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Another "Homecoming" in Scotland, July 2014

There will be another International Clan Gathering in Stirling in early July 2014 as part of the 2nd Year of Homecoming.

The event will coincide with the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn.



Lord Jamie Semphill

Lord Jamie Sempill has confirmed plans for this event in July 2014. There will be more here as further information is released.

Clan Leslie gathering in New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, September 21-23!

The Clan Leslie Gathering is coming to the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain on September 21 to 23. The Clan Leslie Chief, the Hounorable Alexander Leslie and his wife Francesca will be attending. Take this opportunity to meet your Clan Chief and have a good time with other Leslies, Abernathys, Moores, Carneys and Laings.

The details of the Leslie Gathering and the registration form are attached as a separate file. This year, we are also inviting Leslies from Australia and New Zealand to attend the Gathering. The Commissioner, Clan Leslie North America, William Leslie and the CLSI Chieftain, David Leslie White as well as members of the CLSI Council will also be there to meet you and discuss any Clan Leslie ideas or issues that you have.

Remember the Alamo March 6!



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A letter from your editor...

We need lots of advice from you, please!



In our current move, I have discovered not only that we have much too much õstuff,ö but that there is something called opacking dust. o I would have sworn everything I packed was neat, clean and dust free.

Not so.

Each box I open has grown dust in the time since I packed up my house. That means, everything has to, at visit best. the dishwasher. At worst, it is something silver or copper or brass that has grown õpacking patinaö that looks awful and must be removed by hand polishing the offending metal.

Speaking of the

dishwasher, I loaded the brand new, never before used dishwasher and let it do its thing. Removing the things õwashedö I was somewhat disappointed to see packing dust still there. What? Itos a brand new dishwasher? I did not learn anything by this and loaded more things in

the machine and started another cycle - while hand washing everything that had been in that first load. Cycle finished. Same result. õOh

well, I thought, at least it is a very quiet dishwasher.ö Quiet?

It turns out that when the house was odewinterizedö the guy forgot to turn on the water to the dishwasher. Tom was impressed it only took two cycles for me to realize something was very

> wrong. With water, the lovely new dishwasher works just tine.

It is exactly thirty-nine miles from our old Walhalla house to our wonderful new a time warp

house, located just 3 miles south of Tallulah Falls and Tallulah Gorge in Georgia. Could it be that there is somewhere in that thirty-nine miles? Everything seems to go through an õagingö

process as it crosses that warp which results in dust appearing beneath the soft paper in which everything is wrapped. I guess this is possible.

Not only am I bumfuzzeled by the dust and other messy coatings appearing on many items, but my own body, muscles and mind have been affected. I say to myself, õPick up that big box

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of books.ö Myself replies, õNot on your life.ö I try anyway.

I get a great hold on a box of things to move it so I can unpack the box...carefully position myself so that my formerly very strong legs will do the lifting, take a deep breath and LIFT. Nothing moves not even an inch. The box sits there smugly.

I am five feet three inches tall. When we looked at the house, everything seemed perfect. Actually moving in, I discover that I cannot reach even the second shelf in the kitchen cabinets - while to get to the bottom cabinets, I am way too tall. When you come see us, dongt be surprised to

see a tall aluminum ladder in the kitchen. If I paint it cobalt blue to match most everything I own, do you think it will disappear and you wongt notice it?

Please donøt be surprised when I am crawling around the kitchen floor searching for something in the very bottom of the cabinets. When I get on my hands and knees, I try to

anticipate anything else I will need...so do a tour of all of the bottom cabinets in case there is something else I should get while I am down there.

To explain this: Four years ago I had a brand new titanium õactive person, young personö hip installed. My doctor said, õYou will never again be allowed to bend over from the waist and get objects from the floor. You will never again be allowed to get into the Yoga position.ö

Ha.

Well, I\u00e3m not too bothered by the Yoga position, but I have bent over from the waist at least a bazillion times since the surgery...but bending over and then having to reach into the bottom cabinet just doesn\u00e9t happen. Hands and

knees on the floor work fine....the getting down is much easier than the getting up, however.

Tom is getting a dog (More about this later) and maybe I can train him to retrieve something I need from the bottom cabinets?

Some lovely new neighbors came the other afternoon as we were both wandering about in the maze of boxes. õWhat a delightful thing to have new neighbors come to visit,ö both of us said!

