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Society of Antiquaries to hold Society Anniversary Meeting (AGM) November 30, 2009 - Edinburgh

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland will hold its Anniversary Meeting or Annual General Meeting on Monday the 30th of November 2009 at 4:30 PM at the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Other details of the meeting will be placed on the Fellow's pages of the website and pages sent in November.

The Society has published its Programme for

2009-2010 which has been mailed to all Fellows. If you would like more information on The Society or the programmes for the rest of 2009 and 2010, contact info@socantscot.org

To contact the Society by mail, write The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, National Museums Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF United Kingdom.

**Lots of photos
this issue of
people and places
you know!**



Maist things hae a sma beginnin'.



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Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Miss Narra consented to sit for a "formal" portrait. (She's been brushed and is wearing her very best striped outfit.)

She asked me to wish all of our *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* readers the best Thanksgiving ever. She hopes everyone is surrounded by family and friends and takes just a few moments to remember how blessed we all are.

Narra will celebrate her 14th birthday in a few days. Thankfully, she is healthy and Queen of Everything in her world.

I know all of you who have cat-family (or dog-family or horse-family or any critter-family) will understand how we feel about Miss Narra.

She slept on my chest the two or three

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A letter from your editor...Beth

Too many thank you's and blessings to begin to count!

At this time of year, I always think of all the things for which I am thankful.

Nowadays, my list is too long to put on paper.

Just a few years ago, I would not have believed that my life would be so filled with joy and love, laughter and peace. I lived for thirty-four years thinking that my life would always be filled with fear and sadness and loneliness.

I love the thing that I hear all the time..."If you want to hear God laugh - tell Him your plans." Every once in awhile, there is a wonderful and glorious surprise from Him too. I am proof.

If you watch television at all and see programs made in other parts of the world, you have to know what a great place we live in here in the United States of America. We love Andrew Zimmern's programs...and Anthony Bourdain's shows. Both of these Travel Channel stars travel all around this world of ours - and sample local fare. As Americans, we no longer eat much beef tripe or pig's ears or pig's feet...or chitlins or kidneys...all things that my Grandmother loved and fixed regularly at our house when my brothers and I were growing up.

I am embarrassed to say I "turned up my nose" except for the wonderful liver and onions my Grandmother would make sometimes. I just wasn't hungry enough.

In other parts of the world most everyone is hungry enough to eat anything that is available.

So, first I am thankful for fresh, delicious food that is available in this country.

I am thankful that we have medical care available. It wasn't that long ago that medicine was much different than today. When Tom's mother arrived in South Carolina in the 1930s as a Registered Nurse, she was given a Model T Ford and told to drive up into the mountains and help the women "birth their babies."

I am thankful that we have the freedom to disagree mightily with our government and our leaders.

I am so thankful that we are able to be cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Most of us have plenty of clothes to wear and plenty of blankets to keep us warm.

I am thankful for the health of our loved ones. Tom's mother is 94 and still sharp as a tack. My Aunt Mildred will be 102 in February and she is smarter than me, for sure, and able to take pretzels and candy each day to the "old folks" who are in the same assisted living facility. I am thankful that my "Miz Peggie" my 5th and 6th grade teacher whom I have loved almost all of my life is able to be cared for and is in a place where her Alzheimer's is understood.

My Tom is the "Thanksgiving Turkey" in my life each and every day! Such kindness, love, understanding, compassion. Such fun. I won't embarrass him further...but know that Tom has given me an entirely new and wonderful life. Thank you, Huh Huh!

My list could go on for hours and pages and pages.

I spend a whole lot of time saying "Thank You!"

I must say, I'm so thankful for this little publica-

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Visit <http://www.amazon.com> and type in "Ludlow Porch" in the author's box and you'll see a list of Ludlow's books that will make you laugh and laugh and laugh and laugh and laugh.



Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.

The Last American Slave Ship by Jeannette Holland Austin

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The Wanderer was first designed as a luxury racing yacht and was considered as one of the most extravagant vessels of the New York Yacht Club.

The schooner *Wanderer* arrived in New York on June 26, 1858 where it was purchased by William Corrie and outfitted for a slave voyage to Africa.

According to the South Carolina Customs Records, the vessel first sailed to Charleston, South Carolina, leaving there on July 4th to sail for Trinidad.

In November of the same year 407 Africans arrived on Jekyll Island and were put on a wagon train for the State of Alabama. (US Department of Justice, Microfilm T969, Letters sent by the Attorney General 1851-1871). Two letters were found in this packet relating to the *Wanderer* and William Corrie.

The attorney general directed that the case be moved to Savannah. One June 1, 1861, the vessel was seized in Key West, Florida by the US Navy. After that, the Union army used the schooner for a gunboat during the War Between the States.

There are a number of references regarding this vessel at the National Archives. Another source of information is the book *The Wanderer: The Last American Slave Ship and the Conspiracy That Set Its Sails* by Erik Calonius.



Jeanette Holland Austin has a wonderful free genealogical newsletter - Georgia Pioneers.

To be added to her mailing list, simply email jeannette@georgiapioneers.com.

Miss Narra, continued from page 2

weeks before I had a heart attack - something she had never done before or since. She slept on my hip before my hip surgery - something she had never done before or since. She has done her best to comfort and protect me in sad and scary times and has purred her loudest during happy times. If I am in the same house, she's never more than a few feet away from me.

When we come home in the evenings, she welcomes us home and lets us know how happy

she is to see us.

Nowadays, she doesn't want Ernest T. Bicket, Peggie Hairy or Angus to be next to me. You'd be surprised at the loud roar that this little cat can make! She's half Maine Coon and half Siamese - and the Siamese half can surely make her wishes known.

One of the many things I am thankful for is that I've had the privilege to be the person in Miss Narra's life for all these years.



