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14th Annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island delights thousands

New York, NY - "Tartan Day on Ellis Island" – the nation's largest Tartan Day celebration - returned for its 14th annual observance from April 9-12, 2015 serving as a spectacular finale to NY Tartan Week. The highlight of the weekend was "Captain Kidd and the Hangman's Noose," a new exhibition, produced by the Clan Currie Society.

While one doesn't normally associate pirates (at least seafaring pirates) with New York City, they were plentiful in the 1600s. Born in Dundee, Scotland in 1645, Captain William Kidd was a major figure in 17th century New Amsterdam (New York City).

Pirate money pulsed through New York. Here's a vivid account of NY in the late 1600s from Edwin G. Burrows' and Mike Wallace's *Gotham*: "This boodling was worth a hundred thousand pounds a year to the city... Tavern keepers, whores, retailers and others flourished as buccaneers swaggered through the streets with purses full of hard money — Arabian dinars, Hindustani

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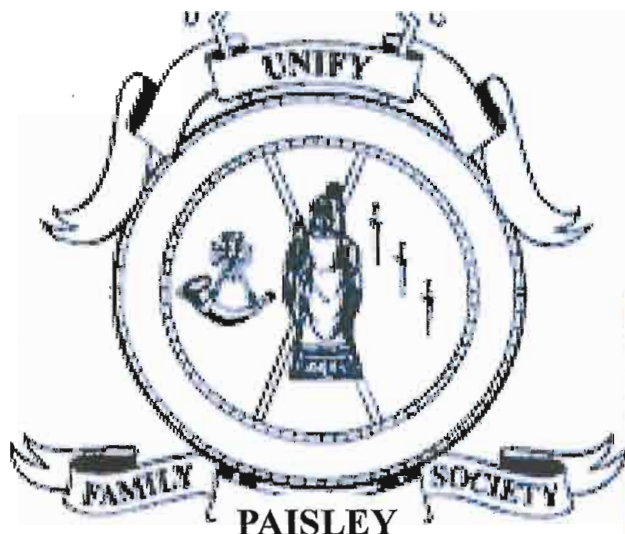
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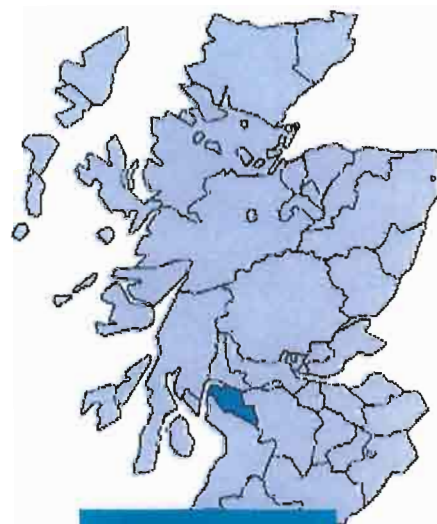
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The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time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

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

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



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mohurs, Greek byzants, French louis d'or, Spanish doubloons.”

A unique addition to the exhibition was an original screen-worn costume from the first two installments of



Disney's smash hit film series, *Pirates of the Caribbean* on loan from Walt Disney Archives.

The 2015 edition of Clan Currie's popular program enjoyed impressive attendance records with over 35,000 visitors from around the corner and around the world. This statistic was effectively underscored by a complete sell-out of ferry tickets to Ellis Island from



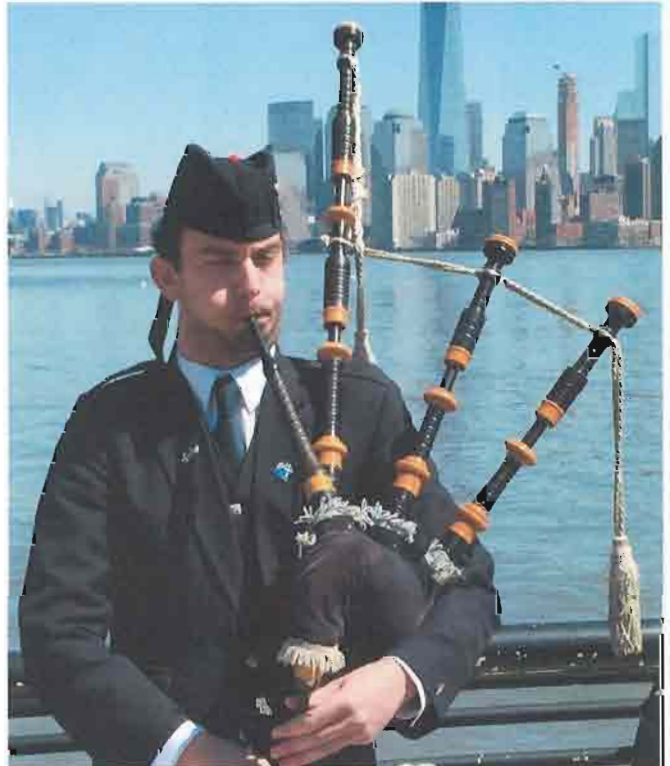
Battery Park in Lower Manhattan. In addition to the exhibition, a steady stream of visitors came to experience “Scotland in Miniature” on Ellis Island.” Weekend VIP guests included the Rt. Hon. Sadie Docherty, Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow.

In addition to the exhibition,



Clan Currie hosted a performance by piper Andrew Craig from Carnoustie, Scotland. Craig performed the world premiere of *The Immigrant's Lament*, a new pipe tune commissioned by Clan Currie for the occasion.

According to Society president, Robert Currie, *The Immigrant's Lament* is a haunting tune which captures the essence of a Scots emigrant yearning for his home-



land far, far away. No doubt countless numbers of Scots yearned for Scotland as they embarked upon a new life in a new world. Inspiration for the lament comes from John Watson Nicol's evocative painting, *Lochaber No*

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More, which vividly captures the loss and despair experienced by a Highland couple as they leave Scotland with just their meager belongings packed in a small wooden trunk or kist as it was known.”

Weekend guests to the island also thrilled to the sights and sounds of the NY Celtic Dancers, the Rampant Lion Pipe Band, John Grimaldi – the Kilted Juggler, the Celtic Cross Dancers of Ottawa, Ontario and Jerry Dixon – the Piping Pirate as they stepped ashore on Ellis Island.

Inside the Captain Kidd exhibition area, visitors enjoyed the delightful sounds of fiddle, guitar and small pipes performed by Amy Beshara, Alex Carmichael and Matthew Christian.