Inviting them in, Tom said, õOh, do come in and have a seat...oh, we donøt have any chairs.ö

As we were all standing amongst the boxes, I thought of my manners and said, õLet me get you something to drink...oops, we dongt have a

refrigerator yet.ö

I wonder if we will ever see these folks again?

At the end of a day of sort of stirring all the õstuffö in boxes and most any kind of receptacle that will hold anything, I am so very tired, my earlobes hurt. I donøt ever remember hurting when moving before.

I also donøt remember

noticing that I have earlobes before - except when there were six people sitting on me years and years ago when my second ear was pierced. (One side is whompy-jawed, a souvenir of my terror of the SECOND ear piercing. I had truly changed my mind about the whole thing after the first ear.) Ear lobe pain is to be avoided at all costs.

People advise us, õOh, just call your family members to help. Your friends will be glad to come and help you unpack and move in.ö

Neither Tom nor I have any family other than cousins who live far away and my Auntie Mildred. My Auntie Mildred just celebrated her 105th birthday and Iøm sure she would love to help, but she is maybe 450 miles away. Our friends near here, upon hearing we are moving, have all left the country.

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Many tales of lore, stories of knowledge, can only trace their origins to a rough point in time, if at all. The stories seem to 0 change every generation as the stories were passed on, especially if the tradition was passed as verbal history instead of written history. The older the tale, often times it may be far removed from the original tale.

To the credit of the early storytellers, they often tried to keep the purity of the tale by expressing it in the form of a song which would be repeated much the same each time it was sung.

Later, the written form became the main form of passing the lore on, but it also removed some of the emotional content so expertly conveyed by the storytellers.

Because the role of the storyteller was reduced, much of this knowledge was lost if not written down and much was lost as it was not taught to the younger generations. A worst offense can be when the original story becomes the basis of a new fictitious story, often time replacing the facts of the original with the fantasy of the new story.

Generations blindly then follow the story while the original and itsøtruth are fogotten.

The Lockhartos are able to claim the honor

of being the source of one tale, that of the Lee Penny.

The original story was the basis for the fictional story *The Talisman* by Sir Walter Scott.

The facts of the Lee Penny

When Sir Symon Locard returned from a crusade in 1330, he left an amulet to his heirs at the estate called the õlee,ö giving the charm the name of the Lee Penny. The amulet itself is triangular in shape (some say heart-shaped) and dark red in color. It is now mounted on a coin identied as a groat. It is a silver fourpenny piece of the reign of Edward IV (1422 ó 1483).

The Discovery of the Amulet

When King Robert the Bruce was dying in 1329, he asked that his heart be removed on his death and taken on a crusade back to the Holy Land and that his heart be placed in the Holy Sepulchre (tomb where Jesus Christ was reported to be entombed after his death) in Jerusalem. This was in part to atone for his murdering John Comyn in the Church of Greyfriars in 1306.

Sir James Douglas took the heart in a silver and enamel casket from his neck and the key to this casket was given to Sir Symon Locard.

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They began their journey from Scotland with Sir James Douglas, Sir Symon Locard of Lee, Sir William Sinclair of Roslyn, Sir Robert Logan and Sir Walter Logan, Sir William Keith, Sir Alan Carthrath, one unnamed knight and tawenty-six squires and gentlemen.

They saiiled first to Sluys in Flanders to invite others to join in the crusade.

Early in the spring of 1330, they sailed around the Straits of Gibralter and landed in Valencia, Spain.

They found that King Aplhonso of Castile was battling the Saracens trying to drive them from his country. They joined the king battling the Moors at the Castle of the Star (the Battle of Teba) where Sir Symon Locard, the first ances-

tor of the Lockhart name, took a Moorish Emir of wealth as captive. As was customary in those times, the Emir was offered for a ransom. The Emir s mother would gladly pay the ransom for her songt life.

The story goes that as the mother was extracting payment from her purse, an amulet in the form of a jewel that some said was inserted in a coin of the lower Roman Empire, fell from the purse. The matron made such a hasty recovery of the item that it gave Sir Symon an indication of its high value. He insisted that the jewel would be added to the amount earlier stated for the ransom.

Persians were known for a strong belief in amulets, spells and other charms which could provide medical cures or advance a personos fortune. The Emiros mother desiring the release of her son consented to adding the amulet to the ransom.

She proceeded to explain the history and use of the amulet as well.

The stone was a remedy against different

manners of bleeding, fever, the bites of mad dogs and for sicknesses of horses and cattle.

