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Scottish grooms rugby pals perform a surprise Haka on the banks of Loch Lomond for the wedding guests

Players from Garnock Rugby Club learned the traditional Maori war dance over six weeks after bride Alyson Reid asked them to surprise their teammate, Graeme, with the routine at the Butorich Castle in Balloch .

She also pulled out all the stops with a rugby-themed reception, complete with ticket style invites and rugby ball centrepieces – so the Haka was the icing on the cake.

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Happy Birthday to Beth's Newfangled Family Tree!
We're 11 years old in this format & 27 years old altogether!



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 before the
 first of the next month.



A lovely lady
 wearing a
 handsome
 Buchanan
 bonnet!

Joe Cash
 and his son
 wearing
 matching
 Clan
 MacTavish
 tartan!

Around and about the Scottish community



Have we found the "Littlest Drummer?" (below)



Letter from your editor.....

What's right... and, what's wrong with our Scottish community...



Ya' know, I've been rattling about the Scottish community in the USA and further away for a very long, long time.

I wasn't exactly a teenager when I finally found a job that did not require working all weekend. (Radio is great fun, but you sure don't have many weekends or holidays away from remote broadcasts or just regular broadcasting shift schedules.)

There were a few years that I just got to come to a few games nearby where I lived and enjoy them...no responsibilities nor anything to be accomplished.

Then, my new job required that I go to LOTS of Scottish Games all over the place. (Think of the old, "Oh, please don't throw me in the briar patch!") I never did get accustomed to being allowed to just soak up the music, the laughter and carrying on...the camaraderie of it all at the same time I worked very hard!

I was still young enough to have unlimited energy and boundless enthusiasm for just everything. Come to think of it - the boundless enthusiasm is still with me even if two titanium hips now keep me from running the kilted mile!

The hips are not from old age, believe it or not...they are because of my love of riding horses and then the excitement of bareback bronc riding. (Ask me sometimes, to tell you the story about the little horse that tried to make me the first astronaut and who did his very best to throw me to the moon.)

Anyway, there is so much right with our Scottish community that it makes me proud to be a part of it.

The Scottish clans make such a difference here in the USA and in Scotland - with their generous support of monuments, their scholarships, their caring concern

for their clansmen and clanswomen.

Every once in awhile, I think of my own friends and am always amazed to know that the majority of my dearest are amongst the Scots at the games.

When you have a moment, please do the same and realize how many friends you have from not only your own clan, but from all over the Scottish "map" of clans!

Amazing, isn't it.

The Scottish clans enable youngsters to learn dance and pipes and drums and fiddles and penny whistles and so much more.

The Scottish clans and organizations make us very aware of Scottish food and, oh yes, Scottish drink and those yummy desserts.

We are, I'm told, more Scottish than many who live in Scotland. To me, it's easy to figure out why that is...those folks can just look out their windows and SEE Scotland. We "canna" do that, can we? Nope.

The other week, I was embroidering clan names on my new "skirt" that is made of eight of my different tartans...doing this while I was with Tom in the hospital...and all the nurses on the floor came by to ask me, "What is MY tartan?"

We actually figured out a few folks' clans! What fun.

During the years of my association with clans and tartans and games, I've been treated with so much kindness by so many. I've been made a part of almost twenty clans with Honorary Memberships...None of the people responsible for all of that will ever know how much their kindness was appreciated.

Oh, the "what's wrong" part? There's not enough to count. Nope.



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Southern Cross of Honor

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Ann McLeod

Have you ever wanted to honor the gravesite of an ancestor who served as a Confederate soldier in the War Between the States?

Have you ever seen a cross shaped iron monument on a grave and wondered exactly what it was all about?

You might have heard about the Southern Cross of Honor and how it was a postbellum honor presented by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to members of the United Confederate Veterans.

The cross has a representation of a Confederate battle flag placed on the center surrounded by a wreath, with the inscription "The Southern Cross of Honor." On the back is the motto of the Confederate States of

America, "Deo Vindice," the dates 1861-1865 and the inscription, "From the UDC to the UCV."

UDC stands for the United Daughters of the Confederacy and UCV stands for the United Confederate Veterans.

The Southern Cross of Honor could only be bestowed through the UDC. It could not be purchased. It was given in recognition of loyal, honorable service to the South and only a Confederate veteran could wear it.

The Southern Cross of Honor is not the same as the wartime medal that was approved by an act of the Congress of the Confederate States on October 13, 1862.

It never became a reality. Disagreement as well as financial difficulties prevented it from being realized.

On July 1, 1896 however, Gen. Stephen Drill Lee, one of the few remaining senior officers of the Confederate Army, spoke to a group of sons of Confederate veterans who had gathered at Richmond to form a group to preserve the memory and valor of the Confederate soldiers.

He told the group it was their duty to present the true history of the South to future generations. This group, chartered as the "Sons of Confederate Veterans", was committed to that charge.

The current Southern Cross of Honor came into being following a reunion in 1898. It was conceived in Atlanta in July 1898 by Mrs. Alexander S. (Mary Ann Lamar Cobb) Erwin of Athens, Georgia, at a reunion of Confederate veterans.

Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. Sarah E. Gabbett of Atlanta were credited with the design of the medal.

