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## Old Time Horse Farmers Gathering

Lots of photographs beginning Section 1, Page 17. Special thanks to Leroy Roberts Photography.



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#### Lots of pictures in this issue...

Look for The Old Time Horse Farmers Gathering, The Hartwell (GA) Highland Games, Seaside Highland Games and Stone Mountain Highland Games!

# Remember, BNFT Newsletter Contest

Dec. 1 deadline!
See August 2007 front page for all details!



### A letter from your editor...beth

This issue of *BNFT* had to be finished early as the doctors insist that I not be allowed to bring my laptop with me for the hip replacement...which doesn't make sense to me. Don't those folks know about deadlines?

Hopefully, by the time you read this, I will have the new and wonderful and pain free bodypart and will be well on my way to resuming my active life.

Several folks have asked me if "horse wrecks" were really the cause of all of this hoopla.

In a word, "Yep."

Those who know me well realize I am really and truly a "cowboy." (The word "cowgirl" makes my skin crawl like fingernails on a blackboard.)

I rode for I don't know how many years every single morning with a wonderful gentleman named Floyd Lingle at Buddy Barnett's barn and arena in Kissimmee, Florida.

These two old-time horsemen were, collectively, the closest thing to a real father I ever had. They were incredibly generous with their time, expertise and talents - and I became the daughter that neither one of them had. They both have been gone for a decades, but remain in my heart forever.

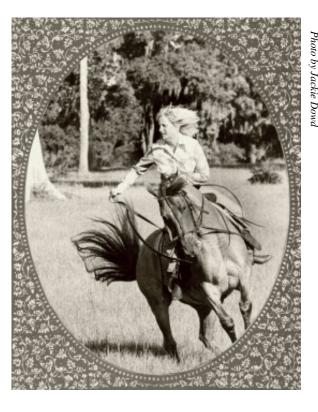
"Mr. Floyd" made sure that "his gal" rode properly in case hard times ever came and she needed to make a living working cows.

Of course, there aren't many cattle ranches in Walhalla, South Carolina that need cowhands or, I'd have been saddling up early every morning for the last year and a half!

To explain: cowboys do ride a lot differently from folks who ride in show rings. The biggest difference is that on a working cow horse you must have your legs forward to brace against the really fast and powerful movements of the horse.

Mr. Floyd was also a master saddlemaker. He took my old saddle and installed "ox-bow" hand-made wooden stirrups and recut the leathers so that my legs would be completely natural on the horse. I could move in any direction with ease.

Since western horses work from their "hinds,"



(hind legs - see the position of Sweet Thing's legs in the photo above ) and English horses work from their "fronts" it's a really different experience. If you've ever seen a cutting horse competition, you'll understand a little bit.

My mare, Sweet Thing (who was truly named Poco Lanette), was a granddaughter of the great AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) foundation sire, Poco Bueno - and on her mother's side, the legendary King P234.

She was born knowing how to work cattle and you'd better hang on or you'd bore a hole in the arena with your head when she spun you off!

One of the thrills of my life was riding Mr. Floyd's cutting horse, Ole' Stoop. That big black horse was 23 or 24 years old at the time and would spin you off in a heartbeat if you weren't ready, and sometimes when you were. He had been World's Champion Cutting Horse many years before...and was a little aged and had a bad knee, but was still full of fire.

Buddy and Mr. Floyd put a bareback bucking Continued on page 4



AQHA Poco Lanette, aka Sweet Thing

rig on Sweet Thing and taught me how to ride the rankest bucking horse and how to gracefully catch the pickup man. We learned to play Cowboy Polo and Mr. Floyd taught me to ride bareback "with no hands" at all - cueing Sweet Thing with weight and legs alone.

We worked cattle and made many sets of "cutting ponies" for those who competed in cutting horse competitions...ponies because they did not outgrow the cutting game like calves do. Those ponies have to be taught "the game" and all that we ever worked with seemed to love trying to outsmart the "big" horses.

Mr. Floyd broke and trained horses and me and Sweet Thing would be there too...learning and watching.

Long before the days in Kissimmee, I had run barrels in rodeos all around the southeast and competed in Frolics and all the various games that you can play on horseback.