To use the amulet, it was dipped three times and swirled once in water. The water was then used by drinking it or used to wash a wound or bathe a patiennt. No words were to be spoken in the process or the cure would be ineffective.

This last item became important later for a Lockhart descendant, saving him from execution. It is not clear when the additional requirement of not accepting payment came about, but the heirs of Sir Symon Locard did not accept payment for use of the coin, though in times they did require a deposit when it left the estate. It is said that during an epidemic that attacked Newcastle in the reign of Charles I, the inhabit-

ants of the town were loaned the Lee-Penny by giving a bond of \$6000 for its safe return. They offered to forfeit the bond to keep the penny but were denied.

The Lee Penny in Scotland

In an Account of the Penny in the Lee, written in 1702, it states that the amulet was taken and put on the end of a split stick and then dipped and twirled in the water. This water was then given to sick cattle curing all types of illnesses. It also was reportedly used to cure the Lady Baird of Sauchtonhall of hydrophobia (rabies) after being bitten by a mad dog. It was a common practice into the nineteenth century for a bottle of Lee Panny Water to be kept in every barn in the district to be used when livestock became sick.

About the year 1629, an outbreak of illness occurred in East Lothian, Scotland attacking livestock. The stories were, õOxen were never able to lie down, but moaned in pain continually un-

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til they died. Herdsmen traveled to the home of the Laird of Lee to ask the loan of his curing stone. The request was denied, but the herdsmen wre given quantities of water that had been treated with the Lee Penny.ö

For their conduct in obtaining the water, the herdsmen were given ecclesiastical censure and ordered to undergo penance at the Church of Dunbar. In their devense, the herdsmen offered up a defense that what they had done was ordinary practice by the best of husbandsmen.

During the time of the Scottish Reformation, a person could and often was, put to death for performing witchcraft. Persons could have charges laid against them for numerous reasons, some truthful, but many times, it seems that it was for personal gaines in political arenas, simple revenge, instead of a true desire to õpurifyö the religious nature of a person.

Tawen Hammiltoune of Raplocke made a charge to the Presbytery of Glasgow near the end of the seventeenth century. He accused Sir James Lockhart of the Lee, of superstitious use of a stone set in silver for the purpose of curing disceased livestock. Sir James was found not guilty of practicing witchcraft on grounds that no words were spoken, õbecause the custom is only to cast a stone in some water and give diseased cattle to drink, and the same is done without using any words such as people practicing witchcraft.ö

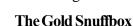
The Lee Penny in Story

The great Scottish writer, Sir Walter Scott, is supposed to have heard the story of the Lee Penny while growing up and used it as the basis of his story *The Talisman*. There are very few similari-

ties between *The Talisman* and the Lee Penny lore. In *The Talisman*, Sir Kenneth, the Scottish Knight of the Leopard, befriends a Saracen Emir named Saladin. Saladin then disguises himself as a physician to cure King Richard the Lionheart using the amulet. Later, Sir Kenneth is revealed to be Prince David of Scotland.

There are many references to the Lee Panny which have quotes supposedly taken from the meeting of the Emir mother and Sir Symon Locard. These quotes usually can be traced back to the introduction of *The Talisman* written in 1825, almost 500 years after the event

occurred, thus should be suspect. Indeed, there was much offence to Scottøs use of historical facts in his works of fiction as it seemed to give his stories the basis of being true.



James Lockhart (b 1727) was the second son of George Lockhart III of Carnwath (about 1700). Because the job prospects were slim at

this time and with a thirst for warfare, he became a soldier of fortune. He began as a young man soldiering in Persia under Shah Nadir. Later, he joined the Austrian Army under Maria Theresa at the end of the Austrian War of Succession as a low ranking soldier. On 17th March1782, he was made õCount Lockhart-Wishart of Lee and Carnwathö (Wishart was his mother maiden name.), õCount of the Holy Roman Enpire. When Jamesøbrother, George (b 1826 and died in 1761, he inherited the Lee Estate. He kept watch over the estatee even while serving for the Austrian Royal Family in the Austrian Army, where he had earned a reputation for bravery. Maria Theresa, Empress of Austria, gave Count James Lockhard a gold snuffbox in 1789. In a few references, the Count was also a General at this time. The Lee Penny is now kept in that same box.





Tom has work to do today. Most of you know that Tom is a wonderful artist which means he has deadlines to meet.

