



Vol. XII No. 11 *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* May 2019 Section A

## The National Trust for Scotland Foundation names Andy Scott as its Great Scot



16 April, New York City – The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA's annual gala, A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures, drew tartan-clad international philanthropists to New York's Metropolitan Club on 11 April.

NTS USA honored Andy Scott, sculptor of The Kelpies (the world's largest equine sculptures) as its Great Scot.

Under the guidance of honorary chair Naoma Tate, and co-chairs 2009 Great Scot Alan Cumming and Grant Shaffer, 2010 Great Scot Christopher Forbes, Joan Kahn, and Susi and Alasdair Nichol, the event raised over \$300,000 to support the work of the National Trust for Scotland, that country's largest conservation charity.

Paul Roberts, vice-chairman of Lyon & Turnbull and president of Freeman's, pre-

sented Mr. Scott with the *2019 Great Scot Award*. It is presented annually to a Scot or American who has contributed to the countries' shared heritage. Past recipients include filmmaker Ken Burns, comedian Sir Billy Connolly, actress Phyllis Logan, and author Alexander McCall Smith.

### BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!

**Scammers May Be Using DNA Testing to Defraud Medicare and Steal Identities**

If anyone offers to test your DNA free of charge or even offers to pay you \$20 for DNA swabs and supplying your health insurance information, **don't do it!**



*May 18 is Armed Forces Day*

Be sure and say

*Thank you*

to our military personnel!



Send articles,  
Flowers of the Forest, questions, etc.,  
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**Section A is “up”**  
a day or so before the  
first of the next month.

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**Thank You all!**







Hi. Just a couple of notes from Beth...

The Scotland Shop in Edinburgh, made my skirt ...and it was embroidered by my not so skilled hands.

I do not really know WHY I was honored in such a lovely way.

I think I was simply honored because it was such a joy to work with the Scottish Clans for such a long time.

*Love, Beth*

## *A letter from your editor...*

# **Beth's “Thank You” Skirt!**

My Tom wrote this for me as I was shy about putting this in my own publication, but I do wish for everyone to know of my gratitude to so many in the Scottish community.

He wrote: I first met Beth at an event called Scottish Weekend she used to hold at the Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, Georgia. It didn't take long to see how deeply involved she was with the Scottish community, both here and abroad.

In the nineteen years since, I have also seen how well known and well liked she is. It is hardly possible to walk around the grounds at any highland games as she is constantly stopped by some long time friend, or friends (more likely partners in crime) to reminisce about old times and fondly remember those dear cohorts now gone.

Long story short, she has ties to many of the Scottish clans, both by heredity and by choice. So many, in fact, that she recently decided she needed to do something by way of thank you to the sixteen clans that have made her an honorary member.

Hence the “Moran Taing” skirt. It is made up of panels of tartan from each of the clans that have officially invited her into their number. Upon each panel is handstitched the name of the clan.

Now, she has new people stopping her to ask about her skirt and why it is configured as it is. Which gives her an opportunity to explain about tartans and what a wonderful and inclusive group we Scottish Americans are.

In the black panels between the tartans, she has also stitched three phrases in Scots Gaelic: Moran Taing, Tapadh Leat and Thor Taing Do, all of which mean thank you!

