

Clan Henderson Society awards two members: Susan Keipp and William E. Henderson so far in 2021



The Clan Henderson Society's awards include the Henderson Order of the Chief and Order of the Chief with Distinction.

The Order of the Chief is any member who has improved our society, brought credit or has embraced our society's goals exceptionally well. The Order of the Chief with Distinction is for those who have already received the Order of the Chief and continue to contribute to the society.

The latest of the Clan Henderson Society's members to be honoured with the Order of the Chief Award and the Order of the Chief with Distinction are Susan Keipp with the first and William E. Henderson with the latter.

Order of the Chief: Susan Keipp - excellent supporter of the CHS since 2003. She has contributed to the betterment of the Clan Henderson Society by organizing a program of society artists to create greeting cards for all occasions to support the various society programs. She has initiated discussions related to estate planning for internment in a destination of the individual's choice (principally Scotland), and continued to work in the genealogy and the history programs.

Order of the Chief with Distinction: William E. Henderson - for years of dedicated effort communicating with members regarding continued membership and dues which leads to higher retention and participation in the Society.



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Scots sea kayaker captures stunning footage of Fingal's Cave on Isle of Staffa

Nick Ray showed off a more intimate view of the incredible natural wonder. You can be with him as his video camera records the majesty and beauty of Fingal's Cave.

**<[https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/
scots-sea-kayaker-captures-stunning-
23856028](https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/scots-sea-kayaker-captures-stunning-23856028)>**

Wow! I just traveled with Mr. Nick Ray in his sea kayak and it was just breathtaking! The URL above will take you to Fingal's Cave, too!





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The Research Value of Using Tax Records

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Tax records help pinpoint ancestors in a particular place and time. They contain information that may shed light on a vast amount of information concerning the lives of individuals. Examples may include their occupations, families, lifestyles including their family and social backgrounds.

Tax lists are especially welcome as a replacement for records in “burned counties” and census substitutes for areas that have suffered census losses. Even when census records are complete, tax records are the only consistent usable source to fill the decade between enumerations, especially for rural ancestors who may not appear in annual city directories.

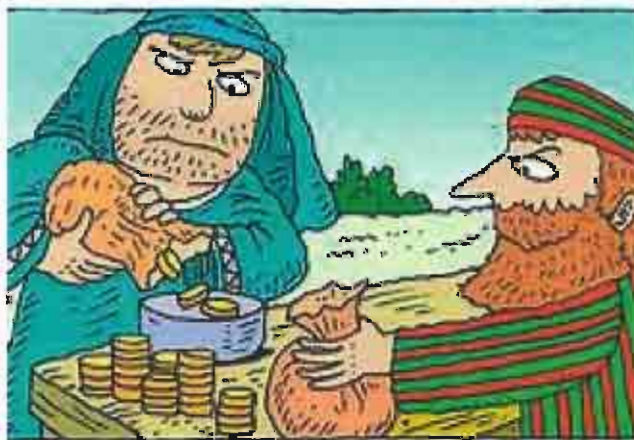
While current federal and state income taxes are unavailable for public use due to privacy restrictions, this is not the case with most taxes historically. Even the first federal income tax, used to pay for the Civil War in the 1860s, is publicly available.

Here are some of the major genealogical research possibilities found in using tax records:

1. **Coverage:** Tax records date back to colonial times. Since the American Revolution, residents have been taxed on local, county, state and (sporadically until the 20th century) federal levels. While information access to most 20th-century income taxes are covered by privacy restrictions, property levies are generally public information.

2. **Jurisdictions:** Record locations generally follow the layer of government levying the tax: towns or municipalities for city taxes, courthouse or county archives for county taxes, state archives (which may include microfilms of local records) for state taxes and the National Archives for federal taxes.

3. **Primary and Secondary Information Content:** Tax records provide primary source details such as names of individual taxpayers; description of land or personal property being taxed. Secondary information may also include neighbors’ names and property; shifts in ownership of property; estimated birth dates of single men; death of ancestor; and whether an ancestor moved.



4. **Internet Search terms:** Researchers have the best success using search terms such as the name of the government unit issuing the tax such as the Lee County School District, plus “tax lists” or “tax records” or taxation. Another good strategy is to perform a search using the place search option. Check for the names of the state, county and/or town of interest, and then look for the taxation category. If you search for just the state, you may miss some potentially helpful entries.

5. **Tax related information** might also be obtained using alternate and substitute records such as city and county directories; federal and state censuses; probate records; and land records.

There were a multitude of circumstances used by jurisdictions to collect taxes including the federal direct tax, personal property, land, roadwork, military and jury duty, and a wide variety of licenses. The top three scenarios from a moneymaking perspective included:

1. **Flat assessment** for each adult male in a household: This was known by a variety of names such as poll, tithable or head tax. The age at which one was considered a taxable adult varied with the

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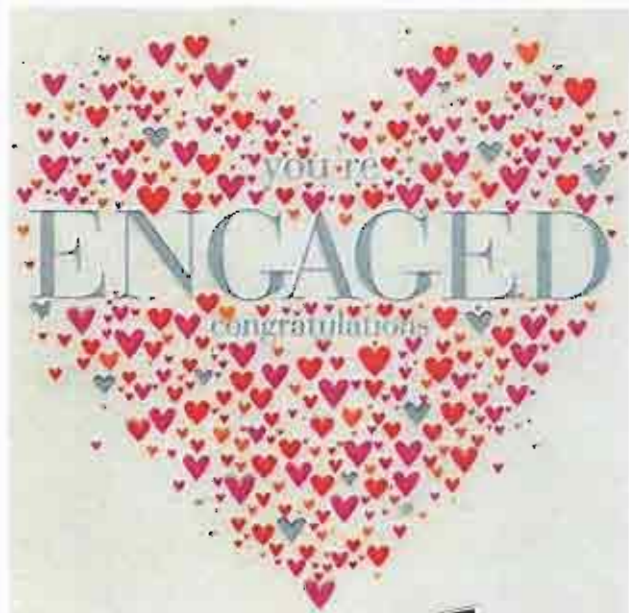
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We are the Scottish Society of Louisville!

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The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish Ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliations.

You can find us on the internet in a couple of places.

