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Ceud Mìle Fàilte

[KEY-ut MEE-luh FAL-chuh] (100,000 welcomes)



Dr. Jamie Macdonald

The Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Song and Language Week is held each year at Lees-McRae College in beautiful Banner Elk, NC, the week prior to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

This year our week of fun and learning will run from Sunday July 2, 2017 to Friday July 7, 2017.

We have three excellent teachers scheduled for this year - two from Scotland and one from Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. They have all taught previously at the Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Week and they are back by wide acclaim!

1. Our special guest teacher this year is **Dr. Anne Lorne Gillis**. Anne is a singer, broadcaster, writer, and Gaelic activist. She was raised on a croft in Argyll surrounded by Gaelic culture and a diverse range of musical styles. Anne won the Gold Medal for singing at the National Mòd in Scotland at the age of 17 in 1962 and has since been in great demand as a performer at Gaelic

events. She received her MA in Celtic and English from the University of Edinburgh in 1965, and then trained as a classical musician.

Her career with the BBC has included work as a presenter, performer, writer and producer for several programs, including the Gaelic educational show *Speaking Our Language*.

Anne has written several books, the best known of these entitled *Songs of Gaelic Scotland*. Published in 2005, *Songs of Gaelic Scotland* won the prestigious academic Ratcliff Prize for "an important contribution by an individual to the study of folk and folklore in Great Britain and Ireland".

Dr. Gillies is also a life-long advocate for Gaelic. In 1983, she became the patron of Comhairle nan Sgoiltean Àraich, the Gaelic playgroup organization. She is a former National Education Development

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BEINN SEAN AIR
GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN
GAELIC SONG & LANGUAGE WEEK



Dr. Pete Hylton has another Scottish adventure for us. See page 21



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print as you wish.

Section B is "up" on the Internet
about the 15th of each month.

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first of the next month.



Who wouldn't love to have a
Meerkat as part of their family?

Mmmm...I reckon the Meerkat
would rather remain free!





Letter from your editor....
**“Harry Truman Ghost Kitty
 Reginald Cat Freeman!”**

(AKA The MEEEEECAT!)

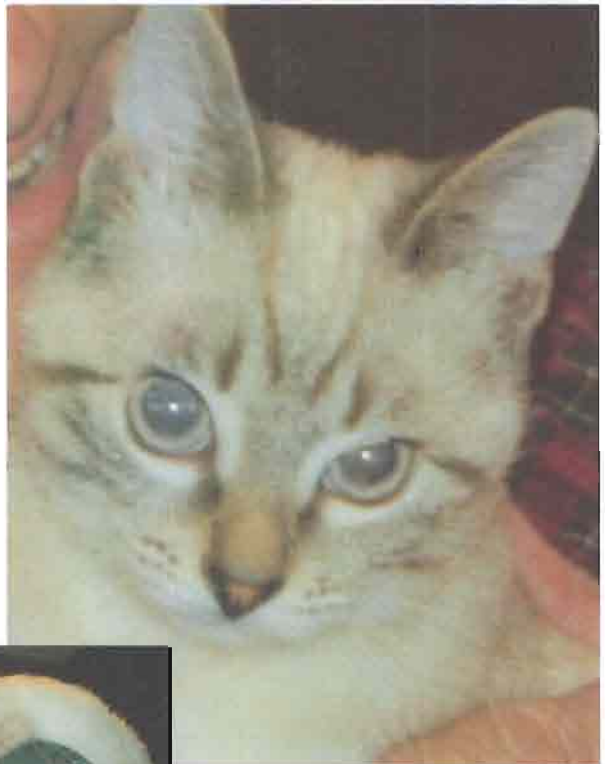
When Miss Narra The Wonder Cat went to sleep about three years ago at age 20 plus, I swore, “NO MORE.” It’s always so hard to lose a beloved pet...and, we have to face it, they just do not live as long as we do.

Then, this little scrap of prickeley toenails, big gray eyes and a very loud “MEOWWWWW!” came along.

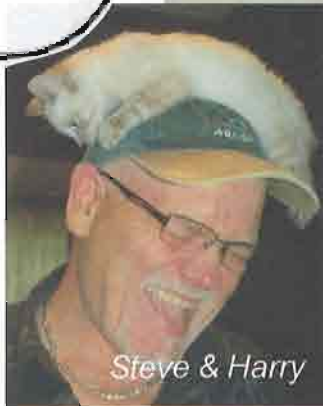
He was born of Miss Kitty Britches (because she has “britches” in her red-rumped fur against the snow white of the rest of her.” His father was the huge Siamese mix, Ghost Kitty. These are strays that come and go and take advantage of our buffet when they are here.

All of the other kittens were afraid of me. Not the little waif that would become Harry Truman.

“Hello. I just thought I would tell you something. I thought you would like to know that YOU belong to ME.”



Little Harry came up to me and spoke. (see above).



To make him safe from coyotes, he came in and enjoyed luxurious quarters and catering for a few months in the guest bathroom!

Now, he lives downstairs with us and dear Bicket - our House Security Cat. **Stay tuned!**

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Locating USA Territorial Records

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

When the United States acquired the Northwest Territory via the passage of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 by Congress, it was the first of multiple territorial acquisitions as the United States expanded westward. Within these acquired territories, a policy of territorial government was established for the sparsely populated areas until they eventually obtained status as states.



Some other significant purchases, acquisitions, and annexations included:

1. Louisiana Purchase (1803)
2. British Cession (1818)
3. East and West Florida Cessions from Spain (1819)
4. Spanish Cession (1819)
5. Texas Annexation (1845)
6. Oregon Territory via treaty with Great Britain (1846)
7. Gadsden Purchase from Mexico (1853)

For a more detailed look at the expansion process, please visit the following links:

<http://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h1049.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_territorial_acquisitions#/media/File:Territorial-acquisition-uscensus-bureau.jpg

The most comprehensive and reliable account of records produced during the territorial era was edited by Clarence Edwin Carter and published in the 26

volume set *Territorial Papers of the United States*.

The content encompasses all activities of the territorial governments, including correspondence related to land and court proceedings, early settler lists, and petitions to the government by the early residents. While the bulk of the public land papers deal with plans and policies, a significant number focus on specific land claims by individual settlers, lists of appointments to

county and local offices, and licenses approved for certain trades, such as keeping a tavern, operating a ferry or driving a stagecoach.

Included in this set are the oldest territories, specifically

those northwest of the Ohio River, south of the Ohio River, Mississippi, Indiana, Michigan, Louisiana, Illinois, Alabama, Florida, and Wisconsin.

Published territorial papers are available in many public and academic libraries with government documents or large genealogical collections, state archives in the regions that once were under territorial status, and regional branches of the National Archives. An increasing number are accessible on databases such as Ancestry, Family Search, Find My Past, Fold3, and My Heritage. Researchers also may find references to this information in American State Papers, Deeds, Homestead Records, Land Grants and Patents.

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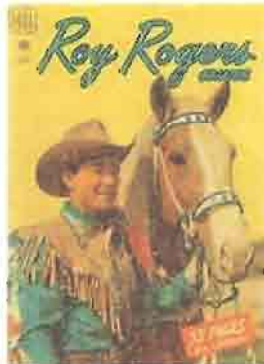
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Happy Trails to you! The end of an era..

The young guns may not understand the meaning of this, but you should!

The Roy Rogers Museum in Branson, Missouri has closed its doors forever.