*Tom*

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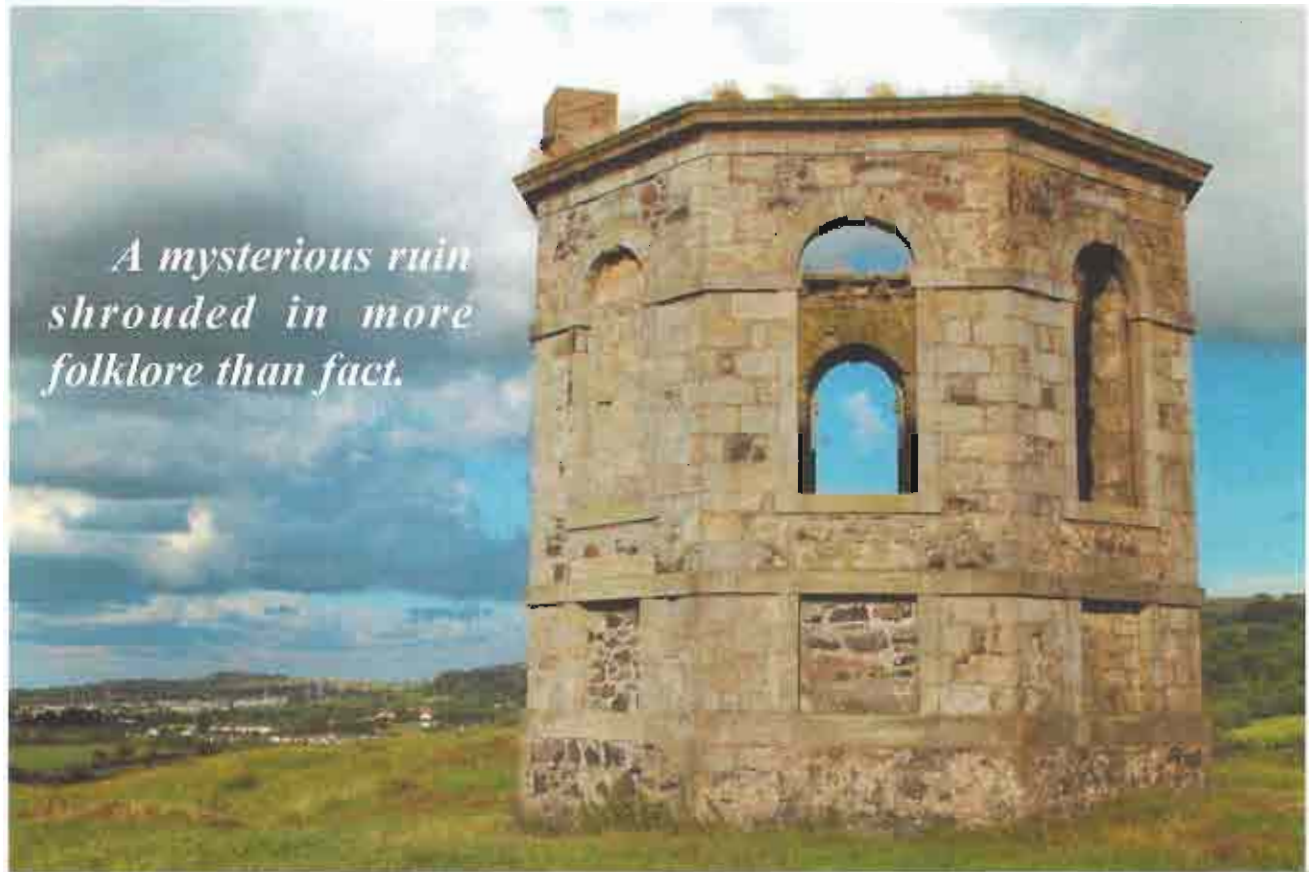
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# Kenmure Hill Temple



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Any train passengers traveling through Scotland from Johnstone to the coast or drivers on the A737 passing by the Howwood/Lochwinnoch area can't fail to notice the stark, roofless ruin crowning Kenmure Hill.

Little is known about "The Temple." Local folklore states the octagonal structure was a place of worship for the landowner's servants or his foreign wife. Other tales claim it was a nursery for a sick child, or a watch tower for ladies to attend to their embroidery while the men hunted below on horseback.

Records show the building was constructed around 1760 for Colonel William McDowell, a wealthy merchant who made his money in the West Indies. Originally, there were avenues of trees on

the hill, which was a common feature for summer houses of that era. The inspiration for this may have come from James Gibbs's 1728 *A Book of Architecture, Containing Designs of Buildings and Ornaments*, a kind of scrapbook for building ideas.

The very fact so much mystery surrounds the reason it was built also alludes to the idea it may actually have been a Masonic temple. Freemasonry was practiced widely around here, and still is to this day.

In 1830, a lightning strike and subsequent fire damaged the roof. The building is in remarkably good condition despite this, and is a testament to the quality of its construction.

***Know Before You Go***

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## Help Uncle Sam's Highlanders go back to the Scottish Mey Adaptive Highland Games and Cultural Festival



Able bodied men and women, wheelchair athletes, those with artificial limbs, many from the US Military, have been invited back to the Mey Games in Scotland this coming August. Their visit last year was a huge success! The total needed for their trip will be \$60,000. Your help is really needed.

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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015

# The National Wallace Monument Opens Door on a Totally New Visitor Experience

19 April 2019 – Stirling - The National Wallace Monument has today (Friday 19th April) re-opened its doors to visitors following a complete refurbishment of the exhibition galleries within the famous landmark, which this year celebrates its 150th anniversary.

The work to totally transform each of the three floors within the Monument commenced in February this year. The project is managed by Stirling District Tourism (the charity which manages and operates the Monument as a visitor attraction), and a team of special-

ist contractors, led by Edinburgh-based designers Studioarc.



For the first time, visitors will be able to see the sculptures of Maggie Keswick Jencks and Mary Slessor in the Monument's famous Hall of Heroes (created by Graciela Ainsworth and Csilla Karsay respectively) – the first heroines to be recognised in the gallery.

