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The Clan Blair Society to embrace 21st century technology as a method for their 2013 AGM

The Clan Blair Society Board has decided to embrace the 21st century and deploy technology as a method to conduct the 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for Saturday Sept. 14.

This year's AGM will be held utilizing web-event technology in a manner that will enable all members with an internet connection to participate.

Based upon results from a membership survey conducted via Survey Monkey, the majority of respondents (25% of the membership) supported the Cyber-AGM.

You have told us that the following subjects are of interest for the first-ever cybermeeting.

All the details need attention, but our thoughts are: 1. Clan Blair History – stories about our past.

2. Scottish History – Utah Commissioner Witt Young will present “the Battle of Bannockburn” which includes a video diorama and dis-

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cussion about this famous battle of 1314.

3. Presentation on formal and informal Scottish attire.

4. Report on the Clan Blair Society annual business meeting. The cyber-meeting will be 2 hours in length with short breaks between sessions. The meeting will be recorded for member access after the formal sessions.

More information will be forthcoming in quarterly newsletters. Please forward questions to Jim Blair at president@clanblair.org.

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Here are the latest listings of upcoming genealogy programs scheduled for Fort Myers-Lee County Library. All programs are free and open to the public.

Advance Registration is required. Registration is required due to limited seating capacity. Patrons may register for the classes using one of the following methods:

- 1. Telephone: Call 479-4636 and select the option for registering for programs.
- 2. Telephone: Call Bryan I. Mulcahy at 533-4626 and leave your contact information.
- 3. E-Mail: Contact Bryan L. Mulcahy at bmulcahy@leegov.com.

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National Archives Database Research

Saturday, May 18, 2013
Speaker: Joan Capobianco
Time: 9:30am-1:00pm
Program One

Navigating the National Archives Databases and Locations: Genealogists are aware of the voluminous materials that held by NARA. The issue is - where are they and how do you find them? This seminar will cover the following:

- 1. How to navigate the NARA website without consulting a rocket scientist.
- 2. The types of records that NARA has and where to locate them.
- 3. How to obtain records without traveling to the repositories.
- 4. Free publications and downloads from NARA.
- 5. How to get assistance from NARA.
- 6. What is needed to have a successful trip to NARA.

Program Two

NARA and Social Media: This session will discuss where to find valuable information on the following:

- 1. Exhibits that NARA announces on Twitter.
- 2. Seminars and Podcasts from NARA on YouTube.
- 3. Social Media pages and links to articles, exhibits, and updates on collections at NARA.
- 4. How to file document requests relating to FOIA, Homeland Security, and privacy acts.

Part Two

Saturday, June 8, 2013
Beginning Genealogy
Speakers: Carolyn Ford – Lee County Genealogical Society
Bryan L. Mulcahy – Fort Myers-Lee County Library
Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

This one day seminar will focus on the basics of genealogical research. Patrons are encouraged to bring information already collected about their family history, including any family group sheets and/or pedigree charts.

Long Distance Genealogical Research

Saturday, July 6, 2013
Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy – Fort Myers-Lee County Library
Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

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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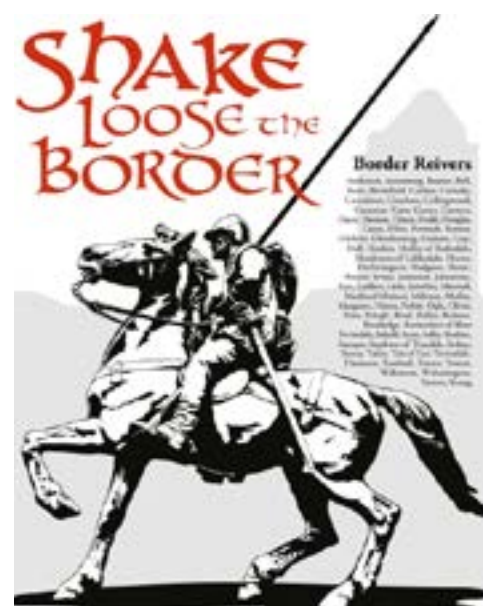
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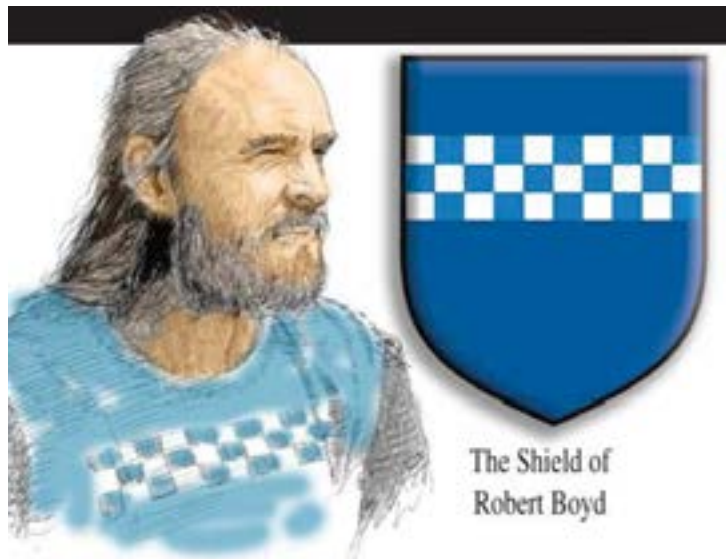
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Scotland County Highland Games set for October 5, 2013