Renowned kilt maker, Bonnie Heather Greene, led a kilt making demonstration and had many sample kilts on hand to try on which was a huge hit for young and old alike. The program also included an information table which provided a whole host of information about Scottish history and culture, Tartan Day, and resources to look up family names and clan tartans.

Another key highlight of the event was an unexpected visit by 40 choir students from the High School of Grand Rapids, MN. Said Currie, “The students had been thoroughly entertained when disembarking on Ellis Island by our company of performers and reported that they wanted to return the favor. They did so with a magical a cappella rendition of “Loch Lomond” in our exhibition room. The sound was incredible and there were very few dry eyes when they finished. It was magical.”

This was the 14th observance of Tartan Day on Ellis Island produced by the Clan Currie Society. Past



programs have included, “The Life and Legacy of John Muir,” “Loyalty and Exile - The Jacobites and America,” “Scots Gifts to the World,” and “An Leabhar Mòr – The Great Book of Gaelic.”

Added Currie, “Many of our exhibits are available for loan from the Clan Currie Society for use in Tartan Day programs across the country. In fact, our exhibition entitled “A Celebration of Tartan” served as one of the cornerstone elements of the first Los Angeles Tartan Day celebration this year.”

About Tartan Day on Ellis Island

Tartan Day on Ellis Island is one of the principal Scottish heritage events in the United States. Playing host to literally thousands of domestic and international visitors each day, it is the largest Tartan Day celebration in the world. Ellis Island is a fitting place to observe Tartan Day. The island and its historic buildings represent America’s “Golden Door.”

From 1892 to 1954, more than 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island. Although many Scots arrived during the colonial period of our history – helping to build the new nation - an additional half-million Scots came through Ellis Island. It has been estimated that 40% of Americans today can trace at least one ancestor’s entry into the United States through Ellis Island.

Describing the program, noted Scottish journalist and author Roddy Martine reported that of all the Tartan Day events held in the United States, the Ellis Island observance has, “stood out as a beacon of what USA Tartan Day is all about: the emigrant ancestors of ordi-

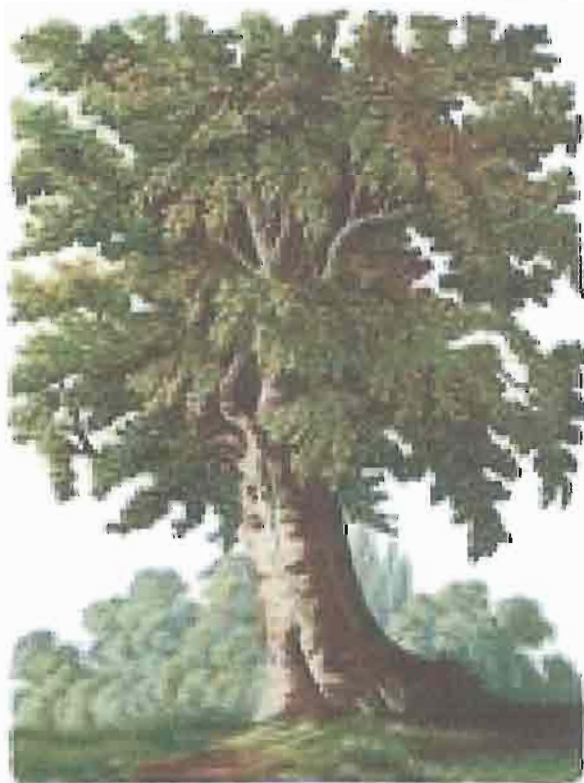
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nary Americans who over three centuries crossed the Atlantic Ocean to create the world's greatest democracy."

As part of the 2011 celebrations, Clan Currie commissioned a specially designed Ellis Island Tartan© to mark the 10th Anniversary of Tartan Day on Ellis Island. Each color in the tartan reflects upon the American immigrant experience. The blue represents the ocean that had to be crossed to reach the American shores. The copper-green is the color of the Statue of Liberty. The red depicts the bricks of the Ellis Island buildings where 12 million Americans took their first steps towards freedom. The gold is the golden door that is the United States of America and the dawn of a new life in America.

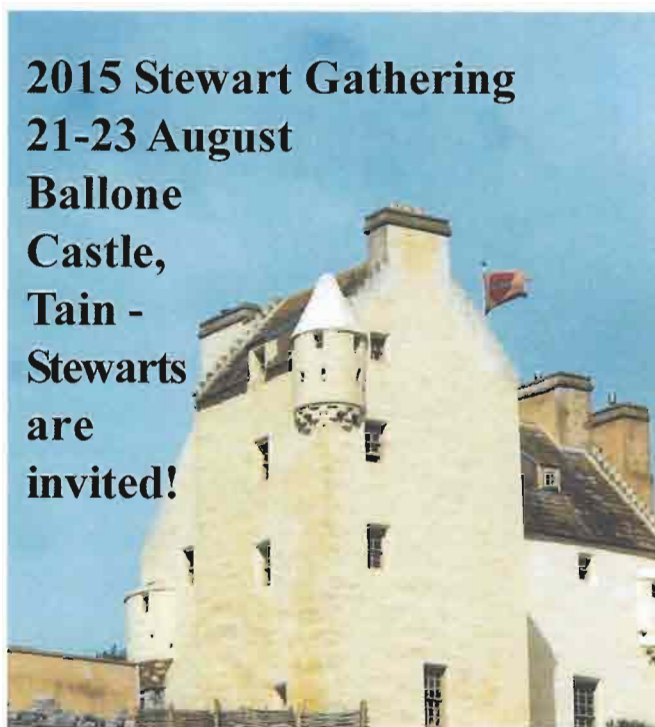
About Captain Kidd

Captain William Kidd was a Scottish sailor who was tried and executed for piracy after returning from a voyage to the Indian Ocean. Some modern historians deem his piratical reputation unjust, as there is evidence that Kidd acted only as a privateer. Kidd's fame springs largely from the sensational circumstances of his questioning before the English Parliament and the ensuing trial. His actual depredations on the high seas, whether piratical or not, were both less destructive and less lucrative than those of many other contemporary pirates and privateers.

Born in Dundee, Scotland in 1645, Kidd emigrated to lower Manhattan, or rather New Amsterdam in 1691. His story checks off all the boxes for a great Ellis Island exhibition – pirate, Scotsman, immigrant, New Yorker, colorful history – it's got it all. And treasure hunters have been searching for Kidd's treasure chest throughout the NY area on the Jersey shore, Gardiner's Island and even up the Connecticut coast.

While Kidd the man left New York in 1696, his historical DNA and even a bit of ectoplasm can still be found throughout the Wall Street area. Ghost hunters have encountered the Captain in the churchyard of Trinity Church, his old haunt at Fraunces Tavern and near the site of his home near what is now the corner of Pearl Street and Hanover Square.

