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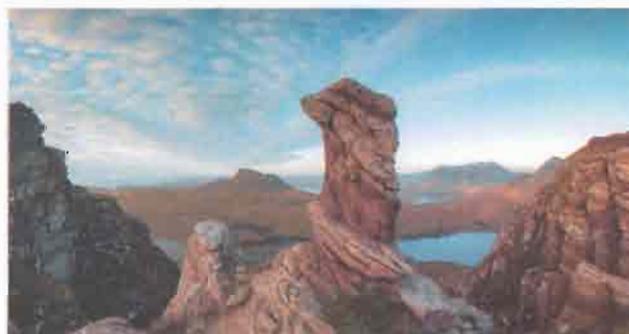
The Court of the Lord Lyon, also known as the Lyon Court or Lyon Office, is a standing court of law which regulates heraldry in Scotland. Like the College of Arms in England it maintains the register of grants of arms, known as the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, as well as records of genealogies.

The Lyon Court is a public body, and the fees for grants of arms are paid to HM Treasury. It is headed by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, who must be legally qualified, as he has criminal jurisdiction in heraldic matters, and the court is fully integrated into the Scottish legal system, including having a dedicated prosecutor, known in Scotland as a Procurator Fiscal.

THE LORD LYON

The Lord Lyon King of Arms, the chief heraldic officer of Scotland is both a Great Officer of State as well as a Judge in the Scottish judiciary. The Lord Lyon's judicial duties concerning Scottish heraldic business and heraldic laws are conducted through the machinery of the Court of the Lord Lyon. The Court exercises both

What will become of Scotland's Moors?



The future of the Scottish nations' signature landscape is murky amid debates over class, culture and nature. Go: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2017/05/scotland-moors-highlands-conservation-land-management/>

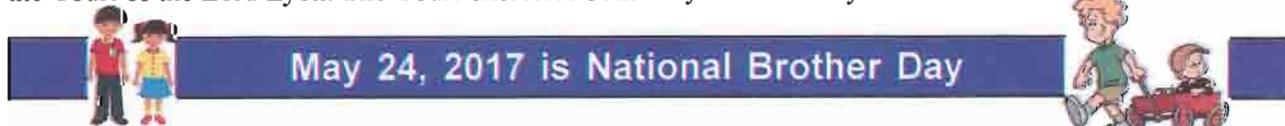
civil and penal jurisdiction under the old Common Law of Scotland and many Acts of Parliament.

RIGHTS TO ARMS AND PEDIGREE

The Lord Lyon Court is directly responsible for the establishment of the rights to arms and pedigree. These can include the granting and regranting of armorial bearings by Letters Patent and various Birthbrieves, such as Diplomas of Nobility or of the Chiefship (Diploma Stemmatis). All of these actions must begin with a formal petition to the Court.

When sufficient evidence is attested to these rights, a judicial 'Interlocutor' or warrant will be issued by the Lord Lyon. This power of the Lord Lyon is derived from the monarch's royal prerogatives, which has been delegated to the office by law.

More information about the Court of the Lord Lyon: www.lyon-court.com.





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Letter from your editor...

Beth's Mind Dust

After so many years of editing publications and reading every spare moment, I'm afraid my head is just filled to the brim with absolutely useless, information.

For example: I know that Robert E. Lee wore a size 6 1/2 shoe.

Sometimes, I ask my mind to remember something important that I **must** know and it replies with some terrible (which in this case is a good thing) pun. That just happened: If Captain Chesley Sullenburger, hero pilot of the plane landing in the Hudson River on January 15, 2009 - if he and his wife were to be divorced - would that make her "un-sullied?"

My mind is full of things such as if you go back only twenty generations in your genealogy, you are for sure direct kin to over one million four hundred thousand people. If you go back just one more generation, you are direct kin to double that amount! Who'd a thought?

I know without a doubt that it is only some seventy generations back to the time of Christ.

I had never thought about this until I heard this tale. A college professor asked his class, "How many of you have family who were alive in the 2nd century?"

Not one person raised their hand.

Gee whiz, if you are alive today, you have every single one of those family members back til the beginning of people. Without even one, we would not exist! And, these *were* college students.

The value of the tea dumped at the Boston Tea Party is over \$3 million!

I know that Disneyland has a real, full size basketball court for its employees inside the Matterhorn.

Chocolate is poison to dogs.

Horses cannot eat hay that has been rained on and which has become moldy. It will cause colic which is most times fatal to a horse. Once, I stopped and went to the door of a house which had a horse eating moldy hay in the pen next to the home. I said to the man, "Sir, do you know that it is very dangerous to feed your horse anything moldy?"

He replied, "Oh, Georgia horses can eat moldy hay."

Next time I was that way, there was no horse, lots of moldy hay left and a large, fresh horse grave in the corner of the pen. (Yes, I cried.)

La Paz, Bolivia is a fireproof city...the air is so thin, there's not enough oxygen for fires to burn. See?

A chipmunk can, if it wishes, store about a teaspoon of nuts in each cheek.

I do know a couple of really useful things about kilts. One is that the pleats are worn in the BACK not the front. The other useful thing is that you must remove the basting thread that comes with a new kilt to keep the pleats in place during shipping...if you don't, you will have to take wee, tiny steps which look really peculiar.

If you break either one of these rules and you are attending a Highland Games and someone taps you on the shoulder, and says, "Sir, let's go behind this tent for a moment!" That's probably me. I've done that many, many times so the person proudly wearing their first kilt won't look back at that day and be embarrassed.

I've read somewhere that your brain has a limitless capacity to hold information. Mmmm?

Maybe all I need is a better filing system installed in my head.



After about 35 years between "new kilted skirts," here's Clan Henderson's Margaret Sanford blessing Beth's new *Scotland Forever* finery at the recent Loch Norman Scottish Games with some FINE Scottish whisky! That's Beth, Tom and Clan Henderson's George Henderson across the top of the photo.