Stop press: 2013 Guest Piping Recitalist/Judge will be Mr. Bruce Gandy - a not to be missed concert event by another Gold Medalist, composer, and instructor in a hopeful repeat of what was one of our most successful "additional" events last year!

Stop press: 2nd Annual Whisky Tasting - enjoy gourmet food pairings with rare and notable single malt whiskies - one of last year's NEW events that was a huge success! Spaces will be limited, but the price will be right for a grand event to delight the taste buds of even the most discriminating palates!

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Important things you need to know before you go to GMHG the weekend of July 13

Sir Malcolm Colquhoun, Chief of the Colquhouns, will be a Distinguished Guest at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games near Linville, NC the weekend of July 13th, 2013.

The GMHG (www.gmhg.org) are held about ½ mile up the mountain in MacRae Meadow off US 221. The general public attending the games are required to park in various designated locations and be shuttled up to MacRae Meadow usually on a bus.

The closest public parking is in Linville at US 221 and Hwy 105. Here is what the games published on their website for last year:

Shuttle Bus Information

Round-trip tickets on the shuttle bus from Boone are \$10.00 per person. The Shuttle buses run from Caldwell Community College Parking lot in Boone to MacRae Meadows and back. Boone shuttle service is available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the games during the day events only. Security is provided at the Parking lot.

If you purchase a 4-day advance ticket the round-trip shuttle bus ride is free all 3 days from Caldwell Community College Parking lot in Boone and from the Avery County High School (Friday and Saturday) and the Linville Lot (Saturday and Sunday).

No Shuttle bus services for the night events. Those riding the shuttle buses to the day events must shuttle off the mountain by 5:00 pm and drive back to the mountain. The night events are general public parking.

Round-trip tickets on the shuttle bus from Linville

lot are \$5.00 roundtrip, \$3.00 one-way. (Saturday and Sunday)

Round-trip tickets on the shuttle bus from the paved parking lots at Avery County High School (Friday and Saturday) are \$5.00.

There is RV and primitive tent camping available at MacRae Meadow. If you were to use an RV you should count on getting there by Wednesday or Thursday and staying until at least Monday.

The best (and flattest) tent spots go quickly and it is quite crowded by Friday and Saturday nights. There is also a fine state campground on the Parkway (Julian Price) in between Blowing Rock and the exit for Grandfather Mountain.

There are several small towns surrounding GMHG to stay at.

The Sugar Mountain/Beech Mountain/Banner Elk area is a ski resort during the winter. Traffic can be heavy on Hwy 105 going to the games leaving from this area, so be sure to leave early.

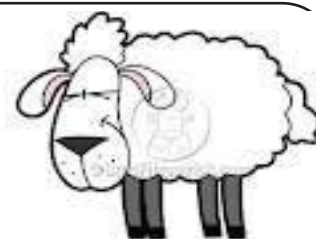
Boone is a larger town past this area. Last week there was a reasonable rate at the InnPlace in Boone on the Hotels.com website. It's not far from the Caldwell Community College parking mentioned above.

Blowing Rock is a smaller town south of Boone. It's possible to reach GMHG using the Blue Ridge Parkway from Boone or Blowing Rock. You would actually pass the games entrance on Hwy 221, go down the mountain, park, and ride the shuttle back up.

There is no general handicap parking at GMHG.



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POPE FRANCIS' PAPAL COAT OF ARMS AND RING WILL BE SIMPLE

By DANIELA PETROFF 03/18/13

The Huffington Post

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis is mixing his Argentine past with his Roman present to create his new papal coat of arms, while harking back to a pope associated with the Second Vatican Council for the simple ring that he will receive during Tuesday's installation Mass.

The Vatican on Monday released details of the symbols of Francis' pontificate, which in its inaugural days has been marked by his preference for simplicity and aversion to Holy See splendor.

The new pope chose to keep the same coat of arms he had as archbishop of Buenos Aires, and picked the simplest ring out of several models offered him. It is fashioned in gold-plated silver and was once a gift to Pope Paul VI, who presided over the second half of Vatican II, the meetings that modernized the church.