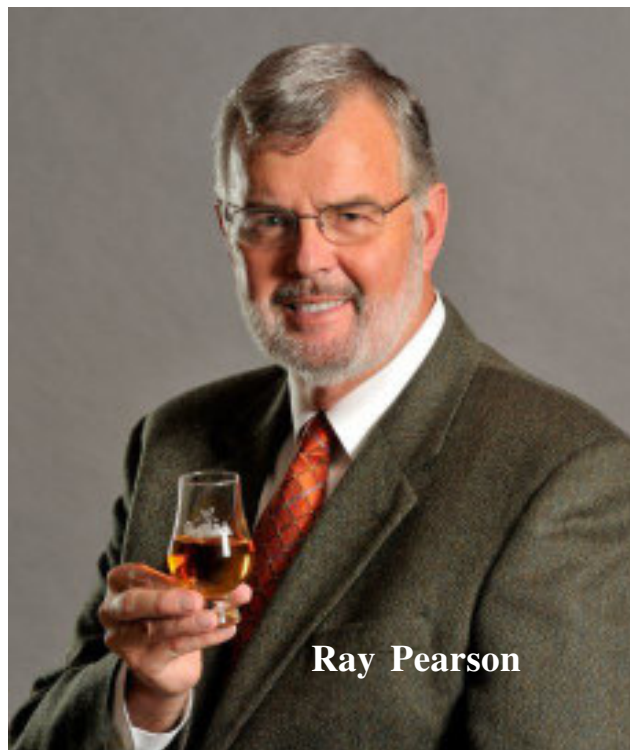
The Whisky Column

Ray Pearson, Glenfiddich Ambassador
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The Importance of Water in Single Malt Scotch Whisky

Last month we learned that there is actually more water in a bottle of single malt whisky than there is alcohol. When a bottle lists the alcohol content as “40% ABV” that means that there is 40% alcohol by volume, and 60% water. High quality water is critical in a number of steps in making single malt: 1. Water is used to soak the harvested barley, enabling the kernels to germinate and produce maltose sugar enzymes, which are fermentable. 2. Hot water and the barley grist are combined in large wooden vessels called mash tuns to extract sugars from the grist. The resulting liquid is called wort. 3. More water is added to the wort, along with yeast, and the resulting liquid is called wash. This is where we have alcohol for the first time – about seven percent ABV, similar to beer. 4. After distillation, the spirit is reduced with water from about 70% ABV to 55%-63% ABV before being put into oak casks for aging. 5. At the bottling stage, following 12 years to more than 50 years of aging, water is again added to reduce the ABV to final bottling strength – the ABV percentage printed on the label.

Glenfiddich’s founder, William Grant, always understood the link between good whisky and good water. That’s why, in 1886, he began building his distillery only after he had secured a source of water, the quality of which he was searching. Today, Glenfiddich is the only Highland malt to use a single source of pure Scottish spring water throughout the entire whisky-making process, from the very beginning through the final stage of bottling.



Ray Pearson

The Story of Robbie Dubh Spring and Glenfiddich

The importance of Glenfiddich’s proprietary water source, Robbie Dhu Spring (the spelling has changed over the years) is chronicled in *The Life and Times of William Grant*, by Francis Collinson. Excerpts include:

I’ve pried [tasted] the brew that comes from Robbie’s burn, It’s just the stuff to comfort them that mourn ...



Robbie Dhu Spring Marker

La Teste, local poet

There was a spring on the slopes of the Conval Hills called Robbie Dubh’s Well, which (William Grant) had mentally marked years before. Robbie Dubh was the name of

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2010 Clan Leslie Society International Biennial Gathering set for Loch Norman

My Dear Bothers and Sisters;

It is my pleasure to announce that the 2010 Clan Leslie Biennial Gathering will be held at the Rural Hill Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games on April 16, 17 and 18, 2010 in Huntersville (Charlotte), North Carolina. You will remember that the Clan Leslie will be the Honored Clan at the 2010 Festival.

I am happy to announce that our distinguished Clan Chief, the Honourable Alexander Leslie who represents our Scottish ancestors back to our founder will be attending the games. We should all be proud to attend this Gathering to share with our Chief the celebration of our Scottish heritage. As he has committed his time to show his support of Clan Leslie Society International by attending, we should all make the effort to come to

meet him and take part in this celebration. I am calling on all members to try their best to attend the Rural Hill Festival and Loch Norman Games in 2010.

The planning is coming along well as there will be many activities to help us to enjoy our Scottish ancestry.



The Drury Hotel at 6920 Northlake Mall Drive, Charlotte, NC 28216 has been reserved for our members. You can contact them at 704-599-8882 [https://](https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx)

[/www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx](https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx) to confirm your hotel reservations. Deluxe rooms will be \$65.00 a night and the two room suites will be \$104.99 a night. When you contact them please use the group code **2069424** for the group rates.

I am presently planning the reception, gate tickets, transportation, Dinner and CLSI meeting schedules. Please be patient with me as I will have the Package and membership pricing soon (negotiations ongoing).

I am also considering an early day golf package for those individuals who wish to come a day early (Thursday). The hotel we will be staying in has a beautiful shopping and dining area close by along with some of the most serene and majestic landscaping for tours and picnics. I suggest coming a day or two early just to visit our glorious communities and scenic highways.

I recommend that all those who plan to attend please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible so we can confirm and plan for the correct number of those attending.

I will have the Schedule of Events and Package pricing out to you soon. I look forward to seeing you there and lifting a toast in your honor!

Thank You and Many Blessings,
Paul Aulbach – 2010 CLSI Gathering Chairman

The WhiskyColumn, *continued from page 8*

a farmer, now long departed, who had once farmed the land of Burnhead on which the spring bubbled forth. The well flowed bountifully even in the driest summers. About half a mile down the slope from the well skirted on two sides by the public road and on a third by the railway, lay a small field through which a burn or stream ran down to the River Fiddich at its foot. It was in every way an ideal spot for William Grant's purpose, for the stream could be dammed to provide water power to drive the malt mill.

