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Uncle Sam's Highlanders invited to Scotland!

Adaptive athletes to compete at Mey

This year, members of the newly formed 501(c)(3) Uncle Sam's Highlanders have been offered an amazing opportunity.

We have been invited to the Mey Highland & Cultural Games in John O'Groats, in the far Northeast Highlands of Scotland. Chief of the Games is HRH Charles, Prince of Wales.

We are invited by the Royal British Legion of Scotland to demonstrate the United States' ability to incorporate Adaptive Athletics into the traditional Highland Games format. Something that has been done for the last 5 years in the United States.

The mission of Uncle Sam's Highlanders is to increase advocacy initiatives for disabled individuals through education and research, funded by charitable donations and grants in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

We believe that through increasing availability of competitive activities to adaptive athletes, both disabled veterans and non, that every individual can reach their fullest potential.

Sports are healing both physically and emotionally.

This current opportunity is phenomenal not just in the field of adaptive athletics, but in the history of the Highland Games.

Neither US, nor adaptive athletes have ever been invited to participate in the Scottish Highland Games prior to the Royal

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Happy Birthday America!

Letter from your editor....

Christopher Columbus was not first here!

About this time every year when we celebrate America's birthday, I think about all the trouble I got in the sixth grade.

I was in an "experimental" class at Ruth N. Upson Grammar School in Jacksonville, Florida that had students from Florida State University visiting all the time. We all got used to them and didn't pay them any attention. They were just part of the "scenery."

Our desks were not in rows, they were in circles or groups or whatever suited what we were doing that day. We square danced and sang. We learned so much. Well, I never managed to conquer the Nine Time Tables. But, we did really learn.

Mrs. Peggie McCubbin was our teacher for both 5th and 6th grade. How I loved her! (She remained a wonderful "mother" to me so long as she lived, which was until about 3 years ago. I miss her so!)

Everyone was encouraged to be creative and to have ideas about most everything...until, because I was reading wayyyy above where a sixth grader was supposed to read, I challenged Mrs. McCubbin's talk about how Christopher Columbus discovered America.

I had just read *Kon-Tiki* by Thor Heyerdahl. I was so excited to raise my hand and say, "Nope. He did not discover America. I read where Mr. Heyerdahl said the Chinese and the Vikings and all kinds of people were here long before Columbus came."

Of course, this was a long time ago. I think I remember a dinosaur or two grazing in our schoolyard. However, I was amazed when Miz Peggie (as I called her as an adult) almost hollered at me that, "Columbus DID discover America!"

Ohhhhh. I just stared at her and felt tears trying to come down my face. I **KNEW** I was right.

"Yes, ma'am," a wee little voice came out of

me and replied to her.

Imagine my delight when, years and years later, I learned of Prince Henry Sinclair, the Jarl of Orkney, who was on this continent almost 500 years BEFORE Mr. Columbus.

I've been to the Westford Knight in Westford, Massachusetts and helped Clan Gunn with publicity when the 500th anniversary of Prince Henry's voyage here was celebrated.

Columbus DID have a connection to Prince Henry. Yes, he did.

In an involved genealogy of Christopher Columbus, you learn it is a very real possibility that Columbus did know about this "America the Beautiful" before he ever set sail in 1492.

Here is what I have learned.

The wife of Columbus was Dona Felipa Perestrello e Moniz. She was a granddaughter – on her mothers side – of Gil Moniz a Knight of Christ, and daughter of the Genoese explorer Bartolomeo Perestrello, also a Knight of Christ.

Bartolomeo Perestrello also had a son. This son, also called Bartolemeo Perestrello, married Guimar Teixeira, the aunt of Tristao vaz Teixeira, who was the first husband of Catrina vaz de Lordelo. Catrina latter married John Drummond, son of Elizabeth Sinclair, a daughter of Henry Sinclair."

It just makes complete sense to me that the family of Prince Henry all knew about his voyage to the New World. It would have been passed down in the family...and Columbus' wife would have told him.

I am still reading. I also remember that I caused a stir at John Gorrie Jr. High School in Jacksonville when I read *From Here to Eternity* for my very first book report.

Admittedly, I did not understand parts of that book then...but, I did get an "A" on that report!



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Septs: Brewlands, Dalrulzion, Drimmie, Lude, Persie, Rannagulzion.



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British Legion of Scotland extending this invitation. We'd like to take 4 adaptive athletes, and 4 traditional to demonstrate the cohesiveness of what we do.

Since we all compete together in brotherhood, the athletes are competing against their personal bests, and everyone does what they can to assist their brother.

While only some of us are former military, we share the "Esprit De Corps"!

By making a tax deductible donation we can go to Scotland and teach them how it's done.

We'll be furthering this mission by helping the Royal British Legion of Scotland bring adaptive athletics to more sports as well as give an opportunity to more athletes, and you can help.

Uncle Sam's Highlanders:

[<www.UncleSamsHighlanders.org>](http://www.UncleSamsHighlanders.org)

Mey Highland & Cultural Games [<https://www.facebook.com/MeyGames/>](https://www.facebook.com/MeyGames/)

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This will also be the first time that US athletes have been invited to compete at the Mey Games since its accreditation and sanctioning by the Scottish Highland Games Association.

Athletes from the following locations will be making this historic trip:

Johnson City, Tennessee - Alex "The Tank" Armor

Phoenix, Arizona - Joe White

Roanoke, Virginia - Matthew Hall

Wilmington, North Carolina - Amanda Ford

Belmont, New York - Matt Hand

Buena Park, California - Jarvina Routt

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Sandy, Utah - Ryan Stewart

The charitable organization Warrior 360 will also be sending a representative.

Uncle Sam's Highlander's is a newly formed 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

Uncle Sams Highlanders goal is to help increase access and develop community, social, educational, and advocacy initiatives for disabled individuals through the use of education, research, and national/ international sports competition. Uncle Sams Highlanders also works to help athletes obtain grants/funds for travel, training, and entrance fees in accordance with state, local, and federal non-profit regulations.

The Royal British Legion of Scotland has extended the invitation for our Adaptive Athletes to compete at the Mey Highland and Cultural Games at John O'Groats in the far North Highlands of Scotland on August 4th, 2018, a first not only for these games, but in the history of Scotland and the UK.



Please help!

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James Raymond "J. Rae" Brown, Jr. age 91, entered into rest June 7, 2018.

He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia and lived in Jacksonville where he graduated from Andrew Jackson High School before moving to Tallahassee in 1960.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was a World War II veteran. He served in the American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps in Jacksonville Beach.

