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Will We Ever Know Why Nazi Leader Rudolf Hess Flew to Scotland in the Middle of World War II?



Rudolf Hess

The remarkable tale of insanity, espionage, and conspiracies remains unanswered after 75 years

On the night of May 10, 1941, a Scottish farmer named David McLean found a German Messerschmitt airplane ablaze in his field and a parachutist who identified himself as Captain Alfred Horn. McLean's mum was soon serving him a cup of tea by the cottage fire-side, but their surprise guest was no ordinary Luftwaffe

pilot. Incredibly, he was Rudolf Hess, a longtime Hitler loyalist, to say the least. Hess joined the Nazi party in 1920, stood with his friend Adolf Hitler at the Beer Hall Putsch, and served in Landsberg prison -- where he took dictation for much of *Mein Kampf*. As deputy Fuhrer, Hess was positioned behind only Hermann Goering in the succession hierarchy of the Nazi regime that had Europe firmly under the heel of its jackboot.

Hess's appearance on Scottish soil, a self-described mission of peace just weeks before Hitler would launch his ill-fated invasion of the Soviet Union, was one of the war's strangest incidents. The search for explanations began on the morning after and has roiled on now for 75 years, spawning theories both intriguing (World War II might have ended differently) and bizarre (the man wasn't Hess at all but a body double.) The truth is likely as interesting as any of the fantasies—but it's still not entirely certain what happened 75 years ago.

The fuselage from Hess' plane, now on view at

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This version of Beth's Newfangled Family Tree is eleven years old this month! The original Family Tree began in 1989 in a paper/print/mailed form and remained in print until 2005. Then, it was changed to an Internet publication - because of the cost of printing and mailing. You can see many of the original publications on electricScotland.com simply by requesting Archives, The Family Tree. (No Charge.) The editor has been the same since the very beginning.

A present for everyone on our birthday!  *See page 17! Yummy!*

Glasgow Highland Games

Glasgow, Kentucky

2016 Games set for
Friday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 5th



Winners of the 3 (or more) Generations Award in red shirts top and bottom right. Most deservedly, Clan MacNicol won this award for bringing FIVE generations to our games. They are showing the numbers of years they have attended Glasgow Highland Games. We hope their smiles mean they will be with us for many more years to come. **Bring your own Three Generations to the Glasgow Highland Games!**

2016 Honored Society, **Highland Rim Scottish Society** from Tullahoma, Tennessee.
2016 Honored Scottish Clan, **Clan MacNicol Society**



The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has a service called the Safe Patrol. If you are on an interstate or parkway and need assistance with your car, they can provide gas, oil, air for flat tires, jump batteries and other minor repairs free of charge. The telephone number to call is 1-877-367-5982. This is a good number to put in your cell phone. Below is the website that details what they provide. Visit: <http://www.transportation.ky.gov>

The Kentucky Tourism Council has selected the Glasgow Highland Games as a "Top Ten" Festival Event for the summer.



Absolutely No Pets - No Refunds - No Provisions available for Pets



I found 4 ½ yds by 72 inches deep Morrison Ancient (also called Old) tartan (STWR #933).

I found it on the Tartan Register or Tartan Authority site, can't remember which off the top of my head and had a verification email from the Tartan Museum in Franklin.

It's in perfect condition, not moldy/musty smelling, was folded in large folds, not all wadded up. The selvages are finished and there is one marking on the selvaige- 8 i. No idea what that means.

If you run across someone who might be interested, pass this along or have them get in touch with me.

I already checked with Robert Morrison and he said he didn't really think anyone from Clan Morrison would be interested-seems it's a hybrid/specialty tartan that's actually a one off from the more popular Morrison tartan even tho it is registered and has an STWR number.

I'm sending some photos-it's a very nice dull red with black, green and white, not a brilliant chemically colored red like you sometimes see with Stewart tartans. The photo makes the red look a little loud.

I'm asking what I think is a very reasonable price-my intent is to put most of the money towards a second place prize for the highland dance scholarship at the Smoky Mtn Highland Games, if not this year then for next year.

For information about the Morrison tartan, contact starintn@outlook.com, Star Lakovage.

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Hope Vere Heritage Tours: www.hopevereheritagetours.com

A-Z index of research guides on the National Records of Scotland's website

The National Records of Scotland (NRS) website contains an excellent A-Z index of guides to the records that are available via ScotlandsPeople and NRS. Also, where NRS does not hold a specific set of records, this index contains advice on where to go to access records held elsewhere.

We hope this A-Z index will help people with their ancestral research and to learn more about where specific records are kept and what is available. 'Who Do You Think You Are Magazine' (June 2016) praises these research guides as 'always clear and concise, and can be especially helpful if you're unfamiliar with terms for certain types of records north of the border.'

Site Seeing!

As a native of Jacksonville, Florida...I was always rather ignorant of the Jacksonville Fire of 1901.

I only knew that Helen Bounteau, our elderly neighbor, was the widow of one of the victims of that fire - and that she and my grandmother were great friends.

