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***THE BRUS* movie is coming soon!**

King of Scots subject of major motion picture trilogy from Athair Entertainment

"A noble heart may have no rest if freedom fails." Athair Entertainment is using this modern translation of a quote from John Barbour's epic 1375 poem, *The Brus*, as the theme for their new project, a series of three sequential movies chronicling the early years of the reign of Robert I.

Spokesman for and founder of the newly formed movie company, Ian Alexander Bruce, today announced the start of preproduction on the trilogy, also titled *The Brus*.

Its sole purpose is to bring to the screen the heroic story of Robert the Bruce and the small band of Scots warriors who fought against the English king Edward I ("Longshanks") and his son, Edward II, for the independence of Scotland. Longshanks had coveted the smaller country's throne ever since the death of King Alexander

III in 1286.

A brilliant and courageous warrior and politician, Edward used his cunning to place John de Balliol on the Scots throne in 1292, and within four short years to force his abdication.

Scotland was in Edward's pocket. It was then that the Scots began to suffer the heel of Edward's boot on their necks, and in May of 1297 arose William Wallace, a younger son of a minor Scots knight, who led a grassroots rebellion against English dominion over Scotland in the south, and at about the same time, Andrew Murray, a young nobleman, did the same or more in the north.

Joining forces, they trounced the English troops sent against them at Stirling Bridge in September, but the

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Our dear friend, Ludlow Porch has died. Please see page 14



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A letter from your editor....

Oh, yes, God is laughing!

Nancy Hanson called me yesterday. I was absolutely delighted to hear from her...until I realized that something was very wrong. Nancy had called to tell me that her beloved Ludlow had gone to be with the Lord.

Her beloved Ludlow is and will always be "beloved Ludlow" to untold thousands around the southeastern United States and far beyond, including me.

The obituary I found on the Internet this morning began, "God is laughing today. Ludlow Porch passed from this mortal plane this morning."

Ludlow Porch, whose real name was Bobby Hanson, had broadcast all over the Southeast from his Funseekers Network for many years and had been such a wonder to listeners all over the Atlanta, Georgia for so many years before that - that he was inducted into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame just a few years ago.

Ludlow and Nancy have been my dear, dear friends for longer than I can remember.

For years, Ludlow broadcast his 3-hour-a-day program from Suwanee, Georgia. Whenever I was driving through there on my way to a Highland Games, I'd stop and appear on his program talking about family names and genealogy and all kinds of related things. It was wonderful to see Nancy and Ludlow and his sidekick, Denny Ainsworth.

We all became friends.

Ludlow and Nancy came to Moultrie, Georgia and did a fundraiser for my old publication, *The Family Tree*. Ludlow and Nancy were with me and fighting shoulder to shoulder during "the late unpleasantness" with the United States Postal Service (We won!). Ludlow and Nancy held me in their loving arms when

my life blew up. They shared my amazed and awed elation when my life became wonderful because of my darling Tom.

They arranged for me to be able to fly out to Flagstaff, Arizona to do speeches for the Arizona Highland Games.

Ludlow and Nancy and Ludlow's very personable son, Charlie McGarvey, went on the cruise to Nova Scotia with us. Ludlow was our Heritage Award Winner at Scottish Weekend one year.

I was on the program when it was broadcast from Suwanee and then in downtown Dawsonville and later when it originated in Ludlow's basement. I was invited to spend the night at their beautiful mountain home - which has "Ludlow's Porch" across the back.

I am an honored and proud Whacko as are so many of his loyal listeners.

We used to have the best time because I spent a lot of years in radio too. During Ludlow's program, when the commercials came on we'd swap "radio stories" which are often hilarious.

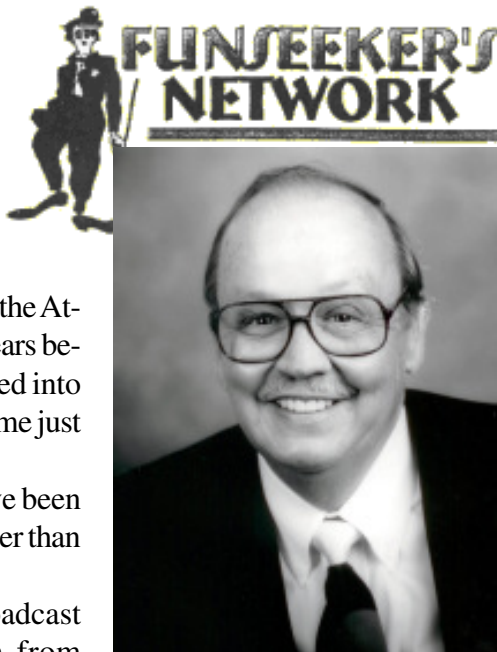
I have a "Ludlow Story" to share with you now.

First, you must know that if you work in radio - anywhere - your first priority beyond any work you might do is to "breakup" your fellow broadcasters...that is, make them LAUGH, giggle, squeal, etc., on the air, live with bazillions of folks listening..

Secondly, you must know that should you attain that goal, the "joke-ee" will surely retaliate. Surely.