In The Hall of Arms, visitors will be able to see *Wallace – A Hero in The Making* – the dramatic new animated film commissioned specially for the  
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## Kenmure Hill Temple, *continued from page 5*

Visiting the temple requires a degree of fitness.

An access gate is available on the cycle track at the north side of the monument.

Alternatively, take the A737 and leave at Howwood.

Follow Station Road and use one of several minor roads to get to the field where the ruin is.

There is no path so sturdy footwear is required. It is also quite a steep incline to the monument and visitors need to be mindful of any potential livestock. For this reason dogs must be kept on a leash.





# SCOTTISH HERITAGE USA, INC.

## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DANCE AND PIPING SCHOLARSHIPS

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Applications are currently being considered for **one week** scholarships to The School of Scottish Arts (for dance) at Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina and the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming in Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

Applicants for the Scottish Heritage **one week** scholarships must submit a letter of application **by Friday 18 May, 2019** to:

**Scottish Heritage USA, Inc.**, PO Box 457, Pinehurst, North Carolina 28370.

The letter of application must be on the application form found on our website [www.scottishheritageusa.org](http://www.scottishheritageusa.org), or call the office (910) 295-4448 to obtain the form

Narrative essay to follow and should include:

- Student's level of training and (for piping/drumming) instrument
- Brief explanation of why applicant is applying for this scholarship (must fit in space provided on form and must be written by applicant)

If the applicant is under 18, the application letter must be co-signed by parent or guardian  
Applicant's letter must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an accredited instructor

If application does not conform to all of the above specifications, it will **not** be considered

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 18 MAY 2019 – (Any applications received after that date will not be considered)**

The School of Scottish Arts is held at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina

The School of Scottish Arts was founded in North Carolina in 1965 by Sally Southerland.

The purposes of *School of Scottish Arts (SSA)* are:

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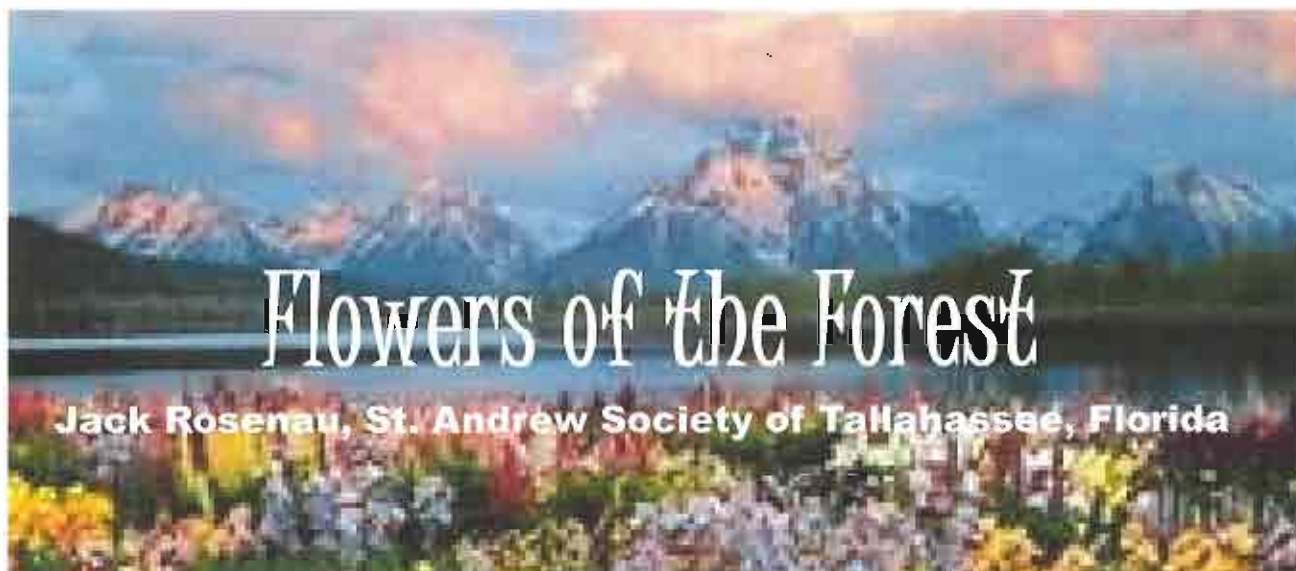
SSA accomplishes this mission by offering quality dance instruction from top teachers of Highland Dancing and by introducing and reinforcing knowledge of Scottish culture and history. For more information on the School of Scottish Arts, please visit: <http://www.qmha.org/school%20of%20scottish%20arts%20menu.htm>

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**Jack Rosenau**, long time member and past president of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away April 20, 2019.