It's a sad, sad story...beth

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[1901 Jacksonville Fire](#)
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Hello Jamestowne Society, Georgia Company Members,

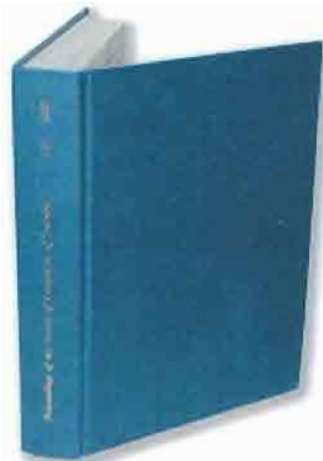
Our Governor, Betty B. Harrah, has asked me to send a Save the Date note to you for our June Meeting. The meeting will be held on June 11, 2016 beginning at 11:00AM at Ansley Golf Club.

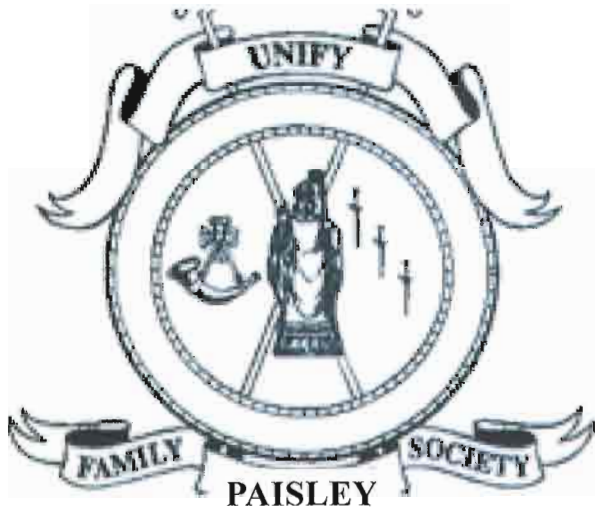
The program will be given by Susan B. Sloan and is titled: God's Providence and the Jamestowne Colony. Lunch will be \$35 and reservations must be made with Sharon Sowder by June 1st.

We hope you will be able to attend and will look forward to seeing you on June 11th. Gail R. Godfrey, Recording Secretary

Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Hardcopy Proceedings - Important! Please remember that you have to opt-in to continue to receive your hardcopy version of the Proceedings. A limited number of the volume will be printed this year and only those who opt-in will receive a copy. Let us know your preference by emailing info@socantscot.org or register through the Fellows Section of the website www.socantscot.org. The deadline is 10th October 2016.





The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

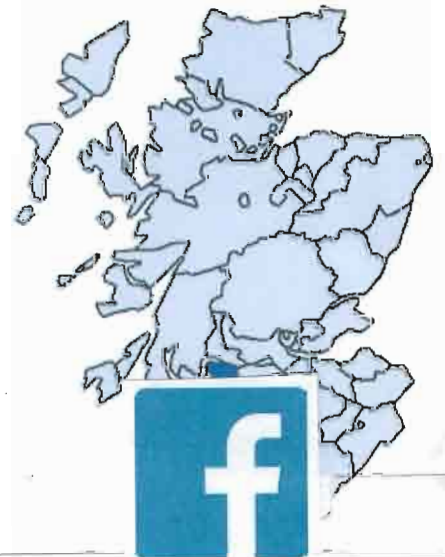


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

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

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

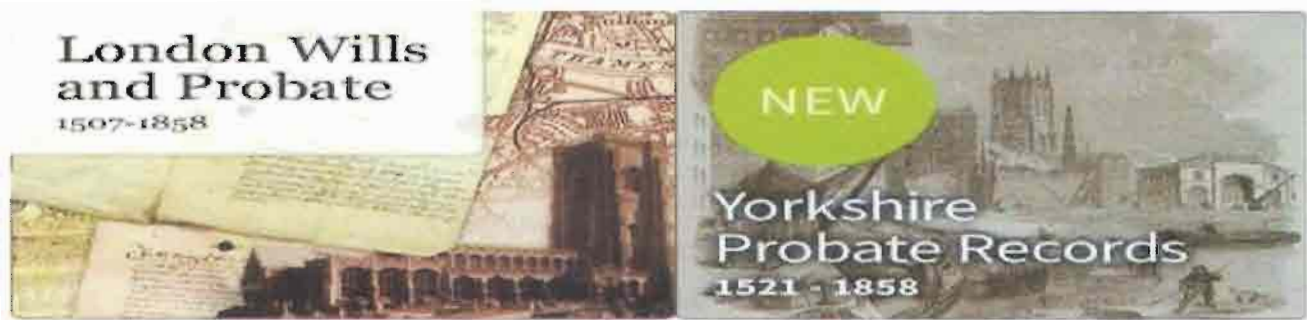
Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburgshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and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



WOW! NC's Triad Games, MD's Fairfield, Charleston, SC and Richmond, VA! The Paisley Family Society was busy in 2015. Check our webpage <www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk> to see what we're up to in 2016. Contact Martha Brown at: mbrown2205@aol.com. Paisley DNA project: <dlangsto_@yahoo.com>



AGM & Spring Gathering 2015 at Ardtalla, Scotland



Researching Probate Records in England

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

When researching probate records in England, researchers must focus on two distinct time periods. Prior to January 1858, the probate process was under the jurisdiction of designated ecclesiastical courts of the Church of England. Post 1858 probated were handled by civil courts under the jurisdiction of the British government.