He attended Miami University of Ohio and the University of Florida.

J. Rae was a retired salesman with McGraw Hill Publishing.

He was a member of the Tallahassee Rotary Club for 53 years; the Quite Birdmen Club, Tallahassee 100 Club and a long-time member of St. John's Episcopal Church. He was a member of the St. Andrews Society of Tallahassee.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Clydie Brown of Tallahassee; daughter DeAnne Slater (Paul Nordby) of Indianapolis, IN; son Stephen Brown (Tony Zanetta) of New York City; three grandchildren Jill Slater (Tom Crosbie), Melanie Slater, Ben Slater (Samantha); three great-grandchildren Annie Rae Crosbie, Calvin

Crosbie, Theodore Slater; many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held. Friday, June 22, 2018 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Tallahassee.

His ashes were interred immediately after the service in the church Memorial Garden.

The family received friends following the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church or the Honor Flight program (honorflight.org).



The Clan Wallace Society (CWS) is sad to inform its members that we have lost another good friend. **William (Bill) John Wallace** passed away on the 15th of April at the age of 75 after a year-long fight with pancreatic cancer, departing from "this life to more life."

Bill was born in Waupaca, Wisconsin. At the age of 20, he enlisted in the Army as a private, attended OCS and graduated a Second Lieutenant.

In 1962, Bill met Norma Hoefer of Freeport, Illinois. They were married on June 6, 1964. Norma

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After ten years work! **The Third Edition**
of *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia*
by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire



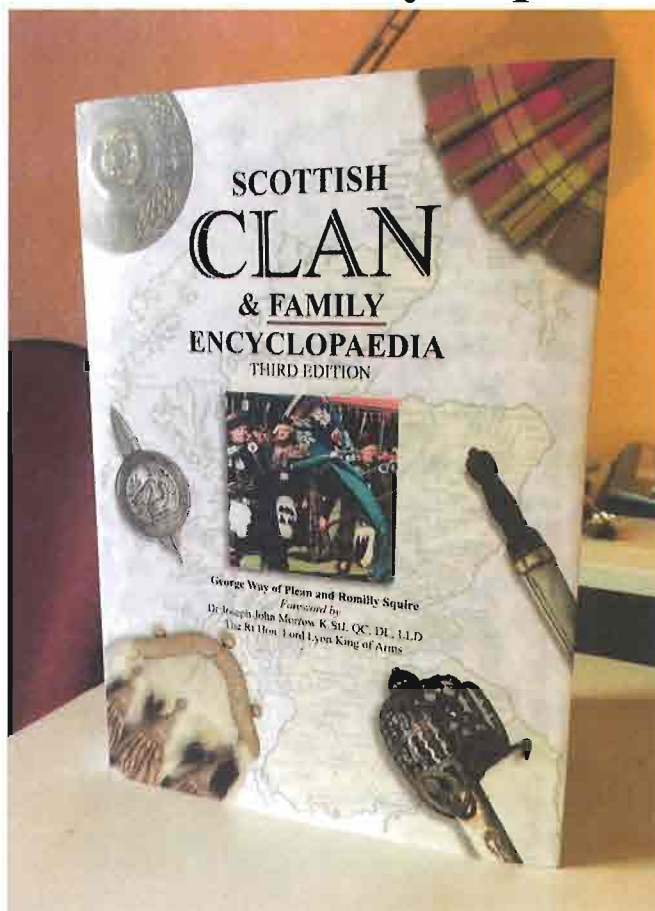
Every person interested in their own Scottish clan or interested in Scottish history needs a copy of The Third Edition of the *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia*. Authored by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire.

In this new and expanded version of the other two editions you'll find extended or updated academic essays - including a hitherto neglected subject: the lowland dimension.

The format is now alphabetical (not two sections); all entries have been revised and updated to early 2017.

For the very first time, every single name has a heraldic illustration by Romilly.

The book is very lavishly illustrated with photographs of the Lyon Court, clan



chiefs, et al.

Revised and updated to reflect changes in clan society since its original publication in 1994, the *Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopaedia* is the definitive single-volume reference work on the Scottish Clans as well as the lowland dimension and Romilly Squire's heraldic illustrations.

To order the *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia*, visit:
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Beloved Glasgow School of Art badly damaged by a 2nd fire

LONDON (AP) — Glasgow has suffered a major blow as a second severe fire in four years has gutted the historic Glasgow School of Art, one of the Scottish city's most beloved cultural treasures.

Fire officials said Saturday the fire was mostly under control and that there seemed to be no casualties, but said that every floor of the historic building at the heart of the city center was damaged.

The cause of the fire has not been established. It came near the end of a multimillion pound (dollar) project to restore the building to its former glory after a 2014 fire.

Now the rebuilding project will have to start again — if the structure is still sound enough.

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said the government is ready to provide "any support that may be required" in the aftermath of the blaze.

"This is a very sad morning in the city of Glasgow," she said. "Glasgow School of Art is an institution that is loved not just by its students, staff and the people of this city, but by many around the world."



Flames and smoke rise from the Glasgow School of Art's Mackintosh Building in London, early Saturday, June 16, 2018. A large blaze ripped through the building at the Glasgow School of Art late Friday, the second time in four years that fire has damaged the famed Scottish school. (Douglas Barrie/PA via AP)



Did you know that although tartan is also known as plaid in North America, in Scotland, a "plaid" is specifically a tartan cloth slung over the shoulder, and comes from the Scottish Gaelic *plaide*, meaning "blanket."

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It's all about Scotland...

Carl Peterson

My books have been nominated for the 2018 Readers Choice Awards contest by TCK Publishing!

Both books were doing well early on but have fallen into 2nd place recently.

First to family, friends and fans, a big thank you to all of you that have already voted!

The Alamo book, *Now's the Day and Now's the Hour*, title taken from the Robert Burns poem *Scot's Wha Ha'e* and used by Sam Houston to call for volunteers to come and fight for Texas independence 1836.

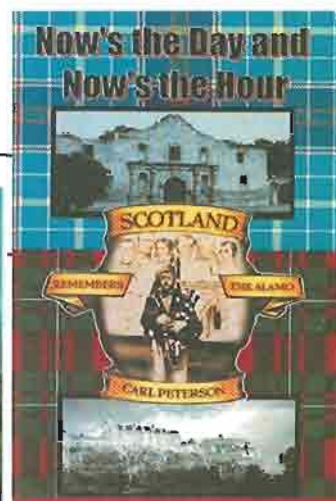
The little known influence of the Scots and the Scotch Irish as well as other Brits has not been recognized that much but while the Mexican bands played their music there was music coming from inside the walls of the Alamo.

