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# ‘God’s legacy’ will help us to independence, says Salmond

*With thanks to Steve Kelley*

Alex Salmond has invoked Scotland’s ‘divine legacy’ as a springboard to independence, saying separation was ‘closer than ever before’ as he addressed the faithful at the start of the party’s autumn conference.

As the First Minister took the stage for the first time since the SNP’s landslide victory in May, triumphalism was not in short supply. It was an opening day quite unlike any other. Rock music blared out of the speakers as a packed theatre was shown video highlights of election night. Slogans such as ‘free prescriptions helps the medicine go down’ were emblazoned on an enormous screen above the stage. Edited highlights from a party political broadcast were followed by TV footage of Kenny MacAskill on election night basking in Labour’s ‘Portillo moment’.

Then SNP MSPs were called to the stage and announced as the ‘team that made history’, to a rapturous welcome.

Not all 68 were present, but there were enough to fill the stage. The applause reached a peak as Nicola Sturgeon appeared, closely followed by Mr Salmond.

The First Minister put his arm around his deputy as the duo walked through the middle of their team. It was like the finale of a Broadway musical, except the principal boy and girl were taking their curtain call before the show began.

‘We thank the people of Scotland for the faith and trust they have placed in the SNP in government,’ Mr Salmond told those gathered. ‘A change is coming, and the people are eager for progress for Scotland – something that none of the unionist parties acknowledge or allow for. And Scotland’s vast energy reserves can power our future



as an independent nation.’

But the bright future was paved with old themes, as he reminded delegates that North Sea oil would be here for 50 years and that it was ‘imperative’ the country gained control of its massive energy potential through independence.

The Scots, he seemed to suggest, were a ‘chosen people’, such was the Almighty’s largesse when dishing out oil and gas supplies. ‘We want to see these resources mobilised for the Scottish people,’ Mr Salmond told delegates. ‘We believe that the natural

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**Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Scottish Independence, continued from page 1

resources of the nation bestowed on us by the creator of the universe that these natural resources should be at the disposal of this nation." He went on: "It's imperative that, through independence, we gain control of our own natural resources. "Oil and gas we now know will last for the next 50 years. We know it because the Prime Minister has finally realised it and admitted it. "We know, and it's now accepted, that oil and gas will be around for the next 50 years " oil and gas and tidal power, wave power and wind power and years and years of coal reserves. "All of that energy resource that this energy rich country has " there and available. It is imperative that we gain control of it. But there is one imperative that matters perhaps above all, because it is simply unacceptable to have fuel poverty amid that energy plenty " simply unacceptable."

Just before the conference got under way, the sale of the former Nigg fabrication yard in the Highlands was announced. Global Energy Group has bought the yard on the Cromarty Firth from owners KBR and the Wakelyn Trust. About 2,000 people are expected to be employed by the company by 2015 as the site is redeveloped, with the help of a £1.8 million support package from the Scottish Government.

Mr Salmond compared this with the confirmation from the coalition yesterday that a pioneering carbon capture and storage scheme was to be scrapped,

amid concerns over escalating costs. Mr Salmond said it was a "tale of two governments", adding: "What a contrast between a Scottish Government investing in the future of our resources and a Westminster government yet again turning its back on Scotland."

The Nationalists won an overall majority at the Scottish Parliament elections in May, and Mr Salmond will make his main conference speech on Saturday. But he told delegates in his opening remarks yesterday that backing for the party was at an all-time high.

"We meet on an unprecedented high for this party," he said. "We meet with our dream of independence nearer than ever before." He went on: "The SNP has the momentum, all of the momentum, in Scot-

tish politics as we move towards the independence referendum."

The Scottish Government has faced calls from opposition parties to hold the referendum now, but ministers say they will stick to their promise going into the election that it will be held in the latter half of this parliament, probably in 2015.

The First Minister has spoken of an "independence generation", however, Labour MSP Jenny Marra said: "Instead of obsessing about his mythical 'indy generation', Alex Salmond should focus on the 'wasted generation'. Youth unemployment has doubled under the Nationalists since 2007, and that is something to be ashamed of."



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# Flowers of the Forest

**Sumner "Skip" Cameron Andrews** of Charlotte, NC passed away on Wednesday October 12, 2011 at Liberty nursing home and rehabilitation center.

He was born on June 30, 1928 in Phillipsburg, NJ, the son of Sumner Cameron Andrews, Sr. and Marion Kinsman Andrews.

Sumner graduated from Lafayette College in 1949. He joined the navy as an officer and served for 6 years as an aircraft carrier pilot.

Sumner had an illustrious career in medical sales. He retired from the Weck Company at age 62 to enjoy spending time and travelling with his wife.



Surviving is his beloved wife of 21 years, Anne.

Children, son Mark S. Andrews and wife Pat, daughter Cynthia Stout and husband Steve. Daughter Lisa Andrews and step children Andrew and Elaine Burgin. He leaves eleven grand children and three great grand children. Sumner was a wonderful loving family man and he will be missed by his family and many friends.

Skip and Ann have been directors of Highland Dance program at the Loch Norman Highland Games since their inception.

The family would like to thank Presbyterian Hospice and the staff at Liberty Nursing Center.

A celebration of Sumner's life was held on Monday October 17, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church on Providence Rd. Charlotte, NC 28207.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Loch Norman Highland Games 4431 Neck Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078-8342.

The Clain Sinclair Association, Inc., USA is saddened to learn about the recent death of **Reverend Peter Arvedson**. Peter became a member of Clan Sinclair USA in 1989. He was born April 15, 1937; died July 14, 2011, at the age of 74.