After Mr. Floyd and Buddy were gone, I still rode and still competed some...but making a living began interfering with my competitive

schedule...and gradually, the time in my life for that was over. Some of you might remember Sweet Thing's obituary in the old publication maybe 10 or 12 years ago...and I still have Brendah Sue Louise and Ruby Lou Begonia and I still wear the Lakota Sioux Horsestick bracelet to honor my beloved Sweet Thing.

Sweet Thing never hurt me - even when I'd take a tumble, she'd shift herself so I was never injured. (We all used to laugh and say she tried to catch me!)

Some of the bucking horses did their best to break me into small and tiny pieces - the worst injury was a broken pelvis...and I guess the time I broke my back, but never even knew it until an x-ray years later. Once, foolishly, I loaned my saddle to someone - and ended up, more foolilshly, borrowing one myself. That borrowed saddle did a pretty good job of falling apart coming around the third barrel - and between bouncing off of the barrel and the ground, I was bent up a little bit, etc., etc.

As a kid, I'd played softball and basketball and anything else that our group of girls wanted to play...so, got a few licks in there too.

I took 16 years of ballet (which helped with "toeing out" of the chute on a bareback bronc) and was a clogger for a long time.

Up til just a year or so ago, I ran somewhere between four and six miles each day - depending on how much time I had.

If I'd known it would mean sort of scary surgery and a new hip - would it have made a difference?

Nope. The physician's assistant told me the other day, "You need to take it easy now so you won't wear out your new hip."

You all know what my reply was, don't you? I said, "Ha! I'll just come and get another one if and when I wear this one out, but I won't change the way I live my life!"

I wouldn't take a billion trillion dollars for the experiences I've had with sports, dancing and, most of all, with horses - and expect I'll have a few more horse adventures before it's over. If there's a way, I'm going to run a few more barrels. And, I'll be competitive too, you can betcha!

When I slide sideways into heaven, I will be

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## 2007 Stone Mountain Harp Championship results

National Scottish Harp Championship 2007 held at Stone Mountain Highland Games. Judges Ann Heymann and Jo Morrison. The event was held October 20-21, Stone Mountain, GA

Novice 1: Rachael Perry of Panama City, FL. 2. Eleanor Iskander of Atlanta, GA. 3. David Babulski of Snellville, GA.

Apprentice 1: Sarah Givens of Calera, AL. Journeyman 1: Jen Narkevicius of California, MD. 2. Becky Charbonneau of Snellville, GA (tied for second). 2. Catherine Mullins (tied for second). 4. Laura Vignon of Hermitage, TN. 5. Beth Richard of Plano, TX.

Master 1: Tracie Brown of Athens, GA. 2. Kira Jones of McDonough, GA. 3. Christine Van Arsdale of Charlotte, NC.

Special Categories: Vocal 1: Sandra Sparks of Atlanta, GA.

Emerging and Re-emerging forms: 1. Sandra Sparks of Atlanta, GA. 2. Tracie Brown of Athens, GA. 3. Karla Sullivan of Guntersville, AL.

Ensemble: Laurie Linley of Alpharetta, GA. Spoken Word, 1: David Babulski of Snellville, GA. 2. Beth Richard of Plano, TX.



Master Harp Winners at Stone Mountain Highland Games.



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# The Golden Spurtle: World Porridge Making Championship 2007

Sunday 7th October 2007 was a gorgeous day throughout Scotland, but seemingly, Carrbridge has its own micro-climate. Thank goodness, then, that we were indoors at Carrbridge Community Centre, which was packed to the gunnels with locals, and plenty of foodie types who'd travelled from

ments in Scotland really had their work cut out, as



as far afield as America,

Russia and Sweden - all intent on witnessing the glory that is the 14th Annual Golden Spurtle Awards.

Scotland on TV arrived just as the competition was getting under way, with the first round of 'cook offs'. The participants were all earnestly stirring their spurtles and adding the basic ingredients: oats, water and salt, in tiny increments so as to build the subtle flavours slowly, before their spurtle-stirring efforts were quickly handed over to the judges.

It was quite a surprise to see just how basic porridge can differ from one bowl to the next. Some pale, some grainy, some fluffy, some dry, some wet... but none lumpy! The expert judges, drafted from some of the finest eating establish-



After the judges had looked, tasted, commented on and marked the plethora of porridges, the still steaming bowls were passed on to the eager and hungry punters in the kitchen, so they too could savour the delights of porridge made properly by keen enthusiasts and professionals alike.

came thick and fast.

