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*Dr. John Alan Beegle*

## We lose a beloved part of our “family” Dr. John Beegle

Dr. John Beegle of Cullowhee, NC died on May 6, 2010.

Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer just a short time ago, Dr. Beegle fell and injured his hip and knee and was also hospitalized with a blood clot in his leg. He suffered from diabetes and pulmonary fibrosis.

Born in 1934 in St. Petersburg, Florida, Dr. Beegle for many, many years was instrumental in the success of the camping area at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

He was beloved to many friends throughout the Scottish community.

If you would like to send a card to his family, just mail to: The Family of Dr. John Beegle, PO Box 518, Cullowhee, NC 28723.

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## Clan Shaw Society honors their own! See page 32

Happy Birthday to *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*!  
With this issue, we're three years old!



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I reckon you can tell from the beginning of this that my computer gave up the ghost three weeks ago today. I worked at being a substitute school teacher the next day...but managed to get Mr. Computer disconnected and safely in the car to go to the computer repair shop.

I was in a pretty good every day panic. "Will I lose everything? Huh? Huh? Lose everything...please no. Huh? Huh?"

I have pretty close to 40,000 photos from Highland games, our wedding...treasured old pictures, etc. I have enough files to fill a warehouse if they were on paper.

Gareth Jones, the Surgeon General of Computers in Walhalla...sort of rolled his eyes and said, "Gee, I don't have a clue right now."

For two weeks, I did not know whether I would have to recreate the entire publication you are reading...from scratch from nothing. I truly can skip my next cardiologist visit. My heart has to be in good shape if it didn't somehow figure out to climb out and run, run like the wind.

Mr. Computer came home about a week ago...but I still had to install ALL of my programs including PageMaker (with which this publication is created). I can tell you that the big thumping sounds you were hearing last week were my heart beating so hard as I finally could see what remained of my old photos and files.

I was astounded. Everything was still there. Gareth had installed some software that automatically backs up everything every day to my external hard drive. (I've had that thing for a couple of years, but it came with NO instructions and I was simply too skinflinty to voluntarily pay someone to help me with it.) Hallelujah!

I still had to wait another week for a disc from AOL to arrive.

I never thought about AOL discs as they are free at every office supply store in the world. Not so. Not any more. It took a WEEK for the thing to come in the mail...and an excruciating four hours + to get the program properly installed and my old email address back. I've been "bethscribble@aol.com" since 2000 and I don't want to have to relearn and redo something like that.

So, about 5 PM yesterday, I was able to actually work on this section.

At this moment, I am waiting on some photographs from my friend, Ray Pearson, and another article that should be here tonight. When those are here and manipulated onto the pages, Section A is done! Done!

Ray has already sent the photos once - but my dial-up connection told me it would take 300 minutes to download them. Arghhh. Ray will send them again.

I should finish this section tomorrow...but have another section to do before the first of the month! I will do it. It is not in me to be late with a publication.

All of this to tell everyone to back up everything. If you have an external hard drive and don't know how to make it work - please take it to someone who does know how it works and get it going so you won't lose everything. Whatever it costs to be sure your work is being backed up...it's a bargain.

I must have lost at least 30,000 photographs in previous collapses of my computers - both PC and laptops. I should have known better.

The computer gods were good to me this time.

I don't want anyone to go through the two weeks I did not knowing whether or not I had anything left!

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# Flowers of the Forest

**Pamela Murphy**, widow of WWII hero and actor, Audie Murphy, died peacefully at her home on April 8, 2010. She is survived by sons, Terry and James.

Pam established her own distinctive 30 year career working as a patient liaison at the Sepulveda (CA) Veterans Administration Hospital, where she was much beloved. Services were held at Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills on Friday, April 16.

Mrs. Murphy, the widow of Audie Murphy, was involved in the Sepulveda VA hospital and care center over the course of 35 years, treating every veteran who visited the facility as if they were a VIP. She died at the age of 90.

After Audie died, they all became her boys - every last one of them.

Any soldier or Marine who walked into the Sepulveda VA Hospital and Care Center in the last 35 years got the VIP treatment from Pam Murphy. She would walk the hallways with her clipboard in hand - making sure her boys got to see a specialist or doctor - STAT. If they didn't, watch out.

Her boys were not Medal of Honor recipients or movie stars like Audie, but that didn't matter to Pam. They had served their country and that was good enough for her.

She never called a veteran by his first name. She always called them "Mister." Respect came with the job.

"Nobody could cut through red tape faster than Mrs. Murphy," said veteran Stephen Sherman, speaking for thousands of veterans she befriended over the years. 'Many times I watched her march a veteran who had been waiting more than an hour right into the

doctor's office. She was even reprimanded a few times, but it didn't matter to Mrs. Murphy. Only her boys mattered. She was our angel."

Pamela Murphy died in her sleep. She died in the same apartment she had moved into soon after Audie Murphy died in a plane crash on Memorial Day weekend in 1971.

Audie Murphy died broke, squandering millions of dollars on gambling, bad investments and other women. "Even with the adultery and desertion at the end, he always remained my hero," Pam said.

Incredibly, in 2002, Pam's job at the hospital was going to be eliminated in budget cuts. She was considered "excess staff." Mrs. Murphy said then, "I don't think helping cut down on veterans' complaints and showing them the respect they deserve, should be considered excess staff."

The veterans held a rally for her outside the VA hospital gates. Soon, word came down from the top of the VA. Pam Murphy was no longer considered "excess staff." She remained working full time at the VA until 2007 when she was 87.

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**Fred McCoullough** died April 13, 2009 at the age of 94. His wife was taking care of him prior to his death and fell apart after died. They were married almost 53 years. She has vascular dementia and their daughter has had her moved to Cincinnati, OH to be closer to her. She is currently living at the Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living.

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**Theresa Lee Libbrecht** was born April 2, 1950 in Pasadena, CA and passed away in Fallbrook, CA on June 18, 2009.

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*The Armorial Bearings of  
James Douglas MacAfee*

## Clan Macfie to be honored 2011 at Charleston Games

BIG NEWS!!! Clan Macfie will be the Honored Clan at the Charleston, SC Games in 2011. Be sure to make your plans to join us on September 17, 2011. More information to come as the event gets closer. The Macfie Society of America will be convening at the Charleston Games this year as a trail run for next year.

## Looking for McFee kinfolks! Can you help?

Nancy Gysbers wrote: "My maternal ancestors go back eight generations in America. The second generation born in America is **JOHN MCFEE, JR.** born 1795 in Fauquier, Stafford County, Virginia, the son of **JOHN MCFEE** (b. May 17, 1767 in VA) and **MARY MARTIN. JOHN SR.**'s father was born in Scotland. Anyone who knows of this family and their voyage from Scotland may contact me at [ngysbers1@comcast.net](mailto:ngysbers1@comcast.net) or by phone: 651-489-0956."