The coat of arms has a necessary addition – the papal symbols surrounding it: a gilded miter, and crossed gold and silver keys.

The shield itself, in very simple almost modern heraldry, depicts a star, a grape-like plant, and a monogram of Christ at the center of a fiery sun. The symbols represent the three members of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In religious writing, Mary is often referred to as a "star," while St. Joseph is often depicted holding a nard, a Middle Eastern plant. The monogram is the symbol of Francis' Jesuit order.

His motto suggests even more about the root of Francis' message: "Miserando atque eligendo," Latin for "Having had mercy, he called him," comes from an episode in the Gospel where Christ picks a seemingly unworthy person to follow him.

Francis has stressed the importance of mercy, saying that often people are unforgiving with one another, but that God is all-merciful. "And very patient," he ad-libbed from the window of his studio during his first Angelus prayer Sunday.

In a written explanation of the coat of arms, motto and ring, the Vatican said that the inspiration for the motto stems from the calling Jorge Bergoglio heard at



the age of 17, when "he experienced the presence of the love of God in a very special way," and decided to join the Jesuit order.

Francis's official ring will look like gold, but in fact is only gold plated.

Known as the fisherman's ring from the apostle Peter, who was a fisherman and the first pope, Francis's version depicts St. Peter holding the keys of the Holy See. Each pope picks his own ring, which will be destroyed at the end of his papacy.

According to Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi, the ring was one of several offered to Francis. Fashioned in the 1960s by Italian goldsmith Enrico Manfrini, it was offered to Paul VI through his private secretary. Lombardi said it is not known if the pope ever used it.

Paul VI presided over the second half of Vatican II, the 1962-65 meetings that paved the way for the liturgy to be celebrated in the vernacular rather than Latin and revolutionized the church's relations with Jews.

With many thanks to The Huffington Post on the Internet and also thanks to The American College of Heraldry.

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7 ft. x 9 ft. tent panel created by Heraldic Artist, Tom Freeman, for the 2009 Gathering in Edinburgh.

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The Clan Shaw Society announces their honors for 2012. Congratulations to all!

The officers and trustees of the Clan Shaw Society named the following persons as being honored in 2012 for their most outstanding services to the organization.

The Clansman of the Year designation was given to the society's genealogist, Roberta Shaw-Reeves and the newsletter mailers, Jim and Ann Samsel.

All of these honorees are in their first year in their respective roles. We congratulate them for their commendable work.

This year, no one was named to the Order of the Dagger, which is given to persons previously named Clansmen of the Year who have continued to serve the society well for an additional five years.

Nominations to the Order of the Dirk go to members who have previously been named Clansmen of the Year, who have been named to the Order of the Dagger, and who have subsequently continued to serve the organization well for at least another five years.

Selected for Order of the Dirk is Michael Shaw, Convener for Iowa.

Our newest and highest-level award is naming to the Order of the Claymore.

This honor is reserved for persons who have already been named Clansman of the Year and who have also been named to the Order of the Dagger and the Order of the Dirk and who have continued to serve the society well for yet another five years or more.

The 202, this honor goes to Nancy Foxworthy, long-time Convener for Indiana and other parts. Nancy Foxworthy was also recently made a member of the Clan Shaw Society's Board of Trustees.



All of the honorees have proven themselves to be staunch supporters of our clan and the Clan Shaw Society. Their efforts contribute much to the success of our organization.

We thank them and congratulate them on their excellent work for the Clan Shaw Society and on their being honored.

We thank them and congratulate them on their excellent work for Clan Shaw and on their being honored. We are fortunate to have persons such as these among us and who come forward to make Clan Shaw an ever-improving organization.

We look forward to a bright future in all of their respective areas of responsibilities.

Flowers of the Forest

September 12, 1944 - August 16, 2012. **Virgil Cline Liner**. Virgil Liner, 67, formerly of Charlotte, NC went home to be with Jesus at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Wilmington, NC.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Padgett-Liner; son, Stephen Liner; daughter, Janine Dennis; brother, Alfred L. Liner and wife, Sylvia; sister, Linda Meador and husband, Ron; niece, Lisa Wilson and husband, Greg; nephew, Matthew C. Liner; grandchildren, Tessa Liner, Ashley Ringwig, Marshall Watson, Elizabeth Dennis, Hannah Marshall, Harris Hord, Jon Padgett, and Chris Padgett; step-children, Robin Marshall and husband, Richard, Kim Hord and husband, Allen and Randy Padgett and wife, Kim; great grandchildren, Sarah Watson, Jason Gabriel, and Adora Ringwig.

Virgil served in the Navy for six years beginning August 21, 1963. He was an active life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge and a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shrine. He was a life member of the Loch Norman Highland Games Society in Charlotte, NC; founding member of the Catawba Valley Scottish Society, retired NC State Commissioner of Clan Campbell Society, and a Life Member of the OL049 Scottish American Military Society.

