

# Glasgow Museums acquire earliest full-length portrait of sitter in Highland dress



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An iconic portrait for the culture of Gaelic Scotland, currently on display at Kelvingrove Museum, has been purchased by Glasgow Museums.

A Highland Chieftain, a portrait of Lord Mungo Murray from around 1683, had been on loan to the museum but will now remain in the city attraction permanently.

The purchase was made with the support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Art Fund, Friends of Glasgow Museums and the National Fund for Acquisitions.

The painting features a 15-year-old Lord Mungo Murray, and is the earliest major portrait to depict a sitter full-length in Highland dress.

Murray wears an exquisite doublet and féileadh mór, or belted plaid, in tartan that pre-dates the invention of kilts and clan tartans.

Born in 1668, Murray would become part of the ill-fated Darién mission of 1699 in a bid to further his family's political and economic position. He was killed in early 1700, aged 32, by Spanish forces who had already laid claim to the territory.

The painting has been displayed in the Scottish Identity in Art gallery at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, juxtaposed with interesting examples of Scottish weaponry, textiles and decorative

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**Captain Tom Moore, 100, to be knighted after raising nearly \$40M to help doctors, nurses**

Captain Tom Moore, a 100-year-old British war veteran, will be knighted for his work in raising almost \$40 million for charity during the coronavirus pandemic, according to a report on Tuesday.

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More,  
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**With this issue we are 15 years old (in this incarnation)!**





*A letter from your editor...*

## The best laid plans of Tom & Beth

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Tom and I belong to The Kingdome of Räkna. This is a very large group of people from all over the world, who enjoy Viking comradship, fun and scholarship awarding.

Every year at the Glasgow Highland Games, near Glasgow, Kentucky, The Kindome of Räkna celebrates with a wonderful raid (party) on Sunday night after the games. Usually, there are about 200 - 300 Räknanians in attendance.

Last year, the celebration included the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of long time wonderful friends of ours.

Tom and I thought and thought. We plotted and planned...thought some more...and came up with what we thought were some fantastic ideas.

First, we would create two original 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tee-shirts for our friends to wear. We wanted those shirts never to be forgotten.

We knew that they were bringing an entire anniversary party with them, including a beautiful cake and decorations, punch for all...and delicious treats. We thought it should be MORE...something never before done in the history of the world.

Tom found it! It was advertised in a magazine and he ordered one. (It cost \$65.00. That's what money is for - not insurance, taxes, n' such.)

What it was, was a huge helium SHARK that was remotely controlled. We were thrilled.

We planned to make a sign, Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bob and Marti, to hang from the shark!

Isn't that great! Isn't that classy?

We plotted with Colin Grant-Adams, a dear friend and fellow Räknanian, for the music from *Jaws* to be played at a certain time...and the lovely shark would circle the room and the anniversary pair...and NOBODY would know who did it! Great, huh? We would both be innocent.

Everything was prepared. We had the sign for Mr. Shark and Scottish "clothes" all waiting for him. Batteries in his remote control. Everything.

Now, we had been very, very busy in the days leading up to this event. The tee-shirts were purchased, the materials to draw and letter on them had been gotten...everything was ready, we just hadn't had a chance to actually manufacture them.

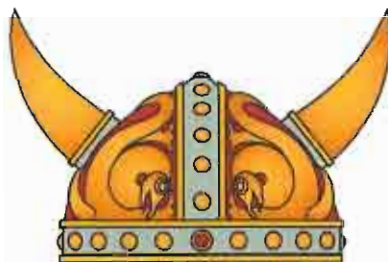
Oops. I think it was after midnight on Thursday night when we arrived at the hotel for the games. We started work on the tee-shirts. Tom had a wonderful design, but being only a "run" of two shirts, they had to be made by hand.

We did everything and the shirts were handsome and were going to be a hit, we just knew.

The next morning, Friday, the shirts were not dry. And, the next morning, Saturday, the shirts were not dry.

Here's where we started to panic...on Sunday morning, the shirts were not dry. It seems the paints we bought took about a week to dry. Do you read

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# Protect your library the Medieval way, with horrifying book curses

*Medieval scribes protected their work by threatening death, or worse.*

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IN THE MIDDLE AGES, CREATING a book could take years. A scribe would bend over his copy table, illuminated only by natural light—candles were too big a risk to the books—and spend hours each day forming letters, by hand, careful never to make an error. To be a copyist, wrote one scribe, was painful: “It extinguishes the light from the eyes, it bends the back, it crushes the viscera and the ribs, it brings forth pain to the kidneys, and weariness to the whole body.”

Given the extreme effort that went into creating books, scribes and book owners had a real incentive to protect their work. They used the only power they had: words. At the beginning or the end of books, scribes and book owners would write dramatic curses threatening thieves with pain and suffering if they were to steal or damage these treasures.

They did not hesitate to use the worst punishments they knew—excommunication from the church and horrible, painful death. Steal a book, and you might be cleft by a demon sword, forced to sacrifice your hands, have your eyes gouged out, or end in the “fires of hell and brimstone.”

“These curses were the only things that protected the books,” says Marc Drogin, author of *Anathema! Medieval Scribes and the History of Book Curses*. “Luckily, it was in a time where people believed in them. If you ripped out a page, you were going to die in agony. You didn’t want to take the chance.”

Drogin’s book, published in 1983, is the most thorough compendium of book curses ever compiled. A cartoonist and business card designer, Drogin had taken an adult-education class in Gothic



letters and became entranced with medieval calligraphy. While researching his first book, he came across a short book curse; as he found more and more, hidden in footnotes of history books written in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, his collection grew to include curses from ancient Greece and the library of Babylon, up to the Renaissance.

To those historians, the curses were curiosities, but to Drogin they were evidence of just how valuable books were to medieval scribes and scholars, at a time when even the most elite institutions might have libraries of only a few dozen books.

The curse of excommunication—anathema—could be simple. Drogin found many examples of short curses that made quick work of this ultimate threat. For example:

*May the sword of anathema slay  
If anyone steals this book away.*

*Si quis furetur,  
Anathematis ense necetur.*

If a scribe really wanted to get serious, he might threaten “anathema-maranatha”—maranatha indicating “Our Lord has Come” and serving as an intensifier to the basic threat of excommunication. But the curses could also be much, much more

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# Betcha don't know all of these things about Scotland!

With thanks to Scotland's *Daily Record* and Scotland Now

**1. Both the electric toaster and the fridge were invented by Scots**

Scots engineer Alan MacMasters developed the idea for the toaster in 1893, while Hamilton-born Scots scientist William Cullen was credited with the invention of the fridge way back in 1748.