At that time, it was authorized by the UDC to be awarded to any Confederate Veteran who had provided "loyal, honorable service to the South and was given in recognition of this devotion."

In 1977, Private Samuel Davis of Coleman's Scouts, became the first to be posthumously presented the Confederate Medal of Honor. Since then, many others

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Site Seeing!

Dangerous trains...



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Have You Heard About the Anglo-Scottish Border?

Ian Martin, MA (Hons), FSA Scot.

I was given permission to use whatever I wished from this publication...and, upon reading it...decided use all I have space for this time...and more next time. Clan Armstrong's Gilknockie Tower is at the middle of everything. Hope you all enjoy. Beth

Issue Sixty-three 04 May 2017

Hi folks. I offer my sincere apologies for the delay in sending out issues of *Have You Heard* recently. A problem with a certain 'Lady of the Esk Valley' has taken up more of my time than I had ever suspected she could, or would. Now that she is under some kind of control, or she 'was' when I left the building at two thirty today, I am going to try and move onto other items. We will hear more from this 'Complex Lady' later!

I know well that Frank Wherit had a certain format that he used with *Have You Heard*, and I really liked the style he used. An A4 'page-ish' full of gossip, news, the odd bad joke, and much, much more. Rest in Peace, Frank, "Ee hev din a gran joo!" Frank's theory was to produce an interesting page or two, easily read at a coffee break, full of anything Armstrong or Anglo-Scottish Borders and beyond. That said, the current Esk Valley news is now very different and to a degree, has changed dramatically. The news gathering methods we now operate in the Esk Valley between Langholm and Canonbie, which of course still is an integral and very important part of the Anglo-Scottish Debatable Lands, also have changed. So, we are going to continue in the direction Frank's footsteps point us, but change and tweak our format and content.

We hope to have *HYH* out on a monthly basis, but it could be every two weeks, or if I'm in the garden, or trying to humour this 'Women of the Valley', it might be every two months. Really, a lot depends on what is happening, and how important it is to report. All that said, we will do our best to get *HYH* back to reporting what is going on. If you are interested in receiving copies of the newsletter, the e-mail address is gilnockietower@gmail.com. In fact, you can use that address for inquiries, or for sending any other Reiver information.

If I may be permitted to introduce myself, please, I am Ian Martin. In my past lives, I have been the archivist with the Clan Armstrong Trust (CAT), mature student at the University of Glasgow, and a retired electrical engineer. I felt it was a dishonour and tragedy that with CAT itself relocating itself into the pages of Border history, some part of that organisation was not being retained. I have experienced its genesis and growth as an extremely interesting past. It would be unfair not to recognise, accord, and record the greatest respect to the hard working board members from CAT, for the immense amount of resources and labour they dedicated to the organisation over many, many years. Let us hope that someone, possibly younger, in the very near future will pick up

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on the CAT past and run with it again, returning the Clan Armstrong Trust to its former glory. I offer a sincere and grateful thank you to the Board, the Trust membership, and the many helpers who have been involved over the years.

First of all the format changes, even a wee bit of local dialect, I will not be using the word "I" from now on if it can be helped, simply because it is not only me that will be running the *HYH* it will be the people who read it, the people who contribute to the work inside the Debatable Lands, and 'yow yins', the visitor!

Send us your e-mail address if you would like to continue receiving the newsletter. Please use our new contact e-mail address: gilnockietower@gmail.com.

Won't you join us please in spirit within the Debatable Lands of Canonbie? Once we receive your e-mail, with your name in the Subject line, you will receive the red hot news as it unfolds. We can assure you there is 'oddles and oddles' of it! There will be more when our new website goes online.

Our late Trust Secretary, Mr Frank Wherrett, made an inspection visit to Johnnie Armstrong's grave at Caerlanrig in Teviothead during late 2011. While there, he noted that at the Clan Armstrong Trust (CAT) land the wooden boundary marker had been altered such that it effectively reduced the ground footprint about 40%. This is a memorial area more commonly known as the last resting place of Johnnie Armstrong of Gilnockie (JA), who was a notorious 16th century Scottish Border reiver.

The bottom line is, that grave land has been transferred to another owner. With that in mind, we need to consider the recovery of the CAT assets at Teviothead, an area of land purchased during 1989/90 by the CAT Board of Directors. These accounts, over the next few issues of the *HYH*, will deal with the history behind the purchase of the land owned by CAT and explain the current situation regarding the grave. So "keep yer pooder dry for the noo!"

During 1989/90, the CAT Board of Directors of the time negotiated the purchase of the JA grave land from the Church of Scotland. This was a site where history decreed that John Armstrong of Gilnockie was re-buried. But who was he?

During the year 1530, John received an invite, a 'looin letter', to meet with his king, James V of Scotland in the Teviot valley near to the village of Teviothead. John and his 'tail' (accompanying band of men) appeared dressed in their best finery, as they thought was appropriate for greeting their Sovereign. Allegedly, without any warning they then were seized and summarily executed by the boy king at Caerlanrig, a hilly farming area adjacent to Teviothead, only 25 miles from the Anglo-Scottish Border.