Pre-1858 wills were proved in the ecclesiastical courts based on the following jurisdictions.

1. Archbishops Court: The Prerogative Court of Canterbury, also known by the initials P.C.C. handled the south of England, and was considered the most important. The Prerogative Court of York, also known by the initials P.C.Y. administered the northern parts of England.

2. Bishop's Court: Consistory Court covered individual dioceses, whereas the Commissary Courts covered either a designated part or an entire county.

3. Archdeacon's Court: Covered one archdeaconry.

4. Peculiar or Local Court: These covered a particular parish, group of parishes, or special designated areas depending on circumstances applicable at the time.

The process of determining which court or courts had jurisdiction was usually governed by the criteria that if a man had "bona notabilia" in the amount of over £5 or more in only one archdeaconry, the will was proved in the appropriate archdeaconry court for that area. If located in multiple archdeaconries, then the proceedings were under the jurisdiction of the Commissary or Consistory Court. If the estate or goods, assets, etc. were located in multiple dioceses, then jurisdiction went to the P.C.C. or the P.C.Y.

Whenever there were any types of unresolved issues, the P.C.C. had final authority. The Peculiars were parishes that were exempt from the jurisdiction of the local archdeacon, or even the bishop. They might report direct to the archbishop, or to some other local ecclesiastic official like a dean or prebend of a cathedral, or even under the control of a civil authority in the form of a manorial court.

Post January 1858 wills were proved in either the principal Probate Registry in London or at one of the District Registries located throughout England. Copies of all wills were supposed to have been sent to the Principal Probate Registry. There is a yearly index beginning with 1858 that covers all of England and Wales. The index from 1858 to 1959 is available on Family Search, Ancestry.com, and Ancestry Library Edition, as well as the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

The indexes are separated into a different volume for each year. The entries in each volume are then alphabetized by surname. Information varies across different entries, but each typically includes:

Probate date; Full name of the deceased; Death date; Death place; Registry where issued

If you wish to order a copy of a will or grant mentioned in this collection, you can do so for a fee from the Principal Probate Registry at First Avenue House or any district probate registry. You'll need to provide the full name of the deceased, the date of the grant and the registry where it was issued.

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Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy & Rootstech Conferences set for July 9, 2016

For those that are interested, the following link contains initial listing of 2017 courses.

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Formal registration will begin on July 9, 2016 as well as the option for making lodging reservations. Because of many new renovations throughout the immediate downtown area in the last couple of years, many of the smaller and less expensive places for lodging in the immediate vicinity of where the classes will be held and the Family History Library no longer exist. Staying at the designated conference hotel at the 2016 conference was definitely less expensive and proved to be very beneficial for going to classes and accessing the FHC. More detailed descriptions should be on the website sometime in mid to late May.

For those who have attended previous SLIG conferences, please be aware that due to other conventions, being held in January, SLIG and Rootstech conferences have been moved to later in January and February respectively. SLIG 2017 will be held Beginning Sunday, January 22nd through Friday, January 27, 2017.

The Rootstech, organized by FamilySearch will take place from 8th February to the 10th February 2017 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. The conference will cover areas like, learn more about new skills along with they will get the assistance of the professionals. This summit is divided into more than 100 classes where leading professionals of international repute will help the attendees in every possible way.

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'The Surnames of Scotland' by George F. Black - now available online for FREE

A very interesting resource for people tracing their Scottish ancestors is *'The Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning, and History'*, by George F. Black. At over 800 pages, this book is a fascinating read for anyone who wishes to discover more about Scottish surnames ; especially people who live outside Scotland.

Black's book is now available for FREE on the web at the Hathi Trust Digital Library. To read the book, just go to [this website page](#) and then click on the link that says 'Full view' (below the 'Viewability' sub-heading).

We also sometimes feature Scottish surnames and first names on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

Meeting dates for the Scottish Genealogy Group at the BIFSGO - Ottawa Archives, Ontario

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa in Ottawa (BIFSGO) have announced the 2016 dates and times for the meetings of their Scottish Genealogy Group. These meetings are for beginners and experts alike, and the dates/times are as follows:

- Saturday 18 June, 10am to 12pm
- Saturday 24 September, 10am to 12pm
- Saturday 22 October, 10am to 12pm
- Saturday 19 November, 10am to 12pm



Scottish Society of Indianapolis will march in Carmel, Indiana - 4th of July

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis has been invited to march in, not one, but two, parades on the Fourth of July, but we will march in Carmel on **Monday, July 4, 2016** in the Fourth of July Parade sponsored by the Nationalities Council of Indiana in Carmel, Indiana. Visit the Link at <http://www.carmelfest.net>

THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

'S Rioghal Mo Dhream! Royal is my Race!

Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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Clan Donald Flowers of the Forest

Clan Donald member, **Edwina Ezell Meador** passed away peacefully in her home December 20, 2015. She has “gone home” to be with the love of her life for 60 years, Raymond. Today they are dancing again in Heaven.

Edwina was born January 24, 1928 in Ward, Alabama, to Claude and Fredrica Ezell. She has one surviving sister, Elizabeth Sutton of Indiana.

Ray and Edwina found their way to Pensacola in 1954.

Edwina was a dedicated home-maker, Mother and wife with a passion for growing flowers.

Raymond was with the school system 42 years and Edwina worked part-time as a substitute teacher at Warrington Middle.

Together they raised 4 children: Chip (Susan) Meador—Corpus Christi TX, Suzanne (Ryan) Rathje—Parthenon AR, Sherri (Albert) Ward—Pace FL and Sandi (Jeff) Robertson, Oak Ridge TN.

Meemee’s favorite endeavor was loving her 9 grandchildren. Each one has a special place in her heart and stories to tell. AJ, Allen, Carmen, Jacy, Danielle, Jeremy, Heidi, Emily and Brian will continue to make their Meemee proud.

Edwina was a member of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church and lived her faith for all to see. She embodies the true spirit of compassion, generosity and unconditional love. She had a delightful Southern charm, a zest for life and an enduring heart of gold.

Edwina’s legacy will live on in many hearts.

We are so grateful for the love of friends along the way. She loved you all and you know who you are.

Special thanks are extended to her dedicated grandson, Allen, who resided with his Meemee the last few years and kept her spirits high.

Thank you to her loving caregiver, Gretchen Shields, who gave the family peace of mind.

Thank you, Dr. Amos Prevatt for years of vigilant care and friendship.

James T. “Tom” McCarroll, age 87 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, September 4, 2015. Tom worked at Norfolk Shipyard during WWII in Virginia.

He was a member of Kingston Pike Baptist Church. Tom retired from the City of Lenoir as Superintendent of Streets and Public Works.

He was a member of the Lenoir City Fire Department for 38 years and the National Campers and Hikers Association for decades. He was a talented lifelong musician and master fiddler carrying on a family tradition.

Preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Polly Stout McCarroll; parents, Jim and Liddie McCarroll; brothers, Frank, Raymond, Arthur and Virgil; sisters, Grace and Mary, and special friends, Helen Kollock Alford and Maxine Frazier.

Survived by his daughter and son-in-law, MidSouth Regional Clan Donald Commissioner, Tammie and Brian Burroughs of Lenoir City; brother, Charlie McCarroll of Loudon; grandchildren, Christopher Burroughs and wife, Heidi of Rocky Top, TN, Shelby Myers and husband, Jimmy of Oak Ridge; great grandchildren, Timothy McGrew and wife, Jessica of Caryville, Jakob Meyer of Powell, and James Myers of Oak Ridge; great-great grandchildren, Syllas and Brently McGrew; many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Paul Howard Shewmaker passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.

Paul was born in Jessamine County, KY on August 27, 1937 to the late John Shewmaker and wife, Gertrude Woods Shewmaker. He is also preceded in death by three brothers. He was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Melton Shewmaker of Jackson, TN; a son, Clan Donald member, Terry (Dana) Shewmaker of Humboldt, TN;

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Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

www.elliotclan.com

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

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

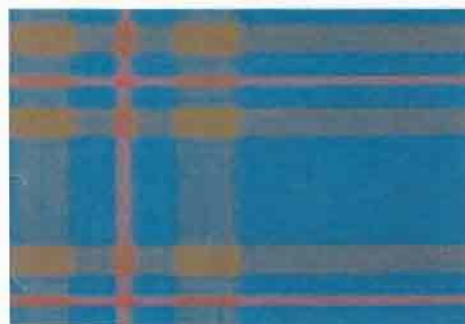
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Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 13*
three daughters, Paula (Richard) Knolton of Jackson,
TN, Leah (Donny) Spratlin of Jackson, TN and Cyndi
(Jimmy) Collum of Jackson, TN. He is also survived
by five brothers, two sisters and seven grandchildren.

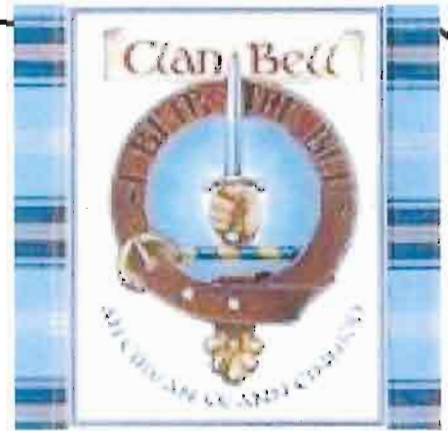
Our Deepest Sympathies to the family of Jerry
McDonald and Jennifer McDonald-Fagg (both Clan
Donald members) in the loss of Jerry's brother, **Jimmy
McDonald**. He was born February 25, 1949 and
died February 24, 2016. He leaves behind his wife
Martha his kids Jayleen, Karen, Sharan, and Jimmy,
as well as 7 grandchildren. He is preceded in death
by his mother, father, sister, and nephew Shawn.