Funeral services took place at Abbey Funeral Home on Thursday, April 25th, with burial service to follow at Tallahassee

Memory Garden on North Monroe, next to his late wife, his beloved Jean.

So long dear friend! Semper Fi!

Eric King, St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee.



On January 8<sup>th</sup>, I recognized my father **James Calvin Turnbull** on his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Today, I am sad to say that he passed yesterday, March 28, 2019.

Words can't begin to explain the unbelievable pain and grief I am suffering

from at this time. Heading to The Virgin Islands to say goodbye.

### *A Son's Tribute*

He was a bull of a man...  
He was a man that took no bull...  
In true Turnbull fashion,  
My pops lived a full life.  
And yesterday...that life was taken  
From him and from me, forever.  
Gone to the place all Turnbolls roam  
After breathing their last.  
I think he's in Avalon right now  
Daddy, I am broken...  
Only you know how much you meant  
To this last of 6 sons that almost  
wasn't.

Thank you for life and your love.  
You'll NEVER BE Forgotten  
In time, the pain will ease  
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## Wallace Monument, *continued from page 7*

Monument, which introduces the story of the 13<sup>th</sup> century patriot and martyr, William Wallace. The famous sword which has come to be recognised as a symbol of Wallace's strength and determination is also displayed on this level.

In The Royal Chamber, the uppermost gallery, a new viewfinder reveals how the landscape around the Abbey Craig appeared to Wallace in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, as he led the Scottish army to The Battle of Stirling Bridge on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1297. Visitors can also design their own Coat of Arms, to be projected onto a battle-shield.

Speaking of the reopening, Stirling District Tourism Chair, Zillah Jamieson, said: "In the Monument's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we wanted to tell the story of William Wallace better than it has ever been told in the past. The upgraded exhibition spaces will resonate with modern audiences from all over the world, through dynamic storytelling and digital enhancements.

"We are really looking forward to welcoming visitors to these exciting new exhibition spaces, and we are honoured to play our part in preserving the legacy of William Wallace for generations to come."

External conservation work will continue following the re-opening of the Monument, and is expected to be completed prior to the end of May 2019. While this is ongoing, all admission charges will be reduced by 20%.

Visitors can keep up to date on the 2019 Anniversary Events Programme and opening times by visiting [www.nationalwallacemonument.com](http://www.nationalwallacemonument.com).



*Visitors to the upgraded landmark will experience all-new exhibits across its three floors including a bespoke animated film, a reconstruction of the Stirling landscape in 1297, a digital coat of arms design activity and immersive displays.*



*The specially created busts of Scottish heroines Mary Slessor and Maggie Keswick Jencks are now on display at their permanent home in the Hall of Heroes gallery inside The National Wallace Monument may be seen at the right.*

*The two women were selected to be cast in stone following a public vote in 2017 and will be the first depicting females within the gallery. The iconic Scottish landmark re-opened to visitors on Friday 19th April following an extensive refurbishment project.*



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# Auschwitz victim, Scot Jane Haining, honoured at Hungarian march



*The March of the Living marked Hungary's Holocaust Memorial Day*

A Scot who gave her life to help protect Jewish schoolgirls during World War Two has been honoured in Hungary.

Jane Haining, from Dunscore, worked at the Scottish Mission school in Budapest in the 1930s and 1940s.

She refused to take advice to return to her homeland, saying the children needed her in "days of darkness", and ended up dying at Auschwitz.

Ms Haining was remembered at the March of the Living in Budapest to mark Hungary's Holocaust Memorial Day.

## **'Unwavering devotion'**

The torchlight procession - expected to be attended by more than 10,000 people - is an annual event. This year it commemorated the life and work of Ms Haining.

It followed the publication of a book which showed she had helped to save "many" Jews during World War Two.

Scottish Secretary David Mundell led the march and spoke at the event.

He said it was a "huge honour and a great privilege" to take on the role.

An extraordinary, brave and selfless woman, Jane Haining sacrificed herself to protect Jewish schoolgirls in Budapest during the Second World War," he said.

"Her unwavering devotion saw her lose her life in Auschwitz 75 years ago, aged just 47.

"She is a hero of which all of Scotland, Hungary and the world can be proud."

## **'Service and sacrifice'**

Rev. Aaron Stevens, minister of St Columba's Church of Scotland in Budapest, said Ms Haining's story remained an important one to tell.

"Jane Haining's service and sacrifice shows that caring for people from different backgrounds in no way compromises our faith," he said.

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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!

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## Gorgeous new graphics for Clan MacTavish

Tony Cash, new Director at Large for the clan, has designed and updated many graphics for the Clan MacTavish, including this crest featuring the tartans of the group.

If you would like to learn about membership in Clan MacTavish, just email [<clanmactavishmembership143@gmail.com>](mailto:clanmactavishmembership143@gmail.com).

