



*Gibson Rivers McKenzie Gibson at 95 young,  
preparing for a Scottish Gathering*

## We mourn “Gib” McKenzie

**Gibson Rivers McKenzie**, Founder of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas, passed away on January 17th, 2010.

In 1975 Gibson McKenzie and his wife, Marjorie, attended the 20th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina as “conveners” for the first official outing of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas.

The Clan MacKenzie Society was organized July 12, 1974 at Banner Elk, North Carolina with the blessing of the Court of the Lord Lyon, Edinburgh acting in Her Majesty’s Service, and the Clan MacKenzie of Scotland.

Gibson was inspired by the other Scottish Clans and Societies in attendance at the Grandfather Mountain Games and took it upon himself to spearhead the organization and enlisted the help of others along the way.

Details in the first *Tulach Ard* newsletter, October 1975, produced by Gibson, reported on the activities of the MacKenzie’s at the Grandfather Mountain and Stone Mountain Games. Listing some of the other key members of our new society at that time were James Mackenzie-Frye, Gerry Smart, Rev. Charles Stewart McKenzie, Keith and Becky

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**A Spanish Tradition:  
You die when you die. You die when you are buried.  
You live so long as someone says your name and remembers you.**



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There is  
no need for a  
piece of sculpture  
in a house where  
lives a cat.

*A fashion note: Narra's birthday was in December. She celebrated her 15th birthday. Her gift from Peggie Hairy, Ernest T. Bicket and Angus was this lovely Fair Isle hooded sweater of 100% Persian Cat-hair wool. She modestly models it.*

# Important Letter from your editor...

The last six days of my life have been the most frightening I've ever experienced. Those who know me well, know that I've had scary things in my life from time to time - but, nothing like this.

Right after the first of the year, Tom insisted that we both go for a Life Screening appointment. This is where you go and nurses and technicians check your vital signs and lots of nooks and crannies that have the potential to be life threatening. Mostly, I'm pretty healthy and so is he.

The Life Screening, however, led to acquiring a family physician...which led to having a mammogram. I had had one before I moved to Walhalla, maybe 6 or 7 years ago...although that long ago test had been fine, it did not sit well with the new doctor that it had been more than a year ago.

The mammogram was not something I'd do for fun, but so far as I was concerned, it was completely routine. I had no phone call from anyone and no reason to worry about it - until four days later when I got a call from the office of my brand new family doctor.

"You have a 'denseness' in your right breast. We need you to have another appointment at the mammogram office."

"What?" "Me?" OH MY GOODNESS. "What in the world is a 'denseness'?"

I had no lumps, no swelling, no pain...nothing in the world to warn me of this.

I spent a little time shaking and crying...and then decided that I could not fall apart. Ha. I was still really frightened.

On Friday, I talked with a Registered Nurse friend of mine who told me that it is quite common for women to have "dense" portions of their breasts.

I took a long breath. "Really?" I said.

"Really," she said.

Another friend confided that she had been called back after mammograms several times - and each time it had turned out to be nothing.

Another friend told me that six years ago she



had a mastectomy and today is fine. I've known her for a very long time, but we live a continent away from each other.....and don't get to visit very often...so, it wasn't surprising that I had not known about her illness.

I thought of my friend, Jan, who passed away right around the holidays from complications of breast cancer. I thought of my half-sister who died from breast cancer...and my good and life long dear friend who is just emerging from the treatment of her own - with a clean bill of health. I thought of another friend in the Scottish community who has completed her own treatment and who is fine.

"It's not the end of the world," I thought. "If it is bad, I'll deal with it and be OK," which didn't do much to make me less frightened.

Tom and I talked of how it took us this long to find each other...SURELY nothing bad would happen now. Surely.

Somehow the six days passed....and I appeared a few minutes before 9 this morning at the diagnostic office.. I was shaking so badly, I couldn't read a magazine. The technician wrought her magic with the mam-

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# Read only if you love the pipes!

Q. What's the difference between a bagpipe and an onion?

A. *Nobody much cries when you chop up a bagpipe.*

Q. What's the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline?

A. *You take off your shoes when you jump on a trampoline.*

Q. How can you tell a bagpiper with perfect pitch?

A. *He can throw his bagpipe into the middle of a pond and not hit any of the ducks.*

Q. How is playing a bagpipe like throwing a javelin blindfolded?

A. *You don't have to be very good to get people's attention.*

Q. What is the difference between a lawn mower and a bagpipe?

A. *You can tune a lawnmower.*

Q. If you were lost in the woods, who would you trust for directions: An in-tune bagpipe player; an out-of-tune bagpipe player or Santa Claus?

A. *The out-of-tune bagpipe player. The other two indicate you have been hallucinating.*

Q. What is the definition of a gentleman?

A. *Someone who knows how to play the bagpipe...and doesn't.*



## An Important Letter from your Editor, *continued from page 3*

mogram machine, this time with a little doo-hickey maybe four inches square. Sideways, frontways...every way possible...to be sure they had good pictures.

By this time, I'm about to faint it feels like. When the technician came back and said the doctor had ordered an additional test, an ultra sound. I saw stars...but took a deep breath and thought, "At least I will know today what's going on."

My first ultra sound frightened me worse than ever...but then the technician said, "Oh, I don't see anything but a lymph node."

"A lymph node?" I said.

"Let me go get the doctor, but I think you can relax a little."

It turned out, it IS simply a wandering lymph node - which in this case is equal to "nothing" or "fine" or "don't worry about it."

I have learned a very personal lesson on compassion for those who are not so fortunate. I have learned that it is important to go each year and have that uncomfortable, painful and at least to me, embarrassing mammogram.

If you haven't been in more than the last year, please make an appointment to go. For the sakes of those who love you...do go.



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# Family Search Pilot Project underway

**Bryan Mulcahy**, Reference Librarian Fort Myers-Lee County (FL) Library  
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One of the newest additions to the Family search website is the pilot record search project.

