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# Household Division's Military Music Spectacular



Indulge in glorious pomp & pageantry this summer as you take one of the best seats in the house to see the Queen's Household Division perform at this unprecedented event to celebrate the reopening of London to visitors. Start your afternoon with a luxurious picnic and a guided royal tour.

Where?

Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London

SW1E 6HQ

What's included?

Luxury picnic hamper with prosecco for dining in St James's Park

Guards Collection cool box

Guards Collection picnic blanket

Guards Collection Souvenir

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Letter from your editor....

# “Do-Overs” are NOT just for kids!



*A very rare photo with combed and neat hair!*

It's been well over a year since we have had Scottish Games anywhere. That's a significant break, isn't it?

Now, Scottish Games are coming back with great vigor! I hear from friends everywhere how excited and delighted they are to attend the festivities again.

To me, it is the perfect time for our Scottish Clans to think about the image their clan tents project to those who visit. I think every clan in existence claims that their members are “family” and “cousins” and such. I'm afraid that not all groups treat folks that way.

Remember, when we were kids, if we truly messed up anything - from catching a ball to making a mistake in any endeavor, we'd say loudly, “Do-Over! Do-Over?”

Then, you could try again to make things right.

Isn't this a perfect time for our Scottish Clans to forget the past and start again with a kinder, gentler face to the public and to members?

Over the years, I have attended numerous clan meetings, AGMs, gatherings, business occasions, social occasions, etc. At every single event, my thoughts were soaking in the inclusiveness or non inclusiveness.

So many clans have problems with keeping members. Why? Members don't feel wanted is a big reason.

I remember attending a Clan Macneil AGM at Grandfather Mountain back when the late Royce McNeil was the over twenty-year president.

His meetings always began with each and every member introducing themselves and their families and any guests. There were clan members there from every walk of life and every stratum of financial accomplishment. At this meeting, each and every person was valued and honored and treated in precisely the same loving - yes, loving - and respectful manner.

In many groups, your bank balance is the most important thing you bring to the group.

Yes, I know that money is very important to any

group. However, when every facet of a group is pointed towards making money or when those who are fortunate in their financial dealings are honored with offices and treated differently. To me, that's not inclusive at all.

One group does not send sympathy cards to anyone in the large clan unless they are “well known.” What?

Another group doesn't consider anyone for an office if they do not go to Scotland every summer for a fun time with the Chief.

Folks, I've been in groups myself where you had to be a large contributor to various funds if you wished to hold any kind of office.

At one AGM at Stone Mountain I attended, the president of the group said in the meeting, “If I could, I would fire every person who holds any office and is not here today.”

That happened to be in the middle of one of our recessions and many could not afford to travel to Atlanta, have a place to stay and transportation, have meals for even a couple, and pay to come to the games. I thought, “That's wrong to say and even more wrong to think as a president of a group of people.”

That one weekend would cost upwards of \$1000. Not every family can afford that.

So, folks. Please try to be more inclusive - which means a lot of the time, please try to make visitors to your tents and clan members feel welcome and wanted. Please do treat everyone in the Scottish community as family.

When times are hard, if you are not made to feel a part of a group and are not valued as a member, when it is a choice of paying dues or doing something else with your funds, it's not hard to let go of the dues and the group.

It doesn't cost anything. It just means you think of everyone with respect and honor.



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All Border Reiver family names made more than welcome at our Rubble Built Scots Tower House.

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*Johnnie Armstrong of Gilnockie Coffee Bar temporarily closed due to COVID 19 restrictions.  
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# Here's tae th' Lowly Kilt Pin!

Linda Frazier, *The St. Andrew's Cross*, The St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, FL

I love a man in a kilt - and the perfect decoration for any kilt is the kilt pin. Unlike other accouterments to Highland wear, such as a sgian dubh, sporran, or plaid brooch, a kilt pin is a relatively recent addition, dating from the Victorian Era.

The popular story of how the kilt pin was added as a traditional Highland accessory is that on a particularly windy day Queen Victoria was inspecting her soldiers at Balmoral Castle. The story goes that one of the soldiers was having a difficult time assuring that the gusts of wind did not reveal more of his anatomy to his sovereign than modesty would dictate. Seeing his difficulty, the Queen supposedly removed a brooch she was wearing and pinned it to the soldier's kilt to weigh the kilt down in the wind and to prevent any further embarrassment.

Shortly afterward, according to author J. Charles Thompson, Queen Victoria mandated rules stating that all military kilts must have a fastening, and although the soldiers then wore kilt pins, they didn't fasten the layers of cloth with them as that would change the way the kilt hung. Thus, the kilt pin has become integral to any kilt outfit. According to the "Scotland Shop", "Traditionally, a kilt pin is worn on the right-hand side, pinned through the front apron 4 inches from the bottom of the kilt and 2 inches in from the fringing on the side. Make sure the pin is only through the front apron and not the layers underneath as this could result in damaging your kilt".

The addition of a kilt pin to Highland dress provided an additional opportunity to display wealth, much as the plaid brooches and other accessories do.

Men at all levels of the socio-economic scale spent lavishly on ornate accessories set with precious and semi-precious stones. Money spent this way had the



added benefit that if a clansman died, the silver accessories on their dress would cover the cost of a decent burial.

Kilt pins come in different styles and are appropriate for different occasions from the simplest blanket pin to a more ornate pin for formal daywear, or a gold or silver pin with a stone set in it for evening wear, matching the formality of the dress and occasion.

To minimize the damage a kilt pin could cause a kilt, some people apply buttonhole stitching around the hole where the kilt pin goes into the cloth to strengthen the cloth and make it less likely to tear. Others place a piece of leather behind the front apron and attaching the kilt pin through the cloth and the leather to reduce the likelihood of tearing.



Thank you to *The St. Andrew's Cross*, publication of the Tallahassee, Florida, St. Andrew Society,

Contact  
[www.standrewtallahassee.org](http://www.standrewtallahassee.org)



# OH, CANADA!



[www.electriccanadian.com](http://www.electriccanadian.com)



# Gylen Castle/Keep, Isle of Kerrera, Argyll, Scotland



This image of Gylen Castle/Keep was taken by Ray Porter, who is the prize winning voice of numerous talking books!

Mr. Porter is the nephew of our friend, Steve Kelley. Their 18<sup>th</sup> great grandmother was born in this place. The family shares a common bloodline as Allen descendants with Robert the Bruce's brother, the Stewarts and the Boyds through her.