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts>

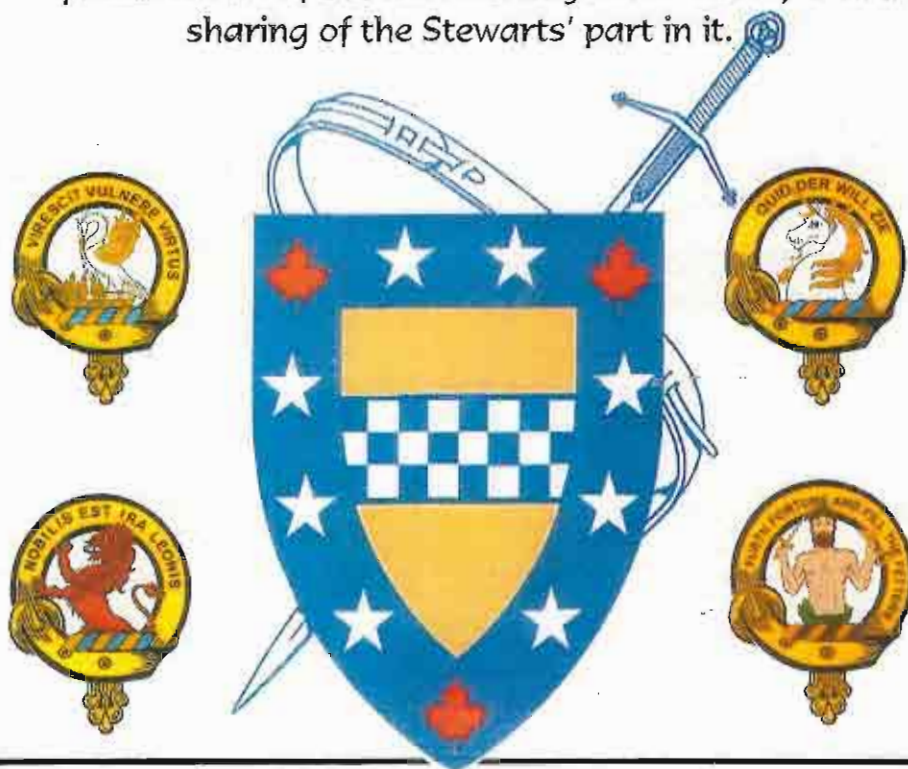
On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "hi."

Remember, please, when looking for us on the Internet, type in "The Scottish Society of Louisville."

No matter where you are, we hope you will enjoy our organization!

Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc.

501(c)(3) Not For Profit Organization dedicated to the preservation of Scottish Heritage and History and the sharing of the Stewarts' part in it.



The Stewart dynasty descended from King Robert I's daughter and her husband, Walter the Steward. Despite early unrest and weak government caused by several Stewart kings succeeding as minors, the dynasty flourished for over three centuries.

During this time, Scotland moved forward to become a modern and prosperous nation. Stewart monarchs such as King James IV and VI were Renaissance patrons of artistic, scientific, commercial, religious and political endeavour, sponsoring figures including the poet, Robert Henryson, and humanist, George Buchanan.

Also of significance was the arrival in the mid-sixteenth century of the Reformation movement, bringing about the replacement of Catholic Mary Queen of Scots by her son King James VI.

It was through the Stewart dynasty that the two thrones of England and Scotland - and later the governments - came to be united.

The 'Marriage of the Thistle and the Rose' took place at Stirling Castle in 1503 between King James IV and Princess Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.

This union of the Scottish and English Royal families eventually led in 1603 to the succession of a Stewart (now with a change of spelling) to the throne of England.

CSSA is represented at approximately 40 Scottish/Celtic events around the country each year. We are always looking for folks with our passion to volunteer to start more.

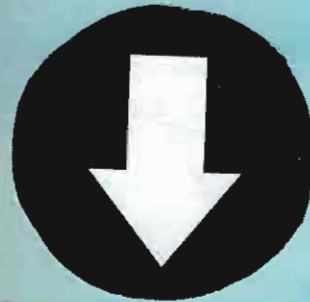
We also have a presence on the Internet with a website, <clansstewart.org> (official) and a Facebook page listed as *Clan Stewart Society in America* (unofficial).

Though we have maintained our low annual \$25 membership, we are still able to sponsor trophies for dance, drums and pipes and establish scholarships for institutions providing cultural Scottish curriculums and we also sponsor the competition of a record-holding female athlete.

For CSSA membership information: <clansstewart.org> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)

Loch Ness Monster is caught on camera as a dark shape is spotted above the surface of the water.

According to the *Official Loch Ness Monster Sightings Register*, the elusive creature was spotted when the shape moved across the famous loch for a few minutes before disappearing behind a tree.



Believe!

Daily Record

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jurisdiction, and older men often could “age out” of the tax, usually between 50 and 60. Exceptions were made in some areas for veterans, ministers and those deemed “paupers” who were too poor to pay the tax)

2. Taxable value of land, because real estate (“real property”) was the source of most wealth. This tax, importantly, was sometimes levied not on the actual owner of the real property but upon the person who was using it. For example, a farmer renting a piece of land would be responsible for paying the tax because he, as the tenant, was reaping the profits from the use of that land.

3. Certain classes of personal property also were valued and subject to taxes. The types of property differed by area but included farm animals and carriages, as well as enslaved persons. In some records, landless men whose personal property was of high enough value to owe tax are identified on separate lists of “inmates,” which in this historical context means tenants or renters and doesn’t signify trouble with the law.

Locating surviving tax lists is fairly easy. Many surviving historical tax lists for most state and counties are available online using databases such as *Ancestry*, *Family Search*, *Find My Past*, *My Heritage*. Records are also usually accessible in local cities, boroughs, towns and townships. Most New England

states keep their tax records by the town unit. In other states with townships, the lists may be labeled with those municipal names but most likely were kept on the county level.

State: Before the 20th century, most states collected taxes similar in form to those on the county level and utilized the county structures for collection of statewide taxes. In many cases, one tax collector gathered the head and property taxes and split them between the levels of government. Three excellent print sources for this type of information would include the

Handybook for Genealogists, *The Red Book by Ancestry*, and the *Source*.

Federal: The National Archives offers an excellent online link that will discuss referral tax records. <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/tax-records>. This link also contains articles on the topic.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback. For more information on the topic of tax records, feel free to request my study guide on Tax Records. I can send you an electronic copy via email. As always, I thank you all for your continued support.