2015 Stewart Gathering 21-23 August Ballone Castle, Tain - Stewarts are invited!



The 2015 Stewart Gathering is planned for 21-23 August.

All Stewarts are invited to a Stewart Gathering at Ballone Castle, near Tain in the Highlands.

On Friday 21st August, guests will enjoy the The Stewart Society AGM and the informal President's reception.

Saturday 22nd August will feature a visit to Culloden - and lunch at the new visitors' centre. Arran Johnston, a historian of the '45 will give us an exclusive talk on Culloden.

Stewarts will experience Highland Games for all; plus traditional Scottish music; a ceilidh and dinner.

A service at Tain will round off the weekend at 2.30 on Sunday

Family tickets and young people's tickets available. Email: info@stewartsociety.org for more info.

Membership is open to all who bear the name of Stewart (Stuart, Steuart or Steward), or who are Stewarts by birth or descent as well as those septs or families associated with the Stewarts. The objects of The Society are philanthropic, historical, genealogical, and to further kinship.

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Plastic money a reality in Scotland!

Clydesdale Bank issues two million 5 pound notes



Plastic bank notes are going into circulation in Britain for the first time. The Clydesdale Bank will issue two million of the polymer £5 notes, which it says are more secure and durable than paper notes.

The bank is one of three in Scotland authorized to issue banknotes. It is releasing the limited edition notes a year before the Bank of England puts plastic banknotes in general circulation.

The new Clydesdale plastic note features an image of the Forth Bridge and has been issued to commemorate the bridge's 125th anniversary.

The note also features a portrait of Sir William Arrol, whose company constructed the bridge among many other landmarks.

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

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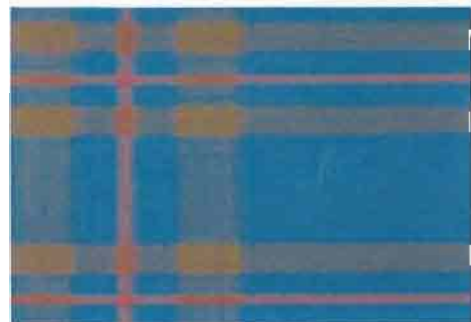
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Pete & Wendy's UK Adventure



A visit to Lancaster, England

The hilltop in Lancaster's town center was originally home to a Roman fortress in the early centuries AD. In the 10th century the Normans built a fort on top of the Roman ruins after chasing the Vikings out of the area. Then in the 14th century, John O'Gaunt increased the size of the castle considerably. After several more additions throughout the next several centuries, what exists as Lancaster Castle today is a conglomeration of numerous different stone structures.



Lancashire was once the largest county in England,

ous question of mine. In the festive boards following masonic lodge meetings here, there is always a toast similar to the one American masons raise to the President of the United States. Only here it is raised to "The Queen and the Duke of Lancaster" because they are the same person, yielding the highest power in both the nation and the county simultaneously.

Since the castle was the seat of such power, it was naturally where trials were held, and below ground it was a prison.

Our "treat" from the UK continues.....

Through the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, we have secured permission to print "UK Adventures" for you to enjoy.

Dr. Pete Hylton is a Fulbright Award Recipient for 2014 & 2015. He will be in the United Kingdom for quite awhile and will be sending his "Adventures" back home. He has kindly given us permission to print his stories! He is Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D., Associate Professor & Director of Motorsports Engineering and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.



and was declared a palatine county, giving the reigning Duke of Lancaster powers that made him virtually equal to the King of England. Nowadays, the territory that was once Lancashire has been divided to form 4 different counties, yet it is still officially a palatine county, giving the current Duke the same powers as centuries ago. However, to avoid conflict, the English monarch is now officially the Duke of Lancaster. This answered a curi-

We toured the ancient court rooms, dating back several centuries. The prisoners being tried were kept in a small cell directly below the courtroom and when it was their time, they were brought up a narrow set of stairs leading directly into the dock where they were restrained during the trial. If found innocent, they were released from the dock. If they were found guilty, they

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could receive a punishment such as being branded with an "M" for malefactor. And the branding iron still hangs right there on the side of the dock. If they were to be sent to prison, then they returned down the stairs to the cell (which is the source of the term to be "sent down" for one found guilty). I can provide no photos of any of this.....because ***it is still an active court room***, and

no photos are allowed.

I can provide a photo of the "scolds bridle" which could be locked over the head of a woman to seal her mouth as punishment for either gossip or nagging. And the spot where our tour guide showed us the chapel door out which those sentenced to hang



would exit the building straight to the gallows nearby.

Hangings were later moved to the top of a nearby hill. On the route there, the party always stopped at a pub called the Golden Lion to offer the convicted man a last drink. The story goes that one man who was a teetotaler, declined the stop at the pub. After he was hung, and was being cut down, a horseman arrived with his reprieve. If he had stopped for a drink, he would have been saved. Let that be a lesson to you to never pass up the last drink.

We have become fond of attending sung Evensong services of the Church of England. It turns out that the



Lancaster Priory has such a service every Sunday evening. While much smaller than York Minster, where we were a few weeks ago, it is nonetheless an impressive edifice, dating back to the 11th century.

We had dinner in a pub that resides in a stone cellar built in the 1600's.

I said last month that the tiny snowdrops were starting to bloom, and that soon they would soon cover the hillsides. And they are.



Unless they get covered with snow....like shown here. We did not get the 8 inches that fell on Indiana this same day, but these were – without a doubt – the largest snowflakes I have EVER seen.





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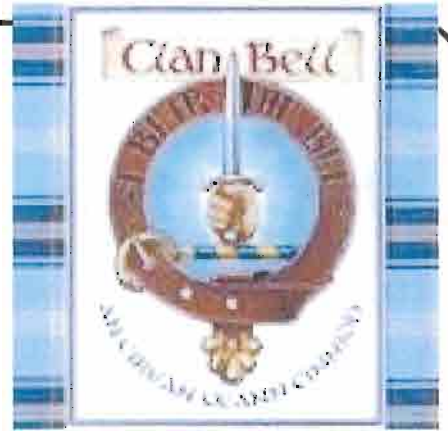
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Clan Bell North America, Inc.