Scottish music from the fiddling of Micajah Autry from North Carolina accompanied by the bagpipes of Scotsman John MacGregor.

Both Sam Houston and William Travis were avid readers of both Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott.

Both books can be purchased on amazon or on my websight or ebook versions can be bought on smashwords.com for 99cents.

In fact if you send me your email



Carl Peterson's two books, both nominated for the 2018 Readers Choice Awards

address I will send you an ebook version for free. I will do the same for the *Ewan Colin Coupar* story. I am currently near completion of the follow up to the first Ewan story and would like readers to read the first story before reading the second one.

Please vote for them at <<https://www.tckpublishing.com/2018-readers-choice-voting-page/>>

Ewan Colin Coupar and a Touch of the Fae in the Fantasy Category, a Faerie Fantasy about nine children in Greenock, Scotland, who discover they have Faerie connections through ancestry and other means.

Now's the Day and Now's the Hour in the General Nonfiction Category, is about Scotland's influence in early Texas history including the Alamo.

You only need to vote once in each category. Please let me know when you do so I can keep track. Pass it on and share if you can.

Much appreciated!



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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



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Clan Skene and its' whisky history



With thanks to the *Skene Scene*, official publication of the Clan Skene Association,
President: Al McGalliard,
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Most with an association to the Skene name will be aware of the legend of the son of the Robertson Chief of Straun who saved the King from a savage wolf - using only his Sgian Dubh and that the King gifted him the land which he named *Sgian* or *Skene*, in honour of the weapon.

What a lot of people aren't aware of is this small Aberdeenshire parish's incredible Scotch Whisky history.

The origins of whisky in Scotland are lost in the mists of time but it is a skill that has been practiced throughout the land since the middle ages.

Ever since the mid 17th century the government of the land has taxed the water of life and this drove many distillers underground, the highlands of Scotland were the perfect place to hide away from the prying eyes of the taxman and it was in these Highland glens that the spirit was perfected and became much sort after not only in the Highlands but the Lowlands of Scotland and even into England!

In the early 1800s, the Skene lands became notorious throughout Scotland as the route for whisky smugglers, and their clandestine transportation of whisky from the Highland distillers to the Lowlands.

The Skene Ride, the route from the eastern Highlands to Aberdeen was described in 1823 as follows:

"This place is situated between the Dee and the Don, and nature seems to have formed many places of safety to the unfair trader in the surrounding country. The smuggler, in bringing his contraband ware from the Highlands to the Aberdeen market, has to pass through..."

The infamous gauger (exciseman) Malcolm Gillespie patrolled the Skene Ride from 1812 – 1827 and as the smugglers were determined not to surren-



der their contraband whisky, most were armed with bludgeons and other deadly weapons. There are numerous stories of the battles Gillespie had in and around Skene with the Highlanders. Gillespie seized and destroyed several thousand gallons of contraband whisky and illicit stills.

The whisky that came down from the hills to the Lowlands was certainly well regarded as can be verified by Lady Grant of Rothiemurchus who in her memoirs stated that on King George the Fifth's visit to Scotland in 1822 demanded "true contraband" whisky - he drinks nothing less!

The King must have enjoyed his whisky as very soon afterwards the government brought in the Excise Act which slowly but surely allowed distilleries to register for a small fee and hence kill off the need for the smuggler.

With the demise of the illicit whisky and the smuggler, times became hard for gaugers like Gillespie to make a living and in a cruel twist of fate, he was arrested along with George Skene Edwards in Crombie Cottage, Skene. They had been producing fake banknotes and Malcolm Gillespie was found guilty of forgery and hung from the gallows in Aberdeen in November 1827.

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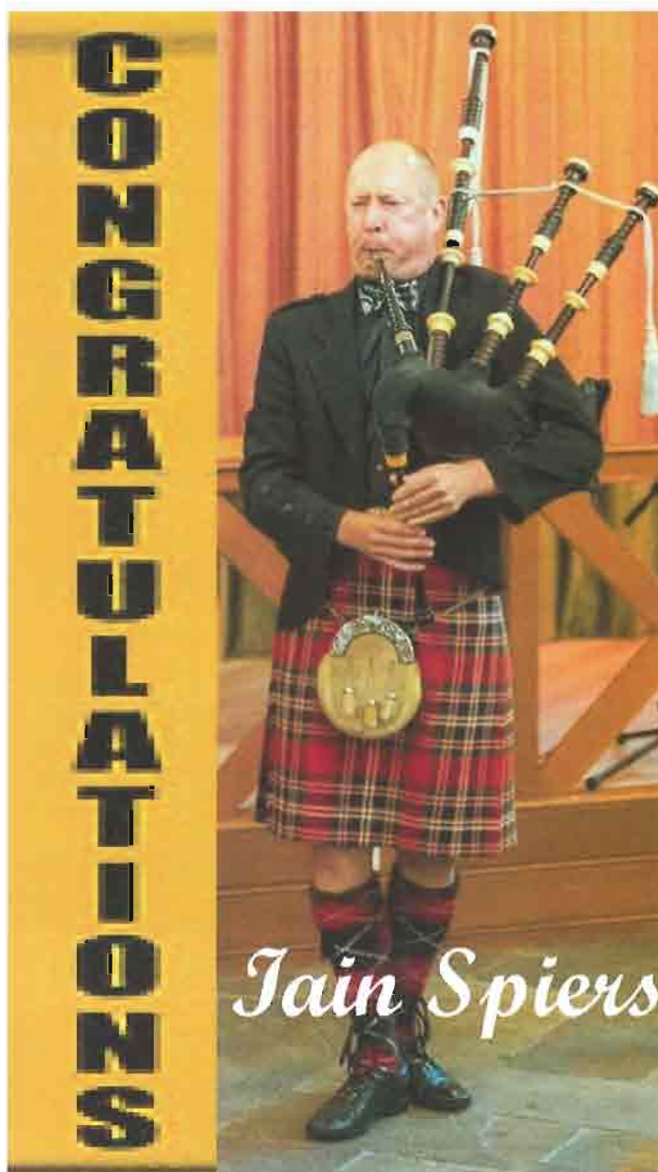
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The 32nd Donald MacDonald Cuach at Armadale Castle, the Isle of Skye, Scotland, on June 15 was enjoyed by a capacity audience.