Research has confirmed that the owners of the Glebe land, current and historical, have had nothing whatsoever to do with the current situation in which CAT finds itself. However, the initial sale of both the JA Grave, and the adjacent land, by the Church of Scotland Trustees was legally correct, and completed to the detail then recorded on both sets of title deeds issued at the time of the sale. The Scottish Government has been approached, through a very kind member, and over a period of time we will be working on the component

parts of the current title deeds and compare their content with the original documents. From our current research, it appears that part of the A7 trunk route running adjacent to the grave was re-routed around 1993-95.

All of the land in the immediate area had a compulsory purchase order placed on it, and was purchased by the Scottish Government. We believe that is where everything went wrong. We feel that ongoing dialogue will clarify that the memorial stone with its burial ground and access path were an integral part of the original CAT title, as specified in the deed documents. These vitally important documents are intended to unambiguously safeguard the land at the JA grave, the very existence of the site, as security against the kind of situation in which we find ourselves. More to follow soon as we can! Please double click on either of the following links on Google Earth to visit Caerlanrig:

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



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From the Majestic Lady of the Esk Valley

Aye, we decree that we are going to have a party in the very near future in the front garden where the Majestic Lady of the Esk Valley lives. If you are interested in a full blown black tie or kilt dinner on the grounds of the famous Gilnockie Tower at Hollows near Canonbie, now is the time to make noises! This will be a celebration of an immense amount of necessary repair work carried out by a highly skilled local artisan team over the last 17 months, and to confirm to the assembled guests that there will be an extra-ordinary General Meeting organised for the 17th of July 2467 so that we can ensure that the 'Gran auld wuman' is in a condition that she will celebrate life for a further 450 or so years.

We experienced so many shocks as we progressed through the early stages of the work in the tower. At times, the job had the sensation of being a Funeral Director every time we spoke to the owner, many times announcing bad news. Now we would very quietly suggest, with a 'wee bit of confidence' that the worst is behind us, and the 'Majestic Lady' is now under a bit of control, or she was a couple of hours ago. Following seventeen or so months of repair at Gilnockie Tower, working some days dawn to dusk, we are reaching the time where we would like to see this Majestic Lady given the great respect she rightfully deserves as she moves on for another 450 or so years. We also rejoice that the building will be used as a visitor centre, and most importantly as an educational experience for all visitors, for at least some years ahead.

While we talk about Lady of the Valley, it must be said that during our journey through this repair period, we have all experienced her beguiling methodology that she integrates into her wily tactics, so she can upset the delicate nature of our team. We have a small team of dedicated craftsmen working on the project. It is our intention to introduce them as we move on, but the quality of the product is stunning, really stunning. We don't tell the artisans that, they might let up a wee bit on the work quality. Over future HYH publications we will expand on many of those narratives, yes the good, the bad and the downright ugly so we can share with you, our trials and tribulations as we move forward.

One particular element stands out much more than others, for us. We needed to strip out some of the sandstone flagstones on the Gilnockie Tower upper walkway to find where weather or water ingress areas were

located. Fundamentally, this was a problem the building had experienced for many, many years. Just minutes before disturbing the 16th century stonework the stone mason asked for a minute's silence, so that he could pay his respects to the craftsmen who had carried out the initial construction work around 450 years ago. That is the sort of artisan we have had on site, quality, absolute quality! Personally, I never have experienced anything like it, three lonely figures, battered by wind and rain, high on the walkway at Gilnockie Tower. It blew me, absolutely blew me!

Joiner work is our last real problem to overcome, and we are targeting a finishing date approximately 2 months ahead, then a 3 week decoration program. We enjoy the work. It has taught us a lot, and has taken us



day by day back to the early 16th century. Many of the discoveries on occasions throughout the work, has made the hair on the back of our necks stand on end. This is true even for the structural progress made through to the 20th century.

We know that many of you won't believe this, but the only real major problem we have at the moment is caused by our one-legged ghost, who runs down the stairs if anyone comes to the main door of the building. What we have not yet discovered is how he gets back up the stairs to his room on the fourth floor! The team have watched this behaviour, but we can not find out how he moves about the rest of the tower during the day. The artisans at the site have big-heartedly nicknamed him 'Johnnie'. Often, when visiting the building on our own, Johnnie whispers nice things in our ears! More on that later.

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Clan Bell International



This

old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

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

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

CBI 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.

CBI cordially invites membership inquires from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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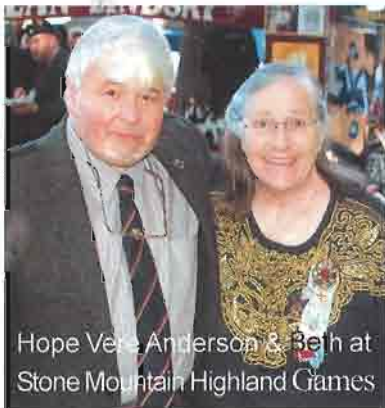
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THE BANNOCKBURN BARON AND THE SHERIFF OF HALES

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Once upon a time, in a land far, far away...

That's how this tale could begin as records go back as far as 1348, that I can find. However, before we get into that, I'd first like to introduce you to our very own chieftain, Hope Vere Anderson. For those that have not had the opportunity to meet him, I can attest that he is a delightful gentleman that takes great pride in his Scottish heritage.



