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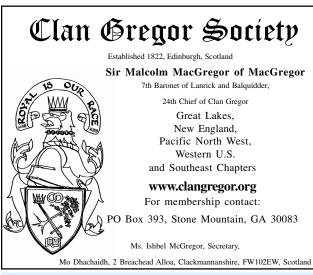
## Spivey & Jones win Loch n' Load piping books!

Wallace R. Spivey from Statesboro, Georgia and Andrea Jones from Matthews, North Carolina have both won copies of Gordon Taylor's wonderful piping book, *Loch n'Load*. Their copies will be on the way in a few days!

We have one more issue in which we can give away two copies of *Loch n'Load* to pipers who love good music! To enter, simply send me an email at bethscribble@aol.com with the word "Contest" on the subject line. Include your regular mailing address in the body of the message. Please enter before May 15.

# Wisehart family needs some help, please.

I am researching the following families and if anyone is also working on the same families I'd love to hear from them. **MCCLURE** family from perhaps Drumtochy, Scotland that went to



Raphoe, Donegal County, Ireland then settled in Botetourt County, Virginia. I have a lot of information on this family after they arrived about 1738 in Virginia. Always welcome more. WISHART family from Scotland who also settled in Virginia early 1700s. Name spelling got changed to **WISEHART** in the states. **ADAMS** family of which I have only gotten back to **JAMES ADAMS** b. 1789. **MOORE** family and I am back to **JOHN MOORE** b. 1720. **MOR-**GAN family and I am back to FRANCIS KINCANNON MORGAN b. 1809 in SC or TN. These are the Scottish families I am researching and I hope someone wants to share info. and see if we are of the same family. Thanks, Judy McClure Wisehart, 303-469-1481 or rexwisehart@earthlink.net



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# Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society invites you to research, travel and meet

The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society offers RESEARCH ASSISTANCE - Society members will provide assistance on your research at the Brunswick-Glynn County Public Library one remaining Saturday morning this spring. It is for beginners and experienced researchers alike. Maybe you have

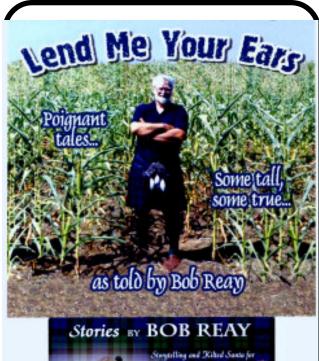
a "brick wall" with which you could use help. Amember will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, 9 May.

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The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society invites you to go with them on a FIELD TRIP TO HUXFORD - CGGS field trips are returning from vacation, and this time we are going to Homerville! The Huxford Genealogical Society Library collection will be available to us on Thursday, 14 May 2009, with volunteers to help us. We plan to leave at 8:00 that morning. You may recall that the library is the home of Huxford's Wiregrass Pioneers collection. Sign up by phoning 912-265-5916.

Plans for future trips include one-day outings to nearby libraries and an over-night trip to the Atlanta area.

The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society invites you to their MAY MEETING – Meredith Trawick will present "DNA and Genealogy" at our meeting on Sunday, 17 May 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room at the Saint Simons Island Fire Station 2 at McKinnon Airport. Enter the parking area from Airport Road at the sign with blue background for "Meeting Room." Please note that this is a NEW MEETING LOCATION and that the meeting is on the THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH due to the celebration of Mother's Day. Come and learn about a rapidly growing avenue of family research from our member Meredith Trawick. Visitors are welcome. For information, phone 912-265-5916.



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# Cutting peats - true memories from the Orkney Islands

#### Pat Long - pat.long@buyorkney.com

Children growing up on a small farm used to be expected to help in a variety of ways.

Every autumn I rejoice that I don't have to 'hint' tatties and I'm even happier that I will never again help with the threshing or carry water to the kye.

There are, however, some aspects of farm life that I do get nostalgic for and chief among these is the peat-cutting day.