**2. Scotland is home to the highest hedge in the world**

The Meikleour Beech Hedge was planted near Meikleour in Perthshire in 1745 and is one third of a mile long and 100ft (30m) high.

**3. The Scots have their own Nostradamus in a figure known as the Brahan Seer**

Kenneth MacKenzie is claimed to have prophesied the Battle of Culloden, the Highland Clearances and the discovery of North Sea oil.

**4. The world's first televised 'actor' was a ventriloquist dummy called 'Stooky Bill'**

Due to John Logie Baird's earliest television system being unable to televise human faces due to the lack of contrast, the Scots inventor hit upon the ingenious idea of using 'Stooky Bill', whose brightly painted dummy features had greater contrast.

**5. The world's shortest scheduled flight is between the islands of Westray and Papa Westray in Orkney**

People flying are officially in the air for one and a half minutes, with the flight sometimes taking even less time.

**6. The world's only knighted penguin lives at Edinburgh Zoo**

Sir Nils Olav, a king penguin, is named after

Major Nils Egelien, who organised the original adoption back in 1972. Originally a mascot for the Norwegian Guard, he has since climbed up the ranks to become a Brigadier.

**7. The world's oldest football was found wedged in the rafters at Stirling Castle**

Found by renovation workers in 1981, it was made from pig bladder covered in leather and is now on display in the Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum. The football is thought to date back to somewhere between 1540–1570 and rumours even point to the idea it could have belonged to Mary Queen of Scots.

**8. The all time record attendance for a European football match is held by Hampden stadium**

In 1937, a Scotland vs England match saw an incredible 149,415 spectators attend.

**9. Batman's alter ego was named after Robert the Bruce**

Co-creator and co-writer, Milton "Bill" Finger, stated that Bruce Wayne took his first name from "Robert Bruce, the Scottish patriot."

**10. A beer drinking elephant once lived in Edinburgh Castle**

A mascot brought home by the 78th Highlanders after they returned in 1838 from a post in what is now modern day Sri Lanka, the elephant lived in the castle's stables where it became fond of beer.

**11. The 'oldest post office' in the world can**

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**12. Scotland is home to some very strange names for meals including crappit heid and festy cock.**

The former is a dish made using the heads of cods steamed in seawater and the second is a type of pancake that was originally made by Scots monks to mark Shrove Tuesday.

**13. The country's highest village is home to not only Scotland's highest pub but also some of the world's purest gold**

The mines at Wanlockhead in Dumfries and Galloway produces the precious metal at 22.8 carats.

**14. Irn Bru contains alcohol - well really tiny traces of it**

Did you know Irn-Bru contains trace amounts of alcohol? (Image: Daily Record)

AG Barr confirmed the fact after concerns were raised by the Muslim community in Scotland, however the amounts are so small as to be virtually negligible meaning everyone could continue to enjoy Scotland's national drink.

**15. The father of legendary musician Gil Scott-Heron played for Celtic.** Gilbert (Gil) Heron was the first black player to sign for the Glasgow club way back in 1951.

**16. The world's first colour photograph was taken in Scotland**

The world's first colour photograph was taken by a Scot. Taken by Scottish scientist James Clerk Maxwell in 1861, it was perhaps suitably, a picture of a tartan ribbon.

**17. The coastline of Mainland Scotland is 6,160 miles long.**

This is three times longer than England's, and would increase to over 10,250 miles if you included all of the islands.

**18. The oldest business in the UK can be found in north east Scotland**

The Aberdeen Harbour Board was established in 1136 and is the oldest company in Britain according to the Guinness book of records.

**19. In 2018, just over 3.85 million tourists visited Edinburgh.**

For reference, the population of Edinburgh is just over 500,000 - meaning there were just over seven tourists to every resident.

**20. Scotland once tried to establish a colony in Panama - in the hopes of building a precursor to the Panama Canal and linking the Atlantic and Pacific.**

The Darien project, which took place in the late 1690s, was such a spectacular failure that it almost bankrupted the entire country.

**21. King James IV of Scotland was a keen dentist.**

During his reign 1473-1513, the inquisitive monarch reportedly paid people to allow him to remove their teeth.

**22. King James I of Scotland reportedly died due to his love of tennis.**

The King loved to play tennis so much that he blocked the drains near to the court to stop his balls from dropping down them. The only problem was, this then left him stuck when he later tried to flee from assassins by escaping through the sewers, leading to them catching and killing him.

**3. The inspiration behind Rap battles originated in Scotland.**

The medieval art of 'flyting', the exchange of insults between two individuals or parties using verse, was said to have travelled to the US via Scots immigrants.

**24. A Scotsman invented basketball.**

Scots- Canadian Dr James Naismith invented the game in the 1890s while teaching in Massachusetts.

**25. The Scots language has a word for when you are introduced to someone whose name you can't recall**

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# Flora Macdonald in North Carolina

With thanks to *Celtic Seasons*, from the streams of Celtic consciousness - Rich and Rita Shader, just email <celtichighlander@msn.com> for subscription information.

Although Flora Macdonald lived in North Carolina only a short time, her legend took hold within the Scottish population and has continued as an important symbol of North Carolina's Scots history.

Flora Macdonald was born in 1722 at Milton on South Uist, Scotland to a well-placed family in the Macdonald clan (Macdonald of Sleat). She grew up hearing many stories about Scotland's past, including the story of King James II, a Catholic king of England and Scotland, who was removed from the throne and exiled in 1688 by Protestants who feared the influence of a Catholic king.

Many Scots remained hopeful that someday King James's son would return to lead Scotland.

This son, James Francis Edward Stuart (Called the Old Pretender), tried to regain the throne but failed. The burden then fell to the Old Pretender's son, Charles Edward Stuart, called Bonnie Prince Charlie.

The Scots who wished for the return of a Scottish king called themselves Jacobites, in honor of King James. They talked about the day when Bonnie Prince Charlie would return to Scotland and regain the throne.

You can imagine the stories and songs that young Flora Macdonald heard as some of her clans' people looked forward to the day of young Prince Charlie's arrival.

In 1745, Bonnie Prince Charlie did arrive in Scotland and quietly organized supporters. Some clans participated and others waited to see what would happen.

After a few successful battles, Prince Charles

and the Jacobites suffered a horrible defeat in a bloody battle at Culloden outside Inverness. Following the battle, King George II of England issued orders to torture and punish those who had helped the prince. Prince Charles needed to get out of Scotland quickly before he was killed.

