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Alastair MacIntyre gives us the “Real Skinny” on 2014 in Scotland...a year that will go down in history

Alastair writes, “And why is that you might ask? Well, I’ll tell you. It is The Year of Homecoming.”

In 2014 Scotland welcomes the world to join in the exciting Year of Homecoming. In addition to the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup, there's our year-long programme of events and activities to showcase all that's great about Scotland; mouth-watering food & drink events, lots to get you active in our great outdoors plus spectacular arts, cultural and ancestral heritage to explore.

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Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games which will be in Glasgow from 23 July - 3 August 2014. Glasgow hosts the 20th Commonwealth Games which run every four years and all member countries of the Commonwealth will be represented. So it's a huge athletics event.

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 countries that support each other and work together towards shared goals in democracy and development. The Commonwealth is home to two billion citizens

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Carbisdale Castle youth hostel in Sutherland in real danger of closing

Carbisdale Castle youth hostel in Sutherland, one of Scotland's most spectacular youth hostels could close for good because of rising repair costs.

Carbisdale Castle, a former stately home dubbed Castle of Spite because of the part it played in a family feud, was shut two years ago.

The Scottish Youth Hostels Association (SYHA) said the property in Sutherland may not reopen because mil-

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Happy Mother's Day 2013! Be sure and remember Memorial Day 2013!



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 John Taggart, FSA Scot from Charlotte, NC*



**On the right, Peggie Hairry
 and on the left Mr. Bicket**

*Although saddened by the loss of their
 friend, Miss Narra, both PH and Bicket have
 leapt to take care of her proofreading duties.*

*Peggie Hairry is teaching his youngster the
 ins and outs of proofreading and spelling
 and punctuation.*

*Right now, it is taking twice as many naps
 and snacks to get everything done.*

A letter from your editor...

Old Macdonald had a farm, oh yeah!



Have you ever tried to have a garden?
In my home state of Florida, I tried to have a vegetable garden each and every year. Each and every year, I was defeated by the really sandy and not-very-fertile-soil.

I had chickens too. I will never forget the rooster who tried to flog at me and got his very large rooster foot hung in my garden boots. I don't know who was more frightened, the rooster or me. It took us several very long minutes to finally get apart from each other. I was told by neighbors that our (me and the rooster) jumping about and each of us hollering was very amusing.

I did very well with my hens as they flourished under the gourmet chicken feed I provided to them. I did not kill them at all, but, in Osceola County, the foxes and owls and hawks had no qualms about dining on my poultry.

Also, I figured out how much each egg had cost...and decided that about \$6.00 per egg was a good bit pricey.

When I moved to Georgia, I started the very first year trying to have a garden...with not very good results, once again because the soil did not wish to be fertile - no matter how hard I worked.

I had a few things start out so well, with amendments to the soil that I was encouraged. Alas, the rabbits came and ate everything in just one night.

Now, in northeast Georgia, about half an hour from the North Carolina border, I am just about ready to try again.

This time, I am going to have a successful gar-

den, I think. The difference is, the soil does not matter! I ordered ten of those things they call "Grow Pots" and I have purchased ten bags of "Potting Mix" which has lots of the vermiculite all through it. This, I read in the instructions, is to allow the soil to "wick" the water from the reservoir so that the plants will just outdo themselves in growing and becoming lovely goodies to eat.

The reason for this all-out effort is that my doctors have said that I need to eat a lot of salads. To my notion, only doctors, lawyers and millionaires can afford LOTS of salads nowadays.

It was about this time that I saw a brochure about the Grow Pots...and thought to myself, Eureka! With this method of gardening there is no weeding, no fertilizing as that comes with the packages. According to the brochure, the only thing you have to do is jump out of the way of the giant tomato bushes!

I have planned each Grow Pot as they come with how many of what plants will fit in the container.

Tomatoes, strawberries, salad greens of many kinds including spinach.....and squash and broccoli and brussels sprouts are planned for this wonderful garden. Tom asked for carrots and eggplant. We're going to have some cantaloupes and all manner of yummie things.

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The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!



Chief Steven MacTavish

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Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish, Tawesson, Thom,
Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson, Thompson,
Thomson, Tod, Todd, and all variant spellings.*

We Are Clan MacTavish!



Carbisdale Castle, continued from page 1

lions of pounds worth of investment was needed.

The SYHA added that it has plans to open new sites elsewhere. The organisation also said interest in youth hostelling was at a high.

Keith Legge, SYHA chief executive, said the jewel in association's crown may have had its day. He said: "Carbisdale has been a great challenge for us financially in recent years.

"We have been very proud to have been running the castle since the last war. 1.5 million guests have stayed there and we are very proud of that record.