## *Scottish Tea~The New National Drink?*

### *How to Make the Cuppa*



1. Water affects the taste of the tea. Always use fresh water, never water that has been previously boiled. Fill the kettle with fresh water from the tap (or if you feel particularly flush, use spring water or even Scottish water, if you have any).
2. Always warm the teapot. While you bring the water to a boil, warm the teapot by rinsing it out with a little of the boiling water or even hot water from the tap.
3. Use a rounded teaspoon of tea leaves for each person and add one extra spoonful "for the pot". If the result is a little strong for you, use less.
4. Let the tea infuse in the hot water for three to five minutes depending on how strong you want to make it. The longer the tea steeps, the stronger the tea, but after five minutes it can get too bitter.
5. Serve the tea using a tea strainer (I use a pretty antique sterling silver one) to pour the tea into your chosen vessel.

If you are making tea with a tea bag or in a cup with a tea infuser, follow the same rules. For an infuser, put one teaspoon of tea into the infuser then pour boiling water into the warmed cup and infuse for 3-5 minutes.

With many thanks to the *St. Andrew's Cross*, publication of the St. Andrew Society of

Tallahassee, Florida. Contact them at <[www.standrewtallahassee.org](http://www.standrewtallahassee.org)>



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Some of the funding Scottish Heritage USA has provided over the years:

- *Culloden Visitor's Centre – media centre* \$300,000\*
- *The Scottish Gaelic Studies Lectureship at UNC Chapel for the academic years of 2017-20* \$185,000
- *Renovation of Eisenhower Suite, Culzean castle* \$50,000\*
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- *The National Trust for Scotland USA 2018-20 Corporate membership* \$35,000
- *Interpretation Project at Glencoe* \$25,000\*
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- *Highland Echoes "Scotland in the Class"* \$16,900
- *Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC* \$7,700
- *Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Cultural Village 2017-20* \$6,000

\* National Trust for Scotland sites



*Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle*



*The Hill House, Helensburgh*

## PLANNING A TRIP TO SCOTLAND ?

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- Reciprocal membership to the National Trust for Scotland Foundation, USA
- **Free Admission** to all (over 70) National Trust for Scotland properties
- **The Highlander** magazine (six issues per year)
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- **Scottish Heritage USA** Newsletter (three issues per year)

Memberships range from \$25 to \$500 and are well worth the price! – **JOIN ONLINE**  
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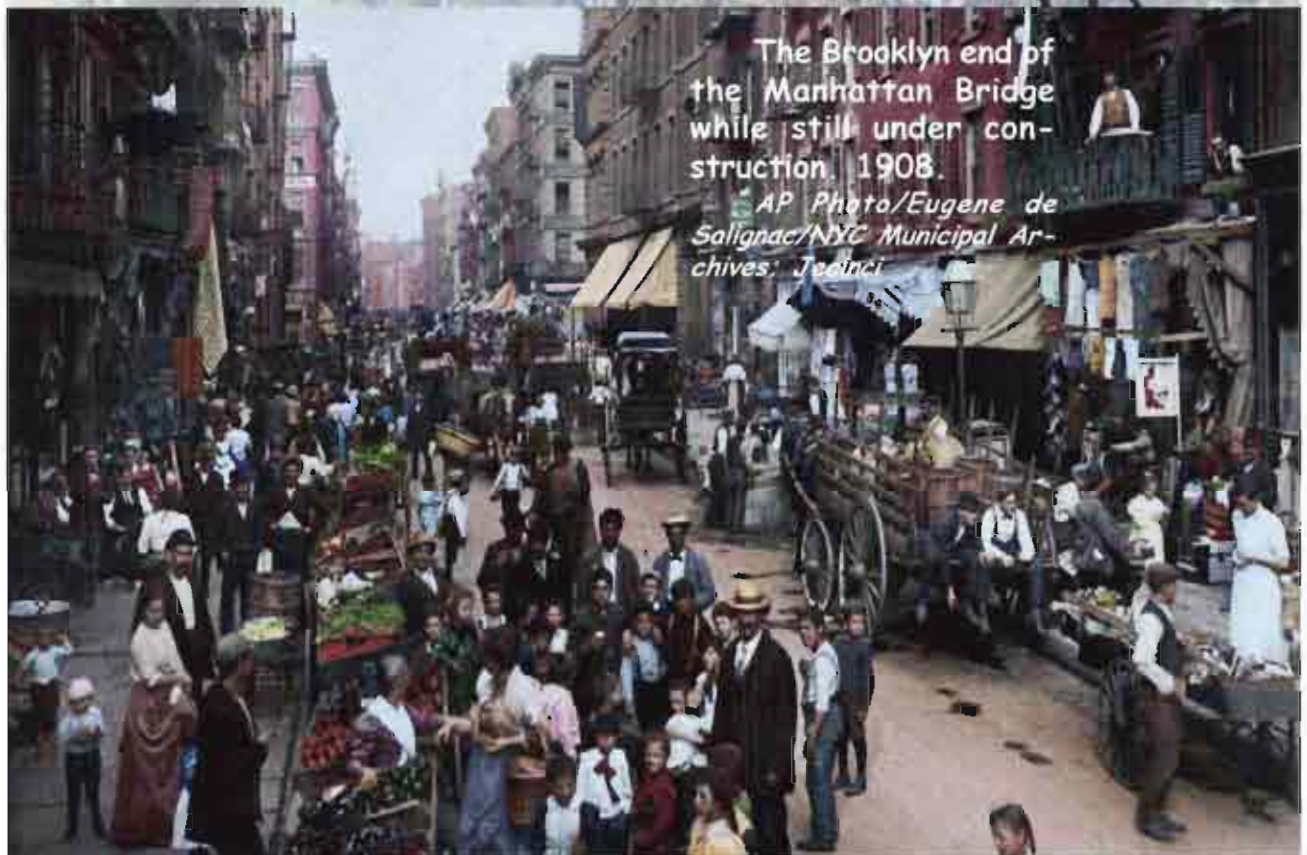
# Colorized Photos That Bring The Streets Of Century-Old New York City To Life

To see all 44 photos, visit: [https://allthatsinteresting.com/colorized-new-york-city-photos?utm\\_source=pubexchange\\_module&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=pubx\\_medievalists#44](https://allthatsinteresting.com/colorized-new-york-city-photos?utm_source=pubexchange_module&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pubx_medievalists#44)



"Lunch Atop a Skyscraper." Laborers take their lunch break on a steel beam atop the 70-story RCA building in Rockefeller Center, more than 800 feet above the street. Sept. 20, 1932.

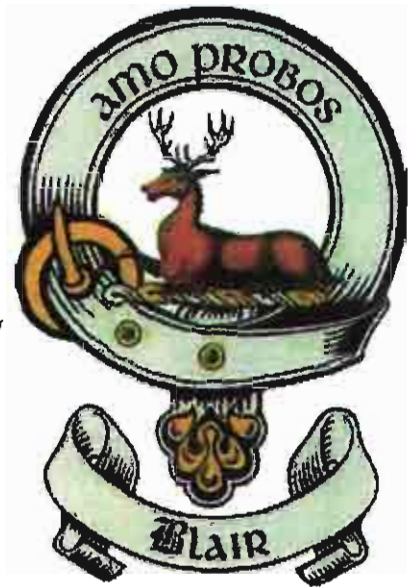
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The Brooklyn end of the Manhattan Bridge while still under construction, 1908.