Flora's family encouraged her to help get the prince to safety. This was a dangerous but brave act. According to legend, she and several other clanswomen secretly created a woman's costume for the

prince. Then, Flora traveled with Prince Charles, whom she disguised as her maid, Betty Burke, through the Highland country and across the sea to the Isle of Skye in June of 1746.

The English king's men followed them closely and gave them no rest. The trip was dangerous, and they spent many days tired, hungry, and soaking wet from the Scottish rains.

Flora could have left the prince and returned home. She refused to do so. After several weeks the prince continued on his own and found a ship that took him to France. Flora returned home to her own clan.

Once home, Flora was arrested by the English and taken on a long sea journey to London, where she awaited trial. Conditions on the ship were horrible, and Flora must have been very frightened and homesick. On board, however, she charmed the crew, and the captain of the ship wrote a letter requesting that Flora be kept out of jail since she was such a nice and charming girl. The letter worked, and Flora was kept in a private home with several other clans people, rather than in jail.

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## Flora MacDonald in North Carolina, *continued from page 11*

In London, Flora charmed those who cared for her and made many friends among English Jacobites, who came to visit her regularly. The English Jacobites knew Flora's story and felt privileged to spend time with such a brave young woman. Flora returned home two years later with many friends and with a sizeable fortune raised



**Allan MacDonald**

for her by the English Jacobites. She never stood trial.

The MacDonalds arrived in Wilmington, North Carolina, in the fall of 1774. There, they found a substantial Scottish population, most members of whom were aware of Flora MacDonald's efforts to save the prince. In fact, Flora was quite a heroine in North Carolina amongst the Scots.

After returning home, Flora married Allan MacDonald in 1750, also of Clan Macdoald. They lived in Scotland for many years and had seven children. The family went into great debt because of high land rents and bad weather that ruined their crops. Things were desperate for the MacDonalds and many others throughout Scotland. In 1774 Flora and Allan emigrated to North Carolina, where they believed they could begin a better life.

The MacDonalds soon learned about the growing conflict between colonists and King George III. Although they tried to stay out of trouble, eventually everyone had to choose a side. Since Allan MacDonald had signed an oath of loyalty to England in order to receive a military commission, the MacDonalds decided to remain loyal to the king. This decision was the end of their joy in North Carolina.

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# Ye Olde English

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## How Do You Pronounce “Ye”?

Many of us have encountered “ye” in old documents. Of course, we have all seen tourists shops labeled as “ye olde” something-or-other. How many of us know how to pronounce that?

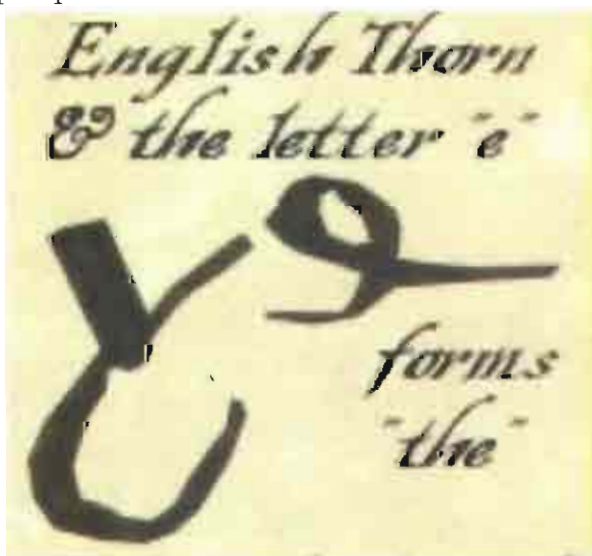
For years, I assumed it was pronounced as it was written. I would pronounce it as “Yee Old.” I was a bit surprised later to learn that I had been wrong. Instead, The words above are correctly pronounced, “The Old English.”

What looks like a “y” is a written character deriving from the old English letter, “thorn,” representing the “th” sound. No, it is not the letter “y,” it is the letter thorn.

Yes, the letter thorn was one of the 27 (or more) letters of the English alphabet back in the Middle Ages. The thorn has now almost disappeared from use except in the Icelandic language where it is still used often.

Before the days of printed books when all documents were written by hand, the exact shape of the thorn varied from one scribe to the next.

Here is an example of a hand-written thorn, perhaps as a scribe would have written it with a quill pen:



Katharine Parr, one of the eight wives of King Henry VIII. Amazingly, Tom and I have a sort of “connection” with King Henry VIII as well.

Discovered by my genealogy obsession: Both of us have several-many great grandfathers who were beheaded by this king. Mmmmm.

## Mac & Mc

Beth, your editor

Growing up, I just thought that the way my beloved grandmothers’ family wrote their name was correct and proper...and it was, I later learned. She was born Annie Roberta McDonald.

In the meantime, I was told by “experts” that if you wrote your name “Mac” that it was Scottish and if you wrote it “Mc” that it was Irish.

I was a bit confused as all of our family, when they were old enough to remember anything...were taught this tiny story about, “He (my 5<sup>th</sup> grandfather) was a wee red-headed Scotsman who walked with a cane and ate from gold plates. He left land and money to John - who could not come back for it as he was in trouble with the King.”

John was our immigrant ancestor.

To tell the truth, I’ve never found anything in our family history to prove this tiny story...but, in the sunshine, I have always had lots of red in my hair.

I did learn that we are very much Scottish in spite of the “Mc.” I am a true Scottish mutt.

Researching one day, I ran across this tidbit, the tiny lines under the “C” in “Mc” are the ancient abbreviation for “a.” So, both Mac and Mc are the very same thing!

I wrote the lines under the headline above with a pen. My character map doesn’t have “.”