"However, maintaining a listed building of that status when it goes wrong presents some very serious challenges. I am afraid to say it won't open for the foreseeable future."

The castle, which overlooks the Kyle of Sutherland, was shut after suffering frost damage and £2m has already been spent on repairs.

Historic Scotland lists the castle and its entrance gates as category B, which means they are structures of regional importance.

The Dowager Duchess of Sutherland had Carbisdale Castle built between 1907 and 1917 following the death of her husband, George Granville William Sutherland-Leveson-Gower, the Third Duke of Sutherland.

Lady Mary was the duke's second wife and after he died she became embroiled in a legal dispute over his will with her step son, the fourth Duke of Sutherland. When the row was settled the duchess used her inheritance to have Carbisdale constructed.

According to geographical encyclopaedia, The Gazetteer of Scotland, the property became known as the Castle of Spite.

Its clock tower only has only three faces with none that could be seen by the new duke as he passed by in his private train on his way to Dunrobin Castle, his family's property in Sutherland. It is said that he would have the blinds of his

Celtic Music Schedule Announced for Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games coming right up

HUNTERSVILLE, NC: Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games have announced the musician lineup for its 20th Annual Festival Weekend April 20 - 21, 2013.

The weekend's festivities will include the traditional sounds of The Tannahill Weavers, the return of the Celtic rock group Rathkeltair, the hard-driving Carolina rock of Stirling Bridge, and traditional Celtic musicians Scooter Muse, Jil Chambless, and John Taylor.

Performances will be held throughout the Scottish Festival including the Saturday Night Concert at the Celtic Rock Stage beginning at 6:30 PM.

There will also be massed Pipe Band performances on Saturday and Sunday as well as individual pipers and drummers in sanctioned competition.

Complete schedules, event information and advance tickets are available online at www.ruralhillscottish-festivals.net

The Tannahill Weavers are one of Scotland's premier traditional bands. These versatile musicians have received worldwide accolades consistently over the years for their exuberant performances and outstanding recording efforts. They have that unique combination of traditional melodies, driving rhythmic accompaniment, and rich vocals that make their performances unforgettable.

As the Winnipeg Free Press noted, "The music may be old time Celtic, but the drive and enthusiasm are akin to straight ahead rock and roll."

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carriage shut so he did not have to look at Carbisdale.

The castle was bought by a Scots-Norwegian family in 1933 and was used as a refuge for the Norwegian royal family during World War II.

The gazetteer adds that the castle is haunted by a female ghost called Betty.



*From the Isles' Northernmost Realm
came the Scot, Bred with the
Stoutest Will, the Canniest Wit,
and the Bravest Heart. For reasons
Dire did Scots forsake kin
and kith and set across the face
of the earth to fend for themselves,
and in the process, they built nations,
empires, and new worlds...*

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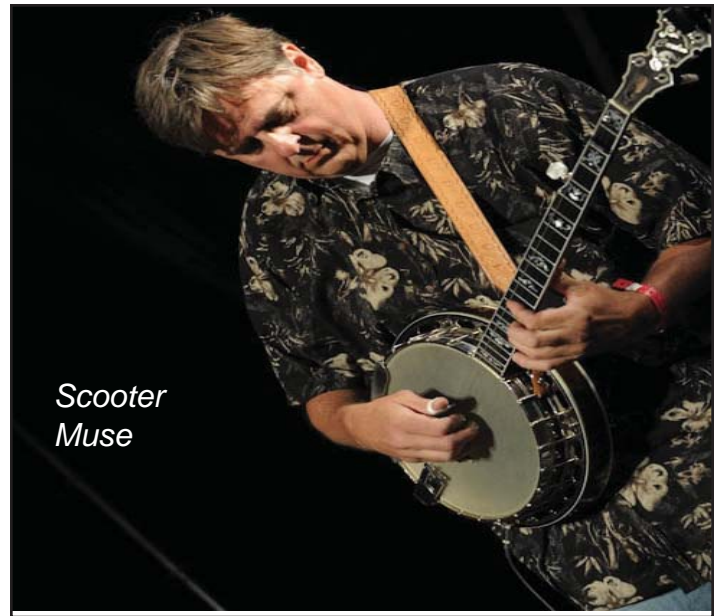
Rathkeltair blends compelling and catchy original songs with tight, driving straight-ahead rock-n-roll, while never forgetting its Celtic roots. Highly regarded for its extraordinary energy, showmanship and professionalism, Rathkeltair enjoys a loyal and rapidly expanding community of friends and fans. Rathkeltair's name-sake is a famous historical site in County Down, Northern Ireland.