We can see through these writings that the location of the water source determined the location of the distillery! This is a testament to the importance of water in single malt whisky.

Next month: the importance of wood in single malt Scotch whisky.



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If you would like to have a Leslie event posted on our page, please email your information to:

Laura Messing at designinvasion@gmail.com

FREE genealogical programs in Fort Myers, Florida

The programs listed below will be held at the Fort Myers-Lee County Library during the months of September - December 2009. All programs are free and open to the public. If you cannot attend but wish to receive an electronic copy of the handouts, you may request a copy by contacting me via e-mail.

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library, 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901-3917. Tel: (239) 533-4626 or Fax: (239) 485-1160. E-Mail: bmulcahy@leegov.com

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Genealogical Research in the New York City Area

Session One: 9:30-11:30am

Session Two: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Speakers: **Dr. John LaCoste**, Research Fellow, New York Genealogical & Biographical Record;

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library

This seminar will touch on research topics relevant to the region of New York City. While the main focus will be on the 19th century, information will also be provided on the early 20th century when the number of immigrants entering through Ellis Island increased dramatically. Our discussion will also touch on repositories in the New York metropolitan area including adjacent counties in New Jersey.

Saturday, December 12, 2009

DNA and Genealogical Research

Speaker: **Dr. John LaCoste**, Research Fellow, New York Genealogical & Biographical Record.

Session One – 9:30am-11:00am: DNA Testing and the Research Process

Session Two - 11:15am-12:30pm The Testing Process

Session Three – 1:30pm-2:45pm Consulting, Question, Answers

This seminar will focus on the growing importance of DNA testing to all aspects of the genealogical research process. Dr. LaCoste will discuss many of the new findings that have occurred in the research and testing process since his last lecture on this subject in 2008.

Missing McPersons - Help us find these kinfolks!

KEY: I am searching for father of **FRANK KISER KEY**. born 1881 in Ga. His mother was **LUCY CATHERINE HOLCOMBE** born 1865 (also looking for the parents of **LUCY HOLCOMBE**). **FRANK** died in Lake Cty, Florida in 1970. He had a brother **JAMES LEVI KEY** and sister **VELLA MAE JONES**. Any help on the **KEY** family would be appreciated. Also searching for the parents of **JOHN N. CHANDLER**. have always been told he died in Polk County, Ga in 1922, but his wife, **MARTHA ANN "MATTIE" PETTIT** was living with their son **WILLIAM FRANKLIN CHANDLER** in Blount County, at the time that **JOHN** died. Need info on **MARTHA ANN PETTIT**'s family too. she is buried in blount county, al. thank you for any info that anyone can give me cindy_1967@yahoo.com

MCPHERSON. Looking for information regarding The **MCPHERSON** family from Burke County. Grandfather's Father **ODELL MCPHERSON** related to **JOHN** and **ALICE MCPHERSON**. Brothers: **ABRAM, PARTCHER, JASPER** etc. Email

ROBERT BELL b. 1675 Isle of Wight County, VA to **CHOWAN/BERTIE** 1715. **JOHN BARRS**, Sr. b. 1727 Toft Hamlet, Warwickshire, England to **JOHNSON/DOBBS/LENOIR** 1750. **JOHN JONES** born in North Carolina 1813 from Wales died Smith County, TN **Al Barrs** albarrs@wfeca.net Greenwood, FL 32443

GRAVES. I am researching early Georgia to discover more about the **GRAVES** family. My gg grandfather was **GEORGE GRAVES** who

married **LULENDER GUNN** in 1840 in Warren County, Georgia. I can't find **GEORGE**'s parents. There was a **THOMAS GRAVES, SR** b 1729 Lower Potomack Hundred, Maryland. He and sons are listed on the 1790 Franklin County Census. I can't connect any of them to **GEORGE GRAVES** yet. One thing I know, is that

DR. GEORGE GRAVES who married **MARY SCOTT** June 26 1790 in Augusta, Georgia is not the father of my **GEORGE GRAVES**. My **GEORGE GRAVES** and wife moved west through Alabama, Mississippi, and settled in Wood County, Texas 1854-1858, where they are listed on the 1860 census. I am aware of a **GRAVES** family in Muscogee County Georgia and wonder if they are related to my **GEORGE GRAVES**? **Eddie Graves, Wichita Falls, Texas.** egraves@sw.rr.com



Lost Generations: I've been trying to desperately find the gravesite of **JOHN PEACOCK** (married to **NANCY PEYTON**), both from Maryland. Here's what I know: —first they lived in Oglethorpe Co. —he died in Jasper Co., GA — his birth/death dates: 1745-1826 —There are a lot of Jasper Co. deed documents I've found on line between he and his sons, etc. —I assume he's buried on his land...which is hard to pinpoint. —He had sons **LEWIS, DANIEL** and **WILLIAM**...just to name a few of his children. — His son **LEWIS** married **AVEY HILL**, daughter of **MORDECAI HILL**. I've visited the county library in Monticello, GA but still can't find where he's buried. Thanks for anything you can supply.
Susan Stancliff 770-939-4698

15th Annual Rural Hill Sheepdog Trials set for November 7 - 8, Huntersville

HUNTERSVILLE, NC: PETCO presents the 15th Annual Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials on November 7 & 8, 2009. The Trials are sanctioned by the United States Border Collies Handlers Association and more than 100 dogs will be competing throughout the weekend.

Gates open each day at 8 AM, competition begins at 8:30 and additional activities begin at 10 AM. Admission is \$10 per person ages 13+, \$7 per child ages 5-12, and children ages 4 and under are admitted free. The complete schedule of events is available online at www.ruralhill.net. Proceeds from all annual events are used for the preservation of Historic Rural Hill and its educational programs.

The Trials are open to any herding breeds, but the majority of entries are Border Collies. The Sheep Dog Trials are based on tasks that a working dog is asked to do on the farm. Points are earned for each phase of work. The dog and handler team is awarded points for demonstrating precision in the time allowed. One of 13 dog breeds that developed in Scotland, the Border Collie first appeared in the Border country in the 1700's. The Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials are sanctioned by the US Border Collie Handlers Association.



