly, and Tom Addyman forming the core. Simpson and Brown have given us detailed instructions for preservation of the tower and estimates for the work. Although the sum is a bit



staggering, the experts feel the work to date should help in getting funding for the bulk of the work. We also may be able to stage the work, but anything beyond two stages would likely net increase the costs. The recommendations call for clearing and leveling the dirt above the vault, stabilizing the vault, capping the ground above with clay for water protection and lay-

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What were Medieval Cat Names? “Here Gyb, here Gyb!”

In medieval England domestic cats were known as Gyb – the short form of Gilbert – and that name was also popular for individual pet cats.

Meanwhile in France they were called Tibers or Tibert was the generic name for a domestic cat in France – Tibert the Cat was one of the characters in the *Reynard the Fox* animal fables.

Other names for cats included Mite, who prowled around Beaulieu Abbey in the 13th century, and Belaud, a grey cat belonging to Joachim du Bellay in the 16th century.

Isabella d'Este also owned a cat named Martino.

Old Irish legal texts refer to several individual cats and names them: Meone (little meow); Cruibne (little paws); Breone (little flame, perhaps an orange cat), and Glas nenta (nettle grey).



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ing sod. This would provide a stable surface for scaffolding to allow the tower walls to also be capped with clay and sod ... and for the most unstable, potentially dangerous, portions of the walls to be stabilized. All that done, re-pointing of the masonry would stabilize and preserve the tower for another few hundred years hopefully.

As we finish the HES report and submit the third Schedule Monument Consent, we will also start laying out strategies for fund raising. Although unlikely to fund the project, we do still have plans for converting the seasoned elm (taken from the cellar entrance in 2013) into sgian dubh, quaichs, serving boards and the like. We will also likely be selling "bags of mortar" and the like as the consolidation work begins. We are still trying to find a way to include the names of donors on the signage on the island and plan to work with LLTTNP to produce the signage.

We had great meeting in Edinburgh on April 18 with Fiona Baker, Tom Addyman, and David Connolly. The team exchanged and updated information on Elanvow and laid out the remaining work to complete the requisite report for HES SMC 2 report.

April 19 and 20 were set aside for visits to the island. I was fortunate to visit the dig at the presumed site of the seventeenth century almshouse built by John 15th chief and son of Elanvow's Andrew. It was a pleasure to meet Heather James and her team and see the last stages of the dig as it was back-filled and covered.

Loch Lomond Wakeboards provided transport to the island on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. They are located at the Ardlui Hotel Marina and are highly recommended for access to the island.

This trip was a bonus trip and focused on photographing the East Wall vault air vent and capturing photogrammetry images in hopes of filling the the model of the island grounds below the tree canopy. Some foliage cleanup was done as well on safely accessible portions of the tower per the HES SMC.

The photographs and derivative 3D model showed clearly that there was a second vault and the East Wall vent is tapered with stepped lintels.

We also now have all we need to propose signage and are working on a draft for consideration by the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. We will post that shortly and will appreciate review and comment.

Scotland has its own "Leaning Tower" of Glenfinnan



Equipment has been installed to monitor the angle of the leaning 202-year-old Glenfinnan monument dedicated to the 1745 Jacobite Rising at Loch Shiel in the Highlands of Scotland. It currently leans 260 mm (10 inches) to the west from true vertical.

The National Trust for Scotland, which looks after the structure, said the equipment will help to check for any further movement. This is part of a £170,000 revamp of the tower.

The 18 meter high landmark with a lone kilted Highlander on top, recalls Bonnie Prince Charlie's rallying of Highland clans in August of 1745, marking the beginning of the 1745 Rising.

On 10 August 1745, Bonnie Prince Charlie arrived at Glenfinnan where he rallied Highland clans, raised his standard and began a campaign that aimed to secure the Scottish throne for the exiled Stuarts. The campaign ended in massive defeat at Culloden-Drumossie Moor.

As a result of the Rising, the English Parliament passed the dreaded Prohibition Act of 1747, which banned the wearing of tartan and kilt, as well as the playing of bagpipes for 35 years.

The monument was built in 1815 by Alexander MacDonald of Glenaladale to honor his ancestors and the fallen Jacobites.

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Outlander series film locations map highlights Scottish history & heritage attractions & make a great trip for you!

