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FINLAY UPDATE - WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/wildcats/>

It has now been over 72 hours since Finlay was taken by the police. Our legal representatives have had discussions with the Police who led the team that seized Finlay. Despite numerous requests, no information was provided as to where Finlay is, who is looking after him, and what type of care he is getting.

Our position is clear and was made again to the police yesterday. Every minute Finlay spends around new people and in a less naturalistic enclosure, seriously damages and disrupts his rehabilitation. He could be in a small barren cage in a vet's room with artificial lights and heating, being tested, for all we know.

We are extremely worried for him and will hopefully have another conversation with the police ASAP to find out more. Just for clarity, as we have publicly stated dozens of times, Finlay

came to us as an orphan and needed intensive care and rehabilitation. As we have always stated, the intention has been to release him at the earliest responsible opportunity and that would be this spring. Absolutely no license whatsoever is needed to rehabilitate and release him. As you know our team has previous experience rehabilitating wildcat kittens and no license was needed or acquired previously. A license would only be required if we intended to hold him permanently in captivity. The mere thought of that is abhorrent to us.

We also want to clarify Finlay's location. He was found in the Scottish Highlands in late October 2020. He came under our care at very short notice and needed expert, intensive care. Our most experienced team member is based in Wales and so that is where

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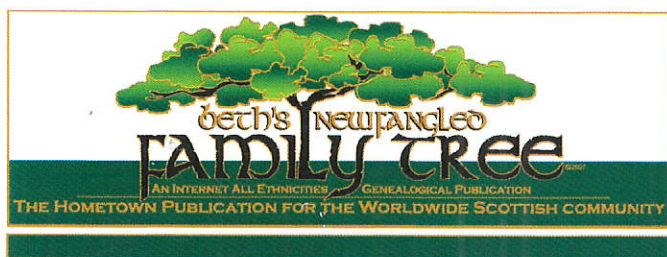


DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Spring Forward

Sunday,
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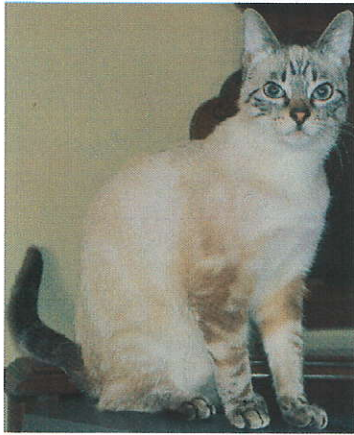
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Browse amongst the archives,
read the current issue
and others as much as you wish!

Section B is "up" on the
Internet about the
15th of each month.
Section A is "up"
a day or so before the
first of the next month.



We wish you health, joy and love! Alastair, Beth and Tom



Guest editor...
Letter from your
editor's cat,
**Harry Reginald
Cat Freeman**



Those of you who have read this publication a very long time will remember Miss Narra who was the head proofreader and right hand cat of our beth.

Miss Narra appeared in years and years of *The Family Tree*, which was the forerunner of this epistle.

She was quite a traveler and her most wonderful trip was when she traveled to England as a guest at the wedding of Prince Charles and Diana.

Unfortunately, at 1 foot 1 inch tall, she was just too short to appear in any of the professional photos, but, she was there. There is a photo of her in her elegant outfit. If you ever get to see lots of wedding

photos from Prince Charles and Diana's wedding, look for her wee tail which, we're told, did make it to a few of the pictures.

In our house, we've had some mighty fine members of the feline community. Miss Narra, of course, and Peggie Hairy and Bicket come to mind.

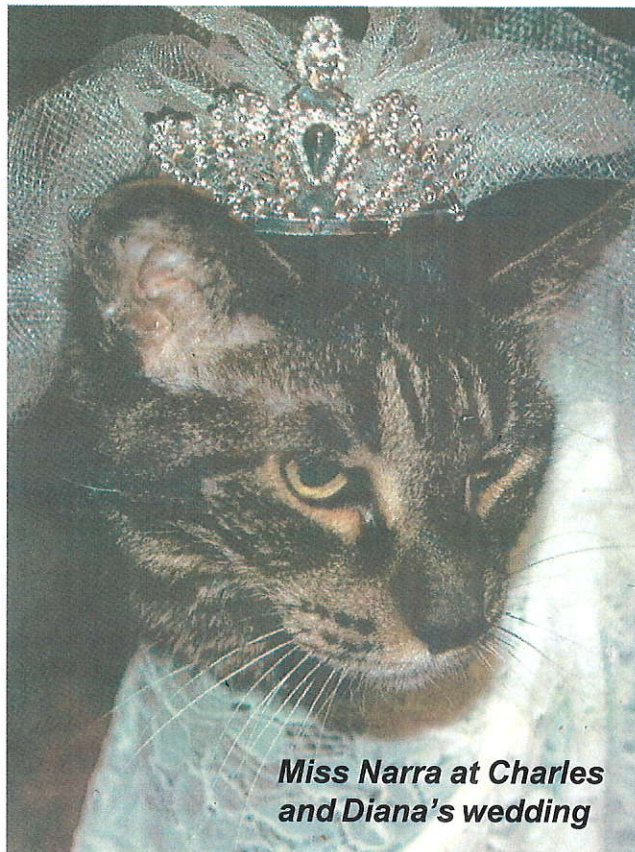
I never got to meet Miss Narra or Peggie Hairy, but Bicket told me all about them. I'll tell you, I have some great "shoes" to fill.

I'm only four and a half years old, so did not get to know any of the others "in person" except for sweet Bicket.

Miss Narra made appearances at the old Scottish Weekend in Moultrie and gave autographs to her fans who would travel many miles to get to talk to her and take away her signature.

Oh, if you will look to the right, you'll see my favorite baby photo. That's me, enjoying being on top of the head of Uncle

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**Miss Narra at Charles
and Diana's wedding**





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Pursuant to Mecklenburg County Ordinance, Rural Hill is now a tobacco-free zone. This includes smoking, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, and other such devices. This includes the campground. This is a Mecklenburg County Law

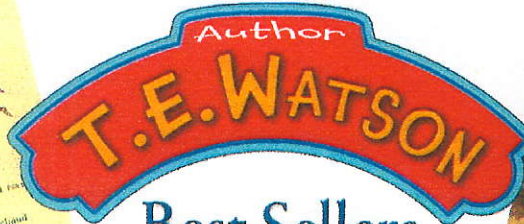
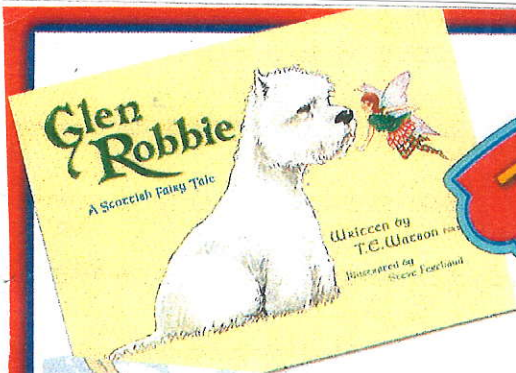
that Rural Hill must follow.

Tent and RV Camping available.

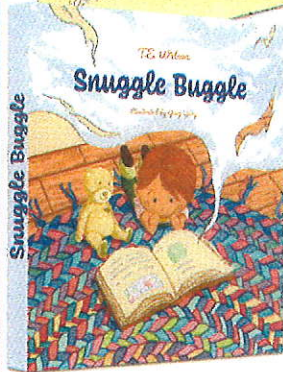
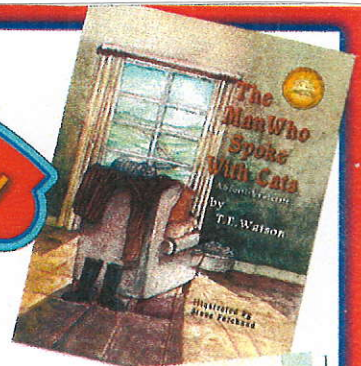
The Clansman Patron Package includes 1 preferred parking pass with a program, 2 badges for admission to the Friday Evening Reception, Call of the Clans, and hospitality tent as well as 2 wrist bands for admission on Saturday and Sunday of the Games. This is NOT a Clan Tent on Clan Row. Those can be purchased.

