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## *Taste of Scotland* returns to Franklin, NC June 18-20, 2010

On Fathers' Day weekend Franklin will for the 14th consecutive year be awash with the colors of authentic Scottish tartans, the aroma of Scottish food, and the dramatic skirl of bagpipe and drum. Franklin's annual Taste of Scotland Festival, always on Fathers' Day weekend, will begin on Friday evening, June 18, at 6pm with a free Ceilidh at the Stewart Street stage (behind the Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center) featuring the Robbie Burns Band and Caledonia Swing. The shortbread baking contest will be judged and prized awarded that evening also.

Saturday June 19 starting at 9am the streets will be alive with free continuous entertainment, including Celtic dance and music groups, an always dramatic parade of tartans at 10:30 led by John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes and Drums, Scottish clans, children's Highland games, the humorous Knobby Knees Contest, and Brasstown's own Rural Felicity Dancers and Stix in the Mud. Also featured will be Franklin's own piper Jean Hayes, ArtSaturday for wee laddies and lassies from 11-2, and Scottish food and vendors. Scottish and Celtic jewelry, pottery, t-shirts, heraldry items and fine



art will be sold by vendors and at the Scottish tartans Museum and Heritage Center. Saturday evening kick back and enjoy the Irish pub music of the Ballybeg Band and the Bodhran rhythm and lilting melodies of Bear Notes. A Celtic beer tasting is planned as well.

Returning this year will be one of the most popular events of the festival, Bill Coburn and his Border Collies. They will be demonstrating several times on Saturday and have agreed to stay over and perform on Sunday afternoon behind the Town Hall. Bill's

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**The laingest day has an end. Scottish Proverb**

## A Taste of Scotland, *continued* from page 1



unique relationship with Border Collies began 15 years ago when he became interested in training his collie to herd cattle on his farm, Windy Knoll Farm, in Laurens, South Carolina. According to Bill, he knew nothing about how to go about turning his pet into a working dog until he met a man who had trained his own dog. He agreed to help Bill learn the ropes, and thus was born the well-known and respected exhibition and competition Border Collie trainer that Bill has become.

The Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center, the only one in the United States, will be open all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon for festival-goers to get help researching their Scottish heritage and their

clan tartan and take free guided tours of the Museum. It will be a great opportunity to meet Matt Newsome, museum curator and master kilt maker. The public can be fitted for an authentic kilt and make purchases of authentic Scottish items in the Museum's large gift shop.

Sunday June 20 the Kirkin' o' the Tartan will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 11 am followed, beginning at 1:30, by Family Day at the Museum with Border Collie demonstrations, free museum tours, and free ice cream for kids of all ages.

Further information can be obtained by calling 828.524.7472 or accessing the Taste of Scotland Festival website at [www.tasteofscotlandfestival.org](http://www.tasteofscotlandfestival.org)

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# Flowers of the Forest

A long time member of American Clan Lockhart Society has passed away. **Robert W. Lewis, #051**) Our condolences to his lovely wife, Elizabeth

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**Richard Newton Kennedy, Jr.**, known as “Dick”, of Dunwoody, Georgia lost his courageous battle with cancer and surgery and passed away April 3, 2010 at St. Joseph’s Hospital. He was an inspiration to everyone with his continuous humor and smile.

Mr. Kennedy, the son of the late Dr. Richard Newton Kennedy, Sr., and Kathleen Smith Kennedy, was born in Savannah, Georgia. He attended Savannah High and the University of Georgia where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

As a result of his interest in history, antique firearms and memorabilia, in 1961 he moved to Atlanta, Georgia to begin his business, The Gun Room, Inc., which he operated until his death.

He was a competitive skeet and trap shooter and was a member of Forrest City Gun Club in Savannah, the River Bend Gun Club in Atlanta and a member of the Amateur Trap Shooting Association.

His great knowledge of and interest in history and antique weaponry led him to membership in the 78th Regiment of Foot Frazer’s Highlanders, Fort New Inverness Garrison where he served as HLt.Col.; The Old Guard of The Gate Guard, Atlanta, where he served as Captain; The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camps Lt. Gen Polk and Robert E. Lee. He had lifetime memberships in the

National Rifle Association, the Ohio Gun Collectors and the Kentucky Rifle Association. He was a founding member and director of the Southeastern Antique Arms Collectors Association and a member and past Director of The American Society of Arms collectors.

He was a longtime member of the Kingdome of Raknar (His Viking name was Sigmund.) and also an active member of the Clan Kennedy Association.