Ludlow told me of his days in Atlanta radio. It seems there was in the crew a very urbane and sophisticated newsman who was always serious, always

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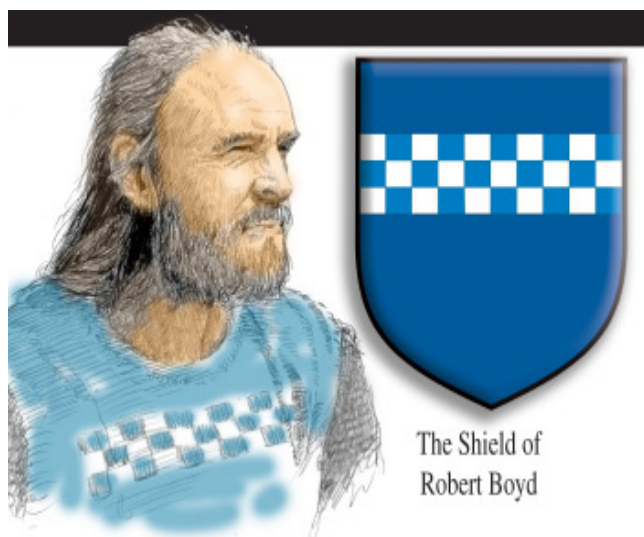
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A lifelong friend and close lieutenant to Robert the Bruce, Sir Robert Boyd heroically defended Castle Kildrummy and was an exemplar to all in the Scots' cause. He survived the years and faced harsh dangers in taking his country back from the English kings, and fought alongside his family's Stewart kinsmen at the Battle of Bannok Burn.

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A special feature of the 16th century ruin, is the reputed ghost of a Dutch sailor, who, for reasons unknown, is said to haunt the place.

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businesslike, always very elegant in his radio demeanor. (“AKA a perfect target,” said Ludlow.)

There came a day when the newscaster had to read a five minute newscast live from the tiny studio which happened to be just across from the men’s rest room in the radio station (Purposely not identified.) There was a huge glass window in the tiny studio which looked out across the hall to the rest room door.

Just as the newscast started, Ludlow came running down the hall and tried to open the rest room door. It wouldn’t open. Ludlow disappeared. About 10 seconds later, he came running again - and the door remained shut tight. Ten seconds later...here he came again and twisted that doorknob to no avail and all within the vision of the newscaster.

So, Ludlow silently (although the newscaster knew because of the light which came into the room with Ludlow) entered the tiny studio where the newscast was being broadcast.

Ludlow walked to the corner where there was one of those old metal wastebaskets - and this was long before plastic trash bags - so it was just the empty metal wastebasket in the corner.

He unzipped his pants....”ZZZZZZZIPPPP!” With his back to the newscaster, Ludlow poured the contents of one of those little paper cups we used to find at the water cooler into the metal wastebasket. “Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, tinkle.”

On went the newscaster, reading his news with a completely straight face.

“ZZZZZZZIPPPP!” came Ludlow’s zipper.

On went the newscaster, reading his news with a completely straight face.

Ludlow said with just his breath, very quietly, “Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh!”

The newscaster fell off of his chair howling with laughter.

Remember the revenge?

So, now Ludlow is filled with fear at what the newscaster is going to do to him. Time passed, nothing happened. More time passed with not a word said or anything happening. Ludlow began to relax and to think that this elegant man was not going to do anything at all. Still more time passed until it was a day when members of the radio station staff were appearing at one of the big, elegant hotels in Atlanta before a crowd of about a thousand.

Ludlow was completely relaxed. Nothing could happen there. Right?

This was also the day the hotel was premiering its gorgeous, ultra modern lucite podium. The piece was really lovely, sparkling in the stage lights and completely translucent. It was as if there was nothing there. You could see right through the thing.

The newscaster was speaking and Ludlow was on the program next.

The newscaster began an introduction for Ludlow and alarms went off in Ludlow’s head. “Oh my, he could really get me back for the water-in-the-wastebasket trick,” thought Ludlow.

The introduction was impeccable with not a sign of any payback.

Ludlow walked out upon the stage, smiling and waving to the crowd. The newscaster stuck out his hand for a big handshake and then drew Ludlow into a warm embrace and whispered in Ludlow’s ear, “Your fly is open.”

The newscaster’s revenge was sweet and complete.

Nancy and Ludlow are my family. I will always love Nancy...and will never forget my dear, sweet, kind and funny friend, Ludlow.

Heaven will be a better place with him there.

Just some of Ludlow’s wonderful books!

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| ◆ You’re Sittin’ on Boomey! | ◆ Can I Just Do It Till I Need Glasses?: And Other Lies |
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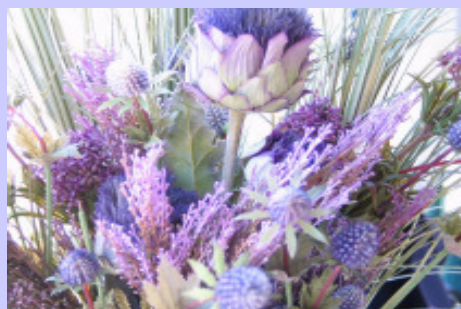
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The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society

invites you to their March 13 meeting

Our March 13 meeting will feature Kay Westberry of St. Mary's as speaker. She will discuss the two family histories she has published and tell us a bit about her detective work in identifying unmarked graves at Camden County's Oak Grove Cemetery. Mark your calendars now: 2:00, Sunday, March 13 at the airport meeting room, Sait Simons Island, Georgia.

"Who Do You Think You Are" has returned to television 8:00 Friday nights on NBC. The ancestry of Vanessa Williams, Tim McGraw, Kim Cattrall, Rosie O'Donnell, Lionel Richie, Steve Buscemi, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Ashley Judd will be explored. There often are twists and turns in

anyone's past, celebrity or not!

Thanks to all those who have agreed to help out with CGGS...



Thanks also to those who have paid their dues! We will have a list of members at the next meeting. See you on March 13.

Contact CGGS president, Marilyn M. Lear, at BackRiver@comcast.net for further details. Everyone is welcome at the CGGS meetings and they are held without charge.