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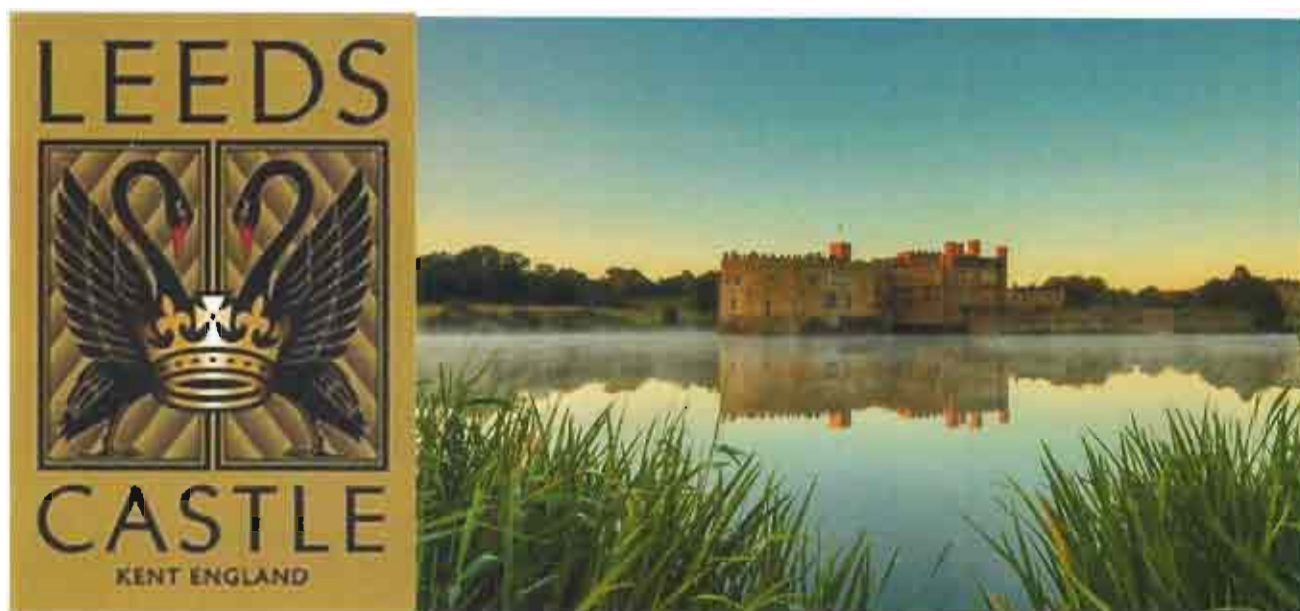
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Thank you so much for all the kind words of support we have received from our visitors since we had to close the Castle and grounds in March.

As you can imagine, we have been badly hit by COVID-19, like so many other charities. We would love to welcome you back as soon as possible, but the governments latest announcements do not yet allow ticketed attractions to reopen. I am sorry that Leeds Castle will therefore have to remain closed until the situation changes.

We are working hard behind-the-scenes to be ready for when that day comes. But we are clear about one thing - the safety of our visitors, our staff and our volunteers will be our number one priority, and that means reopening will need to be gradual and there will be restriction on the numbers we can admit each day.

We will let you know about admission tickets as soon as we know what we are able to do and when. I do hope you will bear with us because your support is essential.

Leeds Castle does not have a wealthy owner and it is not part of a large national organisation - we are an independent charity led by a board of volunteer trustees, and our mission is to protect and preserve the Castle and its estate for the benefit of the public. To do this, we need ticket sales to generate income to make sure this amazing place is there for this and future generations. We really appreciate your understanding during this difficult time and hope you will support us and our wonderful team.

You can find out our latest news and how to 'Stay Connected with Leeds Castle' at [leeds-castle.com/COVID-19](https://leeds-castle.com/COVID-19)

This has been a tough time for everyone - we hope we can welcome you back soon to the beauty and tranquillity of this very special place.

Best wishes,

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To see some of the old photos:  
[<https://canmore.org.uk/gallery/1030086>](https://canmore.org.uk/gallery/1030086)

## The public is being asked to help identify over 5,000 images from an official archive

### Historic Environment Scotland (HES)

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) has made copies of the old prints and negatives available online.

In total, 170,000 archive items have been digitised and added to the HES website Canmore.

They had been part of a Scottish Development Department collection which was brought together in 1962.

The images are a record of both rural and urban life in Scotland, many from the 1970s and 1980s.

Most of the pictures come with information about where and when they were taken. But the 5,000 mystery items have been put in a gallery with an appeal for information about them.

Much more is known about approximately 14,000 prints which were also digitised from personal research and work by prominent archaeologists such as Dr Euan Mackie, Roger Mercer and Vere Gordon Childe.

The oldest of these dates from around 1927.

Lesley Ferguson, the head of archives at HES, said: "These archives give a unique perspective on

civic planning in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century including the development and growth of Scotland's new towns, while the images of excavations showcase the sites that helped archaeologists unlock the secrets of Scotland's past - from the Neolithic to the Middle Ages.

"Unfortunately, we don't know where some of these historic photographs were taken and that's why we are asking for the public's help. Perhaps there's a photo of your street, or your local pub, or even the flat you lived in as a student.

"Help us discover more of Scotland's past by visiting Canmore and letting us know if you recognise any of the places documented in these archives.

"By digitising our archives, we're able to make them available to even more people. Digitisation helps us make heritage accessible to all as well as ensuring the long-term preservation of these important documents and photographs."

To provide HES with details or locations of its archives, please email [<archives@hes.scot>](mailto:archives@hes.scot) or get in touch via Facebook and Twitter.

# Clan *Blair* Society

**Memberships are cordially invited  
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Blair House, the ancestral home of the Blair family in the Ayrshire region, has history to circa 1100.

Clan Blair







# Clan MacTavish

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## Clan MacTavish 2020 AGM

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These last few weeks, we have had time to reflect on our own purpose as well as the purpose of the institutions and organizations of which we value. So often, when we think of a Scottish clan, we think of the embodiments and expressions of our own, perhaps idealized but definitely shared life in the highland games and Scottish festival calendar. That is, until now, until the dramatic interruption, the sudden stilling (but simultaneous stirring) of our lives.

Highland games organizational boards have been canceling games throughout this global pandemic, and we have all indicated that this will continue in the foreseeable future. To that end, Clan MacTavish continues to thrive and we wish to invite you to participate as a listening member to our Annual General Meeting. This meeting had originally been scheduled to be held at the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain in September. However, due to the need to secure accom-

modations and travel early, coupled with the challenges of planning five months in advance during these times, Clan MacTavish will be holding a virtual AGM on June 18th at 8:00 PM EST. The board will hold our monthly meeting and we will invite our chief to give his address to the clan. We will be providing a toll-free call-in number to all who would like to listen in.

Your financial contributions through your donations and memberships, your promotion of Clan MacTavish, and even your contribution to the online banter are all deeply cherished. Though we have been unable to physically meet together in celebration, our online community has been growing in numbers and contributed content. The board, therefore, invites you to hear what all has been accomplished in one year due to your support, and also where the Clan is going in the future. The phone number and access number will be shared out in the upcoming weeks.

