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## June 10 Third Annual International Heraldry Day worldwide

International Heraldry Day (IHD) focuses one day each year when heraldry in all its forms is celebrated worldwide. Regardless of jurisdiction, geographic area, customs, favored styles and favored period, the community focuses on wider joys of heraldry. The goal of the organizers is that eventually all heraldry enthusiasts will acknowledge the event in the years to come.

IHD is celebrated on June 10th yearly. A “grass roots” movement, started by Tomasz Steifer (Poland), a Fellow of the International Association of Amateur Heraldists (IAAH) (<http://amateurheralds.com/>) described the effort: “We propose that this international day of heraldry at 10 June. On that day, in the year 1128, in Rouen was knighted, by his future father in law, Henry I Beauclerc, Godfrey Plantagenet. Suspended during the ceremony on the neck of a young knight shield blue decorated six golden lions, is recognized by most of the heralds, for the first time in history, fully formed coat of arms.”

The inaugural year, the IAAH approached “brick and mortar” heraldry organizations with little response. In social media, a Facebook page was established (<https://www.facebook.com/celebrateheraldry/>).

Last year, the second annual celebration, saw a high level of participation in socialmedia. Several artists



produced graphic to celebrate the event. Several T-shirts were made available, including one which featured shields from many different countries.

This year’s organizers are currently requesting armigers to send their shield graphics and city/country locations to [celebrateheraldry@gmail.com](mailto:celebrateheraldry@gmail.com) for inclusion in this year’s shirt.

The administrators of the Facebook page (6 people representing the Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States of America) have begun the “push” in social media to advertise IHD and to garner participation of the wider heraldic community. They have sent e-mail to a variety of heraldic organizations asking them to advertise and support the event.

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**The National Day of Prayer is May 7**





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*North Uist, one of the many beautiful islands off the west coast of the Scottish Highlands. Photos were taken by Clan MacTavish's Mark and Carol Stephenson during their last visit to Scotland.*



Marti & Beth in Scotland a long time ago.

## A Letter from your editor

# The Cloutie Well and My Grandmother

Originally written for *Great Scots!*  
The Scottish Heritage Society  
of Southeast Georgia Newsletter.

My two brothers and I were raised by our Scottish grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald. It would be impossible for me to tell you the wonderful things and the Scottish ways we learned just by being with her, but here are just a few.

My Grandmother taught all three of us that our word was our bond. The only way we could not do something we had promised to do was to die. (Even then, when you felt yourself “slippin’” you had to notify the promisee that you couldn’t do something or another. Then, you had to die.) I was voted Most Dependable Girl in grammar school and ever since.

Grannie taught us that there was bad and there was good with absolutely nothing in between. When we wanted to do something of which she did not approve...the fateful words spoken were, “But, Gra’ma.” This was usually followed by a very warm sit down place.

She told all three of us to learn anything we ever had an opportunity to learn.

That’s how I know how to cook & bake, upholster furniture, decorate a cake, castrate a pony, grow flowers and vegetables, ride a horse, do fancy needlework, ride a bareback bronc, decorate a house or design a house, recite poetry, create publications on the computer, plan a huge parade, do calligraphy, paint oil pictures, obedience train a dog, etc., etc. Admittedly, there are many silly things...and some I could not live without.

In the rare times when one of my brothers would bring home a report card with an “A” inside, Grannie would say, “Well, if that don’t take the rag off the

bush.”

I’d ask her what that meant and she always would say it was “just something my grandmother used to say.”

Many years later, I had been given \$1000 with which to travel to Scotland by Ellice McDonald as I was the brand new editor of *By Sea By Land* – the national Clan Donald publication.

My oldest friend – from 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Marti Van Horne could get us free air fare as she was a Scots Travel Specialist and back then travel agents could do that. The \$1000 was then plenty for us to travel for a couple of weeks.

We had met Isabelle Mackenzie, a wonderful Scottish lady who was my friend from then until she passed away several years ago. She had told us of a place we simply must visit. It turned out to be the Munlochy Cloutie Well on the Black Isle.

We arrived and both of us started whispering. There was a pipe with crystal clear water flowing...and we both had a drink.

Mrs. Mackenzie had told us that this well was dedicated to St. Boniface and that once upon a time there had been a chapel nearby.

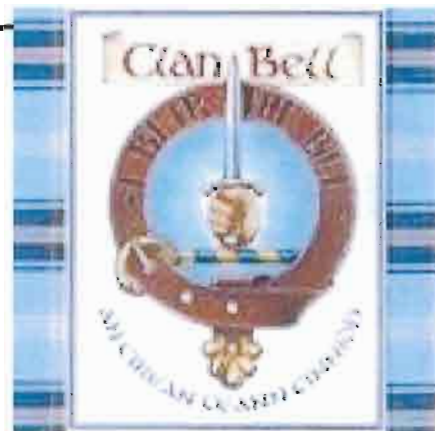
I experienced for the first time what I have come to expect anytime I am in Scotland...a sense of magic and mystery - that day, under the trees of that well. We had been told to make a wish and sacrifice a piece of cloth that had been wet in the well water.

We did. We both wished that we could return to Scotland again and again...and we sacrificed our wet

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# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, 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 were "encouraged" to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called "Redcloak" and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America 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.

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

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# Battered Remains of Medieval Knight Discovered in UK Cathedral

The skeleton of the medieval man, a possible knight, in his stone grave.

The battered remains of a medieval man uncovered at a famous cathedral hint that he may have been a Norman knight with a proclivity for jousting.

The man may have participated in a form of jousting called tourney, in which men rode atop their horses and attacked one another, in large groups, with blunted weapons.

Archaeologists uncovered the man's skeleton, along with about 2,500 others — including a person who had leprosy and a woman with a severed hand — buried at Hereford Cathedral in the United Kingdom. The cathedral was built in the 12th century and served as a place of worship and a burial ground in the following centuries, said Andy Boucher, a regional manager at Headland Archaeology, a commercial archaeology company that works with construction companies in the United Kingdom.

*With thanks to the AOL Flash Page.*



## 2015 Clan MacTavish Annual General Meeting set for October 16-18

### Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain

Clan MacTavish will hold its annual general meeting (AGM) in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games (just outside Atlanta, GA) during the weekend of October 16-18. The meeting will be held at the Stone Mountain Country Inn and Suite on Saturday. More details about the meeting will be posted in our July newsletter.