The family received friends on Monday evening, August 20, 2012, at Hankins and Whittington Funeral Service. Funeral service for Mr. Liner was held Tues-

day, August 21, 2012 at Twelve o'clock noon in the chapel of Hankins and Whittington. Interment followed the service in Evergreen Cemetery.



The Shield of
Thomas Randolph
as Earl of Moray



Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward's army.

Find out more about the epic story at....

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Graham Harris Graham awarded a place in the SVT appeal 2014 calendar! *Glasgow native to exhibit his photographs in the USA all during 2013*

Our January winner for the STV Appeal 2014 Calendar has a sense of a bold step forward into the New Year. And who bolder than David Stirling, the founder of the SAS, whose memorial statue, designed in bronze by Angela Conner, is featured here.

As it turned out, our winner, Graham Harris Graham, took the unusual view from behind partly to get exactly that sense of striding forward into a new dawn. The statue was erected as recently as 2002 on the Stirling family's old estate of Keir (now owned by Mahdi Al Tajir, the UAE businessman who owns Highland Spring bottled water and 15,000 acres of Perthshire).

But to get that sense of dynamism, Graham Harris had to lie down in the snow surrounding the statue's plinth to get the camera position he wanted. It makes the statue look even larger than the life-size it is (Stirling was 6'6" anyway) and it also eliminates a lot of not terribly interesting foreground, leaving the unobstructed view to the hills in the west just catching the morning light.

"I wanted to do him justice" Graham Harris explains, and he wasn't finished yet. On an exposure of just over a second, he set off four flashes which enabled him to capture all that frosty detail on the bronze. You can almost feel the biting cold in the early morning. Somehow, those extremes seem all of a piece with Stirling's own larger-than-life life story, even though many of his most famous exploits, with the Long Range Desert group in the early 1940s, took place in the burning heat of the deserts of Libya and Egypt.

Graham Harris is a latecomer to photography. Originally from Glasgow, where he trained as an engineer, he has worked all over the world as a manufacturing

specialist. If you've ever seen those big white bags that Jewson or B&Q use to deliver aggregates – gravel, sand and so on – it's likely that Graham Harris had a hand in producing them in his most recent job in Turkey. He delivered 12million of them.

At the age of 47, he's stopped all that now. At the behest of his US-born wife, he bought two large format photographs in an art dealership in Las Vegas in 2005 and found himself thinking "How hard could it be?" He describes it as a "Damascene" moment. He changed his life around, gave up the manufacturing, came back to Scotland, bought a house just outside Perth, bought some camera equipment and set about it building up a portfolio. "I have about 70 images I am proud to stand in front of now" he says on the phone from Tennessee, where he is currently preparing for a series of juried arts shows across the US.

But he adds: "I am blessed to have been born in Scotland. I have been all the way round the world and there is nowhere that is a lovelier little spot".

Graham and the other winners, including those who are yet to be discovered, will be able to enjoy a day-out at STV studios later this year, as well as the satisfaction of knowing that they have made a contribution to the STV Appeal 2014.

Rob Woodward, the chief executive of STV and chair of the judging panel added: "We have been greatly impressed with the standard of entries for the photography competition so far and expect the final result to be an amazing calendar which will help to raise money for the STV Appeal and celebrate Scotland's natural beauty

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Clan Bell International



This old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBI cordially invites membership inquires from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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Locating Ancestors on the Internet

Bryan Mulcahy

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, Cyn-di'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.