AP Photo/Eugene de Salignac/NYC Municipal Archives; Jecinci

# Clan *Blair* Society



Memberships are cordially invited  
for Blair descendants and other  
interested parties.

[www.clanblair.org](http://www.clanblair.org)

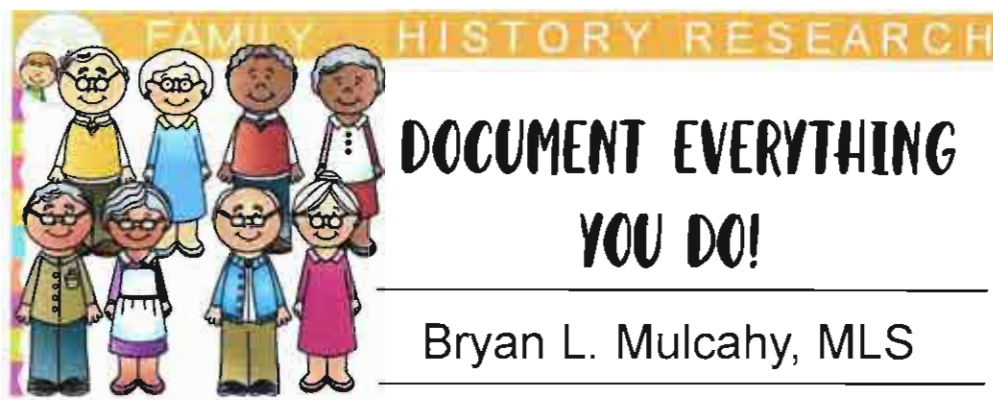
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The value of your family history research relies in large part on the thoroughness and clarity of your documentation. The documentation process includes how genealogists describe and cite their sources—including sources for which no model citation exists with artistry, clarity, conciseness, completeness, and competence. If complete accuracy is your ultimate research goal, everything in your family tree comes down to the documentation that you have to back up a claim. Errors are errors whether accidental or intentional. Facts without proper documentation cannot be trusted. No source should be considered unquestionable or deserving of absolute trust.

Many professionals view documenting relatives as genealogical shorthand for the process of finding evidence for names; birth, marriage and death dates, and relationships. Many years ago, the television program - Myth Busters - was popular. One of the frequent comments made during telecasts fits the topic we are discussing. "The only difference between science and playing around is to write it down!" This concept fits the field of genealogy perfectly. The only difference between fact and family folklore is writing down the evidence and the citing the source. This includes describing how and where the information was obtained from and any additional relevant details.

The twelve steps listed below are critical for long-term research success.

1. Document as you go along.
2. Enter notes in a consistent format.
3. List all sources found.
4. Use confidential information with discretion and sensitivity.
5. Identify conflicting or missing information.
6. Avoid using unusual abbreviations.
7. Indicate additional research where needed.
8. Strive to obtain primary sources for each event.
9. Indicate the location of lengthy documents rather than restating.
10. Welcome input and constructive review of your documentation.
11. Identify all researchers' contributions, including your own.
12. Recognize that good documenting requires a process of continuous refinement.

What are the proper steps for citing sources? In simplified terms, gather as

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## **Note!**

All Latter Day Saints Family History Centers are closed until sometime in September due to maintenance and involving their access platform and other issues.

I want to make sure everyone realizes that this closure has no impact on patrons accessing the enhanced version of *Family Search* from the Fort Myers Regional Library. We are a *Family Search Library Affiliate*. Family History Centers operate with a different platform.

We are ready to serve you at any time by appointment. Please advise if you have any questions or need further clarification.

# Scottish - American Military Society

## General Elijah Clark Post #60



If you are a veteran of Celtic heritage, you can join the Scottish - American Military Society.

You can visit our webpage for more information. The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

Our meeting times, dates and places are to be announced as soon as it is possible.

In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General Elijah Clark Post #60. Call 1-676-873-3491 or visit his email at <[rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)>

When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.



# Scottish - American Military Society



If you would like information on joining the Scottish - American Military Society, please contact: **Rick Conn**, Adjutant, General James Jackson Post #60, 2683 Brocklin Drive, Grayson, GA 30017 -1432. Telephone **678-873-3491**. Email: <[rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)> <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

# Whisky is now made where Robert Burns lived as a young man!



A £6 million distillery on the farm where Robert Burns lived and worked is expected to start bottling its first whisky later this year.

Planning started on Lochlea Distillery in 2014, but liquid production did not begin until August 2018, with the first casks filled and laid down in an on-site warehouse.

The site remains a working farm where the barley is grown nearly 250 years after Scotland's national poet was tending the same land.

Burns was 18 when he moved to Lochlea Farm in 1777, and worked there until 1784.

David Ferguson, Lochlea Whisky's commercial manager and an Ayrshire native, said: "Lochlea Whisky will carve out its own unique place in the industry.

"The new-make spirit is bursting with orchard fruit and has a beautiful elegance way beyond its years.

"Lochlea Farm is deeply rooted in Scottish history and is known for being the home and workplace of Robert Burns from 1777 to 1784.

"Burns is known for his honest, passionate and progressive nature and this has inspired some of Lochlea Distillery's core values."



Distillery manager Malcolm Rennie has been involved at Lochlea since 2018, having previously worked on whiskies including Kilchoman, Bruichladdich and Ardbeg.

He said: "Ensuring full traceability from field to cask is vital for us.

"We grow and harvest our own barley on Lochlea farm, with the resulting draff used to feed local cattle and the water is sourced on site.

"We've been able to take advantage of Ayrshire's natural resources and in doing so it keeps our carbon footprint to a minimum."





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

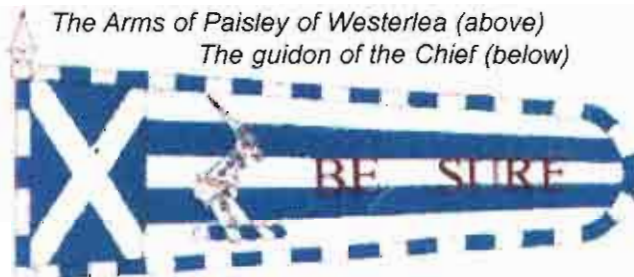
# Clan Paisley Society

All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Paisley Family Society USA Branch, FaceBook account can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Paisley-Family-Society-USA-branch-195070730565352/>



The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)  
The guidon of the Chief (below)



**USA**

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president: **Don Paisley**  
Email: [paisley47@aol.com](mailto:paisley47@aol.com)  
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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.