As UK-wide screening of the *Outlander* series is already underway, we take a look at historic attractions featured on VisitScotland's *Outlander* series 1 and 2 film locations map.

The time-travel TV series *Outlander*, inspired by Diana Gabaldon's novels, has gathered millions of fans around the world, including the US, Canada, Europe and beyond. Now, More4 has confirmed that it will screen the series to UK audiences over the coming months.

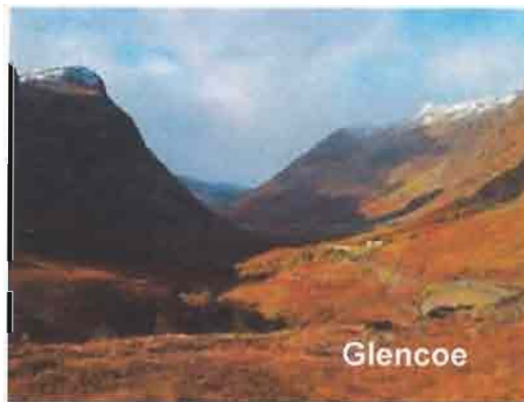
Inspired by VisitScotland's *Outlander* film locations map, we take a look at ten of the sites featured, exploring how each place is featured in the *Outlander* series.

1. Glencoe: The valley of Glencoe features in the opening credits of *Outlander* and, for many people, sums up the beautiful and rugged landscape of the Scottish Highlands. Many who drive along the pretty Glencoe Pass are unaware that the valley has a dark history, as the scene of the Glencoe Massacre of 13 February 1692, when 38 members of the Macdonald clan were killed by Royalist forces.

2. Linlithgow Palace: Fifteenth-century Linlithgow Palace features in *Outlander* when its entrance and corridors are used as Wentworth Prison, where Jamie is imprisoned. The palace was a favoured residence of the Stewart monarchs, being a convenient stopping off point between Edinburgh and Stirling, where the main royal palaces were located.

Linlithgow is the birthplace of Mary Queen of

Scots and the building is famed for its ornate fountain, which can be seen in operation on Sundays in July and August.



3. George Square: Glasgow's George Square was the scene of Frank's proposal to Claire, with this historic city space being transformed into a 1940s street scene. Today's visitors can see and explore the varied architecture of this landmark square, which is named after King George III and laid down in 1781. There are many statues of figures from Scottish history, including Robert Burns, James Watt and Sir Walter Scott; and the city's World War I cenotaph is also in the square.



4. Glasgow Cathedral: Staying in Glasgow, the city's medieval cathedral becomes L'Hopital des Anges, where Claire becomes a volunteer. The twelfth-century building houses the tomb of St Mungo, Glasgow's patron saint, and is also home to some of the UK's finest postwar stained glass windows.

5. Culross: The village of Culross in Fife is a pretty coastal settlement which was once a thriving port. In *Outlander*, the village's Mercat Cross is transformed into the town of Cranesmuir, the home of Geillis Duncan. Culross also provides the setting for Claire's herbal garden and features as a Jacobite encampment.

6. Callendar House: 14th-century Callendar House in Falkirk appears in season 2 as part of the Duke of Sandringham's Bellhurst Manor, with the

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Houses's Georgian kitchen used during filming. The mansion, which belongs to Falkirk Community Trust, regularly hosts living history displays by costumed interpreters, and also has exhibitions on the history of Callendar House and the surrounding area.

7. Highland Folk Museum: This living history museum in Newtonmore, which showcases the domestic and working conditions of Highlanders over the centuries, appears in several *Outlander* scenes, with the museum's replica turf-roofed crofts providing an authentic view of life in bygone Scotland. Visitors can explore the reconstruction buildings, which include an 18th-century township and a working croft.

8. Preston Mill: Preston Mill in East Linton on the Borders provides the backdrop to *Outlander's* dramatic Jacobite rising scenes. Preston Mill is one of the UK's oldest water-driven meal mills still in operation, and guided tours demonstrate the gruelling life of the miller, with the heavy work involved in using and maintaining the mill machinery.

9. Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway: Scotland's largest railway museum formed the backdrop to the famous scene from series one, where Claire and Frank say their goodbyes at a wartime railway station. Both steam-hauled and diesel trains operate from this heritage railway, whilst the museum is home to a wide range of railway artefacts, from station signposts to full-size locomotives.