The Highlander Patron Package includes 2 preferred parking passes with a program, 4 badges for admission to the Friday Evening Reception, Call of the Clans, and hospitality tent as well as 4 wrist bands for admission on Saturday and Sunday of the Games.

For tickets: <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-loch-norman-highland-games-tickets-82638171997>>



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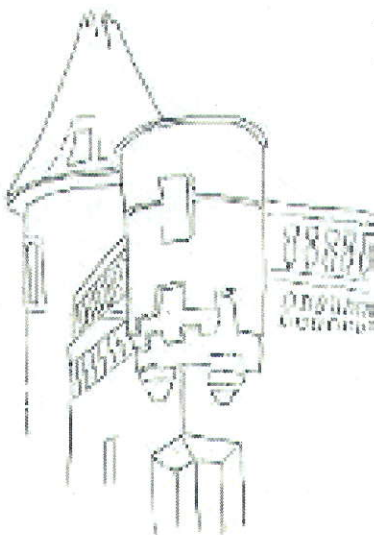
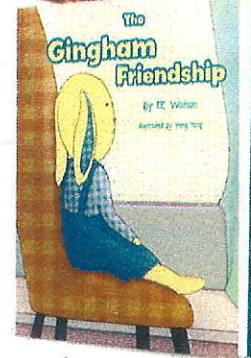
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Archaeologists to examine storm-hit St Kilda hut

BBC
NEWS



Recent storms have offered archaeologists an opportunity to investigate an unusual building on St Kilda.

Archaeologists plan to investigate the construction of a stone hut, called a cleit, on St Kilda after it was damaged by storms.

The structure is believed to have been built on the site of a house where an Edinburgh-born 18th Century aristocrat was forced to live.

Lady Grange was kidnapped on the orders of her estranged husband and taken to St Kilda-40 miles off the Western Isles.

Archaeologists believe stone from the house was used to build the cleit.

Storms have offered archaeologists potential insights into the construction of an unusual storage hut on the remote islands of St Kilda off the west coast of Scotland.

The turf-roofed stone cleit on the archipelago's island of Hirta was damaged in recent bad weather.

The hut is believed to have been built on the site of a house where Edinburgh-born 18th Century aristocrat Rachel Chiesley was forced to live after being kidnapped on the orders of her estranged husband.

National Trust for Scotland (NTS) said it was possible stones from the house were used in the building of the stone hut.

Over the coming months, archaeologists will analyze the construction techniques and materials.

NTS Western Isles manager Susan Bain said: "This is a fascinating structure, with a really interesting history and we now have an unparalleled opportunity to discover so much more about it.

"We'll also be able to get a really good look at

the roof and take soil samples that will help us understand so much more about how the St Kildans created these unique buildings."

St Kilda, more than 40 miles (64km) from the Western Isles, was abandoned by its last islanders in 1930.

NTS manages the archipelago as a Unesco World Heritage site.

Ms. Chiesley became Lady Grange on marrying James Erskine, Lord Grange.

His brother, John Erskine, the Earl of Mar, led the failed Jacobite rebellion of 1715.

The earl, who owned Braemar Castle in Aberdeenshire, had voted for the 1707 Act of Union.

He had also been Secretary of State for Scotland until 1714 but rose up against the authorities.

Lord Grange was also secretly sympathetic to the Jacobite cause but feared his wife, who was angered by his infidelities, would expose him.

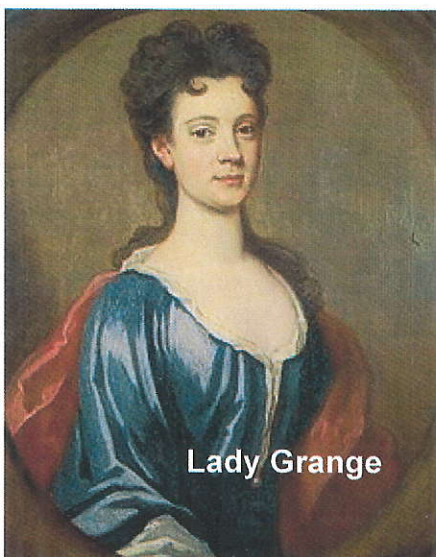
The lord had her kidnapped and she was first taken to North Uist before sailing to Hirta.

Erskine claimed she had died and even a funeral was held.

Lady Grange remained in exile for almost 10 years, living among the islands' fisher folk and guga hunters-men who scaled sea cliffs to catch gannets for food.

It is said she managed to get a letter to friends in Edinburgh but they were unable to rescue her.

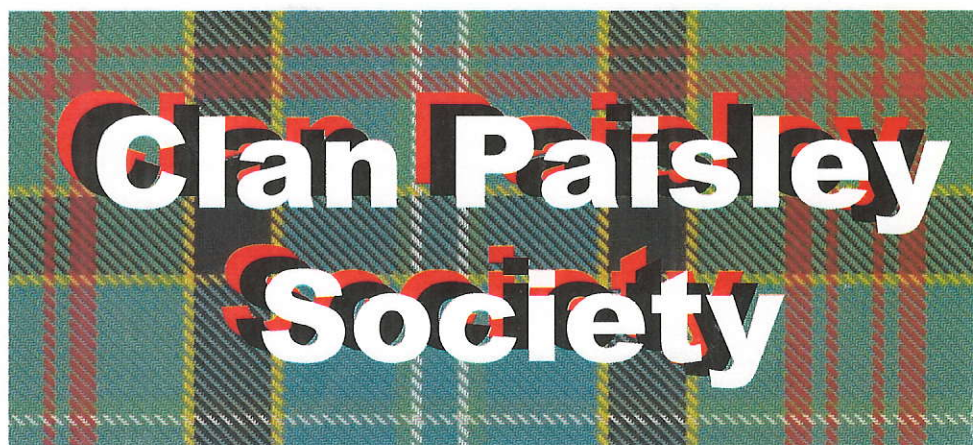
Lady Grange spent the last years of her life on Skye. Dr Samuel Johnson, who produced the original *Dictionary Of The English Language* more than 250 years ago, is said to have told St Kilda's landlord that he might make the islands profitable if he let it be known it was a place for "naughty ladies".



Lady Grange

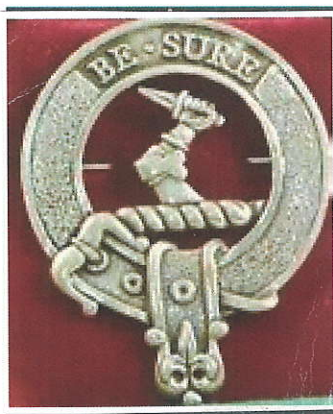


Chief of the Paisley Family, Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea.

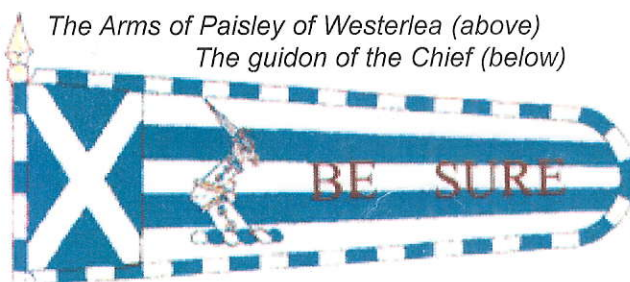


All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

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*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots, 1165-1214.

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WHY WOULD AMERICANS WANT ARMORIAL BEARINGS?

David Robert Wooten

Executive Director, The American College of Heraldry

From *The Armiger's News*, October 2006

This article was originally requested by *Burke's Peerage & Gentry International Register of Arms*, and appeared in the newsletter, Volume 1, Issue 2

A monthly column in Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

One, they are pleased to be able to establish a new armoriane of the more consistent threads that run through various internet newsgroups – and one of the more common questions I am asked in general conversation – revolves around Americans' seeming obsession with all things heraldic.

Why in the world would a country that “threw off the yoke of oppression” over 200 years ago want to glom onto an archaic system of armor, shields, helmets, etc., that is still prevalent throughout the United Kingdom and, in fact, the greater part of Europe?

After all, when America's founding fathers laid out the ground rules for the new country, they went out of their way to deny the use of armorial bearings by the new country's citizenry, presumably to “de-noble”

the whole class strata prevalent on the other side of the Atlantic. All well and good – at least for the first few dozen decades.