For the Paisley DNA Project, visit <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Check out the **Clan Paisley Society** webpage at <[www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk)> to see what's happening with us this year. Contact **Diane Langston** at <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/PaisleyFamilySociety>

# 10 things Scots think are completely normal but the rest of the world finds weird

Scotland is a land of traditions and customs, many of which can seem impenetrable to people from outwith the country.

Daily Record

It's not that we deliberately set out to try to be weird, it's just that we like to do things a little differently.

Here are ten of the things Scotland does that would just leave the rest of the world feeling a little confused.

## **Enjoying violent dance brawls and calling them ceilidhs**

The highlight of many social occasions in Scotland, these dance brawls are energetic and great fun but they will leave you breathless, sweaty and the occasional injury.

## **Learning how to prepare for ceilidhs in school**

While most other countries use physical education as a time to teach sports like football, rugby and hockey. Scottish children were throwing each other about dance floors in a bid to be prepared for a future of traditional dancing.

## **Singing Loch Lomond at the end of every wedding**

No one really knows how this started or why it's become a tradition, but a tradition it is, so when you hear those iconic bars at the start of the Runrig classic belting out, you'll know it's the end of the night and everyone has to hit the dance floor.

**At a certain age many Scots suddenly just**

## **take up hill walking**

Hangovers, early mornings, and the thought of strenuous exercise - nothing seems to be able to put Scots off a spot of Munro-bagging when the notion takes them.

## **Take our sweet tooth obsession to new levels**

Tablet is a Scottish favourite

Though most countries have a predilection to sweets, Scotland takes it to a new level with our love of sweet treats like cranachan, Edinburgh Rock, Highland toffee bars, tablet, and our other national drink Irn-Bru.

## **Getting irate about a recipe change**

Don't mention the recipe change when talking about Irn-Bru

Speaking of which, there was almost a national day of mourning when Barr's removed some of the sugar content from their original Irn-Bru recipe.

## **Our Culinary inventions**

If you've ever wondered if it's possible to fit a full meal in a pie then look no further than Scotland, where it's customary for us to try.

This has resulted in the delightful Macaroni Pie which has to be tried at least once.



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# Discover Your Scottish Heritage

Commander Michael T. McAlpin

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Elphin, Galpin, Galpine, Gilpin, Halpin,  
Halpine, MacAllpein, MacAlipine,  
MacAlpan, MacAlpane, MacAlpeine,  
MacAlpelne, MacAlpen, MacAlphine,  
MacAlpin, MacAlpie, MacAlpin,  
MacAlpy, MacAlpye, MacAlpyn,  
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## For the hungry Scotsman/Scotswoman on the go!



**MMMMMMM....  
HAGGIS POPS**

If anyone happens to know where these lovely looking Haggis Pops may be purchased, please let me know. Just email <bethscribble@aol.com>.

So many wonderful things come to these pages from our readers - and I consider all of the folks who get this publication to be my friends - including this one.

Many thanks to Bob Grant. Bob is Chaplain for the Clan Grant Society - US.

### Bryan L. Mulcahy, *continued from page 11*

much information about the source as possible so that it is easy to locate again if needed to clarify facts or analyze contradictions.

1. For a book, you'll want to write down the title, the author or database, the publisher (and publisher's location), and the name of the library or archives where you located the item, the year it was published, the pages where your information was found and the book call number or website URL.

2. For digital resources found on websites such as Ancestry and Family Search, the good news is that they provide the citations for each individual record for you. If you are on a website that does not have the citation capability, you should gather as much information as possible anyway. There are different ways to cite different types of sources, but the goal is to find it again even if the URL address were to change. An easy reference tool for any citation is <https://www.easybib.com/> where you can type in the information you have gathered from books, articles, websites, etc. and the site will generate a citation for you in whichever style you prefer.

3. The final step is organizing your citations. Three handy forms that many researchers use are Research Logs, Research Checklists, or Source Summaries. Which one is best is a matter of personal preference.

Taking the time to document all sources serves multiple purposes.

1. Record the location of each source.
2. Provide the historical context that might justify or explain the analysis and interpretation, use of the information.
3. Allow you to locate the information again if you must go back to check facts
4. Assist others in understanding and evaluating your research. Being able to backtrack and review old sources of information in a timely manner is critical for evidence analysis.
5. If you pass away, in order for someone else to continue your projects, they must be able to understand your methodology.

For more information on this topic, feel free to request my study guide on *Organizing Your Genealogical Research*. Another excellent source to consult is the bible of organization and documentation written by Elizabeth Shown Mills. Please see the citation listed below.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*. 2nd Edition. (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2009).

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library, Ft. Myers, FL. You may email: <bmulcahy@leegov.com>

# Become a member of Clan Colquhoun

Our goal is to promote, protect, and preserve our clan's history and heritage. Regardless of how our members spell their name, or from which sept they come, we are all tied to the Village of Luss on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond – some of the most beautiful land in the world. I encourage you to join us as we continue to build an organization that brings our history into the present and safeguards our legacy for future generations.



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Lord Malcolm & Lady Colquhoun



**You are most acordially invited to join us!**

**Allied Families and Septs are:**

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Best viewing seats in main grandstand facing Horse Guards Parade (View Seating Plan)

Each summer we all love to indulge in the spectacular pomp and pageantry of *The Trooping the Colour* and *The Beating Retreat* and having lost those wondrous events in the calendar to Covid restrictions this year, we are delighted to announce that a new, unprecedented event will take their place in the majestic surroundings of Horse Guards Parade...and we at Imagine Experiences would like to celebrate our exclusive partnership with The Guards Collection along with the reopening of London by creating a very exclusive & special day out!

On the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2021 a military music spectacular will be performed by the Household Division as a celebration of London's relaunch and is set to include the very best of the Guards' marches and choruses.

With a limited capacity of just 2,500 this will also be one of the most sought after and difficult events to

attend with 1500 people applying for each individual ticket through waiting lists and lotteries, so we are delighted to have a privileged allocation of the best seats in the venue that we have packaged and also a select number of VIP offerings that may be applied for.

Best viewing seats in the arena at Horse Guards Parade

Your guide, a military & royal expert, will greet you at the entrance of the Guards Museum by Wellington Barracks on Birdcage Walk.

### BEFORE & AFTER THE EXPERIENCE

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# Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc.

Friends,

2020 - and all of the canceled highland games nationwide - are now behind us. With great hope we look forward to the 2021 season of games and festivals.

While we are saddened to have canceled the 2020 games for the health and safety of our guests, we are delighted that our dedicated volunteers were able to provide our guests with a 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games. Now a permanent fixture on the internet, our virtual games can continuously be enjoyed by all until we can all get back on the field and gather for what is internationally known as the "friendly games."

We are looking forward to hosting and seeing you in **2021** as we present the **49th Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival** October 16th and 17th in the meadow at Stone Mountain Park, GA. Information about 2021 tickets and events will be posted on our website sometime in January.