I must finish this Section A today...so, we are at home in Walhalla now - and all day today.

A day of moving rest!

I know you think, õPay folks to help.ö We do pay a great guy of Finnish ancestry who would make an outstanding Viking. I saw him lift one of my hand made mahogany corner cabinets made by my Uncle Ralph shortly after WWII. That piece of furniture most likely weights half a ton. It is Eddie the Viking who gets the boxes to the house.

The first week of moving things in the truck, we had three folks hired to help. Two of them did not show up. Thankfully, Eddie the Viking, is the one with the truck and he did show up.

Dick, our realtor, used to have a couple of folks you could pay to do things...but Jesus and Pedro have gone back to Mexico.

So, the advice we need from you is what should we do? How can we avoid taking years and years to get moved in?

What are the chances we could just gather our cats and horses and donkey and Tomøs new dog and move somewhere else?

I just realized the word õmoveö was in the ultimate solution to this problem.

Could we just camp in the woods?



"Weel, I had just three fauts to his sermon: firstly, it was read: and secondly, it wasna weel read; and, thirdly, it wasna worth readin!"

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Flowers of the Forest

John (Jack) Martin Adam, 79, of Kennesaw, died Saturday, January 7, 2012. Memorial Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, at First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia, with Rev. Denise Beltzner officiating.

A reception was held at the church immediately following the service.

John Martin Adam (Jack) was born February 16, 1932, in Johnstone, Scotland. Jack and Margaret Adam moved from Scotland in 1967, where Jack was employed as an engineer with Rolls-Royce Aero Engine Division, to Marietta to work for Lockheed-Georgia.

For more than thirty years, Jack has been owner of Adco Plastics in Marietta, an injection molding company, now run by his son, Robert.

Jack was drafted for two years into the British Army to serve in the R.E.M.E., Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers where he was assigned to the

sharpshooting team of the regiment. His regiment, he was proud to say, was awarded the most cups, medals, etc. ever for one regiment against the other.

Jack and Margaret were proud of their Scottish heritage and enjoyed being members of the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta, The House of Gordon Society, The Burns Club of Atlanta, the Royal Scottish Dance Society, The English Speaking Union, and Marietta Country Club, where both of them not only loved the great sport of golf, but spent many evenings dancing and socializing with their many friends.

Jack was an excellent ballroom dancer and many of Margaret friends loved to be on his dance program!

For many years they were involved in the Georgia Symphony Orchestra, formerly the Cobb

Symphony, and Margaretøs garden club, Woodbine Garden Club.

He also enjoyed golfing at their mountain home at Big Canoe.

Jack loved his family and their grandchildren and was much loved by all who knew him as a generous, fun loving, happy-go-lucky friend. He had a keen sense of wit and although many of his good friends did not always catch his thick, Scottish brogue, they loved his company. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him, including dear friends in Scotland, England, and Australia, and although he loved his native land, he more than loved this

great country and the graciousness of the South, especially the weather!!

The family extends their gratitude to the special people who took great care of Jack and helped us through these difficult years: Garland Williams, Sandra Campbell, and Jackøs dear friend, Harry Vaughn, who never missed

a week of having lunch (and a few beers) with Jack.

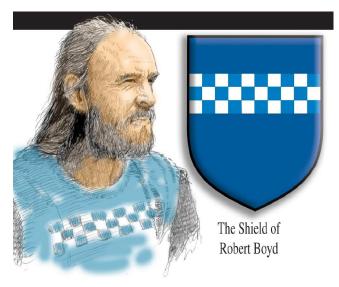
Jack is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret Adam, Kennesaw; daughter, Lesley Flores & husband, Dan, Atlanta; son, Robert Adam & wife, Amy, Marietta; sister, Jean Cuthbert, Johnstone, Scotland; brother, Martin Adam, Glasgow, Scotland; seven grandchildren, Adam Flores, Ralston Flores, Jackson Flores, Harrison Flores, Alison Adam, Lindsay Adam and Drew Adam.