Details about the Stone Mountain Highland Games can be obtained at <http://www.smhg.org/index.html>



## It's true! No admission charges at Glasgow Cathedral! And, we helped!

Dear Friends, Thank you for signing the petition Stop Entry Charges at Glasgow Cathedral. In minutes of a meeting with the Minister and members of the Kirk Session of the Cathedral Historic Scotland recently wrote this: **"We have now put on hold indefinitely preparations for introducing admission charges at the Cathedral."** Public opinion expressed through both the online and paper petitions played a significant role in making the strength of the opposition to their proposal known. So raising funding by other means can go forward.

THANK YOU ALL! Mary Thomson



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



Chief Steven  
MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:  
*Cash, Kash, MacCamish, MacCash, MacCavish,  
MacComb, MacCombie, MacComich, MacComish,  
MacComie, Maccomie, MacCosh, MacLaws,  
MacElhose, MacLehose, MacTavish, McTavish,  
Mactavish, Mactavis, M'Tavish, MacThomas,  
Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish,  
Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson,  
Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant  
spellings.*

## We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: [clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com](mailto:clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com)



# What's happening at The Scottish Tartans Museum, Franklin, NC?

The Scottish Tartans Museum, in Franklin, NC, no longer has any employees. All of the work is done strictly by volunteers now.

We have had a very slow winter yet even though our days might have been gray and dreary, our hopes and dreams remained optimistic.

Thanks to a grant from the Town of Franklin we were able to begin construction on our Museum expansion. This has been a long time vision to reduce our gift shop and add more to our museum.

Most everyone that has visited us knows that the gift shop is upstairs and the museum downstairs.

Now we are beginning our tour upstairs with more of an early history timeline.

This addition will take up 3 new aisles upstairs and then finish downstairs. Walls and doors have gone up, merchandise rearranged many times, and there is excitement in the air as the changes are noticed by everyone who comes in.

Since our walls only go 8 feet and our ceilings are approximately 14 feet, we had an idea. Why not put tartan flags all around the walls? They will stand up in stands and fill the space between the wall and the ceiling.



## ATTENTION

### ALL CLANS AND DISTRICT FAMILIES

We decided to ask all the Clans if they would donate their clan tartan to us to be on display. There is no limit to how many tartans can be donated. We are only charging \$49.95 for the one yard of material and the pole, and that is our cost. This is an excellent opportunity.



*Tartan Day, April 6th was celebrated in our museum with free goodies for all those that visited our museum. Museum admissions were also free for the day.*

*Many thanks to volunteers Linda Morrow, Merrilee Bordeaux and granddaughter Lisa for all their help in baking goodies and delivering them as well to local merchants.*

We thank each of you in advance for your contribution to the ONLY Scottish Tartans Museum in the US.

Our goal is to always provide research for our visitors and help them find their tartan and their Scottish connection.

We also plan to continue to sell high quality Highland dress at non-profit prices. We are dedicated to making our customers happy so they will return again and again.

We are always thrilled to receive your donations, since there are no grants out there to provide us with operational costs and to purchase much needed inventory.

We have recently appointed Daniel Williamson our new Curator. Daniel is busy making new outfits for our new displays, categorizing our artifacts and making sure they are well preserved.

We are seeking a grant that will pay a museum curator, so that we may have him with us full time.

If you know of any source that we might research, please let us know at [tartans@scottishtartans.org](mailto:tartans@scottishtartans.org).

Last week, Daniel Williamson and Jim Akins, our board president were invited to be on a radio talk show

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# The Armstrong Clan Society

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

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

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

## Membership

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

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at  
[peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com](mailto:peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com)  
or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.  
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.



## Scottish Tartans Museum, *continued from page 7*

in Asheville, NC. The show, "Natures Edge" with Dale Stewart is broadcast from 1350 WZGM, an independent radio station. It is heard in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and even the panhandle of Florida. The one hour show was all about the museum, it's beginnings, it's purpose, it's location and why it is located in the mountains of North Carolina. For those interested in hearing the broadcast, go to <http://www.buzzsprout.com/23941/260122>



If you would like to make donations, or join in our Banner project, you can do so by calling us at 828-524-7472 - Email us at: [tartans@scottishtartans.org](mailto:tartans@scottishtartans.org)

Check out our face book page by typing in "Scottish Tartans Museum" in the search box. Here you can see upcoming events, photo's and comments by those interested in the Scottish Community.

Many thanks, Kathie Akins, Business Manager The Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center. "We are the ONLY ONE" in the US



## *Schedule for May 2015 and more*

### **Saturday, May 9, 2015**

10:00 AM Games Committee Meeting

Mr. & Mrs. Carson C. (Patty) Smith

2207 Van Ness Place

Indianapolis, IN 46240-4703

<http://www.indyscotgamesandfest.com>

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<http://www.facebook.com/indyscotgamesandfest>

Meetings of the Nationalities Council of Indiana are convened at the Latvian Center on the second Monday of the month.

### **Monday, May 11, 2015**

Monthly Meeting

6:00 PM Board Meeting

7:00 PM General Meeting

Latvian Community Center

1008 W. 64th St.

Indianapolis, IN 46260-4458

<http://nationalitiescouncil.org>

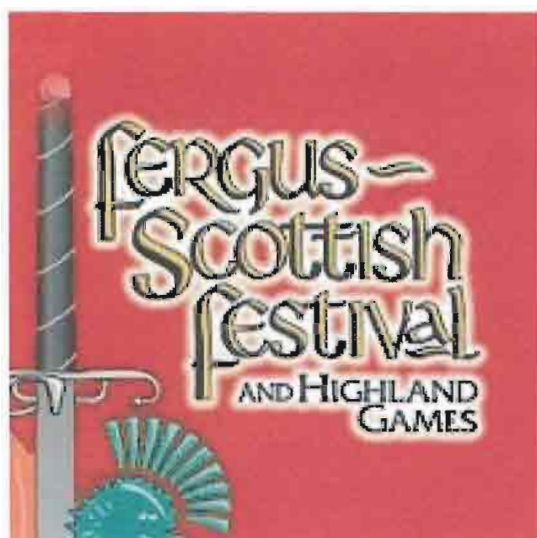
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## **Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games**

**Fergus Ontario Aug. 7-9, 2015**

**"Scotland- Without the airfare"**

You won't want to miss one of the premier Scottish festivals in North America. This year Chief Steven MacTavish will be the Chieftain of the games, and Clan MacTavish will be the honored clan. Join us at the Clan MacTavish tent for a great weekend of Highland adventure.