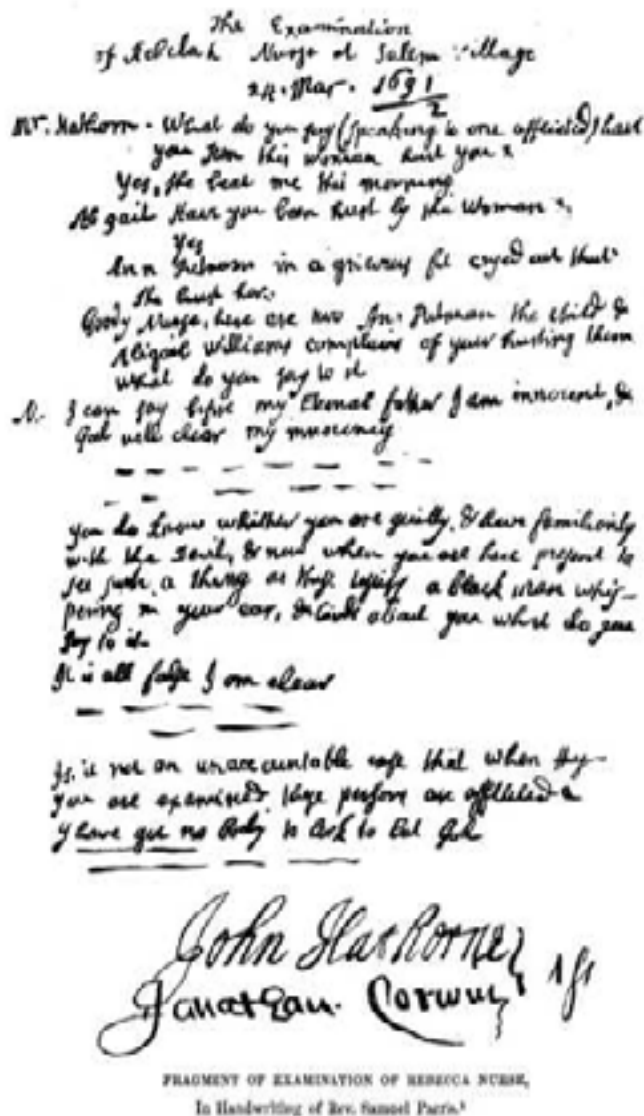
The dramatic increase in online resources has attracted many beginners to the field of genealogical research. Experienced genealogists have benefited because of new and improved research tools and faster communication.

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.

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Flowers of the Forest

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We are sad to hear from Christine Transue that **Ted Blaschke** passed away Saturday morning, April 13th.

Ted and Marilyn were founding members of the Atlanta Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society.

Ted taught Scottish country dancing for many years until his failing health began to take its toll.

There was a memorial service on Saturday, April 27th

The Blaschke's were members of the Atlanta St. Andrew Society.

If you would like to send Marilyn a card, her address is 2644 Lake Capri Drive, Conyers, Georgia 30012.

Sad news was received from Sandy Blair about her husband, **Tom Blair**: Tom passed away July 11, 2012.

Tom fought a 2 1/2 year battle with

Sadly, I want to give you the information that my husband, **Robert Alan Blair**, passed away on Nov. 24, 2012 at our local hospital in Napa, California of an Ischemic stroke.

He was always so proud of his Scottish Blair heritage. I know our children and grandchildren will carry it on. From his wife, Janet Blair.

William Henry Bigham, Sr. "Bill" MATTHEWS - William Henry Bigham, Sr., 68, of Matthews, NC, passed away peacefully early Thursday morning, August 30, 2012 at Presbyterian Hospital Matthews. Bill was the son of Lola Williamson Bigham and the late Henry Porter Bigham, Jr. After retiring from the US Postal Service, he found his passion in building log cabins for charitable organizations, especially One Special Christmas and the Rural Hill historic site. The family extends special thanks to the nurses and staff of Presbyterian Hospital Matthews who cared for Bill in his final days. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Sandra, and two sons Henry Bigham of Matthews and Scott Bigham of Chapel Hill. He is also survived by two brothers, Butch Bigham and his wife Gloria of Indian Trail and Jim Bigham and partner Cathy of Oak Island, a sister, Barbara Porter and her husband Vance of Stallings, three nephews, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Bill's family will be holding a private funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family re-

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Bet you did not know this about our own Civil War

One of the least known war memorials in Scotland is a monument in Edinburgh's Old Calton Cemetery to honor the six men from Edinburgh who fought for the Union Army in the American Civil War.

Presided over by a life-sized bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln it was the first memorial to Lincoln anywhere in Europe, funded by Andrew Carnegie.

Local historians hope that the release of the film "Lincoln" in Scotland might spark interest in the memorial's restoration.

Honoring the Irish Brigade for service in Civil War

Observances of the 150th anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburg on 13 December 1862 included a special commemoration of the sacrifice of the Irish Brigade.

The Irish Brigade was ordered into an uphill frontal assault against Confederate forces dug in behind a stone wall. The brigade was cut to shreds in minutes.

The defenders were themselves ironically a largely Irish unit from Georgia. *(next column up)*

Legend has it that when the smoke cleared the Confederate Irish rose in the best Gaelic tradition to sound a "har-roo!" in salute of their fallen, but valiant foes.

Of some 1600 men of the men of the Irish Brigade who marched into battle, only 263 answered the roll call the following morning.

The commemoration rededicating the Irish Brigade monument included descendants, historians, representatives of the Irish Government, an honor guard from the Irish Defense Force and 75 active-duty soldiers from the 69th Infantry, descendant unit of the 69th New York Regiment which was one of the key units in the Irish Brigade.

Perhaps the best tribute was offered a few weeks after the battle by a heartbroken survivor: "Could the spirits of its honored and immortal dead, whose rude graves spot the soil of Virginia and Maryland, but have the privilege or power to look down upon the future of this Republic, they can now tell whether or not the cause for which they have offered up their lives is to perish."