Jack was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Jacqueline.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Adam may be made to Wellstar Community Hospice, 4040 Hospital West Dr, Austell, GA 30106, or Cobb Alzheimer

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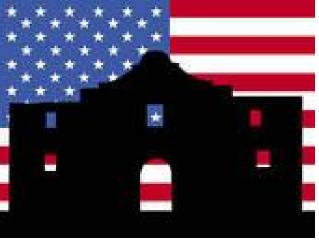




A lifelong friend and close lieutenant to Robert the Bruce, Sir Robert Boyd heroically defended Castle Kildrummy and was an exemplar to all in the Scots' cause. He survived the years and faced harsh dangers in taking his country back from the English kings, and fought alongside his family's Stewart kinsmen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

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The Alamo fell to the Mexican army under General Antonio Santa Anna on March 6, 1836. All 186 of the defenders inside the Alamo were killed, including Davy Crockett and James Bowie. What many people dongt know is that over half of the defenders were Scots or of Scottish Continued on page 21

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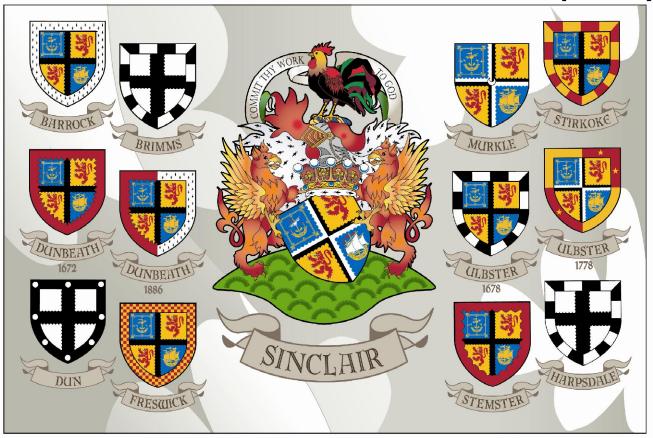
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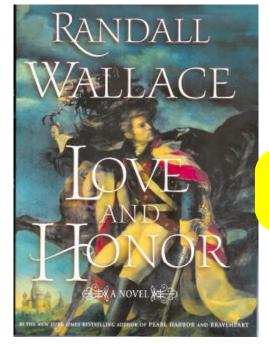
A Highlander And His Books....

Love and Honor

Randall Wallace

Reviewed By Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Dawsonville, GA





Randall Wallace is back! The author of *Braveheart* has given us another Scottish hero. First, there was William Wallace played by Mel Gibson. Now we have Kieran Selkirk, described as õa brilliant soldier and a passionate patriotö. Kieran Selkirk is just as real as Gibson is in *Braveheart* and

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destined, I believe, to become a big part of Scottish lore. A movie is currently in the

making.

The story begins in 1774 London with a secret meeting between the young Virginian patriot, a peerless horseman, and a bespectacled Benjamin Franklin, who convinces the young cavalry man to make his way to Russia, win an audi-

ence with the Empress of Russia, Catherine the Great, and convenience her not to send 20,000 Russian soldiers to fight on behalf of the British while a young America is struggling for independence. As Franklin describes the situation, õí the fate of America rests in her hands.ö Actually, the fate of America rests in the hands of the young military man from the great state of Virginia, Kieran Selkirk.

Igwe told you of the meeting between the old Franklin and the young Selkirk, but I will not tell you how it ends nor the story in between. I will not rob you of that personal pleasure. I will tell you that the opening chapter is as Zhivagoian, if not more so, as *Doctor Zhivago* itself. In *Doctor Zhivago*, you heard the wolves and saw them in the moonlight at the winter house in the Russian countrysideí and they scattered with a thrown stick or two, and a shout. In *Love and Honor*, it takes swords, a gun, and the sacrificing of one big fat merchant to drive the wolves from the sleigh before the hairs on your neck resume their rightful places!

You will cheer some of the characters like the old chariot driver, Pyotr; the young chamber boy, Tikhon; Gorlov, Selkirk& Russian friend and mentor; and Beatrice, our hero& love and attendant to Princess Mitski. You will hiss the Princess Mitski, as you will the evil Montrose and the scheming British envoy, Shettlefield. There are others to hiss as well as cheer, and you will do so joyfully.

You will enjoy some inspiring moments like the Russian proverb told by General Gorlov to his out-numbered troops as they faced the feared and hated Cossacks: õWhen a man is born he

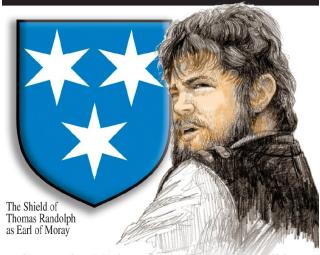
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Flower of the Forest



Having fought the good fight, and running the race for 87 years, **Alistair Yule Leslie**, passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord on January 30, 2012 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Married for 65 years to õthe love of his life,ö Ruth (McInnis). Beloved father of Brian (Linda), David (Rachelle), and Ron (Sue). Treasured grandpa of Hilary (Ian) Anderson, Jonathan, Katrina, Andrea, Matthew, Krista (Brian) Porter, Theresa, Michelle (Chris) Barr, Sara, and Randi. Great-grandpa to baby Joel Anderson.