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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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to everyone from
Beth's Newfangled Family Tree!

*On our 11th birthday, we wish everyone joy and happiness...
and delicious Inside/Outside CAKE!*

Make everything as the directions say.

* Butter Pecan Cake Mix
(Betty Crocker)

* 5 eggs

* 1 cup water

* 2/3 cup vegetable oil

* 1 tsp vanilla

* 1 cup chopped pecans

* Coconut Pecan frosting

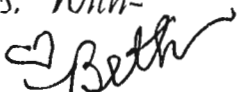
Mix first five ingredients
and blend well.

Stir in chopped pecans
and the frosting.

Spray bundt pan with
Baker's Joy

Bake in 315 degrees for
55-60 minutes.

Optional, sprinkle a bit of
confectioners sugar on top.

*I've taken this to Scottish Games, St. Andrew's Society, covered dish suppers
everywhere...and have made it for countless friends, cohorts and co-conspirators. With-
out fail, everyone has loved it. Never has even one crumb come home. Enjoy! *



clankeith-usa.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

Septs and spellings include: Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixon - Dixon - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeitch - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

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



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

Times Square in New York City



1908 | New York . "Times Square " The old New York Times building, now encased in billboards, Hotel Astor and various theaters seen from Broadway.

Diane Carey-Schmitz, Clan Donald USA High Commissioner, to be guest at the 2016 Glasgow Highland Games!

Diane Carey-Schmitz became the High Commissioner of Clan Donald USA on January 1, 2015. She is the first woman to be named to this position.

The High Commissioner serves as the President of the Clan Donald organization in the US and is the US representative of our High Chief, Lord Godfrey Macdonald of Macdonald.

Diane is originally from Maryland – the Washington, DC metro area – and is a proud Terrapin, and theatre geek.

Professionally, her background is in Human Resources and Benefits.

She has been a member of Clan Donald since 1978 and active in the Scottish and Irish communities since that time.

Since moving to Southern California in 1988, she has been very involved in the Clan Donald's South Pacific Region, serving in various positions from Convener to Regional Commissioner.

At the national level she served as National Secretary and Deputy High Commissioner before beginning her term as High Commissioner.

When not busy with Clan Donald, she serves on the Vestry of Saint Mark's Parish and sings in the choir.

Her husband, Marion Schmitz, is an astronomer at Cal Tech, working on the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database.

He is the National Membership Chair of Clan Donald USA. Their daughter, Maura Schmitz currently lives and works in Berkeley, California.

The Clan Colquhoun Society in North America
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The Clan Colquhoun International Society

<http://www.clancolquhoun.com>



Contact Tom Hodges:
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Clan Colquhoun are:
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Clan Blair Society

Memberships are cordially invited for Blair
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Rudolf Hess, *continued from page 1*

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The Hess flight was remarkable in itself. He left an airfield near Munich in a small Messerschmitt fighter-bomber a little before 6 p.m., flying up the Rhine and across the North Sea. Hess displayed considerable skill by navigating such a course alone, using only charts and maps, on a foggy dark night over largely unfamiliar terrain—all while avoiding being shot down by British air defenses. By 10:30, Hess was over Scotland, out of fuel, and forced to bail out just 12 miles from his destination.

That unlikely site was Dungavel House, home of the Duke of Hamilton. Hess hoped to make contact with one of the highly placed British figures who, unlike Churchill, were willing to make peace with the Nazis on Hitler's terms. Hess believed that Hamilton headed a faction of such people and immediately asked his captors to be taken to him. But Hess was misinformed. Hamilton, who wasn't home that night but on duty commanding an RAF air base, was committed to his country and to its fight against Germany.

The unlikely envoy's mission quickly took a turn for the worse. When granted a meeting with Hamilton the next day Hess's pleas fell on deaf ears. Worse for Hess, he denied from the start that Hitler knew anything of his mission, which meant that the British afforded him none of the diplomatic respect to which he thought he'd be entitled. Instead he was imprisoned, and by the night of June 16, the obvious failure of his mission left Hess so mentally shattered that he attempted suicide by hurling himself down a flight of stairs.

Hess spent the war in British hands, confined in various locales including (briefly) the Tower of London and a military hospital at which he was even allowed guarded drives in the country. He was visited frequently by intelligence officers eager for secrets and by psychiatrists eager to plumb the Nazi mind—which in Hess's case increasingly showed serious signs of mental illness. The psychiatric examinations were rooted less in concern for Hess's mental health than in the hope that this fanatically devoted Nazi could pro-

vide them valuable insights about how the criminals ruling Germany, including Hitler himself, thought.