His passion was reading and studying history. He was a well known appraiser of antique firearms and memorabilia. He also did appraisals for private collectors and was honored as a featured appraiser on the Antique Road Show. Mr. Kennedy could make anyone an enthusiast because of his great knowledge and his ability to make history and the individuals who used the weapons come alive for the listener.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Richard Kennedy is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vickie Kennedy of Dunwoody, his daughter, Laurie Kennedy of Lyons, Colorado, his son and daughter-in-law, Ben and

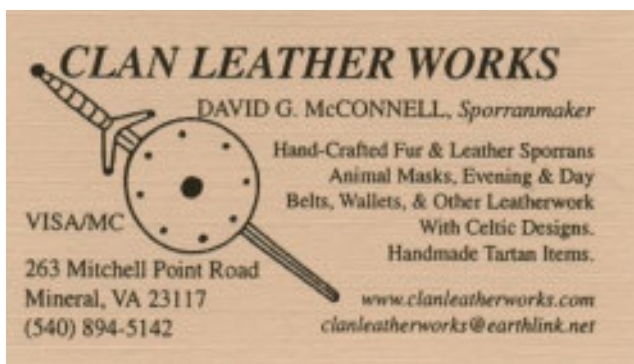
Tonya Kennedy of Cincinnati, Ohio and his granddaughters, Georgia and Piper Kennedy who never failed to bring a smile to his face.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, April 10 at Peachtree Corners’ Presbyterian Church, where he was a member.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Peachtree Corners’ Presbyterian Church or the American Cancer Society.



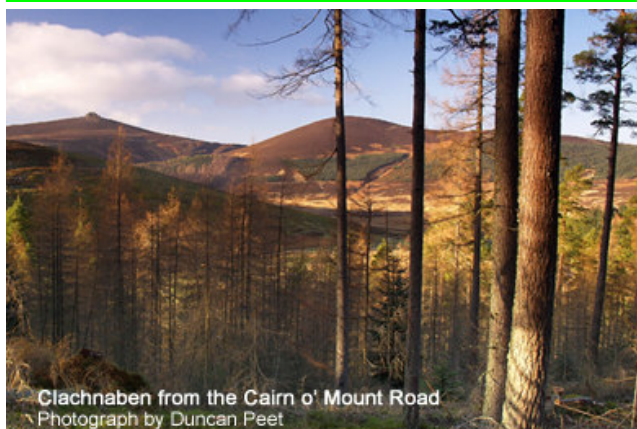




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# Banned Scottish dish to be allowed back in US



Frank Carnevale (MYFOX NATIONAL) – 25 Jan 2010 After being banned for 21 years, haggis will soon be allowed back into the United States.

According to Wikipedia haggis is a Scottish specialty dish that contains sheep's offal (heart, liver and lungs,) minced with onion, oatmeal, suet, spices, and salt, mixed with stock, and traditionally simmered in the animal's stomach for approximately three hours.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is expected to lift restrictions on the import of the dish, according to Reuters.

The news comes as Scots and fans of Robert Burns gather to toast the famous poet's life. Burns night, which is celebrated on Jan. 25, usually includes a toast of whiskey and a festive dinner with haggis as the main dish, presented with bagpipe fanfare and saluted with Burns poem "The Address to a Haggis."

U.S. authorities prohibited haggis over food safety fears that its main ingredient, sheep's lungs, could potentially be lethal.

The Guardian reported that during the ban some Scots would smuggle into the U.S. a haggis for their relatives. And butchers in the U.S. have tried to make their own versions of the pudding without using the vital ingredient: sheep.

Does anyone know if the ban has indeed been lifted? Write [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com), please.

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Hence the expression, "It will cost you an arm and a leg."