This is not to say that heraldry was non-existent in the Colonies – in fact, heraldry flourished in the new United States, albeit without government sanction or regulation. Most of the early gentry proudly displayed their ancestral arms – essentially defeating the purpose (at least in the public display) of “leveling the playing field” as far as the founding fathers' concept of “all men [being] created equal” was concerned. Armorial bearings continued their “institutional” purpose, representing colleges, businesses,

organizations, and the like – all without the regulation of sovereign power. And perhaps that is precisely what allowed heraldry to flourish in the United States – freedom to display what you wanted, where you wanted.

The lack of regulation also allowed heraldry (in the United States) to go off on some rather ludicrous tangents. Examples of “bad” heraldry are rampant (no pun intended) throughout American institutions – most notably in the government itself. States' and cities' “armorial bearings” are quite often examples of lumping as many elements as possible into one achievement, often with gaudy end results.

In the 230 [now 245+] years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, there have been several attempts

to establish heraldic institutions in the United States. Often, these organizations – all non-official – were established by wealthy businessmen wishing to establish “private” clubs,” with the exclusivity of armorial bearings as a membership restriction. As one might expect, these entities usually fell by the wayside not long after their inauguration.

However, in the late 20th century, there was a seeming groundswell of renewed interest in heraldry by Americans. Perhaps it was tied to the bicentennial celebration or perhaps merely coincidence. It can



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THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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Diana Gabaldon, bestselling author of the *Outlander* novels, honored as 2022 Great Scot by the National Trust for Scotland USA

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- Gabaldon's novels, and the Starz television series they inspired, tell the story of a British army nurse who mysteriously travels back in time to 18th-century Scotland

- The ninth *Outlander* novel, the New York Times #1 Bestseller *Go Tell the Bees I Am Gone*, was published in November 2021

- The Great Scot Award will be presented on April 14, 2022, at The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA's first in-person fundraising gala since 2019

January 20, 2022, New York City – American author Diana Gabaldon has brought the romance and drama of Scottish history to life for more than 50 million readers worldwide with her bestselling *Outlander* novels. Now, The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA will recognize her extraordinary contributions to Scotland and America's shared heritage by presenting her with the 2022 Great Scot Award at their 15th annual fundraising gala, *A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures*, on April 14, 2022.

"2022 has been designated Scotland's Year of

Stories, and so it seems

especially appropriate to honor Diana Gabaldon, whose stories have come to embody Scotland and Scottish culture for millions of readers and television watchers around the world," said Helen E.R. Sayles CBE, The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA's chair. "We are delighted to have the opportunity

to thank her for inspiring so many readers to explore and fall in love with Scotland."

Ms. Gabaldon's first novel, *Outlander*, was published in 1991, and the story has extended across eight additional New York Times bestselling volumes. The latest, *Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone*, was published in November 2021.

Largely set in 18th-century Scotland, many of the

Outlander novels use actual historic events as the backdrop for Claire and Jamie Fraser's romance.

Some of these, including the 1746 Battle of Culloden, are historic sites now in the care of the National Trust for Scotland.

In addition, National Trust for Scotland

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Great Scot Award honoree Diana Gabaldon with Outlander stars Catriona Balfe and Sam Heughan, 2016

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10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VISIT SCOTLAND IN 2022

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Make sure your 2022 travel plans include exploring Scotland. With escapes away from it all and journeys that prioritise your wellbeing, you can take your time and put yourself first for a change.

And with new whisky distilleries, thriving city openings and the return of some major events, there's never been a better time to visit.

Here are just a few things we think you will love doing in Scotland in the year ahead.

1. DELVE INTO THE YEAR OF STORIES 2022

Great stories stick with us forever. From JK Rowling to Robert Burns, Walter Scott to Ian Rankin, Scotland has inspired many creative minds and captured imaginations for centuries.

Whether you're visiting the Writers' Museum in Edinburgh or the Orkney Folklore and Storytelling Centre, you will hear stories and folklore, old and new, from communities all over Scotland. Heading on a tour? Meeting a local in a pub? Scouring the shelves of an independent book shop? You can expect to hear some great tales, wherever you go.

Throughout 2022, keep an eye out for events and celebrations during the Year of Stories 2022.

2. UNBOXED: CREATIVITY IN THE UK

In 2022, UNBOXED presents a groundbreaking celebration of creativity taking place across the UK, featuring free, large-scale events, installations and globally accessible digital experiences – it is the

UK's most ambitious showcase of creative collaboration yet.

Scotland's contribution, *Dandelion*, will demonstrate the power of collective action in a Scotland-wide 'grow your own' initiative. The programme follows the arc of the growing season, from April to September, and will culminate in hundreds of harvest festivals across Scotland – reimagining the cultural celebration of harvest for the 21st century.

Beyond *Dandelion*, Scotland will also host five other projects presented as part of *UNBOXED*.

Check out
<unboxed2022.uk>
and
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for more details.

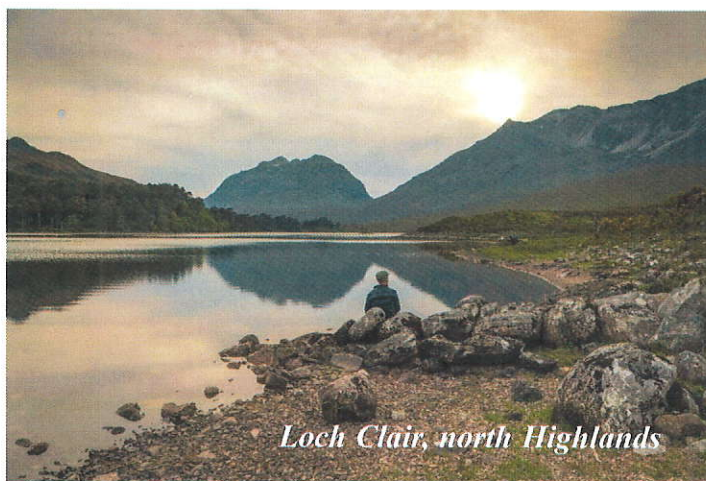
3. REDISCOVER THE JOY OF OUR CITIES

Our cities sure know how to impress. With so many new things to enjoy, you might need to make yourself at home in

one of our cities' neighbourhoods so you have time to discover it all.

Don't miss some of these exciting goings on: In Edinburgh, shop all the trends or grab a bite to eat in the food hall in the new St James' Quarter before visiting a classic Edinburgh attraction.

The Scotch Whisky Experience on the Royal Mile is a wonderful way to learn about whisky and the Royal *Yacht Britannia* in Leith is always a fun day out.



Loch Clair, north Highlands

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Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

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Letter from your editor's cat,

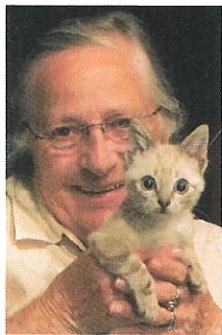
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Steve when I was but a few months old. Uncle Steve and his Debbie are very old friends of tom daddy.

Our beth works on her own genealogy when she has a bit of time...so, I am interested in my own family history, too.

Tom daddy found on the Internet the Sokoke cat which I look very much like. They are from Africa and the information said Sokoke cats are very smart and have many characteristics like me.

My cat daddy had, besides the Sokoke cat, some Siamese family. My cat mom was Faux Fang who had a white stripe on her chin that looked for the world like a great big tooth!



Like Miss Narra, who proofread publications for our beth, I help tom daddy when he is working on any of the papers that our beth does.

Sometimes our beth works on the laptop computer downstairs and I am her assistant. I walk on the computer keys to

keep her life interesting.

When I was brand new, I was not afraid of our beth at all. She brought yummies and always stroked my head and talked sweetly to me.

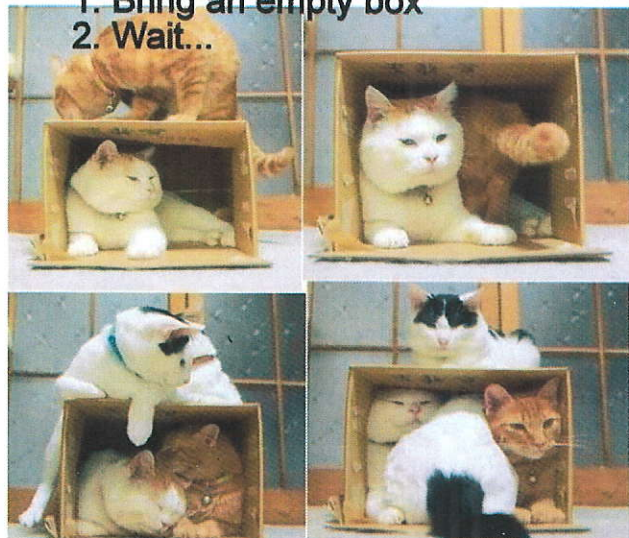
I just went up to her one morning and said, "I just thought you'd want to know that you belong to me."