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### Book Curses, *continued from page 5*

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elaborate. "The best threat is one that really lets you know, in specific detail, what physical anguish is all about. The more creative the scribe, the more delicate the detail," Drogin wrote. A scribe might imagine a terrible death for the thief:

"If anyone take away this book, let him die the death; let him be fried in a pan; let the falling sickness and fever seize him; let him be broken on the wheel, and hanged. Amen."

Or even more detailed:

"For him that stealeth, or borroweth and returneth not, this book from its owner, let it change into a serpent in his hand & rend him. Let him be struck with palsy & all his members blasted. Let

him languish in pain crying aloud for mercy, & let there be no surcease to his agony till he sing in dissolution. Let bookworms gnaw his entrails in token of the Worm that dieth not, & when at last he goeth to his final punishment, let the flames of Hell consume him for ever."

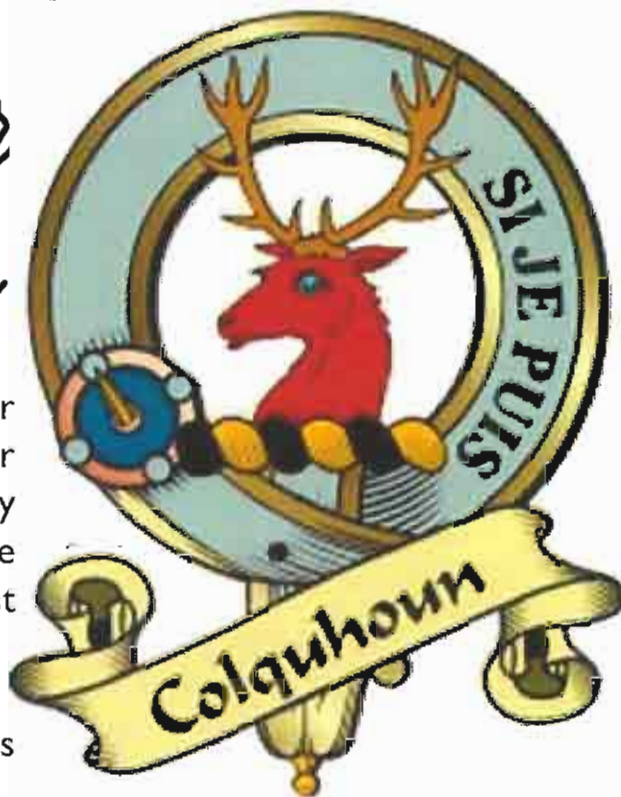
Drogin's book had dozens of such curses in it, and he had collected at least a dozen more to include in the second edition, which was never published. Inside his copy of the book, he still has a baggie of antique file cards, full of book curses.

As Drogin collected curses, he started to find repeats. Not all scribes were creative enough to

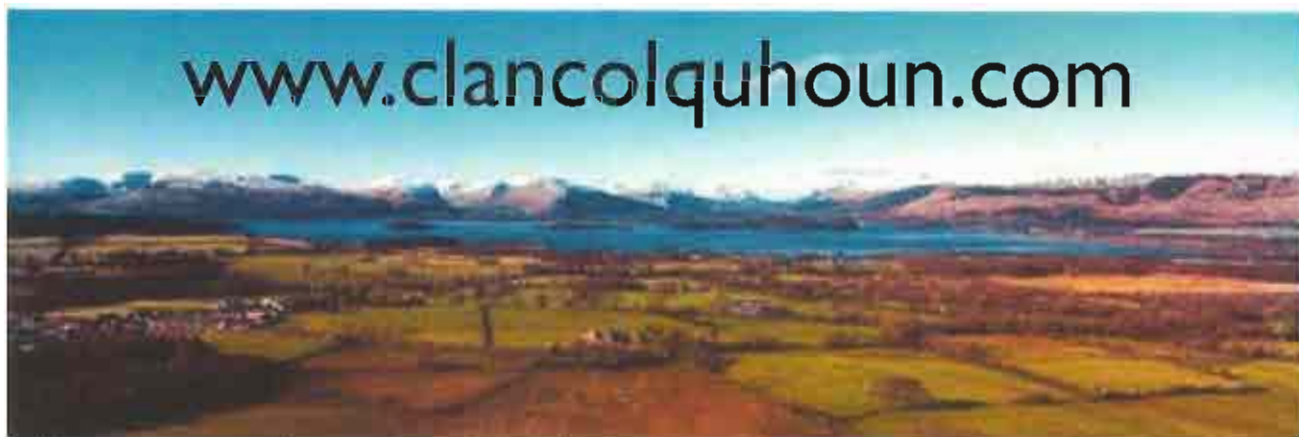
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# Become a member of Clan Colquhoun

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



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# It just doesn't mean the same thing in the USA as it does in Scotland

With thanks to Scotland's *Daily Record* and Scotland Now

It can often be a source of bafflement for outsiders (and often, a source of hilarity for Scots) but confusion over the different meaning of words in Scotland has been around for generations.

Thankfully, it doesn't take long to master the basics, and most outsiders will soon be joining in with the local lingo before long.

Here are some of our favourites.

1. *Messages* - What it usually means: Verbal or written communications.

Meaning in Scotland: **Your shopping.**

2. *Piece* - What it usually means: A part of something.

Meaning in Scotland: **A sandwich.**

3. *Greeting* - What it usually means: A polite welcome.

Meaning in Scotland: **To cry.**

4. *How* - What it usually means: How

Meaning in Scotland: To question **Why?**

5. *Coo* - What it usually means: The noise a pigeon makes.

Meaning in Scotland: **A cow (normally a Highland Cow)**

6. *Cry* - What it usually means: **To sob.**

Meaning in Scotland: **Call (as in what do you call him?).**

7. *Steaming* - What it usually means: Emitting steam.

Meaning in Scotland: **Very drunk.**

8. *Burn* - What it usually means: to harm using fire.

Meaning in Scotland: **A wee stream.**

9. *Winch* - What it usually means: A mechanism using rope that pulls or lifts things.

Meaning in Scotland: **To kiss.**

10. *Coupon* - What it usually means: a voucher

to get discount on something.

Meaning in Scotland: **A face.**

11. *Baltic* - What it usually means: Relating to the Baltic Sea or the region surrounding it.

Meaning in Scotland: **It's frozen.**

12. *Aboot* - What it usually means: A form of footwear.

Meaning in Scotland: **About.**

13. *Close* - What it usually means: Nearby.

Meaning in Scotland: **The passageway leading into a tenement building.**

14. *Empty* - What it usually means: The opposite of full.