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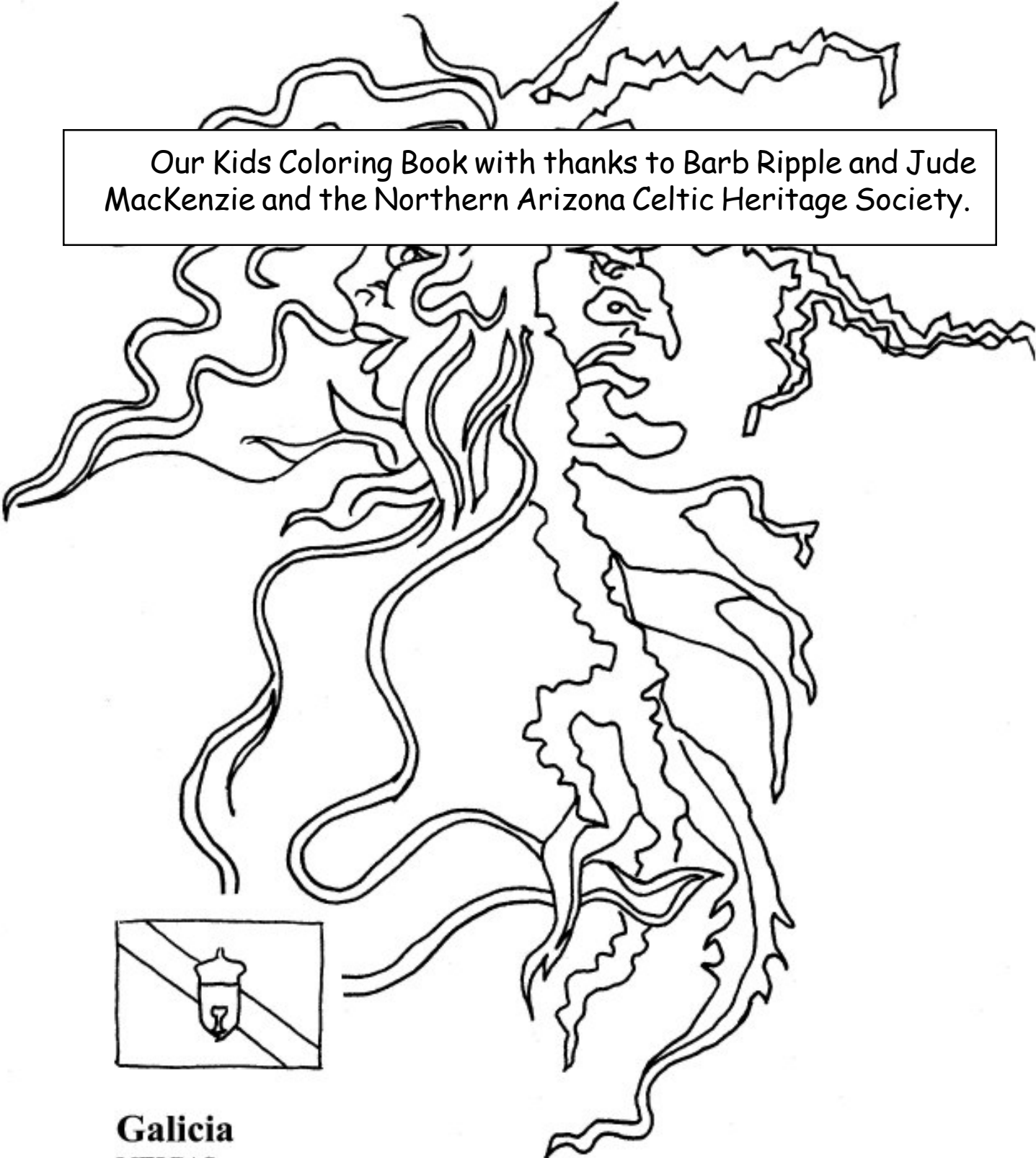


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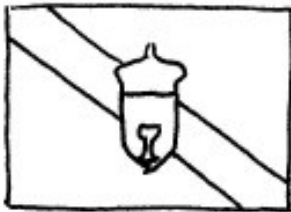
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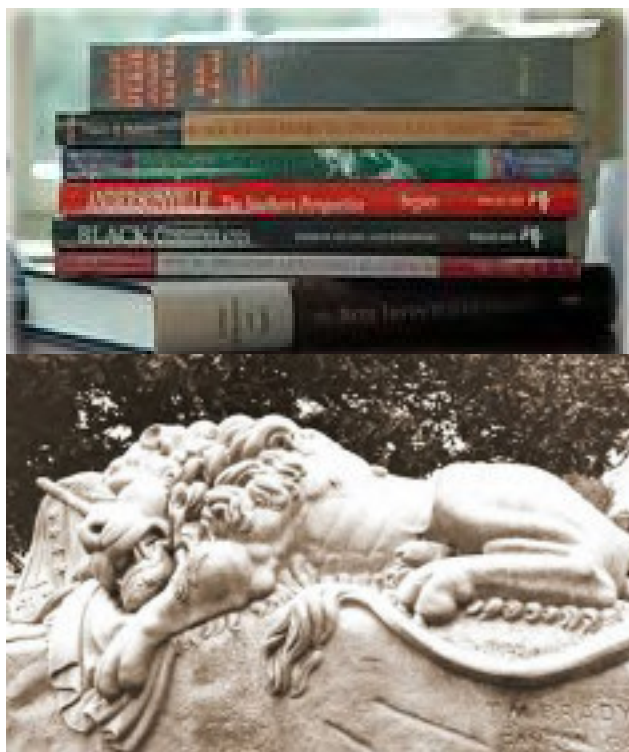
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The May meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The speaker will be (Your editor's old friend and cohort...) Hank Segars who will speak on *The Importance of Family Stories* Hank Segars is managing editor of Southern Lion Books, an independent publisher of regional books, and a consultant to first time authors.

He earned an A.B. from West Georgia College and a M.Ed. from the University of Georgia. The editor also served as Grants Administrator for the Georgia Department of Education in Atlanta and retired after 34 years of active service with the state of Georgia. To learn more about Southern Lion Books visit: [www.southernlionbooks.com](http://www.southernlionbooks.com)




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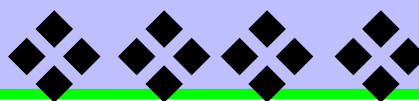


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The weekend starts with a reception at Glasgow City Chambers on the evening of Friday, the 28th May.