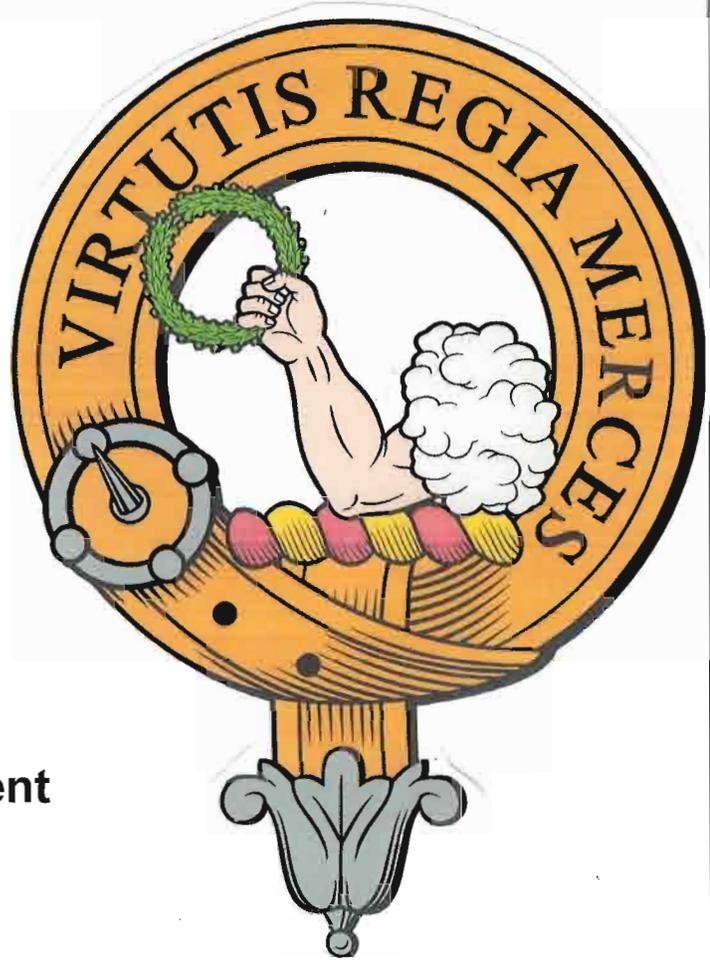
Clan Henderson has had "Kilt Blessing" Ceremonies for years and years.

Beth is Henderson No. 12 and is editor of their publication, *An Canach*.

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Candace Coates is “Johnny Appleseed” of Scottish harpists

Candace Coates, shown at left with her Triplett harp in concert on Easter at Suzie’s Starlight Lounge and Restaurant in Marlboro, New York.

Ms. Coates, who does harp workshops, and has done these workshops for many years, also teaches a harp course at the local community college.

Recently, she has started working on a new harp class for younger children.

She is spreading the joy of being a harpist and sewing the seeds of music amongst a wide and varied audience.

She was awarded her pre-loved Triplett brand harp - the Zephyr model - by Peter and Rebecca Reis at Harps Unlimited, LLC.

Candace sent the little harp back to the Triplett harp factory for a major overhaul, including a hardware upgrade. The Easter Concert was the very first time she had used this harp.

She owns five harps which age from two years to twenty-four years. She also has three rental harps.

When not harping, she works at a horse farm and was recently promoted from Assistant Horse Trainer to Assistant Barns Manager.

Candace Coates has a website and invites you to visit there. The website is <www.highlandharper.info>

She is also a member of the Clan Grant Society USA.



PUN AHEAD!

A Clan Chief offered his daughter as a bride to the son of a neighboring Chief in exchange for two cows and four sheep.

The big swap was to happen on the shore of the stream that separated the two clans.

Father and daughter showed up at the arranged time only to find that the groom and his livestock were on the other side of the stream.

The father grunted, “The fool doesn’t know which side his bride is bartered on.” * ➡

CSSA honored by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando

Mrs. Valerie Gray attended the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Cornerstone Guild Recognition Event, where

the Clan Stewart Society in America was recognized for its gift in honor of the late James Stewart Murray Gray (1923-2016.),

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* With many thanks (Your editor LOVES puns!) to *Fesse Chequy*, a quarterly publication of the Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc. Contact Clan Stewart <www.clanstewart.org>



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Flowers of the Forest



Carl B. McSween, age 87, passed away January 19, 2017 in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was the beloved husband of Virginia (Ginny) McSween; loving father of Linda McSween (Thomas), Kevin (Diane) and Kathy Courtney; cherished grandfather

of Adam and Chelsey Courtney, and Kyle, Brittany and Bethany McSween; great-grandfather of Jaxxon Castro; and adored brother-in-law and uncle of many.

Carl served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves during the Korean War and later was a welding instructor at Auburn Career Center. He was actively involved in the Scottish community and was past chief of Clan Grant (SHANO) in North East Ohio. He was also on the Board of Directors at the Scottish Tartan Museum in Franklin, N.C.

Carl and Ginny travelled extensively on their motorcycle and had many wonderful stories to tell. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cremation has taken place. Carl will be interred in Knowlwood Cemetery at a later date.

Friends will be invited to gather for a Celebration of Life at a later date in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

Charles Lee Safrit, 68, of Siler City died Friday, April 14, 2017 at UNC Hospitals.

Mr. Safrit was born in Anson County on March 12, 1949 the son of Lee Monroe and Julia Ross (Brower) Safrit. Charles was a graduate of Appala-

chian State University and was employed by Chatham County Schools as Band Director at Chatham Central High School for 30 years.

Charles was a member of Ardmore United Methodist Church in Winston Salem and was currently attending Rocky River Baptist Church.

Charles was proud of his Scottish heritage and shared his talents playing bagpipes on many occasions. He was active in Clan Donald USA, Highland Games and Southeastern Karate Association.

He and Bonnie raised Scottish Highland Cattle, called "Coos." He loved his livestock, too.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years: Bonnie (Clapp) Safrit; one daughter: Megan Safrit Privett (Colt); two sons: Charles (Chuck) Lee Safrit, II (Wendy), Adam Safrit; grandchildren, Caitlyn Safrit, Nevaeh and David Privett, Annie and Vivian Safrit; step-grandchildren, Hayden and Raven Cook; granddogs; sisters, Julie Gadd (David) Janice Safrit-Chambers (Mark) and many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Monday, April 17, 2017 at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC. The funeral was Tuesday, April 18, 2017 Rocky River Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Greg Burriss officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rocky River Baptist Church, 4436 Siler City-Snow Camp Road, Siler City, NC 27344, Southeastern Karate Association, Siler City or clandonaldusa.com.