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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He was born October 5, 1924 to the late Alexander Yule and Euphemia Leslie (nee Ewing).

He was cherished brother of Catherine Elizabeth Leslie of Windsor and the late Duncan Ewing Leslie. Also survived by cousins in the United States, William, David, Robert and Ian Leslie of the metro Detroit, Michigan area.

After his retirement, Alø creative talents blossomed. He was an award winning member of Sun Parlor Woodcarvers and a published author. He published a book of his poems and musings, entitled *Reflections*, and set one of them to music, resulting in the hymn, *Silent Prayer*. Al was a veteran of WW II serving in the Royal Canadian Navy and was honored with a meaningful Veteranø Memorial Service under the auspices of Windsor Veteranø Memorial Service Committee on February 1. A funeral service was held in Windsor on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at Roseland United Church where Al was a long time member. Al was my cousin. He passed away 2 weeks ago in Windsor, our families were very close.

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will walk one of three roads; there are no others. On the path to the left, the wolves will eat him. On the path to the right, he will eat the wolves. On the path down the middle, he will eat himself.ö The mighty warrior then raised his saber into the air and said: õI say to you, £at the wolves!øö His men then charged!

One other moment Iød like to share with you is on Christmas Day when Col. Selkirk says to his buddy Gorlov, speaking of the Christmas miracle, õl ceased long ago to believe it, but wouldnøt it be a miracleí a wonder beyond wordsí if it were really true that God Almighty, God Himself, would on this night become such a creature as man, if for no other reason than to touch his world? Andí and maybe that is the meaning of Christmas - that a Christian is someone who would find that thought beautiful, and could believe it because of its very beauty, and because it moved him?ö

2nd Annual Rim Country Celtic Festival

April 14 & 15th, 2012 Payson, AZ Elks Lodge 1206 Beeline Hwy **Admission** Adults: \$10.00 Children: 6 - 16 \$5.00 **Under 6: Free** Saturday: 9 am til 5 pm **Opening Ceremony: 12 noon** Sunday: 9 am til 4:000 pm **Kirking of the Tartan** Many clans will be represented and there will be vendors of Celtic wares entertainers musicians & dancers American and Celtic foods will be available

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õGorlov looked at me and smiled.ö

Igve read a lot of books in my life, mostly history, many historical novels, and those described as õa novelö like this one. I cannot recall reading a novel that held my attention any better than Love and Honor. Hats off to Randall Wallace! I usually read myself to sleep around one occlock in the morning, and I found myself going to bed a wee earlier last week to read a bit more of the book. One afternoon I did the unthinkable for me and picked it up for a couple of hours of enjoyment. One night I turned the television off to read for an hour in the late evening quietness as the wood fire crackled and spread its warmth, with a hot toddy near at hand. These are things I do not normally do when reading a book, but I did them to finish Love and Honor. It is that good! And, when I finally finished it last night, I wished there was another chapter or two to read and hoped that Randall Wallace would write a sequel concerning the brave young soldier form William and Mary College.

Did I tell you I we read it twice? Last spring, I received the book from Jill Rytie in manuscript form prior to its publishing. Jill is Coordinator of Production and Development of The Wheelhouse, the author company that tracks his books, screenplays and movies. Jill is the one who, in the author own words, was ostalwart in managing the mechanics of this manuscript and the madness of life.ö

Because of previous commitments to other authors, I had to delay reviewing this book until now. Last week I picked up a copy at my favorite Barnes and Noble. Ito a great story, and the review has been too long in the making!

Of the nearly 4,000 Scottish books in my library, I will proudly put this book on the top shelf and recommend it to my reading friends, both men and women. It has enough spectacular fighting and adventure to hold the attention of any Scotsman worth a dram, and it is romantically inclined for any woman to enjoy. Ask your bookseller for it - ISBN 0-7432-6519-X. It will be a book you will recommend to your friends. I told Susan, my wife, just yesterday when she picked it up from my desk õYou will enjoy that book, and so will your friends!ö I normally know better than to do that with her!