Hope Vere Anderson & Beth at Stone Mountain Highland Games

Aside from serving as the Chieftain of the Clan Anderson Society, he is a seasoned member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and a successful businessman with hands in appraising fine arts and real estate in both the United States and Scotland. Most recently, he was nominated for the title of Honorary Secretary of the North American branch of the Society of Antiquaries.

Oh wait, you were wondering what this has to do with a Baron and a Sheriff, weren't you? Well, our beloved Chieftain also lays claim to the dignities, Baron of Bannockburn and Lord of Sheriffhales. Both are hereditary.

The barons of Bannockburn claim descendency from a James (c. 1348) who had been granted the territory of Sandilands, Lesmahagow Lanarkshire. This grant was later confirmed by King James IV (c. 1509). These lands, located in the county of Stirlingshire, have been passed down year after year to the intertwined Sandilands and Vere families (close relatives of each other in both blood and territorial location). These lands today are overseen by the Hope Vere Anderson family with Hope currently holding the dignity of Baron and his son, Adrian, the future.

Don't hold this against him but the Vere (or De Vere) lineage did also hail from England. In the 16th century, Roger de Vere (who incidentally assisted Edward the 2nd at the Battle of Bannockburn) served as Lord of the Manor of Hales. When de Vere became the Sheriff of the surrounding county, Shropshire, he took it upon himself to rename the village to Sheriffhales to reflect his appointment. So, not only does he hold claim to the barony of Bannockburn through his Vere lineage, Hope Anderson is the direct inheritor of the title of Lord of the Manor of Sheriffhales.

While he takes great pride in his family's accomplishments and heritage, as well one should, Hope Vere Anderson does not set himself above any of the rest of us. The Baron and the "Sheriff" will always introduce himself simply as... Hope.