Congratulations to winner Iain Spiers (photo above) and the other very fine competitors Glenn Brown, Callum Beaumont, Alasdair Henderson and Craig Sutherland.

The audience also enjoyed performances from local rising star Malin Lewis, singer Christine Primrose MBE from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, and pupils from Bun-sgoil Shlèite with accompanist-Eilidh Macfadyen.

Thanks to them all, and of course to adjudicator Allan MacDonald and convenor Dr. Angus MacDonald.

You can now watch video highlights on this page and the see the whole event on our You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/>

Clan Bell International



This

old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, 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 emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

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Step into Scotland with immersive AR App

Portal AR allows users to traverse Britain's highest peak, roam the halls of Edinburgh Castle and enjoy whiskey at Highlands distillery

Meilan Solly in *Smithsonian Magazine*

To generate a portal to another “world,” users of a new augmented reality app must first scan the floor with their device. After positioning the portal in an area free of any mess, they can then walk directly into an immersive 360-degree experience.

In other words, if you’ve ever dreamed of stepping into a wardrobe and finding yourself transported Narnia-style, you’re in luck.

Portal AR, which is available now from the Apple App and Google Play Stores, is the first travel tool of its kind. The world at its purview is Scotland, which boasts attractions like Edinburgh Castle, former home of doomed ruler Mary, Queen of Scots; the shadow of Arthur’s Seat, an ancient volcano better known today as one of the city’s top hiking spots; and St. Andrews, birthplace of golf, which also houses the university where Britain’s future king and queen first met.

According to The Scotsman’s Alison Campsie, the innovative app was launched as part of the country’s Scotland Is Now campaign. Designed in collaboration with Google, VisitScotland, the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise and Universities Scotland, its immersive features are intended to aid travelers planning trips to Scotland.

On the app, VR experiences range from a paramotoring tour of Ben Nevis, Great Britain’s high-

est peak, to the Highlands’ oldest distillery and the eclectic collections housed in Glasgow’s Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

In addition to allowing users to virtually interact with the country’s landscape and history, *Portal AR* examines the ways in which Scots, live, work, invest and study. Voiceovers from locals complement video footage of subjects including a satellite-building facility in Glasgow, fashion classes at the Heriot-Watt School of Textiles and Design, and leisurely strolls along the Scottish shores.

As Campsie notes, *Portal AR* isn’t Scotland’s first foray into groundbreaking mobile technology. In fact, back in 1999, communications company Orange helped the Edinburgh Fringe Festival launch one of the world’s first mobile apps, a guide to the annual arts show.

The festival, which featured 53,232 performances of 3,398 shows in its 2017 incarnation, is, in fact, another one of the distinctive Scottish experiences highlighted by the new app.

The Scotsman’s Brian Ferguson reports the central message of the \$8 million *Scotland Is Now* tourism campaign, which launched in April, is one of inclusivity—touting the country as “one of the most open” in the world. This philosophy underlies the new AR experience, which will be continually updated as

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Portal AR allows users to roam the halls of Edinburgh Castle, former home of Mary, Queen of Scots (Alasdair, Flickr / Creative Commons)

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Attention Clan Sinclair Members!



Dear Clan Sinclair Members,

Many of you have already heard about the upcoming gathering that Clan Sinclair Italy will be hosting September 23rd thru 29th.

If you are interested in going, please let Sven know. His email is: <bioschiro@libero.it>

Sven said that they can accommodate up to 100 persons on the trip, but there are roughly 30 Italians who are planning on joining us, so that leaves 70 persons from outside Italy. I have a feeling that this trip will fill up fast, so please make your plans now. Once you are on the website, you will find a link to the travel agent who will accept payment for everything except your airfare to Italy. The cost is 1100 Euros per person. If you have any questions, please reply directly to Sven.

Our Clan Sinclair USA website - <<http://www.clansinclairusa.org/home.html>> - has a link to all the details just in case you did not receive this notice previously

May I wear this one?

Contrary to popular belief, there is no law proclaiming who can or can't wear a particular tartan. If there is any control at all, it is only governed by convention.

However, disputes relating to the use of a particular pattern can be tried under the civil law of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act and in rare cases by trademark.

For example, the Burberry Check, first designed in the early 1920s is patented and protected by trademark.



Recorded broadcasts for Clan Blair members



The March 2018 Clan Blair Society Webinar is available, along with all webinar-hosted presentations by the Clan Blair Society Board, for your viewing. You can find them on the Members-Only website at: <http://members.clanblair.org>

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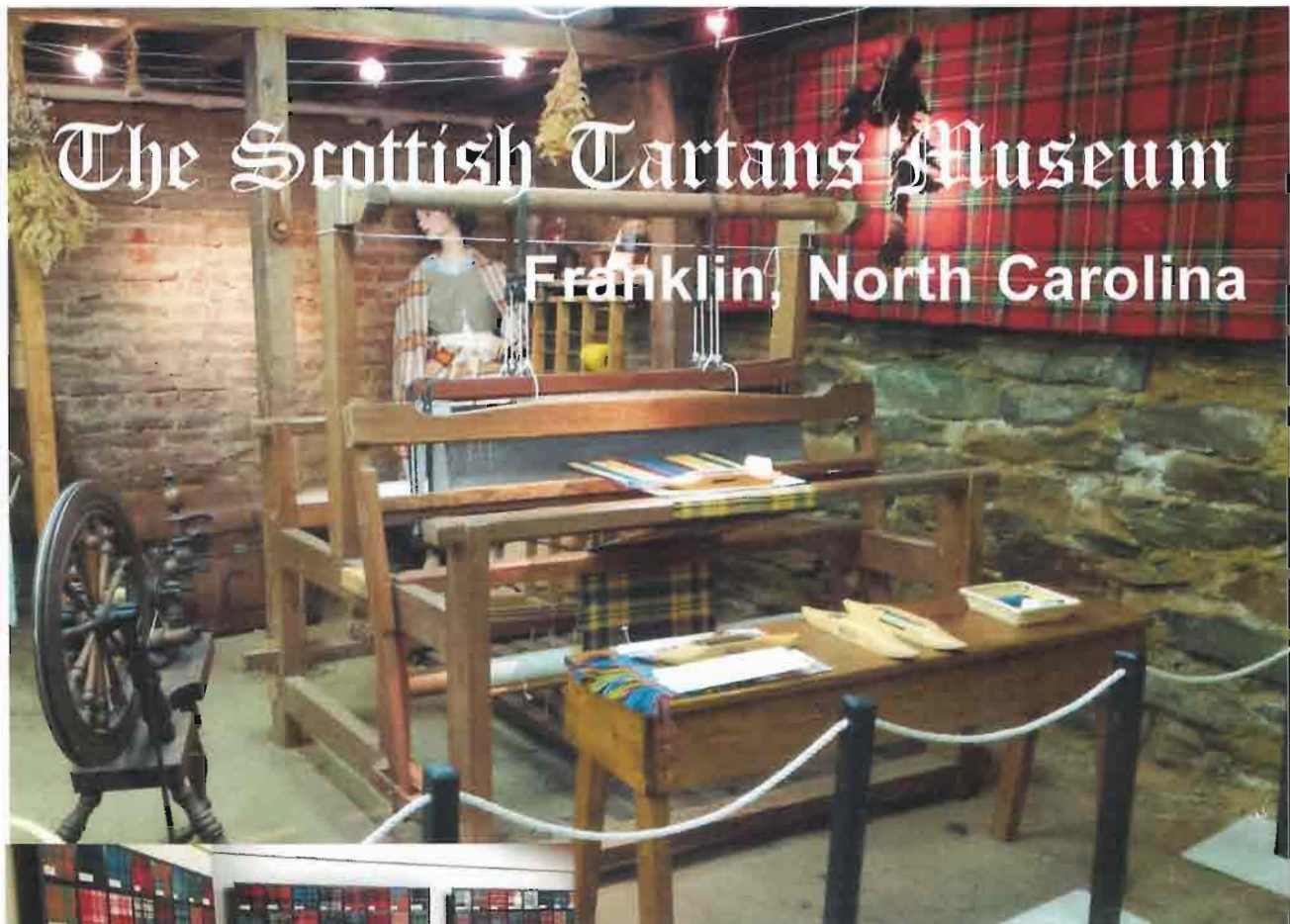
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The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