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Scottish Clans & groups!

If you are planning a Tartan Day celebration on or about April 6, 2011, please send me your press releases, information, photos, etc., NOW so that the information may appear in the March 2011 issue of *BNFT*!

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Using Probate Records in your genealogical search. It's a smart idea!

Bryan Mulcahy,
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Probate records are important to genealogists because they provide evidence about family relationships. Most Americans have made out wills in some form. For those without wills, or in cases where wills have been contested, the courts have been the final jurisdiction for settlement of the estates. Historically, the term *probate* referred to the process of proving the authenticity of the decedent's last will and testament. Today, it covers the entire process of settling an estate.

The legal names of courts handling probate matters will vary from state to state. In some cases, jurisdictions will also vary by time periods as well. Examples include the following:

1. Probate Court
2. Superior Court
3. District Court
4. Orphans Court
5. Surrogates Court
6. Register of Wills
7. Estate Court.

In most states, each county will have its own court handling the process. There are some that have *probate districts* that cover a wide regional area. To locate probate records, you must determine the county or other jurisdiction where your ancestor lived at the time of death. Some possible sources for this information include:

bible or family records, an obituary from a newspaper, death record from a county health department, a mortality schedule, pension record, or a census record. If you know the state where an ancestor died, but not the county, you could also try an index or calendar of wills for the given state.

The individual making out a will is known as a *testator*. If a person dies and leaves a valid will, they are said to have died *testate*. Those

choosing not to make a will are said to have died *intestate*. A person named in the will itself usually carries out the provisions of a will. This person is known as an *executor*. Some wills name multiple people as *alternate executors* in case the executor cannot or

will not perform this function. By law, any intestate estate must go through an administration process. A court-appointed administrator settles this process. Some states use the term *personal administrator* to refer to the person responsible for settling an estate, regardless of whether it is testate or intestate.

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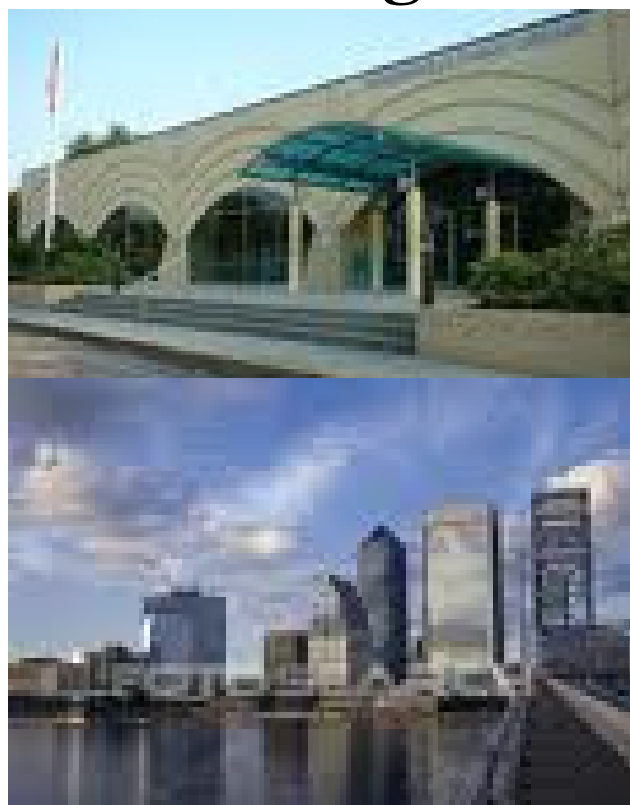
JGS invites you to their meeting

The Jacksonville (FL) Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd St., Jacksonville, Fl., at 1:30 p.m., March 19th, 2011.

Our March meeting is being held to critique the seminar and to receive ideas from guests and members regarding further topics of interest in our endeavor to contact qualified speakers for further meetings and seminars. You may remember we did something similar to this in June of last year regarding our past seminar and it worked out well for all concerned.

Refreshments will be served.

For further information please contact Jim Laird, (904) 264-0743. Please note this is a change of date from our usual meeting date.



The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page is up!

Glen Cathey has recently put up
The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page
and it is ready for you to join and participate.

You can see some Youtube of the Clan Parliament at Nethybridge. This is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680>

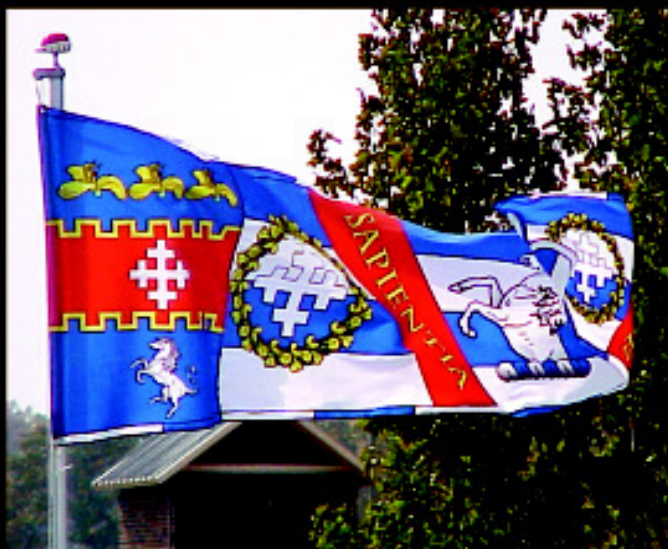
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New York Tartan Week 2011 to open with 10th Annual Celebration of Tartan Day on Ellis Island beginning on April 1

Clan Currie Society to Present “A Celebration of Tartan”

Tartan Week in New York opens on Friday, April 1 at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum with “A Celebration of Tartan,” Clan Currie’s latest exhibition featuring the history and heritage of Scotland’s enduring icon. The program runs through Sunday, April 3.