The contents of the museum were sold at a public auction.

Roy Rogers told his son, if the museum ever operates at a loss, close it, and sell the contents. He complied.

Here is a partial listing of some of the items that were sold at auction.

Roy's 1964 Bonneville sold for \$254,500. It was estimated to sell between 100 and 150 thousand dollars.

His script book from the January 14, 1953 episode of *This Is Your Life* sold for \$10,000 (EST. \$800-\$1,000).

A collection of signed baseballs (Pete Rose, Duke Snyder, and other greats) sold for \$3,750.

A collection of signed bats (Yogi Berra, Enos Slaughter, Bob Feller, and others) sold for \$2,750.

Trigger's saddle and bridle sold for \$386,500.

One of many of Roy's shirts sold for \$16,250 and one of his many cowboy hats sold for \$17,500.

One set of boot spurs sold for \$10,625. (He never used a set of spurs on Trigger).

A life size shooting gallery sold for \$27,500.

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Tracing Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors set for March 3 & 4 in Phoenix, Arizona



A two-day Ulster Historical Foundation Seminar, *Tracing Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors*, which will be held March 3 and 4, 2017, 9AM to 5PM at the Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library in Phoenix, Arizona.

Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research.

Be sure and register early. Contact Us: Phone, 602.258.0109 or Email : <info@azirish.org> Write 1106 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.





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Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

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Septs and spellings include: Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixon - Dixson - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeitch - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email membershipclankeith@mindspring.com or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

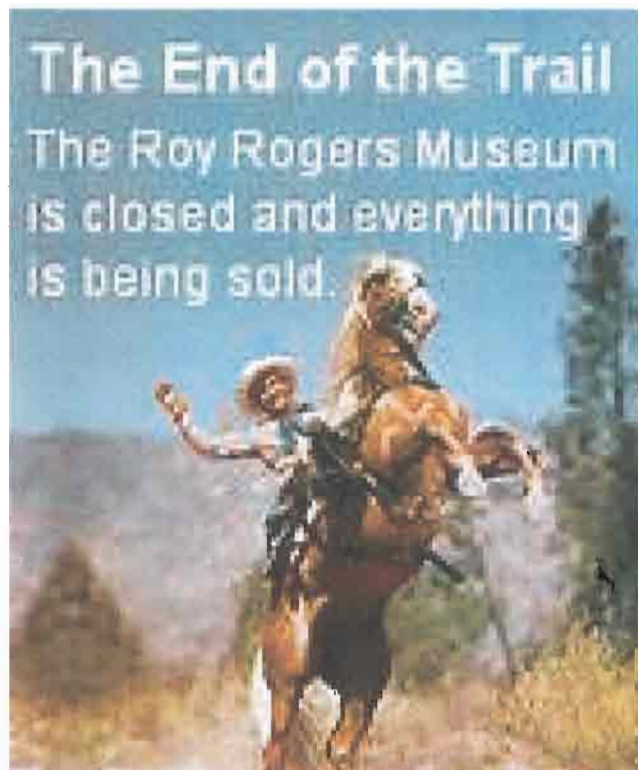
Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will ever make. Hope to see you soon!

The End of the Trail, *continued from page 7*

Various chandeliers sold from \$6,875 to \$20,000, very unique and artistic in their western style.

A signed photograph by Don Larsen taken during his perfect game in the world series against the Dodgers on Oct. 8, 1953, along with a signed baseball to Roy from Don, sold for \$2,500.

Two fabulous limited edition BB guns in their original boxes with Numerous photos of Roy, Dale, Gabby,



and Pat sold for \$3,750.

A collection of memorabilia from his shows entertaining the troops in Vietnam sold for \$938. I never knew he was there.

His flight jacket sold for \$7,500

His set of dinnerware plates and silverware sold for \$11,875.

The Bible they used at the dinner table every night sold for \$8,750.

One of several of his guitars sold for \$27,500.

Nelly Belle sold for \$116,500.

A fabulous painting of Roy, Dale, Pat, Buttermilk, Trigger, and Bullet sold for \$10,625.

One of several sets of movie posters sold for \$18,750.

A black and white photograph of Gene Autry with a touching inscription From Gene to Roy sold for \$17,500.

A Republic Productions Poster bearing many autographs of the People that played in Roy's movies sold for \$11,875.

Dale's horse, Buttermilk (whose history is very interesting) sold below the presale estimate for \$25,000. (EST. 30-40 K).

Bullet sold for \$35,000 (EST. 10-15 K). He was their real pet.

Dale's parade saddle, estimated to sell between 20-30 K, sold for \$104,500.

One of many pairs of Roy's boots sold for \$21,250.

Trigger sold for \$266,500.

Do you remember the 1938 movie *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland?

Well, Olivia rode Trigger in that movie.

Trigger was bred on a farm co-owned by Bing Crosby. Roy bought Trigger on a time payment plan for \$2,500.

Roy and Trigger made 188 movies together.

Trigger even outdid Bob Hope by winning an Oscar in the movie *Son of Paleface* in 1953.

It is extremely sad to see this era lost forever. Despite the fact that Gene and Roy's movies, as well as those of other great characters, can be bought or rented for viewing, today's kids would rather spend their time playing video games.

Today it takes a very special pair of parents to raise their kids with the right values and morals.

These were the great heroes of our childhood,

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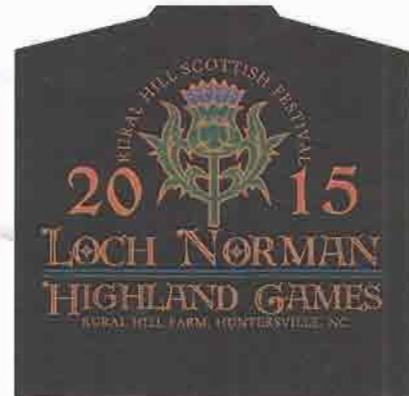
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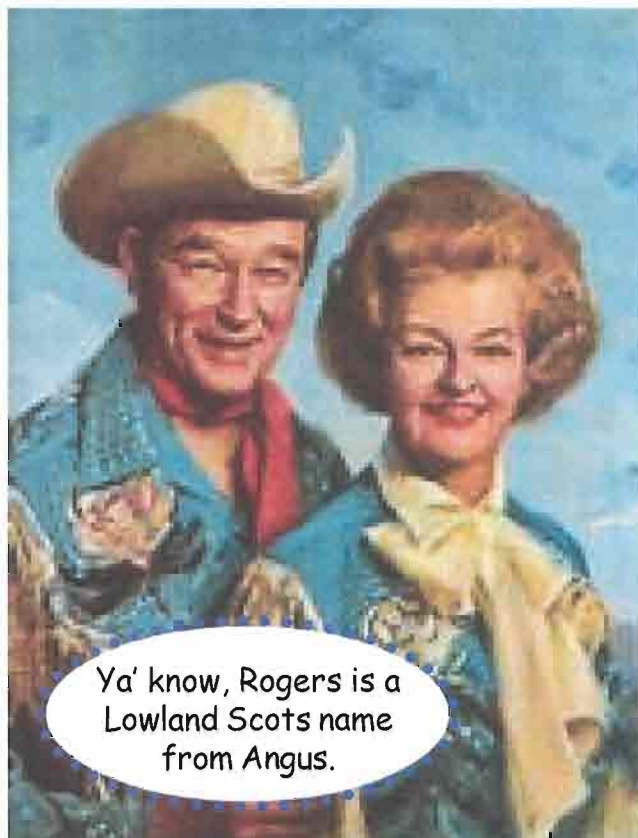
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Roy Rogers and Dale Evans

and they did teach us right from wrong, and how to have and show respect for each other and the animals that share this earth.