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.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

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





Sally Southerland Educational & Charitable Fund's Scholarship Awards 2018

With thanks to the *Dunrobin Piper*, publication of the Clan Sutherland Society of North America. Contact Clan Sutherland at <clansutherland.org) for membership information or to learn more about the organization.

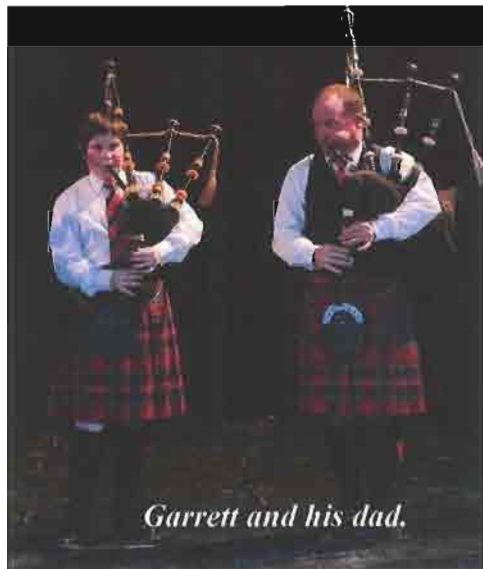
The Sally Southerland Educational and Charitable Fund's (SSECF) Board of Directors is very proud to report that the 2018 scholarships have been awarded.

The SSECF was established by the Clan Sutherland Society of North America, Inc. in 1988 for the preservation of Scottish traditions, development of ethnic pride and the encouragement of a closer bond between Scots in North America and Scotland. Five scholarships, in the amount of \$350.00 each, have been awarded to four outstanding young Highland Dancers and one young Piper. Each one submitted a very impressive application, with references, showing their dedication and perseverance in their studies of the Scottish arts.

Kayla Sutherland, age 16, London, Ontario, Canada, continues to have an impressive resume of accomplishments in Highland Dance competition.

She studies at the Sutherland Studio of Dance in London, Ontario where her grandmother, Anne Sutherland, is director and dance instructor.

She will attend the 2018 British Association of Teachers of Dancing (BATD) North American Sadie Simpson Scholarship Workshop, in Banff, Alberta with the help of this grant.



Garrett and his dad.

Garrett Sutherland, age 12, London, ON, Canada, was exposed at an early age to bagpipe music, as his father is an accomplished piper. He advanced to Grade 4 and consistently placed in competition last year. This \$350 scholarship grant will help to pay for his lessons at Bagpipe Solutions, under the direction of John Cairns.

Beret Dernbach, age 15, San Diego, Ca, is a Highland Dancer, who last year accomplished one of her goals by winning the US Championship in her age group. She competed



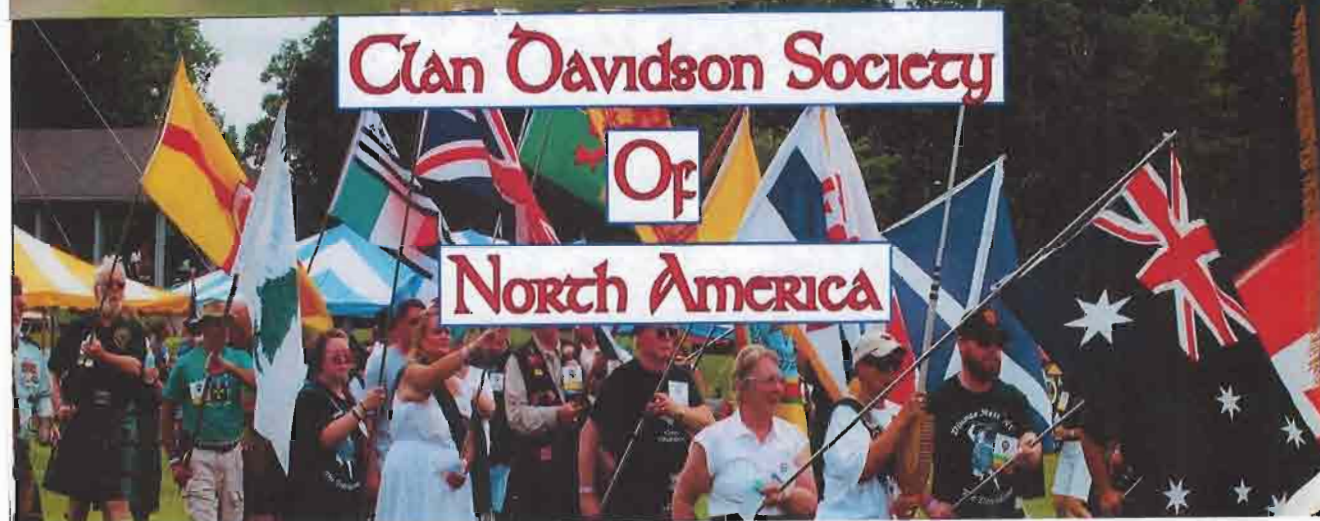
Kayla Sutherland and her grandmother, Anne Sutherland, at the 2017 BATD Sadie Simpson Scholarship Weekend in Nashville

in championships all over North America with impressive results. She also competed in Scotland where she was 3rd runner up over all in the Scottish Championship. This qualified her to compete in the World Finals held in Dunoon at the Cowal Highland Dancing Championships. Beret's scholarship grant is for her continuing classes at the Linda Armstrong School of Dance.