Did you know that there is a tartan for the *Brave* movie?

Did you know that the Disney Pixar folks did create a tartan to clothe the characters in their animated film *Brave*?

The DunBroch tartan has a blue background for the sea, and green for the Highland hills, while there are lines of navy blue which represent the "forging" of the clans within the DunBroch kingdom, plus a touch of gray "for the inner soul of the Scottish people."

In the tartan is scarlet for blood and family heritage and maybe for Princess Merida's flaming red hair.

Cornwall Heritage Center

There are plans for a Cornwall Heritage Center to be built in Redruth. The Cornwall Council has submitted a proposal for 9.8 million pounds in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

If built, the Kresen Kernow would be a museum and repository for Cornish manuscripts, photographs and maps..

Steve and Lynn Barr go on search for Harry Potter and company... in Greyfriars Church Cemetery

Steve Barr writes, “OK, so why would I include a shot from a cemetery in my Scotland trip photographs?”

Lynn Barr writes, “Because it is so cool! We spent a good hour wandering through here. We went because we had heard that JK Rowling had gotten the names for the characters in her Harry Potter series books from here.”

The Clan MacTavish couple found that she did, as they found graves that included Potters, Tom Riddle, Moodie, Bartleman and more. We even found a Moneypenny for the James Bond fans!

The couple also found a mort safe, which is an iron grate locked down over a grave to prevent grave robbing.

They found lots and lot of interesting carvings and symbols, a Ste-



venson (clan relation perhaps?), famous architects and surgeons, skulls and crossbones, and etc.

The Barrs then went up the street and had dinner in The Elephant House, which claims to be the birthplace of Harry Potter (since Ms. Rowling started writing the books in The Elephant House). It also has a magnificent view of Edinburgh Castle.

Even for those who haven't read or don't like Harry Potter, it is a really cool place to wander around, and is a very quiet place in the noise of the city. The entrance is right behind the Greyfriar's "Bobby" statue.

Note- There is a touching tribute to dog-man loyalty next to the Greyfriars Pub.

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The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the state of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from U.S. federal income tax.

On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left on this page. Our motto "SEMPER INVICTUS" can be translated as "Always Unconquered".

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through the creative skills of our viewers. Everyone that enters is playing their part in raising awareness for this truly worthy cause, helping children and young people in Scotland affected by poverty."

Graham Harris Graham photographs on exhibit in Tallahassee, Florida

Perth, Scotland – Arresting photographs taken by award winning photographer Graham Harris Graham are the subject of a series of exhibitions taking place across the continental USA beginning in Tallahassee, Florida in April 2013.

His photographs cover the naturally distinctive landscape of the Scottish highlands as well as the unique cultural & built heritage that define the look & feel of this small country on the

geographic fringe of Western Europe.

His first exhibition is organised by the LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts which this year presents the 13th Annual Chain of Parks Art Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 – 21, 2013 from 10 am to 5 pm in Tallahassee's downtown Chain of Parks.

Born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland, Graham studied both arts & sciences at school. After several years in the corporate world however, he turned to his true passion: photography. After multiple print publications & the recognition by brands such as Epson, National Geographic and Kew Gardens, he knew he had to continue.

Graham and his American wife Lora split their year between Perthshire, Scotland and East Tennessee.

To see wonderful photography of Scotland and for more information about Graham's work go to: <http://www.ghgraham.com/>



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Spring in our own North Carolina



A Highlander and His Books

Burns Chronicle & Club Directory

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The vast majority of our 70,000+ subscribers are not members of a local Burns Club and may be unaware of an important publication aptly named *The Burns Chronicle*. Allow me to introduce you to it.

I have enjoyed collecting these journals via eBay, from old Scottish bookshops, and have even received several volumes from Burnsian friends such as Thomas Keith of New York City and, most recently, Dr. Ross Roy of the University of South Carolina.

It is fascinating to read and study these journals that now total 46 volumes in my wee Burns library.

Just today I ordered nine additional ones from an ad in the *Burns Chronicle* by the Derby Scottish Association and Burns Club, England.

We all remember Derby as the “roundabout” who sent the Jacobite Army hurrying back to Scotland with a sulking Bonnie Prince Charlie being just a little over a hundred miles from his perceived life-long destiny - London - to recapture the throne of England for his father.

The Robert Burns World Federation Limited recently made available the first nine volumes (1892 - 1900) of the chronicle. No publication, in my opinion, defines a club's history as well as this annual journal, published since 1892. I have seen it referenced many times in books, articles, pamphlets, speeches and dissertations. Yes, blue collars and scholars alike, once they discover the journal, find it hard to let go.

In a break from reviewing a current published book, it is my pleasure to review the first chronicle dated 25 January 1892. For those of you unaware of that date, it is the day and month of Robert Burns' birthday that is celebrated around the world with good food, good

drink, good fun and, sometimes, good speeches called “The Immortal Memory.”