The pilot search project is an outgrowth of the LDS Churches plan to digitalize all of the Family History Library's microfilmed records and make them available on-line. This project involves members of the Family History library staff assisted by 100,000-plus volunteers world-wide who index an average of one million names per day from these records.

The pilot project includes scans of millions of actual source records such as census returns, vital records, naturalizations, passenger lists, just to name a few. These images are from original sources records from all over the world.

The pilot project is another search tool that allows patrons free access to a growing number of useful genealogical records. In many ways, the pilot project parallels Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition albeit on a smaller scale. However, new information is being added on a regular basis. Furthermore, the Family history Library is committed to digitalizing as many records as possible.

This will be especially helpful for researchers using records that were originally microfilmed by the church in the pre-1990 era. These images were made on equipment which may have been state of the art for the time period but totally inferior to what is available

today thanks to technological advances. This is resulting in far superior image quality which often leads to better search results. Researchers may search the site using two options: The *Search* feature includes a number of record collections you can search to locate specific ancestors. Each entry offers a summary of the information found in records about the ancestor and digital images of the records.

The *Browse* feature includes collections you can browse to see digital images of records from specific areas within a city, town, county, or church parish.

In addition to the obvious research benefits, the Pilot Search program offers the average person a chance to be part of the most comprehensive and ambitious research project launched in recent memory.

The site actively solicits feedback from users. Users may report issues, request enhanced images, become volunteers, or simply offer comments.

Users may access the Pilot Search site at the following website address:: <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#start> or go to Family Search at <http://www.familysearch.org>, click on the *Search Records* icon. This will give you a pop-down menu.

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# CDR Rex A. Maddox, USN, ret., honored as first Claude A. Henderson Fellow

Claude A. Henderson was one of the dedicated founders of the Clan Henderson Society and a long time officer, serving as secretary-treasurer and president before being named as High Commissioner for North America and Chief-tain. After his death in 2001, in recognition of his love for the society, two forms of recognition were established.

First, Clan Henderson established the Claude A. Henderson Memorial Scholarship to be presented to an individual who has provided sustained support for the Clan Henderson activities during the previous year. The participation must be of a nature that the individual is recognized both by the Clan/Society and by others as being an active participant in the clan and its activities.

The nature of any participation should enhance Scottish cultural heritage, but not

necessarily require involvement in the arts. This award is in the form of a certificate signed by the Clan Henderson President and

includes a scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars.

Then, the Claude A. Henderson Fellowship was established as an endowment program for those individuals desiring to donate the sum of \$1000 or more to the Claude A. Henderson Memorial Fund for the purpose of sustaining the scholarship program. The contributor would be recognized

as a Claude A. Henderson Fellow.

During the Henderson Ceilidh following the Alexandria (VA) Christmas Walk, society president Rex Maddox was recognized as the first Claude A. Henderson Fellow.

Rex has served the society as Head of the Bodyguard, Commissioner of the Mid-East Region and is the Mid-East Commissioner Emeritus. He is currently serving his second term as president of the society.



*Clan Henderson's Harry Keifer parading at Grandfather.*

## Virtue Alone Enables

**“Gib” McKenzie**, *continued from page 1*

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McKenzie, Nancy McKenzie, Saunders McKenzie Bridges, Ralph McKenzie and the McKenzie children, Gibson III, Lynn and Carol.

A Birmingham, Alabama native, Gibson is one of the pioneer members of the Saint Andrews Society of the Middle South. He studied at the University of Alabama and is both a mechanical engineer and an entrepreneur.

His career path covered companies such as Gulf States Steel Corporation, Republic Steel Corporation and F.J. Evans Engineering Corporation. He also served as a manufacturers representative for International Boiler Works, Johnston & Fraser and Space-Ray Corporation. Gibson was recognized at each of these companies for his outstanding performance.

A true Scot, Gibson also founded his own business, Caledonian Imports, Ltd., that provided Scots throughout the southeast region with Scottish attire, weapons, books, bagpipes, recording, flags and other Scottish items for over thirty years.

Scottish Country Dancing was another love of Gibson and Marjorie's. They founded The Tartan Heirs Scottish Country Dance Ensemble in 1978 and performed many times for television, festivals and other society gatherings.

His ability to organize is evident in his involvement in the founding or growth of many other Scottish Societies including the Alabama Celtic Association, The Clan Smith Society, the Clan Baird Society, The Clan MacArthur Society, The Order of the Tartan in Columbus, Georgia, the Saint Andrews Society of Mississippi, The Alabama Highland Games, North Alabama Scottish Festival, The Scottish Highland Games of Mississippi, the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival, The Heart of Dixie Highland Games and the Oak Mountain Highland Games. He and Marjorie were also instrumental in the founding of Saint Matthew's Traditional Episcopal Church.

He was married for 65 years to Marjorie Greta Elms of Boston, Massachusetts and they had three children, Gibson III, Lynn and Carol. Gibson has 3

grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to: Family of Gibson R. McKenzie, 205 East Edgewood Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209-3913.

*Gib McKenzie was my friend for way more than twenty years. He was a welcoming and smiling face at every game he attended and was always filled with joy at being in the midst of his own Scottish heritage and delighted to share it with all.*

*For the years of the Oak Mountain Highland Games, I did speeches and helped some. Experiences I shall never forget because of Gib and Gene.*

*We thank the Clan MacKenzie Society in America for the information regarding our loss of Gib McKenzie. Please go to: [http://www.clanmackenzie.com/mackenzie\\_cms\\_membership\\_info.html](http://www.clanmackenzie.com/mackenzie_cms_membership_info.html) for membership information.*

**Goshen Hall**, born in Kite, Kentucky on 3 May 1925 died last November 7 in Kite, Kentucky. She was 84. She was a homemaker and active in the American Scottish Community and was one of the founders of the Clan Hall Society.