Stirling Bridge blends classic bagpipe sounds with hard-driving Carolina rock 'n' roll! These four seasoned, professional musicians bring the party with a good-time, foot-stompin' Celtic rock show.

Winner of countless banjo competitions throughout the southeast including the Tennessee Valley Championships 8 times, Scooter Muse has played with bluegrass legends, Clair Lynch, Vassar Clements and a host of others as well as handling first call banjo duties for the world famous Muscle Shoals, Alabama recording industry. He founded the Full Moon Ensemble, who achieved national recognition, toured the US and Canada as well as Scotland, and recorded 5 critically acclaimed CDs. After a successful 8 year run, the FME went their separate ways and Scooter was drafted as the guitar player for the longest running Celtic band in the south, Henri's Notions. The Notions have appeared with such great artists as Bob Dylan, Paddy O'Brien, Patrick Street, Brian McNeill and countless others.

Jil Chambless is without a doubt one of America's top Celtic music vocalists and musicians. A native of Montgomery, AL, Jil was first introduced to Celtic music in the 1980's when she met the Tuscaloosa, Alabama based band, Henri's Notions, and the rest is history. During her tenure, the Notions have completed four recording projects and performed nationally at concerts and festivals. Under the production magic of Scottish legend Brian McNeill (founder of the Battlefield Band, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and producer) Jil has finished the recording of her first solo CD. Jil performs with Henris Notions as well as a trio setting with Scottish singer Ed Miller and the Notion's Scooter Muse.

John Taylor is a fiddler and composer from Buckie in Scotland and a past winner of the Niel Gow award for Scottish fiddling. Taylor is well known in Scottish country dance circles having appeared in many parts of the world including the USA, Canada, New Zealand and various parts of the UK. He has recorded specific



country dance music CDs with Andrew Imbrie and has often appeared with Texas-based folk singer, Ed Miller. In a review of their first collaboration, *The Edinburgh Rambler*, the *Austin American-Statesman* called Taylor "brilliant."

Fun for the entire family, the 20th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games offer a genealogy search, over 70 Scottish clans and their representatives, Scottish country dancing, an Ultra Trail 5K run, professional and amateur heavy athletics, long bow competition, battle axe competition, demonstrations, whiskey seminars, the "Kids' Zone" with children's activities, and Rural Hill's famous historic encampment. Complete information and tickets are available at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

Proceeds from all annual events are used for the preservation of historic Rural Hill and its educational programs. Rural Hill is a part of the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation program, and is open to all members of the community for their enjoyment.

Rural Hill is located at 4431 Neck Road (off Beatties Ford Road) in Huntersville, 28078. The former home-stand of Major John and Violet Davidson, the 265 acre site is maintained and promoted by Historic Rural Hill Inc. and features annual events such as the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games.

Historic Rural Hill Inc. is a non-profit organization supported through membership and donations, and with proceeds from its events utilized for the preservation of Historic Rural Hill and its education efforts. For more information on events or for financial support accepted securely online, please visit www.ruralhill.net.

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KANNAPOLIS - Mr. Phillip LeRoy Gaddy, 62, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2013.

Mr. Gaddy was born Nov. 25, 1950 in Concord.

He was a son of the late William LeRoy Gaddy and Helen Troutman Gaddy. He worked as an educator and as a blacksmith with membership in the American Blade Society. He retired from both. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and former master of Cannon Memorial Lodge in Kannapolis.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Teague Gaddy of Statesville; son, Phillip LeRoy Gaddy II and wife Bryce of Concord; son, Patrick Braden Gaddy of China Grove; daughter, Brittney Gaddy and fiancé; Blake Haigler of Kannapolis; two step-children, Shannon Morgan and husband Darrell of Stony Point and Matthew Payne and wife Holly of Statesville; five grandchildren, Jaxon Gaddy, Landen Gaddy, Reilly Morgan, Reece Morgan and Nathan Payne; aunt, Estelle Goodnight of Thomasville; cousin, John Troutman and wife Jean of China Grove; and the mother of his children, Sharon Shue Gaddy of Kannapolis.

A funeral service was held at First Baptist Church of Enochville. Dr. Jeff Spry will officiate. Interment will follow at Carolina Memorial Park. The body will lie in state 30 minutes prior to the service at the church.

Memorials: Memorials may be made to Western Avenue Baptist Church, 1206 Museum Road, Statesville, NC 28625.



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Locating Ancestors on the Internet

The Internet is an excellent tool for genealogical research when used in conjunction with consulting original records, print sources, and employing proper research techniques. The benefits to genealogists are:

1. The ability to search the genealogical holdings of major repositories or libraries in areas where the ancestors resided.