We spoke to the judges, the competitors, and our fellow porridge devotees, and eventually built a full picture of just why this event attracts such worldwide interest. Scotlandontv asked 'Just what are the tricks of the trade in making the perfect bowl of porridge'.

Congratulations must go to Speciality Winner, Al Beaton and the winner of the Golden Spurtle, Maria Soep, who cooked the best porridge on the day. Worthy winners of their titles.

You can see more about the contest in the finished film at www.scotlandontv.tv

#### **Dave Byrne finds Buchanan** tartan in Orvis catalog!

I hope to keep you informed of opportunities to wear your favorite tartan - Buchanan of course!

It has been brought to my attention that the most recent Orvis catalog is showcasing the Weathered Buchanan in both a shirt and trewes.

The trousers are shown in their on line catalog <a href="http://www.orvis.com/">http://www.orvis.com/</a> search Scottish Tartan on their website.

I don't see the shirts on line but they are in the print catalog perhaps you can call them

## NPR to feature **Dwan Hightower** and you're invited to the party!

NPR and Vision Bank will sponsor a book signing and reception for Dwan Hightower author of *The Deal* on Saturday, November 3 from 1:00 - 3:00 at The Palm Tree Book Store, 306 Reid Avenue Port St. Joe, Florida.

Marjorie McCoy interviewer for "Between the Lines" will be interviewing Ms. Hightower and other authors.

Frank Sundram, general manager of NPR, will be presiding over a "Meet and Greet" program for the community to meet the staff from the local NPR at WKCG.

Refreshments will be served and local television and radio stations will be in attendance. Join us for this event to recognize authors and artist and for NPR to thank the community for their support and sponsorship for the past year.



Master Harp competetitor, Kira Jones of McDonough, GA. See article, page 5.



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MARGARET SIMS died January 1832/1835 in Antrim, Ireland after the death of her mother (?). Her father (?) brought her through Charleston, SC to JOHN DONNALD who was appointed her guardian 17 December 1837 in Abbeville, SC. She married NEWTON SCOTT, Town Marshall in Anderson. She died April 1906. JOHN DONNALD and sisters, ELIZABETH 'BETTY' IRWIN and ANNA (1) HAWTHOIN (2) married MOSES TAGGERT. After his death, she was mentioned in BETTY IRWIN's will 1859 in Ohio.

Their mother was nee McCRONE. The three of them came together - JOHN had a letter of introduction to an Uncle WILLIAM McCRONE. JANE McCRONE MILLER/MRS. SAMUEL MILLER boarded and educated MARGARET SIMS. BETTY DONNALD IRWIN is buried at Long Cane Cemetery next to MARY McCRONE HILL, wife of (?). MARY was listed in her will "The Poor of Ballymuir" - "ANNA DONNALD HAWTHOIN TAGGART and sister, ELLEN McCRONE BAMFORT, brother HUGH McCRONE, a niece, MARY McCRONE and nephew HUGH, JR., of Ballymuir.

I am looking for anyone interested in McCRONE, DONNALD, HAWTHOIN, IRWIN, SIMS, SCOTT research, please. Hal Sharpe did wonderful research forward. The JOHN and MARY JANE HOUSTON DONNALD descendants were very generous with copies of what they had. One descendant did get JOHN DONNALD's original homeplace and remodeled it and lives it in today - moving it board by

board to Athens, GA. Another descendant located! ANNIE DONNALD and WILLIAM HILL's home in Abbeville has been beautifully renovated and is an event hall today. (JOHN DONNALD, MOSES TAGGART and young WILLIAM HILL from Hillsboro signed everything in the county for 50 years. These people repeated name patterns, were all Presbyterians, except MARY McCRONE HILL who left a bequest to "The Episcopal Church of Abbeville (my own church of choice). I think little MARGARET's father may have been Catholic.

According to Dr. Phil Smith's book, *Tartan for Me!*, **McCRONE** is a Lowland Scottish family from the Galloway District of Scotland.

You might wish to contact ladyesmere2004@yahoo.com or call 770-957-1835 or write PO Box 62, Locust Grove, GA 30248.

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# Genealogical Problem Solving Using Land Records



Land records are the oldest, largest, and most complete record group among record types in the United States. Ancestors who seldom appear in any other type of civil records may be mentioned somewhere in land records.