The main series of lectures will take place on Saturday 29th May at the Burrell Museum, Glasgow. Teas, coffees and lunches will be provided throughout

the day. As in previous years the conference will also host the launch of the new edition of *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland*.

On Sunday 30th May a series of field trips will offer delegates the chance to explore Glasgow's two oldest buildings and the sole remnant of Glasgow's medieval past, Glasgow Cathedral and Provand's Lordship, as well as a guided tour of the St. Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and art.

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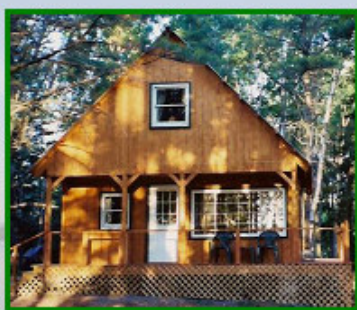
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# The Other 70%

## Paisley, Scotland

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In one of my earlier articles I mentioned the fact that the Lowlanders were merchants, farmers, fishermen, writers, teachers, etc. Another occupation was weaving, and a place known for its weaving was the town of Paisley.

When you think of Paisley you think immediately of a type of cloth with a 'teardrop' design. Additionally many of us associate it with the calico (which is thought to have originally come from Calcutta, India) so popular in the U.S. in the 1700s and 1800s. The Paisley teardrop pattern also originated in the Indo-European areas, but it was modified by European weavers, since the Indian material and items were so expensive. This modified cloth became associated with the weavers of Paisley, Scotland. Hence the name Paisley soon became the name of the pattern. In the 1800s it was very popular.

The town of Paisley is approximately 7 miles west of Glasgow and you can visit the Sma' Shot Cottages, situated appropriately on Shuttle Street, to see weaving cottages built in the 1700's to the specifications found in the history of Paisley. These cottages are open and free to the public. They consist of two rooms that

were used for living area plus a loom or weaving room. One of the original looms has been restored and weaving demonstrations are given on it. The weavers originally wove muslin, silk, and cotton.

Additionally anyone who sews even a little is familiar with Coats and Clark threads. These started in mills set up by the Coats and the Clark families on the River. It was James Clark who invented the wooden spool for winding and selling thread. Their rivals were the J&P Coats firm, which was also a textile and thread manufacturer. The Coats family expanded their com-

pany to the U.S. and Europe, and eventually merged with their Clark rivals to form Coats and Clark.

In addition to its weaving and thread industries, it was near Paisley where pregnant, Marjory (Bruce) Stewart, daughter of Robert the Bruce and wife of Walter Stewart, fell from her horse, delivered her son, Robert II, in Paisley Abbey, and died there. Robert was the first of the Stewart line of kings. Paisley Abbey had been built in 1145 and though once suffered a fire, it has been restored and is still there today.



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# *A Highlander And His Books*

## ***A History of Clan Campbell, Volume 2 From Flodden to the Restoration***

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**Reviewed by  
Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot**

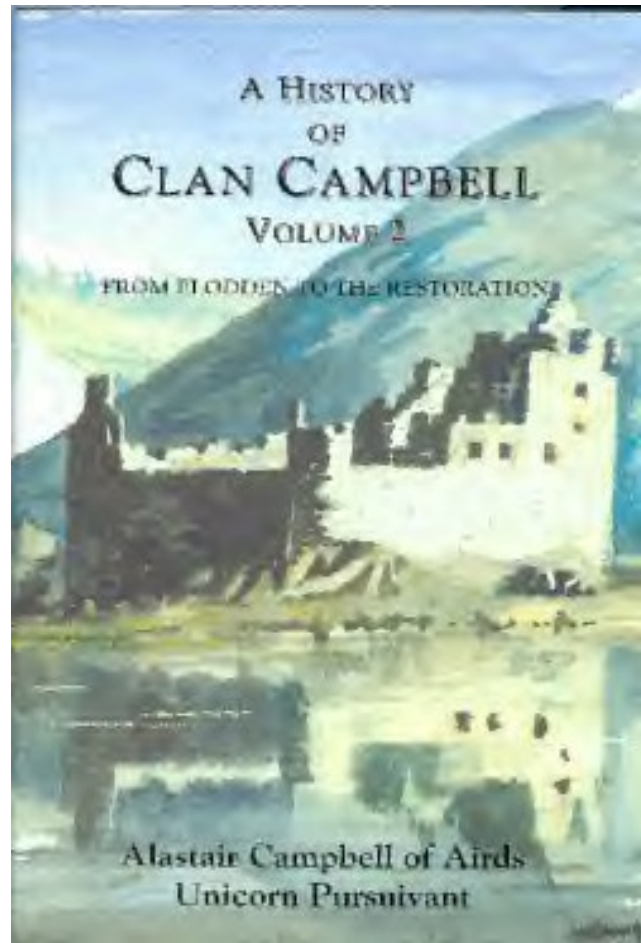
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Alastair Campbell of Airds, Unicorn Pursuivant, has done it again! Simply put, he has made my job of reviewing this book an easy one, a thing of beauty, as well as a matter of joy. Do not confuse this book with your average, run-of-the-mill clan history. If you do, you are the loser. This is a powerful book, riveting and full of “can’t wait to get to the next page” writing by a master at his craft.