In addition to the new exhibition, Ellis Island will come alive with the sights and sounds of pipers, drummers, singers and dancers who represent Scotland’s “portable culture” that were brought to this country by Scottish immigrants.

The Ellis Island event will officially open NY Tartan Week—a ten day festival of all things Scottish, including Sir Sean Connery’s Dressed to Kilt Fashion show, Whisky Live! and the NY Tartan Day Parade.

A Celebration of Tartan

From the kilted clans of the Highlands to the run-

ways of Milan, tartan is the definitive symbol of Scotland. Yet tartan, thanks to Scotland’s gift of it, is beloved throughout the world. No other fabric is so steeped in tradition or paradoxically, so consistently at the forefront of fashion. Historians study it while designers design in it. Rockers and royals alike agree – tartan rules. This new exhibition explores the fact and fiction of tartan, and how this national fabric has managed to capture the world.

The exhibition will be displayed adjacent to the Registry Room, the Great Hall on Ellis Island on the museum’s second floor.

Show Off Your Tartan Best

As an added element to the exhibition, the event’s website also features a gallery of all aspects of Tartan



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Clan Davidson Society, USA, Inc.

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COME JOIN US! The Clan Davidson Society, USA, Inc. will be sponsoring an *International Gathering of Clan Davidson* on the 2nd weekend of June (**June 10, 11 & 12**), 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.

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Clan Davidson Society, USA invites all Davidson’s and Septs of the clan to membership:

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Tartan Day in NY, *continued from page 12*

Style. Individuals are invited to submit their own photos to be added to the growing online display of tartan finery. Photos may be submitted by email to news@tartandayonellisland.com.



About Tartan Day on Ellis Island

Tartan Day on Ellis Island is one of the principal Scottish heritage events in the United States. The program is produced annually by the Clan Currie Society – one of the largest clan societies in the world – formed in 1959 to preserve and promote Scottish heritage and culture.

Describing the Tartan Week program, noted Scottish journalist and author Roddy Martine reported that of all the Tartan Day events held in the United States, the Ellis Island observance has, “stood out as a beacon of what USA Tartan Day is all about: the emigrant ancestors of ordinary Americans who over three centuries crossed the Atlantic Ocean to create the world’s greatest democracy.”

America’s Golden Door

Ellis Island is a most fitting place to observe Tartan Day. The island and its historic buildings represent America’s “Golden Door.” From 1892 to 1954, more than 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island. Although many Scots arrived during the colonial period of our history – helping to build the new nation - an additional half-million Scots came through Ellis Island. It has been estimated that 40% of Americans today can trace at least one ancestor’s entry into the United States through Ellis Island.

Combined Huxford-Spear Library in Homerville, GA welcomes Smolenyak

On Saturday 21 May 2011, renowned genealogist Megan Smolenyak will be speaking at the Huxford - Spear Library in Homerville, Georgia. For a flyer on the pro-



gram, visit http://www.huxford.com/Flyers/Smolenyak_Megan_Flyer.pdf

Megan Smolenyak has many, many projects that she works on, one as a researcher for the television show “Who Do You Think You Are” and she has specials on PBS and is the author of many genealogy research books.

Recently, one of her projects that uses DNA on recently recovered remains of US Soldiers found overseas to identify them and return them to the US and to their families.

The Tartan Day program runs from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. There is no admission charge to the Tartan Day events or the immigration museum. Passenger ferries run from Battery Park in New York City and Liberty State Park in Jersey City, New Jersey. For complete ferry schedules to Ellis Island, visit: www.statuecruises.com.

Flowers of the Forest

God is laughing today. Ludlow Porch passed from this mortal plane this morning.



Bobby C. Hanson, better known as “Ludlow Porch”, 76, of Dawsonville passed away peacefully Friday February 11, 2011.

Born October 11, 1934 in Atlanta to the late Philip and Betty Hanson, he moved to Dawson

County from Roswell in 1994.

In 1971, *Sports Illustrated* magazine was looking for trivia experts. The magazine dispatched a writer to visit Ludlow and he came away convinced that Ludlow’s head was full of worthless information, and wrote about it.

The article got the attention of WSB radio and he was asked to come on the air. Officials at WRNG “Ring Radio” invited Ludlow to visit for a week.

Ludlow stated, “I came for a week and never left.”

Ludlow has been a radio talk show host for over 30 years having spent a decade as a “Ringmaster” at WRNG, over a decade at WSB where he helped transform their format into a talkradio giant, and beginning in 1994 on the Funseekers Radio Network which still broadcasts daily.

Ludlow’s listeners developed over the years into a legion of “Whackos” who became an integral element in the two-way conversational approach which Ludlow mastered. He always ended his show with his saying, “Whatever else you do today, you find somebody to be nice to.”

Ludlow lived to make people laugh, mostly at themselves, and authored books including “Fat White Guys Cookbook” and “Who Cares About Apathy”.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps where he served during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Leigh Ann Hanson.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Hanson, Dawsonville; children, Barbara Davison, Asheville, NC; Philip Hanson, Marietta, GA; Charles McGarvey, Washington, DC; Kyle Harvey, Alpharetta and grandchildren, Liz and

Will Lewis, Michael and Jennifer Franklin, Kathryn Hanson, Helen Hanson; and great grandchildren, Hayley Franklin, Nathan Franklin.