You and I were born at the right time. We were able to grow up with these great people even if we never met them.

In their own way they taught us patriotism and honor. We learned that lying and cheating were bad, and that sex wasn't as important as love. We learned how to suffer through disappointment and failure and work through it.

Our lives were drug free.

So it's good-bye to Roy and Dale, Gene and Hoppy, the Lone Ranger, and Tonto.

Farewell to Sky King and Superman and Sgt. Friday.

Thanks to Capt. Kangaroo, the Lone Ranger the *Life of Riley* and all those people whose lives touched ours and made them better.

It was a great ride through childhood.

HAPPY TRAILS MY FRIENDS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcYsO890YJY>

About Fort William

Armand Hayes,
Scots Society of Indianapolis

Fort William was originally named after William of Orange. The modern Gaelic name for Fort William, *An Gearasdanis*, derived from the English garrison.

The surrounding area includes many remarkable historic landmarks.

In nearby Kinloch lies the evidence of the first human settlement, on the Isle of Rhum in Lochaber.

There is a vitrified Fort in Glen Nevis at Dun Deardill.

At Fort Williams itself, is the old Inverlochy Castle.

The 1st Battle of Inverlochy took place between Donald Balloch MacDonald and royalist forces of King James, lead by the Earls of Mar and Caithness; as well as the second battle in which Montrose's army completed an overnight forced march to take the Duke of Argyll's army.

In 1692, the area sustained the sad 'Massacre of Glencoe', where a detachment of troops being hospitably received, turned on the Mclains of Glencoe in the wee hours of a winters night, men, women, and children.



It is the home of Ben Nevis distillery, first made as *Long John' MacDonald's Dew of Ben Nevis*.

It is also home of the Mountain Biking World Cup.

Not far from Fort Williams, is a town that is called Glenfinnan, where the '45 Jacobite Rebellion began and Bonnie Prince Charlie first raised the Jacobite Standard.

The French, Irish and Scottish Brigades landed at Loch Nan Uamh at Arisaig, followed the road running along Loch Eilt. Then proceeded on East to Glenfinnan; clansmen being raised along the way.

Following the Loch Eil and crossing over Loch

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Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

www.elliotclan.com

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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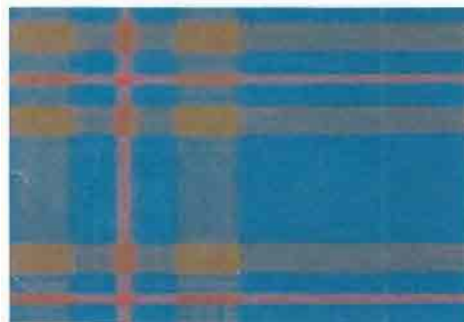
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Boldly and Rightly



About Fort William, continued from page 11



Linnhe and on to Edinburgh, Carlisle, and then Derby.

Prince Charlie and his Jacobite army had taken Scotland in approximately six weeks and won against the government troops at Prestonpans.

And then again in 1746, the Siege of Fort William, the 1500 man Jacobite army with 200 French artillery laid siege for 5 weeks.

Four miles from Fort Williams lies the ruins of Torcastle, above the Cat Pool (Buinne a'Chait), where the MacPhersons, MacIntosh, and Camerons held sway for almost 1,000 years.

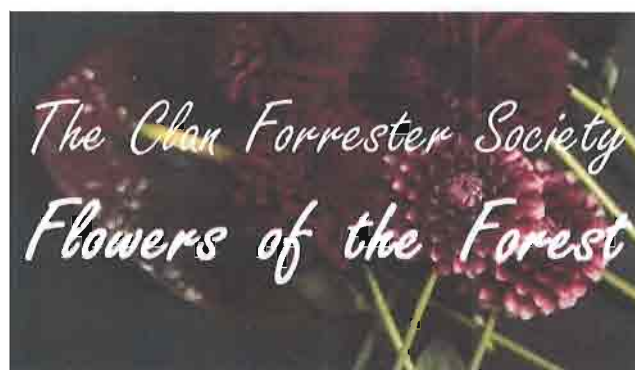
Today, Archnacarry Castle remains a fine seat for Clan Chattan.

There are many bed and breakfasts in and around Fort William, including the famous Lime Tree Hotel.

Visit the West Highland Museum for more history of the area or the Clan Cameron museum in nearby Archnacarry.

And who knows, perhaps fate will lead you north to Loch Ness and on to Culloden Moor or to Inverness where you can visit the Castle Museum and Library!

Armand Hayes writes for The Thistle, is a residential Real Estate Agent with Tucker Realty, and a former Trustee of and longtime member of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.



The Clan Forrester Society wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the following Clan Forrester members: To Ben and Laura Forrester, upon the death of **John Berry**, Ben's brother-in-law.

John was a veteran of the US Air Force and retired from Scientific Atlanta.

Both John and his wife, Jackie, have been active members of Clan Forrester for a very long time.

Clan Forrester sends deepest sympathy to John and Thelma Grant, upon the death of **Bessie Kilgore**, Thelma's aunt and also upon the death of **Martha Anderson**, Thelma's mother.

Clan Forrester also expresses their sympathy to the **Don Boney** family upon his death. Don played a major part in the committee work for the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

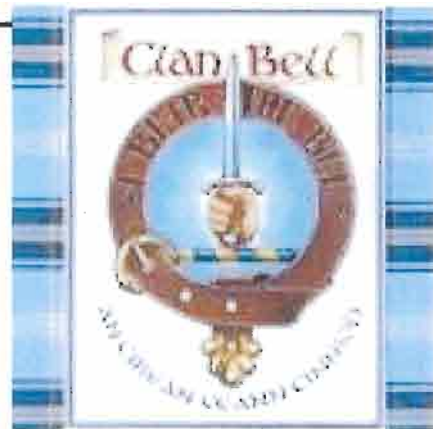


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Clan Forrester wishes to identify every Forrester line in America across the various spellings of the surname...

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Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, they engaged in the “rieving” of the period and participated in many battles against the English.



Declared “unruly” by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan were “encouraged” to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called “Redcloak” and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America 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.

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

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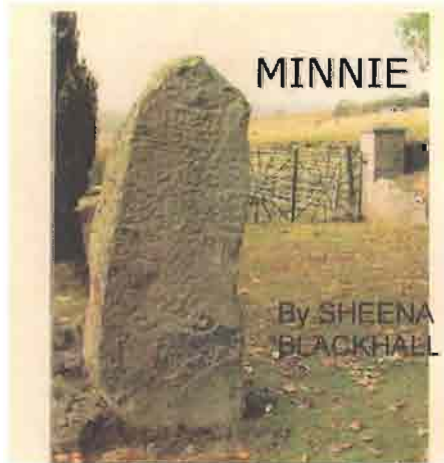


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The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters

A lovely letter from George Watt and The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters...

(I find if I read the Scots out loud, I can pretty well figure out what it says. It turns out, it is great fun!)



*Interested
in a
great
scholarship?
See pages
38-39!*

Guid dey fowk, an it's richt brawlie tae be screivin till ye aa again. I maun tell ye o oor new CD. *MINNIE* by Sheena Blackhall.