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 - Dixson - 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 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 ever make. Hope to see you soon!

A letter from Mairi Gray...

This is what all of you 70+ year-olds, and yet-to-be kids have to look forward to!! This is something that happened at an assisted living center.

The people who lived there have small apartments but they all eat at a central cafeteria.

One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so I went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. I could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly so I went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived so I went back up towards his room and found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a terrible time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. I told him I was going to call an ambulance but he said, "No, I am not in any pain and just want to have my breakfast." So I helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he did have his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first step so we called an ambulance for him. A couple hours later I called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts.

I am sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know the facts.

Mairi



Henderson tartan ladies kilted skirts for sale!

There is a Clan Little ladies kilted skirt for sale, too!

There are two Henderson ladies kilted skirts for sale, both in Henderson Ancient tartan. There is one formal kilted skirt with 32-34 inch waist and 38 inch length. The day wear kilted skirt with a 32-34 inch waist and a length of 25 inches. Both come with a Henderson kilt pin.

For anyone with a Clan Little Scottish connection, a day wear ladies kilted skirt with 32-34 inch waist, 26 inch length is for sale.

Prices: Henderson kilted skirt is \$300 for the formal kilted skirt and \$200 for the day wear kilted skirt.

The Clan Little tartan kilted skirt is a bit more expensive and is priced for \$250.

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The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters

A lovely letter for May from George Watt and The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters...

(I find if I read the Scots out loud, I can pretty well figure out what it says. It turns out, it is great fun!)

Weel here we ging again wi yet anither election but I'm nae gaein tae speil awa wi politics.

This week I'm awa tae the Isle o Islay for some Scottish Country Dancing an loads o walkin – weither permitting!

Weel it haes been kent tae raen whiles oot wast. Ye see, accause we are neist tae the Atlantic the weet weither gets blawin ower frae America!

Onywey, ye divnae need me tae tell ye that Islay produces the finest o Malt Whisky an I div enjoy ae richt guid drammie. Bi guid, I mean superior, nae quantity! An spikin o quality, oor neist eidition o *Lallans* nummer 90 will be oot cam early June.

Lallans is the ainly magazine that is 100% in Scots an it haes noo been on the go for 45 year. No mony magazines in ony leid survive that lang. We survive by public subscription, we dinnae get ony fauncy grants or ocht like that no e'en frae wir ain Scots Parliament. I'm richt pleased tae tell ye, mony o oor magazines gang ower yon Atlantic ocean, agin the heid wund, tae laun on doorsteps in near ilka State o the USA.

Gin ye raed this column provided bi oor guid frein Beth, why no subscribe anaa? An mind yer associe, be it ae Clan gaitherin or ae bagpipe skule can jyne anaa. *Lallans* shuid be in ilka library o thay associes.

Mony fowk still think o Scots as bein 2nd rate Inglis, an bi extension, Scots Fowk as 2nd rate tae Inglis fowk. This is fit the Union o Britain haes imposed upon us, an accours it is aa brainwash.

Scots as ye ken, for ye are aa Scots still, are as guid as onywan, but nae in the een o Westminster.

Scots, the leid, haes been producing tap class literatur for ceinturies sinsyne the deys o Chaucer.

Gavin Douglas screived aathin that Shakespeare did ainly he did it aa in ae great buikie! But foo mony fowk hae haerd o him? Aabiddie haes heard o Rabbie Burns an mighty me, he wis the best in ony leid an weel respectit throuoot the wurld an richtly so. But thare is still fowk screivin beautifu an thochtfu poesy, an prose in Scots the dey an *Lallans* is the pruf o that.

Ae magazine disnae survive 45 year waeoot the finest o screivins and the finest o screivers.

Mony o the screivers in *Lallans* are published in ither journals an magazines anaa, sic is the quality o wark thay produce.

So I speir o ye tae gae it some thocht an support the Scots leid. Rememmer, mony o ye are descended frae Scots speakers an nae frae ceinturies lang syne, but waein the last twa, threi generacions.

I masel hae reletives in America. Some emigrated durin the depression, but frae the Island o Islay some haed tae get awa efter the failed 1745 rebellion o Bonny Prince Chairlie. Thay tuik ship an sailed awa tae New England! Noo I think yon is ae bittie ironic.

Aa the best tae ye aa.

Faa's like us? Damned few an thay'r aa deid!

George T. Watt.

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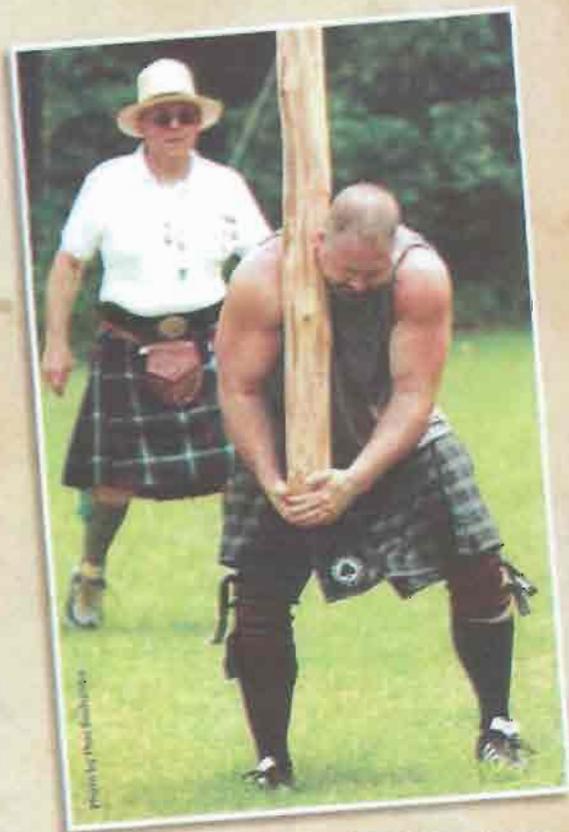
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Betcha' didn't know....