2. The ability to search a repository's holdings online may facilitate planning for onsite research in anticipation of a visit to that repository.

3. The Internet usually contains significant information on local, state, national and/or ethnic historical/genealogical societies, and family associations throughout the U.S. and abroad.

4. Websites such as Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Cyndi's List, Family Search, Rootsweb, etc., offer access to message boards and other information-sharing sites where genealogists can network with other genealogists, share findings and photographs, and submit queries.

The dramatic increase in online resources has attracted many beginners to the field of genealogical research. Experienced genealogists have benefited because of new and improved research tools and faster communication.

Sites such as Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3, Heritage Quest, and Family Search, just to name a few, have enabled researchers to locate records in a timely manner. Researchers are also benefitting from an increased number of digitized images, thus making the information-gathering process more accurate and timely.

Many websites offer tutorials in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions section (FAQ).



These pages usually provide research tips and information on formulating search strategies.

While the Internet offers many opportunities for research, there are limitations and caveats. The Internet should not be considered the main option for genealogical research. Researchers will never locate every fact about their ancestors online. There is no one website or database containing all types of genealogical records. Many record types have never appeared on any online databases, and never will. Information found online carries no guarantee whatsoever that it is accurate, thoroughly researched or properly documented.

The Internet is not a new reason that researchers sometimes collect questionable or undocumented information. False pedigrees, family myths and research errors were a part of genealogy long before the Internet. The difference is that the undocumented information is easily located and duplicated online.

Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S. Reference Librarian | Ft. Myers - Lee County Public Library at 2050 Central Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33901-3917. bmulcahy@leegov.com

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SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Set a goal. Examples: Complete five generations. Trace to an immigrant ancestor. Publish a family history. Print up a large fan chart with family photographs included. Join a lineage group.

Work with one generation at a time, going backward, beginning with yourself. Document date and place of birth, marriage and death. Then seek what happened in between. Don't skip a generation. Keep a record of SOURCES used. Make use of charts, family group sheets or a computer program.

Work methodically:

Record what you know, including medical information.

2. Search home sources, that is Bibles, journals, biographies; birth, marriage, divorce and death records; newspaper clippings; school, citizenship, military, social security and employment records; insurance policies; wills; deeds; Baptismal certificates; personal correspondence and engraved jewelry and silverware. Tiny clues can come from unexpected sources!

3. Contact relatives. Make notes of the information you hope to learn from them beforehand. Suggest they tell about their youth and what they remember being told by their parents. Consider using a tape recorder or take careful notes. Write letters or email if direct contact is difficult. Express your appreciation and offer copies of your information. Their interest may be sparked by your enthusiasm!

4. Endeavor to stay organized so others can use your work and you proceed more efficiently. Try to keep a log of correspondence and telephone contacts..

5. Search courthouse records, probate, marriage, and land records. Other good sources include cemetery, church, newspaper, and military records.

6. Locate your family in every census record, both federal and state where they exist.

7. Search passenger lists, naturalization and passport records.

Join a genealogical society where you live and one in the area you are researching. Attend classes and seminars to increase your knowledge of research methods and materials.

Place queries on Rootsweb or other on-line sites and in journals, so others researching the same families will share their knowledge with you. Be wary of information with no source given!!

At some point stop, evaluate your goals, and finish at least a part of your project. This may include some or all of the following: your own personal history; family group sheets and lineage charts; narratives on various ancestors; copies of photographs with a brief write-up of each; maps with family locations or movements noted; family heirlooms photographed and written up and more.

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Taste of Scotland is Back!

**Our long running annual Scottish street festival
took a hiatus last year, but**

**The Scottish Tartan Museum is back in 2013
and all set for Father's Day weekend!**

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 15,
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of all faiths and ethnicities and includes some of the world's largest, smallest, richest and poorest countries. Over half of its citizens are 25 or under. Member countries come from six regions: Africa (19); Asia (8); the Americas (3); the Caribbean (10); Europe (3); and the South Pacific (11).

See <http://www.glasgow2014.com/>

700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn

Stirling Council and partners are building an exciting programme of events as the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn is aiming to attract 50,000 visitors.

This is going to be a huge event but not one that the Diaspora were looking for as there will be no clan gathering. In simple terms there is just no room to hold such a gathering and this did cause a lot of confusion for a time in the Diaspora. It is scheduled for June 2014.

See <http://www.battleofbannockburn.com/Home/>

Ryder Cup Golf

Then we play host to the Ryder Cup Golf match between the USA and Europe at Gleneagles September 26 - 28th 2014.