His stepbrother and cousin, the late *Atlanta Journal Constitution* columnist and author, Lewis Grizzard, would often reference him in columns.

Porch had suffered strokes recently, according to Denny Ainsworth, his longtime producer and sidekick who took over his radio network last year.

Memorial services were held Saturday, February 19 at Big Canoe Chapel, Rev. Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, officiating. A reception followed in the Broyles Community Center with catering by The Varsity of Atlanta.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United States Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, 121 S. Saint Asaph St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or to the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame, PO Box 5313, St. Mary’s Georgia 31558.

You may read more about Ludlow Porch on the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame website. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2007.



Flowers of the Forest

We offer our sympathy to society member, Scott McPhie, and his family, on the passing of his father, **Donald McCleod McPhie Jr.**, who passed away at 84, on December 28th, 2010. He was born in Montreal Canada and moved to Nashua New Hampshire in 1955.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Stephen Billon**, husband of Nowata Jean Cathey Billon, passed away on 30 December 2010 at the age of 93 years, 4 months.

Steve was born in New Jersey and enlisted in the Army Air Corps on July 4th 1942. He was accepted into pilot training and became a C-46 and C-47 pilot, eventually flying "The Hump" in Indo-China.

He and Jean were married in Shanghai, China in 1948, and lived overseas until the late 1950s. After their daughter, Stephanie, was born in Williamsburg, VA, they spent 5 years living in Bangkok, Thailand, before returning to the US.

They lived in Rockville, Maryland for 10 years before Steve retired from the CIA and they moved to Las Vegas, NV. Steve had resided in Las Vegas for 33 years at the time of his death. He was a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force reserves and will be buried with Chapel Service and Full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery in March.

He is survived by his daughter, Society member, Stephanie Billon-Wolfe, her husband Mark Wolfe, and granddaughter, Alexandra Cathey Billon Wolfe.

Reverend Elnora Geogina Park Cathey, age 82, went to heaven at 5:40 pm, Monday, January 17, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Winston O. Cathey and son Bryan Cass

Cathey. She was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1928.

Nora lived in Oklahoma, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Kansas prior to moving to Albuquerque, NM, where she resided for the last 30 years. She leaves behind 4 children; Ronald Stephen Cathey, Society member, Karen Lea Cathey Singh, Regan Eloit Cathey and Justin Kent Cathey, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

We also send our condolences to Joyce McDuffie upon the passing of her mother, **Thelma Burton**, on January 4th, 2011.



We were greatly saddened to recently learn of the passing of founder and long time president of the Macfie Clan Society of America, **H.R. Scott McPhee**, on December 29, 2010. His obituary follows:

Hugh Robert McPhee, aka Scott McPhee, passed away December 29th, 2010 at the age of 83. Born in NYC, he was educated in the Catholic school system. Scott enlisted in the US Navy during WWII serving as an aviation ordnance man and aerial gunner on a torpedo bomber, carrier based in the Pacific Theater. After discharge Scott settled in S. Florida when he helped his first wife Jean raise three children - Hugh Robert (Bob), Bruce Scott and Barbara Jean.

Working in the commercial construction field as a carpenter, he advanced rapidly to supervisory and project manager positions. After his association with large commercial construction projects in Florida and other states, he started his own companies, Highlander and Tartan construction with his main office in Hollywood Florida, where he married his second and present wife Marvene in 1965. Maintaining residences in Hallandale Florida and the Bahamas, they pursued

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The Whisky Corner

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The Perfect Pairing: Artisanal Cheese and Single Malt Whisky

Creating a sophisticated, delicious and *different* type of culinary event for guests can be a snap. Pairing fine cheeses and single malts is *fun* and *easy*, whether for an intimate get together with a few friends, or for a larger guest list. The combination of food and drink pair to create singular taste sensations, surrounded by distinctive aromas, colors, and flavors.

A Little Bit About Single Malts and Cheese

Why do we say *single malt Scotch*, rather than just *Scotch*? As the name implies, the product in a bottle of single malt is from a single distillery, and each distillery produces a unique product, primarily reflecting the region within Scotland in which it was made and aged. For instance, robust smokiness is reflected in whiskies from Islay; floral and fruity expressions come from the Speyside region; and nutty, oaky characteristics come from The Highlands. If a Scotch is not a single malt, it is a *blend*. Blended Scotches are just that – made from many single malts, from all around Scotland, then blended together. They are terrific spirits, but, in general, exhibit less of the distinct characteristics of single malts.

Why cheese? Few foods so deliciously comple-

ment the aroma and flavor profiles of single malts as cheese. Perhaps this is because both are made with so few elemental ingredients, but also, just as with single malts, and the malt master, the cheesemaker is important in creating uniqueness. The flavor ranges of cheeses are as varied as those of single malts, so combining the two makes for a wonderful sensory experience.

Suggestions on Portions, Plating, and Pouring

Three different cheeses make a nice diversity. You'll need about ¼ pound of each cheese for every four guests (each person gets about an ounce). Accomtrements include a sliced French baguette, unsalted nuts, and a few dried figs on each plate. Remember, it's about the *pairing of the cheeses and whiskies* - no need to get sidetracked by too much to eat. It's important to arrange the cheeses on each plate in the same order, so guests

can share their pairing experiences for each cheese/whisky combination at the same time. Three glasses containing "a wee dram" (1/2 – 1 ounce) of different single malts are pre-poured ahead of time – the aroma in the room will be heavenly!

Suggestions on Serving

Remove the cheeses from the refrigerator about

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Barrie Lynn

an hour before serving. Cut them just before plating. The aromas will meld with the whisky's aromas, signaling guests that they are in store for a huge treat.