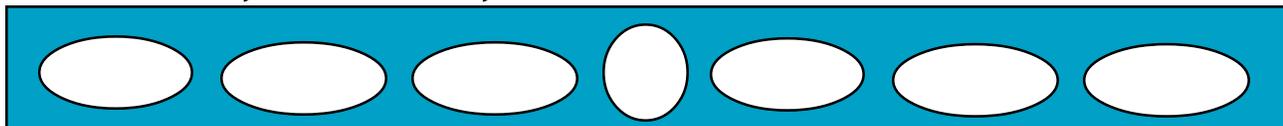
Her late parents were Jethro and Rosa Ellen “Doll” Meade Hall and her late husband was William Riley Hall. She is survived by three sons, Bobby Wayne Hall, Riley “Billy” Hall and Avery Jethro Hall, all of Fremont, Ohio. She is survived by one daughter, Joy Denise Kistler of Painesville, Ohio. Eleven grandchildren survive as do 28 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Her son, Atlas Dean Hall, three brothers and five sisters predeceased her.

Her memorial service was held at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman, Kentucky and was conducted by her old regular Baptist ministers.

*Mrs. Hall was a sweet friend of mine for so many years. She was always smiling and always wanted a big hug. I shall, indeed, miss her - especially at the Glasgow Highland Games.*

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# Does anyone know anything about anybody?

Searching for children from my purported great-great-uncle, **EDWARD L. MILLER** and my great-great-aunt by marriage, **OLIVE ADAMS PEABODY**. **EDWARD L.** was very likely the son of my great-great-grandfather, **GEORGE C. (or G.) MILLER**, a German immigrant, and his first wife?, my unknown great-great-grandmother, and **OLIVE ADAMS PEABODY** was the daughter of **THOMAS PEABODY** (1801-1870) and **DEBORAH ADAMS PEABODY** (1807 1854), both of Gilead, Maine. **EDWARD L. MILLER** and **OLIVE ADAMS PEABODY** (b. 1839) were probably married in west-central Maine on May 16, 1868. Please contact **Edward W. Carberg**, **6 Park St., Salem, MA 01970**.

Desire biography, picture of War of 1812 Navy officer **THOMAS MacDONOUGH** (1783-1825) born Delaware. Ancestor to **MARY BEATRICE PHILLIPS** (1859-1929), Baltimore, Maryland. **J. JOSEPH STRIBLE?** Ditto. British Commodore **DOWNIE!** Contact **Richard Morrissey**, **28656 Murrieta, Sun City, CA 92586**.

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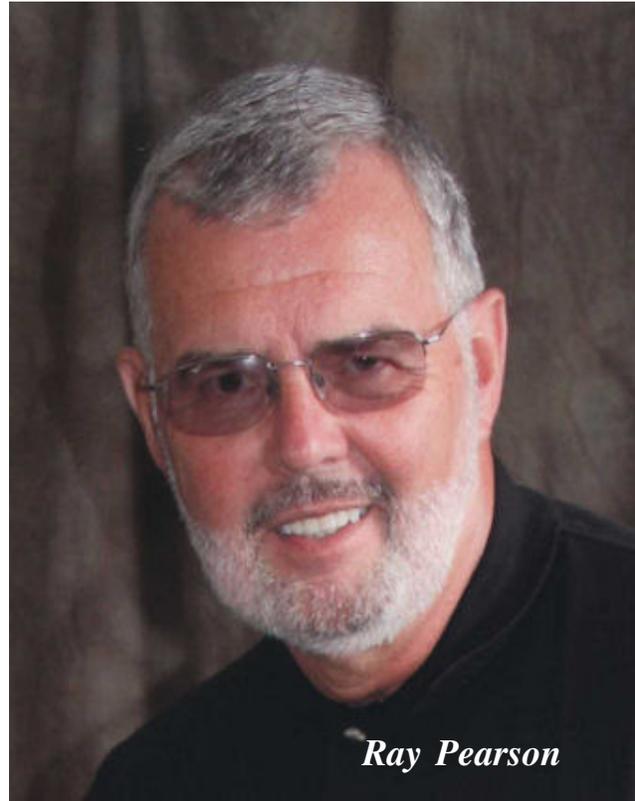
# The Whisky Column

**Ray Pearson**  
San Diego, CA

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San Francisco recently hosted the International Fancy Food Show. This is a collection of food purveyors from around the world, presenting their premier products to members of the trade, food writers, and decision makers for retail stores and restaurants. During the day I sampled goodies from Europe, Asia, South America and the United States. In the evening, the Scottish Development International hosted a reception at the Palace Hotel for invited guests, at which I presented a Scotch whisky tasting. The event was co-sponsored by Walkers Shortbread. Guests enjoyed a variety of single malts of varying strengths and ages. “Aha” and “wow” moments came when guests experienced the positive difference that adding just a few drops of water made to the enjoyment of the fine malts.

From the SDI I learned a great deal about Scotland’s presence in the beverage industry. Some interesting facts: Over 1.1 billion bottles of Scotch whisky were exported in 2007. This represents about 90% of production. Highland Spring bottled water is one of the fastest growing brands in the UK, growing at 12% against market growth of 5.8% Edinburgh’s Heriot Watt Uni-



*Ray Pearson*

versity runs the world’s only Brewing and Distilling MBA program Scotland’s beer, lager and traditional ales sector is characterized by extremes: at one end of the scale is Scottish & Newcastle, the UK’s leading brewing company. At the other end of the scale are many small, independent brewers, including Harviestoun, Atlas & Orkney Brewery, Cairngorm Brewery, Brewdog and Block Isle Brewery. In between are Belhaven and The Caledonia Brewing Company.

At the end of the evening, as guests departed, everyone agreed that the rainy, cold San Francisco weather was

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warmed and enhanced by wonderful food, a bit of fine shortbread, and single malts - uisge beatha - the water of life.