## Dr. Jim McAfee awarded his Arms by the Court of the Lord Lyon, Edinburgh

Dr. Jim McAfee, Society president, has recently received the line drawing of his Letters Patent (Coat of Arms) from the Lord Lyon's office.

The actual Letters Patent are currently being painted and he will receive them in the next few weeks.

As you can see the demi-lion is holding a Celtic cross in the dexter (right) paw signifying his work in the ministry as well as the Macfies being the keeper of the records. In the sinister (left) paw are three arrows representing his three sons and the fact that the Macfies were also warriors. On the upper portion of the shield is the Claymore with a Triquetra on each side. The Triquetra is the Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit. The lower half of the shield has the Viking style galley. The motto above the demi-lion is in Gaelic and says "Dia Agus Mo Dhuthaich" which translates "For God and My Country."

The colored version will be published when received.





## 2010 Highland Games and Scottish Events and Festivals in the New England Area

June 12, 2010 - **Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival** - Richmond, R.I.

July 3, 2010 - **Round Hill Highland Games** - Norwalk, CT.

July 17, 2010 - **Glasgowlands Scottish Festival** - Northampton, MA.

August 21, 2010 - **Maine Highland Games** - new location - Topsham, ME

August 28, 2010 - **Quechee Scottish Festival and Celtic Fair** - Quechee, VT.

September 17-19, 2010 - **New Hampshire Highland Games** - Lincoln, NH - The 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Clan Buchanan Society International and Clan Buchanan to be Honored Clan ! Don't miss this once in a life time honor!!! Contact me for more information [ctbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:ctbuchanan@gmail.com)

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October 10, 2010 (Sunday) - **Scotland Games** - Scotland, CT

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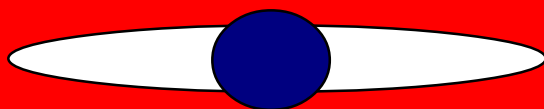


# The Jacksonville (FL) Genealogical Society invites you to come on June 26, 2010

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting, at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, at 1:30 p.m., on June 26th, 2010.

We hope you will join us and those that attended the JGS Spring Seminar in Feb. 2010 to hear the details about the lectures and what they learned and to discuss the comments regarding the seminar. For additional information please feel free to contact Jim Laird, (904) 264-0743

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# What do those pesky initials mean?

We thank the Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society Newsletter from Littleton, Colorado for the following information to help us with the meanings of initials genealogists see all the time. Connie Strandberg submitted this.

APG - Association of Professional Genealogists

APGQ - Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly

BCG - Board for Certification of Genealogists

CCGS - Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies

CG - Certified Genealogist

CGS - Colorado Genealogical Society

CGL - Certified Genealogical Lecturer

CIG - Computer Interest Group

FASG - Fellow of the American Society of

Genealogy

FGS - Federation of Genealogical Societies

FHL - Family History Library

FNGS - Fellow of the National Genealogy Society

FUGA - Fellow Utah Genealogy Association

IGHR - Institute for Genealogical & Historical Research

NA - National Archives

NARA - National Archives and Records Administration.

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### **Flowers of the Forest**, *continued from page 5*

After graduating from Temple City High School, Terri went to Whittier College graduating in 1972 and CSU, LA receiving a Masters in Education, giving her the opportunity to work at Maie Ellis Elementary School and retiring from the Love Oak Elementary School. Terri's passions were cooking with her company Wine Country South Catering, golf, gardening, Harley Davidson rides, traveling, aerobics, and special lunches with friends. She will be remembered as a vibrant, spunky, outgoing, nurturing and loving to all. She was very passionate with family and friends; she was the ultimate hostess.

She is survived by her loving husband, companion, and best friend of 36 years, Steve, her one and only love since high school, daughter Ashlee, son, Philip, parents-in-law, Frank and Nadine, sisters Mary McDuffie Walker and Libby McDuffie. She was preceded in death by parents, Tom and Isabelle McDuffie.



## **Does anyone have unwanted copies of the old *Family Tree* or *BSBL* publication?**

I did not end up with any copies of *The Family Tree* that I produced from 1990 until 2005. I did not end up with any copies of Clan Donald's publication, *By Sea By Land*, that I produced for almost ten years.

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# If you are part of the Clan Donald USA Dna Project - attention!

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## Clan Donald DNA Projects by Mark MacDonald, Co Administrator

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Very rapid advances are occurring in our study of Clan Donald YDNA and in worldwide DNA studies to explain the deep roots of the Irish, Viking and Pictish lines which combine in Clan Donald.

Our Y DNA Database now has 870 Participants Our database continues to grow rapidly and increases the probability that participants will find a useful match for genealogy.

After nine years of my own data being available, I recently found the Canadian closest to my ancestral haplotype which predicts common descent approximately seven generations ago.

I can now do six generations but now know that I am searching for a Protestant Glengarry in the late 1600s.

The project works.

Family Tree DNA and 23andMe now Each Offer Full Autosome Scanning Since our last report Family Tree DNA now offers a full autosome test, which competes with a new, non medical full autosome test by 23andMe.

These tests generate data potentially useful to find fifth cousins or less generated by all of your grandparents.

This means that much data will find matches outside of Clan Donald; however, Professor Doug indicates that he already has results from a half dozen of our y project participants testing at Family Tree DNA.

In making your choice between competing labs, Family Tree DNA is more convenient for Professor Doug to access and is currently cheaper. If you previously have been unable to participate in the Y Project

because there is no existing male descended in the pure paternal line from the MacDonald you wish to test, there is some long term potential to tie yourself as a cousin to a Clan Donald Y line which has tested.

Handling and reporting this data will be a challenge for our autosome project.

We are still at a very early stage. On a personal note, because Family Tree DNA still had my deceased father's sample from earlier testing, I anxiously await his full autosome results to compare with my own so that I can determine which portion of me came from him and can know that participants found by Family Tree DNA will relate solely to my father's cousins.

Worldwide SNP and STR Studies Present New Theories of Celtic and Chief Line Migrations Russian researchers have concluded that R1a1 STR mutations in Viking lines including the Somerled line appear to have occurred at or shortly before the time of Christ and arose either on the Russian Steppes or as far east as southern Siberia adjacent to China.

Other branches of R1a1 spread through Afghanistan, Pakistan, and approximately 75% of Hindu Brahmins as well as Russia, Poland and the Ukraine.