**Jane Haining**, *continued from page 13*



*Jane Haining, honoured at Hungarian march*

"In fact, it just might be the fullest expression of it.

"Since I've had a chance to hear women share their childhood memories of the Scottish Mission, I treasure every opportunity to pass on those stories."



The Clan MacTavish will hold its 2019 Annual General Meeting at the Blairsville Scottish Festival, planned for June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Meeks Park (480 Meeks Park Road, Blairsville, GA 20512) in Blairsville.

The AGM will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> with the time to be announced.

If you would like accommodations information and AGM additional information, or membership information contact President, Dr. Joe Cash at: [<President.mactavish@gmail.com>](mailto:President.mactavish@gmail.com) Membership information may be obtained by email at [<clanmactavishmembership143@gmail.com>](mailto:clanmactavishmembership143@gmail.com)

## Clan Lindsay at the Central Florida Highland Games and Festival January 19 - 20



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events which have welcomed tens of thousands of visitors across Scotland. The fund provides support to clans, clan societies and other eligible organisations by supporting the growth and development of their events.

It's a busy year ahead for the clans with 14 events taking place across 9 local authorities inviting visitors from across Scotland and beyond to



*Clan MacLeod Parliament 2018 - One of the events supported by the Scottish Clan Event Fund*

celebrate Scotland's ancestral history. Each year, hundreds of thousands of visitors from across the globe choose to visit Scotland to explore their ancestry and the homelands of their ancestors and The Scottish Clan Event Fund directly supports such activity.

In response to a request from the Highland Clans Partnership Group, The Scottish Clan Event Fund was launched in 2014 by the Scottish Government in recognition of the importance of clan tourism to the Scottish Economy. Since its inception the fund has supported over fifty

celebrate Scotland's clan histories and to connect with their ancestral roots.

A total of 14 clan events are being supported through the fund in 2019.

If you would like complete information on this program, please contact: Sophie Sim, Event Executive, EventScotland, 5th Floor, 94 Ocean Drive, Edinburgh, EH6 6JH, Scotland, United Kingdom.

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## The Association of Highland Clans & Societies

was founded in 2013 in the Royal Burgh of Inverness,  
the Capital City of the Scottish Highlands.

To join, visit <http://www.highlandclans.org/Association.htm>





## **Elliot Clan Society, USA**

### **Membership Information 2019**

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](http://www.elliotclan.com)**

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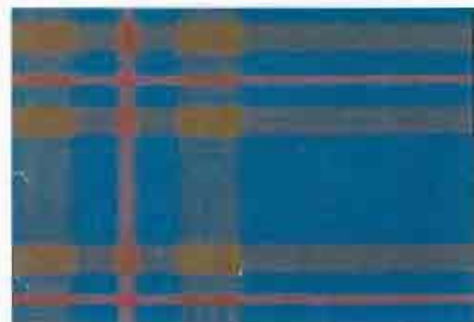
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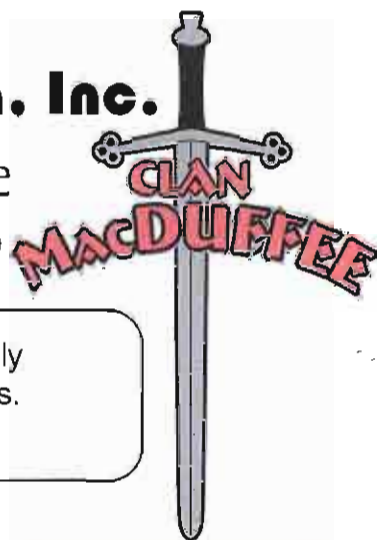
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# The Armstrong Clan Society

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

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# How Disputes Can Benefit Genealogical Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Family and neighbor disputes are always unpleasant to deal with. From a genealogical research perspective, these disputes often provide significant research benefits because they tend to leave a paper trail especially if the issue turned into a legal matter settled in court. If the dispute was serious enough, a law enforcement agency such as the local police or sheriff may have been called to intervene. Even if no arrest was made, a police report was usually generated.

Family disputes can be especially emotional. Many researchers who find old correspondence often discover intimate details of relationships that caused splits within the family itself or feuds with neighbors. In some cases, the splits or feuds may have turned violent or led to permanent estrangement. In modern times, one hears jokes made about the Hatfield vs McCoys feud but from a historical context, it was no joke!

Besides family and neighbors, disputes may have involved a local business, business associates, employers, churches, schools, hospitals, or governmental entity whether it be on the local, state, or federal level. Disputes fitting these examples usually lead to hiring attorneys and generating court records. The most common records generated include land records, civil and criminal court proceedings, probate records, and correspondence from attorneys and governmental entities.