He was the beloved husband of Joan. loving fa-

ther of Stephen (Tara) and Mark. Cherished grandfather of Matthew, Jonathan and Jason. Dear brother of Jane (James) Hood. Survived by other relatives, friends and colleagues.

Peter received BS in Chemistry at University of Illinois and PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from UW Madison; Master of Divinity from General Theological Seminary, New York City. He served as Episcopal priest in parishes in Effingham, IL, Okinawa, Japan, Madison, WI and Buffalo, NY, where he retired from St. Andrew's Church in 2002. He was active in the Society for Ordained Scientists.

Since he and Joan moved to Elm Grove, he continued teaching and ministering in many ways at Trinity Church, Wauwatosa. He was a docent, researcher, and active supporter for restoration projects at the Pabst Mansion.

We regret to inform you of the passing, on September 17th, of **Letha Stanley**, wife of Clan Skene Vice President Dr. Charleton Stanley, and mother of Clan Skene Treasurer Brandi Stanley.

Though she had been ill for some time, she fell a couple of weeks ago, broke 7 ribs and contracted pneumonia from which she did not recover. Letha and Chuck were married 56 years and she will be missed by all.

The Memorial Service conducted at Happy Valley Memory Gardens where she was buried alongside her grandson Reed Longgreer. Chuck and his immediate family along with friends and business associates attended the service conducted by Fr. Harry Shaeffer. Letha was a descendant of the MacBeth's.



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jewelry that would be wonderful for Christmas!**

# Clan Sinclair's *Lindsay Grace Dickman* born on the

Newly appointed Clan Sinclair California Commissioners Bob and Aleda Barden proudly announce the birth of their great-granddaughter Lindsay Grace Dickman on July 4, 2011.

Lindsay's parents are Megan and Isaac Dickman. Lindsay's birth on the 4th of July has special significance in a patriotic sense to the family when considering their military service:

- \* Her father is a marine and has served over 5 years and has served a combat tour.

- \* Her grandfather served in the Navy for 4 years.

- \* Her great grandfather served in the US Air Force for 23 years and served over 4 years combat

time.

- \* One of her great great grandfathers served in the Navy during World War I.

- \* One of her great great grandfathers served in the Navy during World War II.

To the Bardens, these are all men who were and are proud of their service and that of their sons and daughters.



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## St. Andrew's Society of Detroit invites you to Scottish Sunday & The Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Scottish Sunday and The Kirkin' o' the Tartan will be at historic Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 AM.

This service is truly a St. Andrew's tradition with the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit members participating in the service and presenting their tartans.

St. Andrew's Pipe Band, St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honour Guard and Captain Gordon Graham's Company of the 42nd Highlanders will also participate.

There is a reception immediately following the service with wonderful Scottish treats along with Highland Dance and Pipe Band entertainment.

St. Andrew's members are invited to present their tartans during the service. Presenters must have a swatch of material in their tartan and will, preferably, be in Highland dress. If you would like to be a presenter, please contact Randall Cain at 313-884-8881 or [canongate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:canongate@sbcglobal.net)



The church is located at 8623 East Jefferson (at Burns) in Detroit. This service is extremely popular, so plan on arriving around 9:30 AM. Parking is also available across Jefferson at the Whittier Hotel.

For further information on the service call Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church at 313-822-3456.

# A gift to Glenorchy Kirk from Inez Boothe of the Clan Gregor Society

Keith MacGregor

It may interest everyone to know that until a few weeks ago, there was not any mention of the Clan Gregor name inside Dalmally church, at least since our diaspora some 400 years ago. Campbells, yes, Fletchers, MacNaughtonsí but not MacGregor.

Today that is no longer the case. By permission of the minister and the support of our friends in the church, the clan now occupies a new presence near the altar and highly visible at that! May I introduce to you the Clan Gregor plaque:

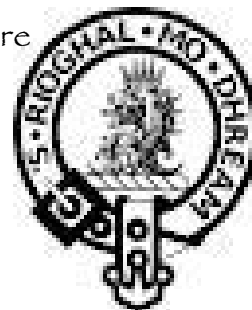
The brass plaque is 8öx14ö and will be placed on the top surface of a new lectern which Clan Gregor presented to the church on July 22, 2011 to commemorate the Bicentennial celebration of the 3rd church. The crest is approved by Sir Malcolm, Patron of the Restoration project and the wording is accurate based on the Obituaries in the Book of the Dean of Lismore. Equally as impressive, the minister has suggested that the plaque will be visible when the Bible is closed and will only be covered when the Bible is being read at services. All who enter the church will now be aware that this is the burying place of the MacGregor chiefs.

We have one person to thank for this gift and I believe you all know who she is! The donor is our own Inez Gregor Boothe of Stone Mountain, Georgia. Without her on-going support of all things Gregor, preserving our Clan monuments could not have achieved the kind of progress we have made in recent years.

When I spoke with her in Greenville about the Glenorchy church's need for a lectern (the old one was on loan and about to go), she immediately reached across the dinner table with her donation, adding the comment öwill this take care of it?ö

From members not only here in the Southeast, but from all over the world, thank you Inez, for your understanding of what is truly important ó you are not only a MacGregor by name and by birth, but also in spirit!