As previously reported, the Somerled signature is Viking apparently reflecting a migration to Sweden and then Norway prior to invasion of Scotland. .

Professor Doug is attempting to verify his hypothesis that he has found a deep SNP mutation L176.1 which thus far is exclusively found in Somerled R1a1s.

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# Sporran presented to Commander Iain McFie in England

The sporran for Commander Iain McFie was presented to him at the Robert Burns Day Celebration in January at the Clan MacFie Society Extraordinary General Meeting held in Bishops, Stortford, located south of London. Commander McFie was “absolutely delighted and over the moon” with appreciation and pleasure at receiving it.

Clan MacFie members made donations for the special and meaningful gift.

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## Clan Donald DNA, *continued from page 12*

Professor Doug and I encourage testing of L176.1: a) for any R1a participants who are not currently classified as Somerled descent but are YCA 19, 21 or 21, 21 or, b) all R1a MacAllisters, Alexanders and MacDougals. .

Most members of Clan Donald are part of Haplogroup R1b. Many within that huge group which dominates Western Europe have a SNP mutation called L21+ which is heavily found in peoples of Celtic or preCeltic culture such as Hallstatt and La Tene. Some researchers now assert a migration of male y DNA starting in Southeastern Germany near the Danube and proceeding across France to England, Scotland, and Ireland.

The ancient Irish stories indicating multiple invasions by boat now appear more probably true than the hypothesis currently announced on our website that the early Irish population walked to Ireland across the land bridge before the seas rose at the close of the last Ice Age.

A most surprising recent find concerning the warlike metal-using proto Celts who ultimately swept Northern Europe involves unofficial data concerning the Pharaohs of Egypt, Akhenaton and Tutankhamen. Some researchers using partially released data assert that the Pharaoh line was R1b, a result no one expected.

If confirmed, it would suggest that the “New Kingdom” in Egypt was founded by R1b invaders who became priest kings. Although THIS DOES NOT INDICATE ANY EGYPTIAN (or Twelve Tribes of Israel) descent within Clan Donald or the Highlands, it graphically illustrates the scope of independent research projects seeking to tease out Eurasian origins.



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## Get well wishes to Barb Morris!

William and Barb Morris were due to go on a 34 day cruise this month that has now been cancelled.

Barb missed the step going into her sister's garage and fell and broke her left hip, while in Florida. She has had a pin placed in her hip.

She was transferred on April 19<sup>th</sup> to Memorial Manor, a rehab facility; they aren't sure how long she will be there.

On April 22 she was transferred back to Miramar, as she was having some cardiac issues.

She is now in room 3302 at Miramar Memorial Hospital 1901 SW 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Miramar, FL 33029-5592.

Her new cardiologist is attempting to have her transferred to Kinder Hospital in Hollywood, Florida to complete her rehab.

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# *The Other 70%*

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**Judi Lloyd, president Scottish District Families Assoc., [starshipraleigh@aol.com](mailto:starshipraleigh@aol.com)**

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Dunbar, the birthplace of John Muir, who traveled extensively in the U.S. and founded the Sierra Club, which still exists, has played a couple pivotal roles in the history of Scotland. The city sits on the southeastern coast of Scotland where the Firth of Forth joins the North Sea in the East Lothian area. It is approximately 30 miles east of Edinburgh. It is believed that the Picts were once there, plus items from the Dark Ages and the Bronze Age have been discovered there. Nearby Doonhill was the site of a 6th century wooden hall and a 7th century chief's hall. Scotland's first king, Kenneth McAlpin, torched Dunbar in the 9th century and then in the 11th century the land was granted to Gospatrick of Northumbria (which was that area's name at that time). It was he who founded the family and earls of Dunbar. The king's of the area then were Duncan and MacBeth, whose names were made very familiar by Shakespeare's *MacBeth*.

There were two major battles at Dunbar. The first in 1295 occurred when John Baliol, who had

been set as king of Scotland by Edward I, turned and attacked England. Edward retaliated and routed him at Dunbar. The second battle was in 1650 after Charles I had been killed, and Charles Stuart returned from exile to Scotland where the Scots proclaimed him King Charles II of Scotland. Cromwell was then 'in charge' of all of Great Britain. The Scottish army led by David Leslie, the 1st Lord of Newark, was encamped 'safely' on Doonhill, and had trapped Cromwell's troops in Dunbar when he decided to leave his advantageous position and set up camp in the lower area near Dunbar. In the night Cromwell attacked. The Scottish army was decimated, even though it outnumbered the English, and thousands of prisoners were sent to Newcastle, never to see Scotland again.

When Queen Mary's secretary, Rizzio, was murdered in Edinburgh she fled to hide in Dunbar Castle. Shortly after her son, James the VI of Scotland, became James the 1st of England the castle was destroyed.

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**H**eraldry, though wrought in many forms, is in none so stirring as when seen flying proudly on the wind, colours aflame in the sunlight. Born of necessity on the battlefields of centuries past, these brightly coloured scraps of cloth have long stood watch over both proud victory & grievous loss. Today they reach out from the past to show & nurture our connection to history. Often seen in the parades of tartan common to the modern Scottish highland games, flying heraldry calls us still to rally to our clansmen, march with them & be counted. When next you attend a highland games, give a moment's pause to witness the banners as they pass or, perhaps, join your kinsmen & take your own steps in the long tartan line.

*The heraldic banners shown on these pages were designed by Tom Freeman & produced by Caberdancer Graphic Design, Inc. of Walhalla, SC. For more information on heraldic tradition visit their web site at [www.caberdancer.com](http://www.caberdancer.com).*





# Ludlow Porch

No matter where you live, you can enjoy The Ludlow Porch Show on your computer! Just visit <http://www.funseekers.net> and follow the prompts. You'll not only find the program, but you'll find the toll-free phone numbers for outside Atlanta, GA that will allow YOU to become part of the show! It's just fun.

Georgia Radio Hall of Fame member, Ludlow Porch, is a pioneer in talk-radio. His humor and wisdom and wit has been on the airwaves for more than thirty years...and it is as fresh today as it has always been! You're in for a treat if you haven't heard Ludlow before...and you'll welcome him back if you have not heard him in awhile.

Visit <http://www.amazon.com> and type in "Ludlow Porch" in the author's box and you'll see a list of Ludlow's books that will make you laugh and laugh and laugh and laugh and laugh.



Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.



## **Where is the justice?**

\* Gang brawl seriously injures: A violent brawl between two Winnipeg street gangs has put three men in hospital with injuries that police described on Monday as "significant."