Hess was transferred back to Nuremberg for the post-war trials in October, 1945, where he escaped the hangman but was sentenced to life in prison. He spent the rest of his long life, 46 years, as Prisoner Number 7 in Spandau where he lingered long after the other Nazis were freed. Hess was the facility's only prisoner for more than 20 years, his term ending only when the 93-year-old was found hanging from a lamp cord in a garden building in August 1987. The suicide was denounced as a murder by those, including Hess's own son, who suspected he'd been silenced.

But Hess's death didn't end the questions. Had he really come alone? Had someone sent him to Scotland or had someone sent for him?



News of Hess's flight was a bombshell in Berlin, and Nazi authorities quickly moved to disassociate him from the regime. The German public was quickly told that Hess suffered from mental disturbance and hallucinations.

Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propagandist who knew much about such tactics, feared that the British would use Hess as part of a devastating campaign targeting German morale. He worried in his private diary on May 14 that the German public was "rightly asking how such a fool could be second to the Führer."

But the furor gradually died down. Though Hess held a powerful title, his actual influence in the Nazi hierarchy had waned dramatically by 1941, so much so that some have speculated that his flight was born of hopes to regain Hitler's favor by delivering him an agreement with the British. Instead his departure simply consolidated the power of his ambitious and manipulative former deputy Martin Bormann.

Yet a persistent theory has suggested that Hess's ill-fated peace mission was actually carried out with Hitler's knowledge—and the understanding that he'd be disavowed as insane if it failed.

In 2011, Matthias Uhl of the German Historical
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Institute Moscow unearthed some purported evidence for this claim. Hess's adjutant, Karlheinz Pintsch, had handed Hitler an explanatory letter from Hess on the morning after the flight, and Uhl discovered a report featuring Pintsch's description of that encounter in the State Archive of the Russian Federation.

Pintsch claimed that Hitler received his report calmly. The flight occurred "by prior arrangement with the English," Pintsch wrote, adding that Hess was tasked to "use all means at his disposal to achieve, if not a German military alliance with England against Russia, at least the neutralization of England."

This version aligns well with Soviet claims dating back to Stalin himself that British intelligence services had been in touch with Hess and duped him into the flight. In fact they may align too well, for the statement was produced during the decade when Pintsch was an often-tortured Soviet prisoner and its language smacks of Cold War propaganda terminology—suggesting the Soviets coerced the version from Pintsch.

Indeed other witnesses reported a very different reaction from Hitler. Inner circle Nazi Albert Speer, waiting outside Hitler's office during the meeting, described the Nazi leader's reaction as "an inarticulate, almost animal out-cry" of rage. "What bothered him was that Churchill might use the incident to pretend to Germany's allies that Hitler was extending a peace feeler," Speer wrote in *Inside the Third Reich*. "Who will believe me when I say that Hess did not fly there in my name, that the whole thing is not some sort of intrigue behind the backs of my allies? Japan might even alter her policy because of this," he quotes Hitler, while also noting Hitler's hope that Hess might luckily crash and die in the North Sea.

Speer discussed the flight with Hess himself 25 years later when both were incarcerated in Spandau. "Hess assured me in all seriousness that the idea had been inspired in him in a dream by supernatural forces," he said. "We will guarantee England her empire; in return she will give us a free hand in Europe." That was the message he took to England—without man-

aging to deliver it. It had also been one of Hitler's recurrent formulas before and occasionally even during the war."

British historian Peter Padfield explores the "British duped Hess" theory in *Hess, Hitler & Churchill*. As with much of the Hess affair definitive evidence is lacking but a few tantalizing possibilities exist. Padfield has unearthed intriguing nuggets from period sources: the diary of a well-placed Czech exile who'd viewed a report suggesting an English trap, reports of Soviet spies who'd uncovered now untraceable evidence of the same. In 2010 the son of a Finnish intelligence agent who'd been on Britain's payroll claimed that his father was involved in the plot.

The official records that have been made available, perhaps not surprisingly, reveal no such role for the British intelligence services. The most plausible

motivation for such a plot, were it ever to have existed, was that the British hoped it would convince Hitler to scrap or at least postpone an invasion of Britain; a peace settlement would make such a drastic and dangerous step unnecessary and free him to

focus on the battle against his most hated enemy—the Soviet Union.

MI5 files declassified in 2004 suggest that Hess did have his adviser Albrecht Haushofer pen a letter to Hamilton in 1940, suggesting that a neutral site meeting could advance secret peace talks. British intelligence intercepted that letter, investigated (and exonerated) Hamilton for being part of a pro-peace Nazi plot, and seriously considered the possibility of replying to set up a double-cross.

But they dismissed the scheme and simply let the matter drop without ever knowing that Hess was the man behind the communication, the official files suggest.

However those files are far from complete. Some of the intelligence files on the Hess affair are known to have been 'weeded,' or destroyed. Whatever information they held is lost—but other classified files re-

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main and have yet to be released.

Earlier this week, the Duke of Hamilton's son, James Douglas-Hamilton, called for the British government to release its remaining classified documents concerning the affair.