Lincoln Logs - beloved of so many children, were invented by the son of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, John Lloyd Wright!

17th Bethabara Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival



THE CABER TOSS

HEY... YA'LL WATCH THIS!
Saturday, May 13, 2017

Parking and admission are free. Visitor Center, historic buildings and the Bethabara Highland Games open at 10:00 am. in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA 27106

17th Bethabara Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival

Reminiscent of the Scotch Fairs that were held in the Carolinas in May in the late 1790s, the Bethabara Highland Games offers a relaxing day for family gatherings with congenial kinfolk, musical entertainment and the camaraderie of the Scottish heavy athletics competition.

Hear Scottish Pipe bands playing throughout the day. The music continues as *The Fiddle and Bow Society* hosts a variety of Celtic entertainment on the Main Stage.



The Scottish music workshop

Enjoy the 6th Bethabara Scottish Fiddle Competition and a *free* Scottish music workshop for stringed instruments hosted by *The Triad Scottish Fiddlers and Friends*. The Scottish fiddle competition is sanctioned by Scottish F.I.R.E.

The Games are a great day trip to another place and time. See heritage crafters. Find your connection to a Scottish Clan family, throw

a battle-axe, and learn about cultural folk arts such as Scottish Country, Highland and Irish dancing.

For the warriors there are Colonial games and children's Scottish athletic competitions in the morning and afternoon. There are amazing Border collic demonstrations. Kilts will again be available for the children at NO charge.

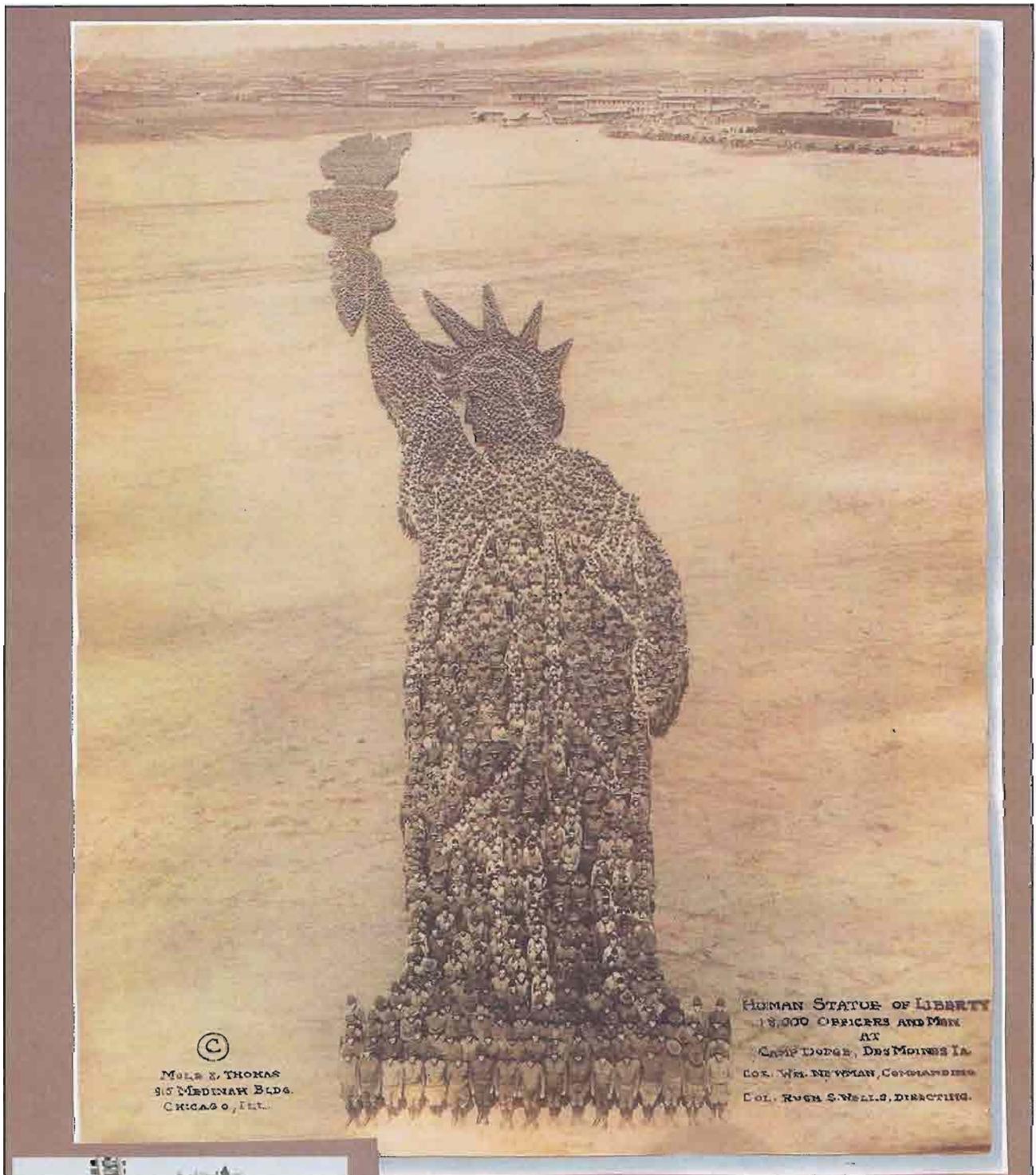
Enjoy shopping the Celtic Vendors and trying Scottish or festival food. Picnic area available.



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The Statue of Liberty, taken 1918



Human Statue of Liberty.

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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.

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

www.elliotclan.com

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

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

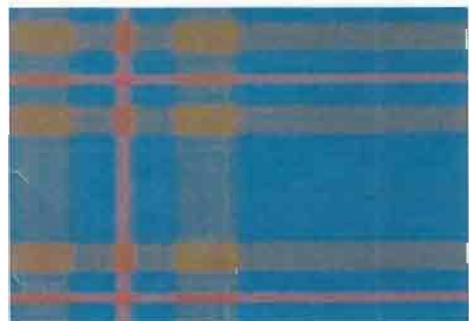
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Boldly and Rightly



Clan Gunn has a new Chief

With thanks to *Yours Aye*, the publication of the Clan Sinclair Association, Inc., of the United States of America.