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See <http://www.gleneagles.com/golf> and <http://www.rydercup.com/>

Scottish Independence Referendum

And then the biggy... Scottish independence: Referendum to be held on 18 September, 2014. This is where the people of Scotland get to vote to either become an independent nation and thus leave the UK or of course vote to reject and continue to be part of the UK.

During 2014 there is bound to be a huge debate leading up to the crucial vote.

The debate is running along party lines which is unfortunate. The SNP which currently has an overall majority in the devolved Government is of course in favour. The opposition parties such as Labour and the Lib Dems are against. So called facts on both sides make it difficult for ordinary citizens to get a clear understanding of the issues and one hopes that as we get closer to the decision date that things will become clearer.

One of the contentious issues revolves around the SNP making a very clear statement of their intention to retain membership of the EU if Scotland becomes independent. To some this simply swaps control from Westminster to that of Brussels and as Scotland exports more to the rUK (rest of the UK) than to the whole of Europe combined it brings into question why we would want independence just to give it away to Brussels.

Electric Scotland is also providing factual information on a variety of issues which you can read at <http://www.electricscotland.com/independence>

And so you can now see why 2014 is going to be an historic year for Scotland.

Alastair

Genealogy Help, continued from page 13

PITFALLS!!

1. Don't believe all you see in print or on the internet. Verify!! Ask yourself if the age of each person seems appropriate for marriage, etc. Fraudulent pedigrees abound.

2. Realize that having the same surname does not mean you are related or if the spelling is different, it doesn't mean you are NOT related.

3. Always question your family lore and traditional stories. Many times they contain partial truths but may have been embellished over the years. Use as a starting point.

4. Don't spend lots of time and energy trying to connect to a famous person.

5. Be aware there was a calendar change in 1752.

6. Know the history of the area and the ethnic group you are researching.

7. Keep a sense of fun and remember that every family has a few "black sheep."

[With thanks to the Florida Genealogical Society, Inc. and the DAR]



Glasgow Highland Games



Friday, May 31st - June 2nd, 2013

Last year, we hosted our first ever *Three Generations* celebration. It was such a resounding success, we are adding a special recognition time to our Sunday schedule. Bring your entire family.

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For complete Glasgow Highland Games information contact:

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Scots Wha Hae!

With thanks to the
Tallahassee (FL) St. Andrews Society Newsletter

Do try to sound the "r", although not with the exaggerated trill usu-ally given to it by so-called Scots comedians.

But, again this to my English readers: don't even at-tempt to get the guttural sounds of "ach" and "loch". You will only strangle yourselves. To say "ach!" correctly you need generations of Scots blood behind you and you must have been born with the peat-reek in your nostrils and the sight of the hills as the first thing ever you clapped your eyes on.

~ Ronald MacDonald Douglas (1889-1987)
Writer and Nationalist

Hard by, in the fields called the Leith Links, the citizens of Edinburgh divert themselves at a game called golf, in which they use a curious kind of bat, tipt with horn, and small elastic balls of leather, stuffed with feathers...

Of this diversion the Scots are so fond, that when the weather will permit, you may see a multitude of all ranks, from the senator of justice to the lowest tradesman, mingled together in their shirts, and following the balls with the utmost eagerness.

~Tobias Smollet, 1771

Touch his head, and he will bargain and argue with you to the last! Touch his heart, and he falls upon your breast.

~Andrew Carnegie

Assuredly we must cut our coat to suit our cloth – and the cloth is the tartan.

~Wendy Wood
(1892–1981), Scottish patriot and nationalist

Congratulations to GA Commish Joe Cash

Clan MacTavish Georgia Commissioner Joe Cash placed first in the 10k category for a "Tartan Trot" sponsored by the St. Luke Presbyterian Church of Dunwoody, GA.

Proceeds from this charitable event are used to support numerous charities including Habitat for Humanity International, the Thornwood Home for Children, and the Inter-faith Outreach Home. Way to go Joe!



Joe Cash

The annual General Meeting (AGM) for members of Clan MacTavish will be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2013 in conjunction with the 22nd Annual Columbus, Indiana Scottish Festival (9/14 & 15).

We are very pleased to announce that Clan MacTavish has been selected as the Honored Clan at this year's festival. We will have extra room in the tents!

We hope you can come!

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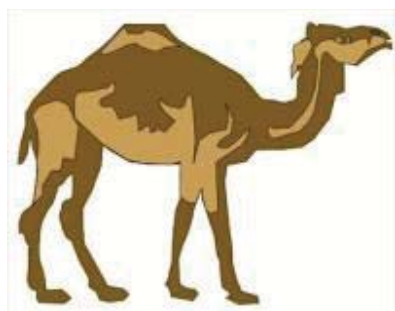
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Flowers of the Forest

Clan Sinclair is saddened to learn of the death of **Lt.Col. Sean M. Judge, PhD**, son of our member, ary (Sayrs) Conant.