Suggestions for maximum Sensory Enjoyment of the Whiskies

Remove scented candles from the room, and forego wearing perfume or cologne so the aromas of the cheeses and whiskies may be enjoyed to their fullest. "Nosing" is a fancy word for smelling the whiskies. Most people nose with their mouth closed. Try it. Now, try it again, but this time, in addition to smelling with your nose, *keep your mouth open*. Wow, what just happened? With your mouth closed, you get a lot of the alcohol smell; with your mouth open, you get the aroma of the liquid. Now, take a sip of the whisky, then another. This is called enjoying your whisky "neat" (right from the bottle). Next, add just a few drops – really, just a few – of spring water. Re-nose (mouth open), and taste again. Another "Wow Moment"? Adding just a bit of water usually tends to open up the aroma and taste of the whisky – makes each "bigger". The trick is to NOT dilute the whisky.

Suggestions for maximum Sensory Enjoyment of the Pairing of the Cheese and Whisky

Now, nose your cheese. Notice if it is earthy, fruity or pungent. With a bite of cheese on "The Cheese Highway" (your curled tongue), sip and roll the whisky all around your mouth, mixing with the cheese, to get as much of the complex flavors as possible.

Following are three artisanal cheese and single malt combinations you might try. The cheeses can be found locally or on-line by the name of the cheese company.

Parmesan and Glenmorangie Nectar d'Or (A Highland whisky)

Recommended: *Sweet Constantine*, a

Parmesan-like cheese made by Hook's Cheese Company by Wisconsin Cheesemakers, Julie and Tony Hook.

The sweetness and nuttiness of the cheese sings with the complex flavors of the whisky. The Nectar d'Or has been "finished" for about two additional years in casks that once held Sauternes, the sweet dessert wine from France.

Double Gloucester and Glenfiddich 12 year old (A Speyside whisky)

Recommended: *Double Gloucester* made at Carr Valley Cheese Company by Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker, Sid Cook.

Look for fruitiness in the cheese and the Scotch. Pear flavors could come forward. The woody flavor of the Scotch brings out the sweetness and meatiness of this cheese.

Asiago and Laphroaig 10 year old (An Islay whisky)

Recommended: Sartori's *SarVecchio Asiago with Rosemary and Olive Oil*, made by Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker, Mike Matacheski

This cheese is a powerhouse of flavor and creaminess! The richness of cow's milk is punctuated by the kick of rosemary and olive oil. It stands its ground in combination with one of the most well-known robust and smoky whiskies from Islay.

To Learn More

Michael Jackson's Complete Guide to Single Malt Scotch, by Michael Jackson, currently in its 6th Edition. Available at www.amazon.com

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“Pipe Dreams” and how it came to be

Lois A. Wallace

You never quite know what is going to come your way. This past January, Bob and I were enjoying a wee bit of Scotch tasting at the Nevada Society of Scottish Clans' Burns night dinner when we were approached with an idea. An all-Nevada Pipe and Drum band was in the embryo stages. Band members would come from Reno, Las Vegas and Elko: they would come together and practice with the intent of traveling to Glasgow, Scotland to compete in the “Worlds” pipe band competition in 2011, in part to commemorate fifty years of piping in the state of Nevada.

What a great idea! Wouldn't it be even better if a group of non-band members would go to Scotland and cheer the band on?

Knowing that Bob and I successfully organized and led tours to Scotland, we were approached to put together such a tour. The discussion between Bob and I went like this: every time we have been to Scotland we have said “we have to come back for the Worlds someday.” It looks like our someday has come in a different form than anticipated, but it is here, let's go for it. This took about thirty seconds. As you can imagine, we said yes!

The “Battle Born Pipes and Drums” has become a reality which they well demonstrated with their first public concert at the Reno Celtic Celebration.

It was a resounding success the high qual-

ity and skill of the musicians combined with their unbridled enthusiasm was well appreciated by the audience.

Details of the “Pipe Dreams” tour August 9-17, 2011, for us appreciative spectators have been finalized. The tour focus on piping encompassing the Worlds competition, Piping Live

festival, Edinburgh Military Tattoo and many more unique points of interest. A full color brochure is now available. The tour is part of the fundraising effort for this gutsy group of pipers and drummers.

The trip will be enjoyable for the first time traveler as well as those like us who have experienced Scotland before.

At last year's “Worlds” competition there were eight thousand musicians from sixteen countries. Now that is a sight I want to see!

Contact Gail Pratt Travel Unlimited, Reno 775-329-0658 direct 775-824-4551 www.TravelUnlimited.net for the full itinerary and details. Check out www.battlebornpipeband.org or contact me at lois-wallace@charter.net or 775-671-0148 for any questions.

We would love to have you come along with us. One thing leads to another even while enjoying a wee dram. You truly never know what is going to come your way when you are immersed in all things Scottish.



What fun! A “Pipe Dreams” tour to Scotland.

You’re all invited this August 9 - 17!

Be at Glasgow Green for the Worlds International Pipe Band competition and see thousands of Pipers from many nations, World Highland Games, Highland dancing and a Taste of Scotland. It’s happening August 9 - 17 this year.

This unique one-of-a-kind tour has been organized and will be escorted by Bob and Lois Wallace, Council members of Clan Wallace Society-Worldwide and members of the Nevada Society of Scottish Clans. The tour focuses on the art of the Great Highland Bagpipe yet includes many unique points of interest: Loch Lomond, Royal Concert Hall-Glasgow, Piping Live Festival, Isle of Bute, Mount Stuart, Edinburgh and Castle including the famous Military Tattoo, plus much more. Free time has been included for those who want to pursue

individual interests.