Land records may document long, drawn out arguments between neighbors or others over boundaries and/or ownership. Additional problems such as the perceived quality of the land, lack of, or poorly done surveys, or difficulty in determining proper documentation would also generate legal

problems. Sometimes these records include detailed testimonials from neighbors, relatives, business associates, etc., supporting the claims of disputants, and detailed accounts of relationships between the various parties.

Civil court records may shed light on lawsuits filed against individuals for a variety of claims. For example, if they were a business owner or merchant, there may be litigation over unpaid accounts, defective work, or related issues. Probate records can

reveal many beneficial clues. If an ancestor died intestate (without a will), or if they had a will that the heirs contested, the probate court will have documentation of the process of settling the estate, lists of creditors, heirs, and statements from anyone applying to administer the estate based on their relationship to the deceased. Criminal court proceedings may provide detailed information on offenses and testimony from witnesses, which may include family members.

Correspondence from attorneys and governmental agencies may provide a variety of clues. Examples may include the nature or summations of accusations, questions pertaining to specifics in the case or dispute, name of the court where the proceedings took place, case and docket numbers, and names of people directly or indirectly involved. Governmental correspondence may include information on complaints against the entity over damages to crops, lack of support for settlements, roads, unpaid wages, or incompetent civil servants and how their conduct impacted the person or family which led to the dispute or legal action.

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# The blooming story of Peter Barr, Govan's 'daffodil king'

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*The Scotsman*



**H**e rode through Spain and Portugal on a donkey, slept under rocks with only a single blanket for comfort and was mistaken for a famous bandit by police as he wandered through the Pyrenees.

But Peter Barr, from Govan, Scotland, remained driven by his one passion - the humble daffodil.

As the bold yellow blooms light up vases and verges everywhere, it is worth remembering the efforts of Barr in popularising the flower. It was his never ending quest to bring the bloom - then sometimes known as the daffydowndilly - home from hillsides and rockfaces all over the world.

When in his seventies, he started travelling through South America, Japan and China in search of the flowers with the mission expected to take him three years. It took him seven in the end.

At the time, daffodils were considered unfashionable - some say because of Queen Victoria's dislike for the colour yellow - but Barr, who became interested in horticulture after tending his dad's tulips on the south side of Glasgow, became intrigued by narcissus after learning that the way it was catalogued was far from complete.

In the end, his nursery at Long Ditton in Surrey nurtured some 2,000,000 daffodils with newspapers urging their readers to catch a train to wit-

ness the gorgeous yellow show that was put on by 120 separate varieties

Many of these varieties had been developed by Barr, who married and had at least seven children, with cross breeding and refinement of the flower becoming his major concern.

The first white trumpet daffodil was named in his honour and put on sale at £50 a bulb in 1903 - the equivalent of more than £5,000 today.

A newspaper article in 1898 reported on Mr. Barr's far-flung flower hunting odysseys.

It said: "In Spain...he had been sleeping in the open air under rocks, and was naturally travel stained.

"Like Sancho Panes, he rode a donkey.

His chief garment was a blanket, which covered himself and much of his steel.

"His appearance was suspicious, and his position awkward, for he could not speak Spanish.

"Luckily he had a passport., and was, after some delay, permitted to continue his search for new daffodils.

"In that pursuit he has been successful on many occasions in Spain and Portugal, where the daffodil is more at home and shows a greater number of varieties than anywhere else."

An entry from Barr's diary dated June 17, 1887

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details a 5am start on horseback with his transport abandoned when it could go no deeper into the Pyrenees.

Barr and his companion, named as Passet, started on foot over the snow with the Govan man noting the “splendid views of valleys and mountain peaks”.

He added: “Further down we were challenged by soldiers who wished to know who I was. In the distance was a posse of soldiers awaiting our approach so we got a public and military reception at Baucharo. It had been reported that Torelle, a famous bandit, was about to enter Spain and I was suspected of being the man.

Following his death in September 1909, newspapers recalled his “romantic rise to fame and fortune”.

One of 12 brothers, Barr was born in 1826 in Govan, then a small village on the banks of the River Clyde, which was dominated by the weaving industry and where his father owned a muslin-weaving mill.

It was from his father that his love for flowers grew, saying in an interview in later life that he was “born within a few yards of a tulip bed, and I have been amongst flowers ever since”.

Barr first worked as a weaver’s assistant at his father’s mill but then took a job as an errand boy in a Glasgow seed shop. He moved to Newry, Northern Ireland before heading to the south of England,

In 1861, he went into partnership with Ed-

ward Sugden in Covent Garden and then set up a number of small nurseries in Tooting - where a blue plaque now remembers the Scot - before buying up 25 acres in Surrey.