Thanks

Bryan L. Mulcahy

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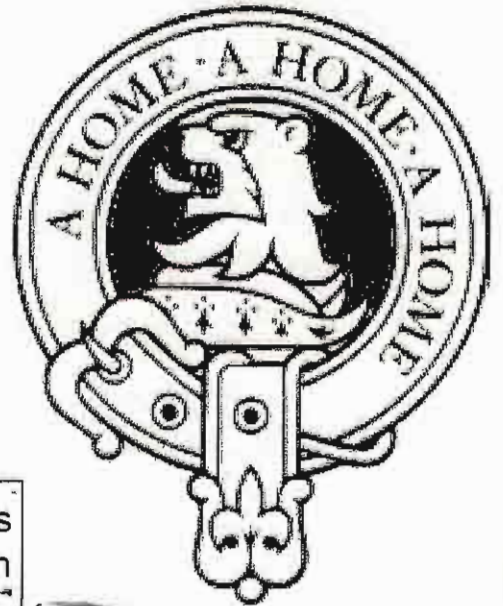
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Mark your diary for the next annual ARP conference.

Further details on the programme, sign-up instructions and timings will be released shortly.

June Lecture - The Public and Private Worlds of Sir Walter Scott (Monday 28th June, 6:00pm - 7:15pm GMT)

This lecture is part of the official public programme taking place this year to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott.

Chaired by Gerry Carruthers FSRE, this talk will be delivered by two speakers from the societies who will discuss: *Sir Walter Scott and the Scottish Antiquarian Tradition: Mr Oldbuck in Context* by Dr Iain G. Brown FSA FRSE FSAScot.

Chewing the Cud of Sweet and Bitter Fancy: Navigating the Unquiet Mind and Life Philosophy of Walter Scott by Kirsty Archer-Thompson FSAScot

A joint lecture delivered online by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in collaboration with the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Remember, any Fellow suffering financial hardship due to COVID-19 can receive a 50% discount on their Society subscription for 2020/2021. If

you are unsure if your subscription is up to date, or wish to claim the COVID-19 discount, please contact Jan Paterson at finance@socantscot.org.



University of Aberdeen to Return Pillaged Benin Bronze to Nigeria

The University of Aberdeen is to return a controversial Benin bronze after a review found the item had been acquired in an “extremely immoral” manner, as the Nigerian government calls on other British museums to reassess their collections.

The bronze, which depicts the Oba, or king of Benin, was part of a haul of thousands of items taken when British forces looted Benin city in southeastern Nigeria in 1897.

Once the *Head of an Oba* returns in the next few weeks, it will be housed in the new Edo Museum

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• Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC	\$7,700
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The Unicorn of Scotland

Clan MacTavish
Non Oblitus Newsletter
April 2021 Edition.



In Scotland, everyone knows the legends of ghosts, witches, and giant monsters such as the famous Loch Ness monster. However, there is one legendary animal

that overshadowed them all and became Scotland's national animal: the unicorn.

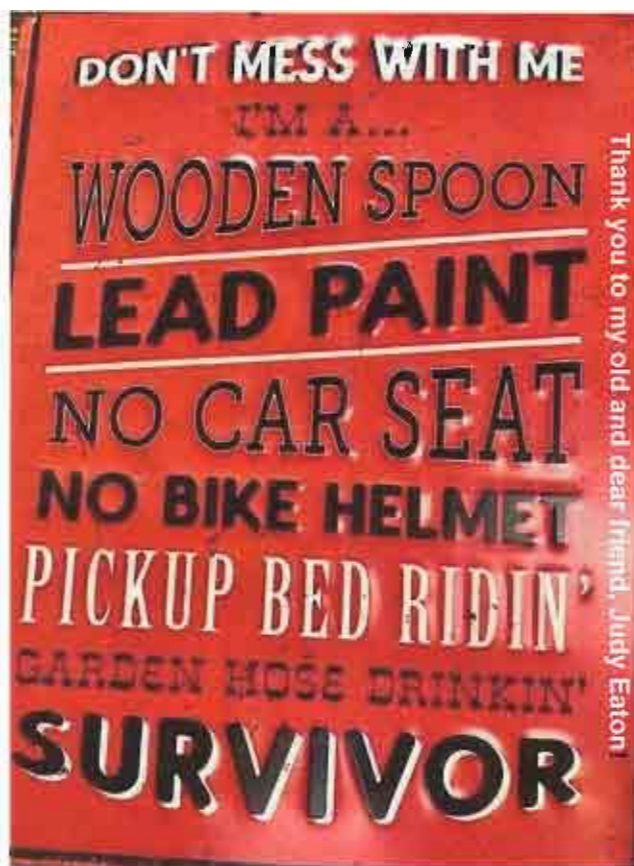
The unicorn has been mentioned in many cultures as far back as biblical times. The bible refers to a unicorn in the book of Numbers, Deuteronomy, Job, Isaiah, and Psalms. The Babylonians idolized this enchanting animal, while people from the Indus Valley Civilization incorporated it into ancient seals.

Unicorns are also featured in written accounts from the ancient Greeks, Romans, and Persians.

The unicorn is described as a white horse with a lion's tuft for a tail and a single spiraling horn protruding from its forehead. In Celtic mythology, unicorns are synonymous with purity, nobility, masculinity, power, courage, and an unrivaled sense of strength. According to legend, the unicorn possesses immense healing powers and the horn has the ability to purify waters that are poisoned or tainted. It is believed that only a virgin maiden, who is equally as pure as the unicorn, has the ability to see and catch this strong creature.

The unicorn and its sacred bond with Scotland is

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of West African Art, to be built in Benin City.

The Search for the 'Lost' 16th-Century Fortress at Haddington

In the mid-16th century, Lord Protector of England Edward Seymour ordered an English fort to be built in the town of Haddington, East Lothian, from which a garrison would control lowland Scotland. The fort was swiftly constructed, but following the English garrison's departure after the 1549 siege of Haddington, it's said that they left behind 'nothing but the plague'. Indeed, today there are no signs left of the impregnable fortress, which the English had levelled as fast as they had built it.

Now experts are calling on archivists, historians and enthusiasts with access to 16th-century archives to help locate one of the many engineering plans of the fort known to have been drawn up during the time of the siege. For more information, contact the **Siege of Haddington Research Group** on Facebook or the **Centre for Battlefield Archaeology** at The University of Glasgow.

See illustration of the Lord Protector of England on page 11

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.