This tour is part of a fund-raising effort – a portion of the tour price of \$1,699.00 is a donation to the Pipe and Drum band of your choice. Special pricing of \$920.00 has been obtained for travelers from 12-16 sharing a room with two adults.

The trip will be enjoyable for the first time traveler as well as those who have experienced Scotland before. For a full color brochure and information contact: Gail Pratt, Travel Unlimited, Reno, Nevada at 775-329-0658 or direct at 775-824-4551 www.TravelUnlimited.net or contact lois-wallace@charter.net or 775-246-8316 for any questions. We would

love to have you come along with us. “It is essential to get your deposit in early to assure space at the sellout events we will be attending”



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their love of boating, fishing and scuba diving. As a member of OPBRA (off shore power boat racing) Scott was very involved in races held in conjunction with Bacardi Enterprises.

In 1982, always proud of his Scottish heritage, Scott became the founder and President of the MacFie Clan Society of NA. His passion for travel and his Scottish heritage led to participation at numerous annual highland games held annually throughout the US. His two favorite set of games was Stone Mountain, GA site of the Clan’s annual meeting and Grandfather Mountain, NC. He and Marvene were so pleased to participate in the 25th annual meeting held in 2008. Scott also proudly represented Clan MacFie at International Gatherings held in Scotland as well as Australia and New Zealand.

As a very active member of his community membership participation proudly included: Charter Life member of SAMS (Scottish American Military Soci-

ety; member of Mahi Shrine Temple, Miami, FL; life member Hollywood Elks Lodge; member of Lake Placid Moose Lodge; Life member and past Post and District Commander of the VFW. (Hollywood, FL); member VFW Lake Placid, FL; Director and Vice President of Hallandale Chamber of Commerce; Life member of N.R.A (National Rifle Ass.)

Scott held a private pilot’s license and was an avid motorcycle rider purchasing his first motorcycle in 1947 and continued to ride until the age of 82.

Part of his legacy was his love of animals. He served on the board of directors for the Humane Society of Highlands County and was responsible for numerous constructions projects over many years to benefit the animals at this “no Kill” shelter.

Scott is survived by Marvene, his wife of 46 years, Three children, 7 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Per his request there will be no memorial service

SAVE THE DATES – April 15-17, 2011 set for 18th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games. It's fun!



HUNTERSVILLE, NC: The 18th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games are set for April 15 – 17, 2011. The Advance 2-day (Sat. & Sun.) discount ticket is \$25.00 and includes admission to the Saturday night concert. Complete information and advance ticket purchases are available online at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

Fun for the entire family, the Festival & Games weekend offers professional Scottish heavy athletic competition, amateur heavy athletics, piping and drumming, highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, harp and fiddle competitions, children's activities, demonstrations and Rural Hill's famous historic encampment. Returning this year are the "Kids Zone" with bungee "Flex Flying" and the popular Celtic Rock Music Stage including the Saturday evening concert.

Festivities will begin with the Friday evening traditional "Call of the Clans." Friday and Saturday evenings will once again host Scottish country dancing at Hopewell Church. Saturday will offer one of the highlights of the Games - the Professional Scottish Heavy Events. *Note: Professional athletes are by invitation only.* The competition will be exciting with the return of last year's winner Larry Brock and Sheaf Toss World Record-setter Eric Frasure. A local athlete, Brock also won both hammers, both weights for distance and the overall title at the 2010 IHGF (International Highland Games Federation) Heavy Events World Championships. "Class A" amateur heavy athletic competition will take place on Saturday with the remaining amateur classes competing on Sunday. Professional demonstrations will also take place on Sunday.

For complete information on the 18th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, please visit our website at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net. Proceeds support the preservation of Historic Rural Hill.

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fight may have cost Andrew Murray his life, as he died before the year was out.

Braveheart, a fanciful version of the years remaining to William Wallace, roused the hearts of most of the world and got a lot of guys out in public in kilts. Scots the world over were especially moved by the epic 1995 movie, which, for all its historical lapses, was an exciting tribute to the Scottish hero.

Athair intends to extol the virtues and detail the adventures of Robert de Brus, King of Scots, who took a symbolic Scots crown and set it upon his own head at Scone in March, 1306. He put his wife, daughter, siblings, friends, supporters, lands and titles, and even his soul in the balance in order to free Scotland from enslavement by King Edward. The regal raiments and other symbols of Scotland's royalty, and even the Stone of Destiny on which Scots kings had been crowned for centuries, had already been carted south to England to deny the Scots their heritage. It would not be a chivalric war. Losses would be great.

Ian Alexander Bruce wrote the scripts for the series based on the Rebel King novels authored by Charles Randolph Bruce and Carolyn Hale Bruce, who published their trilogy between 2002 and 2006.

Charles was originally inspired to make a movie of the life of Robert de Brus, from whom he descended, he was told as a child, when as an adult he began reading about his forebear's history. He was stricken with the heroic saga and its primary character, and began writing it as an epic movie in 1992.

Taking his script to Hollywood, he found no open doors there, and returned home to try again at some future time.

As they say, everything has its time, and his inspiration must not have been far off, for *Braveheart* was released three years later.

Years passed, and the story of *The Brus* would not let him rest; it needed to be told.

Since a movie was out of reach for the present, he began researching and writing again in 1999, this time in novel form. By 2002, he and his co-author published *Rebel King, Book One, Hammer of the Scots*, the story of Robert's stand against Edward I; two years later, *Rebel King, Book Two, The Har'ships* told the horrors of the Scots' turning on each other to determine whether or not Robert I would remain their king; and in 2006, *Rebel King, Book Three, Bannok Burn* carried the story forward through the day of the greatest battle in Scottish history.