She's mine.

The manual how to catch a cat:

1. Bring an empty box

2. Wait...



Finlay, continued from page 1

he was taken after being fully vet checked. As you all saw, he thrived. A lot of deliberation took place over where to build the rehabilitation enclosure. The issue with Scotland is that there is a right to roam and so any enclosure we built, could have been visited by any hiker, photographer, dog walker and it would have been impossible to ensure Finlay's security. We do however have access to secure and private land in North Wales, away from public view. This was ideal for Finlay's needs and so therefore he was being rehabilitated in North Wales. It also explains why it is the North Wales police that currently hold him. We hope that clears up any confusion about location. Of course, it goes without saying that Finlay's release site would be in Scotland.

We remain deeply upset, baffled, and concerned for Finlay. It is also hard not to be suspicious about the timing of this, just 2 weeks before the Public Inquiry into Vattenfall's proposals to build a wind farm in the Clashindarroch Forest; a proposal which threatens one of the last remaining wild populations of the Scottish wildcat. It is public knowledge that we have had Finlay for a year, so why ask the Police to swoop now?

We are heartbroken but have another busy day trying to ensure his safe return. As you know we can't do this without your support so if you feel you can help us, you can do so at:

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/wildcats/>

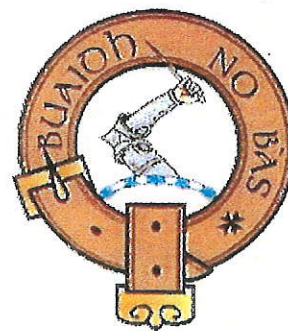
Thanks again for all your support, it means the world to us.

The Wildcat Haven Team and Finlay

The Clan Macneil

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properties including Falkland Palace, Preston Mill, and the Village of Culross, have been used in filming the Sony / Starz television series based on Ms. Gabaldon's work.

The series stars Catriona Balfe and Sam Heughan, and its sixth season premieres on March 6, 2022.

"I have seen firsthand how Americans have embraced Scottish culture through their love of *Outlander*," said Kirstin Bridier, executive director of NTSUSA. "Many *Outlander* fans have contributed generously to the preservation of National Trust for Scotland sites associated with the novels and television show – sites like Preston Mill. We could not ask for a better ambassador for our work."

The presentation of the Great Scot Award is at the heart of a black-tie event that raises funds to support Scotland's largest conservation charity.

Past recipients of the award include documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, comedian Sir Billy Connolly, awardwinning actors Alan Cumming and Brian Cox, endurance athlete and world-record breaking cyclist Mark Beaumont, sculptor Andy Scott, and authors Denise Mina and Alexander McCall Smith.

A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures is a festive evening that features a whisky tasting by The Macallan; the recitation of Burns' *Ode to a Haggis* by Alasdair Nichol, Chairman of Freeman's auction house and a frequent appraiser on PBS's *Antiques Roadshow*; Scottish country dancing; and live and silent auctions. Before heading home, guests form a circle, clasp hands, and sing *Auld Lang Syne*.

The National Trust for Scotland cares for 100 natural and cultural heritage properties across Scotland, including several sites that commemorate historic events described in *Outlander* or used for



Beth on the left and Diana Gabaldon on the right at one of our Scottish Weekends. She was absolutely delightful and great fun.

filming the Sony / Starz television show.

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To learn more about the *A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures* gala, visit: <ntsusa.org/aboutus/celebration-gala/>.

Let me tell you a tiny bit about Diana Gabaldon's visit to Scottish Weekend...We were thrilled when she accepted our invitation to our event we held in February of each year.

She arrived after our Friday night Ceilidh had begun - dressed in jeans and a hoodie and tired. About

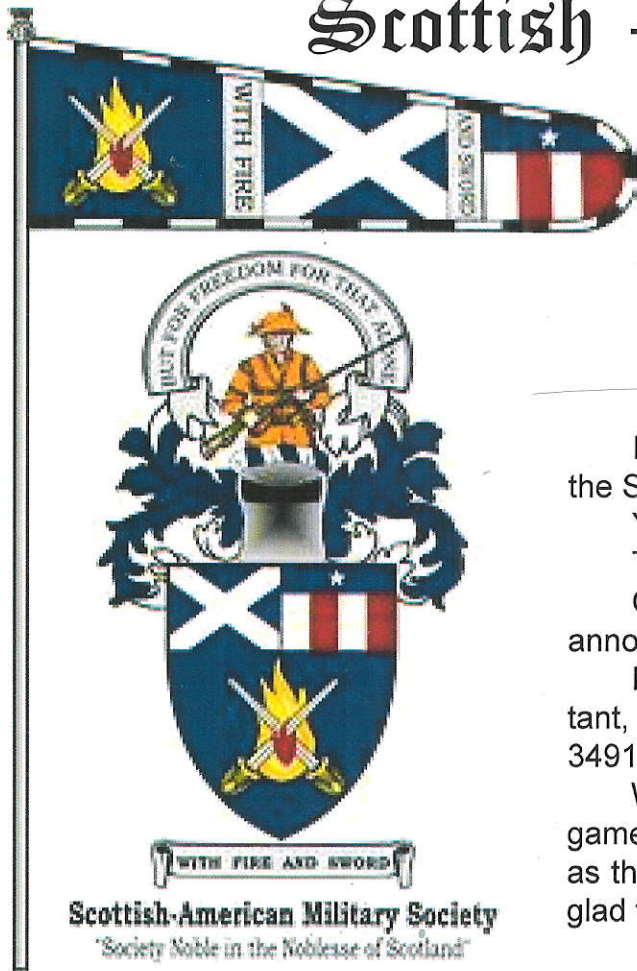
the time she sat down, one of the guests came hurrying over and said, "Oh, I think the author lady is over there," pointing to the other side of the room.

"Maybe so," sez I.

Diana was such a lovely person and beautiful too. She knew every word of every song we sang that night.

Scottish - American Military Society

General Elijah Clark Post #60



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The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

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When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.



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Over in Dundee, the waterfront is the place to be. Enjoy the feeling of the sand between your toes at the new city beach or pop into *Discovery Point Dundee*, located on the shoreline and beside *V&A Dundee*, to discover the Antarctic research vessel Captain Scott's *RRS Discovery*. Book a night at one of the coolest hotels, *Sleeperz*, which has one of the city's best views of the waterfront and River Tay.

Aberdeen's Provost Skene's House is one of the city's oldest buildings and has been transformed into a museum featuring interactive displays of the life and achievements of well-known faces from the north east of Scotland. Footballer Denis Law, singer Annie Lennox and football manager Sir Alex Ferguson along with many others, will feature in the Hall of Heroes. Not to be missed!

Check out more new happenings in Scotland's cities.

4. ESCAPE TO SOMEWHERE NEW AND UNIQUE

In Scotland, you have a pick of accommodation options which will help you feel far away from your everyday routine. Meditate in the mountains or chill by the coast, and you'll head back home with a fresh perspective.

Try Knockinaam Lodge, a boutique hotel in Dumfries & Galloway, with 10 stylish rooms within a historic hunting lodge. With a 3 AA Rosette restaurant, discover a secluded, luxurious stay and some much-needed peace and quiet.

Take an active break with Scot Mountain Holidays who specialise in guided and self-guided walking and biking holidays, exploring some of Scotland's most incredible scenery. Your package will include transport, meals and accommodation, so you just need to bring your sense of adventure!

Head up north to Croft 103, a family croft which is now the ultimate escape for couples in the north west Highlands. The croft is a mixture of cutting-edge design, traditional craftsmanship and sustainability. Flee here to discover true luxury in amongst some of the Highlands' most untouched wilderness.

5. VISIT AN UNUSUAL DISTILLERY

A distillery visit might well be on the agenda for your visit to Scotland. Have you heard of these new distilleries which are planning to open soon?