For more details, see [http://](http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/)

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# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!*

**Royal is my Race!**

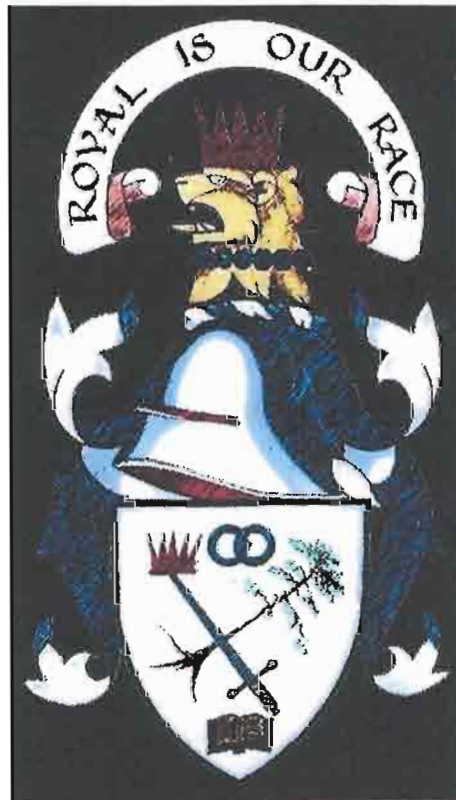
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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## Scottish Highland Games May 2015

\* May 1-3: 13th annual **Scottish Festival & Celtic Gathering**, Bridgeport City Park, Bridgeport, WV. Contact: [www.scots-westvirginia.com](http://www.scots-westvirginia.com)

\* May 1-2: **Triad Highland Games**, Bryan Park, 6275 Bryan Park Road, Greensboro, NC (Off US-29 North of Greensboro, NC) Contact [www.triadhighlandgames.org](http://www.triadhighlandgames.org)

\* May 2: 39th **Savannah Scottish Games**, Bethesda Academy, 9520 Ferguson Avenue, Savannah, GA. Contact [www.savannahscottishgames.com](http://www.savannahscottishgames.com)

\* May 8-10: **Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games**, UTA Maverick Stadium, Arlington, TX. Contact [222.texasscottishfestival.com](http://222.texasscottishfestival.com)

\* May 9: **Frederick Celtic Festival**, 1003 Twin Arch Road, Mt. Airy, MD. Contact [www.sasmm.com](http://www.sasmm.com)

\* May 9: 15th **Highland Games at Historic Bethabara Park**, 2147 Bethabara Road, Winston-Salem, NC. Contact [www.bethabarapark.org](http://www.bethabarapark.org)

\* May 9-10 **Prescott Highland Games**, Watson Lake Park, Prescott, AZ. *On Facebook.*

\* May 15-16: **Victoria Highland Games & Festival**, Topaz Park, Finlay & Blanshard Streets, Victoria, BC (located in Canada) Contact [www.victoriahighlandgames.com](http://www.victoriahighlandgames.com)

May 15-17: **Smoky Mountain Highland Games**, Maryville College, Maryville, TN. Contact: [www.smokymountaingames.org](http://www.smokymountaingames.org)

\* May 16: **Fair Hill Scottish Games, Colonial Highland Gathering**, Fair Hills Racetrack, Fair Hills, MC. Contact [www.fairhillsscottishgames.org](http://www.fairhillsscottishgames.org)

\* May 16: **Finger Lakes Celtic Festival**, Farmington, NY. Contact [www.flcentic.com](http://www.flcentic.com)

\* May 16-17: 27th **Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival**, Balloon Fiesta Parkway, Albuquerque, NM. Contact [www.celtfestabq.com](http://www.celtfestabq.com)

\* May 16-17 **Saskatchewan Highland Games**, University of Regina, Regina, SK (Canada). Contact [www.saskhighland.ca](http://www.saskhighland.ca)

\* May 22-23 (Check Site) **New York Tattoo**, locations TBA. Contact [www.nymilitarytattoo.com](http://www.nymilitarytattoo.com)

\* May 23: **Eugene Scottish Festival**, 3600 River Road, Eugene, OR. Contact

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### Indianapolis Scottish Society, *con't from page 11*

#### Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Monthly Meeting

6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Dinner, 8:00 PM Program

Latvian Community Center, 1008 W. 64th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260-4458

Program: Robert the Bruce and the Capture of the Royal Ladies. Presenter Tina Dunn.

Meat Dish Provider TBD. Pitch-In Dinner : A-F Dessert, C-McC Veggie/Casserole, McD-Z Salad

<http://www.indyscot.org>

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<http://www.facebook.com/indyscot.org>

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis has been invited to participate in the International Festival at the Lynhurst Middle School.

#### Wednesday, May 20, 2015

4:00 - 8:00 PM International Festival

Lynhurst Middle School, 2805 S. Lynhurst Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46241-5609

<http://www.wayne.k12.in.us/lynhurst>

The Nationalities Council, and the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, will march in the 500 Festival Parade on Saturday, May 23, 2015.

#### Saturday, May 23, 2015

12:00 Parade Steps Off

We are allowed ten (10) Participants in the Parade.

<http://www.500festival.com/node/89>



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## Upcoming Scottish Games, *continued from page 9*

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\* May 23-24: **Alma Highland Festival and Games**, Alma, Michigan. Contact [www.almahighlandfestival.com](http://www.almahighlandfestival.com)

\* May 23-24: **Gallabae & The Greenville Scottish Games**, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, SC. Contact: [www.gallabae.com](http://www.gallabae.com)

\* May 23-24: **Scottish Fest**, Orange County Fairgrounds, Del Mar/Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA. Contact [www.scottishfest.com](http://www.scottishfest.com)

\* May 29-31: 30th **Glasgow, KY Highland Games**, Barren River State Park, Glasgow, KY. Contact: [www.glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com)

\* May 30-31: 24th annual **Canadian Military Tattoo**, Jackson Square, Hamilton, ON (Canada). Contact: [www.canadianmilitarytattoo](http://www.canadianmilitarytattoo)

\* May 30-July 5: 10th annual **Highland Renaissance Festival**, Festival Space, 955 Elm Street, Eminence, KY. Contact [www.kyrenfaire.com](http://www.kyrenfaire.com)

## I am addicted to puns. I can't help myself... Here are more entries and the winner

Lexophilia is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as “you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish”, or “to write with a broken pencil is pointless.”

A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year's winning submission is posted at the very end.

.. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

.. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

.. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

.. The batteries were given out free of charge.

.. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

.. A will is a dead giveaway.

.. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

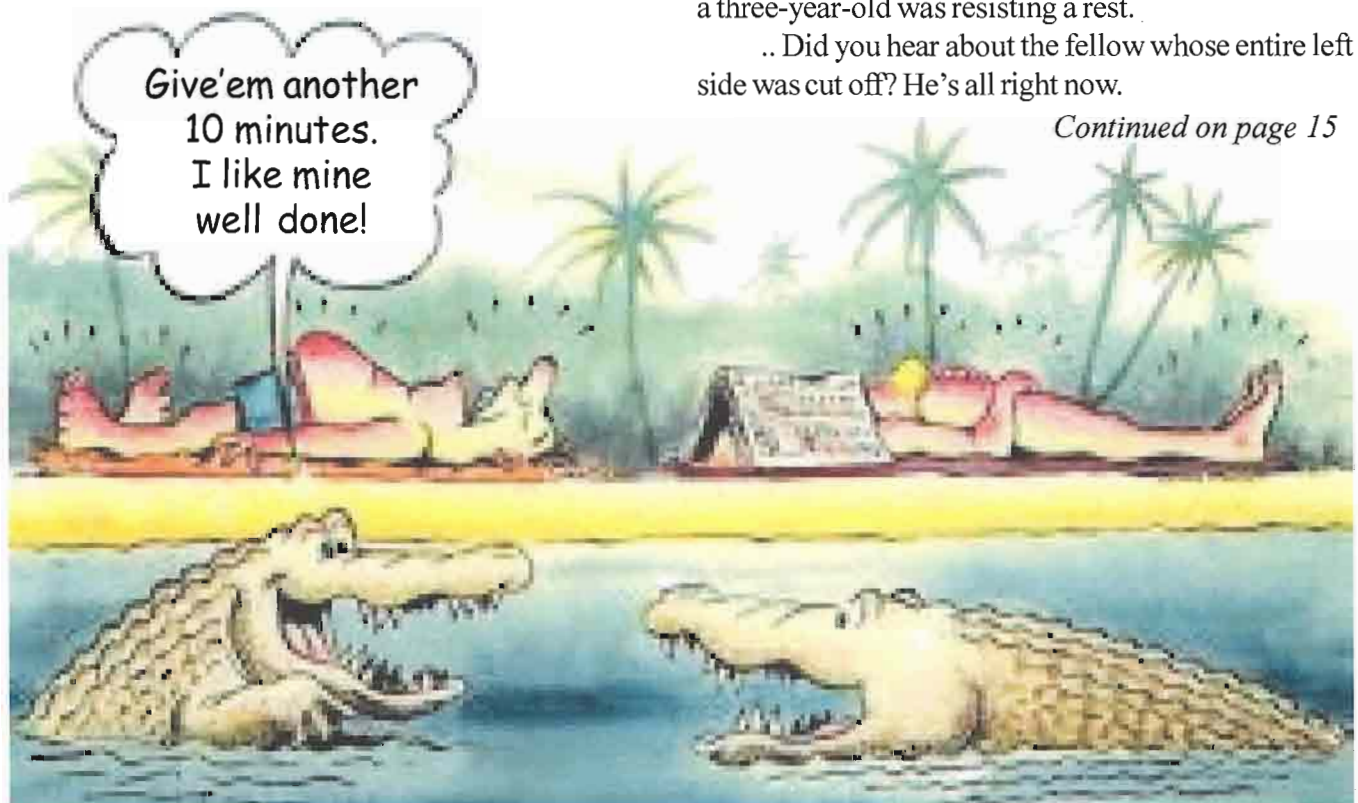
.. A boiled egg is hard to beat.

.. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

.. Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

.. Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

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# clankeith-usa.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

Septs and spellings include: Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixon - Dixon - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeitch - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

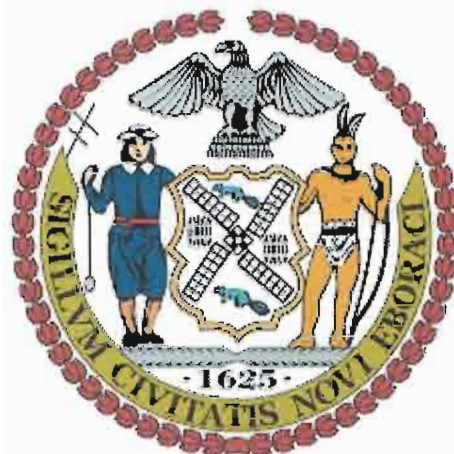


# UPCOMING HERALDRY LECTURES IN MANHATTAN

The following lectures will be co-sponsored by The College of Arms Foundation and the Committee on Heraldry of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society. They take place at the NYG&B Society, 36 West 44th Street, 7th Fl. Inquiries and RSVPs can be sent to John Shannon, [john.shannon@coaf.us](mailto:john.shannon@coaf.us).

- 12 May 2015 - *The Seal of the City of New York* by Chris M Jones
- 11 June 2015 - *Heraldry of Waterloo* by John Shannon - marking the 200th anniversary of the naval battle
- 14 October 2015 - *Russian Heraldry* by Tom Bird
- 27 October 2015 - *Heraldry of Agincourt* by Maria Dering - marking the 600th anniversary of the famous battle

Please confirm with John for times of other lectures. You can also ask to be put on the mailing list for notices.



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## Puns, continued from page 13

- .. A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- .. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- .. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- .. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- .. When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- .. Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- And the cream of the twisted crop:
- .. Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

## Scottish Omens and Signs



In Scotland, a baby born on the first day of the month is considered to be lucky. Also, what day a baby is born on has an impact on its future. We have all heard this famous Scottish Rhyme: Monday's child is fair of face, etc.

Giving a baby a silver coin is lucky and is still widely practiced. It is called "Hanselling" and how the baby accepts the coin is important. If the baby grabs the coin tightly, it will be miserly and penny-pinching. If the baby drops the coin quickly, it will be a spendthrift.

Thanks to *Great Scots!* The Scottish Heritage Society of Southeast Georgia Newsletter.

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# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



**Bob Burns**, a founding member and one-time drummer of the iconic Southern rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, died in a car crash Friday night in Georgia, according to authorities and the band. He was 64.

Burns' car slipped off the road just before midnight and into a tree after making a tight turn in Bartow County, about 50 miles north of Atlanta, said Tracey Watson, a spokeswoman for the Georgia State Patrol. Burns was not wearing a seat belt and died on the scene, Watson said.

Burns joined Lynyrd Skynyrd in 1964 before the band shot to fame. The group recorded *Sweet Home Alabama*, *I Need You* and *Free Bird* while Burns was the drummer. He left the band in 1974.