Elizabeth Karpov, age 14, Winter Garden, Fla. is a premier Highland Dancer and has qualified as a Southeastern Regional representative in the USIR, National championships, for over 4 years. She is the goddaughter and a dance student of Katheryn White Austin, a longtime member of the CSSNA. Her scholarship grant is for continuing instruction at the Center for Dance & the Performing Arts, where Dr. Austin is

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Clan Davidson Society of North America



Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society of North America**.

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The Clan Davidson Society of North America 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. CDS-NorAm 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.

For more information, check out our website at clandavidson.org or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at sennachie@earthlink.net.

Only wealthy landowners were allowed to feast on these royal fowl



Sarah Laskow, *Atlas Obscura*

Why the Queen Owns All the Swans in England

In honor of the recent royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, this week we're telling the stories of some of the United Kingdom's oldest and oddest traditions.

Swans, according to those who have eaten them, are tasty birds. The meat is "more like duck than it is like goose," one hunter reports; it's "lean, lightly gamey, moist, and succulent," in the words of a chef.

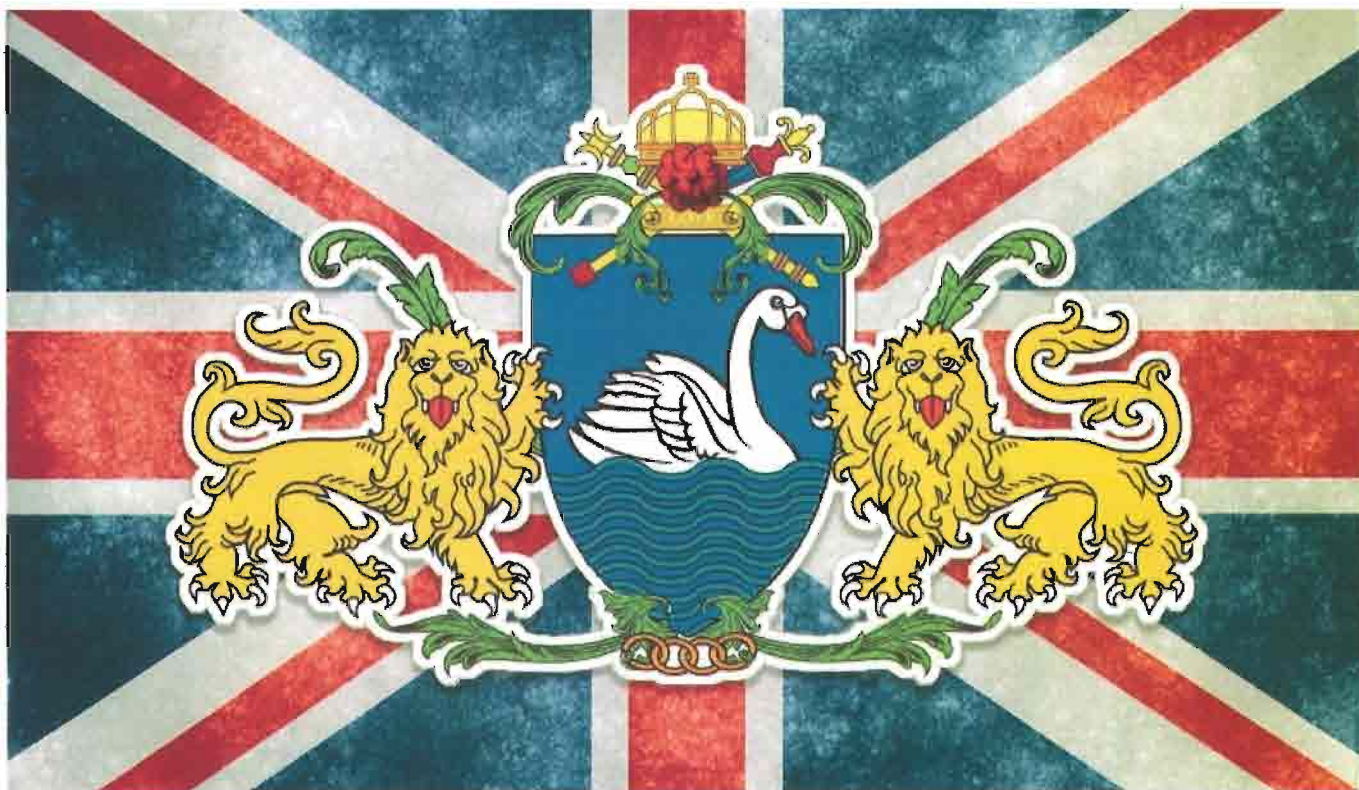
Today, it's rare for swan to be served, but for hundreds of years in England, eating swan was a mark of status. No one could own or eat one without paying the monarchy for the privilege, and an elaborate system of marks developed to track swan rights. By default, though, the king or queen owned the country's swans, and that's still true: Any unmarked swans swimming in the open waters of England belong to the Queen.

Rules governing swan ownership in England date back before the mid-13th century, as Arthur MacGregor of Oxford's Ashmolean Museum explains in a 1995 issue of *Anthropozoologica*. By 1361, the crown had an official Royal Swan-herd, and by 1463 there was a "Swan-mote" with commissioners appointed to hear swan disputes.

In England, mute swans are royal swans by default.