He was born on September 28, 1971 in Methuen, Massachusetts and passed away on July 14, 2012 in Dublin, Ohio. Since the young age of six, Sean knew that he wanted to serve his country in the United States Air Force as a pilot, and that he wanted to study Military History.

He accomplished all this and so much more. After high school graduation in 1989, Sean received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Subsequently, he was named a distinguished graduate of the Academy, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering in June, 1993.

He entered pilot training in Columbus, Mississippi, receiving his Wings of Silver in 1994. He then went on to train as a C-130 pilot, and, over his career, obtained the status of Command Pilot, signifying he had accumulated more than 3000 flight hours.

During his distinguished career, he served in both the Bosnian conflict and Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as multiple international and domestic deployments. Sean was then chosen by his superiors to attend the United States Air Command and Staff College, where he obtained a Master's Degree in Military History 2007.

He again was selected by his leadership to attend the United States Air University School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, where he obtained a 2nd Master's Degree in a Master of Air Power Art and Science 2008. In 2007, he received the Dean's Research Award, and in 2008 he received the school's highest award for his work on "Who has the Puck? Strategic Initiative in Modern Conventional War."

Sean was then afforded the opportunity to attend Ohio State Congratulations to Joe Cash

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It was during this period that Col. Judge's research in military



strategy and tactics had direct impact on the operational and tactical performance of combat units supporting the battle space.

Sean is sadly missed by all of his family and friends, and the world has lost a brilliant and devoted man; a father, scholar, and a patriot who served his country with honor and dignity.

The Clan Sutherland Society announces that their member number L92, **Shirley Grubb Sutherland** has passed away recently.

If you would like your loved one published in this section of BNFT, simply send the information to bethscribble@aol.com
There is absolutely no charge at all.

If you do not find your clan ad in this publication, please contact Beth at bethscribble@aol.com
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If you would like to see The Clan Home Society newsletter, The Home Works latest issue, visit <http://www.electricscotland.org/forumdisplay.php/114-Home-Clan>



Clan Elliot Society, USA

Any person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot in any of its various spellings, including the spouse or descendant of such person, or any person who would like to be a friend of the Elliot Clan is welcome to join the group.

Please contact the treasurer for a membership form or visit <http://www.elliotclanusa.com/> for a form.

The Clan Elliot Society, USA
Treasurer is: **Patricia Tennyson Bell**,
2288 Casa Grande Street, Pasadena,
CA 91104.

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24th Chief of Clan Gregor
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For membership contact:
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Visit the Clan Macfie FaceBook page

Glen Cathey has recently put up
The Official Clan Macfie FaceBook page
and it is ready for you to join and participate.
You can see some Youtube of the Clan Parliament at
Nethybridge. This is the link: [http://www.facebook.com/pages/
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Clan Crawford Association

Incorporated to serve our members worldwide to preserve our legacy. Our Associates can assist you with surname related activities including events, DNA genealogy, heraldry, surname history and more.

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Old Macdonald had a farm, *continued from page 3*

To digress some, in my days of haunting horse show venues, some of the competitions had both English and Western competitions.

In the Pleasure Class, there would be both English and Western riders competing.

Everyone would always grin and maybe even laugh out loud when the ring announcer would announce instructions to the entire class...and he would say, "Class, please Canta-loupe!! Thus combining the English "Canter" and the Western "Lope."

Anyway, you have to have lots of sunshine for these Grow-Pots to work. Our house is completely surrounded by woods with our driveway and parking pad in front of the house.

There is a nice strip of all-day sunshine down the side of the house...and that is grass.

Last year, I did try for a tomato upside down planter...and grass grew where I could not trim it about a foot high. Don't want grass growing up between all the pots - and after thinking a lot about this, decided to put down a heavy tarpaulin over the grass and then put the Grow-Pots on the tarp. No weeds. No burned plants.

I wanted to put the pots on the blacktop parking pad, but thought how hot that would be in the summer...and if I did that, would have completely roasted veggies just off the plants!

My herbs are all coming up now. I did not realize that most of them came back after the winter...but they do. Those, I just incorporate into my green "ruffle" of ferns and plants that go all across the front of the house.

My "Master Plan" is to order ten more Grow-Pots this year and ten more next year.

I will be a for-sure farmer when I have 30 grow pots of wonderful fresh goodies.

I have deliberately left out the deer who live all around here. I'm sure they won't bother my plants. Hope not anyway.