Lynyrd Skynyrd's guitarist Gary Rossington continues to tour under the band's name. Rossington wrote on the band's Facebook page Saturday that he coincidentally took a sentimental drive past Burns' old home while visiting Jacksonville, Florida, on Friday. "It was there in the carport where we used to first start to practice with Skynyrd," Rossington wrote.

"I'm at a loss for words, but I just remember Bob being a funny guy," Rossington said. "My heart goes out to his family and God bless him and them in this sad time. He was a great great drummer."

*My brothers were younger than me ...and so were in the same class at Robert E. Lee in Jacksonville, Florida, with Lynrd Skynrd original members...and also friends. As I remember, those boys all lived near us in the Murray Hill/Riverside section of J'ville.*

The distinguished former Dean of the Faculty of Advocates and Court of Session judge, **Lord Prosser**, has died March 22, 2015, in Edinburgh aged 80. He

was one of the most respected legal minds in Scotland and brought immense prestige to the Scottish legal profession. He was also active in other capacities throughout Scotland - both in the arts and heritage organisations.

Prosser greatly assisted the establishment of the University of the Highlands and Islands helping it gain university status in 1992. Fiona Larg its Chief Operating Officer told The Herald yesterday, "Willie was a great source of advice and guidance to the university in its formative days and we will always be indebted to him for the wisdom with which he helped us through the process of creating a new distinctive institution for the Highlands and Islands."

Prosser was also active on the boards of the Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland, the Scottish Historic Buildings Trust, The Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh and the Sir Walter Scott Club. His commitments to the legal profession included serving on Scottish Committee of the Council on Tribunals.

Prosser brought to all these appointments his incisive mind and a clarity of vision. He was the most erudite and perceptive of judges - always supremely well-informed with a total grasp of the intricacies of the case. He shared his extensive knowledge generously and was invariably courteous and considerate to nervous witnesses. Prosser was scrupulously balanced in his questioning and in his summings-up.

**William David Prosser** was the younger son of an Edinburgh solicitor who had won the MC in the First World War. He was educated at the Edinburgh Academy where he was a senior Ephor (prefect). Prosser often returned to the school to talk to societies and the Sixth Form. He read classics at Corpus Christi College, Oxford where he gained a first and then read law at Edinburgh University.



## Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2014

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.

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# [www.elliotclan.com](http://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

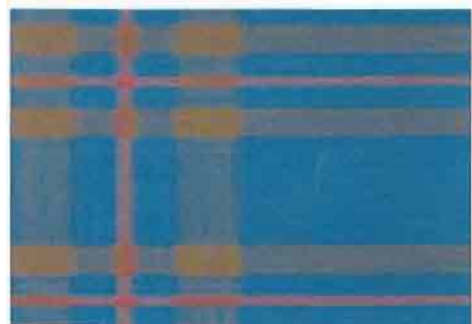
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## A traditional Scottish recipe Raspberry Creams



Raspberries are a popular fruit in Scotland as they grow well in places such as the Carse of Gowrie in Perthshire.

### Ingredients:

8 ounces /225g raspberries  
¼ pint / 150ml / double cream  
¼ pint /150ml / natural yogurt  
1 tablespoon castor (granulated) sugar  
1 tablespoon demerara (light

brown) sugar

### Method:

Put aside four raspberries for decoration and divide the rest into 4 equal portions in individual stemmed dishes. Whip the cream, yogurt and castor sugar until stiff. Spoon over the raspberries in the glasses, sprinkle the demerara sugar over the cream and top with a raspberry. Chill before serving.

## Clottie Wells and my Grandmother, *continued from page 3*

wash cloths...just tied them to a nearby tree.

The custom was that whenever someone was ill, they would visit this well and drink some of the water. They would pray that their illness would be cured.

Remember, in those long ago days, there was little in the way of medical help for anyone for anything.

There was a great feeling of reverence to me at that shady and quiet place.

Fast forward some years to when (Our wishes came true.) Marti and I were leading a tour of maybe 30 folks in Scotland.

We had learned that Clottie Wells affected different people in different ways. Our tour guide hated being near the well. We had some folks who were not affected at all they said. Some were reverent and quiet. Everyone left damp bits of cloth.

I noticed a couple from our tour who were standing quietly together a little ways away from most of us. He had his arm around his wife...who appeared to be crying. After a few minutes, they walked slowly away from the well.

"Are you two ok?" I asked.

"We just had an experience we'll never forget," said the gentleman.

"No, we won't ever forget it," said his wife.

"Beth, you know we had a son who died when he was just a young man. It was so awful we never

thought we could live through it," he said.

"Today, he came to visit with us right here at this well," said the lady.

Tears were rolling down my face too.

"He said he just wanted us to know that he was fine and he loved us and missed us," she said.

Clottie Wells, I have learned are all over the place not only in Scotland, but in Ireland and Cornwall.

Tradition also states that anyone removing a rag will succumb to the misfortunes of the original owner.

Oh, on the airplane for the return flight home, I suddenly sat up very straight and could hear my grandmother's voice saying, "If that don't take the rag off the bush!"

Oh my goodness. What she was talking about was a Clottie Well!

I was told that the Scottish Tourist Board wanted to get rid of the messy Clottie Wells with their festooning of rags...but, their employees who knew the tradition of the wells, refused to have anything to do with removing anything there.

The Munlochie Clottie Well is just beside the A832 Fortrose and Cromarty Road. There is a car park suitable for bus or coach.

I could go back again to Scotland and the Clottie Well at least a million times.



# Clan MacCord Society

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

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# Outlander at Balgonie Castle

From the Clan Leslie publication,  
*The Grip Fast Journal* [www.clanlesliesociety.org](http://www.clanlesliesociety.org)

**Stuart Morris of Balgonie**

Balgonie has seen many events over the past seven hundred years, of both local and national importance. More recently we have had 1200 weddings from 35 countries since we restored the Chapel in 1989. We have also been used as a location for several low budget films.

In August 2014 we had our first experience of a large budget film experience with *Outlander*.

We were first approached by the location manager in early 2013, without actually telling us the name of his project. A year later we were contacted by another location manager who came out to view for a specific scene, he also admitted that it was *Outlander* that they were working on. A few weeks later the first location manager came out to discuss the legal and fiscal aspects to the booking. He also said that they had changed their mind about the scene and that we were going to be a larger part of the filming.

Shortly after this, two of the set designers visited to take some rough measurements. The location manager then said that some other member of the crew would be out to make a more detailed plan.

Well, we expected between 6 and 8 people to come out for this. I stopped counting at 32!