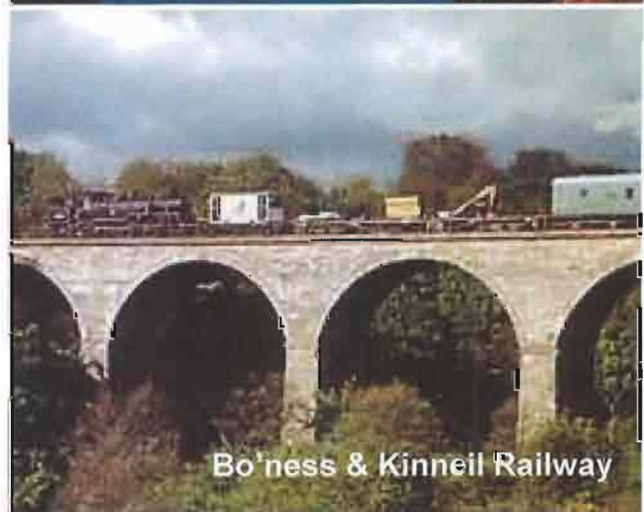
10. Doune Castle: Medieval Doune Castle plays a dual role in series 1 - when it appears as the fictional Castle Leoch, home to Colum Mackenzie; and also the real-life Doune Castle that Claire and Frank visit on a day trip. The castle was built for Regent Albany and hosted his guests in near-royal splendour, with lavish banquets and rich decorations.



Highland Folk Museum



Preston Mill



Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway



Two views, Doune Castle

For a map of all of the *Outlander* sites, visit:
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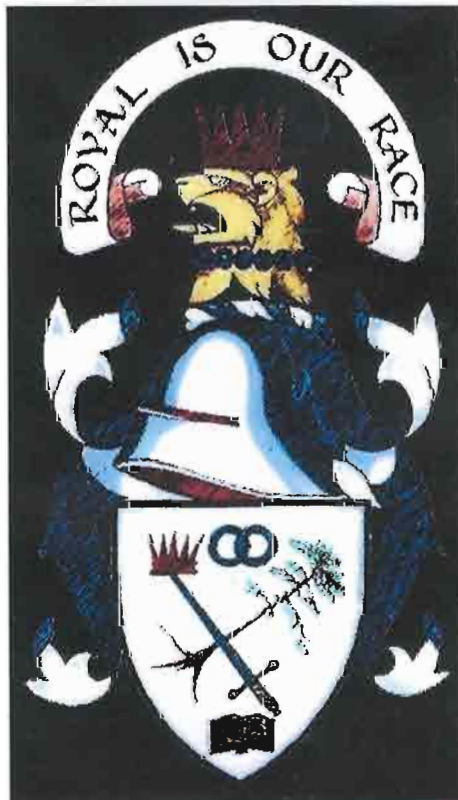
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In January, the first transatlantic telephone call was made by radio from New York to London.

In April the Bell Telephone Company transmitted an image of Herbert Hoover, making the first successful long distance demonstration of television.

In September, John Logie Baird demonstrated the first ever system for recording television, his Photovision VideoDisc apparatus.

Another notable transatlantic achievement of the year was Charles Lindberg's non-stop solo transatlantic flight from New York to Paris in his airplane, *The Spirit of St. Louis*.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences - the "Academy" in Academy Awards - was founded in May 1927. *The Jazz Singer* was also released in cinemas in 1927, marking the beginning of the growth of films with sound.

The United Kingdom changed its name in 1927 to include "Northern Ireland" rather than "Ireland. This was an acknowledgement that the Irish Free State was no longer part of the kingdom.



In Belgium, the Menin Gate was dedicated as a war memorial at Ypres.

In sport, the FA Cup was won by Cardiff City in a 1-0 victory over Arsenal at Wembley - the only time the competition has been won by a club outside England.

New York scored a double in American sport with the *Yankees* winning the baseball World Series and the *Giants* were victorious in the National Football League.

In literature, *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf was published in 1927.

Agatha Christie's Miss Marple appeared in print for the first time and George Orwell resigned his post with the Imperial Police in Burma and moved to London to become a writer.

Notable births in 1927 included Eartha Kitt, Val Doonican, Sidney Poiter, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Pope Benedict XVI and Ken Dodd.

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