Luckily for us children, cutting a year's supply of

peats was regarded as men's work so for once the family couldn't be drafted in as free labour. Our peat bank was one of the biggest in the hill, about six feet high and almost one hundred yards long and needed at least four, and preferably six, men to cut it.

The regulars all through my childhood were Freddie Muir from Cuminess, Jackie Thomson and John Mainland.

We all had neighbouring banks high on the hills between Stenness and Orphir, with marvellous views over the Flow and Hoy Sound.

Peat-cutting day started very early, with the peat stove being lit before six-thirty, to make breakfast for any of the men who wanted to sit down to boiled duck eggs, scones and bannocks before setting out to get to the hill for about eight o'clock

It was important to get the day off to a good, prompt start so when the family on a farm in the parish of Stromness all slept in, they used petrol to speed up the fire-lighting. Fortunately, no-one was hurt but the men arrived for their breakfast to find the stove in pieces and the mantelpiece blown off the wall.

After breakfast, the men climbed into the cart, alongside the tuskers, forks, home-brew, lemonade, primus stove and the all-important wooden crate, usu-

ally used to send eggs to the packing station. The crate had been carefully packed the night before, to see the men through a day in the hill. It contained rolls, bread, pancakes, bannocks, oven scones, plain biscuits, cheese, cold beef, jam, milk, tea, at least three boxes of home-baking, a dumpling and a packet of sweet biscuits, just in case.

This always came back unopened. You have to remember I am talking of the days before freezers, so

this all had to be baked in the three or four days before the cutting.

My father had flayed the bank a day or two earlier, cutting off the heather in a strip about eighteen inches wide and the men got straight to work in pairs; one using the tusker to cut about six peats parallel to the bank and his partner "taking out" with

a fork – catching the peats as they fell from the tusker and stacking them upright.

Our bank was high enough to cut four layers of peats – the top two layers were stacked on the top of the bank and the other two, the black bottom peat that would dry to give the hottest fire, were laid below the bank.

Lunch was taken very early, as there was a lot of eating to fit in. When I was old enough, the peat-cutting was fixed for a day in my block release from exams, so that I could take charge of the catering, leaving the men free to keep cutting. We dined in style, as a small wooden hen-house had been taken up to the hill, tied down well and furnished with a table and benches. Before my time, a small heap of peats would be left covered in the hill, to make a fire to boil the kettle for the following year but we had a primus stove,

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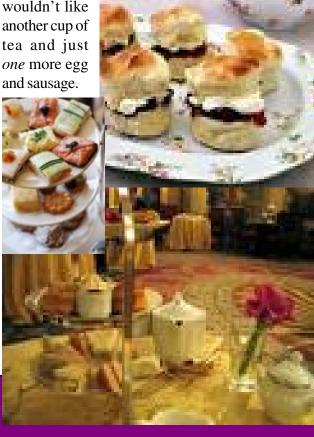
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#### The Spurtle - thanks to the Daughters of Scotia

Desert Thistle Lodge Newsletter

Lewis Grassic Gibbon, whose real name was James Leslie Mitchell, is one of Scotland's outstanding authors. He was born 13 February 1901 and spent his childhood in a croft in Aberdeenshire and his writings reflect those years of his childhood and youth. Here is what he wrote about high tea in Aberdeen in Scottish Scene, published in 1934.

High Tea in Aberdeen is like no other meal on earth. It is the meal of the day, the meal par excellence, and the tired come home to it ravenous, driven by the granite streets, hounded in for energy to stoke against that menace. Tea is drunk with the meal, and the order of it is this: First, one eats a plateful of sausages and eggs and mashed potatoes; then a second plateful to keep down the first. Eating, one assists the second plateful to its final home by mouthfuls of oatcake spread with butter. Then you eat oatcake with cheese. Then there are scones. Then cookies. Then it is really time to begin on tea – tea and bread and butter and crumpets and toasted rolls and cakes. Then some Dundee cake. Then – about half-past seven – someone shakes you out of the coma into which you have fallen and asks you persuasively if you wouldn't like