Definitely big budget.

At this stage I cannot say anything about the specific details of the scene. All that I can say is that they filmed in one half of the courtyard and in the room that we now call the Lundie Hall.

The Lundie Hall is the room that we restored two years ago. It was originally the kitchen in the Hall House section of the castle.

The Hall House was added by Sir Robert Lundie of Balgonie, Lord High Treasurer of Scotland, and forms the north range of the courtyard.

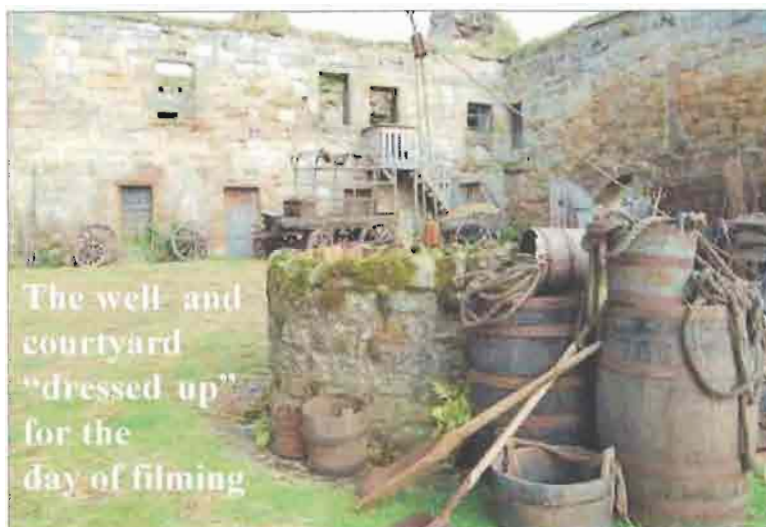
The Hall House incorporates an earlier corner tower (which houses our Chapel).

On the 20th of August 1496 we were visited by James IV, who was so impressed by the quality of the mason's work that he gave them a tip of 18 shillings (equivalent to more than £500 today).

As the old kitchen was restored in 2013, the 500th anniversary of Flodden), and in honour of Sir Robert,

who perished alongside his King at Flodden, we re-named the room the Lundie Hall.

*Outlander* only filmed for one day. However their set team spent four days setting up for the filming. The well in the centre of the courtyard has a metal grill on the top (to prevent children from falling in). This grill was a little too



modern looking for the crew, so one man spent two days ageing the well. Firstly a layer of stones was placed around the top, covering the grid, and then moss was glued around the stonework and weeds were placed around the base.

Some of our ground floor windows were blocked up with "plugs", some made to look like leaded and shuttered windows.

Some of our doors were also plugged.

The Lundie Hall was transformed in to a great hall of one of the characters. Our wood burning stove was removed and replaced with something more period looking. The room was filled with genuine 18th century furniture.

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### **Thursday, July 9th**

Picnic, Torchlight Ceremony & Sheep Herding

#### **4:30 PM Picnic**

Food concessions are available at MacRae Meadows or you can bring your own.

\* Scottish Entertainment - Traditional Celtic Music. Performers to be announced

\* Sheep Herding: Sheep Herding with Border Collies on the field.

#### **7 PM The Bear: Assault on Grandfather**

This five-mile footrace climbs 1,568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather mountain. Over 800 runners will start up the Old Yonahlossee Road from Linville at 7 PM, circle the Highland Games track around 7:15, and head up the Grandfather Mountain summit road.

\* More Sheep Herding

\* Torchlight Ceremony:

Opening ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games

### **Friday, July 10th**

9 AM MacRae Meadows Opens: Preliminary athletic competition, sheep herding, music/dancing exhibitions. Celtic Groves will be open and other activities will highlight the day.

\* Opening Ceremonies

\* Highland Wrestling Clinic for children

\* Children's Tent and Field Activities

\* Harp Workshop

\* Sheep Herding

\* History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents

\* Highland Dancing Pre-Championship

\* Lochaber Trump Competition in the Harp and Fiddling Tent

4:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for Celtic Rock Concert.

\* Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents:

\* 6:30 - 11 PM Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae Meadows.

\* Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents

8:00 PM - 12 AM Scottish Country Dance Gala Williams Gymnasium at Lees-McRae College.

\$25 dancers / \$10 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

### **Saturday, July 11th**

\* 6:30 AM Mountain Marathon begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

\* 7:30 AM MacRae Meadows Opens

\* Amateur Heavy Athletic Qualifying Begins

\* Competition begins for Highland Dancing Atlantic International Championship, piping, drumming, Scottish athletic events, track & field events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish fiddling, and Scottish harp.