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## **Bliadhna Mhath Ur! Bethabara Park invites YOU!**

The 10th Annual Highland Games this year will be Friday May 7 (Celidh 6-8) and Saturday May 8, 2010. This is the tenth anniversary of our games and you are responsible for that achievement! Without your participation we could not have able to accomplish this feat. Last year again we had record attendance. We look forward to seeing everybody back again this year and will try to make it the best games ever.

The venue will feature the camaraderie of the Scottish Clan and Family circle in the Barn Field. Pipe bands, Amateur Scottish Heavy Athletics competition, Lassie Games, Kid's games include colonial games, and the children's athletic competition. (Kilts will again be available for the children.)

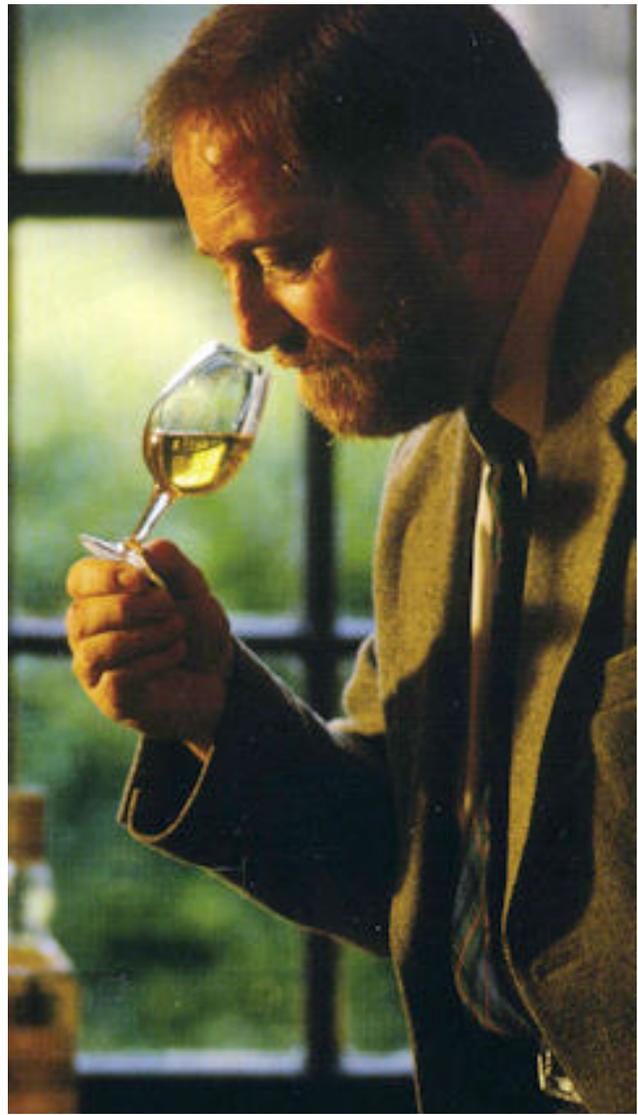
Main stage Celtic music, Border collie demonstrations, Educators, Dancers, Irish Tea Room - are all events you will enjoy.

The event starts at 6:00 Friday evening with the Celidh. Scottish, and Irish food and drink will be available at reasonable prices. Our vendors have asked to be able to open up shop that night.

The full blown games start at 10:00 Saturday morning. I will mail out the news letter around the first of April. and details on what will be happening, where and when. Also everyone will get the "Schedule" for the event.

Finally, after ten years at the helm, I think the games are ready for new leadership, fresh blood, and new ideas. I originally said I would only direct the games for five years to get them established. It has been ten great years thanks to you. I am pleased to announce that Ed Bodenheimer will be taking the helm.

Ed brings to the table years of experience with



games. He is the owner of one of the larger plumbing and heating concerns here in Winston Salem and has been a Scottish athlete for years throwing at most of the regional games. Ed and I will be working together this year and will take them over starting in 2011.

I am hopeful that you will again consider coming and being part of our event again. I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you. I hope you will join us and make it happen once again to promote not only our heritage, but help in educating the children of today about the heritage of their yesterday.

Yours aye,

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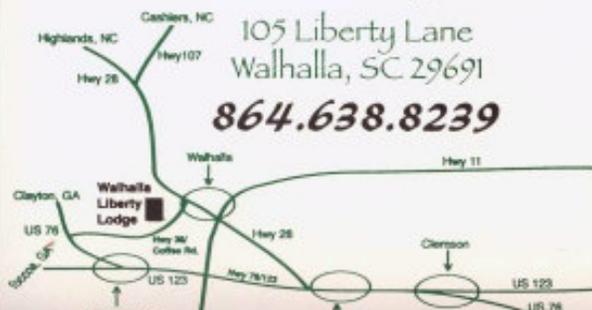
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# A Scot-ish Journey Round America

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February 2010 **Mike Slavin**



*Mike Slavin with the Barren County (KY) Clerk and Assistant, looking at the 1898 court record of the order which called the county seat "Glasgow"*

Quite a long time ago, I was watching a television program on the development of the Boeing 777. In it, I heard them say that the cold-weather testing was done at "Glasgow Airport".

It turned out that this Glasgow was in Montana. I was regaling my friends with this information in the pub later that same evening, when the barman, a student at the local University, told us he was from Butte, Montana.

A couple of us had done a lot of business travel in the USA, so we were really interested in such an out-of-the-way place as Montana.

One sentence from the barman stuck in my mind: when I told him where Glasgow Montana was, he said, "You don't want to go east of the Rockies, there's nobody there!" And, as I mulled it over in my mind, and thought of all those visits to the great eastern cities of New York, Washington, Chicago, Atlanta, Boston and the like, I thought: "You know, that's exactly what I do want to do".

As I got close to retirement, I began to plan a trip to see the wide-open spaces (actually, they call it the 'Big Sky') of Montana, and thought that pinning it

on a trip to Glasgow, Montana would work just fine.