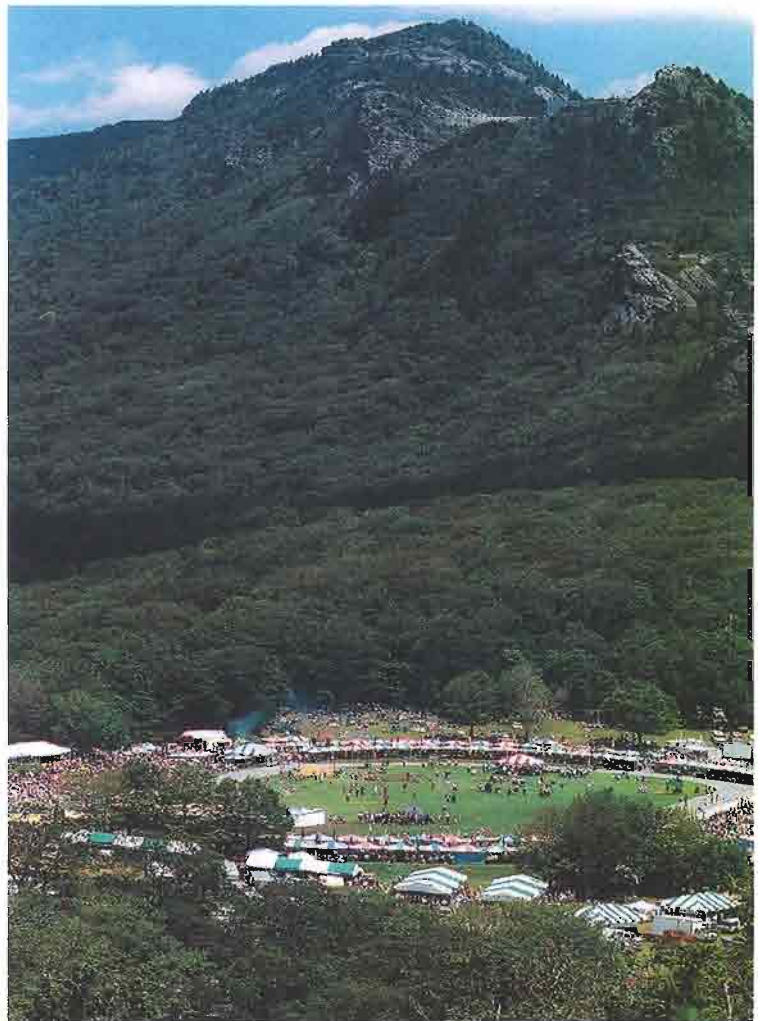


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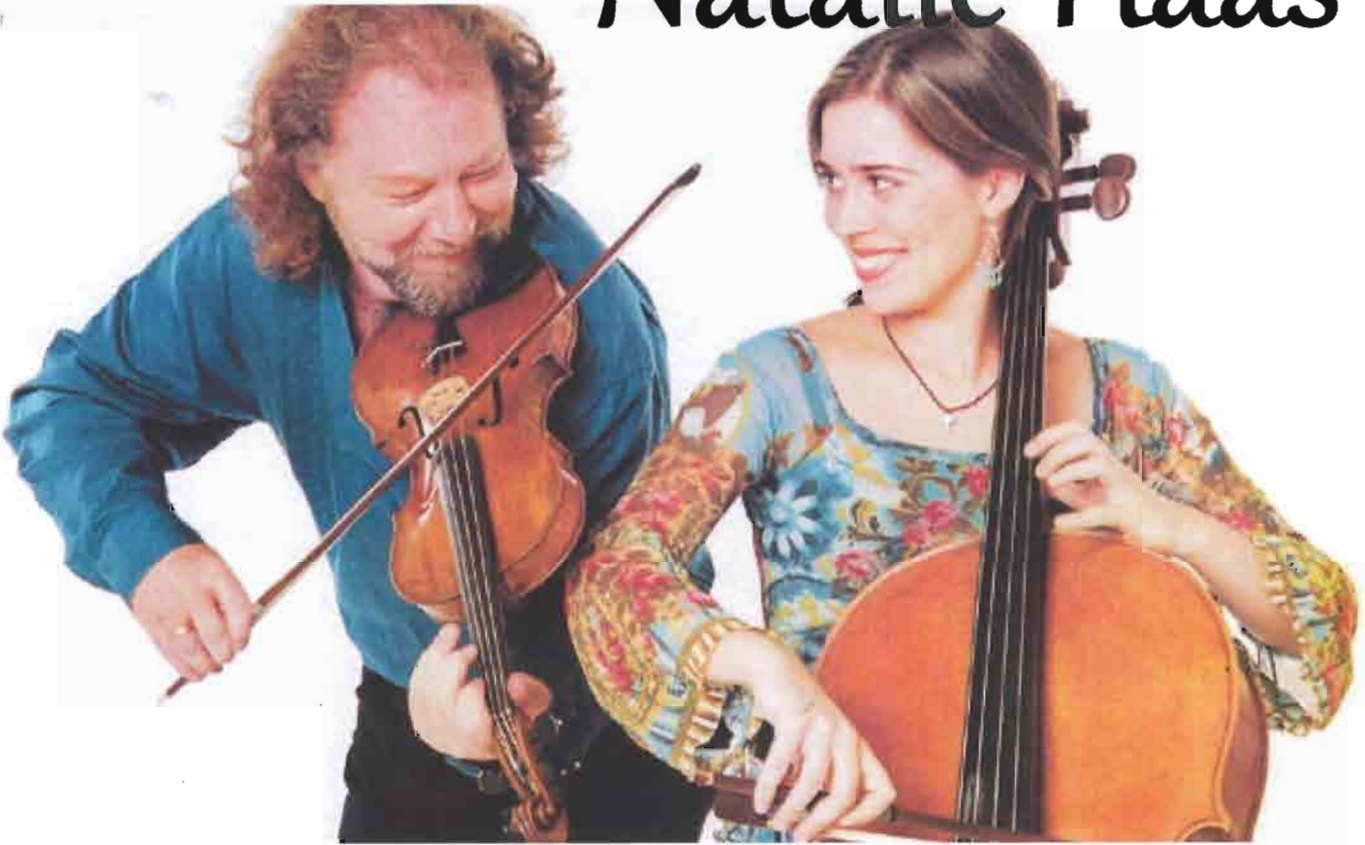


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Thursday, July 6th

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 7th

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.

Scottish Cultural Village

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 8th

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.*

Scottish Cultural Village

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

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

Continued next page

Tentative GMHG Schedule, continued from last page

Sunday, July 9th

8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens
Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration
and Clinic

Prelude Music for Worship Service
Begins

Scottish Worship Service Outside main
gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin 'O'
the Tartans.

Scottish Cultural Village
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 herd-
ing, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish
country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-
of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment contin-
ues.

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan
Tents

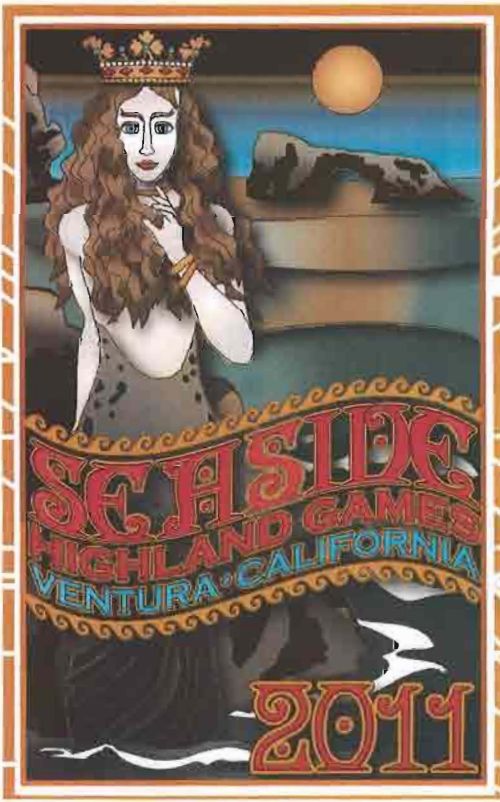
Sheep Herding Demonstration

4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies

Hope to see you again in 2018



Please visit the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games website
for complete information on various sponsor tickets and detailed
information on the events, entertainments, competitions and more.



Tom Freeman is a heraldic artist & graphic designer - living in Northeast Georgia. He has been working in the Scottish community both in the US & internationally since 1999. He can be reached using the information shown below.

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The Southern Cross of Honor, *continued from page 5*

have been presented and those whose valor went far beyond the call of duty are finally being recognized.

Although the UDC does not have applications for the Southern Cross of Honor, it does have ledgers recording the names of 78,761 recipients.