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



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

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

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

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

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Fort Myers (FL) Regional Library

Upcoming Genealogy Programs

April – September 2015

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Writing Your Family History

Speaker: Vicki Greenlee – Lee County Genealogical Society – Writers Group

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Time: 9:30am - 12:15pm South Building 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Seminar is designed for researchers whose ultimate goal will be publishing their findings in some form. Using research already in hand, the discussion will provide helpful strategies to progress beyond recording names, dates and places. In composing short sections of narrative, the writer will use their research to interweave interesting facts about their ancestors' lives, placing individuals in a social and historical context. These steps will enhance their ability to publish an interesting and informative family story.

Researching Irish Ancestors Series

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Program One: **Exploring Your Irish Roots in the United States and Canada**

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Program Two: Researching Records in Ireland Time: 12:30 - 2:30pm

Speaker: Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library

South Building 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Irish genealogical research has many challenges which intimidate researchers. Many feel it is almost impossible to trace immigrant ancestors back to Ireland. While challenges exist, many new resources are now available to overcome these problems. This two-part seminar is designed to provide techniques and resources with a proven track record for success in helping overcome these challenges.

European Gateways to the New World – Hamburg and Bremen

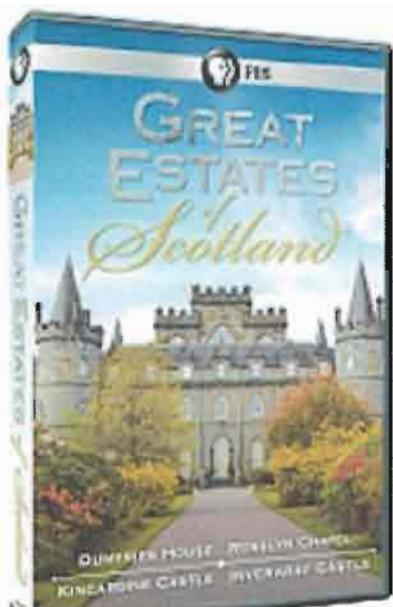
Saturday, June 6, 2015

Speaker: Werner Ropers, Collier County Genealogical Society, German Roots Group and Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library

Time: 9:30am - 12:15pm South Building, 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Seminar will highlight the immigrant experience from the time they left their towns and countries of origin, reached the ports of departure, and arrived in the various ports of entry in the United States. While the primary emphasis is on issues encountered by German immigrants, there will be plenty of discussion dealing with the Irish, Italians, and the various ethnic groups from Eastern Europe and Russia.

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Dykes of Gray new village plans approved at last

Full plans for a new village on the outskirts of Dundee have been approved.

Proposals for the Dykes of Gray village to the west of the city were thrown into confusion in December when Dundee city councillors only approved half of the plans put before them.

The development management committee has now unanimously backed plans for the full 595-house development.

Springfield Properties will pay a "roof tax" for each house built on the site to go towards a new primary school.

Councillors had voiced concerns about the impact on educational provision when half of the plans were originally rejected at December's meeting.

Springfield had been required to divide the project into two planning applications, as it spans land owned by two different parties.

Dykes of Gray village will include a mix of two, three, four and five bedroom houses

Springfield Properties said the houses were "designed to complement the area"

The first application, for 365 houses and a village centre including shops and infrastructure, was rejected in a narrow vote after councillors voiced concern about local schools being five miles away.

However, the second application, for 230 houses and a village green, was approved after one councillor



left the chamber and another arrived late between votes, in scenes described at the time as "madness".

The revised application, which went before the committee on Monday, sought to address the schooling issue by including contributions towards a new school to be built in the area.

Springfield Properties chairman Sandy Adam said he was "pleased" the full village could now be built.

He said: "We listened to the feedback from the council in December and amended the points of concern in the application presented yesterday.

"We are planning to build a range of two, three, four and five-bedroom homes, all designed to complement the area.

Genealogical Research Using Military Records

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Speaker: Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library

Time: 9:30am - 12:15pm South Building, 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Serving in the military has always played an important role in the lives of many ancestors. This is especially true for male children of immigrant ancestors. Information found in military records may shed light on the place of residence for soldier's family, birth information, determine evidence of family relationships, and locate relatives and other important facts of interest for research. This seminar will identify the most useful records and where to locate them.

Tracing Female Ancestors

Saturday, August 1, 2015

Speaker: Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library

Time: 9:30am - 12:15pm South Building, 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Prior to the 20th century, identities of women were, both by law and custom, often interwoven with that of their husbands. Hence, many genealogists refer to their female lines of research as their ‘invisible ancestors’. This seminar will cover the best record types and research strategies available to overcome these challenges.

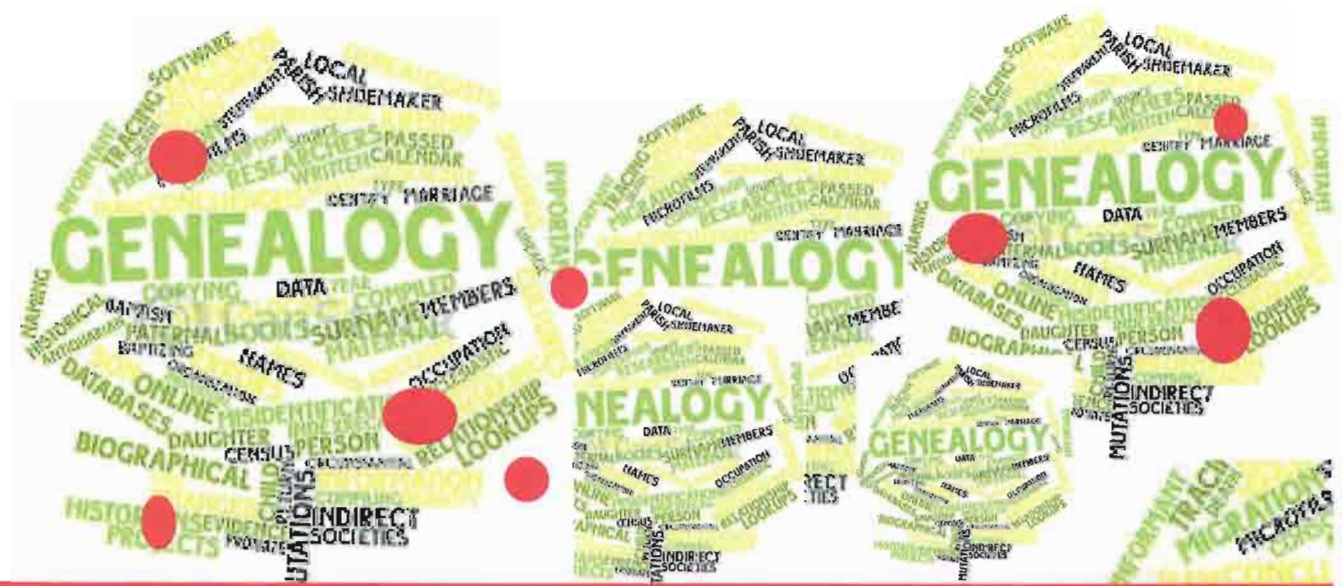
Research Using Land and Tax Records

Saturday, September 5, 2015

Speaker: Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library

Time: 9:30am - 12:15pm South Building, 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Land and tax records are the oldest, largest, and most complete record group among record types in the United States. Ancestors who seldom appear in any other type of civil records may be mentioned somewhere in land records. Both record types may contain extensive amounts of genealogical information, yet most genealogists only turn to them as a last resort. This seminar will discuss strategies that allow genealogists to overcome the perceived challenges in using them.