Land records can provide the following types of information about our ancestors: Pinpoint our ancestors in a specific time and place. Allow us to learn about the community and social aspects of the time period in which our ancestors resided in the area. Provide us with physical descriptions that allow us to identify and visit the ancestral home place.

Land records can help genealogists solve numerous common genealogical problems. Prime examples include the following: Establish specific dates of residence. Establish earlier or later places of residence. May provide clues as to the locality of residence in the old country. Provide clues to establish age estimates. Identify our ancestors' occupations.

Land records may be the only source that identifies the wife or wives of our ancestors including their maiden names. May identify the parents of our ancestors. Often identify the siblings

and children of our ancestors. May identify friends, relatives, neighbors, and associates of our ancestors.

Surname indexes exist in most county courthouses for every landowner and go back to the beginning of recorded county and/or territorial records. Many researchers have found these records more complete and detailed than census records. At first glance, one may ignore land records because they do not seem to give us the vital genealogical facts we seek—i.e., names of parents, dates, children, and so forth.

Researchers who dig deeper into land records will discover that land grants and deeds provide evidence of places where ancestors lived, how long they lived there, when they moved into or out of a specific county and, in many cases, a surprising amount of detailed information about a person.

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## Tourist? Traveler? Touron?



This month rates hotel rates are dropping and some of the sights and attractions in Scotland are limiting hours, open only on weekends or closed for the season. The Scotland Touring guide has a list or you can check www.visitscotlan.com.

Low season hotel rates usually end in March, but it's not worth going early to save a wee bit of money when the weather may keep you sidetracked. If you look at www.wunderground.com and go to the trip planner you can see weather data for any month you wish.

If you are not traveling with a tour group making your own arrangements for accommodations is quite easy. If you choose to search out lodging in every area you wish to visit it can get a bit tedious and if your internet reservations don't work you'll have to go to www.whocares.com (just kidding).

If you use a tour operator you can be assured they have checked out the places offered on their programs and there is usually recourse if things go wrong.

Of the many tour operators that offer fly/drive programs in the UK two of the largest are CIE Tours and Brendan Tours. They package any combination of car sizes, from economy cars to mini vans and accommodations from B&Bs to Castles. Since you are able to mix and match it allows you to book centrally located in the cities and inns, mansions and manor houses in smaller towns and the more rural locations.

If you go to www.cietours.com you can see the programs listed under independent travel, order a brochure on line or get one from your local travel agent. If you are booking with a tour operator agents are paid a commission so there is usually not a fee. A travel agent will not plan your itinerary as a rule, thought if you have a local agent listed in The Scotland Vacation Planner they can be a lot of help. You will receive a list of all the properties that participate in the programs and call ahead or email them to make reservations.

The Brendan Vacations brochure has a small map showing driving times between cities as well as other tips and information for independent travel; see www.brendanvacations.com. Rates for accommodations are quoted per person and include a private bath. Car rates are per vehicle based on the number of people and luggage they will hold.

If you are interested in Scotland's Hotels of Distinction, Castles, Historic Properties and Inns have a look at www.mcfhotels.com. McFarland Ltd. will only book through travel agents but have a great web site with pictures, prices and good on the location and areas of interest near the hotel.

Karen Brown has a guide of England, Wales & Scotland that offers "Charming Inns & Itineraries". The properties she represents are first class to deluxe and quoted per room in British Pounds. You can buy the guide at most book stores or order it from www.karenbrown.com.

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Another great site for planning a hotel stay is www.booktravelbound.com; they include England and Wales, too. First click on hotels and then find one of about 15 cities where they have hotels in Scotland. Once you put in the dates and number of people it will show a list of all the hotel rates for all people for all nights, this one is not per person; there are maps and pictures, too. Click on "events in this city", put in the month you wish to visit and a list of concerts, games and competitions will be displayed for you. This is a big help when planning your travel. Travel Bound only books through agents but they have huge buying power and contracted rates so their pricing is extremely competitive.

Remember to compare like things. One site may price per room, the next by person or even by the number in a party. Tax is 17.5% in the UK so if tax is not included in your rate quote you're going to get a surprise when you pay the bill. Some hotels, especially those that are more upscale may also have service charges. Almost all accommodations in Scotland will include a full Scottish breakfast with the exception of some hotels in the larger cities that offer only a continental breakfast. On line B&B bookings may result in a shared bath unless you specify that you want ensuite.