\* Three charged in Gilbert Park Homicide: Police have formally charged three men with manslaughter in connection to the brutal stabbing of Ricky Lathin at a government-run housing complex a week ago.

\* Teens used car as a weapon: Winnipeg police Monday described a chaotic rampage by teenagers in a stolen car in the city's North End on Saturday. They were using the car as a weapon, police said.

\* Charges laid in police car theft: Winnipeg police announced charges on Monday against a 28-year-old man who they say stole a police cruiser and crashed it, injuring an officer and himself in the process.

\* Teen charged in stabbing death: a 17-year-old boy has been charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of Ronnie Kakegamic in Winnipeg's North End on Saturday.

\* Man who stabbed woman 53 times given a full parole: A Winnipeg man who brutally murdered a woman over a refused loan has been granted full parole despite a judge's doubts.

### **What kind of a society have we become?**

What mindless idiots do these horrible, terrible things? And, sadly, why do we live in a time and a place that permits such things to happen? Where is our so-called "justice system?" It's just in one door and out the other; the defense lawyers make more money, and the guilty leave with a slap on the wrist, only to be recycled again and again. It's like a defense lawyer's dream; a perpetual motion money machine.

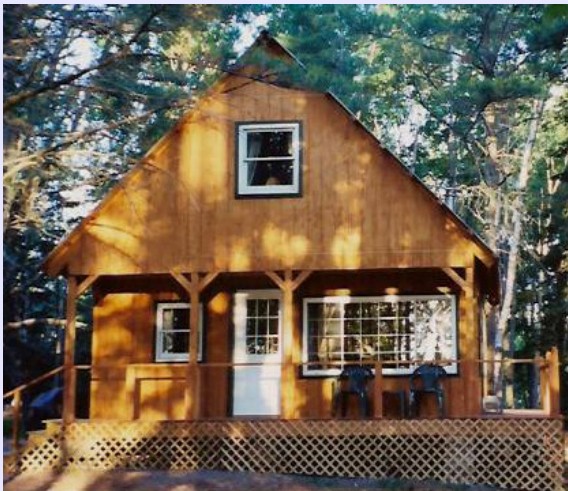
We can try to blame our spineless politicians for most of it, and our pathetic judges (mostly appointed by politicians) for the rest, but in the end, we can only blame ourselves.

Our own inaction permitted all this to come about. We succumb to the multitude of do-gooders; the ones who think they know everything but have seen nothing.

The ones who know nothing of reality, but only what's written in their books. The ones who have never had to deal with real violence in an uncontrolled situation, but they seem to know the good in everyone.

You can judge who the idiots are.

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# The WPA era and its impact on genealogical research

**Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian,  
Fort Myers - Lee County, Florida Library**

The year 1929 was one of the most tragic in American history. The infamous stock market crash coupled with The Great Depression that followed had a terrible impact on many Americans. Herbert Hoover and his successor, Franklin D. Roosevelt formulated many relief programs to attempt to stem the tide of misery and poverty throughout the country. The efforts were met with some success and many failures.

One of the most successful ventures was the establishment of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The WPA was the largest project among the many programs developed during the New Deal. For genealogists, one aspect of the WPA has been especially important. The Historical Records Survey under the WPA created many inventories and records which have benefited the entire genealogical research community. Some of the highlights of what was created include:

1. Burial listing in cemeteries
2. Federal and state census indexes
3. Indexes to naturalization records
4. Indexes to newspapers
5. Inventories of records found in county courthouses
6. Descriptions of manuscripts found in various libraries

7. Place-name guides

8. Inventories of church records including the range of years and content covered by a church's christening records and the names of those buried in church cemeteries.

Under the auspices of the WPA, workers went to

archives, historical societies, public and university libraries and compiled inventories of manuscript collections. They went to courthouses, town halls, offices in large cities and vital statistics offices and inventoried records. Besides compiling indexes, they also transcribed some of the records they found. The impact



on genealogical research in today's era has been profound. Most researchers have used many of these items at some point in the research process.

Sadly, not everything compiled has survived. Decisions were made by various entities and governmental officials concerning certain records and indexes. Those that were considered of "no value" were destroyed. However, the majority of materials created or indexed during the WPA era survived and the entire genealogical community is grateful for the benefits they have provided.

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# What is an officially recognized clan?

In Scotland, a clan or family is a legally recognized group having a corporate identity similar to that of an American company. In fact, it is thought of as a “noble incorporation” because it has an officially recognized chief or head who, being a nobleman of Scotland, confers his noble status on his particular family or clan. In an Act of Parliament of 1597, we have the description of the “Chiftains and chieffis of all clannish...duelland in the highlands or bordouris” thus using the word “clan” to describe both Highland and Lowland families. Both of these groups consist of aggregates of families, comprising presumed cadet branches of the central stem. Additionally, both name groups are distinguished by their members bearing the surname of the chief or family head. A name group that does not have a chief, has no official position in Scottish law and this is causing numerous problems in modern Scotland.

Today, a large number of clans who had chiefs in the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> centuries now find the genealogical blood link to the last known chief has died out or been lost. Consider that 99 of the 202 clans in the ‘lists of clans’ on [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com) are without a chief. Three additional clans are in the process of applying for official recognition. An example: Thomson, the 4<sup>th</sup> most numerous surname in Scotland and with the distinction of being included as a West Marche clan in the Scottish Parliamentary Acts of 1587 and 1597 (Roll of Clans), had no official position because the clan chief’s name was not known. This does not, however, make them a sept of another clan.

It should be noted that the “sept lists”, published in the various clans and tartan books have no official authority. They merely represent some person’s view

of which name groups were in a particular clan’s territory, which is why we find a particular surname listed as a Sept of several different clans.

The revival of all things Scottish led the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, to address the problem of recognizing a clan without a noble chief by implementing two different procedures:

The most common method was to expand the concept of the corporate identity of a clan to include clan societies or associations. For example, in 1984 Lord Lyon issued a warrant of matriculation for the name Armstrong Clan Society, Inc. actin world-wide to further the interests of the Armstrong family.

The second method involves armorial bearings. This procedure is a modern invention dressed up as an old Highland tradition. To understand this concept, the following is from Learney’s Legacy, a lecture delivered to the Heraldry Society of Scotland by John Hamilton Gaylor on 29 September 2007.