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IN THE BEGINNING

If you were to travel back in time and visit the Highlands of Scotland 1000 years ago, you wouldn't see anything even remotely resembling the modern kilt. The



standard garment of the *Gael* was a tunic called a *léine*. This is the Gaelic word for "shirt" and the styles varied according to the time period.

It was a rather simple long tunic, pulled on over the head, and worn either full length or to the knee. By the 16th Century the *léine* had evolved into an elaborate garment that was very full, having sleeves, that hung down to the knees. The most common color was saffron; although they were often undyed. Over this, a woolen shawl or wrap was often worn. This mantle was called a *brat* in Ireland. In later centuries it was called a **plaid**, pronounced "played" in Scots Gaelic. The word originally meant "blanket". In North American it somehow became a word for a "design" and was pronounced "plad".



Though named clan tartans did not exist in this early period, these wraps could very well have been of some tartan pattern. Archaeological evidence shows tartan cloth being worn in Scotland from the 3rd or 4th century.

THE BELTED PLAID

This tartan wrap would later evolve into the kilt. Fashion in 16th Century Gaelic Scotland was a very full clothing. The cost of wool dropping towards the end of the sixteenth century in Scotland, coupled with a cooling climate, gave rise to ever larger wraps or plaids.

Over time, people began to gather these large wraps into folds and belt them around the waist. This is what we call the **belted plaid**. In Gaelic it was called either *feileadh-mor*, which means "great wrap," or *breacan-an-feileadh*, which means "tartan wrap."

The earliest mention of this garment in the historic record comes from *The Life of Red Hugh O'Donnell*, written in Irish Gaelic in 1594 which describes Scottish mercenaries from the Hebrides being noticeable among the Irish because of the difference in their dress.

The Scots wore their belts outside their mantles – the belted plaid! This garment was about four to six yards long and made from two lengths of 25-30" wide cloth sewn together. The length of the cloth was gathered and belted at the waist, with the lower part falling to the knees and the upper part being brought up to the shoulders and arranged in any number of ways. This garment was the common dress of the Highland male during the 17th and first half of the 18th Centuries.

THE PHILLABEG

Phillabeg is the Anglicized spelling of the Gaelic *feileadh-beag*, which means, "little wrap." This garment was essentially the lower half of the belted plaid. Many



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today use “phillabeg” to refer to the modern tailored kilt, but the original was untailored. Like the belted plaid, it consisted of a length of cloth about four yards long, but only about 25” wide. It would be gathered loosely into folds and belted about the waist, the bottom reaching to just above the knee and the top few inches overlapping the belt. Often another separate length of tartan would be worn over the shoulders for warmth or protection from the elements.

Most Highland Dress historians admit to uncertainty about when the phillabeg originated, but by the early eighteenth century it was in widespread use. Thomas Rawlinson, an Englishman, is docu-



mented as “inventing” the phillabeg in the first quarter of the 18th Century. However, there are paintings and armorial bearings that depict men in what appear to be phillabegs predating Rawlinson. Most likely the feileadh-beag came about as a natural extension of the feileadh-mor, the fashion spreading over time.

THE KILT

The tailored kilt differs from the phillabeg in that it has regular, sewn down pleats. In other words, it is an actual tailored garment. The earliest examples we have are military kilts from the 1790s. These first tailored kilts were made from an average of four yards of cloth, and were box pleated to the stripe. There was no tapering at the waist, and the length of the kilt was selvaige to selvaige (about 25”).

Tailored kilts for civilian wear were at first pleated to nothing (i.e. to no particular line or pattern), then about 1820,

pleated to the stripe. The amount of cloth used in the kilt grew over the course of the 19th Century. In 1853 the Gordon Highlanders became the first regiment to adopt the **knife pleat**. By the 1900 knife pleating had become the norm in civilian kilts and the idea of “**pleating to sett**” (i.e. arranging the pleats to mimic the pattern of the tartan) was becoming popular. The standard kilt of today is made from a nominal eight yards of cloth and is knife pleated, though other styles remain available.

Pleated to sett (Left). Knife pleated (right).





Thursday, July 9th

Picnic, Torchlight Ceremony & Sheep Herding

4:30 PM Picnic

Food concessions are available at MacRae Meadows or you can bring your own.

* Scottish Entertainment - Traditional Celtic Music. Performers to be announced

* Sheep Herding: Sheep Herding with Border Collies on the field.

7 PM The Bear: Assault on Grandfather

This five-mile footrace climbs 1,568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather mountain. Over 800 runners will start up the Old Yonahlossee Road from Linville at 7 PM, circle the Highland Games track around 7:15, and head up the Grandfather Mountain summit road.

* More Sheep Herding

* Torchlight Ceremony:

Opening ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games

Friday, July 10th

9 AM MacRae Meadows Opens: Preliminary athletic competition, sheep herding, music/dancing exhibitions. Celtic Groves will be open and other activities will highlight the day.

* Opening Ceremonies

* Highland Wrestling Clinic for children

* Children's Tent and Field Activities

* Harp Workshop

* Sheep Herding

* History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents

* Highland Dancing Pre-Championship

* Lochaber Trump Competition in the Harp and Fiddling Tent

4:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for Celtic Rock Concert.

* Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents:

* **6:30 - 11 PM** Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae Meadows.

* Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents

8:00 PM - 12 AM Scottish Country Dance Gala Williams Gymnasium at Lees-McRae College.

\$25 dancers / \$10 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Saturday, July 11th

* **6:30 AM** Mountain Marathon begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

* **7:30 AM** MacRae Meadows Opens

* Amateur Heavy Athletic Qualifying Begins

* Competition begins for Highland Dancing Atlantic International Championship, piping, drumming, Scottish athletic events, track & field events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish fiddling, and Scottish harp.