I began a bit of gentle research into what went on there, what the weather was like, and so on, mainly to think on what might be the best time of year to go.

Then something magic happened. I made a mistake locating Glasgow, Montana in MultiMap.

As is often the case with mistakes, (or at least my mistakes) I wasn't paying attention when I made it, so I don't know what it was. But the outcome was startling: "Which of these seventeen Glasgows do you mean," it said, pointing all over the United States. I

was gobsmacked: Seventeen! I decided I needed some record of this, so I printed out the page. For sometime afterwards, I would pull out this list and look at it, like a schoolboy fascinated with a dirty picture. And I gradually formed a view: why not go and see them all.

It reeked of a grand quixotic adventure; just the sort of pointless thing a retired person ought to do. But it also had several serious points to it as well.

In all these US business trips, I had visited the great cities of the east coast. Being in the IT business, most of my contacts were peo

Here was an opportunity to visit a set of small towns, chosen practically by accident, to see the real America which had created them; a traditional "American Road Trip", with these Glasgows as a set of dots to join.

I came, originally, from Glasgow (I suppose I now ought to say "Glasgow, Scotland"). So I was interested in how they might have come to be called Glasgow, who had done it, and when. Then there were a whole flood of questions: how do they pronounce it? what do they think of the original Glasgow? do they know about the original Glasgow? what do they make in these other Glasgows? have any famous things happened there? do they have any famous sons? And so on, and so on.

When I got into detail, and asked the United States Geological Survey about Glasgow, I actually

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The first member of the British royal family ever to leave home for a haircut was Queen Elizabeth II. It was in Malta back in the days when she was a princess. She is said to have enjoyed the experience.

Peter Sellers was the first male to appear on the cover of *Playboy*.

# Flowers of the Forest

**Lt. Thomas Henderson**, age 67, retired Harper Woods Fire Fighter of twenty-five years, passed away on Thursday, 5 November 2009 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

He was born 7 May 1942 in Detroit. He was an avid woodworker, hunter and taught hunters safety classes in the Big Rapids area.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-three years, Rosemary Wagner Henderson and children Helen (Jerry), Clark, Mark Conrad Henderson and a sister, Maryanne Henderson along with a brother, John Henderson. He is survived by seven sisters-in-law, five brothers-in-law, twenty-six nieces and nephews and forty-eight great nieces and nephews who knew him as Uncle T. He is survived by several close friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Katherine Osburn Henderson and Charles Henderson and his favorite mother-in-law, Frances Wagner.

He was a member of the Clan Henderson Society.

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**Charlie Alfred "Hoot" Gibson** was born to Charles Alfred and Julia Lorene (Davis) Gibson on August 12, 1932, at Ames, OK and departed this life in Temple, OK on January 26, 2010, at the age of 77 years, 5 months and 14 days.

Hoot grew up at Ames, OK, before moving to Pryor and eventually to Temple where he graduated from THS in 1952. He then entered the United States Navy during Korea and also served four tours of duty, which included two stat teams, to Vietnam.

He married Nadine McClung on August 5, 1956

at Burkburnett, TX. Through his 20 year military career the family made their home at Coronado, CA, the Philippines, Las Vegas, Oklahoma City, Millington, TN, Long Beach, MS, then again to Las Vegas and Long Beach before retiring back home to Temple. He stayed in the Reserves for another 10 years during which time he worked at Goodyear for 10 years, and all the while enjoyed farming as well.

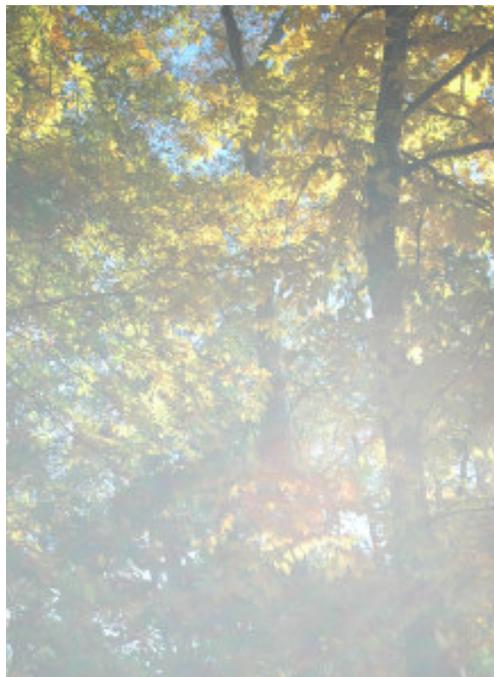
Hoot enjoyed playing football in high school. He has also enjoyed horses, honey bees, reading Louis L'Amour books, doing leather work, wood work and all kinds of tinkering. He loved his dog Sadie. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, receiving his 50 year pen, and took great pride in his naval career.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, Clayton, Waldo and Luther Gibson and 2 sisters, Helen Hern and Reba Josephine Gibson.

Survivors include his wife, Nadine, of the home; a son, Chuck Gibson and wife

Jana of Elgin, OK; a daughter, Denise McComber and husband Leon of Walters, OK; a brother, Howard Gibson of Arizona; a sister Judy Murray of Tahlequah, OK; 8 grandchildren and spouses, Lauren McComber, Greg and Brandi McComber all of Walters, Stacy and Chris McDonald of Largo, FL, Chas and Kelly Gibson of Apache, OK, Cara Hitz of Dennison, TX, Courtney and Steve Solstad of McKinney, TX, Leah and Bryant Mathews, James and Dora Gibson all of Elgin; 11 great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Joel McClung, played Flowers of the Forest on the Great Highland Bagpipes at the funeral. Joel and his wife, Jill, played violin and harp at the earlier memorial service for Hoot Gibson.