Noo Sheena is the maist prolific o Scots writers aroon an aa her wark is o the heichmaist quality. Gin ye ken ocht o the Scots Leid or want tae learn the vyce o yer forbears faa hailed frae onywhaur frae Elgin roun the coast tae Dundee an mony airts ayont that, then ye maun hae the wark o Sheena Blackhall.

An Aiberdeenshire lass frae the tap o her heid tae the pynt o her bits, hers is thee authoritative vyce o Scotland an Scots.

Sheena warks in baith academia an in scules learnin Scots tae bairn o aa ages. This 3CD set is juist the bees knees. Nae anely that, but sometime waein the no pwer faur ahead, we will be releasing ae 2CD of Sheena Blackhall's poesy an Bothy Ballads.

Gin ye dinnae ken ocht o Bothy Ballads, than ye divnae ken ocht avaa! Onywey, *MINNIE* is the story o ae yung lassie muivin intae adulthood in ae fairmin community somewhaur in Aiberdeenshire.

We get the hail atmosphere o the fairm toun, richt down tae the sharn in the byre, along wi aa the camsteerieness o the yung lass gaein throu puberty.

Nae for the squeamish, this is a fell factual portrayal o fairmin life, nae some romantisized biscuit tin fauncy, but the Scots, the Scots, noo that is richt brawlie gaein.

Your editor says, "Aye, and I canna write the Scots, but if you would like to have a copy of the CD by Sheena Blackhall, just write our new friend in Scotland, George Watt, at <lallans@hotmail.co.uk>"

Hooray! Beth has been invited back to do speeches at the Stone Mountain Games, Friday, 20 October! FREE. Bigger room this year. Watch here for details.
All events at the games which are not at Stone Mountain inself, are at the host hotel, Hilton Atlanta, NE (770-447-4747) Games & events October 20-22 October.

THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!

Royal is my Race!

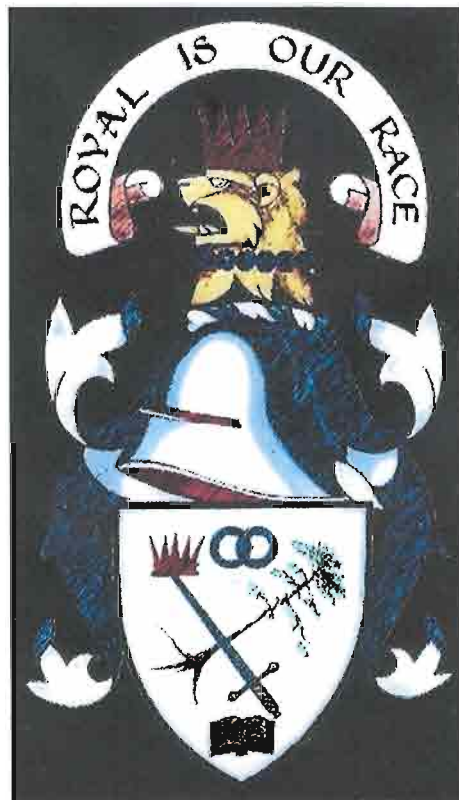
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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Moe Berg, one of America's greatest & most unknown heroes

With thanks to friend **Martha Brown**,
President of the Paisley Family Society

When baseball greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went on tour in baseball-crazy Japan in 1934, some fans wondered why a third-string catcher named Moe Berg was included. Although he played with five major-league teams from 1923 to 1939, he was a very mediocre ball player. But Moe was regarded as the brainiest ballplayer of all time. In fact, Casey Stengel once said: "That is the strangest man ever to play baseball."

When all the baseball stars went to Japan, Moe Berg went with them and many people wondered why he went with "the team."

The answer was simple: Moe Berg was a United States spy, working undercover with the Office of Strategic Services (predecessor of today's CIA).

Moe spoke 15 languages - including Japanese And he had two loves: baseball and spying.

In Tokyo, garbed in a kimono, Berg took flowers to the daughter of an American diplomat being treated in St. Luke's Hospital - the tallest building in the Japanese capital. He never delivered the flowers. The ball-player ascended to the hospital roof and filmed key features: the harbor, military installations, railway yards, etc.

Eight years later, General Jimmy Doolittle studied Berg's films in planning his spectacular raid on Tokyo.

His father disapproved and never once watched his son play.

In Barringer High School, Moe learned Latin, Greek and French. Moe read at least 10 newspapers everyday.

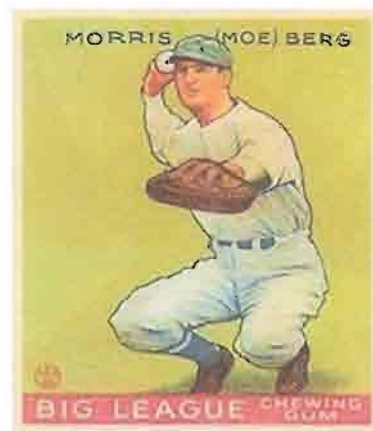
He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton - having added Spanish, Italian, German and Sanskrit to his linguistic quiver.

During further studies at the Sorbonne, in Paris, and Columbia Law School, he picked up Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Arabic, Portuguese and Hungarian - 15 languages in all, plus some regional dialects.

While playing baseball for Princeton University, Moe Berg would describe plays in Latin or Sanskrit.

During World War II, Moe was parachuted into Yugoslavia to assess the value to the war effort of the two groups of partisans there. He reported back that Marshall Tito's forces were widely supported by the people and Winston Churchill ordered all-out support for the Yugoslav underground fighter, rather than Mihajlovic's Serbians.

The parachute jump at age 41 undoubtedly was a challenge. But, there was more to come in that same year. Berg penetrated German-held Norway, met with members of the underground and located a secret heavy-water plant — part of the Nazi effort to build an atomic bomb.



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Naming the child in old Scotland



With thanks to *Scottish Customs*, Sheila Livingstone

No one called a new born child by its Christian name until its baptism. Sometimes the minister found the name written on a piece of paper pinned to the baby's shawl, or, it was whispered to him at the last minute.

It was generally the custom to call the first baby after its paternal grandparents, the next after the maternal and the rest using family names.

One Scottish custom which seems to have died out is that of adding "-ina" to the father's name to feminise it.

There were many a Robina, Jamesina, Thomasina, Edwina, Georgina and Williamina in Scotland. They generalised themselves just "Ina." Roberta and Bertha were also favoured.



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His information guided the Royal Air Force in a bombing raid to destroy that plant.

There still remained the question of how far the Nazis had progressed in the race to build the first Atomic bomb. If the Nazis were successful, they would win the war.

Berg (under the code name "Remus") was sent to Switzerland to hear leading German physicist Werner Heisenberg, a Nobel Laureate, lecture and determine if the Nazis were close to building an A-bomb.

Moe managed to slip past the SS guards at the auditorium, posing as a Swiss graduate student. The spy carried in his pocket a pistol and a cyanide pill.

If the German indicated the Nazis were close to building a weapon, Berg was to shoot him and then swallow the cyanide pill.

Moe, sitting in the front row, determined that the Germans were nowhere near their goal, so he complimented Heisenberg on his speech and walked him back to his hotel.

Moe Berg's report was distributed to Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and key figures in the team developing the Atomic Bomb. Roosevelt responded: "Give my regards to the catcher."