The new and innovative Port of Leith Distillery will be the first vertical distillery in Scotland! Head down to Leith when it opens and grab a drink at the top floor bar.

On Princes Street, make a visit to one of the most exciting new

attractions, spread over eight floors – the Johnnie Walker Experience! It's one of the hottest spots in town.

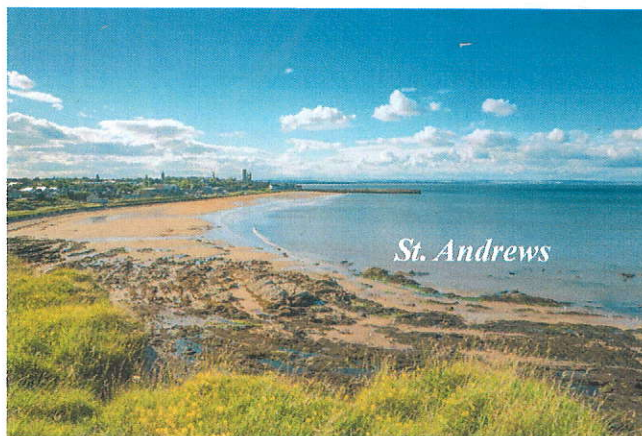
6. GET READY FOR A GOLDEN YEAR FOR GOLF

The Open is returning to the Home of Golf, St Andrews, for its 150th year. The ticket ballot has now closed but you can find all the information you need if you're attending the event in St Andrews in July 2022 to see all the pro golfers in action, competing on the Old Course for the prestigious claret jug.

Just a few metres from the first tee, the R&A World Golf Museum has just re-opened its doors. This year is the perfect time to embrace 400 years of golf history and enjoy the views from the rooftop café.

Check out all of Scotland's golf tournaments for 2022.

7. KEEP IT SIMPLE WITH A RURAL WAY OF LIFE



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If you're looking to escape the city or town life and get back to nature, come and experience Scotland's countryside. There are lots of farm experiences to enjoy and it's becoming quite the trendy thing to do!

Whether you're making friends with Highland cows at *Kitchen Coos and Ewes* in Dumfries & Galloway, tasting the homegrown produce on offer at *Wilson's Farm & Kitchen* in the Scottish Borders or staying over at the farm at *Newton Farm Holidays* in Angus, learning about life on the farm could be just the activity for you in 2022.

8. IMPROVE YOUR WELLNESS BY THE WATER

The restorative qualities of being in, on, or near water increase our wellness and wellbeing. Luckily in Scotland, we're never too far from a calm loch or coastline. Let your stresses wash away with activities or holidays near the water.

Scotland is a top place for sports like wild swimming and paddleboarding, but we've also got plenty of other water wellness experiences to help you hit the reset button.

Our coasts and waters offer fun activities for all the family, but it's important to stay safe. Whatever you're planning to do, follow the advice from Water Safety Scotland.

9. REFUEL WITH SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND DRINK EXPERIENCES

Food and drink – it's always an important part of any holiday. Enjoy exciting foodie experiences all over Scotland.

Try some of these unique and sustainable experiences.

Visit the *Scottish Tea Factory* in Crieff, a micro tea factory with a wee tea garden. Try tea tasting and

blending classes and discover your favourite flavour.

Head over to Ayrshire and treat yourself to a six-course dinner at *Glenapp Castle*. The fish and shellfish are line-caught or hand-dived off Scotland's west coast and the beef, lamb, and pork are farmed just a few miles from the castle.

Taste a delightful Kirsty's Gin from the Arbikie Distillery in Angus. It is named after the Master Distiller, Kirsty Black, who carefully chose the botanicals to represent the landscape and surroundings.

10. HEAD NORTH TO ORKNEY AND SHETLAND

There's never been a better time to visit the northerly isles of Orkney and Shetland. These islands are so excited to welcome you to their shores, or welcome you back after a wee while apart.

In 2022, *Scapa Flow Museum* on Hoy will reopen its doors after a huge renovation, to tell the unique story of Orkney's wartime history.

Hoy is a unique part of the archipelago. It might remind you more of the north Highlands than the other Orkney isles, with tall cliffs, sandy bays and heathery hills all around. It's most famous for the iconic sea stack, the Old Man of Hoy which stands at 137 m. You can see it along a three-hour round trip walk from the spectacular Rackwick Bay.

In Shetland, discover some of the most incredible landscapes, coastlines and island adventures in Scotland.

Why not make this the year you visit somewhere truly unique and remote, such as the islands of Foula or Unst, both home to just a few inhabitants?

No matter where you go in Scotland, you will be impressed by the gorgeous scenery, the amazing history and the friendly, wonderful people.



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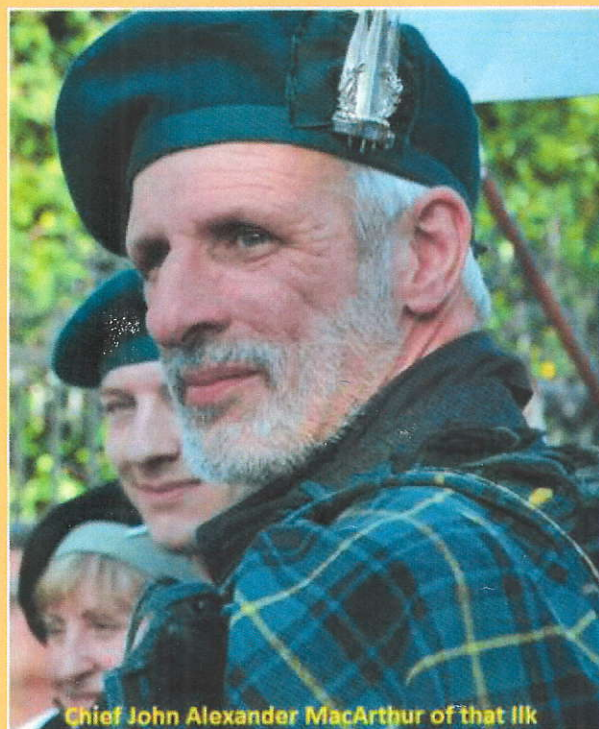
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doubtless be shown that the greater availability of genealogical materials, especially with the rise of the internet in the last decade of the last century, piqued the interest of individuals wishing to track down their ancestry – and it was there that they would have run across heraldry for perhaps the first time. In any event, books on the subject became more available – they had obviously always been around, including Eugene Zieber’s 1895 work *Heraldry in America*, but now they were being reprinted and available (often in volume overrun editions) to the general public.

My own interest in heraldry was fostered at a young age by my parents, who also ignited a genealogical fuse that resulted in many years of my own research work on my various family lines and the ultimate publication of a modest tome on my various family lines. Through that research, one of my maternal lines strayed into the Bouchier family, which is where I first ran into armorial bearings. The next step is one which is too often leaped upon by the novice heraldist

– I took all four of my primary lines (maternal and paternal grandparents), grabbed a copy of Burke’s *General Armory*, looked them up, and began furiously researching and rendering a quartet of arms which I painted and presented to my parents (who displayed them in their home for years afterward). How I decided which of the specific arms to latch upon out of each surname escapes me, but I’m sure my logic followed that of most arms-hungry neophytes who happen upon Burke’s and say to themselves, “Aha! My name is Smith. I’ve found my arms! Now which one looks the most handsome? That’s the one I’ll use...”

Further, in my own genealogical research, I came across a couple of tomes by predecessors trying to link my own surname to famous historical individuals – and these works were “common” as the definitive works on the Wooten line. As it turns out, my own

surname developed from Watton (Northamptonshire), and while there are numerous Wootens throughout England, I was not related to them (which brings up the subject of “bucket shops” and the problems that arise from their existence – more on that later). It took a fellow genealogist to source out the true lineage of our family, rather than the numerous books individuals had published erroneously linking us to a Dr. Wooten who served as a surgeon at Jamestowne. As it happened, this famous surgeon, to whom everyone desperately

wanted to link genealogically for the sake of notoriety, served one year in the Colonies, then returned to England decessit sine prole legitima – a bit difficult to descend from someone who had no children. And the previous “researchers” compounded the problem further by adorning their publications with the arms of a Wooton of Kent (wholly unrelated to our lineage or the Jamestowne surgeon).