In later life, he settled in Dunoon where his garden here was devoted to primroses and hellebores. By this time, his work with the daffodil was simply done.

Since 1912, the Royal Horticultural Society has awarded the Peter Barr Memorial Cup for good work in the field of daffodils.

John David, Head of Horticultural Taxonomy at the RHS, says: “There is no doubt that Peter Barr had a major impact on daffodils in horticulture.

“He sought out old collections of daffodils from breeders and brought them together in his nursery – creating a collection of over 400 varieties, and was in a sense an early pioneer in cultivar conservation.

“He devised a system for classifying the cultivated varieties, published in his nursery catalogues, which was adopted by the RHS as the basis for the classi-

fied lists we issued from 1908 onwards.

“These lists established the RHS as the authority on naming of daffodil varieties and so in 1955 the RHS became the International Cultivar Registration Authority for Narcissus.

“So Barr’s work could be said to be the foundation of the compilation of over 30,000 different daffodil names we hold today.”



# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*'S Rioghal Ma Dhream!*

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# Turnbull Clan Association at the 2019 Hawick Reivers Festival

Fiona Turnbull in *The Bullseye*, publication of the Turnbull Clan Association

The weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March saw the celebration of the 16<sup>th</sup> Hawick Reivers Festival and Turnbolls were able to join in again.

This was the second year that clans were encouraged to provide a stall during Saturday's market and it proved another big success, as more than twice as many visitors learned about their family history.

The display was hosted again by Bill and Paulette Turnbull from Germany and Fiona Turnbull of Oban, Scotland who was joined by her son Chris Turnbull-Grimes visiting from Ethiopia.

Guests included the five Turnbull brothers from Newcastle, Jim, Patrick, Robert, Shaun and Tim and Ann Budge who had visited last year as well.

Thousands, including families, school children, groups and even man's best friend have visited the Turning of the Bull monument in Hawick, Scotland. You can be a part of celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you live close enough to come or are in the area, join the AGM 2019 Tour Group for photos and fun on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in the courtyard of the Hawick Heritage Hub.

Can't come in person? Send us a photo of you or a family member visiting the monument. Include date, names, and where you're from.

We're doing a special issue of the *Bullseye* to include you in the celebrations. Send photos to <editor@turnbullclan.com>.

Help us make this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary something to remember!

The festivities were kicked off with a Reiver procession up the high street and then on to their encampment which included lots of interactive events.

We were enthralled with the detailed description of the various weapons and how they were used.

On Saturday afternoon, TCA member Fiona Turnbull, delivered the annual Hawick Archaeological Society Lecture that had been prepared in part-



nership with Albert Turnbull, who was unable to attend.

The lecture covered 700 years of Turnbull history including the Minto Turnbolls and Fiona's *Turnbull Family Letters*.

The talk was well received by the packed house and attendees were able purchase copies of Albert's book, *The Turnbull Pedigree*, including a copy to the Borders Family History Society Library.

Saturday evening found us joining in the torchlight procession from the haugh over to Wilton Park, where we watched fireworks.

Afterwards, we joined in the fun at Reivers banquet, where we were entertained with much singing and poetry recitation.

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# The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



"O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom you have come.

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# Calling All Borders Turnbulls

Clan Turnbull will gather to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Turning of the Bull monument located in the courtyard of the Hawick Heritage Hub, Hawick. A group of 30 from Canada, Mexico, and the United States will join Turnbulls from the UK and mainland Europe at 4:30 PM on 7 June at the monument.

A bronze plaque with words from the historian Hector Boece will be installed to commemorate this event.

In addition, a banquet will be held at the Mansfield House Hotel, Hawick on 11 June 7:00



*Fiona Turnbull and son Chris*

**Reivers  
Festival,**  
*continued from  
page 29*



PM. Join us for an evening of musical entertainment, awards, and a delicious 3 course meal.

A group of 30 from Canada, Mexico, and the United States will join Turnbulls from the UK and mainland Europe.

The Turnbull Clan Association would like to extend an invitation to all Turnbulls and their guests to join us at both events.

The dedication of the plaque and 10th anniversary recognition is free to all.

Tickets for the dinner on 11 June may be purchased at our cost online at <<http://www.turnbullclan.com/AGM>>. Come make new friends and share our rich heritage together.

Who knows? You might actually meet your 'cousin'!