To know the history of Scotland is to know the history of its movers and shakers. Yet, “just to know” is not enough to get the real picture. More importantly, to understand the history of this proud nation is to be familiar with the lives of Scotland’s greatest sons - “de Brus”, Wallace, Montrose, Bonnie Prince Charlie - to name just a few of the giants. But many times larger than these individual warriors are the clans they represented and brought to the battlefields of

Scotland. To know the history of Scotland is to know the history of its dominant clans.

My daddy would have called them “the high and mighty”. None have been higher or mightier than Clan Campbell, the clan that many love to hate. And, if you



want to have a better understanding of the history of Scotland, I suggest to one and all that you buy this

book, check it out of a library, or borrow it from a friend. Yes, to know the history of Scotland is to know

**With thanks to Frank R. Shaw for allowing me to use “A Highlander and his Books” in these pages.**

**This was written in 2003, but the information contained is still fresh and new.**

**Although Alastair Campbell of Airds is no longer Unicorn Pursuivant, Mr. Shaw’s article gives us a rare glimpse into the Court of the Lord Lyon.**

the history of Clan Campbell because “supporting the Crown was a family tradition”.

“From Flodden to the Restoration,” Alastair Campbell gives us a “behind the scenes” look at “the

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good, the bad, and the ugly” of Clan Campbell. You will find the author candidly and refreshingly telling of the atrocities committed by the MacDonalds and the Campbells, two of Scotland’s warring clans. There is no attempt to whitewash or cover up the many incidents in history of the utter hatred these clans had for each other and the wanton destruction committed by each.

The author recounts a favorite story of mine as it pertains to the Isle of Jura where my ancestors came from. It is the story of a Shaw who offered to fight for the Macleans and was rejected in a rude manner by their chief. This prompted Shaw to move to the other side and fight with the MacDonalds. A showdown between the Macleans and the MacDonalds took place in Islay in 1598. (Yes, the Campbells and the MacDonalds fought to the death with other clans, not just each other). “Before the battle was joined, so goes the story, Lachlan Mor had been approached by Dubhsidh or Shaw of Jura. Shaw was a small man and his offer of service was contemptuously rejected by the Maclean Chief. This did him no good at all since the insulted Shaw waited until he had his opportunity and shot Lachlan Mor with an arrow in his chest and killed him. Seeing their leader fall, the Macleans broke and ran. The survivors took refuge in the Church of Kilnave, overlooking the broad sands of the bay. But their refuge availed them nothing as the triumphant MacDonalds set fire to the church and burnt alive all those sheltering within it.” I have often used this story to teach the lesson for one to be careful who you mock, ridicule, taunt, or make fun of because your actions could end up biting you in the you know what. This Shaw was a very small man, but he was big enough to shoot his bow, and the last laugh was on Lachlan Mor.

This is a book about Clan Campbell. But do not be lulled to sleep thinking it is one sided in favor of the Campbells. I believe the author has objectively pointed out the historical facts, pro and con, of the Campbells and the clans they fought against. He has adhered to the old saying that a “coin has two sides,” and his book is full of such evidence.

Two appendices appear. One deals with a rather

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## A Chat with Alastair Campbell of Airds, Volume 2,

*A History of Clan Campbell*

**Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot**

Q: Many of our newer readers may have missed your previous explanation when Volume 1 was reviewed as to the duties of the Unicorn Pursuivant. Would you briefly explain your duties in regards to The Lord Lyon.

A: The Lord Lyon is “Her Majesty’s Supreme Officer of Honour” in Scotland - in charge of all matters armorial including matters of succession and of all State Ceremonial. He has a full-time assistant in the person of Lyon Clerk who is also Keeper of the Records. In addition, he has six Officers of Arms, part-time members of Lyon Court who appear on State Occasions

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# Ludlow Porch

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Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.

and who operate practices which help clients in their approach to Lyon Court on any matter. At the moment these consist of Albany, Rothesay and Ross Heralds and Unicorn, Carrick and Bute Pursuivants.

Q: Volume 2 is, as you had told me previously it would be, **A History of Clan Campbell**, “warts and all”. What has been the reaction of Clan Campbell members to your telling “the good, the bad, and the ugly” side of Clan Campbell, for which I might add, I admire your candor and objectivity in doing so?