Thankfully for me, the American College of Heraldry was established in 1972 as part of my renewed interest in the subject. Albeit a small organization with little public exposure, it nonetheless took a more serious, “regimented” approach to the matter, attempting to establish rules and standards of practice for registration of arms. It should be noted that, in its infancy, the College toyed with the idea of “granting” arms – or at least calling the registrations they produced (without government oversight) grants. The notion was dropped in short order, as the founding members of the organization saw a need for international “acceptance” of their work – or at least that the newly-formed organization did not attempt to lay claim to more than its humble origins would allow.

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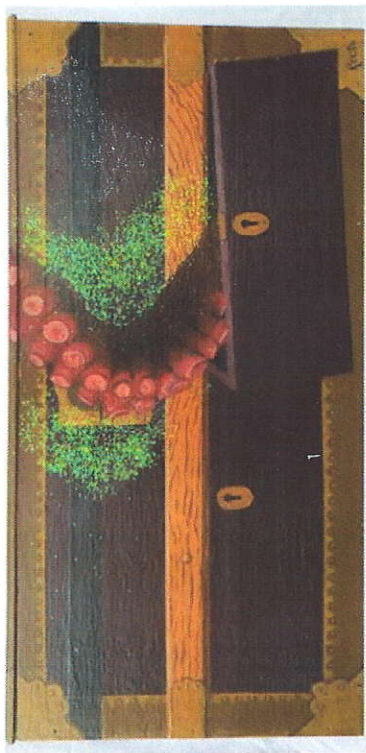
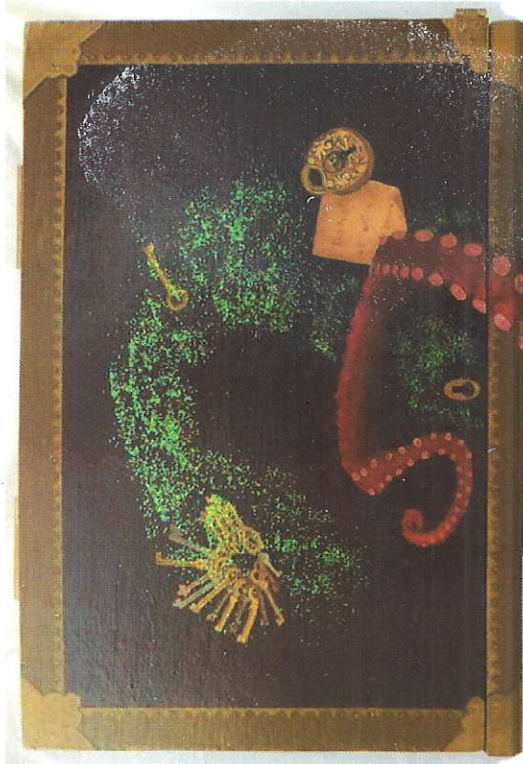


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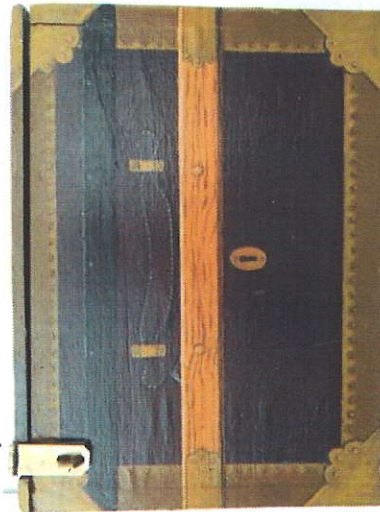
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in Stephen Friar's *A Dictionary of Heraldry*, which became a bible, of sorts, for those who could find it—usually in the reference section of larger public libraries. It was here that I first ran across the American College of Heraldry, during my aforementioned furious heraldic “research,” and decided to write to them to register arms which I was quite certain would be easily recorded in my name. I had the fortune of meeting—through correspondence—Dr. David Pittman Johnson, the then-President and life-blood of the organization, who politely pointed out the error of my ways, and directed me in the correct course to final registration of arms.

From its very small beginnings, College membership grew, and a regular newsletter began to be circulated—*The Armiger's News*, still produced today and in its 44th [as of 2022] year of publication. The quarterly newsletter details ongoing registrations with the College, as well as articles on the subject of heraldry—historical and contemporary, American and international—submitted by members as well as heraldic experts worldwide.

So back to the original question—why would Americans want armorial bearings? Primarily, because they are proud of their heritage, and whether they are of German, Spanish, Hungarian, English, Irish, whatever descent, heraldry is a tie to their past—or at the very least a nod to their origins. Most individuals who contact our organization have come to understand (through the growing wealth of solid information about heraldry available in print and online) that the odds of their being entitled to bear historically granted arms are essentially nil. Thus, with a little explication, they are pleased to be able to establish a new armorial tradition in their own family to pass down to their descendants.

A second, and less often acknowledged, reason for the popularity of heraldry in the United States is, to put it politely, ego. And that's not necessarily a bad thing. Assumption of armorial bearings is certainly “noble” practice, and while there will always be those

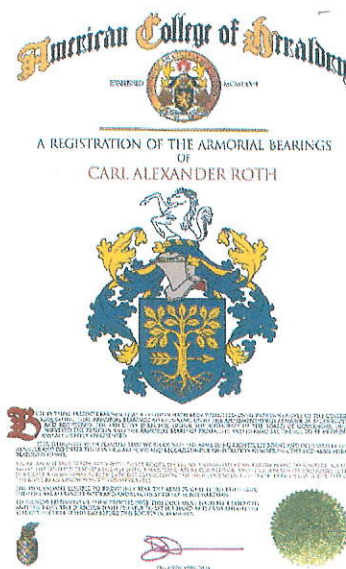
individuals who believe that assumed arms are not on par with granted arms (an argument I will not go into at this time), the mere fact that one displays armorial bearings somehow raises one's status (at least in one's own mind). Given the prevalence of armorial usage in personal stationery, business cards, heraldic jewelry, etc., the practice (which has no “practical” purpose) is certainly a way to show off a bit.

Do these registrations carry the same weight as a grant? No, of course not. But most of the individuals who contact our organization either) A. don't have sufficient genealogical proofs (positive or negative) to pass along to the College of Arms (or similar heraldic entity) for verification of entitlement to bear existing arms; or) B. don't have the often-exorbitant fees necessary to obtain a legitimate grant of arms (a grant of arms from England, Scotland, etc. can easily BEGIN at \$9,500 US). Thus, they come to the American College of Heraldry, ideally with eyes wide open (we do not pretend to be anything more than a registering and publishing entity), in hopes of obtaining sound advice on

“proper” heraldic usage, so that the arms they ultimately assume and are registered meet with commonly “acceptable” form.

True, there are organizations (both in the U.S. and abroad, but primarily in the U.S.) that will offer heraldic advice at no cost, and these organizations are to be lauded for their contributions to the art and science of heraldry. But those entities neither publish the arms in print, issue registration certificates, nor offer hand-drawn renderings of the newly-devised armorial bearings. The College's current fee of \$395.00 covers the costs of an artist for the rendering, publishing the registration in *The Armiger's News*, as well as the compilation volumes of *The Heraldic Register of America* (which included an achronological listing of all registered arms with the College)—after Volume

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XVII such listings of Registrations have been posted on the College's website in one cumulative index.

To quote from the College's website (www.americancollegeofheraldry.org), the College has "the aim of aiding in the study and perpetuation of heraldry in the United States and abroad."

Registrations are restricted by policy to American citizens or residents, as well as to others with significant personal or business connections in America."

Our further goal is to educate the public so that, ultimately, all heraldic "bucket shops" are extinct. Bucket shops do nothing but damage to the public understanding of true heraldry. As I mentioned previously, these vendors sell to individuals who may or may not know the true etymology of their surname, and if, as with the case of my own surname, the name changes through the decades (whether by an error of spelling or on purpose), the name which a bucket shop assigns to you may have nothing whatsoever to do with arms to which you may legitimately be entitled. Again, to quote from the College's website:

"The notorious 'Coat of arms for the Name of Jones, Smith, or whatever,' purchasable by mail order or in one's local shopping mall, represents no more than improper and illegitimate armorial bearings. To buy and bear these commercially produced arms is to claim for oneself a direct kinship which has only the

most remote possibility of validity and is thereby to deny one's own legitimate and rightful line of descent. Such infraction of armorial regulation and custom constitutes a flagrant abuse of arms which no knowledgeable and honorable person would intentionally commit.