Within this church are  
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Clan Gregor  
circa  
1390-1528



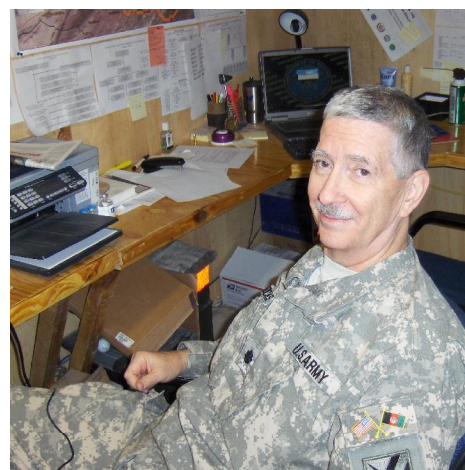
Presented to the Parish of Glenorchy and Innishael  
by the Clan Gregor Society on the occasion of the  
Bicentenary of Glenorchy Kirk, 22 July 2011.



*Inez Boothe and Keith MacGregor with a copy of the plaque which is now in place in the Glenorchy Kirk.*

# Dr. Ed Hendricks presented Humanitarian Award for 2011

**Dottie Henderson**  
in *An Canach*, the quarterly newsletter  
of The Clan Henderson Society, Inc.



The Georgia Medical Society honored Clan Henderson Southeast Commissioner, Dr. Edwin Hendricks, Jr., D.O., recently when he was presented with the Jack A. Raines, M.D. Humanitarian Award for 2010.

The award recognizes a physician who has made an outstanding contribution to his fellow man and community beyond the normal practice of medicine. He was nominated for the award by the Georgia Academy of Physicians.

Dr. Hendricks had recently returned from a three-month tour of duty with the 48th Brigade, Georgia Army National Guard, which was stationed in Forward Operation Lighting in Afghanistan.

Hendricks joined the National Guard in 2006 and re-enlisted in 2009. He currently holds the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He has also worked with the Afghanistan Project, which collects clothing for the children of interpreters for the US troops who are stationed in Afghanistan.

Ed is also a volunteer for the Lao American Mission Project (LAMP) which provides health care for Lao people living at the poverty level.

The First Presbyterian Church in Cornelia (GA), where he is a member, started the project. Hendricks has been on seven LAMP sponsored mission trips to

Laos, helping to deliver \$300,000 in equipment to a hospital in that country.

He has also worked with an HIV-Aids clinic that is affiliated with the Setthathirath Hospital in Vientiane, a teaching hospital for the National School of Medicine in Laos.

Ed also volunteers at Grace Gate, a free clinic in Habersham County for the working uninsured, as well as a physician for Clan McMedic, an organization that staffs first-aid stations for Scottish festivals around the Southeastern United States.

Dr. Hendricks graduated from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at the Medical College of Georgia. He lives with his wife, Nancy, in Demorest, Georgia, where he has a family practice.

Ed received the award on Saturday, 16 October 2010. He and Nancy came to the Stone Mountain Games on Saturday, left in the afternoon to drive to Savannah for the presentation dinner and drove back to Stone Mountain to join Clan Henderson on Sunday.

Edwin Hendricks is also a past vice-president of Clan Henderson.



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**David N. McDuffie, 27 Aberdeen Ct., Newnan, GA 30263**

***Registration needs to be returned by 1 May 2012***



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

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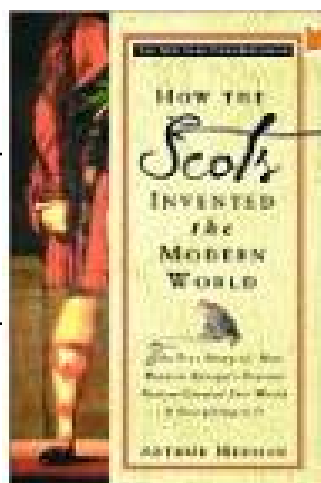


# *A Highlander And His Books....*

## HOW THE SCOTS INVENTED THE MODERN WORLD

***By Arthur Herman***

(ISBN 0-609-60635-2)



***Reviewed By***

***Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Dawsonville, GA***

This review will be a bit longer than normal because of some things that need to be said

about a few books currently on the market, or soon to be, by authors writing about the rightful place of Scots in today's world.

For those of us who love to read good Scottish books, we live in an exciting time. Never has there been a period in literary history when so many good books are in the bookshops that deal with the intellectual influence of Scots on the world or America, in particular. Those of us fortunate to be a part of the Scottish community are very aware of the impact the fighting Scots have had around the world.

As history bears out, Scots have been a mean, lean fighting machine. It is as if Scots were born to be fighters in the great military campaigns in history. Scots are known more for their sword being mightier than their pen.

Now, we have Scots and non-Scots in a relatively short period of time telling the story of Scots in

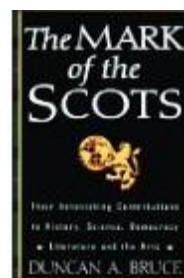
medicine, science, literature, history, philosophy, sociology, religion, technology and capitalism, to name a few areas. These books describe their achievements or inventions outside the box of military campaigns.

These great authors are telling us that the enormous accomplishments of the Scots and the direct impact they had on the world has been largely overlooked by historians and the world. **Until now!** Decide for yourself.

Take a look at the books that have flooded the shelves of our

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cently. Duncan Bruce has two - **The Mark of the Scots** and **The Scottish 100**. Both are



wonderful books that are fast becoming classics.

Then there is Stewart Lamont's **When Scotland Ruled the World**, not as well known but worthy reading indeed.

And now we have Arthur Herman's **How the Scots Invented the Modern World**.

By the time you read this, the former chairman

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of Motorola, Robert Galvin, if there ever was a proud Scot, will be out with his book, **America's Founding Secret - What the Scottish Enlightenment Taught Our Founding Fathers.**

Wait!