The ledgers provide the name and unit of each recipient and may in some cases give the date and place of the award. A cumulative index was developed by the Caroline Meriweather Goodlett Library Committee in the 1980s to cross reference the information contained in the ledgers.

To request confirmation of the bestowal of a Southern Cross of Honor between 1900 and 1913 and/or any information available for subsequent years, you can send the name of the veteran and the unit in which he served to the UDC. The cost is about \$10-\$15 per name and \$6-

\$10 per order.

Although no Civil War veterans are obviously still living, Virginia Code section 18.2-176(b) remains in effect and makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, for anyone to “wear any Southern Cross of Honor when not entitled to do so by the regulations under which such Crosses of Honor were given.”

One of the best known forms of the Southern Cross of Honor is the cast iron reproduction of that medal.

What most know as an “Iron Cross” is used as a symbol on the graves of Confederate veterans who served



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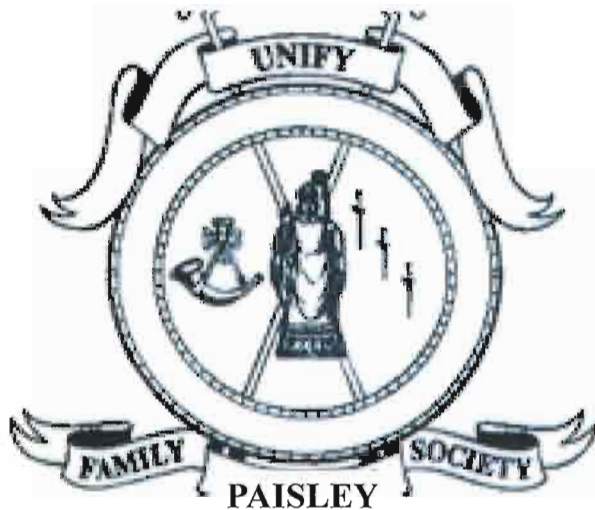
honorably (modeled after the Southern Cross of Honor).

Although many can be found in the older southern cemeteries, there are still many Confederate burial sites which have no Southern Cross of Honor at the gravesite.

This might be because the SCV or UDC chapters do not have the funding to pay for these. However, they would be thrilled to work with you to prove the military service of a veteran, help you apply for the cross or tombstone and also lead a wonderful memorial service to honor your family members.

The Iron Crosses typically cost about \$125.00 and should be purchased through either a UDC or SCV chapter so that the veteran's service is recorded for the future.

Yippee! Beth has been invited back to do speeches at the Stone Mountain Highland Games on Friday, 20 October! There will be a much larger room this year. FREE speeches at the host hotel, the Hilton Atlanta, N.E. CALL 770-447-4747. Games & events, October 20-22, 2017.



The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

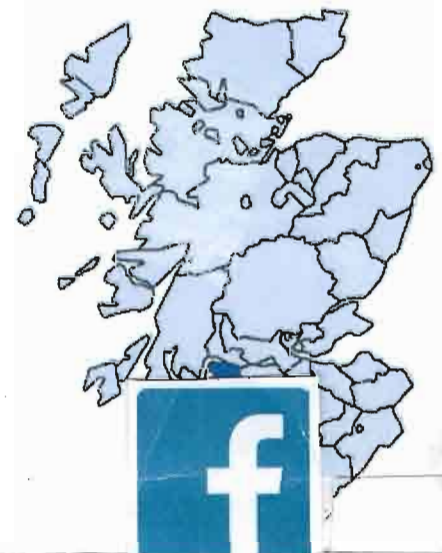


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

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



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



AGM & Spring Gathering 2015 at Ardfalla, Scotland

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



Darrell C. "Shifty" Powers written by Chuck Yeager

Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the 101st Airborne Infantry. If you've seen *Band of Brothers* on HBO or the History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all 10 episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.

I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn't know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the "Screaming Eagle," the symbol of the 101st Airborne, on his hat.

Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the 101st Airborne or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the 101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served, and how many jumps he made. Quietly and humbly, he said "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in 1945 ..." at which point my heart skipped.

At that point, again, very humbly, he said "I made the 5 training jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into Normandy . . . do you know where Normandy is?"

At this point my heart stopped.

I told him "yes, I know exactly where Normandy is, and I know what D-Day was." At that point he said "I also made a second jump into Holland, into Arnhem." I was standing with a genuine war hero ... and then I realized that it was June, just after the anniversary of D-Day.

I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France, and he said "Yes, and it's real sad because, these days, so few of the guys are left, and those that are, lots of them can't make the trip." My heart was in my throat and I didn't know what to say.

I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in coach while I was in First Class. I sent the flight attendant back to get him and said that I wanted to switch seats. When Shifty came forward, I got up out of the seat and told him I wanted him to have it, that I'd take his in coach.

He said "No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there are still some who remember what we did and who still care is enough to make an old man very happy." His eyes were filling up as he said it.

And mine are brimming up now as I write this.

Shifty died June 17, 2009 age 86, after fighting cancer.

There was no parade.

No big event in Staples Center.

No wall-to-wall, back-to-back 24x7 news coverage.

No weeping fans on television.

And that's not right!

Let's give Shifty his own memorial service, in our own quiet way.

Rest in peace, Shifty.

Chuck Yeager, Maj. General [ret.]