Meaning in Scotland: **An excuse for a party.**

15. *Fit* - What it usually means: Sporty.

Meaning in Scotland:

**How? (Doric)**

16. *Flit* - What it usually means: To move swiftly and lightly.

Meaning in Scotland: **To move house.**

17. *Honking* - What it usually means: The noise a goose makes.

Meaning in Scotland: **Stinking**

18. *Ned* - What it usually means: A shortened version of Edward (as in Ned Flanders)

Meaning in Scotland: **A troublemaker**

19. *Patter* - What it usually means: To make a repeated light tapping sound.

Meaning in Scotland: **To be good with words, funny.**

20. *Patch* - What it usually means: A piece of cloth used to mend a torn piece of clothing.

Meaning in Scotland: **To ignore someone.**

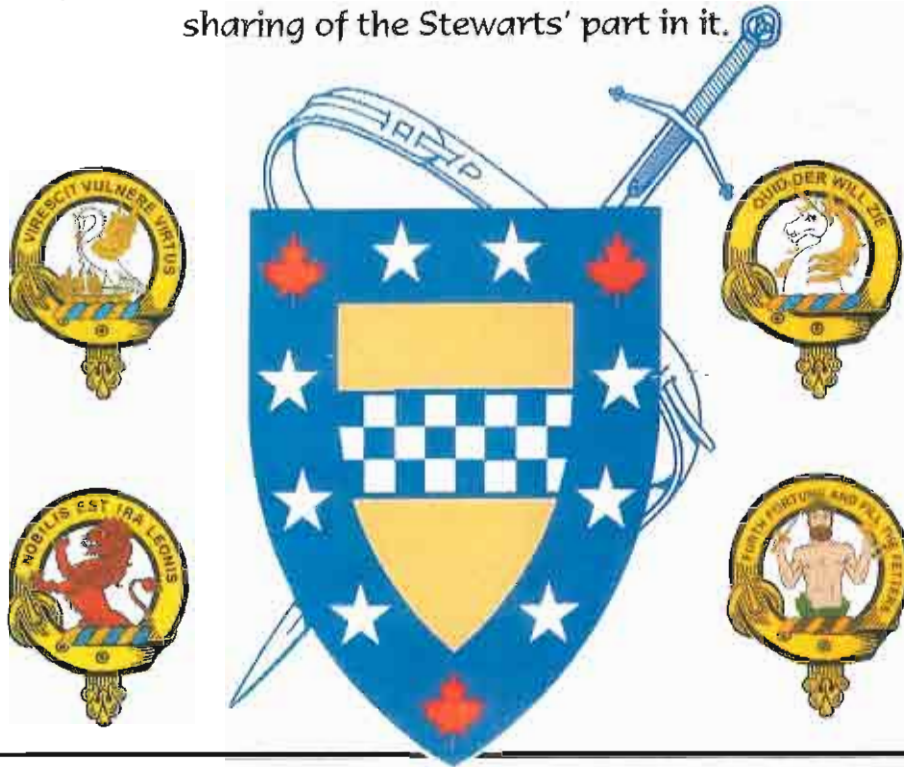
21. *Ken* - What it usually means: The male version of Barbie.

Meaning in Scotland: **Know.**



# Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc.

501(c)(3) Not For Profit Organization dedicated to the preservation of Scottish Heritage and History and the sharing of the Stewarts' part in it.



The Stewart dynasty descended from King Robert I's daughter and her husband, Walter the Steward. Despite early unrest and weak government caused by several Stewart kings succeeding as minors, the dynasty flourished for over three centuries.

During this time, Scotland moved forward to become a modern and prosperous nation. Stewart monarchs such as King James IV and VI were Renaissance patrons of artistic, scientific, commercial, religious and political endeavour, sponsoring figures including the poet, Robert Henryson, and humanist, George Buchanan.

Also of significance was the arrival in the mid-sixteenth century of the Reformation movement, bringing about the replacement of Catholic Mary Queen of Scots by her son King James VI.

It was through the Stewart dynasty that the two thrones of England and Scotland - and later the governments - came to be united.

The 'Marriage of the Thistle and the Rose' took place at Stirling Castle in 1503 between King James IV and Princess Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.

This union of the Scottish and English Royal families eventually led in 1603 to the succession of a Stewart (now with a change of spelling) to the throne of England.

CSSA is represented at approximately 40 Scottish/Celtic events around the country each year. We are always looking for folks with our passion to volunteer to start more.

We also have a presence on the Internet with a website, <[clansstewart.org](http://clansstewart.org)> (official) and a Facebook page listed as *Clan Stewart Society in America* (unofficial).

Though we have maintained our low annual \$25 membership, we are still able to sponsor trophies for dance, drums and pipes and establish scholarships for institutions providing cultural Scottish curriculums and we also sponsor the competition of a record-holding female athlete.

For CSSA membership information: <[clansstewart.org](http://clansstewart.org)> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)



The competition was sponsored by Luxury Scotland.



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Edinburgh One Spa, Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa

***Spa of the Year - Regional Winner.***

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Kinloch Lodge Hotel.

***Luxury Country Hotel of the Year.***

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### **Book Curses, continued from page 21**

write their own curses. If you're looking for a good, solid book curse, one that will serve in all sorts of situations, try this popular one out. It covers lots of bases, and while it's not quite as threatening as bookworms gnawing at entrails, it'll get the job done:

"May whoever steals or alienates this book, or mutilates it, be cut off from the body of the church and held as a thing accursed."

My friend, Marti, and I took tours to Scotland for several years...five or six I think.

Each year the highlight of our trip was to stop at Kinloch Lodge, owned by our good friends, Godfrey and Claire Macdonald for a meal.

You might know that Godfrey is the High Chief of Clan Donald and Claire writes wonderful cookbooks filled with the most delicious recipes!

Everyone who went with us on any of our trips is thrilled, I know, for Kinloch Lodge to be honored this year with the Luxury Country Hotel of the Year award!

Congratulations, friends!

## Gaelic to be taught!

Beginning this summer, Gaelic-medium instruction will become the norm in all primary schools in the Western Isles of Scotland, unless parents specifically choose to have their children instructed in English.

Hitherto it has been the other way around, but after some 30 years of Gaelic-medium education being available, more than half the parents in the Isles have opted for Gaelic, prompting the Western Isles Council (Comhairle nan Eilean Sar) to make the move.

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# Explore the British Museum's Newly Digital Collection from home!

*There are 1.9 million objects to explore. What are you waiting for?*

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Isaac Schultz in *Atlas Obscura*. Subscribe for free.