There is more to come. Alexander Leslie Klieforth and Robert John Munro recently asked me to review their manuscript that will be published in 2003 entitled **The Scottish Invention of America**, a book you need to bookmark on your to buy list right now. That is one book I look forward to reviewing in its completed form.

Bruce, Lamont, Herman, Galvin, as well as Klieforth and Munro, among others, are telling us to hold our heads high because of the accomplishments of the Scottish men discussed in their books. They are saying that it is time for Scots to be recognized for all they have done for mankind. What these books say to me is that Scots have largely been knocked about, pushed aside, stepped over, maybe beat up a little, and mostly ignored outside of their military ability.

I get the feeling that Scots have been made to feel they are the red-headed stepchild at the family reunion that no one really wanted to claim. Scotland, for too long, has been in search of an identity, and it has been right under our noses since the Scottish Enlightenment. Like the man in the movie, these authors today are raising the windows to the world and shouting they are fed up with such nonsense. They are proclaiming to one and all that they are not going to put up with it any more, and neither should we!

Now we come to Arthur Herman's bestseller, **How the Scots Invented the Modern World.**

A buddy of mine, Ross Wyllie, mentioned to me one night during our monthly Burns Club meeting that he had seen the author on television. I was intrigued by the title, but I must admit I was a bit skeptical, and I sort of chuckled, shook my head and thought, "Here we go again." Scotland? This poorest of all European nations inventing the World? Excuse me! They, our ancestors, were at times unable to rule their own coun-

try much less invent the world. Give me a break. Yet, I bought it, read it, but promptly assigned it to a shelf in my library. I found myself drawn back to it from time to time. Then, a few weeks ago, I re-read my map through the book (my markings, underlining and notes written in the margins). I decided to review it.

Maybe after all, I concluded, the open was mightier than the sword.

I determined that anyone inspired by John Prebble, as Herman says he was, must have something to say. Prebble could do no wrong in my book. I cut my teeth on Prebble and have never forgotten the messages of his wonderfully and beautifully written books. It was a great day when I picked up my first book by him at a Highland games book tent. Sadly Prebble died not that long ago and some of the literary hacks, jackals and hyenas couldn't wait to jump his carcass, even before his body was cold in the grave. But, in my opinion, Prebble somewhere down the road will get the last laugh because his writings will still be around when their jumping days are over and they are gone and long forgotten. Thank God!

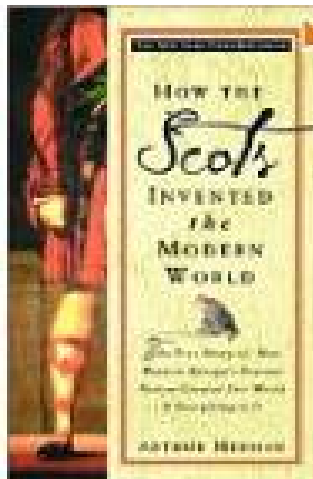
Herman, a non-Scot like Prebble, has also had his detractors. But, an author who quotes Duncan

Bruce is pretty wise. A writer who unapologetically says that Sir Walter Scott is "Scotland's greatest writer" and the one who "singled-handedly changed the course of literature", as Herman does, is saying what I have thought for years. One thing Herman does is use frequent anecdotal stories. For example, his quoting Andrew Jackson's mother never "to sue anybody for slander, assault, or battery. Always settle them cases yourself". Or, as she told her son one day, "Stop that, Andrew. Girls were made to cry, not boys."

"What are boys made for, Mother?" he asked.  
"To fight," she answered.

Another interesting anecdote relates how Charles Napier banned the Hindu practice of suttee (the cremation of a widow on her husband's funeral pyre).

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The Brahmin priests let him know in no uncertain terms that he was interfering with an important national religious custom. Much to the relief of the widows, I might add.

Napier replied, "My nation has a custom, when men burn women alive, we hang them. Let us all act according to national custom."

There are a few things that a dyed-in-the-wool Scot may disagree with Herman about.

For instance, saying of Robert Burns that "his failure also drove him to drink, cutting short his life at thirty-five."

The author's ready acceptance of this old canard (false and unfounded report) of his early biographers is not easily understood.

If the jackals jumped the bones of Prebble, can you imagine how quickly they jumped the bones of Burns with his sharp wit and acid tongue? You see, Burns was actually 37 when he died, but not from excessive drinking.

Scholars today such as James MacKay (international Burns scholar) and Thorne Winter, M. D. (local Burns scholar), just to mention two of many, now believe Burns died of rheumatic heart disease, or to be precise, "endocarditis, a disease of the substances and lining membrane of the heart." MacKay believes that "bacterial endocarditis complicating rheumatic heart disease still seems, on balance, the likeliest cause of death."

In modern vernacular, Robert Burns was a "dead man walking," not from alcoholism, but from the heart disease that plagued him all his life and particularly his last year or so. Drinking may have exacerbated his death to some degree, but I do not believe it would have been listed today on a death certificate as the primary cause of his death - maybe as a secondary cause, but that may even be a stretch.

Another question I had was why Herman put Culloden in Aberdeenshire. (Inverness, the "capital of the Highlands" as we know it today, was just seven or eight miles down the road.) Also, Herman fails to mention the aborted all-night march of Bonnie Prince

Charlie's men that sucked the very fighting strength out of the troops for that battle a few hours later. They were tired and starving. Again he says that their commanders steadily lost their nerve that day of the one-sided battle (tell that to their widows and orphans). And, yes, Lord Elcho, a disgruntled follower, did have a few choice words about the Bonnie Prince who was forcefully ushered off the field of battle by those nearest to him *after his horse had been shot out from under him*. But Elcho had fallen out with the Prince long before the battle and couldn't resist the opportunity to bad-mouth him at any time.