Membership inquiries to: Tom Robinson,
Membership Chairman/
Central Vice President. 972-816-2816

For the first time in over 230 years, one of the oldest Scottish clans, Clan Gunn, has a Chief.

Clan Gunn descends from the Norse Jarls of Orkney and the Pictish Moramaers of Caithness.

The origin of the name "Gunn" comes from Gunni who married Ragnhild, the granddaughter of Earl Rognvald Kali (Saint Rognvald). She inherited a vast land in Caithness and Sutherland after her brother, Harald the Young, was killed in 1198.

One of the earliest and possibly the best known of the official chiefs of the clan was George Gunn, the Crowner, who was killed along with two of his sons, Robert and John, in a 1464 battle with Clan Keith.

James, the first son, was not involved in that conflict and he subsequently replaced his father as chief of the clan - his descendants led the clan for at least nine generations.

Chiefly bloodline ceased to exist

With the death of Morrison Gunn, 9th MacHeamish, in 1785, the chiefly bloodline ceased to exist.

In the nineteenth century, several attempts were made to find a lawful heir, but without success, due mainly to the fact that the claimants could not prove without a doubt their legal link to the chiefs.

In 1960, the present Clan Gunn Society was formed with Dr. William Gunn as leader, assisted by his nephew, Iain Alexander Gunn.

Lord Lyon Innes of Learney then appointed William as Commander. Upon his death in 1968, Iain succeeded him as Gunn of Banniskirk.

In 1972, Lord Lyon Monteith Grant appointed Iain as Commander until a claimant could be recognized as chief.

At the 1978 Clan Gunn AGM, an invitation was issued for interested parties to present their claims and



Chief Iain Gunn of Gunn

by 1993, five claimants had done so, but none of them could prove his case.

In 2010, Lyon Sellar substituted the historic Derbhfine of Landed and Armigerous clansmen with a Family Convention by which a wider body of clansmen could make an election.

The only time that the Lord Lyon sanctions such a convention is when no one who has claimed the Chiefship of a clan as of hereditary right has been able to prove his case, and the Chiefly line has been effectively lost. The leading clan members are therefore able to "elect" the person who they consider most suitable for the job. Genealogy is not the main factor, but the person must be "of the blood."

Historic Investiture Ceremony

The new method was used in July 2015 prior to the 18th triennial Clan Gunn International Gathering at the Ayre Hotel in Kirkwall, Orkney when a Family Convention was held for the "leading members" of the clan to meet in an effort to "elect" the person they wished the Lord Lyon to recognize as Chief.

In the presence of Mr. John Malden, who was then Unicorn Pursuivant of Arms of the Lyon Court, the Convention ended with a vote of 23 to 1 in favour of Commander Iain A. Gunn of Banniskirk. This information was taken to Lyon Dr. Joseph Morrow who, in September 2015, recognized the Petitioner as Representor of the House and Family of Gunn, Chief of the Clan Gunn, and that he was entitled to the additaments of Chief to his Ensigns Armorial.

A marvelous and historic Investiture Ceremony then took place on April 16, 2016 at the Merchants Hall in Edinburgh, Scotland in the presence of about

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CSSA Honored , continued from page 15 —

Mrs. Gray's husband. The event was held at the Country Club of Orlando to recognize individuals and organizations who have helped with the Habitat for Humanity's mission of providing homes to those in need.

Known to most of us as "Jim," Valerie's late husband and our founding president of the CSSA, had volunteered with this organization throughout the years and was it was one of Jim's favorite charities.

More information about the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando can be found at <http://www.habitat-orlando.org/>



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Highland Games,
Stone Mtn., GA

Clan Gunn Chief, continued from page 15

100 clansmen and women from around the world.

Dr. Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms, presided over the ceremony and officially recognized Chief Iain Gunn of Gunn.

In consultation with the Lyon Court, the new arms of Iain Gunn of Gunn depict a red galley on a white background and the supporters are a Viking man and Pictish woman, a tribute to Gunn ancestry.



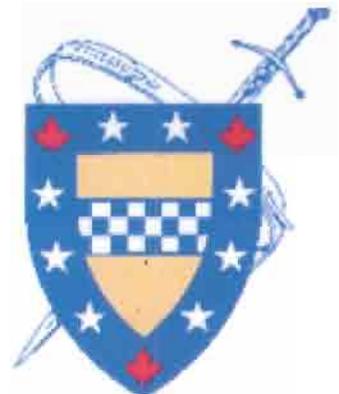
Marcella Marie (McDuffee) Staggs, Life Member of the MacDuffee Clan Society suddenly passed April 13, 2017 at age 60 years.

Marcy, who resided in Lafayette, Indiana, left behind 7 children and 9 grandchildren.

Marcy was the younger sister of Life Member Tim McDuffee and Clan Society President Tom McDuffee.

She was preceded in death by her parents Wallace and Anna-Marie McDuffee.

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THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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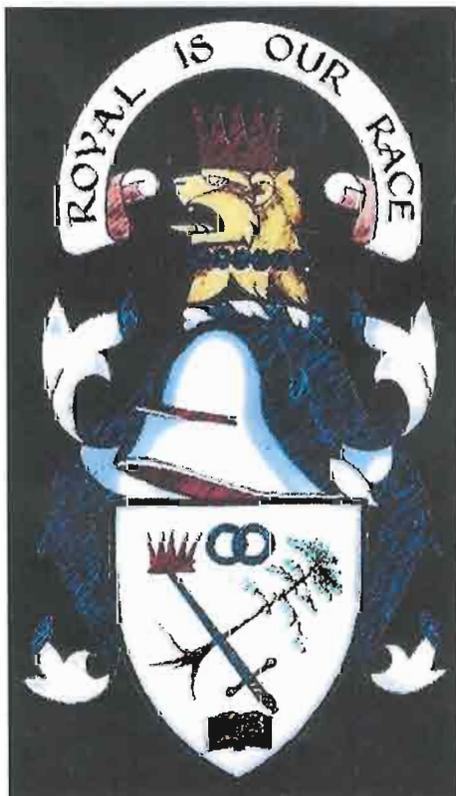
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who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

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Clan Lindsay USA Awards Scholarships for 2017

It is my pleasure to serve as Scholarship Chair for Clan Lindsay Assn, U.S.A. and also my privilege to share information regarding the scholarship opportunities that our clan offers. I am so pleased at the number of applications received this year. The generous donations to our scholarship fund by Clan Lindsay members enabled us to award scholarships to nine individuals which included dancers, pipers, drummers, and a fiddler! Many of our awardees compete nationally and internationally and these scholarship awards will be used to continue their private lessons in addition to attending workshops such as the Ohio Scottish Arts School and the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming.