Happy Planning! Marti



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Special agent Denise Gibson is once again thrown into an investigation of domestic Bioterrorism. This time the deaths hit close to home and involve close friends. It will take all of her willpower to handle the alleged corrupt Senator with kidd gloves. Working with her friend Officer Terry Leaphorn of the Napwap Reservation they will try to prove that their two best friends are innocent of all charges. Until, at last, she

comes face to face with the real group of terrorists and the members of it whom she has known all her life.



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Dwan G. Hightower lives in Atlanta, Georgia where she is pursuing many interests, which include spending time with her grandchildren, reading, researching her Scottish and Cherokee heritage, and completing her sixth novel.

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#### McCord's plan reunion for next June 14

Ambassador Weston Adams will be the Keynote Speaker at National Flag Day, June 14, 2008 at Philadelphia PA! Plan now for the 2008 Reunion which will begin there on June 14th. More will appear about it in January newsletters and thereafter when planning begins full steam ahead. You will enjoy all of it! There is much to see and do in Philadelphia alone, plus much more to see at Valley Forge, Ft. McCord and Hershey PA!

#### Thank you to Debbie Skousen, Don McCord and Dr. Tom Hill!

Thanks also to Debbie Skousen who has been serving since this summer as Acting Vice President for Research Coordination, replacing Pam Hagen. Debbie has been doing a superb job of taking incoming queries about McCord ancestors and following up with them with Don E McCord and Dr. Tom Hill. Don and Tom as always do a most thorough job of searching their extensive files on the McCords. Theirs is to my knowledge one-of-a-kind maintaining files collected over 30-40 years on the McCords on a computer where they can be rapidly searched. Thanks to all three of you! You provide an invaluable service!



Seaside Sighland Games...

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# Seaside Sighland Games... Ventura, CA





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## JGS invites you to November meeting

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting, November 17, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Fl. This is a dual purpose meeting in that it is time to elect officers for the next two years.

Additionally, November is our traditional "Show and Tell" meeting where members and guests are invited to bring family heirlooms and discuss their history.

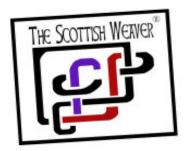
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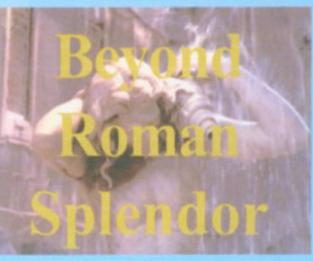
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## A genealogy resource -The US Census Records

#### **Carver Kennedy**

ne of the major sources of information for genealogists looking for their

American ancestors are the US Census Records. This record information began to be collected shortly after America became a country.

The first Federal, nationwide census-taking was in 1790 and it has been continued every 10 years since then.

The information collected has grown from a simple listing of citizens to lists with many details of the citizens listed. All contain names listed by state and many have alphabetical indexes of the census information.

The census records are not released publicly until 70 years after the original taking of the census, thus, the latest released census information is from 1930.

The amount of information available in a census record and the ease of using those records vary widely.

The following paragraphs summarize by years when the census was taken and what is available and the ease of use of the various census.



1790-1840: These records have addresses but only the name of the head of household plus a head

count of all persons residing in that household. Named persons have birth dates, but head-count persons are grouped by sex, number in household and age range. Example: female; 2, 10-16 years. Any slaves are listed separately by sex, number and age. Indexes are by state and alphabetically by head of household name.

1850-1870: These records are the easiest to use. They contain much more information, including the names and ages of all household residents, birthplace, relation to head of household, occupations and parents birthplaces. Indexes are by state and alphabetically by head of household.

1880: These records are generally the same as the 1850-1870. However, due to the much large population, the indexes use a

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system called Soundex, which is not alphabetical, but uses a complicated letter-number code to locate family names. Example: "Kennedy" is K530.

1890: Most records for this census were destroyed in a fire and the ones that survived are of limited scope and coverage.

1900-1930: These records have been released but some are not indexed completely and they require the use of the Soundex system.

Information as to where to find/access Census Records can usually be obtained from the local library or from your Congressman's local office. If there is an LDS (Mormon) Family History Center (FHC) in your area, they can advise you and may have copies of the records.

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