Most of Germany's leading physicists had been Jewish and had fled the Nazis mainly to Britain and the United States. After the war, Moe Berg was awarded the Medal of Freedom - America's highest honor for a civilian in wartime. But Berg refused to accept it be-

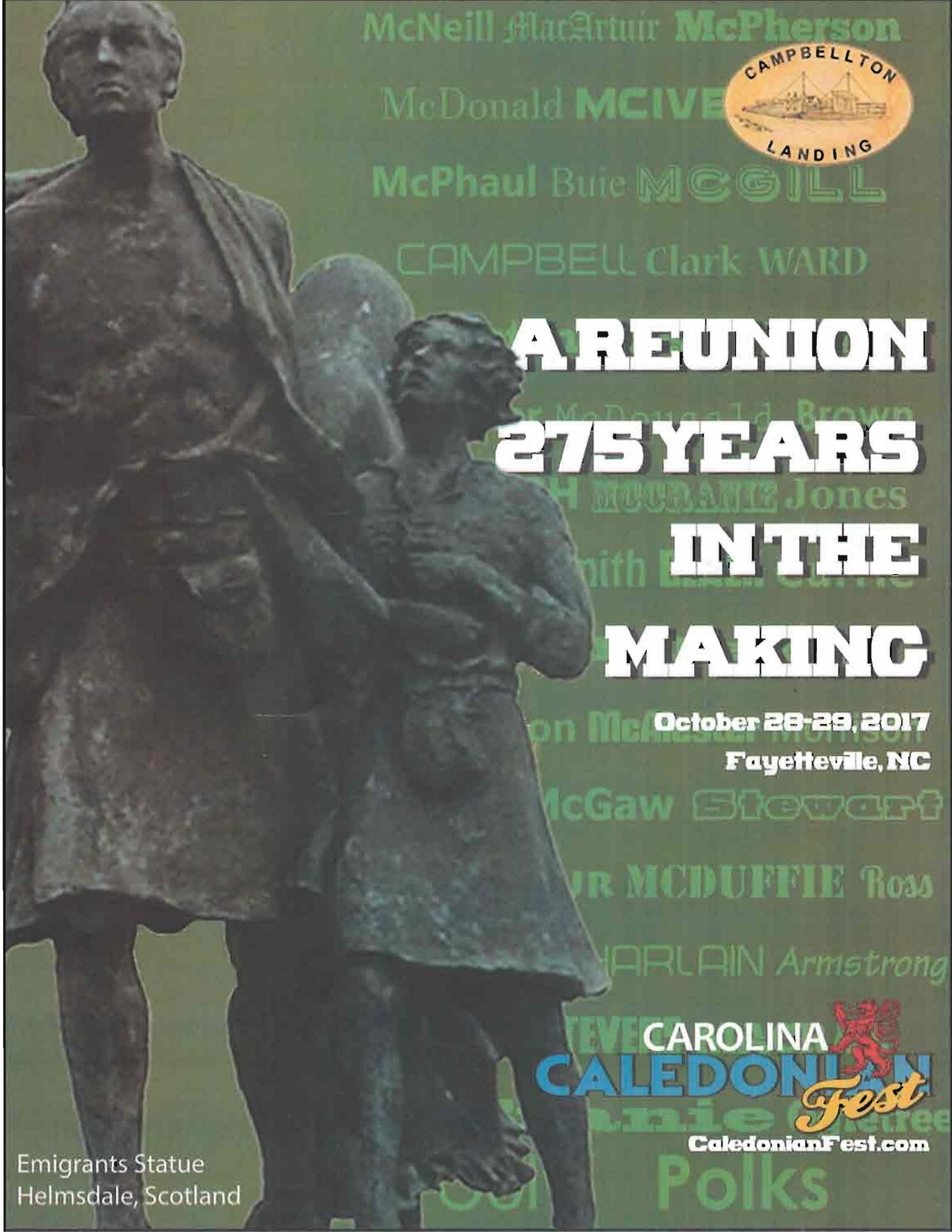


The R.A.F. destroys the Norwegian heavy water plant targeted by Moe Berg.

cause he couldn't tell people about his exploits.

After his death, his sister accepted the Medal. It now hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

Moe Berg's baseball card is the only card on display at the CIA Headquarters in Washington, DC.



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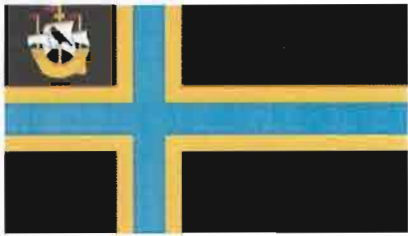
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Christmas in Caithness and a New Year's Tour of Some of the UK's Smaller Isles

In the run-up to Christmas, we took a trip down to the Scottish Borders to visit with some of our friends in Denholm and attend their annual folk festival. Across 4 days there were several concerts and almost constant sessions going on in all the local pubs. Such wonderful folk music.



While we were there, the locals celebrated Guy Fawkes Day, a.k.a Bonfire Day. It is a day of remembrance of when Fawkes and a handful of associates tried to blow up Parliament and King James in an attempt to put a Catholic king back on the British throne. The public supporters of the king celebrated by lighting huge bonfires, upon which they burned an effigy of the Pope. Today, the Pope is no longer involved, but the bonfires are still huge. Here are pictures of the village green in Denholm, by day.....and by night.



We had to travel to Glasgow to pick up daughter Amanda and her friend Rich, who flew in on Christmas

Eve morning. I got my Christmas present the evening before they arrived, as we went to a REAL hockey game in Braehead by Glasgow. (As opposed to the tape delay games I watch on NHL-TV) The Braehead Clan (and mascot Clahamish the Highland Cow) hosted the Fife Fliers, whose goaltender was Shane Owen, formerly of the Indy Fuel team. I wore a Fuel shirt from when we had season tickets back in Indiana. Shane recognized the logo and gave me a salute.



Next morning we picked up Amanda and Rich at the airport and dashed up to Stirling Castle, where Wendy had booked us for a Christmas Lunch – complete with traditional Christmas Crackers and the obligatory paper crowns – odd British Christmas tradition. Stirling Castle has an incredible great hall, restored as it was in the time of King James. The entire thing is assembled from huge Scottish Oak beams, all assembled with dowels. Not a single nail was used.

**Dr. Pete Hylton,
(EdD), Ph.D.,
Fellow of the
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shares his own
Scottish Adventures
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While they were with us back home in Caithness, we took Amanda and Rich to see what remains of Sinclair Castle.



And several of the local streams and harbors.



As well as the stacks along the coast.



But the highlight was when we visited my favorite little harbor, and found a large group of seals (including some young pups) laying on the beach.



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I have talked several times about visiting the Neolithic chambered burial cairns at Camster. I never was willing to crawl back into the deepest chamber without someone along with me. Fortunately, Rich was game for it, and so we made the long crawl. Here is a photo taken from the inside, looking back out.

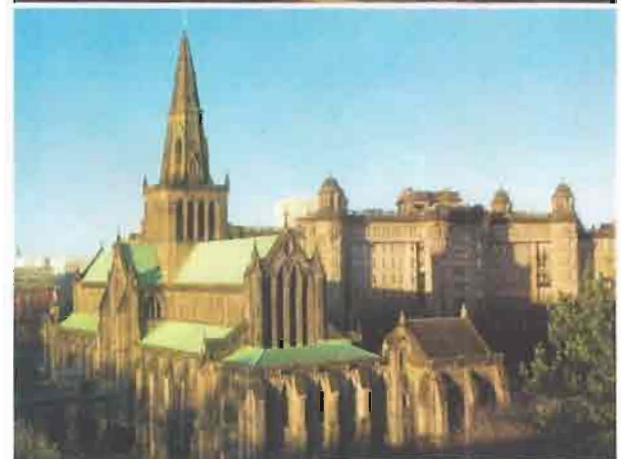


On the return to Glasgow for their flight back to the states, we visited the Necropolis, a

cemetery reputed to be one of the spookiest places on earth to spend the night. Fortunately, we visited in daylight.