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associated with Scottish heraldry. Praised for its pride and strength, this noble beast was featured on an early rendition of a royal Scottish coat of arms by William I (William the Lion) in the 12th century. During the 15th and 16th centuries, the unicorn was embossed on gold coins. The Scottish royal coat of arms featured two unicorns protecting the shield until 1603 when James VI inherited the thrones of England and Ireland. Scottish heraldic unicorns are always portrayed with golden chains wrapping around their neck and body. This symbolizes the unicorn's intense strength, wild tempera-



ment, and determined will. Some people viewed it as a symbol of Scottish kings. In 1707 when the Kingdom of Great Britain was created, the unicorn remained on the left side of the official royal coat of arms which represented Scotland. A lion was portrayed on the right side of the arms which represented England.

Folklore says that the unicorn and the lion were arch enemies in a perpetual state of battle for the title of King of the Beasts.

Today, the unicorn can be found everywhere from statues, in cartoons, and even on a child's lunchbox. This fabled creature even has its own holiday in Scotland which is celebrated annually as National Unicorn Day on April 9th.

The existence of a unicorn remains a mystery and presents more questions than answers. Considering all of the animals that are home to Scotland, perhaps the Scots chose the unicorn as a symbol of strength, courage, and the countless hardships they had to endure that makes us a legendary group of people.



Logan Braonain Graham from Idaho, has always been a fighter. Born prematurely, his fighting spirit developed at birth. Within months he was diagnosed with a lifethreatening food allergy to all forms of dairy. He has endured 5 close calls that sent him to the emergency room as a youngster, including one scary ride on an ambulance.

You can always count on Logan to push back against adversity. He has turned what some might call a disability into an opportunity to help others gain victory over the same medical challenge.

During the 2020 pandemic, he launched a weekly podcast called The Dairy Free Duce. Logan Graham has invested about 100 volunteer hours into this amazing endeavor, while being a full time honor roll student.

Using his quirky humor, he shares real-life advice, practical tips, and discussions about a serious challenge with wit and sound effects.

Logan is a homeschooled honor student, graduating in May of 2021, with membership in Eta Sigma Alpha and volunteers as an annual bell-ringer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive.

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Scottish words we, in English, may use!

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If you've ever met someone with a true Scottish brogue, you'll know that it's often quite difficult to understand him or her even if you're a native English speaker. Perhaps part of the problem stems from the fact that the Scots pepper quite a few uniquely Scottish words into conversation. Try a few of these Scottish terms in your best burr.

Couthy. Remember this word (pronounced KOO-thee) for its relation to the words "cozy" and "couch." It only makes sense that couthy means a comfortable place or a warm, friendly person.

Howff. Travelers might potentially end up at a couthy howff since howff (howf) is a beloved meeting place like a neighborhood pub.

Blether: While at the pub, folks might have a blether (BLEH-thuh) with a friend. Blether means to gossip and catch up — typically over a cup of tea or a pint of beer.

Skelf. A splinter or sliver of wood is referred to as a skelf. A "shelf" could also be called a skelf, according to a Scotsman.

Fankle. Get tangled up in something, and you've fankled it. It can also be used as a noun. For example, getting involved in a debate over what a Scotsman said would be a fankle.

Glaikit. A glaikit (GLAY-kit) is a Scottish insult. To call someone a glaikit, means they're stupid, foolish, or thoughtless. Use this word sparingly!

Scran. To enjoy hearty plate of haggis means you're eating scran — a dish of sustenance in Scotland.

Keek. A number of Scottish words are cousins to English words. Keek rhymes with "peek" and has a

similar meaning. It means to stealthily peep at someone or something.

Gallus. Gallus is similar to the word "gallant" and both words refer to something bold and daring.

Dreich. Scotland (and the United Kingdom in general) is particularly known for its gloomy, overcast weather. When the sky is grey, call it dreich (dreekh).

Kenspeckle. Good luck flying under the radar in Scotland. A particularly recognizable or conspicuous person is known as kenspeckle.

Braw. This word is pronounced like "brah" and refers to anything exceptionally nice. For example, visit your bro's new apartment and say the view is braw. If something's beyond great, it's "pure barry."

Guddle. Rhyming with "puddle," this verb refers to fishing with your hands under stones or along the banks of a stream.

Peely-Wally. Telling someone he or she doesn't look well generally isn't a nice comment to make. At least if you say he or she looks a little peely-wally, it softens the blow.

Boggin

Remember the boggart from "Harry Potter"? A bog is a type of a swamp, so use this word to describe anything filthy or disgusting.

Radge. Combine crazy, rage, rambunctious, and even unfair and you've got radge, which can be applied to both a person or a situation.

Haud Yer Wheesht. Mamas will chide their children with this admonishment that essentially means "be quiet."



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Please email us at <admin@wildcathaven.co.uk> if you have any questions.

We really appreciate your support. Many thanks in advance. The Wildcat Haven Team