Herman further states that the Prince had never seen the "strange Highland dress" (read kilt) until he was in Scotland. (Other scholars point out that the Bonnie Prince had "a deep fascination with his Scottish ancestry" as evidenced by the oval miniature portraits of himself that he gave to his friends. His "tartan jackets were elaborately trimmed in ermine tails and gold braid," and he sported the Jacobite cockade in the form of a white rose in his Scottish bonnet. He was given a kilt as a young child by one of his father's followers, and countless dozens of Scots, like John Gordon of Glenbucket, who proudly

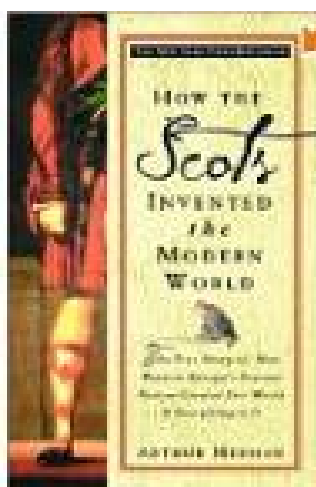
dressed in their Highland dress from head to toe, called on his father to pay homage "to the king across the water" at the Palazzo Muti in Rome. After all, he was a Stuart Prince, tutored by the Jacobite, Sir Thomas Sheridan, in a Jacobite court.)

And the beat goes on.

Even with the above questions, I firmly believe Arthur Herman has done us a favor by writing this book, which is interesting, fascinating, absorbing and a publication worthy of any Scotsman's library. It took Herman five years to do his research. The achievements the author writes about regarding these mostly Lowland Scots and a few of their northern cousins (the so-called "sons of the heather") will enlighten you.

What these Scotsmen did for Scotland, America, Canada, Nova Scotia, Australia, New Zealand and India, and for that matter, the whole world, is miraculous.

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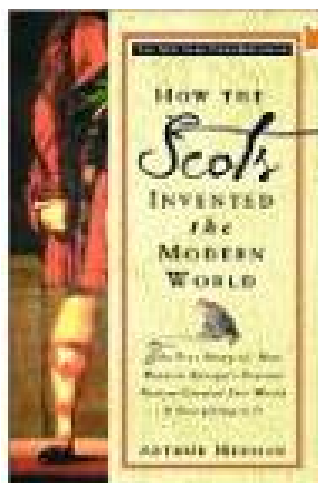
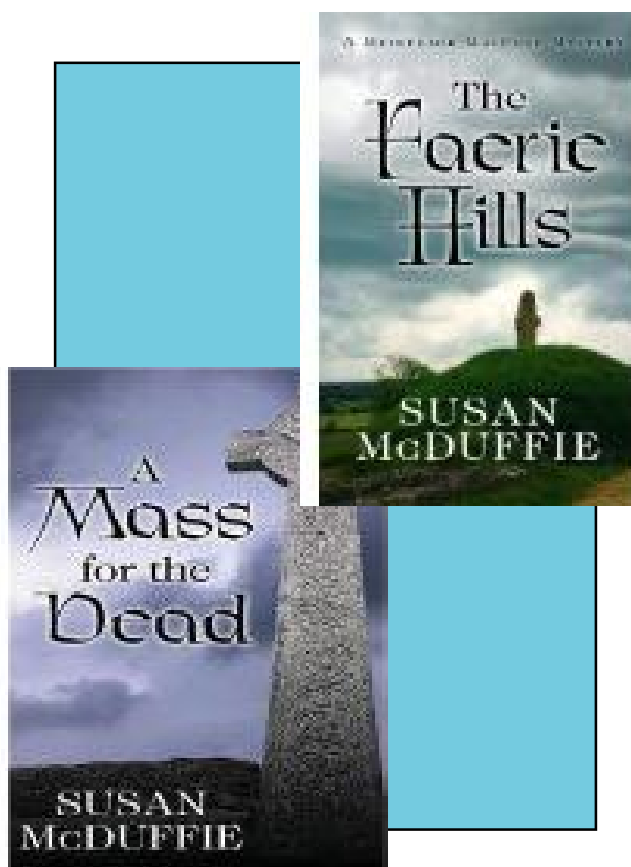
# Susan McDuffie's books - must haves

In Susan McDuffie's *A Mass for the Dead* (2006), centering on the islands of Colonsay and Oransay, she introduced the Scottish sleuth Muirteach MacPhee. Muirteach's investigation sub-merges him deep into a whirl-pool of deceit, long-buried sins, and treachery, from which no one emerges un-scathed. Muirteach continues his investigations in her latest book *The Faerie Hills* which was released this past April. It is an enigmatic historical mystery, set against a background of faerie lore and a Celtic culture that firmly believed in the "good people." With a plot as intricate as a Celtic knot.

Susan is currently working on the third Muirteach MacPhee mystery, *The Oxford Murders*.

On her first visit to Scotland, Susan hitchhiked her way through the Outer Hebrides, and at length arrived on Colonsay. While touring the Oransay Priory ruins, the seeds for the Muirteach mysteries were planted. Since then, Susan has visited Scotland several times and conducted extensive research for this series.

These are "must have" books for every Scot's library.