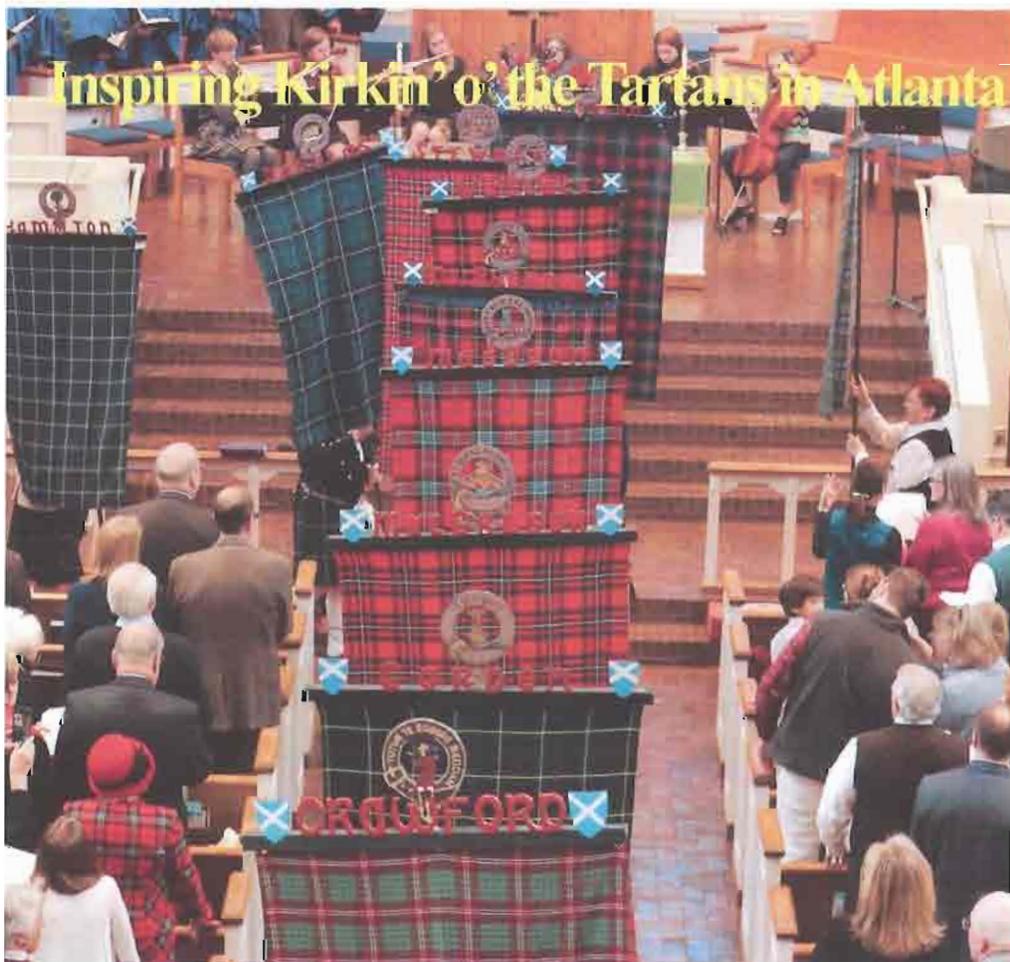
On their behalf, I extend my utmost thanks and appreciation to all of our Clan Lindsay kith and kin who include scholarship donations with their membership dues and for assisting these deserving awardees to perpetuate their interest in Scottish traditions.

The following were awarded Clan Lindsay USA Scholarships: ♦ Megan Ashworth, Dancing, Simi Valley, CA \$200 ♦ Alexander Jackson Braswell, Cary, NC - Drumming \$650 ♦ Jessica Lindsay Craig, Gregory, MI - Dancing \$200 ♦ Beret Dernbach, San Diego, CA. - Dancing \$300 ♦ Dalton Shane Duncan, Earlsboro, OK - Drumming \$650 ♦ Emily Elizabeth Fleming, Asheville, NC - Fiddling \$400 ♦ Autumn Elizabeth Giacchina, Clearwater, FL - Dancing \$625 ♦ Filemon C. Tan II, Bellaire, TX - Piping \$200 ♦ Michelle Tan, Bellaire TX - Dancing \$200.

With thanks to the *Clan Lindsay Recorder*. Contact Clan Lindsay <www.clanlindsayusa.org>



Pamela Farley, from Texas



The Kirkin' o' the Tartans at Atlanta's St. Luke's Presbyterian Church is quite large and culminates their Heritage Week. About fifty tartans were processed during this service. The photo was taken by Susan Douglas of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta. This is an annual St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta tradition.

Jim Anderson of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta hand carved all of the "banner top-pers."

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Clan Donald USA Annual General Meeting invites CDUSA members!

You still have time to make plans to attend the CDUSA AGM in Savannah, Georgia. It starts on Thursday, August 24 and ends Sunday, August 27. Thursday, there is an all day tour; on Friday morning there is an overview of Savannah tour; Friday evening will include a Low Country Boil and Ghost Tour; on Saturday, various workshops are offered in the morning, the Annual General Meeting is in the afternoon, and the Reception, Grand Banquet and Tartan Ball are held that night.



There is a group rate of \$129 at the Hilton Savannah DeSoto available until July 25. You can go to the Clan Donald website at <www.clandonaldusa.org> and click on the AGMs tab to reserve your hotel room. You can also register online in the Store or download the form and mail with your check to Maureen McDaniel, AGM Registrar. You will need to sign in to access the Store.

For more information you might wish to visit: <www.clandonaldusa.org>.