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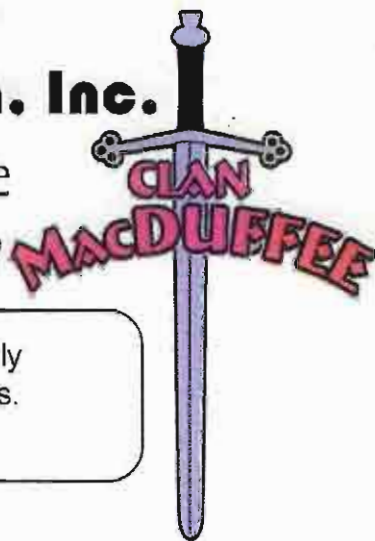
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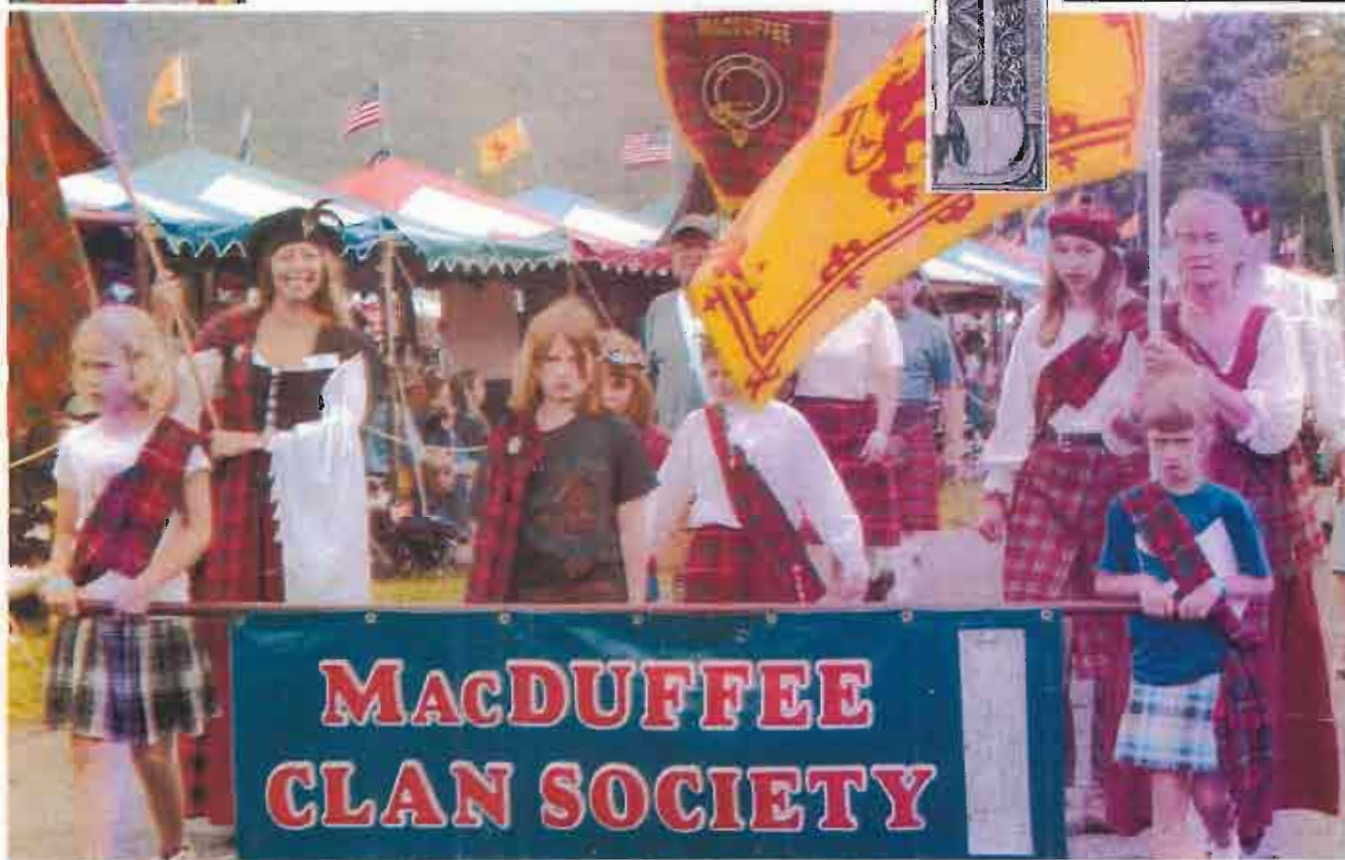
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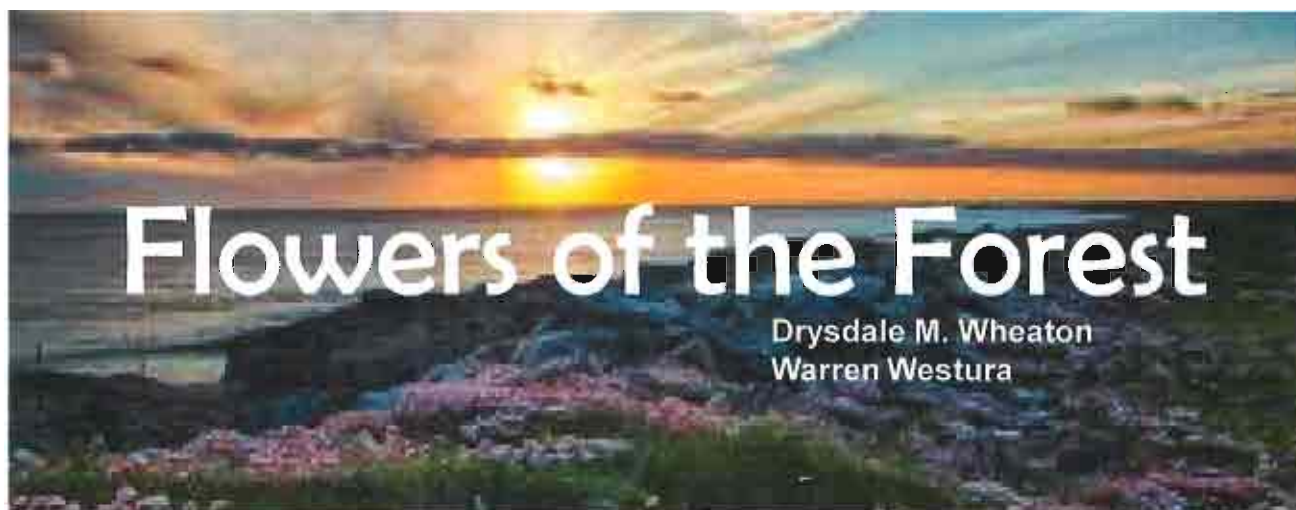
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**L a d y
Drysdale M.
Wheaton**, 65, of
Lebanon, Tennes-
see, died peacefully
in her sleep on
Thursday, March
25, 2021.

She was born
the 22nd day of De-
cember in 1955.
She is survived by her
husband (James) as

well as her children (Allison, Joanna and Kyle). Also sur-
vived by grandchildren (Alexandra, Michelle, Leigh, and
Sophia), siblings (Susan, Calder and Young), and several
nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

She is preceded in death by her daughter,
Rebecca. The family requests those who wish to ex-
press sympathy to consider making a donation to St.
Jude Children's Research Hospital in Drysdale's name.

*For many years, Drysdale was very active in
Clan Donald USA and worked tirelessly and so
very creatively on an Annual General Meeting in
Nashville, Tennessee.*

*Drysdale was the daughter of my 40-year
friend, Jeri Martin and was my family as well as a
wonderful friend. She taught me so much.
Drysdale was responsible for the beautiful decora-
tions at our Handfasting and wedding as well as
so many other unforgettable events. Her husband,
James, gave me away at our wedding.*

I loved her dearly. beth

Anyone who has attended one of the *Pipes of
Christmas* concerts over the last 20 + years is famil-
iar with *Warren Westura*. He has passed away.