The 1892 *Burns Chronicle* begins, naturally enough, with a “Brief Summary of the Life of Burns,” written evidently by the editor, one John Muir, and is followed by a “Summary of the Posthumous History of Burns”.

To me, the life of Burns was more exciting than the thousands of books written about him, and it is no less true of these first two articles.

I feel that many great writers, like Hemingway for instance, led lives more interesting and complex than their books ever came close to capturing in print.

The same is true for Burns.

When you consider the one book he wrote, *Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, even though it can today bring \$60,000 for the Kilmarnock edition, it does not capture the total life experiences of the man who left us all too soon.

It is a wonderful book of poetry, particularly if you speak Scottish. And, even though it tells a lot about Burns, it certainly does not tell us all there is to know about this marvelous human being.

His poetry has all the marks of exceptional greatness that has stood the test of critical scrutiny since his birth in 1759. His poetry is beautiful, smooth, comforting, humorous, sarcastic, manly, tender, caring, loving, and frankly at times, hard to understand unless you have a Scottish dictionary. Yet, his writings in poetry and song exhibit a genius beyond his years.

In this writer's opinion, it is in his letters where one sees the total Burns. Here he takes us through the prose of his life, a life rocked continually with near poverty,

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very hard work, and the long-term sickness that finally caught up with him in Dumfries where he died as a 37-year-old man.

In his letters we find all of Burns, warts and all. Again, his life, like that of Hemingway, can be said to be one of constant emotions in conflict. His life was extremely hard but full of love, if not money.

Those who knew him best loved him most. Those who knew him least were very critical of him. That should tell you something. He loved his fellow man until they crossed a line. Then, with pen in hand, he could cut them to ribbons with wicked sarcasm.

Burns' love of books was second to none, yet he only wrote one volume. Robert Burns was a man's man. Yet, like most of us, he would turn most quickly from a position he advocated if he thought it would cost him his job and crush his family financially. Like any dirt farmer, he lived by the sweat of his brow.

Allow me to digress at this point. I like to use the phrase "dirt farmer" because my father, as a young married man, experienced some of the same hardships in his early years, as did Burns. I've heard that Dad lost what was called a "sixteen horse farm" back then when the Great Depression came along. Sounds very familiar to Burns and his own farming attempts in his part of Scotland.

My dad never went back to farming and neither did Burns. My dad pulled up stakes and moved from North Carolina to South Carolina for a new beginning. Burns did the same. Yet, Charlie Shaw carried with him over the years a stooped back from his early farming days even though he lived nearly twice as long as Burns.

It is difficult not to make comparisons when you reflect on the two men as to farming.

I had a "brief encounter of a close kind" with farming. During one summer, I worked on a farm in Horry County, SC that belonged to my beloved sister, Peggy, and her husband, Fred, a most honorable and loving man.

I very vividly recall putting in tobacco. I learned what to do around the barn to help out, and I learned to drive the "drag" behind the mule to bring tobacco from the field to the barn. I would "hand" tobacco, but I was never allowed to "string" tobacco, that took a special talent. The work was hard. Plowing cornfields with a mule and plow where the view is always the same is not all that exciting!

Farm life really makes you appreciate sundown but dread sunrise. The hours were long, but the home cooked meals were wonderful and the sweet bread we enjoyed in the afternoons instead of store bought cookies was a treat.

But I learned that there were too many things farmers could not control - crop failure, low prices, and all to often, too little rain, and every now and then, too much rain.

No wonder farmers go to church and pray at mealtime and before going to bed at night.

I did not learn all there is to know about farming or plowing, or crops or cows, or killing hogs for fresh pork, but I'll never forget the smile of joy on my mother's face after I was paid \$63 for my work at the end of that summer and when I handed it all to her to help with the bills at home.

It was the most money I had ever seen in my short lifetime. Like in the Burns home, money was scarce in those days. But I did learn as a lad of 13 and 14 enough to know that I would find another way to make a living!

Later, when my parents passed away three months apart in Mullins, SC, Fred and Peggy took me in to live in their home in North Charleston and, greater still, took me into their bosom. Yes, Fred had given up on farming, too!

Now, back to *The Burns Chronicle*. The first journal continues with an article on his influence on American literature, a brief memoir of "Bonnie Jean", the topography of Kilmarnock, interesting chapters on the portraits of Burns, his music, and a brief note on the Burns Federation, which proclaims the journal as "the only publication wholly devoted to the interest of Burns students", which no one can dispute.