In addition to the regional sheep dog competition, Rural Hill offers a variety of family activities each day including the Dog Sport Demo Field presented by the Greater Charlotte Sheltie Club. Many other family activities will be available including a bounce house and inflatables, hayrides around the farm, an antique tractor display, Pumpkin

Chunkin' with a model of an 11th century trebuchet

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(bring your leftover Halloween pumpkin or purchase one at Rural Hill), cornfield and logic mazes, the Rural Hill livestock, and more! The 1760's Davidson Family Homestead site will be open for visitors. Open hearth cooking and blacksmith demonstrations will take place during the event. Lakecross Veterinary Hospital will be providing free registration for Huntersville dogs and cats with proof of rabies vaccination. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

NEW IN 2009 – On Saturday, November 7 from 10 AM until 3 PM a “Rally to Rescue Pet Expo & Adoption Fair” hosted by Friends for Life LKN will be held in the southern area of Rural Hill at the Davidson School House. The event is supported by Purina and will benefit the Humane Animal Rescue efforts and Friends for Life Spay/Neuter Programs. Details will soon be announced!

The Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials are presented by the Catawba Valley Scottish Society and The Greater Charlotte Shetland Sheepdog Club. Dogs are welcome to attend with their families and must be leashed and under their owner's control. For complete event information, please visit www.ruralhill.net.

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Scottish Cauliflower and Cheese Soup from The American Clan Lockhart Society

1 medium onion

3 cloves garlic

one-third stick of butter

1 large cauliflower

1 tablespoon grain mustard

2 cans of Swanson chicken broth

1/3 cup of half and half

(2oz) grated cheddar cheese (ideally Scottish, Isle of Mull)

Fresh flat leaf parsley to garnish

Method:

Heat the butter in a large pan. Add the onion and the garlic and leave on a medium heat until they are soft and clear. Whilst the onion and garlic are softening, chop the cauliflower as fine as possible. Add the cauliflower into the onion mix then stir in the broth. Bring back to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 45 minutes. Stir the soup well and add the grain mustard and the grated cheese. Adjust seasoning to taste. Blend the soup with the cream in a blender. The soup will be thick and creamy. Re-heat or freeze for later. Garnish with a sprinkle of chopped parsley. **(sufficient for four people):** delicious.

Letter from your editor, *continued from page 3*

tion which gives me such pleasure to do...and for all of the friends I have made over the last many years because of what I do.

My friends are my family and I am so filled with awe at how wonderful you all are! Thank you for being my friends.

I'll hush now although I could go on for days. Please know that I wish for each and every one of you a Thanksgiving filled with all of the good things.

Love, Beth

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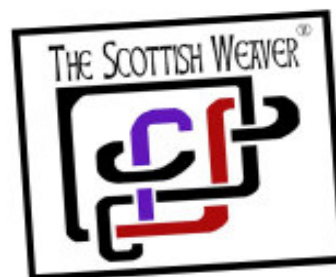
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So the War Goes On

by Loren R. Leslie

Loren R. Leslie of Lutsen, Minnesota, has written a book about his uncle Richard Souhrada titled *So the War Goes On*. This book is a well-crafted and poignant


mother and sister relate the numerous transfers from one location to another, the monotony of military life, and how life is sometimes just a "roll of the dice." He enters pilot training, manages to survive several accidents, including one landing when the wheels of his plane fail to be down. His progression from slow trainers

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story of a Midwest farm boy's physical and psychological journey to becoming a fighter pilot in World War II. The title is derived from the tagline of some of the pilot's letters home to his mother, and the story is told through his surviving letters.

Loren discovered these letters somewhat by accident, and felt compelled to transcribe them into a book that would tell the story of his uncle. His affection and admiration of his uncle is obvious. Lt. Souhrada was a P-38 pilot in the Pacific theater.

Richard joined the Army a few weeks after Pearl Harbor. He was being trained as an airplane mechanic but had applied for pilot training. His letters to his



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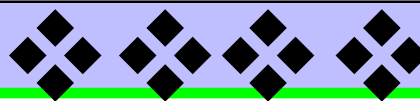
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On the right is Balgonie of Balgonie Castle in Fife, Scotland. On the left is his son, Stuart. They are holding their owls who also live at Balgonie Castle! With thanks to Patricia Tennyson Bell for the photo!

Books needed for Clan Leslie Collection in Guelph

We still need back copies of the *Journal*, the *Griffin* and the *Grip Fast*. You can donate your books by sending them directly to the Clan Leslie Library Collection. Contact William Leslie, Library Liaison, at william.leslie@sympatico.ca for the form and address.

With the start of the Clan Leslie collection at the University of Guelph, there is a need to provide some books by or about Leslies, Abernathys, Cairneys, Laings and Moores. Below are some of the books desired:

The Leslies of Tarbert, County Kerry, and their Forebearers by Pierce Leslie Pielou, published 1935 by Brindleys LTD, 224 pages.

Lesley Leslie and Lesley Leslie Supplement and Vevins Notes, 1755 - by Ruth Leslie Cleveland, Published 1979 by the Inter-Collegiate Pres, 210 pages

The People of Leslie, Premnay and Oyne 1696,

by W. Biack. Published in 2001 by the Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society

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So the War Goes On, continued from page 17 to the fastest fighters (P-51 Mustangs, P-38 Lightnings) is interesting. Eventually he is deployed to the Pacific campaign.

You can order this book from Amazon.com www.amazon.com So the War Goes on by Loren R. Leslie, 2009, \$14.95. Or you can order from the Richard Bong Veterans Heritage Center in Superior, Wisconsin www.bvhcenter.org All proceeds will be made to this center where Richard Souhrada's letters are archived.