Lyon Office issued guidance on resuscitation of dormant and extinct chiefships that is essentially the composition of an electoral college for choosing a chief. The group of electors is called a ‘derbhfine’ or ad

hoc derbhfine. Learney (Sir Thomas) reasoned that the clan structure required the heads of five ‘houses’ of common descent to comprise a gilfine, the lowest level of organized clan government, considered to be the descendants of a grandfather. The next level of clan government is the derbhfine, the heads of nine houses descended from a common great grandfather. In the case of chiefly intestacy, they would act to determine who should be the next chief. Reduced to its simplest form, the derbhfine could be considered as a

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# The Marriage of Traditional Genealogical Research & DNA Results

John Hendrickson, Ramsay DNA Project Administrator

For eons people have noted in the family Bible, the birth, marriage and death of family members. Those records, coupled with official documents stored in our churches, cities, counties, states, and federal governments, have been the basis of **Traditional Genealogical Research**.

With the emergence of the Internet, traditional genealogical research reached a new milestone. With instant sharing of massive amounts of data, and collaboration with other families, researching has lead to

agreed, and in just 60 days, we DNA matched two other Ramsay families. I surmised that if I could not find the paper document that answered my questions, then maybe I should be looking for other lines that could possibly be related to us and see if they two DNA matched my line. I started looking for other families that had commonalities to my line. I began looking for Ramsay's that were living near the location of my Ramsay family members, or shared common name styles and, or married into families in my line. **So, the**



a surge in interest in genealogy and an expansion of family knowledge. However, the proverbial **Brick Wall** is still there.

How does one narrow the search when the lack of data inhibits you from finding your ancestor?

After 15 years of research, and not getting past my Brick Wall, I evaluated the possibility that DNA could answer my Ramsay heritage questions.

During a family reunion, I proposed to our Ramsay line, that if we wanted to find our heritage in our life time, we needed to DNA test. The family

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## Letter to the Editor, *continued from page 19*

As it stands today, we best start to speak up and speak out like never before or our grandchildren stand to live in one terribly violent world.

We owe it to our future generations and, sadly, the victims of this one.

**Timothy Connell**

Carman, Canada

*Tim Connell has been your editor's esteemed and respected and loved friend for a very long time. Timmyc is a retired Canadian law enforcement officer.*

## marriage of Traditional Genealogical Research and DNA was born.

I started collecting heritage files of my DNA matches and compiling them in a single sortable data base. I thought, what prevents me from having a **Master Ramsay Data Base**? The Ramsay DNA Family members' heritage files could be coded in a way that would separate them by HAPLO Groups and by genetic distance (DNA patterns)! I developed a coding system that sorts the Ramsay Master Data Base HAPLO Group.

What about all the other Ramsay Families not DNA tested?

Over the last decade, a significant portion of Ramsay files posted on the Internet have been added to the Ramsay Master Data Base. Many emails and message board data have been converted to heritage files and also added to the Ramsay Master Data Base. We have also added families contact information, such as email address and telephone numbers for quick access, for collaboration with the family researcher. Now, **all** heritage files end in a Family code, DNA

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## The Other 70%, *continued from page 16*

Andrew Spratt, who has sketched many of Scotland's castles based on their ruins and the type castles being built in an era, has sketched Dunbar Castle as a red stone structure sitting on rocks or a spit of land jutting out into the North Sea. Beneath it is what are known as the Dunbar vaults. The main chamber of these vaults contains crystal clear water. Some of these vaults also have wooden floors.

From the Clan Dunbar website the earldom itself has had its own very colorful history passing through the women in the family at times when there was no male heir, rescinded by James I. Recognized as a clan in 1579, the current chief is



Sir James Dunbar. The clan itself has a list of septs recognized by the clan and a list of acceptable spellings of the name. People whose names have been found in the area of Dunbar, but are not one of the above two clan related groups are still entitled to wear the district tartan of the Dunbar area.

The area has rich deposits of limestone and a few of the lime kilns used in the 18th and 19th centuries to burn the limestone to make the powdery lime used as fertilizer are still there.

In the 19th century Dunbar became a golfing resort, perhaps since it receives more direct sunlight than anywhere in Scotland. It is still an agricultural area and fishing port.

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## What was that?

Editors receive comical requests and comments from readers, especially on genealogical subjects. For example: "Last week I uploaded my grandfather and this week I plan to upload my grandmother, but I've forgotten my account's password."

"So you can see what I'm talking about, I want to forward you my marriage certificate and three children, one of which is a mistake, as you can see."



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## Clan Ramsay DNA Project, *continued from page 22*

tested or not DNA tested.

I'm the Ramsey / Ramsay DNA Project Coordinator. I gathered a group of volunteers that are taking traditional heritage research, and combining it with DNA results to bring Ramsay families together. Now I have 91 DNA Families in my HAPLO Group 1 and there are 20 in **HAPLO Group 2**, 18 in **HAPLO Group 3**, 3 in **HAPLO Group 4**, 3 in **HAPLO Group 5** and 8 in **HAPLO Group 6**. In my HAPLO Group 1, of the 91 Families 35 have a DNA pattern that suggests we are very closely aligned in heritage and time and I've labeled them Family 2. Of the 35 in Family 2 three families have a distinctive DNA code that matches my Ramsay code and in researching these families I found that two of these families ties to the

same state and county and at the same time in history. Of the three that matched my line I found one line that had the Ramsay ancestor I was looking for with the right birth period. Out of about 150 DNA families my specific DNA pattern combined with location and heritage information has allowed me to narrow my search to a specific person.

The Ramsay Master Data Base allows us to target specific families to DNA testing. Personally, I have targeted dozens of families for DNA testing. Approximately 66% of the time, our analysis and results projection has proven to be accurate.

If you would like to contact me, call my cell phone at 865-679-7962 or email <jdhknoxtn@aol.com>.





## Greetings Clansmen!

In case you are not yet familiar with us, the Scottish Tartans Museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization located in Franklin, NC, dedicated to the history and traditions of tartan and Highland Dress. We have a wonderful museum that is open year round. We also do programs with local schools, as well as attend various Highland Games in the region providing free tartan information.

We are writing to you today for two reasons. First, to make you aware of a new addition to our web site. We have made available on line free downloads which may be of interest to you and your clan society.

<http://www.scottishtartans.org/downloads.htm>

You will see a number of free desktop backgrounds which your society members may be interested in for their own personal use. But most importantly, we also have free "Highland Dress Fact Sheets" which you are free to download, photocopy, and give away at your clan society tents. Currently we have fact sheets for "The History of the Kilt," "What is Tartan?" and "Tartan Color Terminology" with more in development. These are single-page, easy to read informative articles that will serve to educate the general public and dispel many myths and misconceptions. Please take advantage of this new resource, and if you have any ideas about future "fact sheets" that you think would be useful, let us know!