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# A Henderson DNA Map is possible

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Plans are afoot to create a Henderson DNA map to become part of the Clan DNA Map of Scotland first announced in early June 2007 by Glasgow Caledonian University.

The Glasgow DNA project is an attempt by university leaders to establish Glasgow Caledonian as a centre for Scottish genealogy worldwide.

The forensic centre is not up and running yet - some of the facilities are still being built. When completed, it will allow people who have identified some links with Scotland to confirm if they are blood-related to Scottish people.

The centre also plans to conduct genetic research into the clan system of Scotland, eventually putting together a genetic map that should help people unravel their Scottish roots.

With more than 200 Henderson samples in our database, the Henderson DNA map will be a significant contribution to this worldwide project.

My research trip to Scotland, planned for 2011, will include the five historic origins of Clan Henderson. I believe the results of this trip will contribute immensely to our knowledge of the Hendersons in Scotland and Ulster Ireland.

All the current rate of growth we could see as

many as 350 Henderson DNA samples in our database by the end of that trip.

In advance of travel, we have made contact with several Scottish Henderson friends who are proponents of DNA supported genealogy and look forward to working with them as well as others we find along the way.

None of those I've met believe this is going to be an easy task. Just understanding your DNA results can be a challenge much less determining a specific origin where our DNA signatures were first concentrated.

It will be a challenge for sure and what better way to make a trip exciting than to throw in a few dragons to fight along the way.

To aid in our quest, an International Clan Henderson Genealogy Website has been created to share results with our Scottish cousins and Hendersons worldwide. This website is for Henderson genealogists primarily, but the general public can participate at the highest level just by clicking on our address at <http://groups.google.com/group/clanhenderson-international-genealogy> Specific family line work is confidential protected by password membership.

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*Clan Henderson Society, Inc., on parade at Stone Mountain Highland Games held each October.*

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Did you know that former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill never traveled on a Friday the 13th unless it was absolutely essential?

# Mail delivery in early Atlanta suburbs

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June 3, 1901 the *Atlanta Journal* published an article declaring that mail would be delivered to rural Fulton County.

The horse and wagon was incorporated for use to deliver that mail!

The area included was Atlanta Heights, Bolton, Fort McPherson and East Point and was free.

Compare this one with today's budgets! The newspaper article said, "The department would not be warranted in burdening the people with such a great expense."

In 1894 the City of Atlanta declined to expend the small appropriation of \$10,000 made by Congress to test the feasibility of the scheme. The following year, Atlanta refused to accept a \$20,000 appropriation from

Congress. However, in 1896 Congress appropriated \$40,000, an amount considered inappropriate. By 1898, Congress had appropriated \$150,000 to further test the mail system, which reached \$300,000 by 1899, \$450,000 by 1900 and by 1901 the appropriation was \$1,750,000!

The horse and wagon travelled about twenty-five miles per day and the route was so arranged as not to have to retrace tracks or go over the same road twice! Imagine that!

The carriers sold stamps



## Henderson DNA, *continued from page 21*

I invite you to join us online as we prepare for this trip. If you have acquaintances in Scotland or Ulster, Northern Ireland with connection to any of the Henderson derivative surnames, please let me know or give them our new web address. This is an all inclusive project and can only benefit from the good wishes and assistance of Hendersons everywhere.

and registered letters and some money orders. The service was a result of petitions signed by Fulton County residents wishing to keep in touch with the markets, the news and the world generally.



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got a list of about 133! After I had eliminated what amounted to duplicates (electoral districts, schools, and the like) and disqualified “New”, “West”, “Upper”, and so on, (I even disqualified Glasco, Kansas) I was left with a list of 20 plain “Glasgows”, although the USGS did confess that two of these were “historical”, which it defined as meaning there was no trace left.

If you buy the AAA’s *Big Book of Maps*, you will find 9 Glasgows: Kentucky, Montana, Delaware, Missouri, Virginia, West Virginia, Iowa (Jefferson County), Illinois, and Pennsylvania (Cambria County).

And if you’re looking for Mayors of Glasgow, you’ll find 7: Kentucky, Montana, Missouri, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania (but this time Beaver County).

If you look for official Post Office addresses, you’ll find 6: Kentucky, Montana, Missouri, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania (Cambria County).

If you’re looking for High Schools, you’ll find 4: Kentucky, Montana, Missouri, and Delaware And if you’re looking for the first one, that’s another one in Pennsylvania, in Montgomery County this time, dating from the 1720s.

Pennsylvania, you will have spotted, boasts three.

Alabama, Iowa, and Ohio each have two. And the ones I haven’t mentioned are: Oregon, which is a smart little hamlet just off US 101 on the other side of the bridge from North Bend; California, which is just a tangled set of abandoned railroad ties in the middle of the Mojave Desert; and Georgia, which is the last on the list, and I haven’t been to yet (part of the plan was to go south as the weather got colder.

Perhaps most interesting from the point of view of this readership are Montana and Kentucky, who are alone in having adopted the Scottish ‘brand’ with some enthusiasm. Their school teams are called “Scotties”, and their bands wear kilts, etc.

Kentucky, which is by far the biggest, stands alone in organizing Highland Games, but Montana invites a Canadian pipe band over for its October Festival.

And the fighting song of the Montana Scotties is sung to the tune of “Scotland the Brave”.

If you’d like to read more of Mike’s adventures, visit his blog at: <http://mikeslavinglasgow.blogspot.com/>



*Scenes around Glasgow, KY*



# Here is quick tip for genealogists

Perhaps this is obvious to others, but it wasn't (initially) to me.

If you are looking for a name, and quotation marks to limit the number of hits you get on the Web (i.e., "John Smith"), you should also reverse the order and try the search the other way (i.e., "Smith, John").

If your ancestor is on a list somewhere that is alphabetized by the last name, the second search may find him, but the first won't. I found my great-grandfather on a list of documents held at the Museum of the Confederacy, and without doing the search with the names reversed I would not have found that reference.