He was the man with three cameras over his
shoulder. The per-
fect photographer,
always in just the
right spot to capture
an intimate conver-
sation between old
friends or find just
the right concert
moment to preserve
for posterity.

Rest in peace
dear friend.



Warren Westura, a resident of Stanhope, NJ
since 1988, passed away on March 22, 2021. War-
ren was born on December 29, 1951 to Stephen and
Anne (Buis) Westura in Manhattan, NY. He grew up
in Boonton, NJ, where the strength of his family and
the love of his surrounding community helped him over-
come the early death of his mother.

He was graduated from Boonton High School in
1969, Trenton State College in 1973, and Officer Can-
didate School in Newport, Rhode Island in 1978. He
joined the United States Navy where he served proudly
for 20 years, rising to the rank of Commander. He
assisted in the Navy's rescue of refugees in the after-
math of the Vietnam War and maintained a lifelong
correspondence with some of the people he helped.

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Graham Harris Graham, wonderful Scottish photographer is gone

It is with incredible sadness that I let you know of the death of Graham. I didn't see it last night but Lora Graham sent me an email telling me of Graham's winter mountain climbing death.

As Lora is able to communicate, I'll pass it on. Please let her know we are thinking of her.

Eric King, St. Andrew Society, Tallahassee, FL
Lora's note read in part:

*Eric, Please pass this on to the membership.
And just know I can't even talk at this time.*

I called mountain rescue last night when Graham didn't come off the mountain in time.

They searched most of the night and then teams again this morning. (yesterday)

Coast Guard chopper was brought in.



Two policeman came to the door today. They found Graham.

It was the worst scenario. I don't know much more. They have been unable to get him down.

I don't know how I will get through this. I loved Graham.

So news will probably come out in the next day or two that a climber died on Beinn Mhor (about 20 miles west of Loch Lomond - (egk).

I'm so sad but nothing more I can say right now. xLora

Flowers of the Forest, continued from page 21

Warren was a member of the Northern New Jersey and National chapters of the Military Officers Association of America.

In 1990, he married Sandy (Ganci) Westura; their son Travis was born in 1993.

After retiring from the Navy, Warren turned his passion of photography into a profession. Photographing baptisms, bar mitzvahs, weddings, school events, and sporting competitions. Warren also worked for various newspapers in the area and became an award-winning photojournalist. He especially enjoyed hearing from people whose children's or grandchildren's photos had appeared in print. Warren loved his work and looked at his photographs as a means of spreading the joy and warmth he felt about his community to others.

Warren also enjoyed astronomy, where studying the stars provided him a limitless source of wonder and possibility. He was a member of the Sheep Hill Astronomy Association and a representative to and former trustee of the United Astronomy Clubs of New Jersey in Jenny Jump State Park. He also enjoyed writing astronomy columns for local publications, helping to introduce the stars to others.

He was an avid baseball fan, particularly of the

New York Mets and of the various minor independent league teams that have played in northern New Jersey.

Even while living a short distance away in Stanhope, Warren continued to hold a fondness of his hometown of Boonton. He loved the Boonton Fire Department and considered its members to be a part of his family. In turn, the department made him an Honorary Member, Honorary Fire Chief, and the Department Historian.

Warren was also a registered organ donor with the NJ Sharing Network.

Warren is predeceased by his first cousin-in-law Debbie Bolcar and is survived by his wife Sandy, his son Travis, his first cousins Judith (Byron) Speckmann, Stephen B. Bolcar, and Allen (Cecilia) Bolcar, by his sisters-in-law, many cousins, extended family and friends, and by the loving memories he has helped preserve for others through his photography.

A celebration of Warren's life will be conducted at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Boonton Fire Department, 100 Washington Street, Boonton, NJ 07005, would be appreciated.



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35 years on - a look back at *Highlander*, the film that gave Scotland tourism appeal before *Outlander* & *Braveheart*



This year is the 35th anniversary of the 80s Sci-Fi film that sold Scotland to the world before *Braveheart* and *Harry Potter*.

With the *Outlander* effect in full swing before the pandemic hit, tourism to Scotland was soaring due to the popularity of the hit TV show.

Filming locations such as Doune Castle and Blackness Castle saw visitor numbers rise by over 300%, as *Outlander* fans sought out the stunning backdrops shown on the show.

However, nearly 30 years before the epic time-traveling series, which stars Sam Heughan and Caitriona Balfe came out, another cult 80s century-spanning film was providing a similar showcase for how beautiful the Highlands of Scotland could be.

Released in 1986, *Highlander* starred Christopher Lambert alongside Sean Connery and filmed many of its key scenes at some of the country's most stunning locations.

Featuring many parallels with *Outlander*, the British fantasy film followed the story of Connor MacLeod, a Highlander born into the clan Macleod in the 16th century.

Connor (played by French man Christopher Lambert) dies during a battle with a rival clan (the same clan, Fraser, that Jamie hails from in *Outlander*) before discovering he is immortal.

Under the tutelage of an Egyptian-Spanish swordsman named Ramirez (played by the very Scottish Sean Connery), he discovers his fate is to face off against the man who killed him, another immortal known as the Kurgan in a bid to win a mysterious prize of unlimited power that all of these immortals were born to compete for.

Much like *Outlander*, the show spans several centuries, with the action taking place across 16th century Scotland and the modern-day US.

The film made good money when it was released but cemented its cult status with its fans and even survived several (terrible?) sequels – and gained a surprise hit TV show spin-off - in the decades that followed.

There have even been persistent rumours over the past few years of a remake with Tom Hardy in the lead role.

Speaking about filming in Scotland to *The Daily Record* in 2018, French star Christopher Lambert said: "The film has good memories for me. I love Scotland and I loved making *Highlander* there."