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# ABNER WELLBORN CALHOUN 1845-1910 First Opthamologist in The South

#### A. Calhoun "Callie" Witham, Jr.

Abner Wellborn Calhoun was born in Newnan Georgia on April 16, 1845. He was the son of a prominent local physician Andrew B. Calhoun MD. During his formative years he was helped by his father in his practice and was educated in the town of Newnan. His childhood was typical of a young person of that era until the war of Southern Secession broke out in the spring of 1861. Young Abner volunteered for duty in the Confederate army in that same year just before his sixteenth birthday. He served in the Army of Northern Virginia and fought in every major campaign for the entire four years of the war. He was wounded on four separate occasions and finally through the knee fighting in the trenches outside of Petersburg Virginia. He obviously had seen a great deal of field hospitals and physicians by the end of the war. Once Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House in 1865 he walked home with what remained of his company to Atlanta where began his studies under his father. Once his preliminary studies were completed, Abner left Georgia to study medicine in earnest at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA. He graduated with his M.D. in March of 1869 and returned to Georgia to start his own practice. During his early days of practicing medicine he took a great interest in the plight of the blind and as well patients with various ailments of the eye. In early 1871 he traveled to Europe to study the diseases of the eye which was a relatively specialized and new field of medicine. He learned fluent German and studied with the brightest medical minds of the age in Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London. He returned to Atlanta four years later and began to practice and teach his specialty. He was the first to perform cataract surgeries in the South which must have seemed miraculous to the hundreds of patients whom he returned sight.

Dr. Abner W. Calhoun was the region's first spe-Page 10 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree Section B May 2009



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cialist of the eye and ear, first taught at the Atlanta Medical College, which was originally established by his father, Andrew B. Calhoun, in 1854. He founded the college's medical library with his own volumes (most written in German). This college later became the Emory University School of Medicine in 1915.

As the only scientifically trained ophthalmologist south of Maryland, Dr. Abner Calhoun was the specialist of choice for many a Southerner who had a serious eye problem before the turn of the century. He served as faculty president from 1900 until 1910. He and industrialist Andrew Carnegie provided funds to construct a medical college building that later became part of Grady Memorial Hospital, still a training ground for Emory residents. Unfortunately the only physical memorial to this pioneering southern physician was the medical library that was originally named in honor of Dr. AW Calhoun's contributions to medicine and ophthalmology. The library was renamed in the late 1970's during one of Emory University's quests for wealthier benefactors. Although the library no longer bears his name there is a small room named after Dr. Abner W. Calhoun where you can see an exhibit of his original text books and instruments which started a great medical tradition that carries on to this day.



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#### A WORD FROM ACHNACARRY

There is an engagement announced between Donald Andrew, son of Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Lieutenant for the Area of Inverness and Lady Cecil Cameron, OBE and Sarah, daughter of the Hon. Angus Maclay of St. Boswells, Melrose. Donald is the heir to Cameron of Lochiel, the hereditary Chief of Clan Cameron. He practices as an Advocate at the Scottish Bar and is the Scottish Conservative parliamentary candidate for Ross, Skye and Lochaber. Sarah is the granddaughter of the late 2nd Baron Maclay, Sir Joseph Maclay. She teaches Latin, Maths and sports at an independent preparatory school.

Their wedding is planned for this August, in the Scottish Borders.



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Did you know that months that begin on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th? It's true!

which I approached very gingerly, having heard the story of my Uncle Bill losing his eyebrows at a peat-cutting, when he burst the primus by over-vigorous pumping.

Primus stoves had to be treated with caution.

At one peat cutting, Freddie Muir told the story of my grand—uncle Albert's chapter of accidents. Albert needed a new primus but rather than buy one for his peat-cutting, he decided to just borrow one from a neighbour. When he tried to light the stove in the hill, he somehow managed to set fire to it and watched as the solder melted and it fell into pieces. He then built a fire beside the peat bank and stuck a fork into the bank to hang the kettle from. He misjudged this as well and set light to the handle of the fork. The crowning touch of an expensive day was when Freddie jumped into the cart to go home, not realising that the sack he landed on was on top of the kettle, and flattened it.