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Clan MacTavish invites all MacTavish folk to come. Thanks to Clan MacTavish Secretary John Thompson for organizing our participation in this event and for making arrangements for accommodations in nearby Guelph, Ontario at Staybridge Suites Guelph 11 Corporate Court,

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Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by July 11, 2017 by calling 519-767-3300 and asking for the "Clan MacTavish" group block. All reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card. No deposit required. Our group rate is \$102.99/night, which includes breakfast. For more information, contact John Thompson , <johntt94@charter.net>

Don't forget: U.S. citizens will need a passport to enter Canada. See your local Post Office for assistance.

For more information about the games go to <http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/>



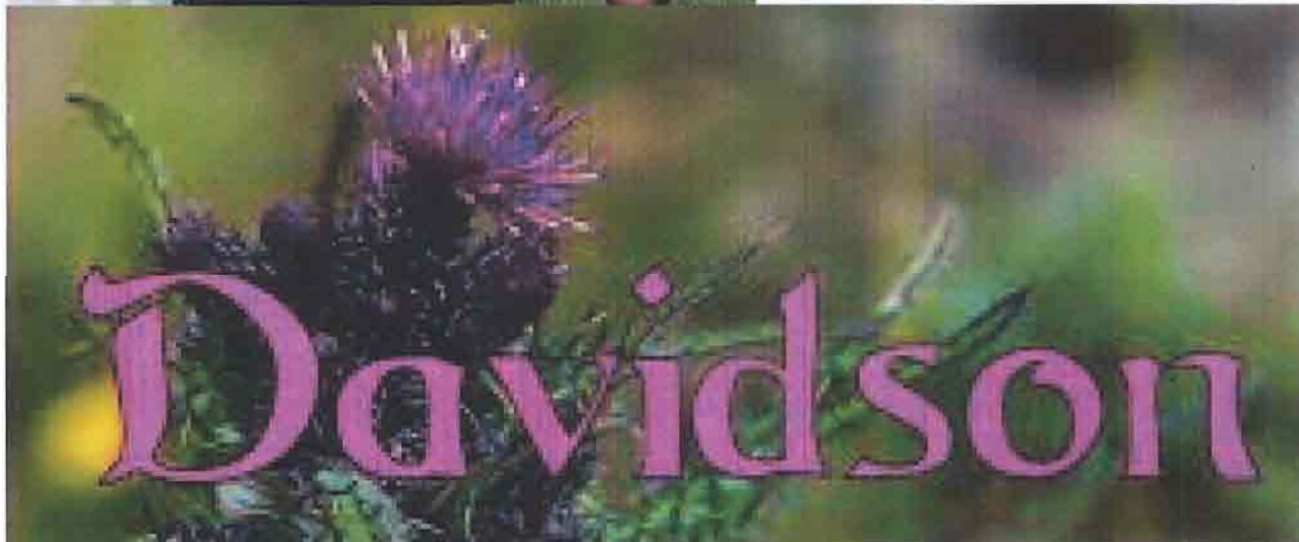
Ligonier PA Highland Scottish Games set for Clan MacTavish (AGM)

The Clan MacTavish AGM will be held on September 23rd in conjunction with the 59th Ligonier Highland Games at Idlewild Park, Route 30 Ligonier, PA.

Without question, these are one of the best Scottish heritage events in the United States, and we are happy to be returning. The AGM will be held on Saturday evening at our host hotel, followed by a banquet.

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Clan Davidson Society of North America



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

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

Tailors, ever used Clark's Thread?

Most people who sew for fun or folks who are real seamstresses, have at one time or another used some of the fine quality Clark's Spool thread.

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He was educated at the Paisley grammar school, and while still a lad was in 1840 sent across the Atlantic to enter the firm of Kerr & Co. at Hamilton, Ontario.

On reaching manhood he returned to Paisley, and entered into partnership with Messrs. Robert and John



Ronald, shawlmakers, under the name of Ronald & Clark.

In 1851 he relinquished the partnership to enter into company with his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Kerr, as a thread manufacturer.

With a view to extend the business he went in 1856 to the United States, and, finding that they were much hampered by the high protective duties, the firm in 1864 resolved to establish a branch factory at Newark, New Jersey.

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Clark died at Newark on 13 Feb. 1873.

By his will he left \$20,000.01 to found four scholarships of \$300.01 a year each, tenable for three years, at Glasgow University, and \$20,000.01 to build a town hall in Paisley.

The firm of Clark & Co. subscribed \$40,000.01 additional for the latter purpose, and the building styled the 'George A. Clark Town Hall' was opened in 1882.



Cirean Ceann Cinnidh

MacTavish AGM, *continued from page 23*

We have group rates at the Ramada Ligonier, 216 W Loyalhanna St, Ligonier, PA 15658. Phone: 855-516-1090. The standard room rate (1 or 2 queen beds) is \$117, and deluxe room (king bed plus sofa bed) is \$137 (plus tax). Reservations must be made by August 21st. Rates include breakfast. Note that the hotel is conveniently located only 2.8 miles from the games. Our meeting and banquet will be held at the hotel the evening after the games. Meal choices will be: Prime Rib \$23, Chicken \$19, Grilled Salmon \$21, Vegetarian Dish \$18. (tax not included).