A: **Anyone would be stupid who insisted that skeletons in the family cupboard were impossible.** There has been absolutely no negative reaction nor would I expect there to be. No doubt the media if interested at all will try and make something out of the account of Glencoe in the next volume. In spite of repeated statements by historians that this was not a clan affair but a regular regiment of the British Army under orders, ignorant journalists will insist on referring to this as an instance of clan warfare.

Q: “Supporting the Crown was a family tradition”, and I wonder if you will tell us why this position was initially taken and why it was adhered to over the centuries with one exception?

A: **Initially the Campbells were employed by the Scottish Crown to contain the Clan Donald who were a major threat to Scotland - quite ready to cooperate with the Norse, or the Irish or the English in order to establish themselves as an independent power.** Having taken on the task and having been rewarded for it, the Campbells tended to support the Crown - whoever was wearing it. It was the clash between Religion and Loyalty that made things difficult; during the Civil War when the Marquess of Argyll did try to reconcile the two and failed and during his son’s rebellion in 1685.



Q: Is there any evidence that Dubh-sidh or Shaw of Jura was ever honored or rewarded by the MacDonalds for the slaying of Lachlan Mor in 1598 since his arrow turned that battle into a rout?

A: **Not that I know of.**

Q: The dust jacket of Volume 1 has a beautiful painting of Innischonnel Castle on Loch Awe while Volume 2 has a painting of Kilchurn Castle, also on Loch Awe, and both are reproduced by the kind permission of the artist - Alastair Campbell. What training have you had in this talented area of your life? Can we

look forward to another of your paintings gracing the cover of Volume 3?

A: **Not a lot; normal teaching at school and a couple of short courses.** I have always painted - usually military or heraldic subjects but took on landscape painting seriously when I came to live here in this astonishingly beautiful part of the world some twenty years ago. The plan is that the last volume should have a painting of Inveraray Castle on the cover - by the same artist.

Q: Volume 3 of **The History of Clan Campbell** will be published in 2004. What do you have on the back burner for your reading public after all these years of writing the three volumes of your clan family?

A: **I shall not be idle; I have been tasked to rewrite Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that Ilk’s “The Highland Clans” - a project which is well under way and I plan a book on an aspect of Highland Military History for which I have long been collecting material.** There is a book on Argyll scheduled to come out this year published by Birlinn for which I have contributed two chapters; I have contributed a good amount to the recent Scottish History Society’s latest volume on Scotland and

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America and there is a forthcoming volume promised on the papers delivered at a conference a few years ago on the Lordship of the Isles. I am also doing an illustrated book on the history of my regiment, **The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders**, for a series which has been going for some years on various regiments.

Q: Thank you for Volume 2. It has lived up to your promise that it would be a very exceptional book, and I highly recommend it to any student of Scottish history. I greatly appreciate the courtesies you have extended to our readers in the two “chats” with you on Volumes 1 and 2. Is there a final word for our readers?

A: **Thank you for your courtesy and kind words. I am lucky in that I do believe in what I am doing; for anyone with a genuine interest in their past, there is no substitute for proper study of the subject, combined with, if at all possible, some knowledge of the terrain. Unfortunately the level of much of what is taken as history is still pretty low and there are people around who are disseminating sheer nonsense under the guise of “fact”. The sadness is that they get away with it.**

## Scottish Words that're fun to know!

- \* Rumble-bane - the lowest bone of the spine.
- \* Crouse - merry, lively, brisk, bold, from the Gaelic ‘craos’ meaning greedy, gluttonous, eager for any pleasure of the senses.
- \* Grunzie - a derogatory name for the nose or mouth, possibly applied originally to the snout of a hog in reference to the grunting noise of the animal.
- \* Muslin-kail - a name applied by Burns to a purely vegetable soup without animal ingredients of any kind and made up of mainly barley, greens and onions.
- \* Sook - a drop, sip, or taste of liquor.
- \* Blaud - to lay anything flat with violence, as the wind or rain does the corn.
- \* Athol Brose - whisky with honey, taken as a morning drop; a powerful and indigestive mixture that no one but a Highlander out in the open air and in active exercise during the whole day can safely indulge in.
- \* Bap - a small wheaten cake or roll, sold in Scotland for breakfast when porridge is not used.
- \* Gowan - a daisy. Derived from ‘day’s eye,’ or more probably from the Gaelic word ‘dise,’ meaning pretty flower.