As a side bar, I get a kick out of some of the 1893 advertisements that helped offset the journal costs. Oddly, there were none in the first edition, but in the second one there is an advertisement for H. Lauder & Co., "The Emporium" which proudly states, "Marriage and Mourning Orders Punctually Attended To". Then there is "The Best Edition of 'Burns Works' Offered Cheap" - not inexpensive or a good bargain or a good buy but "cheap".

Scots will be Scots! Even then the reputation of Burns was worldwide as "Poesie Di Robert Burns" is advertised with this explanation: "First attempted Translation

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The Burns Cottage in Scotland



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of Burns into Italian" by Signor Ulisse Ortensi.

Note the word "attempted" - hey, either it's in Italian or not.

There is Dr. Thompson, a dispensing chemist which is similar to our pharmacist, whose ad states, "Nervetone is a positive cure for all Nervous Affections, Nervous Exhaustion, Nervous Debility, Loss of Nerve and Brain Power, Hysteria, Loss of Memory, Sleeplessness, Paralysis," and the beat goes on, but ends by claiming all of the above and the other dozen maladies that I did not mention are "...permanently cured with Nervetone."

Send me a truckload! Yet my favorite one is from Shaw, Walker & Co. that unapologetically states that they were "Established to supply the public with Goods, *at the smallest possible profit.*" (Italics mine.) Yeah, right! And to think a Shaw said that!

I am very grateful to Peter Westwood, Editor of the *Burns Chronicle*, and the Burns Federation for making these nine volumes available.

Mr. Westwood is editor of *The Deltiology of Robert Burns*, a most unusual book about the life and work of Robert Burns as told through the media of illustrated postcards. He also edited *Jean Armour, My Life and Times with Robert Burns*. He is soon to publish the *Definitive Illustrated Companion to Robert Burns*, six volumes and over 4,000 pages, which many Burnsians look forward to buying.

I have only been a member of the Federation since February 2002 and attended my first local Burns Club meeting just three years ago for their Christmas outing.

Yet, I have quickly come to really enjoy the benefits

of membership in both. I wish I had known about the Burns Club and the Burns Federation much earlier, but one plays the hand life has dealt you.

The journal, which now comes out three times a year, is a welcomed arrival at my home.

If you are fortunate enough to have a local Burns Club, let me encourage you to join. Your life will take on an added dimension as you learn about Burns and enjoy the fellowship of some wonderful people.

The warmth of friendship is ever present and never surpassed.

No one enjoys his Burns Club membership more than I do. Susan and I look forward to our monthly meetings.

The programs are not just on Burns but are varied since my Burns Club bills itself as a literary club, not a Scottish or exclusive Burns Club. Nevertheless, it is the membership that makes a club worthwhile. Our local club members are exceptionally friendly and, trust me, they know their Burns.

Internationally, check out the Federation. Shirley Bell is a very talented Chief Executive, and Margaret Craig, Office Administrator, ably assists her. Ten minutes after you meet these two, you feel like you have known them forever. You do not have to be a member of a local Burns Club to join the Robert Burns World Federation. If you have any interest in joining, contact them at Robert Burns World Federation Limited, Dean Castle Country Park, Dower House, Kilmarnock KA3 1XB, Scotland. You may phone or fax the office at 011-44-1563- 572469. Email: robertburnsfederation@kilmarnock26.freemove.co.uk. (11-12-03)

quests donations in memoriam to the Rural Hill historic site, 4431 Neck Road, Huntersville, NC 28078. Online condolences may be left at www.mcewenmintchapel.com

We just got a call from **Jack Patrick's** good friend informing us of his passing. Jack had beat his long battle with cancer and was well enough to perform at our Games this year. When he got back to Scotland, they thought he had a stroke, but was diagnosed with a brain tumor. For those who didn't get a chance to meet and talk with him, he was a delightful, charming man who loved to sing. Whenever he was in the States, he would come by the office and at one point or another and no with prompting would break into song. I am so glad we got to have him perform at our Games this year, being from Glasgow, Scotland we always held a special place in his heart.

Maureen

From Rick Davis: It is with extremely heavy heart that I am sending this to you all. As some of you may know, my niece, **Jan Poole**, was diagnosed late last year with stage 3 lung cancer. While at work this past Monday, a coworker had to take her to the University of Miami emergency room. She was admitted for observation and sometime during the night, she got up to use the bathroom and passed out.

CPR was performed and they brought her back. It is unknown how long her brain was without oxygen. Right now, she is on total life support with no brain activity showing. It also turns out that her cancer had spread to her lymph nodes and she has 4 tumors on her brain. We are waiting for her brother to arrive from Colorado so he can see her. After many hours of discussion and tears, the family has decided to move her into a Hospice room today and after everyone has said their goodbyes, they will start removing her life support systems. I have asked Dave Chagnon to forward this to her Clan Davidson family.

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With thanks to Barbra Bartz

Aye, tis Spring in Scotland