**Until then relive the 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games on our website.**

Once again, we look forward to 2021 and safely gathering with you, our friends, at the games. See you there!

Yours Aye,

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#### NOW THROUGH JULY:

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- Greater Greenville Scottish Games & Highland Festival (SC)
- Alma Highland Festival and Games (MI)
- Milwaukee Highland Games (WI)
- Eugene Scottish Festival (OR)
- Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games
- Cheyenne Celtic Music and Arts Festival (WY) – website not updated for 2021
- Blairsville Scottish Festival (GA)
- Chicago Scots Highland Games (IL)
- Caledonia Celtic Festival (Ontario)
- Taste of Scotland Festival (NC)
- Tacoma Highland Games (WA)
- San Diego Scottish Highland Games (CA)
- Jersey Shore Piping and Drumming Classic (NJ)
- Skagit Valley Highland games & Celtic Festival (WA)
- Portland Highland Games (OR)
- Elizabeth Celtic Festival (CO)
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#### GAMES & FESTIVALS THRU JUNE:

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- Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games July

17 - 18

### POSTPONED HIGHLAND GAMES

#### - NEW DATES BELOW:

- Detroit Highland Games (to August 6-7)
- Maine Celtic Celebration (to September 18)
- Iron Thistle (OK) Highland Games (to October 15-17)
- Allegany County (NY) Celtic Festival (to October 23 – benefit party only in 2021)
- McMinnville (OR) Scottish Festival and Highland Games (to October 9-10)

### HIGHLAND GAMES

#### PROCEEDING IN PERSON - JULY

- Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (NC) July 9 – 12
- Payson Scottish Festival (UT) July 9
- Saline Celtic Festival (MI) downsized for 2021 July 10
- Athena Caledonian Games (OR) ‘Shindig’ instead of a Highland dance competition, July 12
- Kootenai Highland Gathering (MI) – one day shorter – July 16
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## Weird things in Scotland,

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### **Hogmanay is more important than Christmas**

Christmas is great but the fact it was technically banned in Scotland for almost 400 years has meant that Hogmanay has become the pre-eminent holiday for many Scots.

### **Calling all soft drinks Juice**

If someone offers you a juice in Scotland you might want to ask them to specify what they are actually offering.

### **Square sausage, tatties scones.... we Scots love a geometric shape for breakfast.**

Square sausages, triangular potato scones... we love a geometric shape for breakfast.

"In Germany, they have a sausage on every corner, while in Scotland they have a corner on every sausage." - Anonymous

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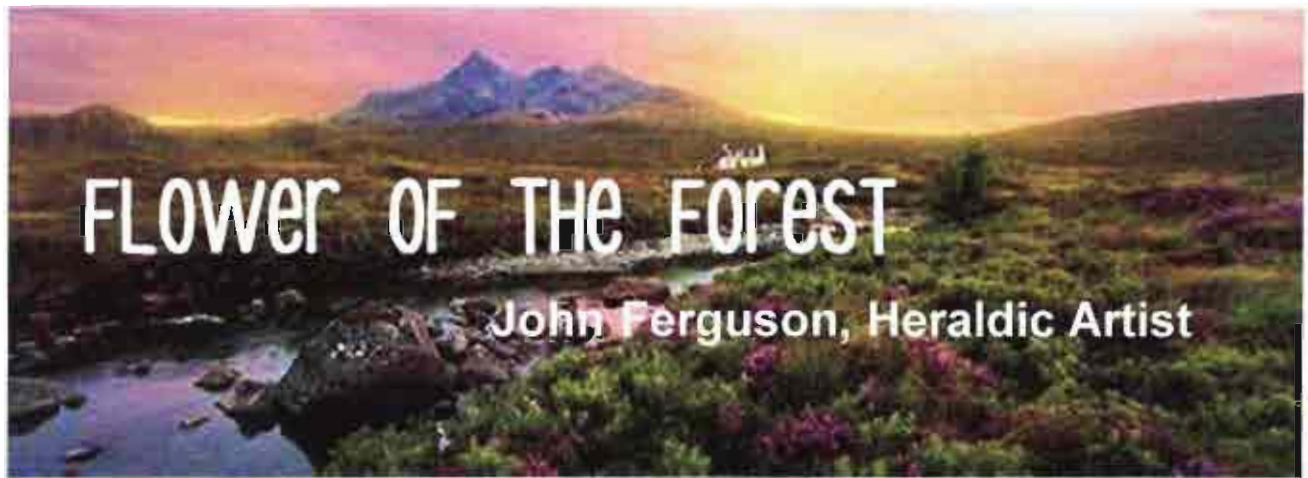


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As an established heraldic artist both in the UK and abroad, **John Ferguson**, who has died aged 96, produced exquisitely fine heraldic artwork for private clients, corporate bodies, civic authorities and international companies for more than 60 years.

John was born in Wimbledon, south London, to Norman, a clerk at the Admiralty research laboratory in Teddington, and his wife, Betty (nee Barrett), and went to Raynes Park boys' school.

When at an early age he was told by a teacher that he would never make an artist, since he made such a mess of his exercise books, it only increased his desire to be one.

Despite the teacher's foreboding, John later attended Wimbledon School of Art, where he studied graphic design.

Here he came under the influence of an inspiring lecturer who introduced him to the world of heraldry. The seed was sown, and a lifelong love affair with this fascinating subject began.

At a little over 17, John took the entrance examination for the Royal College of Art. He waited impatiently for the result which arrived a few weeks later – in the same post as his call-up papers for military service. He served in Burma until the end of the war.

On demobilisation, studies were resumed at the RCA and John graduated in 1950. There followed

nine years of graft at a West End advertising agency designing trademarks, corporate identity schemes, posters and exhibition stands.

However, John's heraldic interests were still latent: whenever a request came into the studio that required a shield or a lion rampant the cry would go up, "Give it to Fergie – he's good at that sort of thing!"

In 1959 John left the agency to establish his own freelance practice as a heraldic artist and in 1961 he was invited to join the staff of the Guildford School of Art as a lecturer in graphic design.

Shortly after his appointment, the Guildford and Farnham art schools amalgamated in the newly established West Surrey College of Art and Design, where John became a senior lecturer and joined his old friends Anthony Wood and Dan Escott to work on the prestigious heraldry and calligraphy course they had established at Reigate.