*Five Turnbull brothers, Jim, Patrick, Robert, Shaun and Tim*

The full lecture can be found on the Turnbull Clan Facebook page. <<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2214563717>>



*Adriana Turnbull Rosado-Bonewitz with friend Dawn Day*

# Clan Forrester

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# Society

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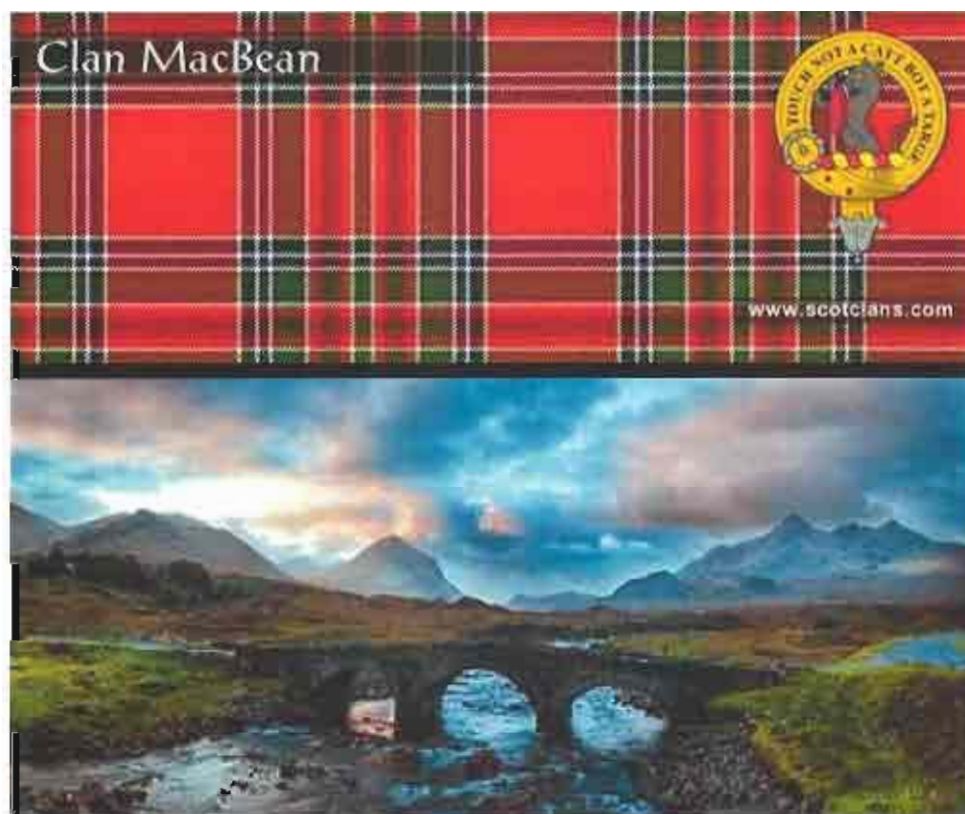


## We found you, Clan MacBean! Yep!



*The Clan MacBean of North America had a booth at the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium's conference this past week in Manchester, New Hampshire.*

*This four-day conference turned out to be a great event with more than 1,000 attendees, including some MacBean's as well!*



*Just because it is so beautiful, The Isle of Skye, Scotland.*







# CLAN GRAHAM SOCIETY



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# Clan Gunn to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 2019 Pleasanton, CA



In the mid-1960s a man named Donald Bruce Williamson of Atlanta, Georgia, began corresponding with author, Neil Gunn, about the possibility of forming a Clan Gunn Society in North America.

The Clan Gunn Society had been recently formed in Scotland. Neil Gunn was too ill, at the time, to write and Donald was referred to Iain Gunn of Banniskirk, at the time, the Secretary of the Clan Gunn Society. Iain and Donald corresponded over the next several years.

On July 12, 1969, an organizational meeting was held on the grounds of the Grandfather Mountain Games and Society officers were elected, with Donald elected as the first President.

Fifty years later, members of the Society will gather at the Games in Pleasanton, California to hold our Annual General Meeting and celebrate 50 years of accomplishments.

The Games are held August 31 – September 1, 2019.

Gunn will be the Honored Clan at the Games and our Chief, Iain Gunn of Gunn, his wife, Bunty, his son, John and John's wife, Sarah will attend the Games.

Our Northern California Commissioner, Chuck Jamison, has begun making arrangements, which include a dinner on Saturday evening, August 31, at the Holiday Inn, 6680 Regional St, Dublin, CA 94568. A block of rooms is being secured at the hotel. Details on the dinner and hotel will be available shortly. You can keep an eye on our website, <[www.clangunn.us](http://www.clangunn.us) for> updates or contact Chuck at <[oakpiper@gmail.com](mailto:oakpiper@gmail.com)>.

I would encourage you to plan early to attend these Games and the meeting and to book your hotel soon as space is at a premium in this community due to the Games and it being Labor Day Weekend.

If you contact Chuck and let him know you're interested he will include you in email updates.

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