Swans were considered royal fowl, but by the beginning of the 15th century, wealthy people could buy the right to own, sell, and eat them. If you wanted to keep swans on your property (a right reserved for those who had property to begin with), you had to buy an expensive "swan mark" from the king, which

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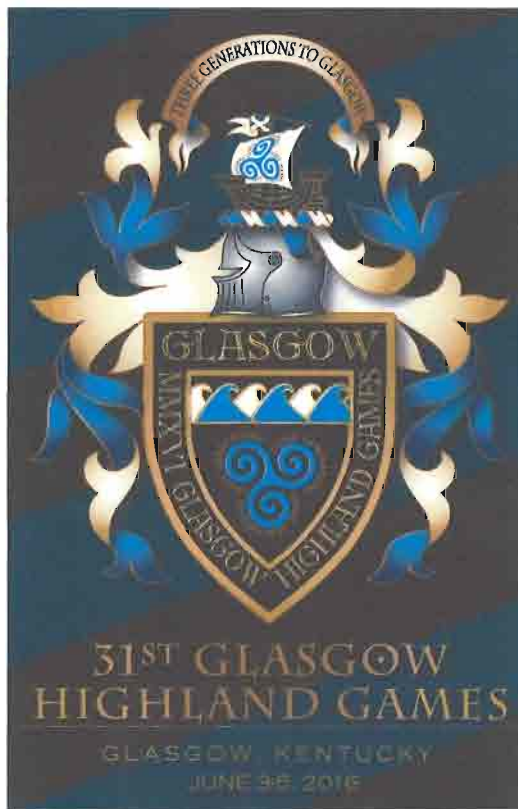
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you'd carve or brand into the beaks of your swans.

These marks, one of the oldest propriety marks in England, might have started as simple lines and shapes, but eventually there were hundreds of swan marks in England and whole books dedicated to keeping track of them. They were designed to look like swords or crossbows, heraldic symbols, and eventually letters. Every year swan-masters would row through open waters, determining the ownership of cygnets and marking them. Any unmarked birds belonged to the crown.

This "highly structured system of ownership," writes MacGregor, seems to be "an English peculiarity." (It didn't even extend to Scotland.) It lasted for centuries, though, and put in place measures that protected the swan population. It was illegal, for instance, to steal swan eggs or to cut the grass or reeds within 40 feet of a swan's nest.

By the 18th century, swan had fallen out of favor as a status meat. Some people continued to mark

their swan's beaks until in the late 19th century, when animal cruelty activists argued it constituted "unnecessary suffering" and Queen Alexandra, the wife of King Edward VII, stopped the royal birds from being marked.

This tradition of royal swan ownership carries on today, though: The Queen still owns every unmarked mute swan—the white-feathered bird with a knob on its orange beak, the bird that you most likely think of when you think "swan"—on England's

open waters. Every year in the summer, a group of "swan uppers" perform a ritualized swan census, during which they salute the Queen as the "Seigneur of Swans."

Killing swans was outlawed in the 1980s, when the population in England was shrinking, and many people now believe that only the Queen is allowed to eat mute swans. That's not exactly correct, but since she's considered immune from prosecution, if she had a hankering for swan at Christmas, a traditional dish, no one could stop her from acting on it.

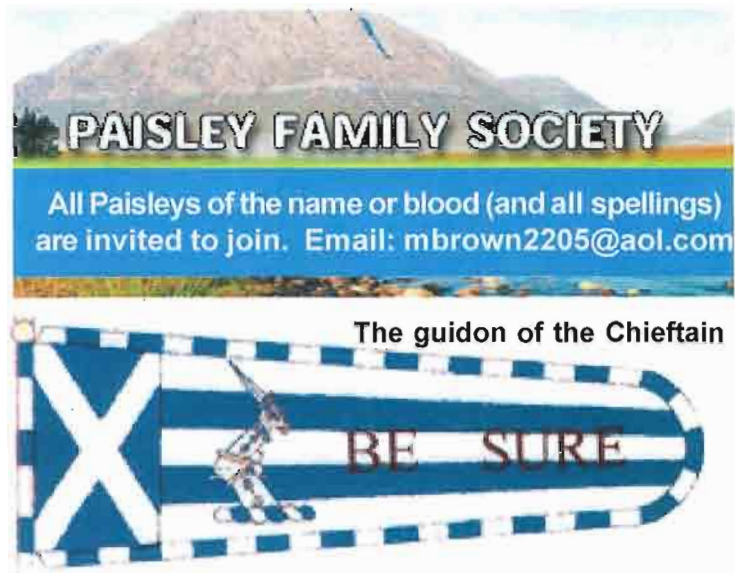
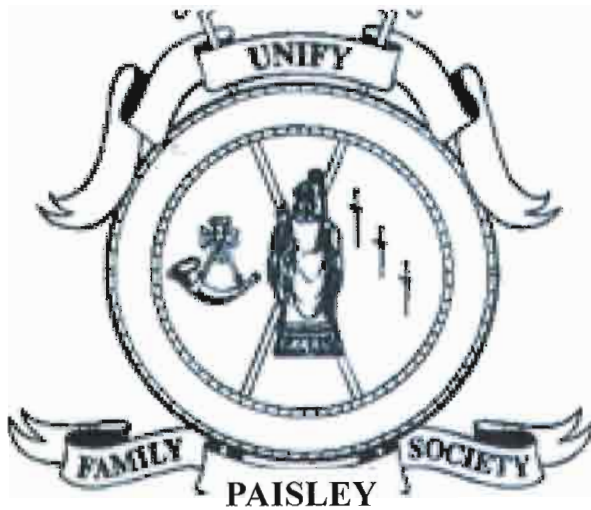


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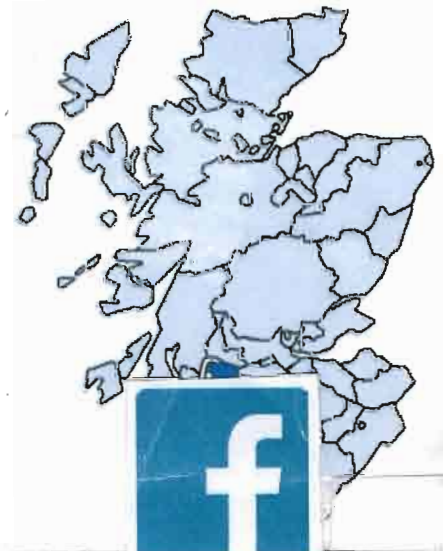


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



Check out the **Paisley Family Society** webpage at www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk to see what's happening with us in 2017. Contact Martha Brown at mbrown2205@aol.com. For the Paisley DNA Project, visit dlangsto@yahoo.com



AGM & Spring Gathering 2015 at Ardtalla, Scotland

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was the bedrock of his life. In the Gaelic, Norma was known as Bill's anam cara (soul friend). Many times at Clan Wallace Society annual meetings and gatherings, you could see Bill and Norma walking hand-in-hand like they had just started dating, and they did so for their 53+ years of marriage.