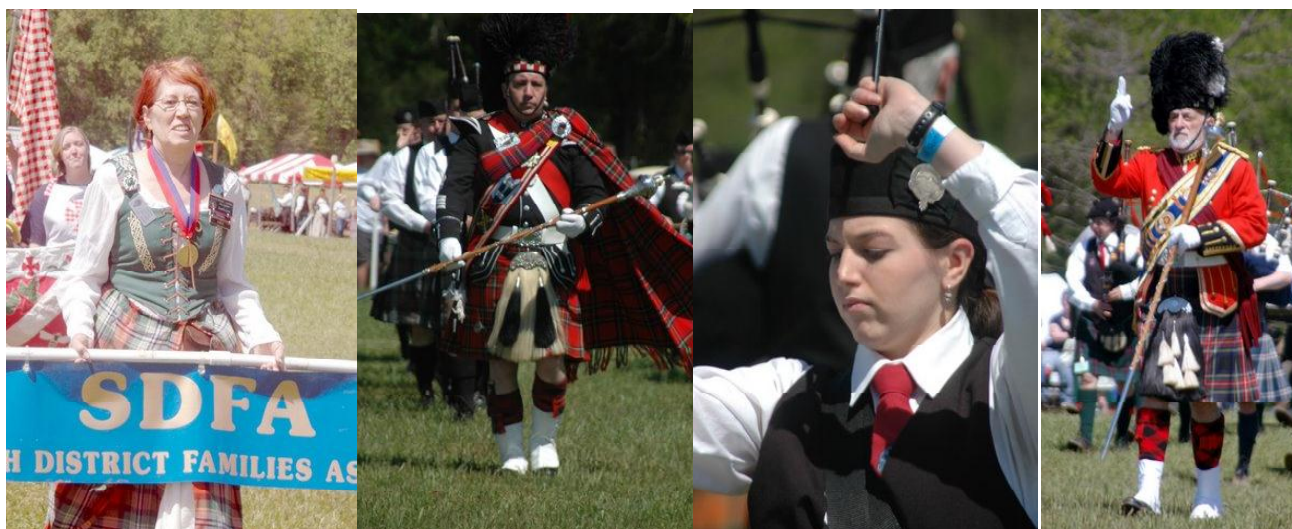


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So, again, let all Scottish lads and lassies hold their heads high. We have a wonderful heritage to be proud of and an identity to proclaim. In conclusion, the full title of the book says it all - **How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World & Everything In It.**

Enjoy. I did!





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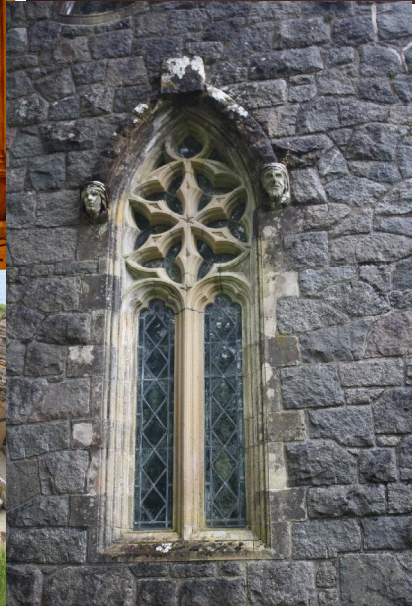
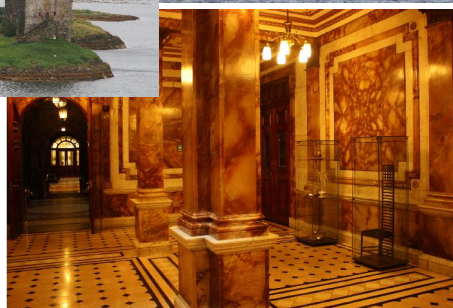
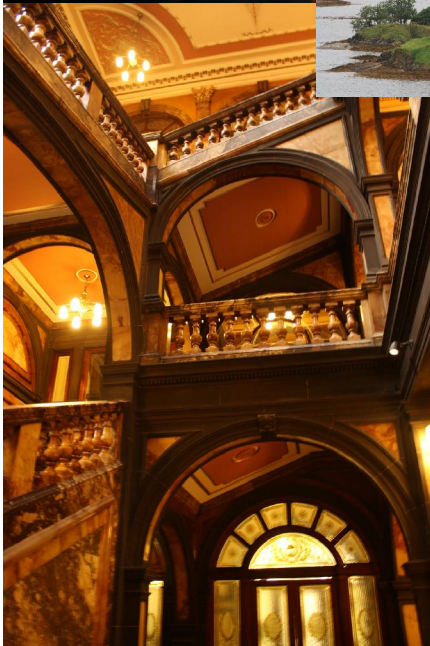
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# The Leith Flag

Alexander Wilson

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Leith, ah Leith, that wee un-loved gem nestling on the shore north of your big neighbor - Edinburgh, whatever went wrong, another forced marriage between unequal partners, sad really, history repeating itself again, isn't it?

When did it all go wrong?.

Answer, in 1920.

At long last Edinburgh got her wish and subsumed Leith into its grasp. Leith and its proud citizens who were and are always Leithers first, and Edinburghers last, gave up the ghost and knuckled under.

In all the bru-ha-ha, the one single important symbol of Leith's unique status as a newish burgh and an ancient town was lost, seemingly forever, their historic emblem, their unique flag!