Luckily, another of Albert's peat-cuttings only resulted in damage to the hill.

My uncle Walter and Jewitt Knight worked as servant-men for Albert and were cutting peats during the war. They hit a rock and, after a fair bit of poking and banging, they unearthed a shell, which they casually tossed aside as a dud.

When they got home, they happened to mention this to some of the soldiers who manned the search-light site next to the farm. They passed the word on and a bomb disposal team turned up, insisting that Walter and Jewitt show them the shell. The experts took a good look and then built a shelter of sandbags, which Walter and Jewitt thought was a lot of fuss about nothing. When the shell was detonated and they saw the size of the resultant hole in the hillside, they went rather quiet.

After the men went back to work, I'd put the lids on the boxes and spread some peats. This was hard physical work, as wet peats are heavy and there was a lot of walking to and fro, as twelve peats had to be laid out in each row. It was satisfyingly visible work, as you looked back at the rows of shiny black peat paving the bank but I preferred a turn at cutting, which was fun when you only did it for a short time.

Tea-time, a repeat of lunchtime, came around about 3 o'clock and then there was another hour of cutting and spreading before climbing back into the cart, to head home for dinner.

On peat-cutting day, my mother didn't have the chance to relax after several days of intensive baking; she had the dinner to cook.

The men arrived home sometime after five to a three-course dinner of soup, two roast hens and trifle. Traditionally, the meal should have ended with a dumpling but Mum felt that was possibly overdoing it.

The men would have been content, and possibly a little relieved, to have eaten rather less; Jackie Thomson observed that it wasn't the work of cutting several peat banks within a few weeks that almost did for him, it was the eating.

However, as far the wives were concerned, standards had to be maintained. For us children, it was almost as good as Christmas. We'd listen eagerly for the sound of the tractor coming down the hill road and sometimes run up and meet it, to get a bouncy ride down again. When the cart arrived, the box was lifted down and we were given free rein with the contents. We dined contentedly on cake and lemonade.

When the price of oil rises again, Dad and I could offer peat-cutting classes to the college but prospective students should perhaps think twice. Sometime ago, it was announced that Kirkwall residents had a right to a peat bank. One couple told their neighbours they were going to take advantage of this, as the price of coal was far too high.

However, they returned from only one evening in the hill saying that they would never cut peats again, even if coal should cost as much for a hundredweight as it presently cost for a ton. Of course, the cutting was only the beginning of a month of work in the peats; spreading, raising and carting. Raising was a tedious business, leaning three peats together to give the underside a chance to dry but it wasn't as bad as carting. Walking interminably to-and-fro, heaving scratchy peat into the cart as the dust blows in your eyes makes a very long Saturday afternoon. Most of the spreading and raising was done by the women, while their husbands got on with other spring work.

While the men drove to the bank and were fed lavishly, their wives walked briskly up the hill, spread or raised all day, pausing to eat a sandwich, and then headed back down in time to make the tea.