The story that began as an idea for a single movie, then a novel series, is now nearing full circle, and Scots in the United States and in the United Kingdom are joining forces to complete the final arc. Talented people are joining together to fill necessary positions both in front of and behind the camera, and to convince others to join the effort.

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Excellent scripting of this compelling story, a universal theme that is as true today as it was in King Robert's time, is but the foundation on which this project is being built.

Donovan Murray has been an event producer and agent over the past decade working with some of the most famous artists on the Celtic music scene and has brought his professional and artistic connections to the company.

With contacts on both sides of the Atlantic, the talent we will need is usually separated by just one or two very friendly degrees.

Latest on board with the project is Charlie Allan, CEO of ClanRanald Trust for Scotland. He and the ClanRanald Trust not only work to promote Scottish history and heritage, but Charlie has invaluable experience and contacts within the movie industry, having worked on many feature films, including *Gladiator*, *Robin Hood*, and most recently, *The Eagle*.

As there is no place else in the world quite like Scotland, it is our intention to do our principle photography in some of the most majestic and historic vistas the land has to offer.

Scotland's government has been putting incentives in place to attract moviemakers, not only to increase the number of available jobs in a depressed economy, but also to draw attention to the fact that quality movies can be made outside Hollywood.

Remembering that *Braveheart* struck such a chord with people around the world, Athair expects a similar response to *The Brus*, their more accurate interpretation of the time. "Many of us within the company can claim some sort of kinship with Robert the Bruce and he has yet to be treated fairly in movies," said Bruce. "After being called a traitor in *Braveheart*, and having such a poor showing in *The Bruce*," he adds as an aside, "...don't bother looking it up, it's awful, there is a reason you haven't heard of it...", he pauses before confessing, "...there is a sense of wanting to put it right in many of us. But that isn't our main motivation." "It is simply a great story that needs to be told. We want to tell it. Ordinary people can overcome hardship and tyranny," he asserted. "And we hope that our movies not only make us and our investors money, but we want to reignite interest in all things Scottish.

There is far more to lure people to Scotland with their dollars than kilts and whiskey." "Okay, we're not going about it in the usual way. Some people think we're crazy. But Robert's great advantage was that he went about freeing his countrymen in ways the English didn't expect. He was a great innovator, and that's why he succeeded," Bruce concluded.

Athair Entertainment asks that anyone who would like to see this trilogy completed becomes a champion for *The Brus*. Send an email to crb@rebelking.com and tell them your thoughts on the project. If you would like your comments to be posted, keep them clean and they will be posted on www.thebrus.com

Flowers of the Forest

Carol Powell Alexander, 70, of Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on December 12, 2010 at her home.

Carol was a devoted wife, and a loving grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was a member of Lake Drive Baptist Church in Sale Creek, and a member of Clan Donald USA.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph F. Powell, and grandson, Brandon N. Tackett.

She is survived by her husband, Rexford Alexander, Clan Donald USA MidSouth Convener, mother, Easter Powell, granddaughter, Breigh (Ernie) Ricketts, great-grand-children, Landon, KaiLynne, sister, Jo Ann Hodge of Red Bank; "Mom" to Brenda (Kenneth) Mann and "Grandma" to Miss Avery Mann; step-children, Gail Stevenson of Ooltewah and Barry Alexander of Dayton, 8 grandchildren.



Would you like to go to Scotland with a portion of your expenses paid? There is a gentleman in a wheelchair who wishes to go on the Clan Wallace Pipe Dreams Tour who also needs someone to go with him to push his chair and just generally help him on the trip. He will pay \$1000 of your trip costs for your services.

If you are interested, please contact Lois A. Wallace, H: 775-246-8316 or cell: 775-671-0148. You may wish to email lois-wallace@charter.net (See **Clan Wallace Pipe Dreams trip pages 18-19** of this publication.)



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2011 Recipient of the Flora MacDonald Award will be renowned Scottish fiddler Bonnie Rideout.

The Scottish Heritage Center Service Award will be given to Ross M. Morrison, President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Saturday night concert will feature: Bonnie Rideout on fiddle with narration by Dr. John Purser, Gaelic song by Mairi Sine Caimbeul, and piping and drumming by members of the St. Andrews Presbyterian College Pipe Band. Kirkin of the Tartans Worship on Sunday at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. Come join us!

For more information contact Bill Caudill using bill@sapc.edu



Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward's army. Find out more about the epic story at....

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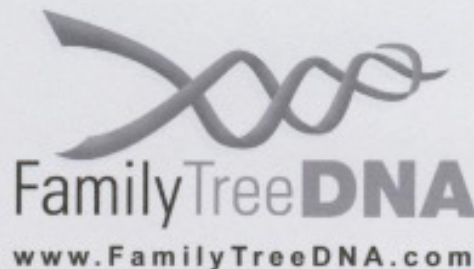
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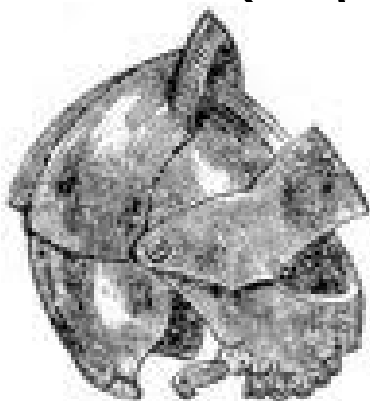
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