With Norma at his side (sometimes figuratively), Bill completed two combat tours in Vietnam; one as a First Lieutenant Infantry Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader; and one as a helicopter pilot with the rank of Captain. He also completed a three-year assignment to Saudi Arabia. Bill retired as Chief of Concepts and Studies Division, Director of Combat Development after 24 years in the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Bill then worked in the Aerospace industry with McDonnell Douglas/Boeing for 16 years in management. He and Norma settled in Bend, Oregon in 2006.

In Central Oregon, Bill developed skills as an amateur photographer thanks to patient coaching by local professional photographers.

Bill was a Council Member of the Clan Wallace Society and was elected to the Board of Directors. During his nine year tenure on the Board, he was the Treasurer, Executive Vice President, and President from 2007 through 2009.

Bill is survived by Norma and their sons William Wayne Wallace and family - Rafif Jouejati and grandsons Adam Wallace and Ramsey Wallace of Virginia; and CSM Douglas Dwight Wallace and Nicole Nikrandt Wallace and grandson Cayden Wallace of Wisconsin.

A celebration of Bill's life took place at the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary in Bend, OR on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Bill will be interred in the columbarium of Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia at a future date to be announced.

Bill will be greatly missed by his loving wife Norma and their family and friends. He will also be missed by his CWS family. We bid farewell to a good man and a good friend.



Bill and Norma Wallace



Ned Wallace and Russ Harper at the 2nd Annual Tartan Day North Carolina celebration at the Raleigh Museum of History.



Missing McPersons - **This time looking for DAVISON kin**

Doug Young Looking For Information re **DAVISON** Relatives in Indiana, USA. I am looking for any **DAVISON (DAVIDSON)** relatives I may have in Indiana. I am descended from **WILLIAM DAVISON**, born in County Armagh, Ireland in 1812. His older brother, **RICHARD DAVISON (SR.)** born 1809, was the first to immigrate to North America in the 1830s.

He first lived in Northern New York State, but eventually moved to Union Township, Montgomery County, Indiana. **WILLIAM**, the younger brother, was fiercely loyal to the Crown and moved to Canada in the 1850s and would not move to the US (rebels all ... ha... he was as Orange as they come, but a Methodist). **WILLIAM'S** oldest son, **ROBERT**, moved his family to Coal Creek Township, Montgomery County, Indiana in the 1890s.

His brothers, **WILLIAM, JR.** and **RICHARD** (Jr. named after his uncle and possibly his grandfather) stayed in Canada. As far as I know, there has not been any contact with our American branch of the family since the 1890s. There seemed to be some friction between **ROBERT**, the brother who left, and **RICHARD** (the youngest). **WILLIAM, SR.** and **WILLIAM, JR.** had both passed away before **ROBERT** left with his family for Indiana.

ROBERT was the first, and the only one that I am aware of, to spell his name "**DAVIDSON**". He lived with his cousin and her husband, **LEVI THOMAS**, until he purchased some land east of New Richmond, Coal Creek Township, Montgomery Township, Indiana. His uncle, **RICHARD DAVISON, SR.**, an enthusiastic Mason, died in the 1860s. We are hoping to have a reunion and meet up with our American relatives, if there are any left.

If anyone has any information about this family, please contact Doug Young [clanyoung@hotmail.com].

Your queries are always **FREE** here. Just send, anytime, to [<bethscribble@aol.com>](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)

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the Director.

Emma Schiff, age 17, Oak Park, California, a member of the Kiltie Highland Dance Company at Alma College, is an exceptional dancer, one of the few World Champions from the United States.

Emma had the unique experience of interning at a Highland Dance Studio in New Zealand for 3 months, under the instruction of seven-time World Champion, Morgan Bamford. This scholarship will help fund her attendance at the BATD in Banff, Alberta.

Respectively Submitted,

SSECF Board of Directors: Gayle Sutherland, Jesse Sutherland, Andrew Sutherland, Richard Langford, Treasurer.



What you can learn from family heirlooms

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

For those with an appreciation of history, the presence of heirlooms will always play an important role. Heirlooms present undebatable evidence to help us connect with where we came from and how the past has influenced our life and accomplishments. We can learn about our families by studying things that were important to them. By having an heirloom, we can gain a greater appreciation and understanding about the people responsible for us being here today.

From a decorative souvenir plate, a homemade item of clothing, tattered family photos or a long-cherished doll passed down through generations, heirlooms and the stories behind them can add life to the names, dates and places found in family trees. Some genealogists have called this “putting meat on the bones”. Family reunions have proven to be a prime time to assemble a collection of heirlooms. They often provide a powerful path to get loved ones to open up and share stories about relatives past or present.

Family Heirlooms can be beneficial for research in a number of ways:

1. Verifying personal information about family members.
2. Providing memorable and specific details about family stories.
3. Shedding light on experiences that impacted family life decisions, migration patterns, and places of residence.
4. Helping stimulate conversation with family members who are reluctant to talk about the past or when visiting elderly family members with failing memories, especially those in various stages of dementia.

Items such as family Bibles may include names, dates, places of birth, etc., that are the only option for researching time periods and areas, where civil and vital

records are incomplete or non-existent.

When sorting through interesting heirlooms for special occasions such as a family gathering, oral history interview, or simple curiosity, start investigating the stories behind these items. Experts often recommend the following criteria:

1. Begin asking family members or relatives about the origin of the item. Learn as much as possible about who owned the item and when, what it was used for, and why it became significant.

2. Record the story. Make every effort to record as many details as possible about the origin and history of the heirloom. The story is just as important as the item itself.

3. Pay particular attention to the shape, size, color, and material substance. Does the item look handmade, produced as a limited edition, or mass-produced? While there are exceptions, handmade or limited edition items tend to have more significance than mass-produced items.

4. Examine the item for a patent date and number. The date may help narrow down the period of ownership to a specific ancestor. If you find a patent number, which can help in tracking down a patent application filed by an ancestor, friend, or relative.

5. Consult “antique value” books. Public libraries typically have price guides for most types of heirlooms. Don’t forget to check old magazines and newspapers, and online sources such as Google Images for pictures of your heirloom. On Google Images, the website link to the picture may provide very detailed information. This might be especially helpful if the family has observed the custom of passing down wedding gowns used in multiple ceremonies over the years.

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