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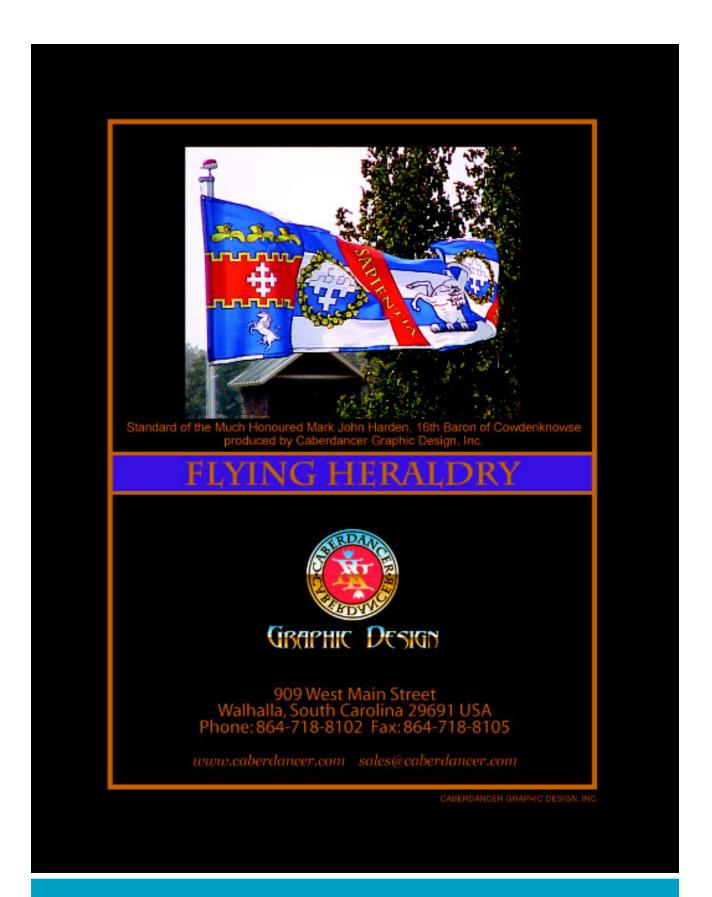


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# Clark - a sept of Clan Cameron

This is one of the most frequently occurring surnames in Scotland. Prior to the 14th century, Clark was an occupational name, and referred to a cleric, one who made his living by writing, a member of the minor clergy who was allowed to marry.

**Gaelic** – Clearach; Latin – Clericus English – Clark, Clarke, Clerk

**Dutch** – deKlerk Swedish – Klerck

In Scotland both Clans Cameron and MacIntosh claim Clark as a sept - the name also is associated

with other Clans. Unlike some septs, Clarks have their own tartan the sett of which consists of several shades of blue lines, in varying widths, intersected by narrow black and white ones. This is very similar to the blue 'Clergy' tartan of Clarks who came from Fidden farm (pronounced "Feejen") Isle of Mull, Argyleshire. They were Gaelic speaking and have been traced to one Duncan Clark, born 1745. Some of Duncan's descendents migrated to Canada about 100 years later, settling near Durham in

Grey County (the rugged, rocky terrain must have reminded them of home)

CLARK, CLARKE, CLARKSON, CLEARY, CLERK, LEARY, MacCHLERICH, MacCHLERY, MacCLAIR, MacCLEAR,

MacCLEARY, MacCLERIE, MacLEAR, MacLERIE

These similar surnames are "anglicized" versions of the Gaelic "Mac a' Chlerich/Cleireach"; son of the cleric or, sometimes, clerk. This sept is considered to

have an ecclesiastical origin, as the name denotes. Outside of Lochaber it is "claimed" as part of Clan Chattan, more specifically, Clan Mackintosh.

Near Lundavra, east of Loch Linnhe and southwest of Ben Nevis in Nether Lochaber is a place named Blar nan Chleireach, otherwise known as "The Field of the Clerks." It is known to have existed prior to the midsixteenth century, when Donald "The Taillear Dubh" Cameron was brought up here by his foster parents. The Gaelic version of the surname, Mac a'

Chlerich/Mac a' Cleireach, supports this theory, in that they are strikingly similar to the place name.

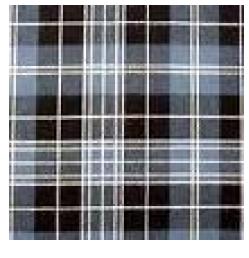
Curiously, Blar nan Chleireach is not part of the disputed lands between Clan Cameron and Clan Mackintosh. It may be that the Mac a' Chlerichs, who are known to be adherents to both Lochiel and Mackintosh, split internally within their ranks. Those who remained loyal to Lochiel may have left the dis-

puted lands near Glen Loy, settling further from potential retribution from the Mackintoshes, yet within Lochiel's sphere of protection.