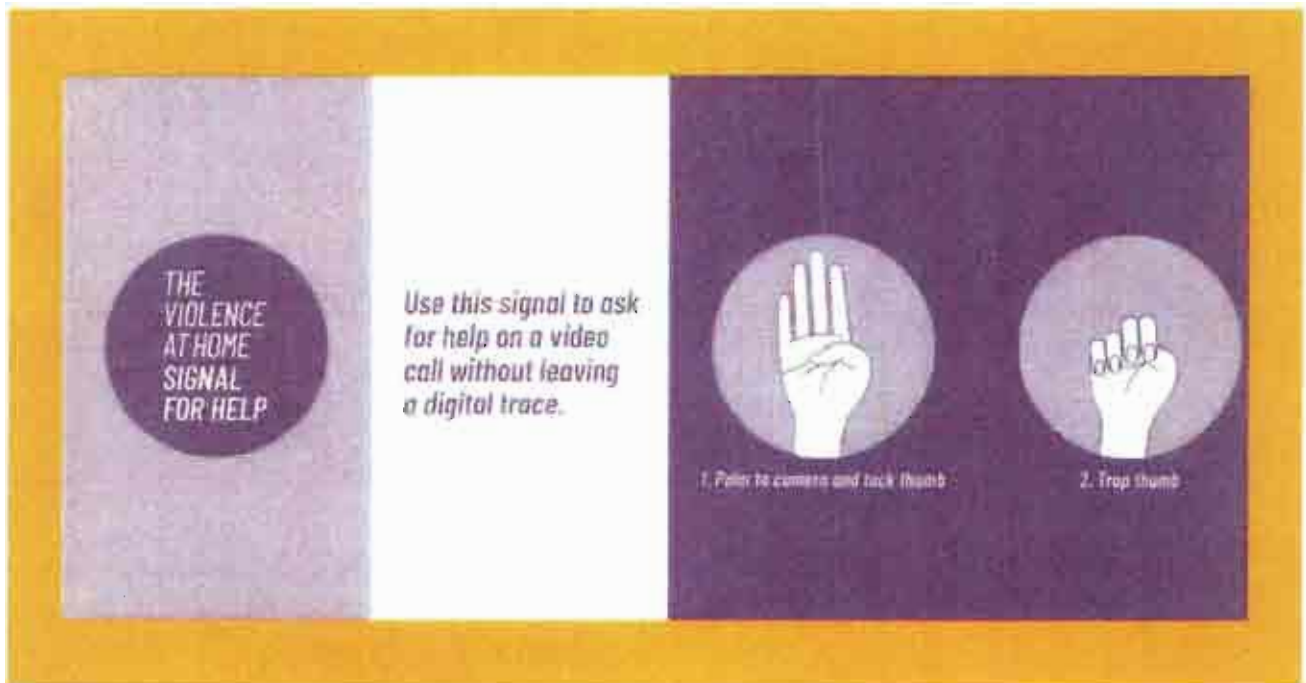
For John, heraldry opened many doors, demanding of him all his imagination and undoubted ability as a draughtsman and graphic designer. It required him to experiment with giving two-dimensional colour a deeper dimension, enabling it to glow like enamel. Above all, it instilled in him a love of and respect for fine craftsmanship; he relished the day-to-day challenge of heraldic design and was constantly inspired



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*With many thanks to Steve Kelley.*

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All are welcome! If you plan to attend please let us know so we can be sure to have enough food and refreshments on hand.

Send to David Ramsey <david.ramsey@verizon.net> We will look forward to seeing you there!

John Ferguson, *continued from page 25*



*Arms of the Royal Photographic Society, created by John Ferguson for an exhibition panel, 1985*

by the example of others. He was elected a fellow of the Society of Heraldic Arts, and is now recognised as pre-eminent among the heraldic artists of his generation.

John met his wife, Barbara (nee Baird), as a fellow student at Wimbledon Art School, and she also went on to the RCA. The couple were married in 1948, a union which lasted happily until Barbara's death in 2014. He is survived by their four children, Andy, Sarah, Kirstie and Katie.



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# SCOTTISH CHARMS & AMULETS

George F. Black

With many thanks to [electricscotland.com](http://electricscotland.com) and Alastair McIntyre

The subject of Scottish charms and amulets, although one of great interest, has scarcely as yet been touched upon by antiquaries. With the exception of two or three brief notices of individual charms, the only special article of any importance is the paper of the late Sir James Young Simpson, published in the fourth volume of our *Proceedings*. In the present paper it is purposed to describe in detail all the known specimens of Scottish amulets and charms, accompanied by such extracts



from various sources as are calculated to shed light on their uses and on the motives which induced the people to believe that such objects possessed the power to protect them from innumerable dangers, avert evil from themselves, or cause evil

in others.

Although the words amulet and charm, as now used, are synonymous, yet each has its own clearly

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## Cinemas outdoors at Leeds Castle this summer: 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> July and the 1<sup>st</sup> of August!

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defined and distinct meaning.

The earliest known writer who uses the word amulet is Pliny, and it is employed by him with the same meaning that we attach to it, namely, as a preservative against poison, witchcraft, and sorcery ("venoficiorum amuleti," *Historia Naturalis*, lib. viii, cap. xix).

The derivation of the word is not known, but by some a Latin origin is assigned to it as being that "quod malum amolitur." By others, the word is derived from amula, "vas lustrale." The etymology from the Arabic himālah (= "that which is carried") usually assigned to the word in modern dictionaries is wrong, the resemblance between the two words being purely fortuitous.

The word charm, from the Latin carmen, a song, was in later times understood to mean a form of words possessing some occult power for good or evil, more often the former.

Charms were of two kinds, written and recited. Of the former, the toothache charms described below are typical examples, and of the latter, the Shetlandic incantation for the cure of a sprained joint or sinew is an instance:-

"The Lord rade, and the foal slade;  
He lighted, and he righted,  
Set joint to joint, bone to bone,  
And sinew to sinew, heal in the Holy Ghost's name."

### Curing-Stones

That certain stones possessed curative properties of an occult nature was formerly the common belief of the people throughout Scotland, and even to this day is not quite extinct among us.

With the exception of the crystal balls already described, the greater number of these curing stones are merely naturally-formed pebbles, such as may be found in the bed of any stream or picked up on the seashore.

Some of these curing-stones are known by name

and have acquired a more than local celebrity from their association with particular individuals.

Of these, the chief is the Curing-Stone of St Columba, the virtues of which have been recorded by Adamnan as follows:-

**Curing-Stone of St Columba.**—"About the same time the venerable man, from motives of humanity, besought Broichan the Druid to liberate a certain Scotie female slave, and when he very cruelly and obstinately refused to part with her, the saint then spoke to him to the following effect:—"Know, O Broichan, and be assured, that if thou refuse to set this captive free, as I desire thee, that thou shalt die suddenly before I take my departure again from this province."

Having said this in presence of Brude, the king, he departed from the royal palace and proceeded to the river Nesa (the Ness); from this stream, he took a

white pebble, and showing it to his companions said to them:—"Behold this white pebble, by which God will effect the cure of many diseases among this heathen nation."