"Sadly, most of the heraldic abuse in this country is done by honest, well-meaning persons. They greatly admire the heraldic tradition, but in their desire to participate in that tradition they inadvertently abuse heraldic arms due to a lack of familiarity with heraldic regulations and customs. While such armorial abuse does not apparently violate state or federal statutes in this country at this time, still to usurp the use of another person's coat of arms is highly im-

proper and is a dishonest practice. Such conduct disregards the regulations of all recognized heraldry and violates the rights of the legitimate owners of the arms."

The American College of Heraldry welcomes anyone interested in learning more about heraldry and/or registering arms – whether already assumed, or arms in need of development – to visit our constantly-evolving website (www.americancollegeofheraldry.org) and review the materials found therein. Our extensive FAQs page often answers most of the commonly asked questions about what our organization can and cannot do, as well provide in detailed information on heraldic usage.

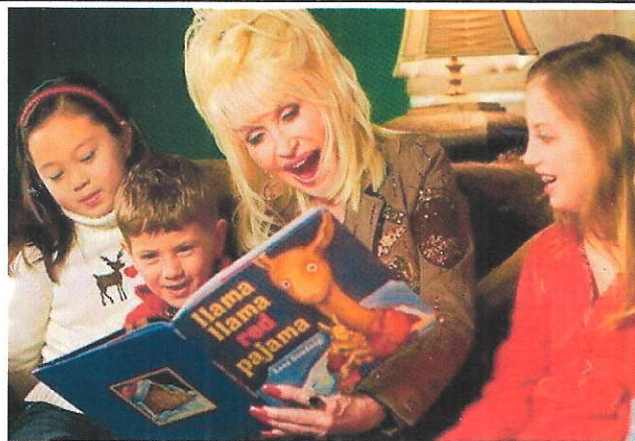
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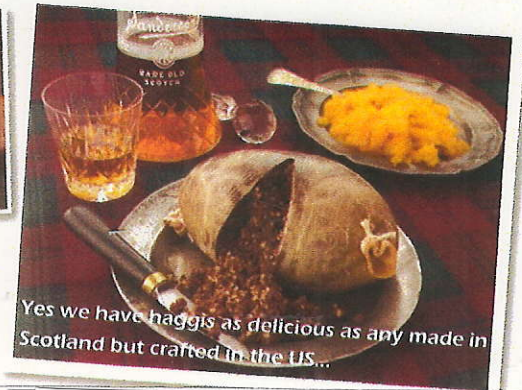
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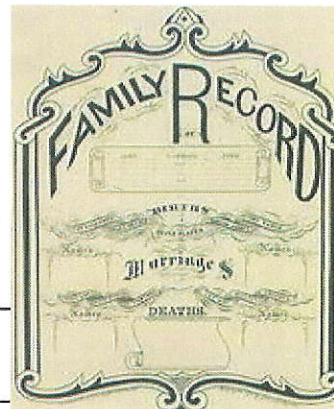
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Citing and Identifying Genealogical Records Properly

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The key to long-term research success is having the ability to properly identify and cite the records you are using. This involves understanding the correct application of the record being examined and recording an accurate description and citation.

Since it is common for genealogists to backtrack and review previous research as they progress through the process, this is especially important for the timely retrieval of information.

It is common for genealogical record types to have multiple variations in scope and meaning. These variations may directly influence where the particular item is located.

For example, there are multiple types of marriage records. If the term "marriage record" is all you write down on your research or correspondence log or notes, it will be a time-consuming process to identify the precise record later.

Here are nine of the most common variations of a "marriage record":

1. Marriage Bond: Statement by knowledgeable parties testifying that there were no legal obstacles to the marriage taking place.
2. Marriage License Application and License: Usually filed and issued by the county.
3. Prenuptial Agreement: Sometimes also known as a Marriage Contract
4. Civil Marriage Registration: Taken from the original register.
5. Civil Marriage Certificate: Information is usually copied on the form by the court clerk.

6. Church Record of Banns: Announcement of the intention of two people to get married.

7. Church Register record of Marriage

8. Newspaper Clippings: May be an announcement of an upcoming wedding or an account of a wedding that has already occurred including some pictures.

9. Wedding Related Records

a. Invitation: Invitation would identify the couple, date, and place of the event.

b. Programs: The program is like a schedule given to guests to follow the ceremony.

c. Album: The album would contain pictures of the ceremony, bride, groom, etc.

d. Guestbook:

The guest book would contain the names of people who attended the ceremony.

The following elements are considered crucial for proper citation of any type of documentation. For example, if you visit a library, courthouse, or other type of repository, the necessity of having the pieces of information listed below will be crucial for long-term success and obtaining the most efficient assistance from staff or volunteers when necessary.

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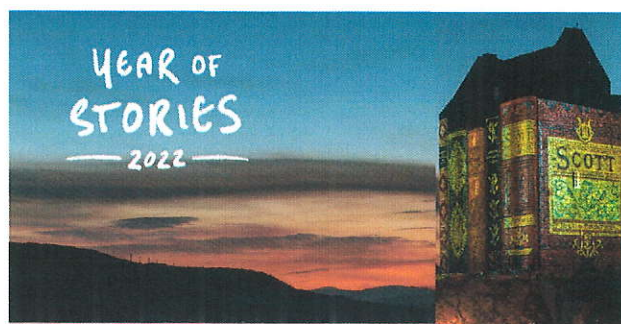
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Stories are a vital part of Scotland's culture and every community has a different tale to tell. Shared stories, whether spoken, written, sung or filmed are what give a sense of place, history and belonging. This year you can look forward to events by community groups, museums, heritage sites and other visitor attractions with storytelling always at the heart of it.

You'll also have the chance to experience the diversity of stories that Scotland has inspired by visiting the real-life locations from your favourite books, films and songs. From old icons to emerging voices, local legends to tales of the natural world, Scotland's Year of Stories is sure to capture your imagination.

Keep reading for a taster of what to expect and begin planning your Year of Stories adventure. Don't forget to share your stories using #TalesOfScotland. We all have a story to tell – what's yours?

Scotland's Year of Stories will feature a range of in-person, virtual and hybrid events. Attending an event is a great way to catch up with friends and family, and it benefits the local community too! Our storytelling culture should bring people together and create a sense of pride, that can in turn deliver wider economic and wellbeing benefits.

Keep an eye out for more new and exciting events at some of your favourite venues and locations across Scotland that will allow you to uncover a wealth of stories. More events are being added each week as dates are confirmed!

The Armstrong Clan Society

**Dedicated to the Armstrongs,
Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons
and those interested in those surnames.**

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from the United States Federal Income Taxes.

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 to the right of this paragraph. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."



Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families. 2. To provide for the preservation of all armstrong artifacts unique to the family. 3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public. 4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*. 5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

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All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in the Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships include two adults and all minor children. In other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.



For membership application, email **Janet Armstrong** at <jdumeyer@hotmail.com> or download from <<http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>>. Note, "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <chrisarmys@gmail.com>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!

Ian and Mac Stories about two raccoons

Let's Go Ice-Skating

Margo Fallis

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Snow blew around the two raccoons. Their gray fur coats were crusty and stiff with chunks of frozen ice. "I'm freezing," Ian whined. "M-m-m-m-my paws are cold. I can h-h-h-h-h-hardly feel them!" he shivered.

"It's not that cold," Mac said, trying to convince Ian and himself that was true. His paws were nearly blue with the cold. Ice was caked around the patches of his eyes. His tail was so heavy that he had to drag it behind him as he walked along.

"Right now, I wish I was sitting on a beach in Spain, where it's warm," Ian dreamed. "Where are we going anyway?"

"You're the one who wanted to go ice skating, remember? We're near to the loch. I know there's a small cave close to it. We can thaw there," he snidely remarked.

They trudged through the deep snow, having to raise their legs high with each step. After another half an hour, they reached the loch. "There it is, Loch Mirey," Mac pointed out.

Ian stopped and looked. "Wow, it's big. I see others ice-skating. Let's go," he now said, enthusiastically. He started to run and looked quite silly to Mac. "I'll beat you there," he called out.