Conspiracy theorists suspect that the documents could contain not only transcripts of interrogations but correspondence between Hess and other figures including George VI. But Douglas-Hamilton, who has written his own book on the Hess affair, suspects they won't embarrass prominent Britons who really did want to deal with Hess but rather they'll likely confirm the standard story.

"The evidence shows Britain had an honorable record in fighting the Third Reich and did not swerve from that position," he told *The Scotsman*. "Excessive secrecy with regard to the release of relevant material has, and can serve to, obscure that reality."

In recent years a few other secret files have emerged. In 2013 a U.S. auction house offered an astounding folder of documents, still marked top secret, some 300 pages that appear to have been authored by Hess himself during his wartime captivity and carried with him to the Trial of the Major War Criminals in Nuremberg. They had been missing ever since.

The files are shrouded in a Hollywood-style intrigue; who got their hands on them, and how exactly, and why did they then simply give them away to the current seller for nothing via an anonymous phone call? But the papers themselves tend to dispel mysteries rather than raise them, and that's assuming that the contents are genuine. The auction house made some scans and transcripts of them public for the sale, and it's unclear if they ever changed hands. In one of the digitized documents, Hess described his interview with Hamilton on the morning after his flight in a passage that perhaps provides the best window into the workings of the mind that conceived this unusual attempt.

"The British cannot continue the war without

coming to terms with Germany... by my coming to England, the British Government can now declare that they are able to have talks... convinced that the offer by the Fuhrer is genuine," the files note.

But the rulers of Great Britain were convinced of no such thing. Former Foreign Secretary Lord Simon, the highest-placed person known to have met Hess, interviewed him on June 10 a few days before his first suicide attempt. "Hess has come on his own initiative," Simon wrote of the meeting. "He has not flown over on the orders, or with the permission or previous knowledge, of Hitler. It is a venture of his own."

With that Hess was simply locked up for the rest of his long days, though Winston Churchill, writing in *The Grand Alliance*, claimed at least some distress at his fate.



"Whatever may be the moral guilt of a German who stood near to Hitler, Hess had, in my view, atoned for this by his completely devoted and frantic deed of lunatic benevolence," he wrote. "He came to us of his own free will, and, though without