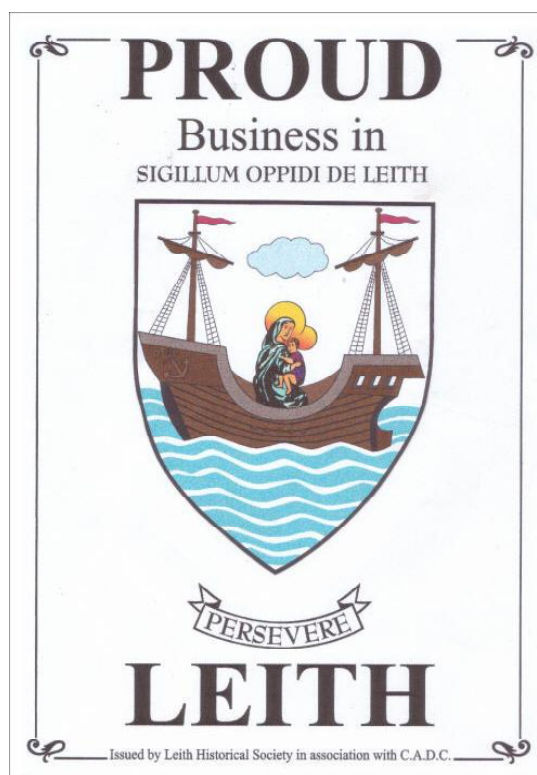
Fault can be laid at the door of the then councillors of Leith for not recognizing that in giving up their individual identity also meant losing their special flag. In the same vein, the councillors of Edinburgh, equally were deficient in not recognizing the great identifier that the Leith flag was, not only for Leith but for the city as a whole.

So, in all the administrative details that had to be attended to, the flag was overlooked but not by everybody.

The crown, who have some role in these things took it upon itself to grab title to the emblem of Leith as they invoked their authority on what they regarded as a crest and therefore an heraldic symbol of Leith and its former status as a burgh.

So, since 1920 the ancient flag of Leith has been crown property and illegal to be flown over the town of Leith, or anywhere else for that matter.

This situation was felt by the writer to be unconscionable and needed re-dressing. How to go about it? Perhaps go to source? So a visit to the office of



the Lord Lyon was in order.

The Lord Lyon, the Queen's representative in Scotland on such matters is a fairly formidable person to take on but after 90 years, it was time.

Initially, polite but unhelpful their resistance faded when I threatened to call Lizzie to demand the flag back as clearly, she had no need for it.

Suddenly, the Lord Lyon's office became more helpful. Having detailed out a mechanism as to how the flag could be retrieved for Leith, the writer made his way back towards Leith mulling over the implications of the advice and how to create a mechanism

as to how to potentially retrieve the return of the flag with some local involvement.

The long walk back home formulated a plan.

Firstly, the pupils of Leith Academy wore a version of the Leith flag as their uniform badge, perhaps the school might be interested in supporting a campaign? Then, recalling that an old acquaintance was now the Deputy Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, the die was set.

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OK, folks, I've done it again. I took wayyyy too many photos at Stone Mountain. If you would like photos of your clan - just let me know (bethscribble@aol.com) and if I have pictures of them, I'll be happy to email them to you for you, your newsletter or whatever ydd like. No charge.



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# 2011 Stone Mountain Highland Games

# *Clan Skene Association, Inc.*

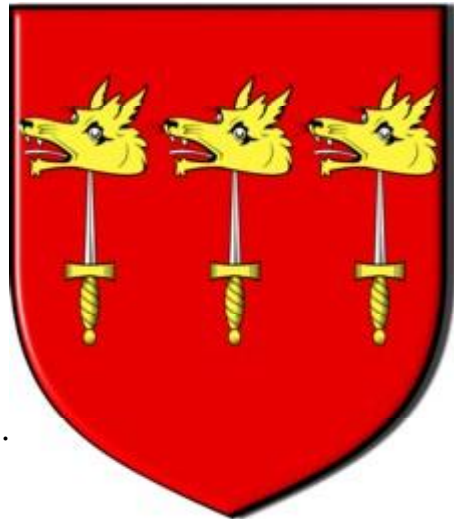
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## **Notable Scottish archaeologist has died**

**James Brian Kenworthy, FSA Scot** 1949-2011. James Kenworthy made a considerable contribution to Scottish archaeology, both in the field and in the lecture theatre. A specialist in the archaeology of northern Scotland, James was also a talented lecturer who was an inspiration to many archaeological students at the Universities of St. Andrews, Nottingham and his native Aberdeen. He was a fount



of information, which he would willingly impart to anyone who was interested.

James's first excavation was at the Castle Point of Troup with Colvin Greig, whilst still

at school. He studied for an A level in archaeology on his own, having to take the exam in England since there was no place to take it closer to home. James was an

undergraduate student at University College, Cardiff, where he met and was mentored by Leslie Alcock, who became a good friend. Here, he also undertook research under Richard Atkinson into the Recumbent Stone Circles of his

native area.

As lecturer in archaeology at St. Andrews (from 1973) James and his col-

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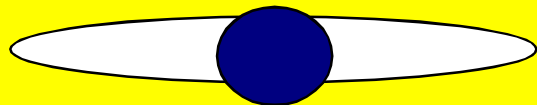
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leagues set the agenda for Scottish archaeology both in and out of the classroom, conducting archaeological excavations in the town, as well as at Balmerino Abbey. He also conducted several significant surveys on Rannoch Moor, near Loch Tummel in advance of forestry work, and on coastal sites in Fife to assess the level of erosion. His most important excavation, however, was at Nether Mills Farm, Crathes from 1978-1981.