April 6 is Tartan Day!

*Tartan Day is a day
recognized in the United States
(and many other countries, as well)
in honor of the many contributions
to our culture and society by
Scottish immigrants and
those of Scottish heritage.*

*The Scottish Tartans Museum
will celebrate Tartan Day by offering*

FREE ADMISSION

to all our guests on

Saturday, April 6th.

*Come by, find your tartan,
and learn a bit more
about your clan heritage.*

Clan Forrester

Society

Come - Join the Forresters!

Membership is available for all spelling variations of Forrester: Forrester, Forester, Forrister, Forister, Forest, Forrest, Foster, Carstarphen, etc.

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A unique opportunity to buy Lickleyhead Castle



Sebastian and Candy Leslie of Warthill have put their Lickleyhead Castle up for sale. Some members of Clan Leslie were fortunate enough to stay at Lickleyhead during the Battle of Harlaw Commemoration and the dedication of the new Leslie's Cross.

Lickleyhead Castle is an L-plan tower house in Aberdeenshire, about a half-mile south-east of the village of Auchleven. Originally built about 1560, and later owned by John Forbes family that did some modernization in the 1600s. Eventually, it came into the possession of the Arbuthnot-Leslie family.

Today, the former Great Hall has been divided to form a drawing room with a huge fireplace and a wood-paneled dining room that will seat 14. The castle now has seven bedrooms, many with ensuite bathrooms which are located in the turrets.

The castle and approximately 30 acres of land are for sale at offers starting at 1,340,000 Pounds or approximately \$2,133,000 US. The real estate agent is Knight Frank at www.knightfrank.com

With thanks to the Clan Leslie Society International newsletter, Grip Fast.



Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2012

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

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

www.elliotclan.com

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

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

Email: dublincolleen@sbcglobal.net or write

Patricia Tennyson Bell, Treasurer/Membership Chair
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Ellis Island Immigration Information helps

Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian Ft. Myers-Lee County (FL) Library

Ellis Island immigration records contain information for over 22 million immigrants who arrived during the peak years of operation between 1892-1924. The Ellis Island Immigration Reception Center, located about a mile off the southwest tip of Manhattan, replaced the Castle Garden processing center that was located at the current site of Battery Park in lower-Manhattan.

By 1891, the federal government under the authority of the United States Bureau of Immigration transferred all functions to the new Ellis Island facility which served as a combination detention and deportation center. Political pressures had been rising in the mid to late 1880's to stem the flow of immigrants coming from southern and Eastern Europe. This was accomplished by making the entry process much more difficult for new arrivals. Those who could not pass the stiffer requirements were deported.

Ellis Island remained an immigrant receiving station until World War I, when the federal government began to enact new laws to tighten the immigration laws even more. Many of these new laws were in response to the climate that existed in Europe in the wake of World War I and its aftermath.

After the 1924 Immigration Act was passed and adopted into law, the number of immigrants passing through Ellis Island dropped dramatically.

The center was closed in November 1954.

In 1990, Ellis Island was reopened as a museum. Today, the American Family Immigration History Center is located in the Ellis Island Immigration Museum and on the Internet at <http://www.ellisland.org>. This website offers on the Internet at <http://www.ellisland.org>. This website offers researchers an extensive database on the 22 million immigrants who entered the United States through Ellis Island between the years of 1892-1924. Information on each individual

was written down in ships' passenger lists, known as manifests. These manifests were used to examine immigrants at the time of their arrival at the Ellis Island Immigration Center.

The passenger record archives will enable you to search for the following information:

1. Passenger records showing the passenger name, date of arrival, ship they arrived on, age given on arrival, and other miscellaneous details that the clerk may have noted.

2. Original copies of the ship manifest showing passenger names and other information that was given when they boarded the ship.

3. Ship information, often with a picture or sketch, giving the history and background of the ship.

4. The Community Archive is a growing collection of annotations to the passenger records, which may provide supplemental information on a passenger's background and life in the United States after their arrival with this information provided by sustaining members of the the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Foundation.



Clan MacCord Society

Invites for membership all spelling variations and descendants of McCord (a)(e)(y).

Also McCourt, McChord, McCoard, Cord(e), McCart, McCort, Cort(e)(s) and Flynn, McFettridge and Kane.