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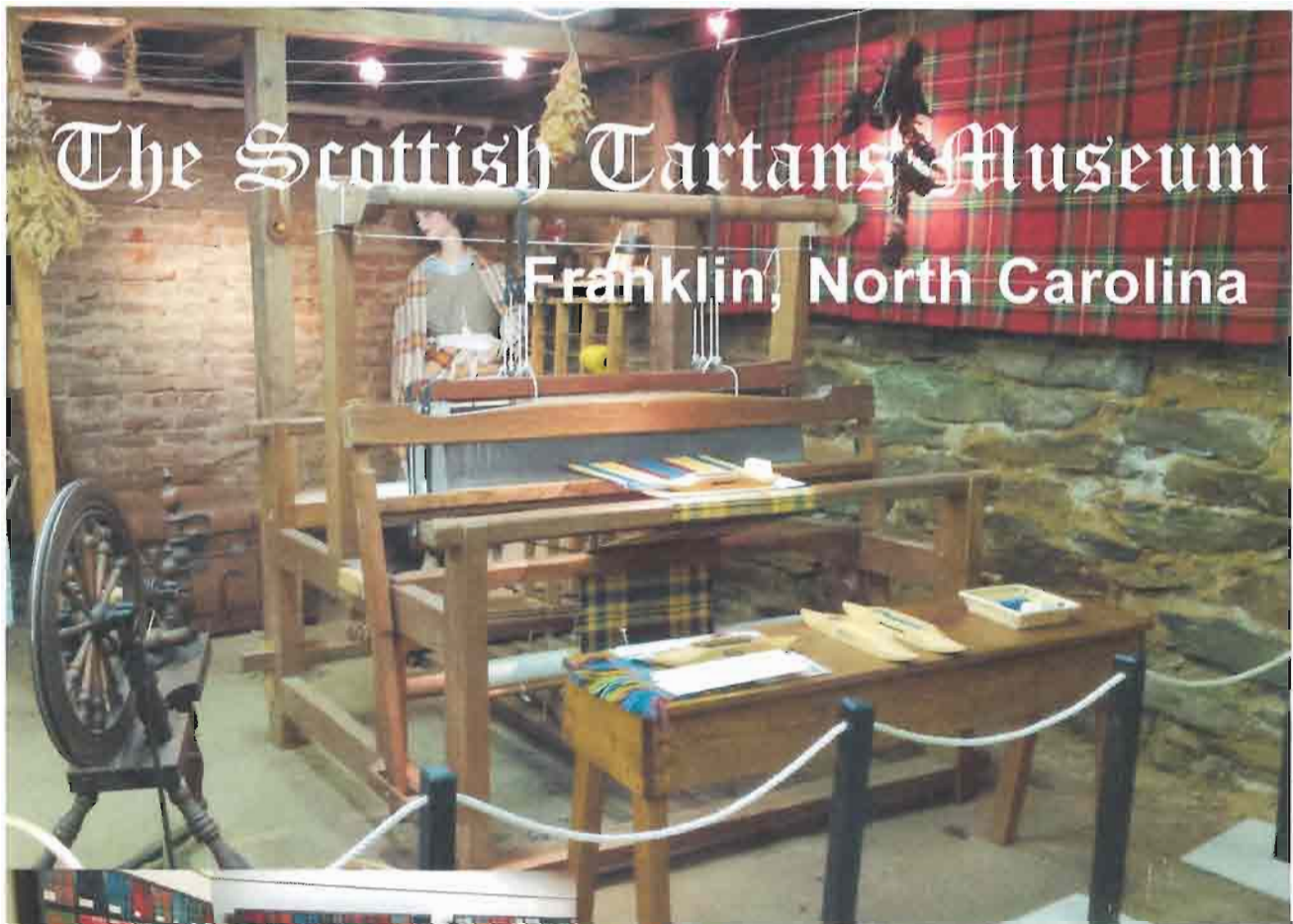
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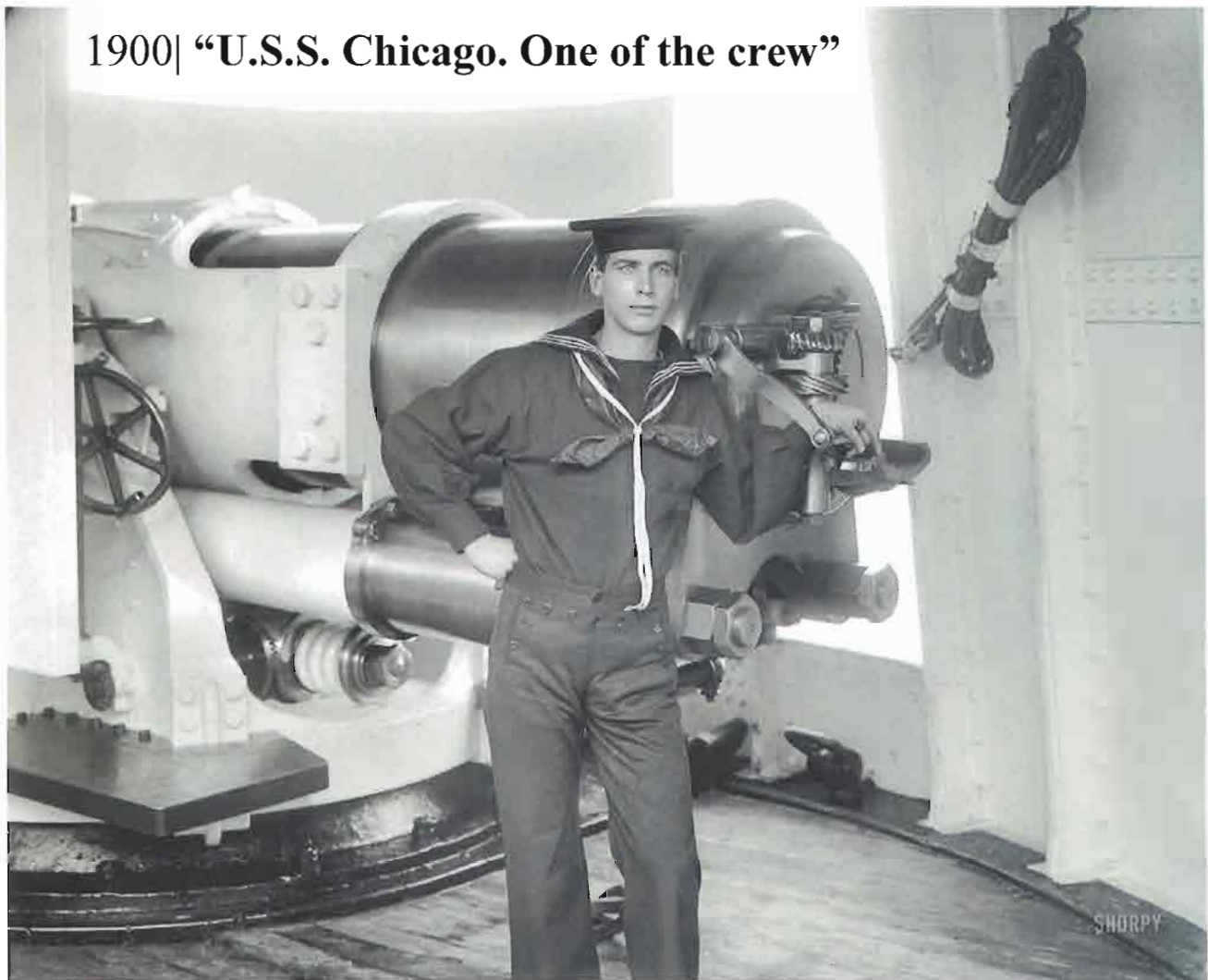
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