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Get Out of Jail Free:

Monopoly's Hidden Maps - *Silk Escape Maps*

Concealed in Game Boards Helped WWII Prisoners

With thanks to Margie Ellison

It's a story that will forever change the way you think of the phrase, "Get Out of Jail Free."

During World War II, as the number of British airmen held hostage behind enemy lines escalated, the country's secret service enlisted an unlikely partner in the ongoing war effort: The board game Monopoly.

It was the perfect accomplice.

Included in the items the German army allowed humanitarian groups to distribute in care packages to imprisoned soldiers, the game was too innocent to raise suspicion. But it was the ideal size for a top-secret escape kit that could help spring British POWs from German war camps.

The British secret service conspired with the U.K. manufacturer to stuff a compass, small metal tools, such as files, and, most importantly, a map, into cut-out compartments in the Monopoly board itself.

"It was ingenious," said Philip Orbanes, author of several books on Monopoly, including "The World's Most Famous Game and How it Got That Way." "The Monopoly box was big enough to not only hold the game but hide everything else they needed to get to POWs."

British historians say it was effective enough to help thousands of captured soldiers escape.

So how did a simple board game end up in a position to help out one of the most powerful military forces on the planet? Silk and serendipity. .hmmmessage P { margin:0px; padding:0px } body.hmmmessage { font-size: 10pt; font-family:Verdana } I thought you might find this interesting. Marge

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Silk Maps Were Key Escape Kit Elements

Of all the tools in a military-grade escape kit, the most critical item was the map. But paper maps proved too fragile and cumbersome, said Debbie Hall, a cataloguer in the map room at the Bodleian Library at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England.

For hundreds of years, even before World War II, silk was the material of choice for military maps, Hall said, because it wouldn't tear or dissolve in water as easily as paper and was light enough to stuff into a boot

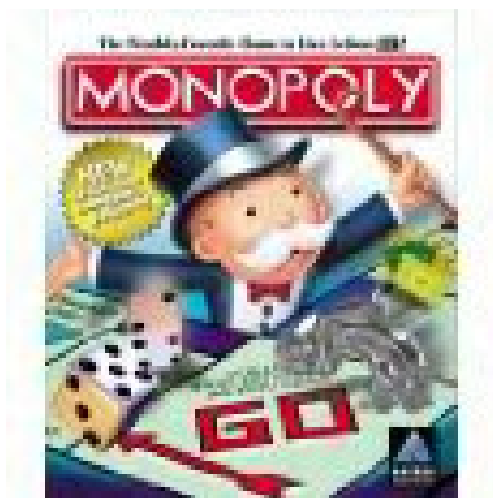
or cigarette packet. Unlike maps printed on paper, silk maps also wouldn't rustle and attract the attention of enemy guards, she said.

"Initially, they had some problems printing on silk," Hall said. "It's quite technically challenging."

But then MI9, the British secret service unit responsible for escape and evasion, found the one British company that had mastered printing on silk: John Waddington Ltd., a printer and board game manufacturer that also happened to be the U.K. licensee for the Parker Bros. game Monopoly.

"Waddingtons in the pre-war era was printing on silk for theater programs. For celebration events for royalty and that kind of thing," said Victor Watson, 80, who retired as chairman of the company in 1993. "It made a name for itself for being able to print on

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silk.”

He was just a child during the war but said his father Norman Watson, president of the company at the time, worked with British secret service to embed the maps in Monopoly games.

He said a secret service officer named E.D. Alston (known around Waddington as “Mr. A.”) used to come by to place the orders in person.

”Because he was in the secret service, I never knew who he was,” Watson said.

A red dot on the free parking space signified to captured soldiers that the Monopoly boards delivered by humanitarian groups contained escape kits including a compass, small metal tools and a map.

Maps, Compasses, Tools Hidden in Monopoly Boards

Watson said his father formed a small division of the company that first printed silk and rayon maps for the British military and later embedded escape kits in hundreds of Monopoly games.

Before leaving for missions, British airmen were told that if they were captured, they should look for escape maps and kits in Monopoly boards and other games delivered by charity groups. They were told that “special edition” Monopoly sets would be marked with a red dot on the free parking space.

Watson said that in addition to the concealed compass, tools and maps, real bank notes were hidden under the fake money.

During the war, the Official Secrets Act prevented anyone involved from disclosing the plan, and Watson said his father was concerned that the company could be targeted by the Germans if they were tipped off.

”It was very special and very secretive,” Watson said, adding that he didn’t learn about the company’s role helping the military until years later.

Different Maps for Different Regions

Waddington printed six different maps that cor-

responded with regions surrounding six different German camps, Orbanes said. Monopoly kits bound for a camp in Italy, for example, would include a map of Italy and Italian currency (lira).

To make sure each set reached its destination, the secret service devised another code.

”Each game was pinpointed as to the camp it would go to,” Orbanes said. To innocuously tag each board game, a period was added after different locations on the board.

A period after “Mayfair,” for example, meant that the game was intended for Norway, Sweden and Ger-

many. And a period after Marylebone Station meant it was a game destined for Italy. (It being a British version of game, London streets replaced the Atlantic City streets used in the original American version.)

Hundreds of Thousands of Silk Maps Helped POWs Escape During WWII

While “Mr. A.” may have been responsible for bringing the war to

Waddington’s door, map experts credit another MI9 officer, Christopher Clayton Hutton, with hatching the master plan.

”He put two and two together,” Hall said, adding that Hutton was likely not alone in implementing it. “He was the first who had this idea to get maps into camps concealed in board games. It looks innocent, they wouldn’t arouse any suspicion... it just looked like someone was being charitable.”

Hall and others familiar with the Monopoly maps say not wanting to compromise the integrity of the Red Cross, the secret service created fake charity groups to smuggle the games into the German camps.

Barbara Bond, Pro-Chancellor at the U.K.’s University of Plymouth who is writing a book on silk maps, said Monopoly games weren’t the only vehicles

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used to conceal escape maps. Decks of cards, the board game Snakes and Ladders and pencils also concealed maps for prisoners.