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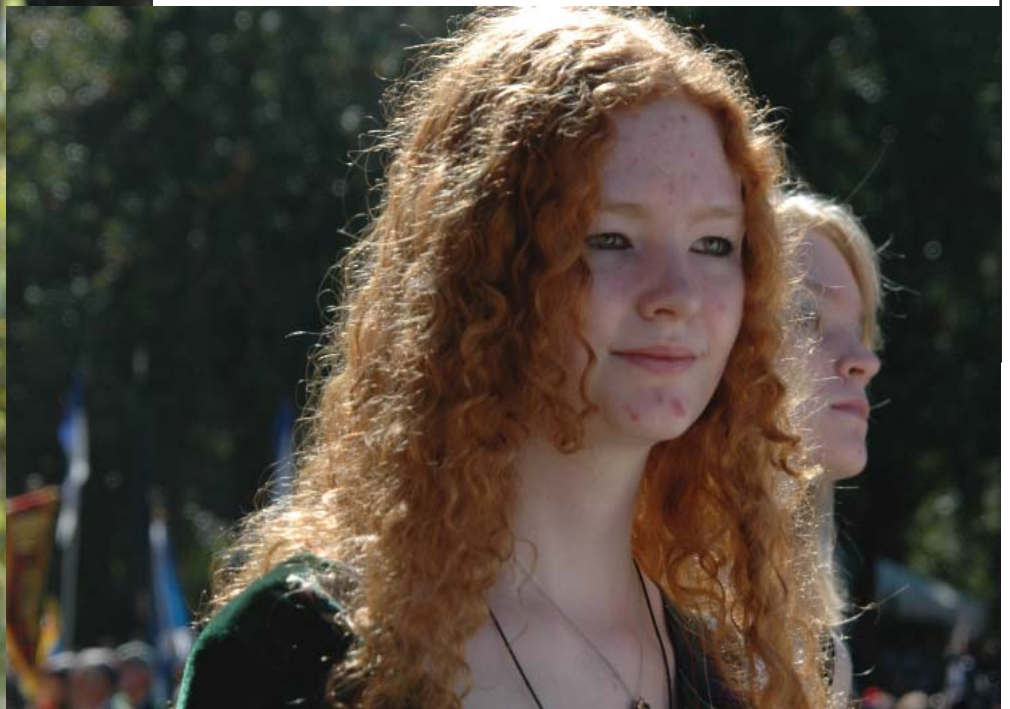
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Some of last year's Stone Mountain Photos





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If you see the Clan Keith Society USA, Inc. tent at a Highland Games anywhere...be sure and come by to visit.

Alice M. Hattenbrun, Secretary
The Clan Keith Society, USA, Inc.

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Flowers of the Forest

Forgive please that this is late due to our difficulties with the Adobe folks. Please let me know if we have not honored someone during this long time we were "down."

Betsy R. McLean, is writing to let everyone know that **Patricia Jean Mills McLean** passed away on December 30, 2012. She writes, "My Mother was NC Deputy Convener for Clan Gillean USA (Clan Maclean). She was known for her sweet disposition, her sweet smile, her ability to make everyone feel included and her cooking and her crafting expertise.

Mom's abilities helped Clan Maclean amass many Best Tent trophies, and her shortbread monopolized the winnings at Triad Highland Games for many years.

She was also the recipient of the 2008 Audrey

Peebles McLean Award as Clan Gillean USA Clanswoman of the Year. She will be missed, but her antics will keep us laughing forever.

We hope you will think of us as you remember Patricia's life and all that she meant to each of us.

Mrs. McLean's daughter, Betsy, is the North Carolina Convener for Clan Gillean USA.

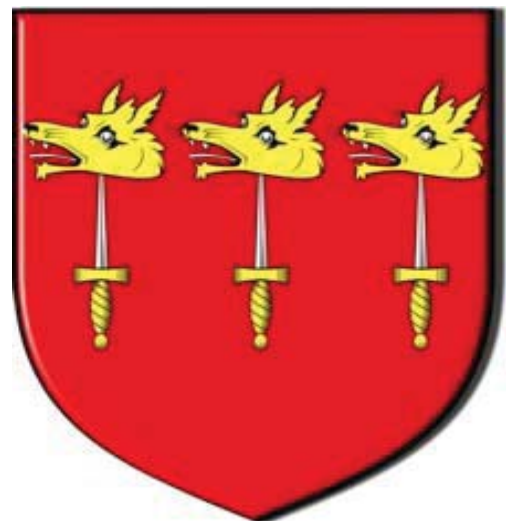


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This striking map, commissioned by and produced exclusively for us, measures a large 24 x 24 inches, and is suitable either for framing or laminating for use at the clan tent. The map is bordered by a multi-colored Celtic knot pattern. Your copy will not have the watermark on it. It will be shipped rolled, in a sturdy tube. You can order directly from Vicki. The price is \$39.95, plus \$3.00 shipping in the US, \$8.50 out of the country. Enjoy! Renny and Vicki McLeod

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