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The British Empire collected its fair—make that unfair—share of stuff, much of which now resides in the British Museum. Of course, like most other museums in countries heavily affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the British Museum is presently shuttered. But that doesn't mean you can't examine its holdings.

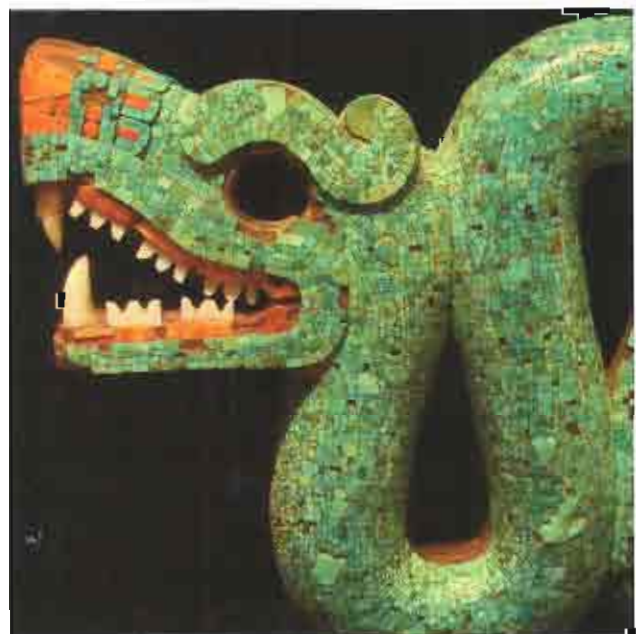
Last week the museum opened up about half of the objects in its collections—meaning an astonishing 1.9 million items—for public perusal online. While it's in the public domain (as the Smithsonian's collection is), the British Museum's trove will operate under a non-commercial CC-BY-4.0 license, which allows the public to view the images and share them with friends.

The breadth and diversity of the items now on view is as far and wide as the British Empire was at its height, from modern campaign buttons to Iron Age figurines. Some of the objects are iconic touchstones of world history, like the Rosetta Stone. Other pieces are less renowned, like a decadent porcelain elephant from 17<sup>th</sup>-century Japan. What all the stuff has in common is that it pulls you away from the current moment, offering an opportunity to delve into the past.

The world of discovery now accessible at home is limited only by one's imagination (and, in this case, an understanding of how to use the catalogue's search function). Whether you're down the street in Kensington or around the world in Shanghai, the British Museum's new initiative is a reminder that even when we're sequestered at home, we're only as far from other cultures—and the past—as we let ourselves be. And exploration of the unknown is just a search away.



*There are no elephants in Japan. But once word of them reached the island, artisans did the rest.*



*The objects hail from all over the world. This turquoise serpent with two heads, for instance, is an Aztec artwork from modern-day Mexico.*



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### Not for the faint-hearted

There are 282 Munros across Scotland and they should only be tackled by fit, experienced walkers carrying the correct equipment. We have recommended one that has a clear path up and down, as well as some stunning views from the top.

### Get adventure ready

So, wherever in the world you are, take a

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For more walking information visit the West Highland Way website.

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**The best laid plans**, *continued from page 3*  
the drying times on hobby paints when you purchase them? We, it seems, do not.

We tried to take them to our friends...and, of course, the wind blew them off of the flat thing we were carrying them on....and smeared the still wet paint. BADLY. On both shirts. Modern art?

Oh well, we thought, we still have Mr. Shark for Sunday night.

Sunday afternoon, we took Mr. Shark to Glasgow and found a Dollar Store that had helium. We took him inside and he was magnificent when filled with the gas! He would hardly fit in our Jeep Cherokee, he was so big!

Driving back to Barren River State Park we got tickled as folks who passed us did double takes and we could read their lips, "SHARK! There's a SHARK in that car!"

Arriving at our parking place. I tightly grasped the "handles" provided on Mr. Shark.

Before I even got him all the way out of the car, a great gust of wind came along...and, I was left holding the handles...while Mr. Shark happily took off for Scotland.

"Tom, he got away," I said rather loudly.

"What?"

"He's gone. He's gone," says I.

The Honored Guest and his entire party of about a dozen folks witnessed this disaster and I think you could hear them laughing all the way back to Scotland.

Our tee-shirts didn't dry and were ruined. I'm sure one of our wishes came true...our friends won't EVER forget those messy shirts.

Our handsome Mr. Shark escaped in a most magnificent manner. We still have his box.

We didn't even get to hear the music from *Jaws* that evening.



## RESEARCHERS FIND WILLIAM WALLACE'S "HOUSE"

Wilia Wallace, 13<sup>th</sup> century "freedom fighter" and his 16 fighting men supposedly used this camp-site (or fort) named "Wallace House" to attack the British in small skirmishes. The site is in Dumfries and Galloway council area.

Forestry & Land Scotland archaeologist, Matt Ritchie, conducted an aerial survey to give us a glimpse of the site (pictured above). Just think, Wallace and his men occupied this site over 700 years ago!

Some think the fort was the staging ground for plans to capture the Scottish castle of Lochmaben in 1297. The castle held a strong defensive position high enough to have a clear view of the lands south of the castle.

Historian Michael Brown (University of St. Andrews, Scotland) describes Wallace as a "patriotic hero whose only concern was the liberty and protection of his fellow Scots." Wallace was fed up with England's treatment of Scotland and he rallied Scotland's fiercest patriots (Jacobites) to defeat the English at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297.

That was the last victory for one of Scotland's most famous patriots as he was ultimately caught, imprisoned, and executed for his "crimes against England."

With thanks to the newsletter of Scottish Heritage USA. If you would like information on jointint this group, email <shusa57@gmail.com>



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# Dyson's farming business to host British National ploughing match

Ken Fletcher

Writing in *The Scottish Farmer* newspaper

Some neat ploughing in the old style at a former GB ploughing championship match. This year, the event is in Lincolnshire on the Dyson Beeswax Estate

More than 250 of Great Britain's champion ploughmen and women will gather on land near Lincoln to take part in this year's British National Ploughing Championships and Country Festival, which takes place on **October 12 and 13, 2020**.

A total of 200 acres of prime farmland will be provided by James Dyson's Beeswax Dyson Farming, at Nocton, to find who can plough the straightest furrow. The art of ploughing will be showcased to the thousands of visitors.

Competitors will plough in various categories, from 'world style' reversible ploughs, through to various vintage tractor ploughing classes and heavy horses.