"There was a whole industry going on," she said.

During the war, hundreds of thousands of silk maps were used to help prisoners escape. And she said it marked a change in the way the military viewed POWs.

During World War I, she said, "If you were captured in battle that was it."

But after Winston Churchill and others shared their experiences as POWs, she said, the perception of them changed.

"The POWs could still do a job," Bond said. "Not only was it their duty to fight if they were captured, it was their duty to escape."

The silk (and rayon) maps and the clever ways they were distributed, she said, reflected that philosophy.

All 'Special Edition' Monopoly Sets Destroyed

Though silk maps from that era exist in libraries, homes and museums around the world, none of the original rigged Monopoly sets still remain. After the war, everything was destroyed, Watson said.

But though the games themselves are gone, their legacy is a source of pride for the makers of Monopoly, past and present.

"Since Charles Darrow created Monopoly in the 1930s, the game has had a rich and interesting story. The use of Monopoly by the British government to sneak maps, money and supplies to prisoners of war during World War II is a little-known, but important part of our history," said a spokeswoman for toymaker Hasbro, Inc. "We are always honored when this iconic game becomes an important part of the fabric of a family's, or a country's, history and memories."

In the 1970s, Watson had the chance to meet a few former POWs who actually used Waddington's

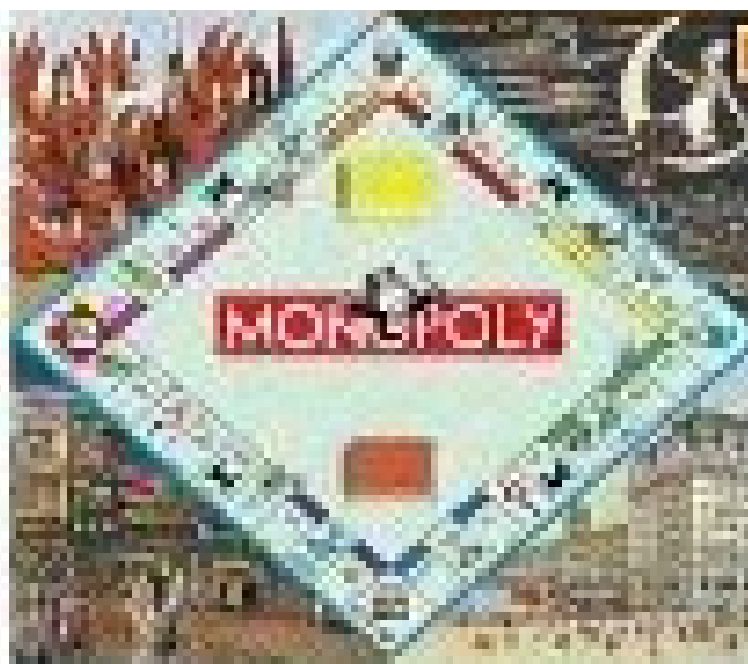
maps to escape from a prisoner camp at Colditz Castle, near Leipzig, Germany.

"It was really exciting," he said. Although it's impossible to know precisely how many prisoners escaped with the help of the hidden maps, experts estimate that about 35,000 members of the British, Com-

monwealth and U.S. forces who were taken prisoner during the war returned to Allied lines before the end of the war.

"We reckon that 10,000 used the Monopoly map," Watson said.

You'll never look at Monopoly the same again.



Here's a little bitty bit of *Scrabble* help!

If you are an avid *Scrabble* player, you know that there are 109 permissible two-letter words. These include *jo* (a northern sweetheart), *ka* (an attendant spirit), *xi* (a letter in the Greek alphabet) and *qi* (derived from Chinese - means life force).

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

The incredible life of **Phyllis Curtiss Torrance Byrne** came to a peaceful end on September 14, 2009 in Bluffton, South Carolina. She passed into God's tender hands surrounded by the love of her family and friends.

Mrs. Byrne is predeceased by her brothers and sisters, her loving husband of 55 years, Owen J. (Bob) Byrne, her son Philip Byrne, and her grand-daughter Laura Marie Byrne. Phyllis Curtiss Torrance was born October 30, 1914 in Glasgow, Scotland. She was the last surviving of eleven children of the renowned Scottish medical missionary David Watt Torrance, M.D., O.B.E. of Airdrie, Scotland and Tiberias, Palestine. Her mother was Elizabeth Welch Curtiss of Hartford and Norfolk, Connecticut.

She is a descendant of Curtiss settlers who have resided in Norfolk since 1762.

As a child Mrs. Byrne lived in Tiberias, Palestine with her father who had built a hospital there for the Church of Scotland. After her father's death in 1924 she came to live in Norfolk with her mother.

Mrs. Byrne attended Tenacre and Dana Hall Schools in Wellesley, Massachusetts and graduated from the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women (now part of Temple University) in 1934.

She returned to Tiberias, Palestine in 1935, where she met and married Owen J. Byrne, Assistant Superintendent of Police with the British Section of the Palestine Police Force.

While living in Palestine Mrs. Byrne became a rifle markswoman and was a member of the Palestine Police Rifle Team competing against other branches of the military.

She remained in the Middle East with her husband throughout the duration of World War II. Sev-

eral of her children were born there during that time.

On her last visit to the Holy Land in 1996 she was recognized by the Governor of Galilee at a reception in her honor and a tree was planted in her name at the Scottish Centre in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Phyllis and Owen Byrne brought their family to Norfolk, Connecticut at the end of World War II and lived there the rest of their lives.

Recently Mrs. Byrne has been living with her daughter, Maureen, in Bluffton, South Carolina.

Mrs. Byrne was an avid gardener and

horticulturalist all of her life and designed many gardens both in Norfolk and the Middle East. For many years she grew flowers and vegetables on her farm on Sunset Ridge in Norfolk.

Mrs. Byrne was very active in the Town of Norfolk where she was known affectionately as "Gran" by the residents.