\* Children's Highland Wrestling Competition

\* Sheep Herding

\* Massed Bands on track

\* Opening Ceremonies

\* History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents

\* Children's Tent Activities

\* Celtic Grove Music

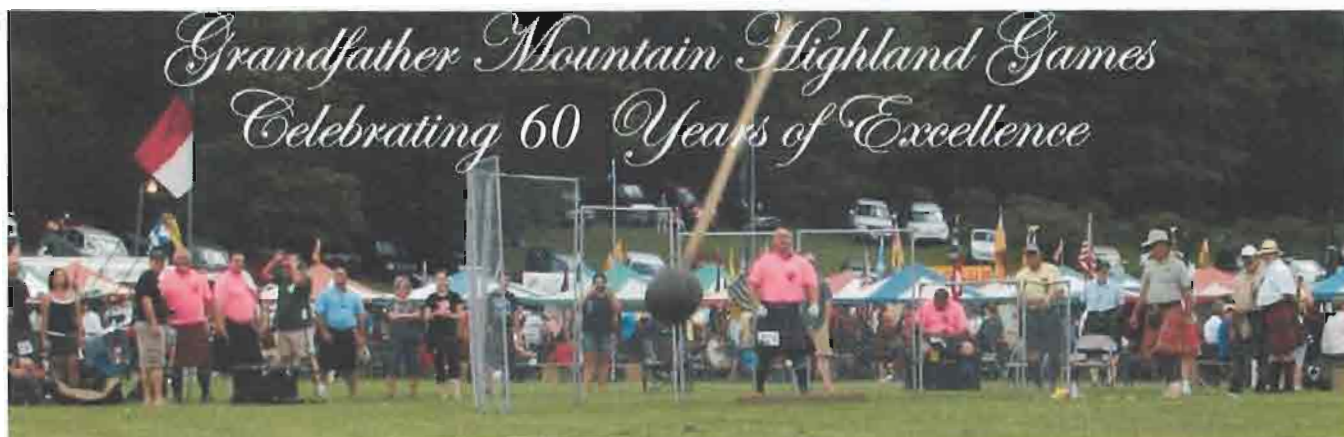
\* Highland Wrestling

\* Harp Competitions

\* Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition

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- \* NC Provincial Gaelic Mod
- \* Scottish Fiddling Workshop & Jam Session
- \* 4:00 Days events end. Preparation for Celtic Jam
- \* 6:30 - 10:30 PM Celtic Jam at MacRae Meadows. \$15 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12
- Sunday, July 12th**
- \* 8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens
- \* Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration and Clinic
- \* Prelude Music for Worship Service Begins
- \* 9:00 AM Scottish Worship Service Outside main gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin 'O' the Tartans.
- \* Children's Border Collie Demonstration on the main field.
- \* Celtic Grove Entertainment Begins
- \* Parade of Tartans Guests of Honor & Distinguished Guests are introduced as all members of the sponsoring clans are invited to march in the parade behind the massed pipe bands.
- \* Scottish Fiddling Competition
- \* Atlantic International Highland Dance Championship Competition
- \* Competition takes place throughout the day for Scottish athletic events, sheep herding, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment continues.
- \* History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents
- \* Sheep Herding Demonstration
- \* 4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies

## Visitor Information

The officers and directors of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games welcomes you to the unique experience of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

We want to do everything possible to make your visit to the Games as pleasurable as possible.

Please visit our website at: <http://www.gmhg.org/visitorinfo.htm>. This section of our website is dedicated to helping you by providing essential information on event directors, tickets, lodging, parking, shuttle bus information along with a map and directions and a check list.

We have also included a list of merchants and civic groups who vend on the mountain.

- \* No pets are permitted.
- \* Private golf cars are not permitted.
- \* No bicycles permitted.

**Remember, visit <http://www.gmhg.org/visitorinfo.htm>**

GMHG is a family-friendly event.

**A drug-free environment  
will be strictly enforced.**





### **ROBERT GROVES, JR. ENDOWMENT FUND TO BENEFIT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, INC.**

Ross M. Morrison, Jr., past President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, shared these thoughts: "When the Clans gather at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July, 2003, we will remember a friend and one of the guiding forces, Robert W. (Bobbie) Groves, Jr."

Bobbie passed away on September 1, 2000, following a lengthy illness. A volunteer at the Games from the very first, there was nothing to which he had not turned his hand. Over the years Bobbie had faithfully served as Field Marshal, Director and President of the Games, and most recently was Chairman Emeritus. In 1983 he and his wife Cornelia were awarded the Agnes MacRae Morton Award for their outstanding contribution to promoting Scottish heritage at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and in 1996 he was our Guest of Honor.

Bobbie's dedication to the Games grew out of his deep-rooted love of the Scottish heritage and a friendship that spanned more than three decades with Games' cofounder, Mrs. Agnes MacRae Morton.

"His hard work and wise counsel will be sorely missed. But instead of mourning our loss, we would like to celebrate Bobbie's life and acknowledge his years of dedication to the Games in a tangible memorial. Bobbie's friends from around the world have led the way with financial contributions to establish an endowment fund in his name.

"With your help, the Robert W. Groves, Jr. Endowment Fund will secure the future of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Please join us in honoring one of the great men of the Scottish American world...one who has translated his enthusiasm for his heritage into years of hard work to benefit all who visit the Grandfather Mountain annually to enjoy

the Highland Games and Gather of Scottish Clans.

We cordially invite you and your Clan or Society to be part of this vitally important work. I have appointed Royce Neil McNeil to chair the endowment fund committee. Your charitable gift is tax deductible because the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is a nonprofit 501C(3) organization. Our federal employer I.D. number is 56-6093513.

Yours aye, Ross M. Morrison, Jr. President, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

**Objective of the Fund:** To provide long-range support of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Inc. by enhancing the cultural and educational programs and properties made available to the clans, societies, and general public.

**Funding Arrangements:** Initial funding will be accomplished by June 30, 2001, through gifts by friends of Robert W. Groves, Jr. and the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. All rights are reserved to continue adding to the fund beyond the initial solicitation. To ensure compliance with the IRS guidelines regarding charitable deductions associated with donations to this fund it is agreed that dominion and control of donated assets are conveyed to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games/ Robert W. Groves, Jr. Endowment Fund. Giving appreciated stocks or bonds is a wonderful way to support the fund.

**Endowment Payout:** The endowment payout amount will only apply to the interest derived from the endowment principle and cannot begin until June 30, 2005. Payout of interest will vary in accordance with investment performance, accrued earnings, current conditions and policy of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Board of Directors.

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## Robert Groves, Jr., Endowment Fund,

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Fund Investment and Management: Endowment principle will not be invaded for any reason. Use of funds, beginning June 30, 2005, will be derived solely from endowment fund investment earnings. The investments of fund principle shall be subject to the objectives of prudent and reasonable business principles. Management shall be in accordance with applicable law, generally accepted accounting standards and practices and to resist the ravages of inflation. An annual accounting of the endowment's status will be made available by Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Inc. as required by applicable law.

Dissolution: All assets of the Robert W. (Bobbie) Groves, Jr. Endowment Fund, in the unlikely event of the dissolution of Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Inc. shall be given by way of gift to the Scottish Heritage Center of St. Andrews Presbyterian College at Laurinburg, N.C.



# CAMPING INFORMATION

Advanced payment guarantees you a primitive campsite on MacRae Meadows. Two-night minimum. (4 night minimum for extra large units, Wednesday - Saturday night).

No units larger than 45' accepted. No onsite registration is available. Campsites are available on a first-come-first-serve basis until all sites are full. At that time registration is closed and no more registrations are accepted. In addition of the campsite fee, all campers must purchase a four-day camper's ticket.

**NO PETS ARE ALLOWED. NO VEHICLES OR BICYCLES ARE ALLOWED AT CAMPSITES. USE OF PERSONAL GENERATORS NOT ALLOWED IN THE CAMPGROUNDS.**

Electricity and water are on a first-come-first-serve basis. Camping attendants will determine your car parking area due to space limitations. Parking will be provided below Highway 221 in the camper's parking lot. Shuttle service to the overflow parking will be provided after this lot is full.. **NO REFUNDS ARE GIVEN.**

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## ***Outlander at Balgonie Castle, continued from page 21***

I did drop a few hints that we would be happy for some of it to be left behind but alas they belonged to a props company. My father has carved fourteen doors, some copies of originals in collections and others from his imagination. The door to the Lundie Hall was a little too ornate for *Outlander*, so this was removed and replaced with a simpler door. Our electric sockets were hidden behind specially made covers, painted to blend in the wall. Shutters were also made for two of our windows. These have been left in situ and have proved to be very useful. We have also been left with some of the door plugs.