There is a festival in Nepal dedicated solely to thanking dogs for their loyalty and friendship.



Senior citizens can get a lifetime National Parks pass for only \$10, but not for much longer

Fun fact: There are 417 national parks in the U.S., spanning across more than 84 million acres. And if you're 62 or older, \$10 will get you into all of them for the rest of your life.

It's not just national parks. The National Park Service said the \$10 Senior Pass provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by five federal agencies, including the Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

But that price is about to go up significantly. According to the AARP, the lifetime pass for senior citizens will go up to \$80 before the end of 2017.

But don't panic just yet. NPS said the price increase is not expected within the next few months.

The price increase comes after Congress approved the National Park Service Centennial Act in December 2016, which raises fees and sets up an endowment to help pay for projects and visitor services.

If you get a Senior Pass online or through the mail, it adds \$10 to the overall fee. If you don't want to pay that extra \$10, here's a list of where you can get the pass in-person: <http://12ne.ws/2o7uqkZ>



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Why is Tartan Day always held on April 6?

Tartan Day is held each year in the United States since 1998 on April 6. The significance of this date is not lost on Scotsmen. It coincides with the signing of the Scottish Declaration of Arbroath in 1320. This document was studied by the Founding Fathers of our country before writing our own Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The Declaration of Arbroath was written in Latin, as were all government documents of the time, and sent to Pope John XXII in Avignon, France. The document listed reasons that the Pope recognize Scottish sovereignty and independence under King Robert I from the English throne occupied by Edward II. The Pope in June of that year excommunicated King Robert and all the Scottish Bishops thus creating a dynastic crisis as there was no obvious heir to the Scottish throne.

*Of interest to Lindsay's is that **Sir David Lindsay, Lord of Crawford, Lord of the Byres** has a formidable connection to this famous document. Firstly he witnessed the Royal Charter in July 1318 and then he was one of the barons who signed the*

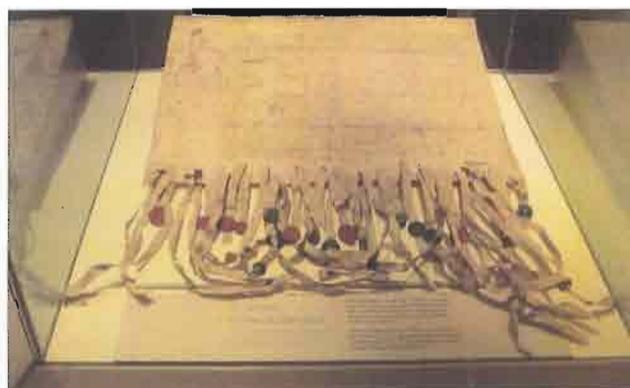


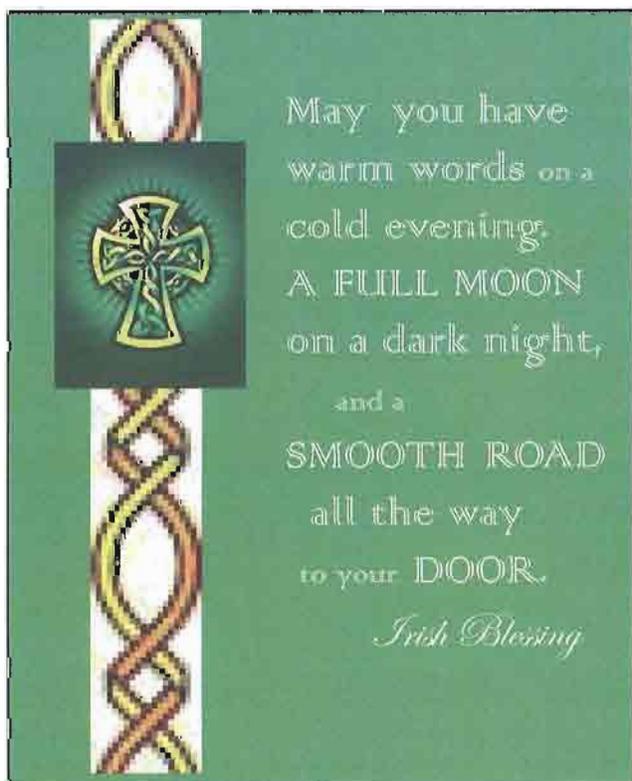
Photo courtesy of Tom Thurmond, GA.

Declaration of Arbroath that was sent to Pope John XXII on April 6, 1320.

For so long as there shall but one hundred of us remain alive we will never give consent to subject ourselves to the dominion of the English.

For it is not glory, it is not riches, neither is it honours; but it is liberty alone that we fight and contend for, which no honest man will lose but with his life."

With many thanks to *The Clan Lindsay USA Recorder*, publication of the Clan Lindsay USA. Contact them at: <www.clanlindsayusa.org>



Thanks to Fesse Chequy, quarterly publication of the Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc.



Battle of Culloden 271st anniversary last month

Did you know the date which marked the 271st anniversary of the Battle of Culloden? That battle took place on 16th April 1746.

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



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Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:
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Maclavish, Maclavis, M'Tavish, MacThomas,
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Clan MacLellan

Clan MacLellan 2017 AGM Schedule



www.tartanfootprint.com

Hope to see you at the 2017 Clan MacLellan Annual Meeting held during the Smoky Mountain Highland Games in Marysville, TN - May 20 & 21.

Please RSVP to <president@clanmaclellan.net> for which events you would like to join us, so we can make reservations, have enough favors and can keep you posted in case our plans change.

The games website now has the 2017 schedule listed and our schedule is listed below.

You are invited to one or all of these fun events: *Thursday night - Aubreys* <<http://aubreysrestaurants.com/maryville/>> *Friday Lunch - Calhouns* <<http://calhouns.com/menus-and-locations/maryville/>> *Friday Board Meeting - 1:00 pm at the Hotel. Friday Night - Dinner at the Hotel* <<http://www.knoxvilleairport.hilton.com>> *Saturday Lunch - At the Games. Clan MacLellan Group Photo at 1:00 at the MacLellan tent. AGM Dinner - Saturday Night - Barleys* <<http://barleysmaryville.com/>> *Sunday Night - Smoky Mountain Brewery* <<http://smokymtnbrew.wpengine.com/locations-menus/maryville/>> (Dress codes is come as you are - I will be wearing tartan but formal attire is not required.)