* Children's Highland Wrestling Competition

* Sheep Herding

* Massed Bands on track

* Opening Ceremonies

* History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents

* Children's Tent Activities

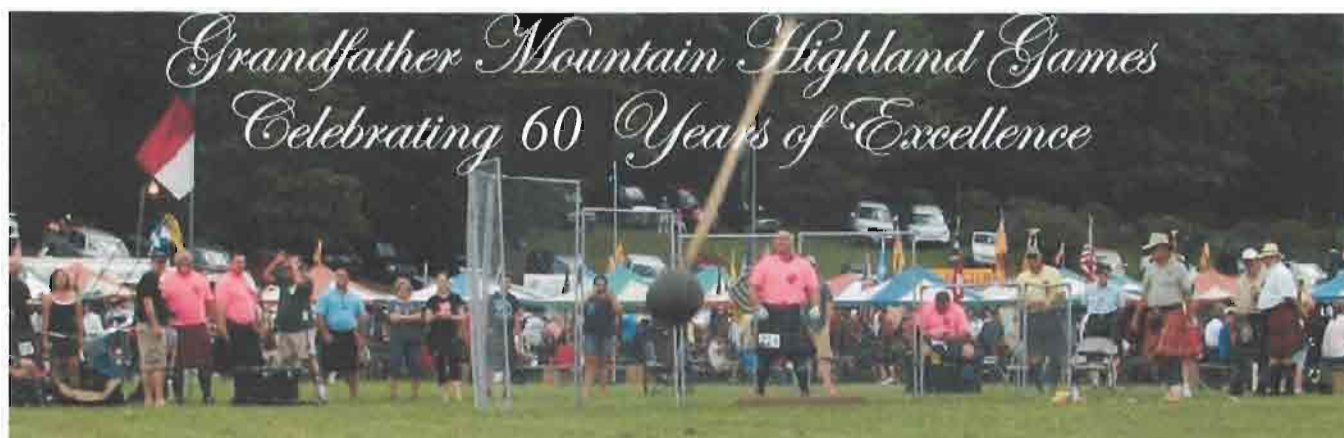
* Celtic Grove Music

* Highland Wrestling

* Harp Competitions

* Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition

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- * NC Provincial Gaelic Mod
- * Scottish Fiddling Workshop & Jam Session
- * 4:00 Days events end. Preparation for Celtic Jam
- * 6:30 - 10:30 PM Celtic Jam at MacRae Meadows. \$15 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12
- Sunday, July 12th**
- * 8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens
- * Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration and Clinic
- * Prelude Music for Worship Service Begins
- * 9:00 AM Scottish Worship Service Outside main gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin 'O' the Tartans.
- * Children's Border Collie Demonstration on the main field.
- * Celtic Grove Entertainment Begins
- * Parade of Tartans Guests of Honor & Distinguished Guests are introduced as all members of the sponsoring clans are invited to march in the parade behind the massed pipe bands.
- * Scottish Fiddling Competition
- * Atlantic International Highland Dance Championship Competition
- * Competition takes place throughout the day for Scottish athletic events, sheep herding, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment continues.
- * History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents
- * Sheep Herding Demonstration
- * 4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies

Visitor Information

The officers and directors of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games welcomes you to the unique experience of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

We want to do everything possible to make your visit to the Games as pleasurable as possible.

Please visit our website at: <http://www.gmhg.org/visitorinfo.htm>. This section of our website is dedicated to helping you by providing essential information on event directors, tickets, lodging, parking, shuttle bus information along with a map and directions and a check list.

We have also included a list of merchants and civic groups who vend on the mountain.

- * No pets are permitted.
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ROBERT GROVES, JR. ENDOWMENT FUND TO BENEFIT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, INC.

Ross M. Morrison, Jr., past President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, shared these thoughts: "When the Clans gather at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July, 2003, we will remember a friend and one of the guiding forces, Robert W. (Bobbie) Groves, Jr."

Bobbie passed away on September 1, 2000, following a lengthy illness. A volunteer at the Games from the very first, there was nothing to which he had not turned his hand. Over the years Bobbie had faithfully served as Field Marshal, Director and President of the Games, and most recently was Chairman Emeritus. In 1983 he and his wife Cornelia were awarded the Agnes MacRae Morton Award for their outstanding contribution to promoting Scottish heritage at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and in 1996 he was our Guest of Honor.

Bobbie's dedication to the Games grew out of his deep-rooted love of the Scottish heritage and a friendship that spanned more than three decades with Games' cofounder, Mrs. Agnes MacRae Morton.

"His hard work and wise counsel will be sorely missed. But instead of mourning our loss, we would like to celebrate Bobbie's life and acknowledge his years of dedication to the Games in a tangible memorial. Bobbie's friends from around the world have led the way with financial contributions to establish an endowment fund in his name.

"With your help, the Robert W. Groves, Jr. Endowment Fund will secure the future of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Please join us in honoring one of the great men of the Scottish American world...one who has translated his enthusiasm for his heritage into years of hard work to benefit all who visit the Grandfather Mountain annually to enjoy

the Highland Games and Gather of Scottish Clans.

We cordially invite you and your Clan or Society to be part of this vitally important work. I have appointed Royce Neil McNeil to chair the endowment fund committee. Your charitable gift is tax deductible because the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is a nonprofit 501C(3) organization. Our federal employer I.D. number is 56-6093513.

Yours aye, Ross M. Morrison, Jr. President, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Objective of the Fund: To provide long-range support of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Inc. by enhancing the cultural and educational programs and properties made available to the clans, societies, and general public.

Funding Arrangements: Initial funding will be accomplished by June 30, 2001, through gifts by friends of Robert W. Groves, Jr. and the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. All rights are reserved to continue adding to the fund beyond the initial solicitation. To ensure compliance with the IRS guidelines regarding charitable deductions associated with donations to this fund it is agreed that dominion and control of donated assets are conveyed to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games/ Robert W. Groves, Jr. Endowment Fund. Giving appreciated stocks or bonds is a wonderful way to support the fund.

Endowment Payout: The endowment payout amount will only apply to the interest derived from the endowment principle and cannot begin until June 30, 2005. Payout of interest will vary in accordance with investment performance, accrued earnings, current conditions and policy of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Board of Directors.

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Robert Groves, Jr., Endowment Fund,

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Fund Investment and Management: Endowment principle will not be invaded for any reason. Use of funds, beginning June 30, 2005, will be derived solely from endowment fund investment earnings. The investments of fund principle shall be subject to the objectives of prudent and reasonable business principles. Management shall be in accordance with applicable law, generally accepted accounting standards and practices and to resist the ravages of inflation. An annual accounting of the endowment's status will be made available by Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Inc. as required by applicable law.