Sometimes the obvious is hard to find!



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# Alastair McIntyre on many things...

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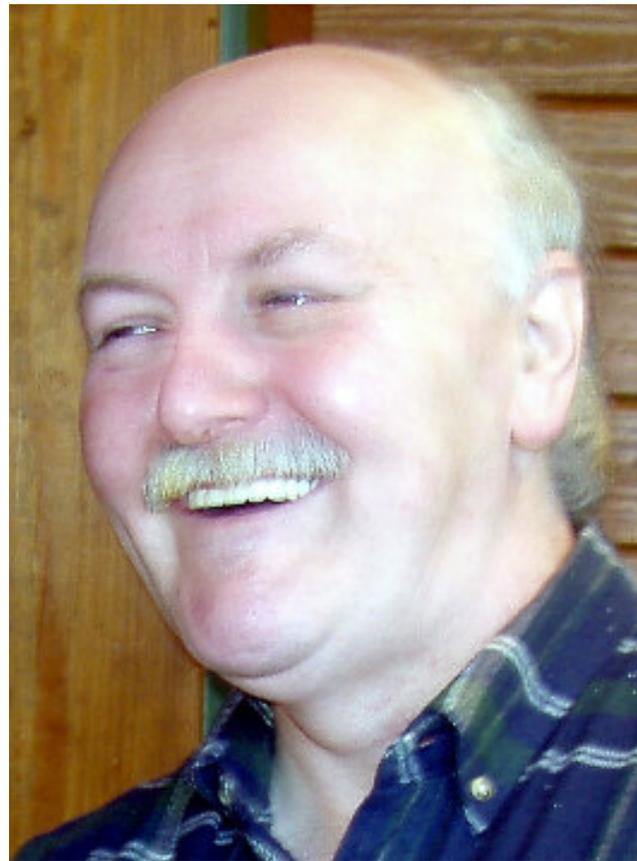
Genealogy is of huge interest to many and tracing your ancestors is certainly one of the truly great hobbies of today and especially due to the emergence of the Internet and the Web where so much research can now be undertaken from your home.

Personally I have never been that interested in genealogy and far more interested in the race and its people. To me being Scottish or of Scots descent is far more important. It lets you explore your roots in so many ways that pure genealogy doesn't. Recent DNA discoveries now tell us we're all descended from just seven women and so by taking a quick DNA test you can now go back between 10,000 and 60,000 years.

But what shaped us and made us the people we are today? For example you read... "Dr Jackson elsewhere affords us a striking illustration. While passing through the Isle of Skye ("The Isle of Skye has, within the last forty years, furnished for the public service, twenty-one lieutenant-generals and major-generals, forty-five lieutenant-colonels; six hundred majors, captains, lieutenants, and subalterns; ten thousand foot soldiers; one hundred and twenty pipers; four governors of British colonies; one governor-general; one adjutant-general; one chief-baron of England; and one judge of the Supreme Court of Scotland. The generals may be classed thus :-eight Macdonalds, six Macleods, two Macallisters, two Macaskills, one Mackinnon, one Elder, and one Macqueen. The Isle of Skye is forty-five miles long, and about fifteen in mean breadth. Truly the inhabitants are a wonderful people. It may be mentioned that this island is the birthplace of Cuthullin, the celebrated hero mentioned in Ossian's Poems.)

So how did such a small island produce so many outstanding people? And for that matter how does a small country like Scotland produce so many outstanding people that have made huge contributions to the world.

John Napier, the 16th-century mathematician,



philosopher and inventor who, from his secluded tower in Scotland, produced the vital tool needed by mankind to explore the globe and fathom the universe. Without Napier's invention of logarithms and the decimal notation for complex fractions, the discoveries of others such as Galileo, Kepler and Newton would have been hindered by years of long and complex calculations.

Although the Scots comprise less than one-half of 1 percent of the world's population, 11 percent of all Nobel prizes have been awarded to Scotsmen. (Quote from the book *Mark of the Scots* by Duncan A Bruce.)

Even today we read... "SCOTS emigres to the US are five times more likely to become dollar millionaires than those from any other country, according to a study of wealth. Thomas Stanley and William Danko, in their book *The Millionaire Next Door*, analysed the ethnic backgrounds of the wealthiest members of US society and discovered that while people of Scottish origin make up 1.7% of the population, they comprise 9.3% of its millionaires."

A central theme of Scottish history, has been emigration. Historian George Shepperson has labeled this the Scottish Volkerwanderung. Others have termed it the Scottish diaspora. Scotland's loss, as the National Trust Monument at Culloden currently phrases it, "has been the world's gain."

Sir John Sinclair, compiler of the first Statistical Account of Scotland in the 1790s, stated: "He [the Highlander] has felt from his early youth all the privations to which he can be exposed in almost any circumstances of war. He has been accustomed to scanty fare, to rude and often wet clothing, to cold and damp houses, to sleep often in the open air or in the most uncomfortable beds, to cross dangerous rivers, to march a number of miles without stopping and with but little nourishment, and to be perpetually exposed to the attacks of a stormy atmosphere. A warrior thus trained suffers no inconvenience from what others would consider to be the greatest possible hardships, and has an evident superiority over the native of a delicious climate, bred to every indulgence of food, dress and habitation and who is unaccustomed to marching and fatigue."

Here is where we get a clue as to why Scots made such great settlers, explorers and warriors.

There is also a romance in our souls as why else would someone write "But listen! Do you hear? Wild and sweet in the distance over the water comes the sound. It is the pipes, and they are playing "Flora Macdonald's Lament." Yonder, down near the shore-you can make them out through the glass-a shooting party has picnicked, and they have brought the piper

with them. How the colour deepens on the cheek of the old Highland gentleman here at the sound! He is just returning from many years' residence abroad, and for the last hour, leaning over the deck-rail, he has been feasting his heart upon the sight of the mountains. "There is no music like that music," he exclaims, "over the water and among the hills." To a Highlander, indeed, the sound of the pipes is full of many memories,

like "the sough of the south wind in the trees" of an autumn night.