Mac let Ian run ahead. He was in no hurry. When they got closer to the frozen loch, Mac went in search of the cave while Ian ran towards the ice. "Look, Mac," he cried out. He was gliding across the frozen water. "Wheeeeeeeee!"

Mac shook his head. He was too cold to skate right now. He looked around, moving bushes, and

brushing snow off the boulders. "Aha!" he called. He found the entrance to the cave. He used his paws to knock all the snow off that was clinging to the cold stone boulder. He stuck his head inside. It was very dark and he couldn't see a thing. Putting his arms out

in front of him, he felt his way inside and sat down, his furry back against the cave wall. Rubbing his arms and legs, Mac already started to feel warmer. He could hear Ian outside making all kinds of noise. As Mac sat there he thought he could hear breathing noises. He listened carefully. "What's that noise?" he whispered softly.

He stood up and went back further into the cave. Suddenly he stepped something soft. Bending down, Mac felt what he'd stood on. It was wide, soft, warm, and furry. Just then he heard it, a growl. A pair of eyes glowed in the darkness.

"YIKES!" Mac screamed and ran out of the cave. "A bear! A bear!"

He ran through the snow onto the frozen loch. It had stopped snowing and the sun had actually come out, shining on the ice and nearly blinding Mac.

On top of that, he didn't know how to ice-skate. Mac began to slip. He slid across the lake. Ian saw him and started clapping, not realizing the danger.

"Very good, Mac. I didn't think you knew how to skate."

"A bear! A bear!" Mac called out.

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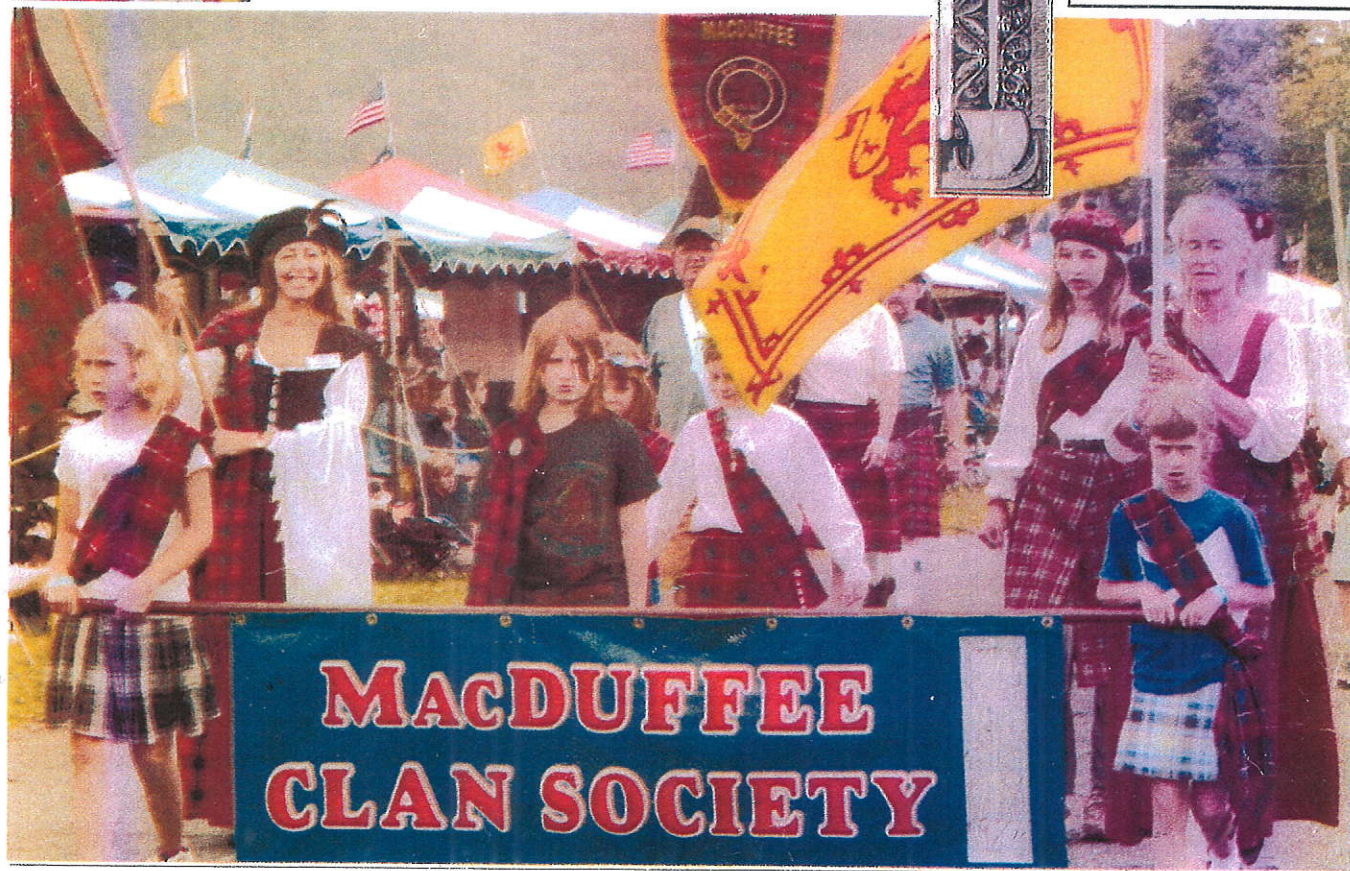
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Just then Ian noticed the big brown bear coming out of the cave. It looked very angry and was growling and heading towards the loch.

"Here it comes," Mac warned. "Help me, Ian," he begged.

Ian skated over towards Mac. He took his hand and they skated across the loch. The bear climbed onto the ice. It began to slide. It had been hibernating and its paws were very soft and that wasn't good at all for ice-skating. The bear fell on its tummy. All four legs spread out to the side and as hard as it tried, it couldn't get up.

After watching the helpless bear and feeling a little bit cheeky, Ian said, "Stay here, Mac. I'm going to tell that bear what I think of it."



"No, Ian, Don't," Mac pleaded but it was too late. Ian was skating towards the floundering bear.

Ian skated circles around the bear. It tried to get up and a few times succeeded, only to fall again on its tummy. Ian started laughing and pointing at the bear, moving closer and closer. He started showing off a bit too, doing tricks on the ice. In fact he was doing so much showing off that he didn't notice that the bear had figured out how to stand on the ice and was slowly moving towards him. Mac noticed though.

"Ian. Watch out!" he screamed.

Ian turned around and looked at the bear. It was only a few feet from him and very angry with the raccoon. Ian quickly skated into the middle of the loch and watched to see if the bear was going to fall or not. It didn't. It moved closer and closer. Ian was about to take off towards Mac when he noticed that his long tail had fallen into a crack in the ice. It was wedged in there and he couldn't get it out. He tugged and tugged.

"Help me, Mac!" he cried. Mac started to move on the ice but slipped and fell. The bear was moving closer.

Frantically Ian pulled at his tail. It wouldn't budge. The bear was right next to Ian and about to swat at him with his big paws when suddenly the ice made some cracking noises. The bear was too big and the ice was breaking under his heavyweight. Suddenly it split wide open and the bear fell into the icy water of the deep loch. Ian's tail came free and he skated across the ice, helped Mac stand up, and the two of them ran as fast as they could until they were safe in the forest of tall pines.

The raccoons watched carefully as the bear climbed out of the water, back onto the ice, and went back to the cave, shivering and cold. "I think that will be the last time we'll be going ice skating," Mac said. Ian looked at him and sighed, "I don't know about that. That was kind of fun!"

Mac just shook his head and walked towards home.



*Ian and Mac stories are for the young...
and, the young at heart!*



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Beret displaying her page in Scotland Magazine

Congratulations Beret Dernback!

Beret Dernback, Scottish Highland Dancer and scholarship winner from several Scottish Clans, including Clan Sutherland and Clan Henderson, was featured in the May/June issue of *Scotland Magazine* in an article called *At the Top of Their Game*.

She also participated in the 2021 Scottish Fest movie as the featured Highland Dancer.

Beret has just finished her first year at the University of California-San Diego maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. She also won Provost Honors for fall, winter and spring quarters.

She joined the co-ed prelaw fraternity, Kappa Alpha Pi last fall.

Beret will start submitting applications for law school in just a few months.

On her current schedule she will earn her bachelor's degree in a total of three years.

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