There is precedent to suggest that this may have been possible, in that during this era these "splits" within a clan were not uncommon.

The tartan used by the Clerks is a variation of one called "Blue Clergy" which was worn by minis-

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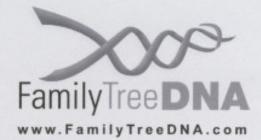
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## What is in a name?

#### Alastair McIntyre, electricscotland.com

Our Guest Columnist this time is The Very Reverend Doctor R E McIntyre M.A., D.D. He wrote:

In the early 1920's, when my late father was a very young minister of the Church of Scotland, his first charge was to the United Free church in Callander, Perthshire, Scotland.

My father believed in visiting the parishioners, and any others to whom he could give guidance or help.

With a wide spread parish, and no car, therefore visiting was mainly carried out on foot.

One day he went to visit an elderly parishioner who lives in a small house in the country. The lady was bed-ridden and relied on friends for help. The ladies name was Mrs McIntyre, but of no relation to our family.

My father was vexed to find the lady very sad, and depressed at her state of health.

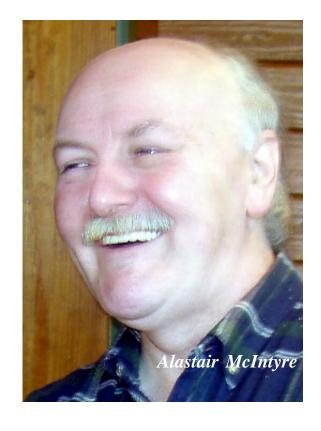
Just what could the young minister do that would give her strength..... well at her bedside he noticed a Gaelic Bible, which he lifted up and opened to Mathew chapter 13 and read aloud verse 55

From a Gaelic Bible of 1879

Mat 13:55 Nach a so mac an t-saor? nach e ainm a mhathar Muire? nach iad a bhraithre, Seumas, agus Ioses, agus Simon, agus Iudas?

The lady could hardly believe her name was written in the Holy Book, her spirits returned, and after a little chat my father left her house.

On making another visit some weeks



later, the lady was still very cheerful, something that gave my father great joy. He did however learn that everyone who subsequently paid a visit, was handed the Gaelic Bible to read for themselves the name 'mac an t-saor'.

For those not conversant with the passage in the present day Bible, it has not changed since the Self-Interpreting Bible 1778 (?) (Same as in those printed in 1966)

MAT 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

And the general translation: mac an tsaor = son of the carpenter = macintyre

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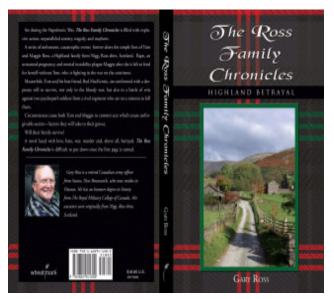
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# The Ross Family Chronicles: Highland Betrayal

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Set during the Napoleonic War, *The Ross Family Chronicles* is filled with explosive action, unparalleled anxiety, tragedy and mayhem. A series of unforeseen, catastrophic events forever alters the simple lives of Tom and Maggie Ross, a Highland family from Nigg, Ross-shire, Scotland. Rape, an unwanted pregnancy, and mental instability plague Maggie after she is left to fend for herself without Tom, who is fighting in the war on the continent. Meanwhile, Tom and his best friend, Red MacKenzie, are confronted with a desperate will to survive, not only in the bloody war, but also in a battle of wits against two psychopath soldiers from a rival regiment who are on a mission to kill them. Circumstances cause both Tom and Maggie to commit acts which create unforgivable secrets - secrets they will take to their graves. Will their family survive? A novel laced with love, hate, war, murder, and above all, betrayal, *The Ross Family Chronicles* is difficult to put down once the first page is turned.