During her later years she would often be seen walking

throughout the town with her three wheel walker greeting everyone she would meet. She loved to swim at Tobey Pond well past the age of 80. She was a member of the Norfolk Republican Town Committee and served as Treasurer for the Town of Norfolk for several years in the 1960s. She was also elected to the Board of Education for multiple terms.

Mrs. Byrne enjoyed being a Cub Scout Den Mother and was a life member of the Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc.

Phyllis was a loving companion for many years to Mrs. Jean Stoeckel of Mountain Road, Norfolk and also cared for her great-aunt Hedwig Curtiss.

In addition to her own eight children, Mrs. Byrne took into her home several foster children from the

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Oak Hill School for the Blind in Hartford. Other young men and women also became 'adopted' members of the family including Michael Kittel of Vermont and Louis Banks of California, who lived with the family for several years.

Mrs. Byrne was a Life Steward and beloved member of the Norfolk United Church of Christ, joining the church in 1928. She served the Church as a Clerk, Deacon, Collector, and a member of the Flower and Mission Committees. She could always be found helping at Church functions and participated in deciding many important issues that faced the Church.

Mrs. Byrne is survived by her children: Thomas Byrne and his wife Julie of Wirtz, Virginia; her daughter-in-law Ann Shrope Byrne of Sykesville, Maryland; Maureen Larsen and her husband Paul of Bluffton, S.C.; Richard Byrne and his wife Madeleine of Norfolk; Deirdre Eschman and her husband Douglas of Challenge, California; David Byrne and his wife Marianne of Prospect, Connecticut; Kathryn Byrne of Norfolk; and John Byrne and his wife Kathy of Thurmont, Maryland.

She is survived by her loving grandchildren; Torrance, Curtiss, Tyson, Everett, Elizabeth, Becky, Matthew, Daryl, Keith, Christy, Sam, Katie, Reagan, Taylor, Amanda, Todd, Lydia, Bridgett and Kaitlyn.

She is also survived by 32 adoring Great Grandchildren and 2 Great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Byrne was beloved by her many devoted nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday October 3, 2009 at the United Church of Christ, 12 Village Green, Norfolk, Connecticut. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 582, Norfolk, CT 06058.

You're invited to a Christmas Ceilidh



The next meeting of the Scottish Historic & Research Society will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at the St. George's Presbyterian Church in Ardmore, PA at 7:00 PM. Address: 1 West Ardmore Avenue & Darby Road.

Our program for the evening will be an educational talk by society president, Blair Stonier along with a film and slides. Society executive director, Christopher J. Gervais will discuss the plans for the group in 2010 and beyond.

A Christmas Ceilidh will follow the meeting. We would appreciate those attending to provide refreshments in the form of soft drinks, juice, cakes, cookies, brownies, ect... A \$5.00 donation is requested for meeting a Ceilidh from members and guests.

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Scotland has always been able to feed her population, and hold her own at international trade fairs and agricultural shows. For instance, a southern Italian farmer may have never heard of Glasgow, but will be familiar with Arran as the island home of the best seed potatoes.

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Saltwater fish – cod, haddock, herring and mackerel is of the highest quality and inshore waters are rich in scampi, lobster, crabs and scallops. In the Western Isles scallops and bacon, fried, is the fisherman’s breakfast.

There is game, chiefly pheasant, partridge, grouse and venison. All of these can be found on the menus of the most conservative restaurants. Canned game and soups are also exported.

In our times you will meet some of Europe’s most imaginative and highly paid chefs in the unlikeliest places in Scotland.

If you are on a bed and breakfast tour, your hostess may offer raspberries from the garden. Even the breakfast marmalade is probably homemade. The traditional Scottish “high tea” is a useful meal if you have a busy evening planned. It is a substantial early evening

meal of one hot dish (perhaps those fishy favorites, smokies and finnan haddie) plus a selection of oatcakes, bannocks, pancakes and scones which led to Scotland being known as the “Land O’ Cakes!” Strong tea always washed down a meal.

It is sometimes forgotten that the first shippers of port and sherry into northern Europe were the Scots. Their names, such as Cockburn, are still printed on the best labels. Among the professionals in Scotland, claret-drinking is an old tradition – the French connection again.

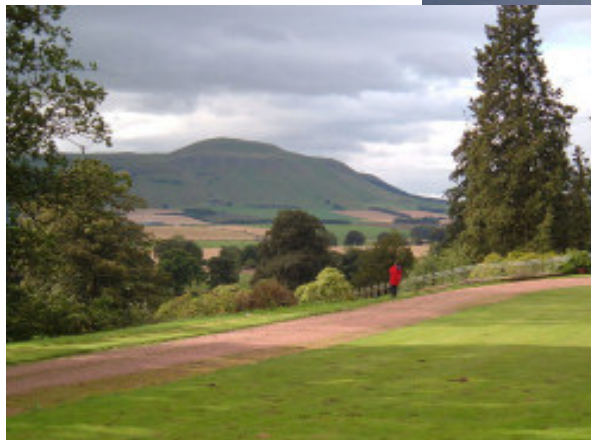
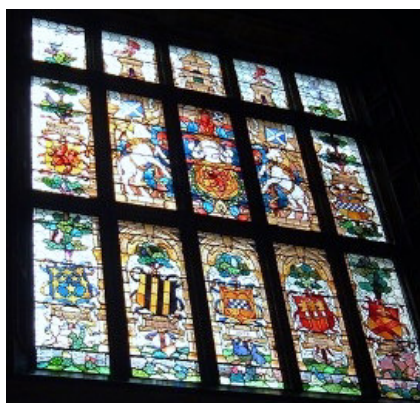
Old favorites, such as cock-a-leekie soup, have been revived and the chefs

in Scotland have been sparked on to recreate the more ambitious game: pates, steaks and oyster pies, escallops of venison, desserts of soft fruits, cream and whiskey liqueurs.