"Having thus spoken, he instantly added, 'Broichan is chastised grievously at this moment, for an angel being sent from heaven, and striking him severely, hath broken into many pieces the glass cup in his hand from which he was drinking, and hath left him gasping deeply for breath, and half dead. Let us await here a short time, for two of the king's messengers, who have been sent after us in haste, to request us to return quickly and help the dying Broichan, who, now that he is thus terribly punished, consenteth to set the girl free.'

"Whilst the saint was yet speaking, behold there arrived, as he had predicted, two horsemen, who were sent by the king, and who related all that had occurred to Broichan in the royal fortress, according to the pre-

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## Charms and Amulets, *continued from page 31*

diction of the saint—both the breaking of the drinking goblet, the punishment of the Druid, and his willingness to set his captive at liberty; they then added, 'The king and his friends have sent us to thee to request that thou wouldst cure his foster-father Broichan, who lieth in a dying state.'

"Having heard these words of the messengers, St Columba sent two of his companions to the king with the pebble which he had blessed, and said to them, 'If Broichan shall first promise to set the maiden free, then at once immerse this little stone in water, and let him drink from it, and he shall be instantly cured; but if he break his vow, and refuse to liberate her he shall die that instant.'

"The two persons, in obedience to the saint's instructions, proceeded to the palace, and announced to the king the words of the venerable man. When they were made known to the king and his tutor Broichan, they were so dismayed that they immediately liberated the captive, and delivered her to the saint's messengers.

The pebble was then immersed in water, and in a wonderful manner, contrary to the laws of nature, the stone floated on the water, like a nut or an apple, nor, as it had been blessed by the holy man, could it be submerged.

Broichan drank from the stone as it floated on the water, and instantly returning from the verge of death, recovered his perfect health and soundness of body.

"This remarkable pebble, which was afterwards preserved among the treasures of the king, through the mercy of God effected the cure of sundry diseases among the people, while it in the same manner floated when dipped in water.

And what is very wonderful, when this same stone was sought for by those sick persons whose term of life had arrived, it could not be found. Thus on the very day on which King Brude died, though it was sought for, yet it could not be found in the place where it had been previously laid."

**Curing-Stones of St Fillan.**—In a niche in the wall of the mill at Killin, Perthshire, there are preserved a number of stones, which are locally known as the healing or curing stones of St Fillan, and considered to be efficacious in cases of insanity and rheumatism.

The stones are merely small boulders of quartzite taken from the bed of the river, but are marked by small, shallow, rounded cavities on their faces. They are now known to be nothing more than the "socket stones in which the spindle of the upper millstone used to work before the introduction of the improved machinery." It is stated that a niche has always been made in the wall of the new mill which succeeded the old one down to the present

day, as a resting-place for the stones; and that on the saint's day in 1879, the villagers assembled and put clean straw under them.

The precise manner in which the stones were used in effecting a cure is not clear, but it is stated that water poured over them was used by the patient—whether outwardly or inwardly is not known.

A correspondent of the late Dr John Stuart, in a letter dated March 1865, also refers to the stones, and adds that each one "was supposed to have the power of healing a particular disease.

The tradition of the country points them out as the identical stones blessed by the saint, and used for healing disease through so many centuries, almost to

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our own time.

One was called the 'heart stone,' another the 'thumb stone.' "

In a paper communicated to the Society some years ago by the Rev. Dr Hugh Macmillan, the writer describes two curing-stones of white quartz which lie on a tombstone in an old burying-ground known as *Cladh Davi*, on the shore of Loch Tay.

These curing-stones, like those at Killin already described, were also originally socket stones.

Dr Macmillan says:—"These stones are said to cure pectoral inflammation when the water is applied to the nipples; and not long since a woman, who was thus afflicted, came a considerable distance, from the head of Glen Lochay, to make use of this remedy.

In all likelihood the stones belong to the series which is carefully preserved in the modern mill at Killin, as relics of St Fillan.

It is said that some of the stones in the collection at the mill were lost. In all likelihood the stones in *Cladh Davi* are the missing ones, though how or why or when they were brought to the latter spot there is no record to tell."

**Curing-Stone of St Mollo.** Martin is the only writer who describes this stone, which appears to have been held in great repute in Arran in his day for removing stitches from the sides of sick people, and for securing victory in the battle to Macdonald of the Isles.

The stone has now disappeared.

Martin's description is as follows: "I had like to have forgot a valuable Curiosity in this Isle, which they call Baul Muluy, i.e. Molvingus his Stone Globe: this Saint was Chaplain to Mack-Donald of the Isles; his Name is celebrated here on the account of this Globe, so much esteemed by the Inhabitants.

This Stone for its intrinsic value has been carefully transmitted to Posterity for several Ages.

It is a green Stone much like a Globe in Figure, about the bigness of a Goose-Egg.

The Vertue of it is to remove Stitches from the sides of sick Persons, by laying it close to the Place affected; and if the Patient does not out-live the Dis-



temper, they say the Stone removes out of the Bed of its own accord, and è contra.

The Natives use this Stone for swearing decisive Oaths upon it.

They ascribe another extraordinary Vertue to it, and 'tis this: The credulous Vulgar firmly believe that if this Stone is cast among the Front of an Enemy, they will all run away; and that as often as the Enemy rallies if this Stone is east among them, they still lose Courage, and retire.

They say that Mack-Donald of the Isles carried this Stone about him and that Victory was always on his side when he threw it among the Enemy.

The Custody of this Globe is the peculiar Privilege of a little Family called Clan-Chattons, alias MackIntosh; they were ancient Followers of Mack-Donald of the Isles.

This Stone is now in the Custody of Margaret Miller, alias Mack-Intosh: she lives in Baellmianich, and preserves the Globe with an abundance of care; it is wrapped up in fair Linen Cloth, and about that there is a piece of Woollen Cloth, and she keeps it still looked up in her Chest when it is not given out to exert its qualities."