Secondly, we also would like you to consider how you or your clan society may be able to help the Scottish Tartans Museum in achieving its mission to preserve and promote Scotland's Highland Dress tra-

ditions. As stated above, we are a registered non-profit organization. We rely on revenues from our popular gift shop for our operating expenses. Gift shop sales ebb and flow with the state of the economy, and as you can imagine over the past two years we have experienced more "ebb" than "flow!" Unfortunately, though our income has decreased with the poor economy, our expenses have not. So one easy way

you can help the museum is by encouraging your clan members to patronize our gift shop.

<http://www.scottishtartans.org/giftshop.scottishtartans.org/>

We have a wonderful selection of Scottish gift items, including a full line of custom Highland dress, so we are sure your society members will find something of interest. And they will know their purchase is going back into supporting Scottish heritage!

But we are hoping you would also consider helping the museum in a more substantial way. Our museum

first opened in the town of Highlands, NC, in 1988. We relocated to Franklin in 1994, and new exhibits were designed at that time for our larger display gallery. That was sixteen years ago. Many of our exhibits are in need of updates and renovation. We would also like to have additional exhibits constructed to display some of the many new and interesting artifacts we have acquired over the years. Our museum houses many unique treasures. Where else in North America can visitors go to see 200 year old kilts, or samples of tartan dating to 1725? To do our exhibits justice, we

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# What to do about “family secrets...”

**John McCoy** in *Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Newsletter Presidents Column* Family secrets are a potential mine field to family researchers. As genealogists, we want to tell the truth that we have worked so hard to uncover, but we also have no desire to alienate our families. Family history is supposed to be a positive force. Thus, we are sometimes faced with difficult decisions and must be guided by ethical considerations.

Discussions of ethics for genealogists, unfortunately, are usually limited to a sort of “Genealogist’s

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## Scottish Tartans Museum,

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have plans in place to give our entire gallery a major face-lift, including the construction of all new, comprehensive displays and installation of custom, state-of-the-art UV-free long life LED lighting throughout the gallery.

We have the plans, but we lack the funds. As mentioned above, our regular source of funding, gift shop revenue, is barely enough to cover operating expenses. We need to raise \$100,000 to fully renovate our museum. To achieve this goal, we are asking businesses, clan societies, and interested individuals to consider underwriting our renovation by sponsoring exhibits. If you sponsor an exhibit, in full or in part, you or your society or business will be thanked as a sponsor with a plaque on that exhibit.

Sponsorship rates start at \$250 and go up to \$10,000. Of course we will happily accept donations of any amount, large or small. Every contribution will help us to meet our goal.

If you think that you or your clan society may be interested in contributing towards our fund raising effort, you may read more on our web site, here:

<http://www.scottishtartans.org/support.html>

And if you have any questions at all about the Scottish Tartans Museum, please do not hesitate to contact us. We wish you and your clan society all the best!

Sincerely,

Matthew A. C. Newsome, Director The Scottish Tartans Museum, [www.scottishtartans.org](http://www.scottishtartans.org), 86 East Main St., Franklin NC 28734. Call (828)524-7472.

Creed,” something to the effect that “I will tell the whole truth all of the time and always cite my sources when I plagiarize the work of others.” That’s fine, as far as it goes, but it entirely ducks the problem of which family secrets should be revealed and which should remain hidden.

For that, we have to think carefully! Our discussion at a recent meeting was based on two resources. First, I highly recommend a little book by the well-known philosopher Sissela Bok, *Secrets* (1982). Secrecy, it turns out, is part of everyday life and it is widely abused. In the name of “privacy” for example, a school bus driver might conceal a dangerous heart condition, even though keeping this secret places children at risk.



We understand that there are limits on secrecy, when the secret may cause harm to others.

A particularly subversive kind of secret is illustrated by the situation where a mother tells her child that she intends to leave her husband, but requires the child not to tell his father. The more he keeps the secret, the more disloyal he feels.

We recognize that keeping a secret may be every bit as destructive as revealing it. Examples such as these show that there are many dimensions to secrecy.

The second resource for our discussion was the collective experience of our members. *Questing Heirs* is fortunate to have many members who have lived long and complicated lives. Some have the experience of family secrets in their own lives. When our members explain from personal experience what it is like to be told as a child that their parents were not their real parents, their perspective on these situations carries great weight. Likewise, the feeling that it is usually not harmful to reveal secrets of generations long dead, but potentially very harmful when participants or their children are still living and consider the matter sensitive.

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## **Ireland**

### **LEPRECHAUN:**

They usually wear three-cornered hats  
and live in and around farmhouses.

They are fairy cobblers,  
but only make one shoe, never a pair.

At night, they raid wine cellars,  
and ride through the moonlight  
on the backs of sheep or shepherds' dogs.

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Our Kids Coloring Book with thanks to Barb Ripple and Jude  
MacKenzie and the Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society.

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## Secrets, *con't from page 25*

I would almost go so far as recommend that genealogists not tempt a book that traces a family into modern times until they have reached retirement age. It may take many years to develop sufficient "discretion" - that is, the ability to determine which things should be said and which should not be - in relating the story of a family.

While waiting for our sense of discretion to develop, however, I think we need to pay attention to the possibly conflicting interests that might attend the writing of a family history.

How do I now I have the whole story and that no one's motives or character has been misrepresented?

Is the secret something that would ordinarily be considered private, or is there some overriding aspect that gives it significance beyond the immediate family?

Is the secret causing harm to anyone?

Is it keeping someone from making important decisions?

Does it involve people against their will, or who can't speak for themselves (such as children)?

Would revealing the secret cause harm to anyone?

Would anyone benefit if it were revealed?

Can the participants in the secret cope with the consequences of revelation?

How much of the secret is already in the public record?

For purposes of family history, is it necessary to reveal the secret?

Would the significance of someone's life be better summed up by concentrating on other facets of his or her life?

Has anyone been coerced or manipulated to keep the secret?

How would I feel if this story were printed about me?

Who am I to reveal the truth?

Am I trying to reveal the secret in order to get back at someone? Are my own motives above reproach?

Family secrets, both good and bad, are part of the reason that we do genealogy.

But, we have a responsibility to use our findings wisely.



## Clan Chiefs, *con't from page 21*

conclave of the clan lairds. A modern derbhfine would consist of 8-9 armigers of a name or proven landholders. Meeting under the guidance of Lord Lyon and elected leader would then serve for a period of time sufficient to allow a person directly descended from the last known chief to have made a claim. Usually, considered to be 10 or 20 years. If no claimant was found, the elected leader would become the clan chief\*

A synopsis of the Clan MacAulay petition to the Lord Lyon Court is provided as an example of such a meeting. An ad hoc derbhfine was convened by Ross herald in August 2001. In all, 6 armigers and 10 landowners were contacted. Only 5 landowners proved title by submitting title deeds and 2 of the armigers provided statements. The decision of the derbhfine to propose to Lyon that Iain McMillian MacAulay be appointed as chief was unanimous.