The Reverend Malcolm MacDonald, a native of Whitton, Quebec, a descendant of the early Scots settlers and of the first church established in the area, says: "The Book of Books was the library they opened, and the Church of Jesus Christ was the first institution they established and that in their homes, and the Gospel of Christ was the philosophy they espoused."

He continued, "The most casual observer and historian must admit that these early settlers played a leading part in setting the course in which the Nation travels today. I am indeed grateful that we are privileged to stand in the stream of a noble,

spiritual, national and cultural tradition, which has flourished in Scotland for centuries, and for some 150 years established firmly on this North American Continent, in both Canada and the United States."

While publishing so many accounts of the Highland Regiments you are struck of course at the sheer courage and fighting ability of the Scots. To me however it is just as amazing to find frequent accounts of the generosity of the Scots to defeated foes. Many accounts are documented of how they helped the women and children in conquered townships and how they conducted themselves so well in the regions they served in with discipline and kindness.

To read the histories brings a lot of this alive for



*Alastair and Beth, a few years ago*

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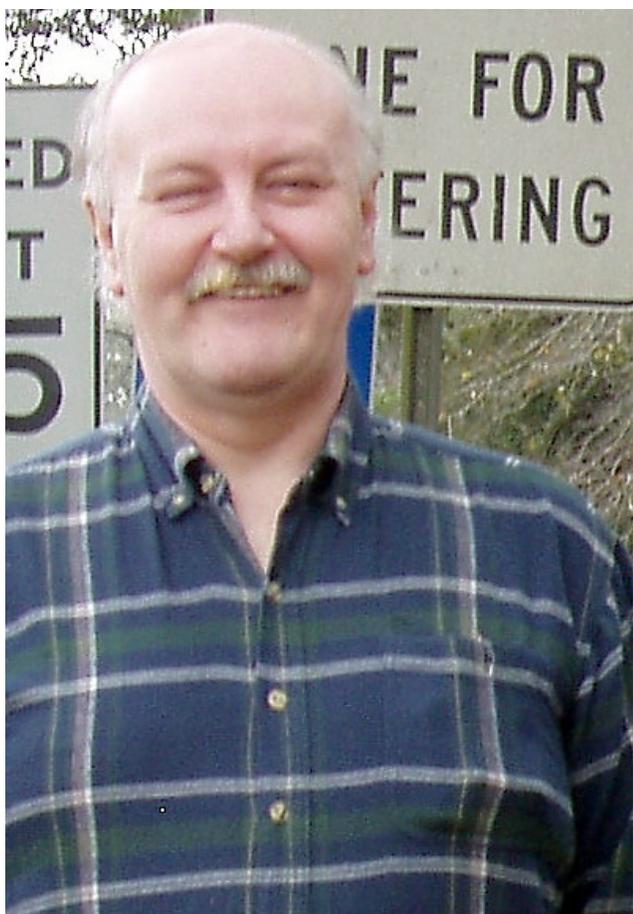
# Answer the starling?



Don't be surprised if you hear what sounds like a cell phone ringing when you are outdoors.

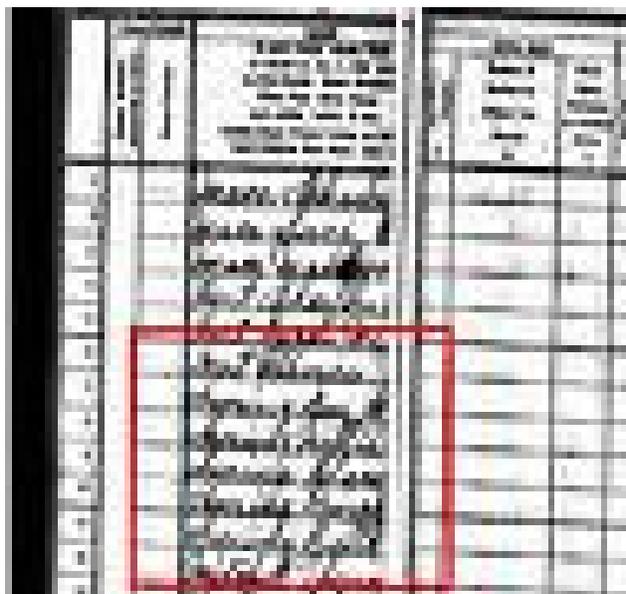
Starlings are natural mimics. The Romans taught them to imitate human speech, birdcalls, whinnying of horses, etc. They can even imitate the sound of chain saws and now cell phones! Reports from Denmark to Australia confirm this!

**Alastair McIntyre**, *continued from page 29*



us and makes us wonder at our roots and what it is that made us who we are.

So to those of you that are struggling to find the next link in your ancestral family tree I would suggest that you take great heart that you are part of such a wonderful race of people whether you can trace your ancestors to a particular clan or family or not. To be of Scots descent is truly an amazing heritage all of its own.



## What can you learn from the 1930 census?

The 1930 Federal Census form called for: 1. Street, avenue, road, house number. 2. Number of dwelling house in order of visitation. 3. Number of family in order of visitation 4. Name of each person whose place of abode on 01 April 1930 was in this family. 5. Relationship of this person to the head of the family. 6. Home owned or rented, value of home, if owned or monthly rent, if rented. 7. Radio set. 8. Does this family live on a farm? 9. Sex; color or race. 10. Age at last birthday. 11. Marital condition.

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19. Whether able to speak English. 20. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done. 21. Industry of business, class of worker. 22. Whether actually at work yesterday, if not, line on unemployment schedule. 23. Whether a veteran of U.S. Military or naval force, yes or no, what war expedition. 24. Number of farm schedule (Note: The Farm schedules have not survived.).