For information about the games go to: <http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org/>

For information about our AGM, contact Mark Stephenson, mstephenson@fuse.net

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History of England & Scottish Connections new destination on <electricscotland.com>

Alastair McIntyre, electricscotland.com

While this site (<electricscotland.com> is all about Scotland, clearly, there has been a great deal of interaction with England over the centuries.

This section is simply to explore some of the history of England and the English to help build an understanding of that country and its interaction with Scotland.

Also during the publishing of *Early Scotland* there were a lot of references to the Saxon Chronicles so I thought I'd include this publication here for additional reference.

I will from time to time add the odd biography of Scots who were born in England of Scottish parents by way of showing how influential they were.

In fact in the period 1790-1820 a staggering 130 Scots were MPs representing seats in England and Wales.

Also in 2014 it has been recorded "There are more Scots in England than any city in Scotland."

It might sound surprising, but according to the latest census figures, there are about 750,000 people born in Scotland who live south of the border. That's more than the population of Edinburgh or Glasgow.

I hope by lifting the veil in this way it will encourage others to do more research and obviously we'd

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There is a lost Henderson amongst us!

Perhaps you can help in finding this person!

I'm hoping someone will be able to help me in connecting the lineages of my American **HENDERSON** ancestors to those in Scotland. Specifically, I am trying to determine whether my line is connected to the **FORDELL HENDERSONS**. I have been reading a copy of Anna Marie Dahlquist's *John Henderson of Natchez: His Life, Times, and Descendants*. She conducted her research in tandem with Effie Mae Peale Johnson, although both are now deceased. Dahlquist and Johnson were able to trace our heritage back to 1698 at the birth of **WILLIAM SAUGHEY HENDERSON** of Rigshaw, Dumfries, Scotland. He married **HELEN MURRAY** on December 23, 1722 in Moffat, Dumfries, Scotland. Their union begat **DR. WILLIAM MURRAY HENDERSON** on May 3, 1724 who married **ISABELLA ALLEN**. Their union begat **JOHN HENDERSON** who is the primary subject of Dahlquist's book. While the two, Dahlquist and Johnson, were convinced of **WILLIAM SAUGHEY HENDERSON's** descent from the **HENDERSONS OF FORDELL**, I am inquiring as to whether the Clan Henderson Society has any information or sources to back up this claim. I would appreciate any help in pursuing this matter. Yours aye, **Jack Hall**. Email <jackfhall97@gmail.com>



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Colin Grant-Adams writes a song for the Clan Grant Society - USA to commemorate their 40th



Julia and Colin Grant-Adams leaving New York Harbor on the Kilts in the Wind Cruise a few years ago, to benefit the original The Family Tree.

Favorite Scottish singer, guitarist and entertainer, Colin Grant-Adams has written *The Great Clan Grant*, a song to celebrate the Clan Grant Society - USA during their fortieth anniversary. Colin wrote both the lyrics and the music for the composition.

Here are the words:

The Great Clan Grant

Stand fast "Craigellachie" rally cry
of Clan Grant

With a fire burning deep within their heart
Stand fast "Craigellachie" calling the great
Clan Grant

To come from near and far never more
will part.

From Craigellachie on high where
peregrine falcons fly
Lies the valley of the Spey home lands of
the Clan Grant
Rivers flowing down, were the tall pines
reach the sky
Keeping watch castle Grant standing
guard evermore.

At Highland games, they gather honoring
their great name
Marching with pride and passion the
banner flying high
Now the spirit of Clan Grant lives on
within their hearts
Here the cry stand fast Craigellachie,
heads held up high.

Rumor has it that the song will be sung at the Stone Mountain Highland Games next October during the Clan Grant Society - USA Annual General Meeting!

To join Clan Grant, contact Dr. Bill Grant, at
<academicdad.com>

Colin's June 2017 Schedule

Friday - Sunday, June 2 - 4

Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games on Friday June 2nd - Sunday June 4th

Saturday - Sunday, June 10 - 11

Blairsville, Georgia Scottish Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 11.

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The first MD2KY Reunion in 1990 at Nazareth, KY was an opportunity for descendants of the Maryland to Kentucky pioneers to meet and share family history information. The most recent event in 2014 at St. Catharine College in Springfield, KY hosted 465 participants from 26 states.

Refer to <https://sites.google.com/site/mdtoky3/> for specific class schedules and registration information.

BACKGROUND

In 1785, a group of families from the southern Maryland counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's formed a "Catholic League of Families" (aka "Emigration League") pledging to migrate to Kentucky. Reasons for this move were varied. Economics may have played a large role in this westward movement, with the depletion of available land in Maryland and the after-effects of the constant plundering by the British during the Revolutionary War.

Certainly religious freedom was a likely concern to many of these pioneers. After a century of anti-Catholic bias in Maryland, many were seeking freedom to openly practice their faith. John Carroll (a few years later named the Bishop of Baltimore) told them that if they would settle together he would do what he could to supply them with a priest.

True to their word, these pioneers largely settled together in what today are the three Kentucky counties of Nelson, Washington and Marion. Even now this central Kentucky area is known far and wide as the Kentucky Holy Lands.

As land further west opened up for settlement, some of these same pioneer families again packed up and headed out seeking a better life for themselves and their families. Many from this group seemed to have agreed once again to settle together. This led to many sister communities of this same group all across the western part of the United States.