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Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

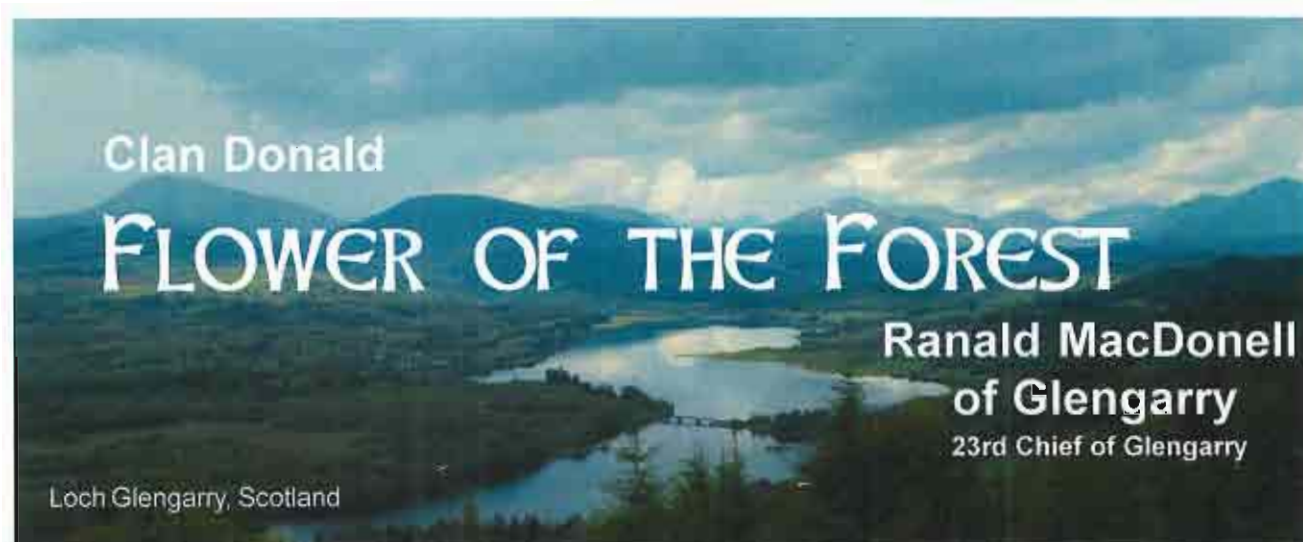
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Ranald Macdonell of Glengarry, 23rd Chief of Glengarry, lived in England but rarely missed a Clan event. He was born 11 November 1941 and died 30 January 2021.

The fact that Ranald MacDonell of Glengarry lived some 600 miles from his ancient chiefly seat counted for little when it came to representing his clansfolk.

A born traveller from infancy, he cheerfully would depart his home in Surrey to lead events that mattered to him and those whom he represented.



As 23rd Chief of Glengarry, Aeneas Ranald Euan MacDonell was an important member of the High Council of Clan Donald – a grouping of the major independent branches of Clan Donald chaired by The Lord Macdonald of Macdonald, High Chief of Clan Donald and 34th hereditary Chief of Clan Donald.

Other High Council members are: Ranald MacDonald of Clanranald, 24th Captain and Chief of Clanranald; Sir Ian Macdonald of Sleat, 25th Chief of Sleat and 17th Baronet; and the Right Honourable Randal McDonnell, 14th Earl of Antrim and Chief of the McDonnells of Antrim.

One of four patrons of the 1745 Association, a recent visit by Glengarry was to unveil a plaque on Falkirk High Street at the entrance to Falkirk Trinity Churchyard where his collateral ancestor Aeneas, younger son of the 12th Glengarry, is interred.

Aeneas was accidentally shot by his own side fol-

lowing the Jacobite victory at Falkirk Muir on 17 January 1746, when the army of Prince Charles Edward Stuart convincingly defeated Hanoverian troops under General Henry Hawley, until then considered the flower of the Government military machine.

On a snowy January day, Glengarry was shown over the battle site by Michael Nevin, chairman of the 1745 Association.

Said Mr Nevin: "Glengarry served the Association with unfailing courtesy and loyalty. He and (his wife) Carolyn presided

at our annual dinner in 2018 and always gave their time to the Association generously and without recompense".

The young Ranald was born into travel. His Irish mother Diana née Keane was pregnant with him when she fled the perils of wartime England for her home in Dublin. His father, the acclaimed RAF fighter pilot Air Commodore Aeneas Ranald Donald MacDonell, 22nd of Glengarry, commanded a Spitfire squadron during the Battle of Britain, but was himself shot down and taken prisoner. The news that her husband had survived took so long to come through that Diana wondered if she had been left a widow.

Educated in post-war Dorset, Ranald showed his academic mettle by studying modern languages at St John's College, Cambridge. Eschewing academia, he entered business, travelling the world as a director of an international company, and as President of

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From the Old "Ceilidh Book"

Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, is being shown around a hospital. Towards the end of the visit, he is shown into a ward with a number people with no obvious signs of injury or disease.

He goes to greet the first patient and the chap replies:

"Fair fa' your honest sonsie face, Great chieftain e' the puddin' race! Aboon them a' ye tak your place,

Painch, tripe, or thairm; Weel are ye wordy o' a grace as lang's my arm."

Tony, being somewhat confused (easily done) goes to the next patient and greets him. The patient replies:

"Some hae meat, and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it, but we hae meat and can eat, and sae the Lord be thankit."

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Lord Macdonell of Glengarry, continued from page 27

Euroalliages, an association of European ferro-alloy producers.

The pleasant enigma of Glengarry is that for someone so thoroughly anglicised (he was the fourth generation educated and raised in England), he wrapped himself in the history and culture of Scotland, albeit it as one acquaintance remarked: "...while remaining as roast beef as Old England". Succeeding as chief in 1999, he took his responsibilities seriously, proved learned in Clan Donald history, wore the kilt well, and in his unassuming manner rarely missed a major clan event.

In 2005, he took part in a ceremony in Glencoe when a Macdonald clan herald was installed into office for the first time for 510 years. In a splendid recreation of Highland history, Edinburgh solicitor Adam Bruce was sworn in as Finlaggan Pursuivant in front of a gathering of 100 Macdonald clansfolk and their supporters, headed by Lord Macdonald, with Glengarry one of the assisting chiefs in anointing the new pursuivant by sprinkling wine on his head.

The 13th titular Lord MacDonell picked his ancestry well, tracing his lineage back to John, Lord of the Isles (a title now held by Prince Charles), and before that the 12th century King Somerled.

Longevity ran in his line. Donald, 8th of Glengarry, was a centenarian, and chief for over 70 years. A

century later, clans under Glengarry took the Jacobite side in both major Jacobite Risings of 1715 and 1745.