#### **THE AUTHOR**

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# GENEALOGY

Adoption Research Techniques and Strategies



10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2009

This seminar is designed for adoptees searching for their biological parents or researchers assisting them. Our focus will be on providing an overview of the process, strategies to follow in locating clues, and how to prepare for dealing with the various legal entities.

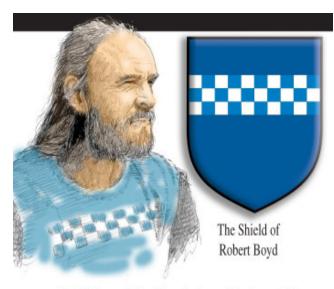
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# Can you help find these families?

Finding the courage to look through the maternal archives, my grandmother was ISA BELLA CAMERON (1883 – 1966). Not sure where she was born, but the family lived in Fort William before coming to Canada. Her father was ANGUS **CAMERON** (1851 – 1935). Her Mother was ANNIE MACDONALD who died in 1892 in Port Alberni BC, in childbirth. The family had come to Canada shortly before that time, and had started to farm outside of Port Alberni. Mother and babe are buried there. My parents located the grave a few years ago. ANGUS Took his 3 children, ISA BELLA, MARY, and DAN back to Scotland. In due time, my grandmother came back at age 18 as a domestic, and the family followed and settled on Kootenay Lake BC (Balfour area) and had a small farm which was worked by "Granddad"



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

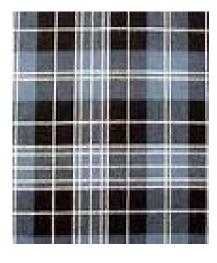
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CAMERON with his ox and plow! My grandmother married MALCOLM MACKINNON (1879 – 1952) originally from Scadabay, Harris. They settled on a farm on the south shore, outside Procter, where she was the farmer and dairy owner, and my grandfather was captain of paddle wheelers, most notably the *Nasookin*, which plied the waters of the Kootenay Lake until the 1950s. They had 6 children, one of whom (Isa MacKinnon) married DONALD CAMERON, a second cousin from Australia. If you have information on this family, please write Sharon McKenzie c/o Pat Janzen, 21 George St., Guelph, ON N1H 1S5

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ters, though it dates from the re-invention of tartan after the visit (orchestrated by Sir Walter Scott) of King George IV



to Scotland in 1822. Clark is currently the 14th most frequently found name in Scotland. The name is also common in England where it is often spelt Clarke. Clark is regarded as a sept (sub-branch) of both Cameron and Macpherson. Clark was the 14th most frequent surname at the General Register Office in 1995.

Wendel L. Clark (1966 - ) former professional hockey player is perhaps best known for being a member of the Toronto Maple Leafs of the (NHL), captaining the team from 1991 to 1994. During this time, he was often referred to as "Captain Crunch," as he played a very physical and intense style of hockey and wore a moustache similar to that of Cap'n Crunch (of cereal box fame - ed).

With many thanks to the Clan Cameron Canada newsletter.

# GENEALOGY

Long Distance Genealogical Research



10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009 Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy

Locating genealogical information about ancestors presents many challenges. When you live hundreds or thousands of miles from their place of residence, it sometimes feels impossible. This seminar will focus on options that researchers may use when trying to conduct genealogical searches in other parts of the United States and overseas.

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# **Homecoming Scotland Leadership Conference** "Scotland and Her Diaspora – Partners for the Future"

#### Monday July 27, 2009 Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh, East Lothian

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend the Homecoming Scotland Leadership Conference, the theme of which is "Scotland and her Diaspora – Partners for the Future".