Dissolution: All assets of the Robert W. (Bobbie) Groves, Jr. Endowment Fund, in the unlikely event of the dissolution of Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Inc. shall be given by way of gift to the Scottish Heritage Center of St. Andrews Presbyterian College at Laurinburg, N.C.



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Advanced payment guarantees you a primitive campsite on MacRae Meadows. Two-night minimum. (4 night minimum for extra large units, Wednesday - Saturday night).

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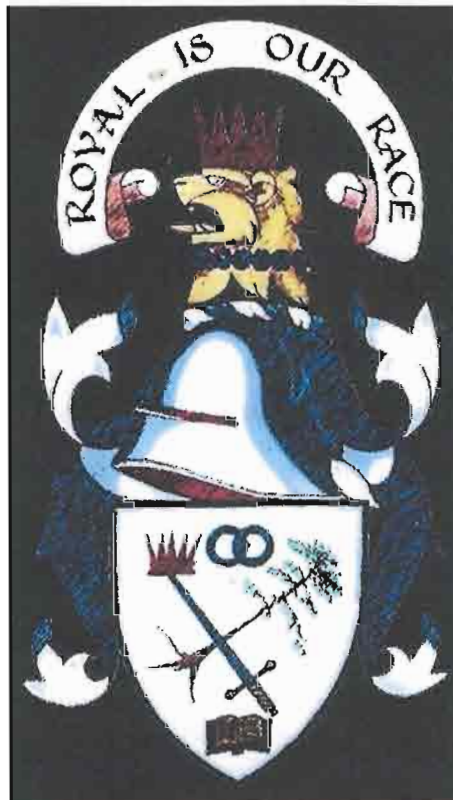
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Mary Louise

Nixon: Widow of Frank Nixon, teacher and coach at Lakewood High School; Daughter of Eleanor and D.A. Henderson; Sister of Donald Henderson (Nana); Mother of Nancy Louise, Jean (dec),



Donald Alex (Christine) and others; Grandmother of Grace, Brendan, Elizabeth and Ethan born 30 April 1934 and died April 17, 2015.

She was a lifelong resident of Lakewood and served on many civic and education groups. Graduate of Lakewood High School, of Flora Stone Mather College (CWRU) with majors in chemistry and mathematics, and of Kent State University with a master's degree in counseling / personnel work.

Community Activities: Trustee of Lakewood Public Library, member and past president of Lakewood League of Women Voters, member and chair of the Lakewood Community Development Block Grant Program, LHS Boosters Club, Lakewood Committee for Comprehensive Housing Affordability, and others.

After teaching for a time, Mary worked in student counseling. She was a counselor and financial aid advisor

for over thirty years for the Cleveland Scholarship Programs (presently College Now) She worked with students and families in many schools and agencies in Cuyahoga County. Her special passion was working with foster youth.

Citations, recognition and honors : Chief's Prize – Clan Henderson Society of USA of which she was a longtime member; Pacesetter Award – Greater Cleveland Enterprising Women; WomenCare Award-Women's Board of Lakewood Hospital; Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame – Lakewood Public Schools Alumni Association ; Education Hero Award – American Red Cross Greater Cleveland Chapter; Charter member of a Scholarship Selection Committee – Cleveland Foundation; Movers and Shakers – Plain Dealer; Honored Sheroes – Catholic Charities, Fatima Family Center; Women's Education Award – Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; Dedication to Youth award Children and Family Services of Cuyahoga County; 2004 Most Treasured Volunteer Award – Human Services Institute Center for Community Solutions; Governmental recognition citations – George V. Voinovich, Dennis J. Kucinich, Ohio House of Representatives, Mike DeWine, Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Richard Celeste.

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

Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

Membership

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

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at
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or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

Peasant Life in Argyllshire in the End of the Eighteenth Century, *continued from page 30 Section A*

Here is a specimen of one of the 'pairing songs' sung on such an occasion. The title is, *An Long Eirionnach, The Irish Ship*. It begins with the lines:—

*Ho! cl 'bheir mi learn, air an luing Eirionnaich,
Leis an fhidhil, ieis an truimb, air an lu..ig
Eirionnaich?*

The rhythm of the words requires that it be translated:

*Ho! who sails with me, on the ship 'Irishman',
With a fiddle, with a harp, on the ship
'Irishman'?*

*Ho! who goes with me, on the ship 'Irishman'?
Morag I'll take with me, on the ship 'Irishman'!
Ho! who sails with me, on the ship 'Irishman'?
Donald I'll take with me, on the ship 'Irishman'!
O'er the billows riding free, on the ship
'Irishman'.*

And so on to any number of couplets, as long as there were names in the district to be linked together. When those gave out the next district yielded a fresh supply, till the web was rolled into a 'candle.'

Very gradually during these years, potatoes were becoming more and more an article of diet, but so little were they used that we set aside only one creelful as seed potatoes against the following spring. Turnips, too, were slowly coming into general use. Tea was still a rare treat; baker's bread—soft, spongy stuff!—was not to be thought of. Until then it was honey that was used for sweetening. Salt was very expensive, being taxed to more than forty times its value.

There was one kind of food used occasionally which is probably unknown nowadays. Some of the stronger cattle were bled in spring by an expert; the blood was carefully prepared, salted in a tub and set aside for use. We called it black pudding.

We had no winnowed rye-grass or turnips in those days to feed the cattle; we were entirely dependent on the natural grass. When the lower pastures became bare it was necessary to take the cattle to be fed once, or in

some districts twice, a year to those higher pastures where sweet hill grass was plentiful. This relieved the lower pastures, allowing the grass on them to grow afresh.

A green, grassy hill was called an Airigh (pronounced ah-ry), When spring work was over, the men of the village went to the airigh to get the shellings, that is the huts, into order. Being built of turf they required to be put into thorough repair, so as to make them habitable after the storms of winter and the rains of spring, which were sure to dismantle the roofs.

One end of every hut was banked up some eighteen inches from the rest of the floor, and part of it covered with heather-tops for a bed. The heather made a fragrant springy couch, and, as it was to be used in June weather, a thin blanket to cover it, and another to cover the sleeper, were all that were needed for comfort. The

remainder of the banked up space served for a seat. We did with as little furniture as possible for our six weeks' picnic.

The little village of turf huts was a woman's township. Only one man, the aireach (herdsman) was there to help about the cattle in all matters that needed such experienced aid as his special knowledge could afford.