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### A Highlander and His Books,

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substantial collection of music associated with Clan Campbell that Scottish music lovers will find of interest. The other discusses the Clan symbolic emblems, and the one that spoke to me most was the reference to the place where the clan rallied. It will bring to the reader’s mind the place where his or her individual clan met before going off to battle. Right now, I can picture in my mind Clan Shaw joining with its fellow members of Clan Chattan at the auld Dunlichity kirk, where I have stood many times taking the same pictures on each trip. They met to sharpen their weapons on the corner of the stone church where one will find today a sword-worn indentation that is centuries’ old. Some things you just never forget, and this is a book that falls in the same category! (3/9/03)



# *In person!* Orville Hicks to perform at 2010 Grandfather Mountain!

Frank Vance, General Manager of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

As the General Manager of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games I would like to say something about the storyteller who will be appearing this year in the Children's Tent. Orville Hicks, whose personable and masterful approach to storytelling has brought him mountains of praise from his fans and even higher acclaim from his peers, has agreed to provide entertainment and enlightenment to the young and the young at heart during this year's Games. As I anticipate this wonderful opportunity to share a local treasure with the world, I thought it appropriate to reflect on the significance of the stories that Orville and many before him (including his uncle, storytelling icon Ray Hicks) have passed down through the ages.

My first years in education were spent as a substitute teacher. Desperate to find a means of controlling a room full of children whose names I did not know and who seemed bent on making my day unbearable, I promised the kids I would read them a Jack Tale if they got their work done ahead of time. I found this to be one of the most effective motivational tools that I ever used in teaching.

The Jack Tales I shared with my students were about witches, goblins, giants and kings. I would tell the class that many of the stories originated in the British Isles, most notably Scotland and Ireland, and that they were brought over by the early Scots-Irish who journeyed to America in the early 1700's. As a teacher

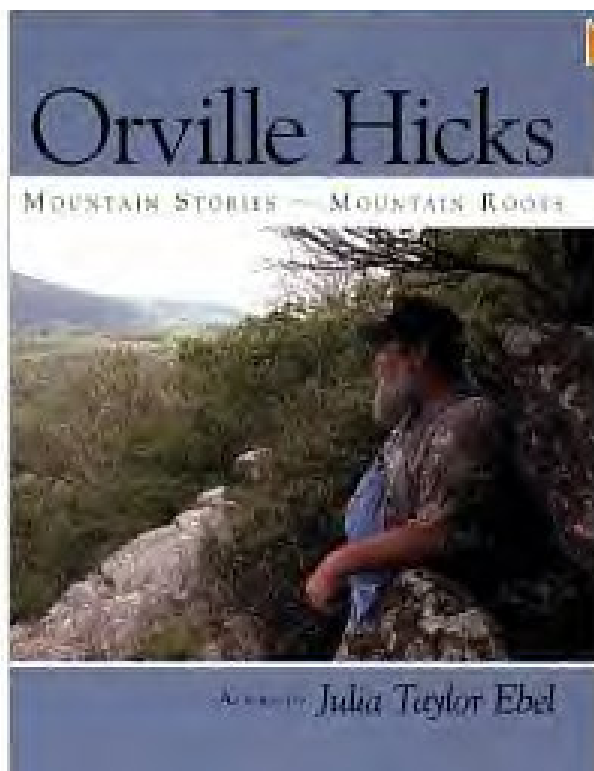
I began to realize that these stories were much more than just entertaining yarns of myth and whimsy. In later years, I had several of my high school classes analyze certain Jack Tales as part of a Character Education unit. My students discovered that, out of the 18 character traits most commonly associated with successful adults, no fewer than 16 could be readily identified in these simple,

homespun stories. I can honestly say that, other than the time-honored Bible stories that we teach our children today, Jack Tales and similar folk stories are the most useful for teaching character to our children.

With this in mind, I hope that you will stop by the Children's Tent to see Orville Hicks in action. Joining him will be Julia Taylor, who has compiled a collection of Orville's stories in a wonderful new book. In case you would like a copy for your own children or grandchildren, they will be available throughout the Games.

Orville Hicks will be telling Jack Tales in the Children's Tent and at Donald's Gaelic Tent throughout the weekend. The Children's Tent schedule for these Jack Tales is as follows: **Friday 9-10, 1-2 & Saturday 9-10, 1-2, 3-4. Sunday 12-1, 2-3.**

Donald's Gaelic Tent will feature Orville on Friday at 11 and 3 p.m. and on Sunday at 3 also. Please check by Donald's or the Children's Tent for other unannounced story telling sessions.



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# Boots on the Ground in Afghanistan

**Dr. Edwin Hendricks**

With thanks to the Clan Henderson *An Canach Newsletter*, Spring 2010

*Clan Henderson longtime member, former Vice President, Current Southeastern Commissioner and your editor's long time friend, has recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. He writes:*

Cousins! I have had three months to think about the time I spent in Afghanistan, and in view of the incidents of late in that theater, I think I need to put my thoughts in words.

The experience was much like my father in law's tour in Europe in World War II. "I wouldn't take anything for the experience, but I wouldn't wish it on anyone."

Though his ship was hit by a mine in crossing the English Channel, he never saw active combat in the theater, and neither did I. I spent my time in a Forward Operations BASE (FOB) not far from the Pakistan border where I expected to see wounded Americans on a regular basis. Such was not the case.