The Conference is an opportunity for those in the Scottish Diaspora both to meet representatives of Scottish governmental and other bodies that are ac-

tively seeking to engage with the Diaspora, and exchange views, values, experiences and best practices. The Conference affords a similar opportunity for Scots to engage with the Diaspora. To encourage a full and frank discussion of issues the Conference will be run under the Chatham House Rule that reads "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s),

nor that of any other participant, may be revealed"

The Conference is an outgrowth of six prior conferences that the two sponsoring American-Scottish societies have run. Inspired by the platform that these conferences have provided for establishing the kind of long term relationships between Scotland and the American-Scottish community that this conference seeks for Scotland and its Diaspora, the Conference's structure has been designed to offer attendees a variety of networking and informational exchange opportunities.

Invitations are being extended to representatives Page 28 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree Section B May 2009

of Scottish organizations, particularly those involved in the fields of Arts, Charity, Culture, Education, Heritage, Music and Travel, not only to attend but to have their organizations represented in the Conference's Exhibition Hall.

Invitations are being extended to representatives of Scottish Diaspora organizations with which the or-

> ganizers are familiar that have a mission relating to the fields identified above.

> Please help make this the most successful event possible by contacting organizations that you believe may have an interest in being represented at the Conference to make sure that the organization is on our mailing list. Thank You.

> Diaspora organizations that wish to exhibit in the Exhibition Hall are most welcome to do so.

> > While

Conference's content, we believe, will be of general interest to Scots, it is designed to be of particular value and interest to those that are actively running Scottish organizations that wish either to engage with the Diaspora or expand an already existing engagement.

Conversely, the Conference will be of greatest value to those Scottish Diaspora organizations that wish to develop relationships with Scottish organizations. The organizers hope to achieve a programmatic balance between items of interest to Scots and to attendees from abroad. To that end organizers reserve

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the right to limit the number of attendees from any one organization, country or sector.

The Conference aims also to raise awareness of contemporary Scottish culture, to develop a better understanding of the roles, objectives and operations of the various Scottish government, academic, non-profit and private sector organizations that either operate in the Scottish Diaspora or have an aspiration to do so and to identify opportunities to enhance communication and collaboration between Scotland and its Diaspora.

To maximize the benefit of attendance the organizers will publish a downloadable list of attendees as well as publish a report of the Conference's proceedings.

Exhibition Space located adjacent to the main auditorium will be available for Scottish or Diaspora based organizations that wish to be represented at the Conference. The space will offer a table or tables (4ft x 6ft) for meeting and display purposes each equipped with three chairs per table. The

cost per table (maximum 2 per attendee) is £25 each.

The Exhibition Hall will open at 8 a.m. on Monday July 27th and will close at 6 p.m. that night. Bring a supply of business cards.

The 2009 Homecoming Scotland Leadership Conference will feature formal presentations and workshops throughout the day. These include: "Reconnect to your Heritage", a Scottish Community Foundation presentation that offers insight into ways

in which Diaspora attendees may be able to reconnect with the physical location of their ancestral heritage; "Homecoming Scotland and the Scottish Diaspora-A Dialogue", a VisitScotland led program designed to develop ways in which to facilitate and enhance engagement between Scotland and its Diaspora; "American Attitudes to Culture and Heritage", a Campbell Rinker presentation of findings of the firm's national study on the topic and their relevance to developing strategies for engagement with



the U.S., followed by a workshop on the findings' relevance to the Diaspora, generally; Fundraising in the U.S. and Scotland a presentation by Nike Whitcomb Associates followed by workshops on fundraising strategies for Annual and Major gifts and on the growing importance of social networking sites to those strategies; Dovecot Studios will speak to a Proposed Commemorative Gift to the Scottish Parliament in rec-

ognition of "Homecoming Scotland"; and the Conference will close with an opportunity for attendees to question presenters and panelists and/or offer comments for inclusion in the report of the Conference's proceedings.

For those that wish to take full advantage of this unprecedented networking opportunity, an optional dinner is being organized at a neighboring restaurant that will be followed by a post dinner social at the University.

Where can I find additional information?

www.chicago-scots.org. or 708.426.7130

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# Glasgow Highland Games

<u> Thurs. May 28th - Sun., May 31st, 2009</u>



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