The sheilings were generally ready for occupation by the first week of June; then a day was fixed upon for the setting out. Of course the whole village set out together. The children were welcome, boys as well as girls, at that first outset. There were so many articles to be carried that all alike could be of help. There were the utensils and Implements needed for making butter and cheese—cogues, churns, luggies, milk-tubs, cheese-vats, a large iron pot for heating the milk in and a block of iron which, when heated red-hot, was used to sterilise the milk. The women took their distaffs and wool, for they were in the habit of going among their flocks twirling their distaffs as they minded them. Household provisions were taken, clothing too, and a few dishes and cooking utensils. Each company carried a milking stool.

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The precious Fairy Flag of the MacLeods



Thanks to Ben Johnson

In the drawing room of Dunvegan Castle is the most precious treasure of the MacLeods. It is a flag, rather tattered, made of faded brown silk and carefully darned in places. This is the MacLeods' Fairy Flag.

In 1066, King Harald Hardrada of Norway set out to conquer England. He took with him the magic flag, "Land Ravager". This flag

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Peasant Life in Argyllshire in the End of the Eighteenth Century, *continued from page 29*

The cows and the little sheep knew the way and gave little or no trouble. To prevent any bother about the calves, a churn called an imideal (butterer) was carried on the back. This special make of churn was flat on one side, so as to lit on to the back, and was covered with a skin. The lid also was secured with a skin round it; but on such an occasion as this settmg out it was not so tightly fastened but that a few drops of miik were jolted out of it while climbing the hill, and trickled down over the skin covering. The calves, lured by the dropping milk, followed the imideals of their respective owners, licking the skin as often as they were able to overtake the climber, and thus they arrived at the aingh.

There were frequent journeys to and from home during those six weeks. As often as a certain quantity of butter and cheese was ready it was carried home to be stored for future use. When the home was not too distant some of the stronger young women were accustomed to put the proper amount of cream into the imideal, then, strapping it on to their backs, they thus carried it to its destination, the churning being done by the jolting in going down the braes. The butter in this case was washed and salted after arrival. The churn did not slip off when it was bumped up and down so much, because it was held securely by two stout straps, and rested on the bunched gathers of the drugget skirt as on a cushion. When several of those heavy drugget and plaiding skirts were worn, as was the habit then, there was quite a shelf for the churn to rest on.

Every meal taken in the open air was a feast. We rarely took our food indoors. We had whey porridge very often, which I liked better than the rich milk por-

ridge, which was our Sunday treat. What a wealth there was of wild strawberries and blaeberries, as many as we could eat! We had children's rhymes to repeat too for almost everything we met.

When we children came upon a bed of cuckoo-stockings and primroses, we sang out:

*Primrose, cow-sorrel, wood-sorrel, white clover;
Food for all the little children all the bright summer over!
And leave him there!*

If a corra-chasag—a wood-louse—crossed our path, we instantly stopped and asked gravely:

*O, corra-chorra-chosag, pray,
Will to-morrow be a lovely day?
If you tell me quick and true,
A pair of brogues I'll make for you!
Did we come upon a bird's nest, we covered our mouths, believing that if our breath came near the eggs it would taint them and so scare the bird away. In leaving the nest we sang:*

*T weet-tweet-tweet-O,
Who spoiled my nest so sweet, O?
Should he be a tall man,
Fling him neadlong from the keep!
Should he be a small man
Toss him from the rocky steep!
But a clown—who doesn't care!
Turn him over to his mother*

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The Fairy Flag, continued from page 31

guaranteed victory to whoever possessed it. At the battle of Stamford Bridge, Harald Hardrada was killed and the flag vanished!

The MacLeods of Dunvegan can trace their ancestry back to Harald and have in their possession a tattered silk flag called the Fairy Flag. How the Fairy Flag came to be in Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye, the MacLeods home, has never been revealed but it was said that a MacLeod received it when he was in the Holy Land on a Crusade.

There is a tradition that should the MacLeods be in peril in battle they can unfurl the Fairy Flag and they will then be invincible. But the magic will only work three times, and it has been used twice in the past.

In 1490 the MacLeods were engaged in a desperate battle against the MacDonalds. They unfurled the flag and immediately the tide of battle turned. Many of the MacDonalds were killed and victory went to the MacLeods.

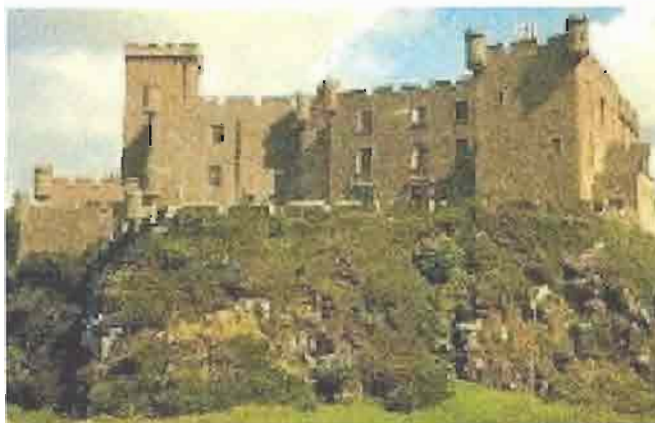
The second time was at Watnish in 1520. Again the MacDonalds, of the Clanranald branch, were the enemy and the MacLeods were hopelessly outnumbered. The Fairy Flag was unfurled and the MacDonalds were beaten!

During the Second World War many young clansmen carried a photograph of the flag as a lucky charm.

Unfortunately the flag did not quite work when Dunvegan Castle was seriously damaged by fire in 1938, but without the Fairy Flag maybe the Castle would have been completely destroyed. Who knows?



*The Faerie Flag
of Dunvegan*



Peasant Life in Argyllshire in the End of the Eighteenth Century, continued from page 31

When the cuckoo was due to return in April we were careful to eat a bit of bread before turning out in the early morning, as it was deemed unlucky to hear it for the first time in each season with our fast unbroken. But in June, it was bound to forsake its summer haunts, so we addressed it thus:

*'Cuckoo!' cried the gowk on a spray,
'I've missed thee yestreen and to-day'-;
'Cuckoo!' cried the cuckoo, 'farewell!
By the hunter I'm chased from the dell!'*

The little blue scabious was treated rudely, I don't

know why. Holding it by the neck firmly between the root of the thumb and the palm of the hand, we twisted the stem with the other hand, then, loosening the pressure of the thumb, the flower began to turn slowly round. As the flower began to turn round we repeated:

*Gidie, gillie blue-boy, if thou turn not round,
down comes my fist upon thee.*

Suiting the action to the word, at the emphatically pronounced word if 'down' we crushed the head of the flower by the violence of the blow.