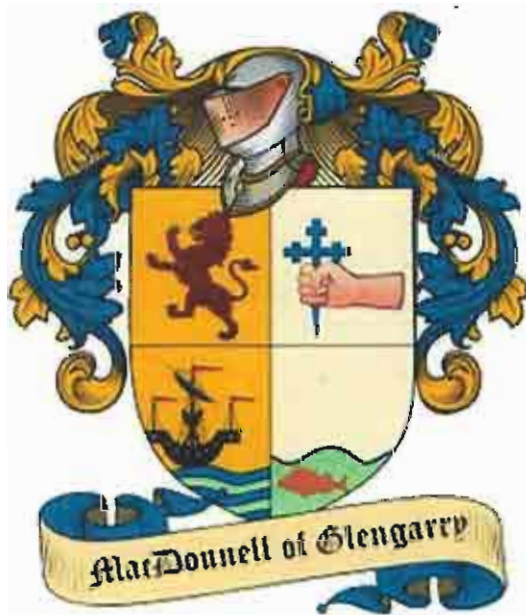
A collateral ancestor who gained infamy was Col Alasdair Ranaldson MacDonell, 15th of Glengarry. With himself swathed in tartan, he had his full-length portrait painted by Sir Henry Raeburn. His arrogance and flamboyance gave Sir Walter Scott the model for the haughty Highland chief "Fergus MacIvor" in Scott's pioneering historical novel *Waverley* of 1810.

In the geographic Glengarry, the titular Glengarry cleared land for lease to sheep farmers, and through rent rises and evictions, forced his clansmen to emigrate, largely to North America.

In retirement, the very different 23rd of Glengarry gave of his time teaching English to immigrants from the extended European Union. A music lover, he sang first bass with a local choral society near his home in Reigate.

Glengarry died after a long battle with cancer. By his divorced wife Ann née Hind, he has two daughters, Fiona Jane and Victoria Ann. He is survived by his children and grandchildren, and second wife Carolyn née Richardson.

He is succeeded in the chiefship as 24th of Glengarry by his younger brother Patrick, a science graduate who lives in Yukon, Canada.



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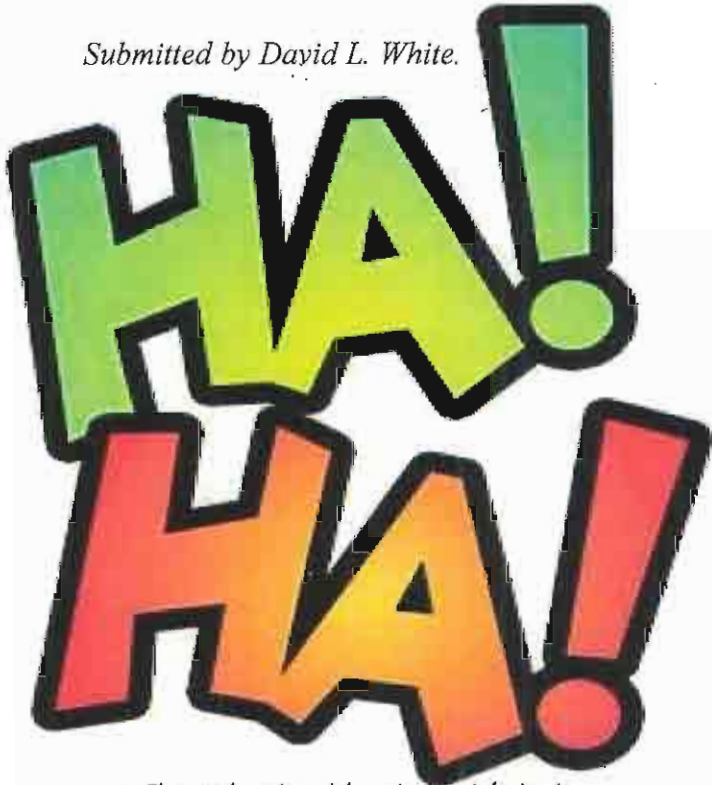
The Old Ceilidh Book, *continued from page 29*

The third starts rattling off as follows: "Wee sleekeit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie, O, what a panic's in thy breastie! Thou need na start awa sae hasty, wi bickering brattle! I wad be laith to rin an chase thee, wi murdering pattle!"

Tony turns to the doctor accompanying him and asks what sort of ward is this. A mental ward?

"No," replies the doctor, "It's the Burns unit."

Submitted by David L. White.



*Thanks to Alastair McIntyre
at <electricScotland.com>*

Alastair dug out lots of old things from the original "The Family Tree" so we may enjoy them again!



Highlander, *continued from page 25*

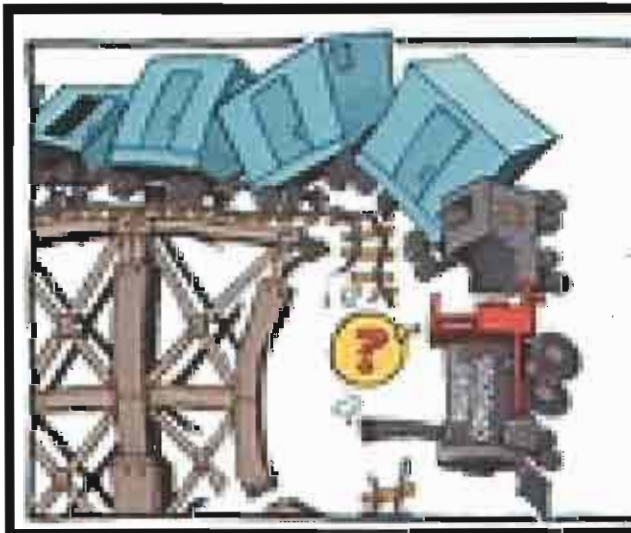
"I love the beauty of the place but it wasn't always easy filming there with four seasons in a day.

"A scene would start with sunshine, then rain in the middle and sunshine again but we had a lot of fun."

He even joked that working with Sir Sean Connery had turned him into an "honorary Scot".

Interestingly, the coup of securing Sean Connery could have ended up costing them more than they bargained for, with the legendary actor only available to film in Scotland over the course of seven days - had they gone over that Director Russell Mulcahy revealed they'd have had to pay him an extra \$1million.

But arguably, the real star of the film was Scotland, which played a huge part in the scenes where Connor learns about his mentor's past and discovers what his future will entail.



The Earl of Cowdor refused to ride the train which he considered it an unnecessary risk.

I'm pretty sure that was before the engineer named *Botch* designed a trestle that immediately collapsed under the weight of a train - hence the expression "botched job."



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