For you USA Presbyterians, the structure at the top of the hill (left in photo below) is a very tall monument to John Knox. There is also a great view of the Glasgow Cathedral.



After the kids were on the plane back to Indiana, we visited Berwick, the scene of the massacre of 1296, when Edward Longshanks, King

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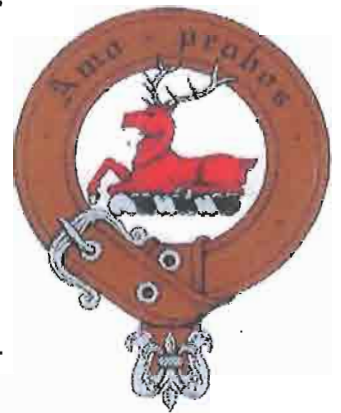
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of England, had his troops butcher every Scot they could find in the town, including women and children. It is believed that over 15,000 people were slaughtered. (Ever wondered why some Scots still harbor a grudge against the English?) Berwick changed hands over a dozen times during the Scottish wars of independence, as the Scot-English border shifted north and south. So it is not surprising that it was heavily fortified, with earthen walls and stone fortifications surrounding the city.



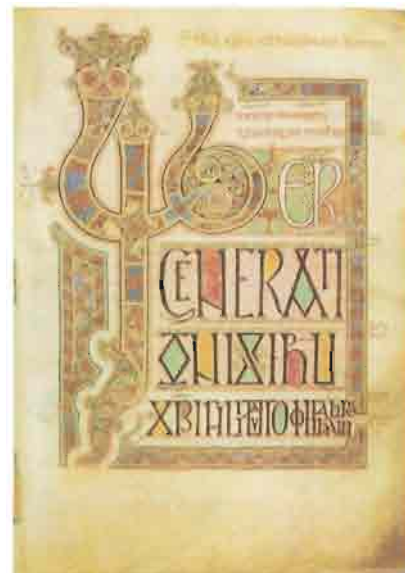
There is also an incredible railway viaduct crossing the river valley that runs alongside the city.



That brought us to the Holy Island of Lindesfarne, the largest of the Farne Islands. It can only be accessed at low tide by a causeway that spends much of the day under water. Here we are crossing it just as the water reached the roadway.



The community on the Holy Island was established by Christian monks, invited to bring their new religion to Northumbria in the year 635. Saint Aiden and Saint Cuthbert both presided over the orders here, and it is the home of the world renowned Lindesfarne Gospels, a highly regarded medieval manuscript (on sheep-skin and using rare pigments from all over Europe and the middle east) of the four Gospels of the Bible transcribed and decorated by a single monk over what is estimated to be at least two years of work. An example of the highly decorative Latin text is shown here.

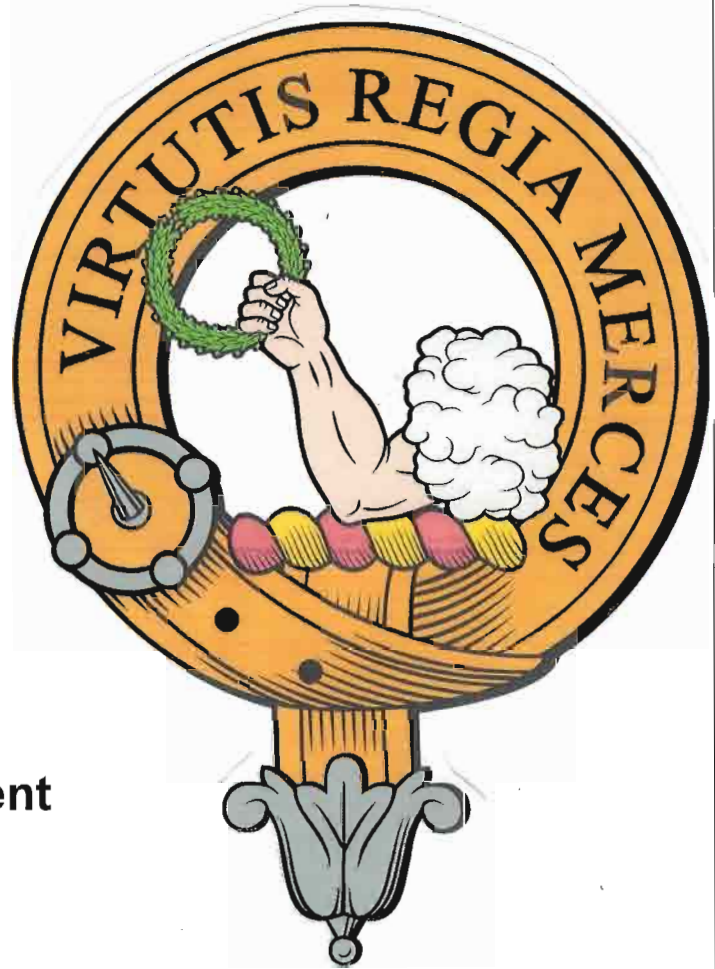


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Parts of the ancient Priory still stand, including the impressive arch that was once over the altar.



This is an ancient baptismal font.



Next to the priory ruins is Saint Mary's Chapel (Church of England) which has ONLY been in use for a few centuries. People have been worshiping Christ on this site for roughly 1400 years.



We attended the evensong service several times and offered prayers for our friends and family back in America.

On a cold and blustery day, we hiked out to the mount where Lindesfarne Castle sits overlooking the North Sea.



I was excited to examine the huge lime kiln workings, which consisted of six ovens, each over ten feet in diameter and 25 feet tall. Here is a view from the top.



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And next is a view of the openings below, that permitted access to the bottom of the kiln chambers.



And this is the tunnel complex underground that allowed access to get the quicklime out at the bottom of each oven. The lime was used as a stabilizer in mortar and plaster and also in agriculture to adjust the pH of the soil.



We had one day of low wind while at the Holy Island, so we used it to take a wee boat tour out to the rest of the Farne Islands (there are 14 at high tide, and 28 at low tide).



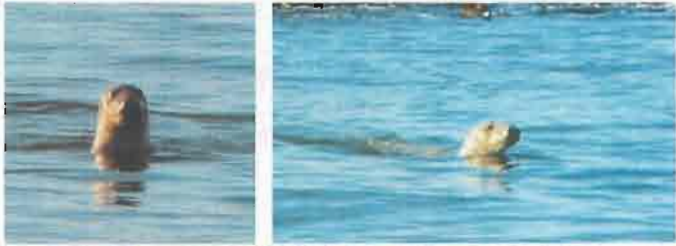
There are millions of seabirds on the Farne Isles in the summer, but only a few Cormorants, Shags, Gulls and Oystercatchers remain in winter.



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But the seals give birth to pups in fall, so there are several thousand Gray Seals in the Farne Islands this time of year.



The rocks can be quite treacherous for ships. So the islands have been guarded by lighthouses for centuries. The one shown here on the left is fully automated and solar powered. The one on the right is from the 1500s, when a bonfire would be lit atop that square tower to warn the ships away from the rocks.