There were, in fact, three FOBs in one where we were: an American/British/Polish base (though largely American), an Afghan National Army base (the largest of the three), and a Special Forces base (the smallest and most active). Our assignment was to control three provinces along the Afghan-Pakistan border. The United Nations forces were to provide support as training, tactical and logistical to the Afghan forces in our area. Medical assets were almost entirely U.S., and as the only American physician in the three provinces, I was kept out of harm's way. I was allowed out of the FOB on short missions when other medics in our FOB were committed to other missions, or when I was about to go stir crazy.



We call it "cabin fever" in the North Georgia mountains.

We were blessed to be assigned to an Afghan National Army unit that had a great urge to free their country from what they considered a foreign Taliban ("They're Pakistan, not Afghan." If this confuses you, try reading *The Sewing Circles of Herat* by Christina Lamb.

Our job was to support and train them to combat the Taliban which they did with enthusiasm. The only wounded and killed

troops I was were the Afghans. We did have wounded American troops in the nearby outlying bases, but they were transported by helicopter to more advanced treatment areas than ours.

The Afghan troops were treated at our local Afghan Hospital on base, although usually stabilized and transported to Kabul. Therefore, I was never called upon to treat combat wounds.

I was most often treating multiple athletic problems, usually due to a basketball court at Charlie Company.

Sometimes I think the Taliban's greatest success in the area was that mass of concrete. These

injuries were the most damaging to us. Other than the occasional medical problem like blood clots in the lungs of a contractor, acute gastroenteritis, a flurry of malaria in a nearby FOB and various systemic diseases, sports injuries were my greatest challenge.

The Afghan forces near us were very active against the Taliban insurgents and were in marked contrast to the reports I hear on the U.S. media. During the Election Day attacks (Over 200 in our area), they



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faced these attacks and counterattacked often with great success. We were requested not to be visible during this day and Afghan forces did all the work.

Only one polling place closed early due to safety concerns. The people of our area turned out in droves to vote revealing a desire to self govern. I dare say they turned out in higher percentages than we can muster in the U.S. in spite of the risks they took.

Some of those voters paid the ultimate price for their freedom, and their friends and relatives would line up again after attacks were beaten off and continue voting. Our media that seemed bent on denigrating the election as flawed poorly reported such courage.

We did have reporters who came to our FOB, spent a couple of days, and then caught the earliest flight out to go to sites that fit their concept of the war.

Apparently successful units of the Afghan National Army are not newsworthy.

Corruption, misuse of funds and Taliban successes seem to appeal to the American reporter more than operations leading to Taliban defeats.

The Taliban in our area moved like the Mafia in

Chicago in the prohibition era. Controlling through fear and intimidation only worked when they had control of the night.

They were never able to win a face to face fight with the Afghan National Army forces in our area and when the troops were present in numbers, the night was not safe for them and people often turned them in to the Afghan National Police.

Although they crawled out of hiding once or twice a month to lob rockets at us, the only hits were to come of the Afghan National Army vehicles and this cost them considerable grief at the hands of the ANA general

who took it as a personal affront.

I was honored to be allowed to serve my country in Afghanistan in spite of my age, and to be able to plant the Henderson tartan flag on the troop medical center where I served.

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# THE DAWES ROLLS AND NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH ALLOTMENT OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES: 1893-1914

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The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, usually referred to as the Dawes Commission, was appointed by President Grover Cleveland in 1893 to negotiate land with the five primary historical tribes encompassing Native American nations in the United States at that time. The commission was named after its chairman, Henry L. Dawes. The Native American nations named in the administrative directives were:

1. Cherokees
2. Chickasaws
3. Choctaws
4. Creeks
5. Seminoles

The United States considered these tribes "civilized" because they had adopted many of the colonists' customs and had generally good relations with their neighbors.

The Five Civilized Tribes lived in the Southeastern United States before their removal to other parts of the country, especially the area now known as Oklahoma.

The tribes were uprooted from their homes east of the Mississippi River in a series of Indian removals sanctioned by federal authorities over several decades and moved to what was then called Indian Territory and is now the eastern portion of the state of Oklahoma.

The Five Tribes were divided during the Civil War as to which side to support. The Choctaw and Chickasaw fought predominantly on the Confederate

side, while the Creek, Seminole and especially the Cherokee were split between the Union and the Confederacy.

The Cherokees fought a civil war within their own nation between those who supported the opposing sides.

Once the tribes had been relocated to Indian Territory, the United States government promised that their lands would be free of white settlement. Some settlers violated the agreement with impunity even before 1893, when the government opened up the area known as the Cherokee Strip to outside settlement by the Oklahoma Land Run.

In 1907, the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory were

merged into the new state of Oklahoma where ancestors of all the Five Civilized Tribes have a major presence there today.

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