Speaking of whiskey, the ancient Gaels called it “uisgie beacha,” (pronounced Ooshka Baha) which



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◆ If you are dressing your pipe bag with treacle or honey on the dining room table, see that there are no crumbs on the cloth. If these get into the bag, they may get onto the reeds with most undesirable consequences. Ask your wife or mother to put a clean cloth on the table.

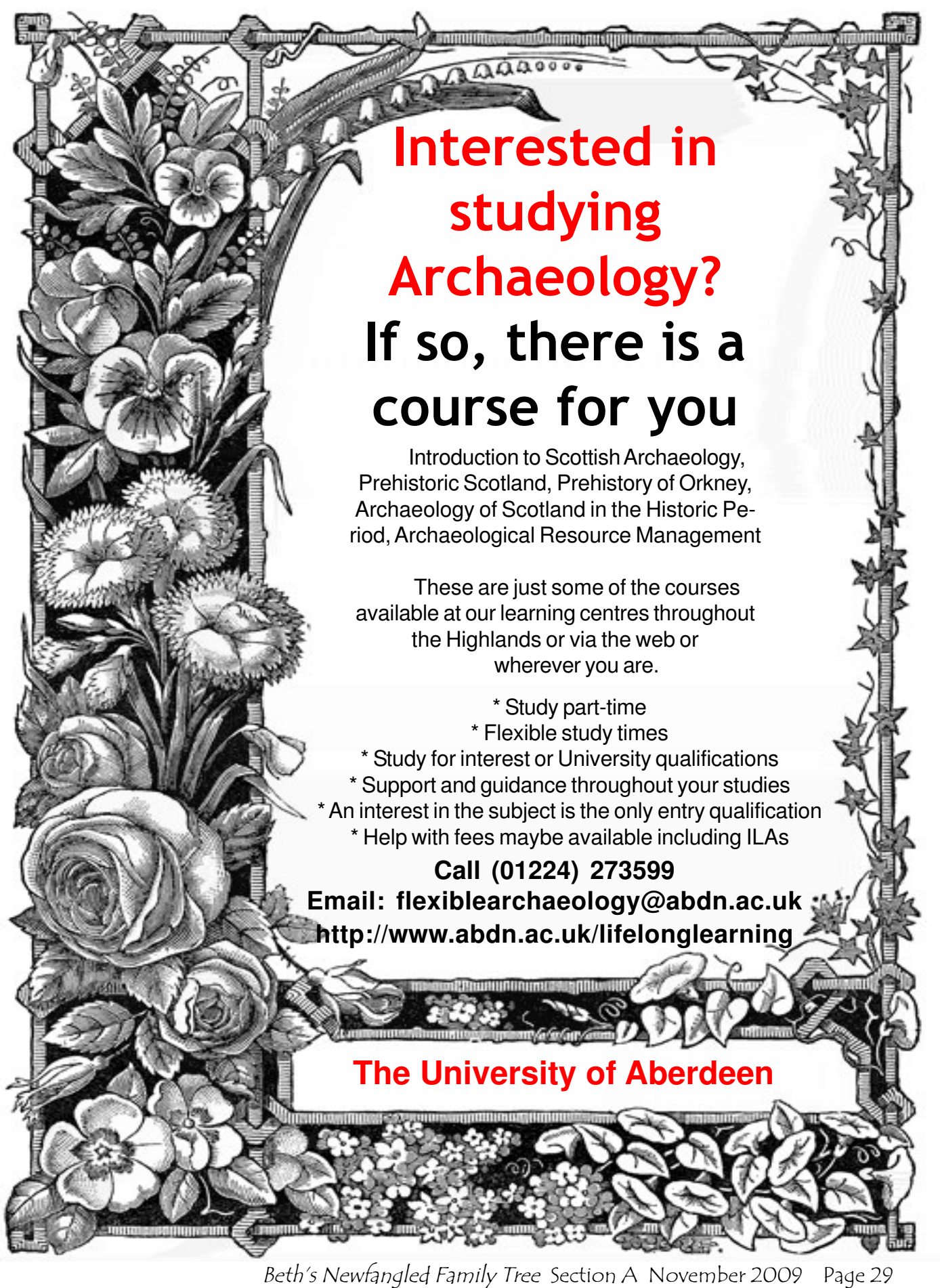
◆ When your wife is holding a ladies' meeting in the house, do not play your pipes in the same room. The ladies will be too busy talking to listen attentively to your music.

◆ Do not tune your pipes in the same room as others are watching television. Wait until after the epilogue or when everyone is in bed.

◆ When playing at a wedding do not stand in front of the bridegroom and play a lament. It is equally bad taste to stand in front of the bride, especially if she is over forty, and play *When the Battle's O'er*.

◆ In competitions, do not approach the judges' table with a truculent swagger and say, “Right, Jock, get an earful of this.” It is bad taste to affix your chewing gum to the underside of his table. It is far better to stick it to the ivory bit on the end of your chanter until the conclusion of your recital.

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where her family is buried. **ISABELL LEWIS**, born 1906, Chicago, IL. **LESLIE THOMAS LEWIS, JOHN & ISABELL**.

Pat Carby, 7285 32nd Avenue, Crystal, Minnesota 55427 (email: User770295@aol.com) is seeking information on a **WILLIAM CALHOUN** that was born in 1773 in East Pennsboro, Pennsylvania to **SAMUEL CALHOUN** (b.1721 d.1773) and **MARY CLENDENNIN/CLENDENNING?** **SAMUEL** was the son of **HUGH CALHOUN** (b.1692 d.1753) and **AGNES JANE McCLEARY?** They are descendents of **ADAM CALHOUN** b.1601 d.1634) and **LADY CHRISTIAN LINDSEY**. The information appears in **ORVAL CALHOUN's** books. **ORVAL** has written quite a bit of information about most all of the other children of **SAMUEL** and **MARY CALHOUN**, but it only shows a birth year of 1773 for their son **WILLIAM**.

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