On the day of the shoot we had 5 actors, including one of the principals, and 110 crew members. The half

of the courtyard that was not being filmed was transformed in to a sea of tents for the equipment and a green room for the actors. There was half an acre of metal-work in the field to act as a car park for their cars, vans and lorries. There was also a huge crane, but I can't say any more about this.

The shoot took place on a Friday. The following day we had two weddings and a reception. A ground crew came in at 4 am on the Saturday morning (I was up to let them in and had to consume a great deal of coffee to stay awake that day) What was essential for the wedding and reception was done in time for the first wedding. The remainder was left until the Monday.

Thank you to the Clan Leslie *Grip Fast Journal*.



***The USS Arizona***

Almost every American knows the ultimate fate of the *USS Arizona* and has visited or read about the *Arizona Memorial* in Hawaii. Here is a photograph of the *USS Arizona* only a few years after her construction and launch. It's January 1, 1920 and she is sailing off Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

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April 16, 1746 - 269th anniversary of the

# *Battle at Drumossie Moor*

Dick Rixey, in *The St. Andrews Cross*, The Tallahassee St. Andrews Society

No place name in Scottish history generates more of an emotional response than that of Culloden.

In the 18th century, Culloden House was owned by Duncan Forbes, the Lord President of the Scottish Court of Session. It was at this site in April 1746, seven miles from Inverness, that a Highland army encamped at the edge of a moor called Drumossie.

The army was lead by Prince Charles Edward Stuart, better known to history as "Bonnie Prince Charlie".

He was facing a government army under the command of the Duke of Cumberland, a brutish but competent military leader who would later earn the nickname "The Bloody Butcher."

Cumberland's Hanoverian army had come north over the border from England to wipe out the rebellious Highlanders who had rallied to the prince's banner to restore the Stuart monarchy in the name of King James.

The Highlanders were known as Jacobites, from *Jacobus*, Latin for James.

Cumberland's force was a professional army 9,000 strong, with artillery, cavalry, and well-trained infantry.

Bonnie Prince Charlie's men, numbering approximately 5,000, were not professional soldiers. They were clans-men, with father fighting beside son and brother beside brother. They were armed with an assortment of weapons, including muskets, pistols, claymores, broadswords, dirks and Lochaber axes.

Prince Charlie was a charismatic figure but not much of a general and his problems were compounded by squabbling subordinates and Highlanders who were inclined to take unofficial furloughs when they deemed it necessary.

In addition, Charles chose the worst possible ground to give battle - a wide, bare, rain-swept moor that favored Cumberland's superior artillery and the mobility of his cavalry.

Furthermore, having to cover hundreds of yards of open moor through wind and sleet negated the main tactic of the Highland army - a wild, furious charge fol-

lowed by close-quarter work with broadsword, dirk and battle-axe.

The Jacobites were no match for the disciplined tactics and firepower of Cumberland's troops.

The Battle of Culloden lasted less than an hour and the Highlanders were decimated.

The moor ran red with blood and the Hanoverian soldiers began murdering the wounded after Cumberland told his men that no quarter be given.

Those who survived melted back into the Highlands and some of them eventually made their way west to a land that became known as Nova Scotia and colonies named North and South Carolina.

For months Prince Charles was a fugitive before escaping to France, never to return to Scotland.

They say the heather never bloomed again on Drumossie Moor.



Chorus:

"Twas a long time ago on that cold Drumossie Moor  
When we lost so many gallant Highland men.  
'Twas a long time ago on that cold Drumossie Moor,  
And they say the heather never bloomed again.

Verse:

It was on an April day they began the bloody fray,  
And the clansmen never stopped to count the cost,  
Through the mist and driving rain they tried time and again  
But by night the fight for freedom had been lost.

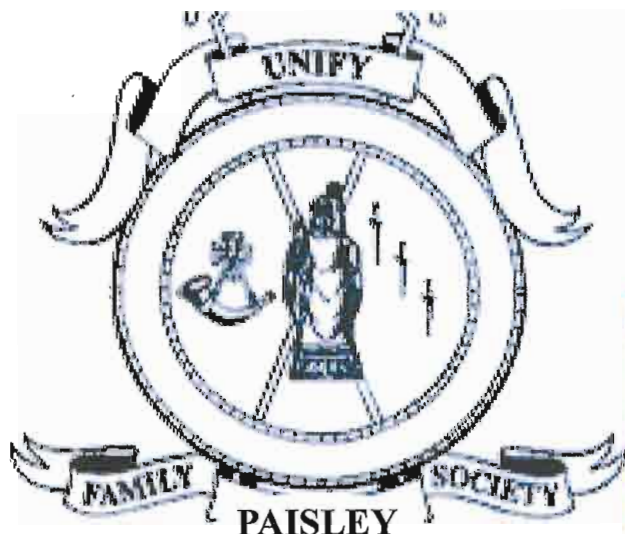
Chorus

And the prince stood looking on, all his hopes  
and dreams were gone,  
As he watched the downfall of his glorious cause,  
With a price upon his head,  
to the Highland hills he fled,  
But the loyal clansfolk ne'er told where he was.

Chorus

Many days and nights went by e'er  
the prince escaped to Skye,  
Helped by Flora who risked death to see him gone,  
Though the cause had been in vain,  
and he ne'er returned again,  
Yet the memory of their courage lingers on.

Chorus



**The Chiefly Arms of Paisley  
of Westerlea**

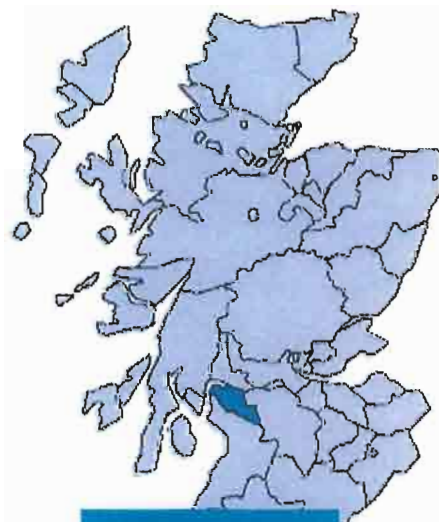


**Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea,  
Chieftain of the Paisley Family**

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

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



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