Clan Bell International





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

Declared % nruly+by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emi-

grated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

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

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

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

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Andrew MacNamara, Orla Harrington, & Ged Foley perform

You're invited at 8:00PM, Friday, March 16th to the Community Arts Cafe, 411 West Fourth Street, Winston-Salem.

Fiddle & Bow built its early reputation by presenting some of the finest Irish musicians on the 1980s and Ø0s folk scene. However, itø been some time since we did a special St. Patrickø Day (almost) show. Weøre returning to our roots in fine form with this exciting trio of musicians. Presenting the proud musical heritage of East Clare will be Andrew MacNamara of the famed Tulla Ceili band on button accordion, Orla Harrington on fiddle and



The Alamo,

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descent. Four had been born in Scotland.

One of the Scots was John McGregor, the õPiper of the Alamo.ö Among the dead were two cousins, Robert B. Moore, (1781-1836) who was born in Martinsburg, Virginia, and immigrated to Texas by way of New Orleans. His cousin, Willis A Moore (1808-1836) was born in Raymond, Mississippi and joined the Texas army at Bexar on November 26, 1835.

David Leslie White



Englishman Ged Foley on guitar, fiddle and vocals. Orla worked as a session musician and toured with Michael Flatley& Lord of the Dance. Ged has been a member of some of the top bands of the Irish and British folk scenes including Scotland& Battlefield Band, England& House Band and Ireland& Patrick Street. Though known more as a guitarist and singer, Ged is also a superb fiddler. The music of this fine trio has been referred to as õ...traditional music played with vibrancy, flair, and great respect.ö You can be sure there will be no better St. Patrick& Day weekend show anywhere in this area than this one!

Cover: \$15.00/ 13.00 members

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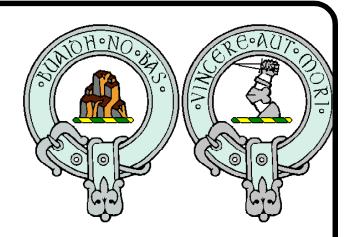
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- Remember the men from whom you have come.

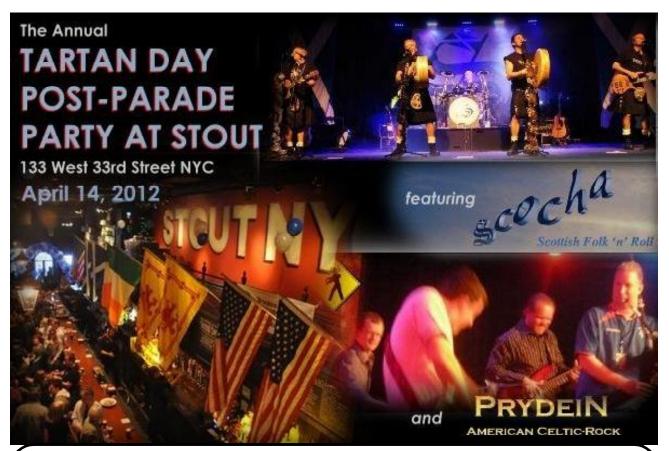
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The Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games is proud to offer competition for pipe bands and solo pipers and drummers. Events include Grades I ó IV piping and drumming and Grade III, Grade IV and Grade V pipe band competition.

The Carolina Open Championship dancing competition will also be held throughout the weekend. Highland dancing is beautiful, energetic and an athletic event. Scottish dances such as the Highland Fling and the Ghillie Callum (the sword dance) as well as solo dances are so vigorous that dancers must be in top physical shape to perform.

For the past two years, the õYoung King of Highland Danceö - 2010 Adult World Highland Dance Champion and crowd favorite - Daniel Carr (photo, right) has swept the Carolinas Open at the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games with first place wins in all categories - Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Truibhas, and Reel.

Fun for the entire family, the Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games weekend offers professional Scottish heavy athletic competition, amateur heavy athletics, piping and drumming, highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, children& activities, demonstrations and Rural Hill& famous historic encampment.

Returning this year are the õKids Zoneö and the popular Celtic Rock Music Stage including the Saturday evening concert. 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.

Proceeds support the preservation of Historic Rural Hill Farm in Huntersville, NC.

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The Armstrong Clan Society

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On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left on this page. Our motto "SEMPER INV1CTUS" can be translated as "Always Unconquered".

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