Lyon refused the petition and supplied the following rationale: In other meetings of derbhfines for chiefs, there was a candidate with an imperfect blood-link. Here there was no blood-link, merely the derbhfine as authority. The derbhfine is the last resort where there is no real hope that a genealogically related descendant can be found. This was the first instance of a petition for a chief having no genealogical link to the last known chief. An additional factor is that a 10 year period must elapse between the appointment of the candidate as 'commander' and subsequently as 'chief' with no such genealogical link. This case was further frustrated by the age of the petitioner (80).

So, the search for clan chiefs continues...but no longer is a surname excluded from obtaining recognition from Lyon Court due to its chiefly line having been lost or truncated.

Tom Thompson

President, Clan Thom(p)son Society

*With thanks to the Clan MacDuffee Society of America newsletter.*





# The Whisky Column

Ray Pearson,  
*The Whiskymeister*  
Anaheim, CA

## A Road Trip

Earlier this year I retired from the corporate whisky world, after more than 16 years of presenting some of the world's premier single malt Scotch whiskies to consumers, the trade, and distributor sales teams around the United States. The educational value of my encounters with thousands of people each year was as much a learning experience for me as, I hope, it was for members of the audiences.

Not a sedentary type, I have reinvented myself as The Whiskymeister, and have begun writing about whisky for a variety of electronic and print publications. Following are the highlights of my first whisky road trip, from Southern California to Las Vegas, up the California coast, through Oregon to Seattle, then a return via Yosemite National Park and the magnificent Ahwanhee Hotel – a distance of just over 3200 miles.

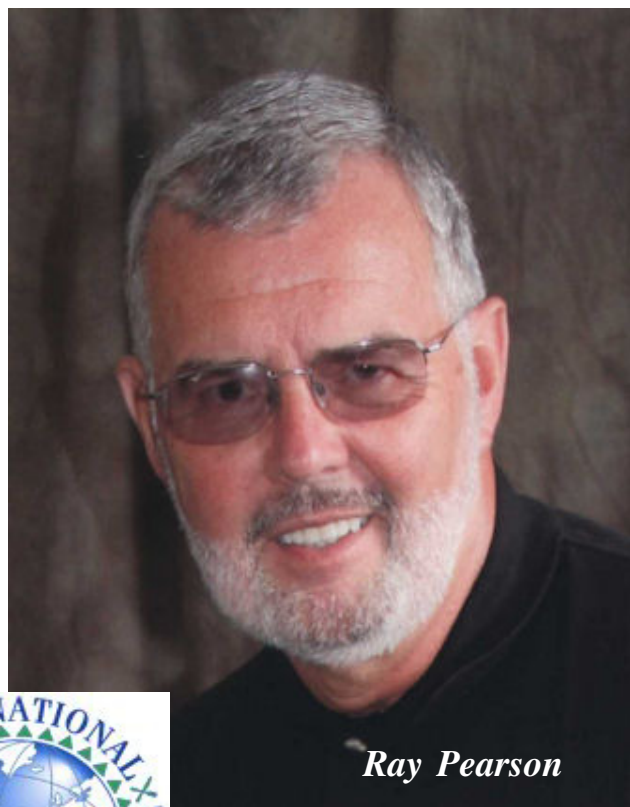
I wanted to seek out unique whisky venues, noteworthy collections of whiskies, and restaurants that celebrated the pairing of fine whisky with fine food.

LAS VEGAS, NV At StripSteak, at Mandalay



Bay, the menu of Scotches is almost as impressive as the Scotches themselves. Actually, there are two menus: one is a 60+-page notebook with each page giving a description of the distillery and the offerings at the bar. The other is an engaging, interactive electronic menu near the lobby. Pushing a button on a map of Scotland takes you to whatever region of distillation you choose. Select your brand and the menu displays each of the expressions and the price that the bar carries, and, there are over 80!

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*Ray Pearson*

The Whiskymeister



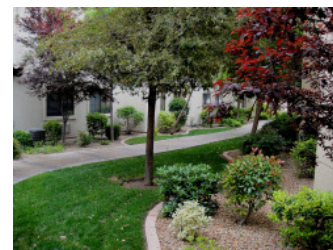
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Vegas Scottish Highland Games is the main reason for this part of the road trip.

The audiences, about 350 guests in all, enjoy sampling whiskies from The Highlands, The Lowlands, Islay, and Speyside, and learn about Bowmore, Auchentoshan, Glen Grant, and The Glenrothes.

I discover a hidden gem of accommodations while in Las Vegas: Tuscany Suites & Casino, only a few short blocks from The Strip. I walk to Paris, Bally's, Caesar's Palace, and The Bellagio.



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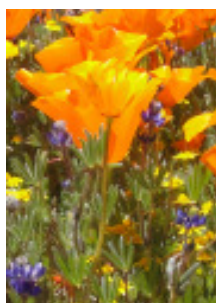
Tuscany Suites is a complex of low-rise buildings nestled within lush landscaping. It is quiet, the rooms are enormous and include a kitchenette, and my mid-week rate, in April, is under \$50 per night. Staying here makes me a winner in Las Vegas even before I enter the casino!



### BIG SUR, CA

The awesome coastline of this part of the California coast about 150 miles south of

San Francisco is made even more breathtaking by the incredible, “a storm’s a’brewin’” clouds and the palette-busting display of wildflowers. My destination is Nepenthe Restaurant on California Route 1, hanging on the cliffs 800 feet above the Pacific. Chosen for its selection of single malt Scotches and the view, Nepenthe does not disappoint. I enjoy a Talisker 10 year old with the California Artisanal Cheese Plate – a collection of Monterey Jack, Humboldt Fog Goat, and Point Reyes Blue, served with quince jam, apple chutney with mint and lime, dried apricots and white grapes. The whisky and everything on the plate pair magically and I am invigorated to continue on to Oakland.



OAKLAND, CA À Côté Restaurant, in Oakland’s tony Rockridge District, is a distinguished, intimate restaurant offering small plate, Mediterranean cuisine. Their beer, wine and spirits list includes dozens of offerings in each of about 15 categories of drink from around the world. Highlights in the Scotch area include a Bruichladdich 20 year old from Islay and a Tobermory 10 year old from the Isle of Mull.