If you are going to the games on both Saturday & Sunday, you can save \$10 by ordering your tickets online <<http://smokymountaingames.org/2017-ticket-pricing/>>.

We will be able to watch our own Roy McCellan

compete.

Highland Reign, along with many others groups, will be playing during the weekend.

The games have a nondenominational church service on Sunday morning.

You can fly into the Knoxville, TN airport and the hotel has a shuttle.

Please call the Hilton Knoxville Airport, 2001

Alcoa Hwy I, Alcoa, TN 37701 directly at 865-970-4300 and ask for the Smoky Mountain Highland Games rate or refer to Code: SMHG. Main Level rooms are \$88 + tax (1 King or 2 Queens) - Executive Level rates are \$108 + tax (1 King or 2 Queens. The Executive Level is a key access floor including evening appetizers and deluxe continental breakfast in the Executive Level Lounge) These special rates

will sell out. The standard rate on the website starts at \$149 so please reserve soon.

If you have questions, please email <president@clanmaclellan.net>. Hope to see you soon!

Blessings and Think On, Kathy

We will again have a Silent Auction to benefit the MacLellan Scholarship fund. There are already two bottles of McClelland wine to be auctioned. We have another bottle of McClelland wine that members can sample. This was donated by J. McClelland Cellars.



Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC, April 8 - 9, 2017 Parade of Tartans





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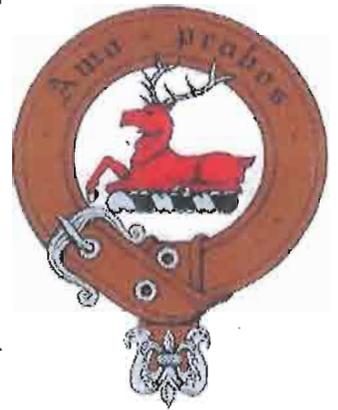


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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



James Wilkinson Jr., age 85, of Enfield passed away on April 8, 2017 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC.

He was born on March 28, 1932 to the late James T. and Marion Fountain Wilkinson in Tarboro, NC. He attended the University of North Carolina, and graduated, and received his MBA from the University of South Carolina. He remained a devoted Gamecocks fan all of his life. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at both universities. He was a 32nd degree Mason, Scottish Rite. Jim was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church where he served several terms on the vestry. He married Rhet on June 14, 1958. Both he and his wife were primary members of Clan Donald USA. Jim was an avid golfer, and a charter member of Scotfield Country Club in Enfield, NC, and Duck Woods Country Club in Southern Shores, NC. He was known to his golfing buddies as “Jimmy Nut”. He was a member of the Pit Crew at the Black Pelican in Kitty Hawk, NC. Jim loved the beach and all of his beach family.



Jim was also preceded in death by his wife Henrietta “Rhet”, and his son James “Jim” Thomas Wilkinson, III.

Survivors include his daughter, Perrin Wilkinson Gardner and her husband Willie “Buck” of Scotland Neck, NC, and grandson, Bryan Gardner of the home; sister, Marion “Sis” Wilkinson Scott of Scotland Neck, NC, and sister-in-law Carlisle Simon, Maryville, TN; locally, two nieces, Debby Scott Hopkins and her husband Tim, Susan Scott Holliday and her husband Dennis. He is also survived by nephews, and godsons, Pierson Simon, Maryville, TN, McCall Simon and his

wife Kayla, Knoxville, TN, and Camden Simon; Knoxville, TN.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the Trinity Episcopal Cemetery of Scotland Neck, NC. Canon Ted Malone, and Rev. Camden Simon officiated.

George Clifton James. Born: 29 May 1920 in Spokane, Washington. Died: 15 April 2017 in Gladstone, Oregon, aged 96.

Clifton James, best known for his portrayal of a southern sheriff in two James Bond films, but who was most proud of his work on the stage, has died.

He was 96.

His daughter, Lynn James, said he died on Saturday in Gladstone, Oregon, due to complications from diabetes. “He was the most outgoing person, beloved by everybody,” she said. “I don’t think the man had an enemy. We were incredibly blessed to have had him in our lives.”

James often played a convincing southerner but loved working on the stage in New York during the prime of his career.

One of his first significant roles was as a cigar-chomping, prison floor-walker in the 1967 classic *Cool Hand Luke*. His long list of roles also includes swagging, tobacco-spitting Louisiana Sheriff J.W. Pepper in the Bond films. His portrayal in *Live and Let Die* in 1973 more than held its own with Roger Moore’s portrayal of Bond. James was such a hit that writers carved a role for him in the next Bond film, *The Man with the Golden Gun*, in 1974. James, this time playing the same sheriff on vacation in Thailand and the epitome of the ugly American abroad, gets pushed into the water by a baby elephant. “He wasn’t supposed to actually go in,” said his daughter. “They gave him sugar to feed the elephant. But he wasn’t giving it to the elephant fast enough.”



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Did you know 2017 marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Clan Grant Society in North America?

Thanks to Hank Grant, our Historian, we can revisit some of the events from the early years. When established, and for a few years thereafter, the society was known as the Clan Grant Society of North America. This name was used until a sister association was formed in Canada, at which time the name was revised to the Clan Grant Society – USA.

The society was conceived in 1977, when John Grant, an attorney in Los Angeles, got in touch with the Chief of the Clan Grant, the Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Sir Donald Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant, Baronet,

to inquire about the possibility of establishing a branch of the clan in America. Almost simultaneously and providentially, the late George H. Grant of Hixson, Tennessee, also initiated contact with Lord Strathspey. George’s close friend and neighbor, Ivan MacArthur, Convener of the Clan MacArthur Society, had encouraged George to make inquiries about founding a society in the United States.

We will be holding a special anniversary meeting before the AGM at Stone Mountain this year. All Grants are cordially invited to join us in a toast to the Chief, Sir James Grant of Grant, Lord Strathspey 33rd Chief of Clan Grant. Mark your calendar for October 21st to be at Stone Mountain Georgia.

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