Before heading home to Caithness, we stopped in at Bamburgh Castle, one of the finest intact examples in the UK.



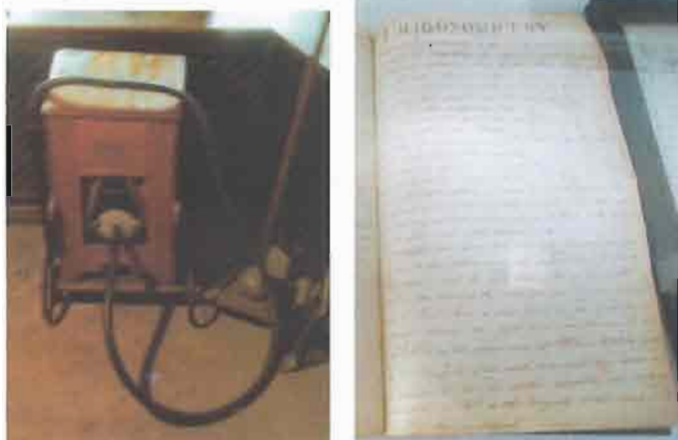
The ceiling in the great hall was amazing.



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Here is a Victorian era vacuum cleaner and a maths book on Trigonometry from the same period.



Cannon, large and small, on the ramparts.



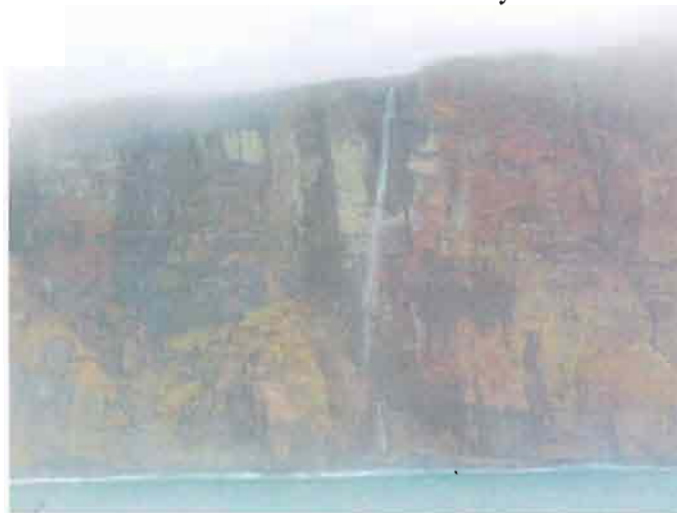
We returned home to a rare Caithness winter storm that made us feel like we were back in Indiana.



Then soon after, I had to visit two schools on the northern islands of Orkney who want to compete in the Bloodhound Challenge this year, joining the schools from Caithness and Sutherland that participated last year. Here are the cliffs of the Island of Hoy as we sail past.



A waterfall off the cliffs of Hoy.



The Old Man of Hoy is a sea stack that stands watch over those approaching Orkney.



This Gray Seal sunning on a rock makes it easy to understand how sailors of old mistook them for mermaids – especially after too long at sea and

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after too much highland brew. They are called selkies here in the north, and the tales say they can change from seal to beautiful woman for the right man. But if they choose to keep the man, they take him back under the sea to their home. The tale explains men lost at sea, or “gone to the selkies.”



The Standing Stones of Stenness were eerily shrouded in fog as I went past.



I had to take 5 different ferries between the isles of Orkney to reach my various destinations, passing many a wee rock in the archipelago.



The island of Sanday has less than 500 inhabitants, and only 58 students in their entire school. I encountered a new neolithic feature – a burnt mound, of which there are over 20 on the wee island. This one has been excavated. These were built either at a well (the hole on the left) or near a stream for a water source. Water was drawn to fill the central pit, and stones were heated in a fire in the oven (in the back of this photo). The stones were then thrown into the water pit to produce

steam. With a wooden domed roof over the top, this would have become a sauna. Archeologists know this was the process because remains of burnt wood and stone bits obviously broken by thermal shock (i.e. straight from fire to water) are found in the mounds. Many think this may have been a ritual purification act, similar to the sweat huts that American Indians built. Or, they may have just been used to warm those who had been out working or fishing in the extreme cold and wind of the northern islands.



The island of Stronsay was next. It has 350 residents and a school of 38 pupils. The island has protected cliff inlets (called geos here) where many gulls nest all winter, protected from the harsh winds.



Next is a photo of the Vat of Kirbister on Stronsay. It is nearly a geo, but an arch still remains at the sea end, making the Vat seem like a small pool unto itself. The opening is big enough

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that a small boat could make it in to find shelter in a really bad storm.



Perhaps Stronsay's most interesting piece of history dates from 1808, when two fisherman saw a large carcass lying on the rocks offshore. When they managed to get to it, they reported that it had a long neck and tail, and six legs. The sketches they made are available on the internet (see Stronsay beast or sea monster) and are shown here.



More islanders came to see it, and it was measured at an astounding 55 feet long, with rough gray skin. Reports spread quickly via the Orcadian newspaper (still in publication today) and within months the Natural History Society in Edinburgh had classified the creature as a new species, with the Latin name *Halsydrus Pontoppidani*. The name, meaning Pontoppidan's Water Snake of the Sea, was chosen in honor of the 18th century Norwegian bishop, who collected reports of sea-monsters. Remains of the beast were destroyed in a museum archive fire, more than a century ago, long before DNA testing was possible. So today, folks are divided between those who think that the Stronsay Beast was a rare distant cousin to Nessie, and those who think that it was the remains of a basking

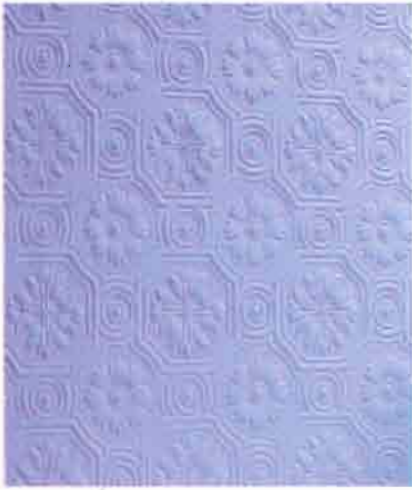
shark. Mind you, the largest basking shark ever recorded was significantly shorter than the beast's measured 55 foot length. So..... believe what you choose.

As the sun sets on 2016, we wish you all a Happy New Year from the most beautiful place on earth.



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Officer with *Comann na Gàidhlig*, and in 2009 the Scottish Government named her *Tosgair na Gàidhlig*, a "Gaelic language ambassador."

You can here Anne singing the beautiful Lewis song "An Ataireachd Àrd" on YouTube at <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsdY1tqTrzM>>.

2. **Angus MacLeod** is our Canadian this year and one could not find a more interesting teacher.

He is a Gaelic speaker, singer, storyteller, artist, writer and actor.

He was born to Gaelic speaking parents in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

He learned Gaelic through conversing with the local elders and listening to the ancient Gaelic songs brought over from An t-Seann Dùthaich (the old country).

Angus has taught Gaelic language and song at the Gaelic College in Cape Breton, St. Francis Xavier University, and Cape Breton University as well as many venues throughout Canada and the U.S.

In addition to his many performances at the Celtic Colours Festival in Nova Scotia, Angus has appeared in three Gaelic short films.