MEDFORD, OR 4 Daughters Irish Pub occupies two floors in a restored hotel and boarding house on Main Street, and has the kind of guest-friendly ambiance

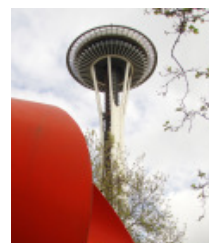


one expects from an Irish pub. Overstuffed chairs and

couches are grouped around a number of fireplaces for a homey feel – perfect for enjoying one of my favorite malts from the Northern Highlands: Glenmorangie Nectar d’Or.

OREGON CITY, OR The Highland Stillhouse is one of my all-time favorite bars. Mick and Tammy Secor take pride in referring to themselves as “Publicans” and run a most hospitable roadhouse overlooking Willamette Falls on the Willamette River. The inventory includes about 400 whiskies total, with about 225 being single malt Scotch. The most unusual to me is Rollercoaster, a commemorative from Ardbeg, on the island of Islay.

SEATTLE, WA The Pacific Northwest is crackling with interest about single malt Scotches. Of my half-dozen wonderful experiences in the Seattle area, my favorite was enjoying drinks at the Space Needle, as it slowly revolved to expose the entire Seattle



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**StripSteak Mandalay Bay Hotel**, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV on the web at <[www.mandalaybay.com](http://www.mandalaybay.com)>

**Tuscany Suites**, 255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV on the web at <[www.tuscanylv.com](http://www.tuscanylv.com)>

**Nepenthe Restaurant**, 48510 Highway One, Big Sur, CA on the web at <[www.nepenthebigsur.com](http://www.nepenthebigsur.com)>

**A Cote Restaurant**, 5478 College Avenue, Oakland, CA on the web at <[www.acoterestaurant.com](http://www.acoterestaurant.com)>

**4 Daughters Irish Pub**, 126 West Main Street, Medford, OR on the web at <[www.4daughtersirishpub.com](http://www.4daughtersirishpub.com)>

**Highland Stillhouse**, 201 South 2nd Street, Oregon City, OR on the web at <[www.highlandstillhouse.com](http://www.highlandstillhouse.com)>

**Space Needle**, 203 6th Avenue, North Seattle, WA on the web at <[www.spaceneedle.com](http://www.spaceneedle.com)>

**Ahwanhee Hotel**, One Ahwahnee Road, Yosemite National Park, CA on the web at <[www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com)>

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area. What better way to enjoy a Glenlivet 18 year old than being on top of the world?

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CA The Ahwanhee Hotel, in Yosemite Valley, is often referred to as the finest hotel within the national park system. Magnificent springtime waterfalls are a big draw and people from around the world come to marvel. From the selection of single malts at the bar, I choose a Lagavulin from Islay and enjoy it on an outside terrace, overlooking a towering rock monolith. It is a perfect last drink to wrap up my road trip. Tomorrow I will be home.

*Ray Pearson and I will both be on the program at the San Diego, CA Highland Games the end of June. Ray will be doing the whisky tasting, I'll be doing Scottish genealogical talks.*



*I was going through my photographs after my recent computer disaster and found this photo of Alastair and me taken a few years ago in South Georgia when Alastair was on a visit!*

## Did you know that you can receive a memorial certificate for your veteran ancestor?

Did you know that you can receive a memorial certificate for your veteran ancestor, signed by the President of the United States?

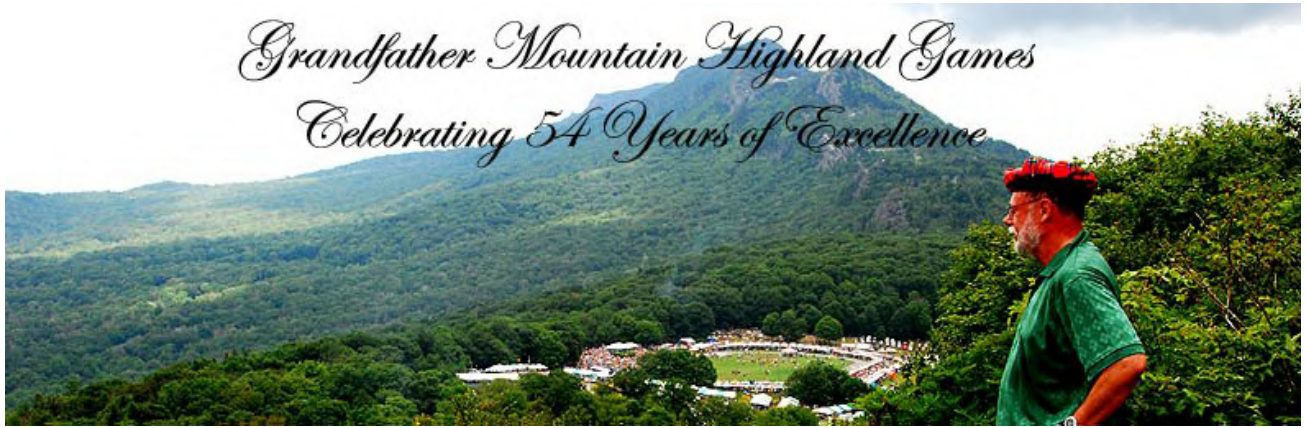
The Office of Presidential Correspondence prepares the certificates, after coordination with the Veterans Administration. The first step is to have the V.A. verify your ancestors service record.

Your letter should begin: "This is a request for information about a relative's military service, which will be used to request a Presidential Memorial Certificate."

The request should be mailed to Veterans Administration Regional Office, 1301 Clay Street, Suite 1300 North, Oakland, CA 94612-5209, Attention: Adjudication Division .



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*Please click on "Spring Newsletter 2010" at [gmhg.org](http://gmhg.org) to learn about the  
devastation caused at MacRae Meadows by last winter's ice storms.  
Your donation of just a few dollars will help with the clean-up.*



*This lovely fairy was spotted at the recent Loch Norman Highland Games. I knew fairies were real!*

## Clan Shaw Society honors their own

The Clan Shaw Society has announced its awards for 2010 for service to the organization.

Named Clansmen of the Year were Margaret Shaw, Convener for British Columbia and Washington; Stephan and Heather Shaw Betts, Conveners for Pennsylvania; Alan Shaw, administrator of the society's YAHOO genealogy site; and Bob and Iva Shaw Nelson, managers of our DNA genealogy program.

No one was nominated this year to the Order of the Dagger.

Named to the Order of the Dirk were Lisa and Dennis Lee Shaw, conveners for Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Named to the Order of the Claymore, the society's highest award, was Meredith L. Shaw, society president.

Information on the Clan Shaw Society may be obtained from Meredith L. Shaw, President, 3031 Appomattox Ave., #102, Olney, MD 20832.

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