The British championships will see competitors travelling from as far as the north of Scotland and the southern tip of Cornwall, with all fighting for the GB honour as well as the right to compete in various international competitions, including the 2020 World Ploughing Contest, to be held in Russia.

As well as many trade stands, there will also be working demonstrations of some unusual tractors, including a 1923 International Harvester Mogul 10-20 and the Doe Triple D.

The event will be well signposted and takes place on land seven miles south-east of Lincoln, on the B1188 between Branston and Metherringham.





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# **Weeden Nichols surely needs some genealogical help! Can you?**

Our second installment of this query:

Anson County still has the records of the part that became Franklin County, and the Register (Registrar?) of Deeds was very helpful with land records. Joanne S. Huntley, Anson County Register of Deeds, kindly searched Anson County records for me. On 14 Feb 2005, I received from Ms. Huntley transcripts of five deeds involving **JOHN MACLEOD**, dated in 1774, 1774, 1775, 1802, and 1811. **LONG JOHN** would have been too young to be the **JOHN MACLEOD** involved in the three deeds of the 1770's; however, he could have been the individual named in the 1802 and 1811 deeds. If, as purported, **LONG JOHN'S** father, also **JOHN MACLEOD**, died in 1775, then the two deeds of 1774 and the deed of 1775 could have been attributable to him. The 1770's deeds used waterways or trees or stakes as reference points, but the 1800's deeds referred to the towns of Sneydesborough and Rockingham. Rockingham was definitely in the part of Anson County that became Richmond County. I had hoped that a spouse or other family members might be mentioned in the deeds, as is often the case (and was the case for some of the other parties to the transaction); but, except in one case, "**JOHN MACLEOD**" (whether the elder or the younger) was the sole participant on his side of each transaction. I had hoped that witnesses listed might be revealing or instructive, but see no such help in the listings. The 1811 deed involving the sale of land in and adjoining Rockingham and the sale of a house in Rockingham would be consistent with **LONG JOHN'S** departure from that area. (He may have moved directly to Greene County, Mississippi, or he may have come back to settle his affairs before moving to Mississippi. Some family accounts purport that **LONG JOHN MACLEOD** was a member of the "North Carolina Highlander Regiment" of Loyalists, and that he was one of those who took refuge at St. Augustine, Florida, still British territory. It is conceivable that, after the British defeat in what we know as the American Revolution, and after things had generally settled down, he might have come back to sell his property before moving west.) Brief summaries of the five deeds:

11 April 1774: 150 acres sold by **JOHN MACLEOD** to **WILLIAM MACLINNEN**. Distances in poles and area in acres. References were **JOHN MACAULAY'S** corner line, certain trees, Cheek's Creek, and Yellow Lick Branch. Witness was **MALACHI WATTS**. Clerk was **JOHN AULD**.

18 May 1774: 200 acres sold by **SOLOMON GROSS** and wife **MARY** to **JOHN MACLEOD**. Distances given in "poles" and area in acres. References given as stakes or certain trees. Witnesses **SOIRLE MACDONALD**, **JOHN POWELL**, and **HACKLEY WARREN**. THE CLERK WAS **JOHN AULD**.

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art objects.

Painted in Ireland by London-born John Michael Wright, the portrait is notable for its elaborate detailing of costume, lively brushwork and delicate tonalities that tie together figure and background.

Chair of Glasgow Life and Deputy Leader of Glasgow City Council, Councillor David McDonald, said: "We are indebted to The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Art Fund, Friends of Glasgow Museums and the National Fund for Acquisitions.

"Our successful acquisition of this hugely significant painting for Scottish culture and national identity ensures it remains accessible to the public who have come to love and identify with the work.

"Visitors can learn more about the painting and the artist through a programme of events and activities that will accompany its display in Kelvingrove.

"The portrait supports Glasgow Museums' Scottish history, dress and textile and military collections, providing invaluable information for cultural historians interested in our national heritage, Gaelic culture and Highland identity."

Glasgow Museums aim to advance their research into Gaelic culture and Scottish history.

Through family events such as educational workshops, talks and tours, handling sessions and craft opportunities focused on the painting, curators will explore a number of issues.

These include tartan myths, the meaning of Scottish identity in a multi-cultural, richly diverse society, gender stereotypes, toxic masculinity, teenage culture and transatlantic slavery.

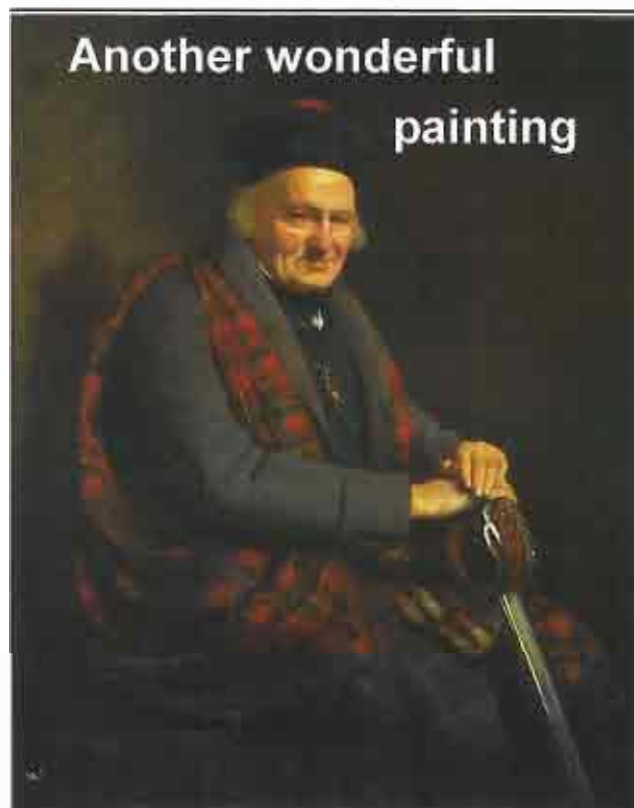
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told the BBC on Wednesday he was looking forward to being knighted by Queen Elizabeth, who already approved the prestigious title. He even made a joke about the long-running monarch, 94, who bestows the honor by tapping a sword on the recipient's shoulders.

"I hope she's not very heavy-handed with the sword," he said, according to Reuters. "By then I might be rather a poor old weak soul."



*Captain Tom Moore celebrating his 100th birthday!*



Patrick Grant (1713-1824) painted by Colvin Smith in 1822, when the venerable old Jacobite was 109 years old. He had been introduced to King George IV, on a visit to Edinburgh that year, as "his Majesty's oldest enemy."



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