His acting and outstanding story telling skills can be seen in the Gaelic short film *The Wake of Calum MacLeod* at <<http://vimeo.com/7221607>>.

Angus is presently vice-president and teacher at

the Atlantic Gaelic Academy and writes a bi-weekly Gaelic / English blog for *Celticheart.ca*.

3. Our other Gaelic singer and teacher this year is **Alasdair Whyte** from the Isle of Mull in Scotland.

He developed a passion for the music and language of the Gael at a young age and was awarded the Gold Medal for Gaelic singing at the National Mòd in Dunoon in 2006 at the age of 19.

He is now a regular adjudicator at the National Mòd.

Alasdair is a composer of verse and song and his debut album, *Las*, which includes both local traditional songs and self-penned Gaelic songs, was released in December of 2012.

He regularly delivers Gaelic language and Gaelic song workshops.

In addition to musical commissions, Alasdair is at present a researcher based in the Celtic Department at the University of Glasgow where he began work on a doctorate in October 2012.

He also fulfills duties as a lecturer and tutor at the University.

Here is Alasdair on YouTube singing the nostalgic song *Mo Mhàthair* (My Mother): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_Ikfd4NLJQ>.

For complete information email Dr. Macdonald at <gaelteach@gmail.com>

Peterson's novel peers into a world somewhere between fantasy and reality



Ron Devlin

It was a Friday afternoon and, after a tough day at school, Ewan Colin Coupar sought refuge on Whin Hill.

Ewan had lived in England where his father was in the Royal Air Force during World War II. To avoid the bombing by Germany, Charles Coupar moved his wife and children to Scotland.

So Ewan, whose English accent made him the target of bullies, often retreated to a solitary rock atop Whin Hill, overlooking the village of Greenock.

Speaking out loud, Ewan wondered what this place was like eons ago. The rock seemed to answer, telling of a time of trolls, goblins and humanlike sea creatures called Merpeople, or Selkies.

Was it his imagination, he wondered, or could the rock actually speak?

"I am Winthrop, a Rockin," a voice from the rock said, "I was once a Druid priest and now I'm a fairie spirit."

In *Ewan Colin Coupar and a Touch of the Fae* Carl Peterson peers into a world that lies somewhere between fantasy and reality.

Peterson, 73, an internationally known Scottish folk singer who lives in Maxatawny Township (PA), draws heavily on his own childhood experience in writing his second book.

His father was stationed in England with the RAF in World War II and to avoid bombing the family moved to Scotland, where Peterson was born in 1942. And, in Scotland, he was picked on as a child for his English accent.

It was his dreams over several decades, though, that Peterson says led him to create a land of faeries, wood elves and human children born with a touch of the fae, the ability to communicate with spirits.

He wasn't sure he'd ever complete the book, which he began writing ten years ago. Now that he has, though, he's working on a sequel.

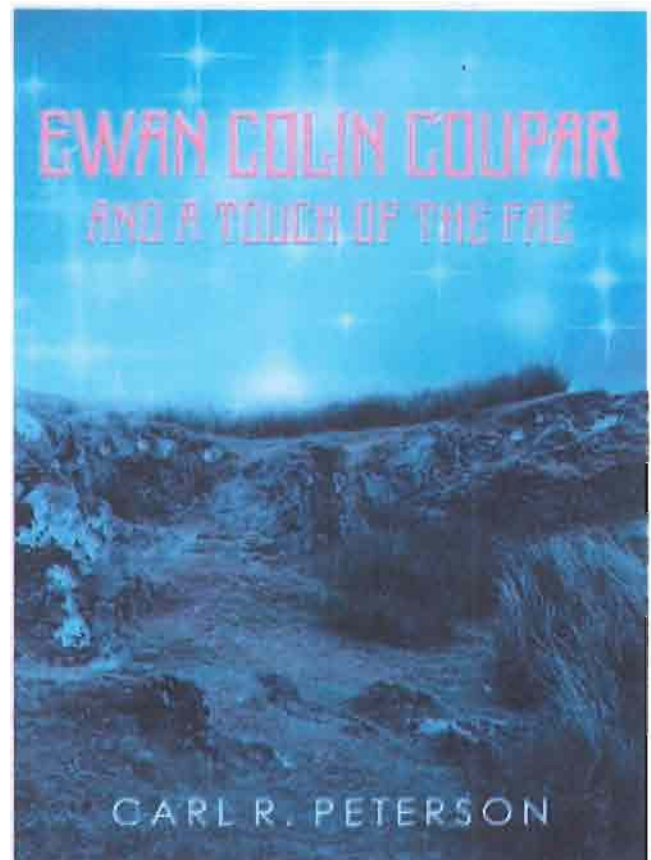
Given the interest created by the *Harry Potter* novels, Peterson thinks his book has a potentially broad audience.

"I had no one age group I was writing for," he said. "It's just for whoever wants to read a good wee fantasy tale."

In a sense, Peterson is looking to the realm of faerie folk for an idealism that seems to be lost in current times.

"We learned to live in harmony, the humans, the faeries, the animals and the Earth," Winthrop tells Ewan. "The trees and the plants would give up their leaves and petals to let the the Faerie folk make healing potents and we would plant the seeds into the Earth to grow food. We would protect and honor the Earth, water and plants in return."

Ewan Colin Coupar and a *Touch of the Fae* can be purchased on <Amazon.com>.



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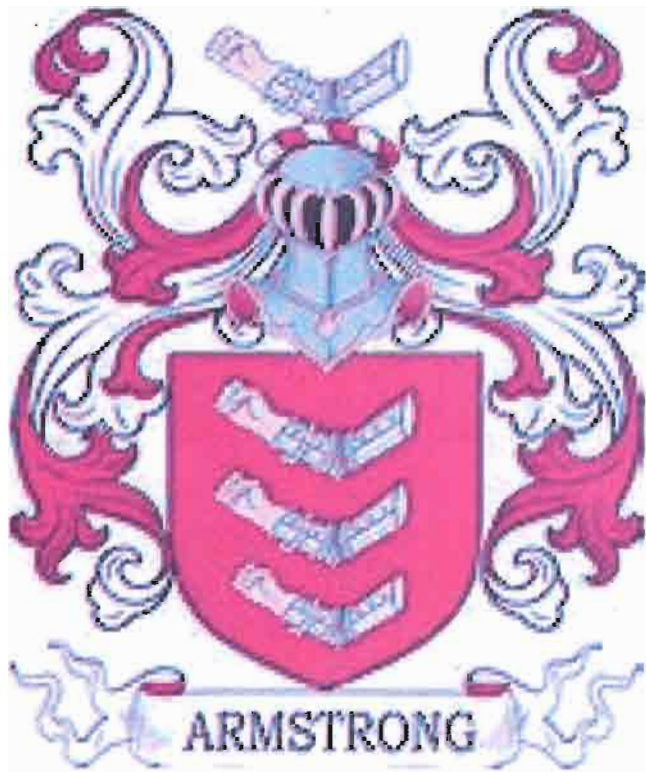
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It's time for the Armstrong Clan Society Scholarship applications to be done!

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There is an application blank on the preceding page which will give you all of the details of the scholarship.

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You may either email the completed application or use the USPS. Email to <billjohn@hotmail.com> with "Scholarship" on the subject line or mail the completed application to W.J. Armstrong, 2101 McDowling Drive, Huntsville, AL 35803-1225 USA.

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