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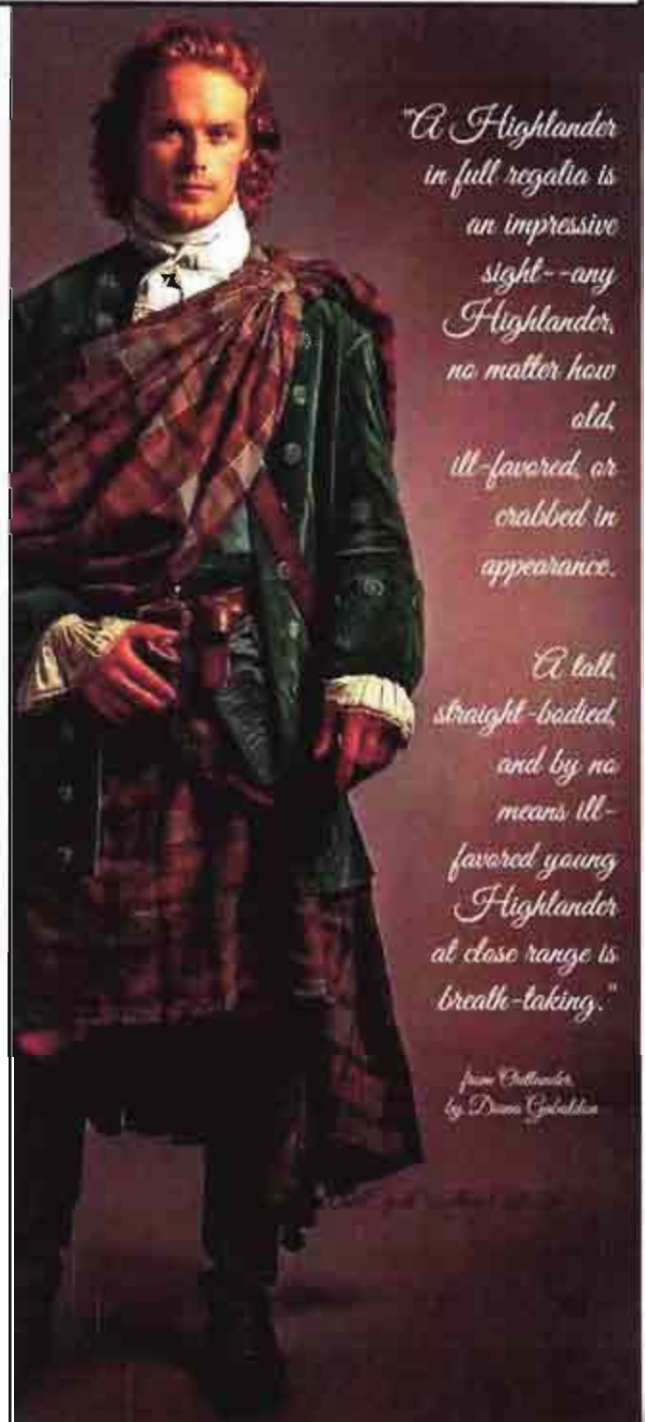
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an impressive  
sight--any  
Highlander,  
no matter how  
old,  
ill-favored, or  
crabbed in  
appearance.*

*A tall,  
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|            | Maccormac(k)  | Macwhorter           |
|            | Maccommon     | Masters              |
|            | Maccoubrey    | Masterson            |
|            | Maccubbin     | Morricc              |
|            | Maccubbing    | Morris               |
|            | Maccubin      | Morrison             |
|            | Macdonleavy   | (of Perthshire only) |
|            | Macgeorge     | Murchie              |
|            | Macgibbon     | Murchison            |
|            |               | Richardson           |



- Risk
- Rusk(ie)
- Ruskin
- Spittal
- Spittle
- Walter
- Walters
- Wason
- Sasson
- Waters
- Watson
- Watt
- Watters
- Weir
- Wuill
- Wool
- Wude

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.





## Here's a video of Finlay in his "half-way" house!

Hi, All,

As promised here is a video of Finlay enjoying his new home in preparation for his return to the wild.

He looks so beautiful as he slinks through the grass. Look at his little bum wiggle as he does a little stalk.

If you have the volume on you can hear all the bird noise and look how alert he is to it all. His ears are constantly moving and tuning in.

He is thoroughly enjoying himself and doing all the things we want him to do, such as using a scratching post to territory mark, dragging his food under cover, scent-marking the boundaries, and of course, showing a great interest in potential prey species.

As you will appreciate, we are keeping our distance now and so have fewer opportunities to get footage, but we will soon be installing camera traps and we can't wait

to see what he gets up to after nightfall. Hopefully, we will get footage of him hunting.

You can see the video below:

[www.wildcathaven.com/news/finlay-video](http://www.wildcathaven.com/news/finlay-video)

Many thanks and keep watching.

The Wildcat Haven Team and the star of the show, Finlay



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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!

Associated Family Surnames (Septs) with Mac or Mc prefixes and spelling variants include: Septs and spellings include: Austin, Cate(s), Dick, Dickie, Dicken, Dickson, Dicson, Dixon, Dixson, Falconer, Faulkner, Harvey, Harvie, Hackston, Haxton, Harvey, Hervey, Hurrie, Hurry, Keath, Keech, Keeth, Keith, Keitch, Keithan, Keyth, Kite, Lum, Lungair, Marshall, Urie, Urry.

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [secretary@cksusa.org](mailto:secretary@cksusa.org) or [jkeith417@aol.com](mailto:jkeith417@aol.com). Call 256-270-8967.



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 ever make. Hope to see you soon!





It's with a heavy heart that I tell you about the passing of **Sir Robert Bell**.

Robert Gladstone Bell was born on December 16, 1938, in New Zealand.

Drafted into the New Zealand Army, he earned the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

He returned to Hastings, NZ, and got into politics, becoming City Councilman in the City of Hastings.

Part of the New Zealand Parliament Think Tank, he was an insurance salesman.

He was one of the first insurance salesmen to be part of the Million Dollar Roundtable in three different countries: New Zealand, Australia, and the USA.



**Please add these games to the ones listed as canceled on page 21 of this issue of *BNFT***

- **Portland Highland Games** - Canceled for 2021 <[www.phga.org](http://www.phga.org)>
- **Victoria Highland Games** - Date and Location TBA
- **Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games** - Canceled for 2021 <[www.sshga.org](http://www.sshga.org)>

Robert's favorite passion was his children.

Active in scouting both in New Zealand and the USA, he played an active part in his children's sports.

Both sons and one grandson earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Many of you will remember Robert and his wife Sue involved in many of our Paisley events.

Tom, Thad, and I first met him when we went to Scotland for Roots '97.

Always helping, he patiently sat with needle and thread while he adjusted Thad's kilt that had been measured way too big enabling Thad to participate in all the activities of the long weekend.

He was an expert at repairing and adjusting kilts.

An excellent piper, he played the pipes for 73 years! He taught piping to countless pupils for nearly 30 years.

Thoroughly involved in his Scottish heritage, he was past President of the Clan MacMillan Appalachian Branch for 27 years.

He never missed a Grandfather Mountain Highland Games since he arrived in the USA in 1980.

He and Sue traveled the world participating in Scottish events. They were with our Clan Paisley in Charleston in 2019.

Robert passed away on January 21, 2021, surrounded by his loving wife and children. He is survived by his wife Susan, children Kirsty (Peter), Hamish (Heidi), Logan (Sarah) grandchildren (Ishtar Moehau) Shakira (Eddie, Broch, Lochlan, Allison, and Anderson. Great-grandchildren are Quinn and Isla.

A graveside service was held on January 26, 2021 at Westminster Gardens near Greensboro, NC.

Online condolences may be made to <http://www.forbisanddick.com/>.

*Martha Brown and The Clan Paisley.*

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