In 1987, his practical involvement in Scottish academic archaeology was curtailed when cuts in funding meant that archaeology was cut from the curriculum at St. Andrews, and James moved to Nottingham. He returned to Scotland whenever possible, returning to live in the Highlands in 1995, operating as an independent field archaeologist.

In 2000, he became an extramural lecturer for the University of Aberdeen, leading fieldtrips and teaching courses in Scottish archaeology. He started a local archaeology group in Aberdeenshire (OFARS), with whom he conducted a variety of pieces of fieldwork, as well as working with the

staff at Archaeolink Prehistory Park.

James was an inspiration to many; his particular brand of wit and humour made archaeology accessible to all, whilst at the same time maintaining an academic rigour and accuracy at all times.

He made friends, archaeological and otherwise, throughout Britain, and will be sorely missed.

Kenworthy was diagnosed with cancer in 2008. He showed the same courage and resilience in fighting the disease as he had displayed with earlier afflictions. His courage and determination showed no let up and he continued working until six months before to his death.

Kenworthy was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and edited publications for the Scottish Archaeological Forum. He was a man of many interests, and enjoyed early classical and folk music. He is survived by his former wife and their son and daughter.

Jonathan Trigg, FSA Scot (Published in the *Newsletter* Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.)



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## The Flag of Leith, continued from page 21

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Phone calls were enthusiastically received and meetings arranged.

The school was in their 450th year and about to celebrate this historic anniversary later in the year, bingo!

They were all for rolling up their sleeves and sup-

porting the writers campaign.

The Deputy Lord Provost too was highly enthusiastic.

Game on!

During 2010 the following occurred.

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\* The Academy set about creating a task for their Modern Studies department to prepare a petition to be delivered to the city and upon receipt, the Deputy Lord Provost would then himself petition the office of the Lord Lyon for the return of the flag. Much more clout than the writer on his own could evoke.

\* June 2010 an 800 signature petition was formally received at the City Chambers, delivered by the pupils and staff of the Academy. This little ceremony was a great experience for the kids and the city laid on a small reception for them in the offices of the Deputy Lord Provost, enjoyed by all. In some respect, that was the job done by the school but not quite. Edinburgh, a city of great history could not be allowed to let the 450th anniversary of the school slip by - unnoticed.

\* The writer, twisting a few arms, managed to persuade the city to formally honor the school and this proposal was placed before a formal council meeting. The city embraced the idea with enthusiasm to the extent that they elected to hold a Civic Reception for the school later that year at the main meeting room of the Council Chambers. In the meantime, the school had to celebrate its historic anniversary which was scheduled for October.

Horror upon horrors. The writer discovered that whilst the school had its own version of the Leith flag as their school badge, they had never ever had a flag created from it. A quick check revealed that in providing a dispensation to the school to utilise a derivation of the Leith flag as a school badge that the dispensation also extended to the creation of a flag, something which had never been activated.

A quick proposal to the local business community via the area Business Association produced the necessary funds to provide a flag to coincide with the celebrations.

So it was, that on the 450th anniversary of Leith Academy the local Business Association presented to the school in a packed Assembly Hall a stunning hand embroidered 5øx 4øflag to rapturous applause and cheering.

Another job done.

The steady hand of the Deputy Lord Provost was now working with the office of the Lord Lyon to secure the return to Leith of its ancient symbol. Monies were paid and done through official channels, un-

likely therefore that the Lord Lyon would ignore a formal request from the city whereas he might have summarily dismissed any approach from an impoverished private citizen.

These things move inexorably slowly.

Speed is not a word used lightly in the Lord Lyon's exalted establishment.

Most of 2011 has passed as the Lord Lyon considers the request. This time however has not been wasted. The potential return of the properly entitled Flag of the Port of Leith has created many opportunities for a complete re-branding of Leith as a destination within the great historic city of Edinburgh itself a World Heritage site but sadly, for the moment, excluding Leith.

Hopefully in time, all that will change, if the writer gets his way!!!

The whole business community in Leith can see the advantages for Leith in re-identifying itself with its

own symbol. This is not something exclusive to the business community for the flag is for all Leithers not just one section of the town. A revived sense of community, a re-establishment of local pride and a one up for Leith for so long denied even that by its larger neighbor is so long overdue.

This one action, the return of the flag is the one galvanizing element that has been missing for all

these long 90 years and hopefully, soon, it will make a triumphal return to the Port of Leith and its environs where it can be celebrated with pride and visited by tourists and locals alike keen to understand the highly significant symbol that has been Leith's for nearly 950 years.

Who can deny us this history?

The Flag of the Port of Leith is thought to have arrived in Leith in the middle of the 11th century. The flag is not Scottish, far from it and the flag does not depict what people believe it does, that is a whole other story which, if this little expose excites you can be the subject of another article. Save to say that the flag of Leith predates the Saltire, probably by several hundred years although the Saltire was extant at the time of arrival in Leith of what was to become, its adopted flag.

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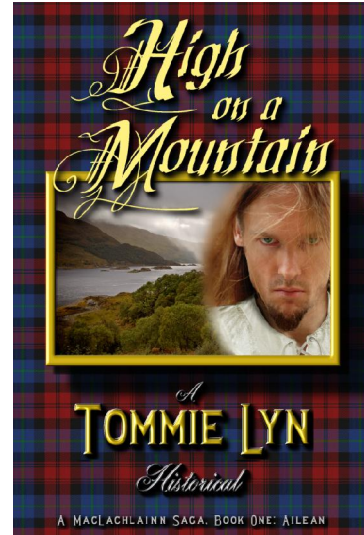
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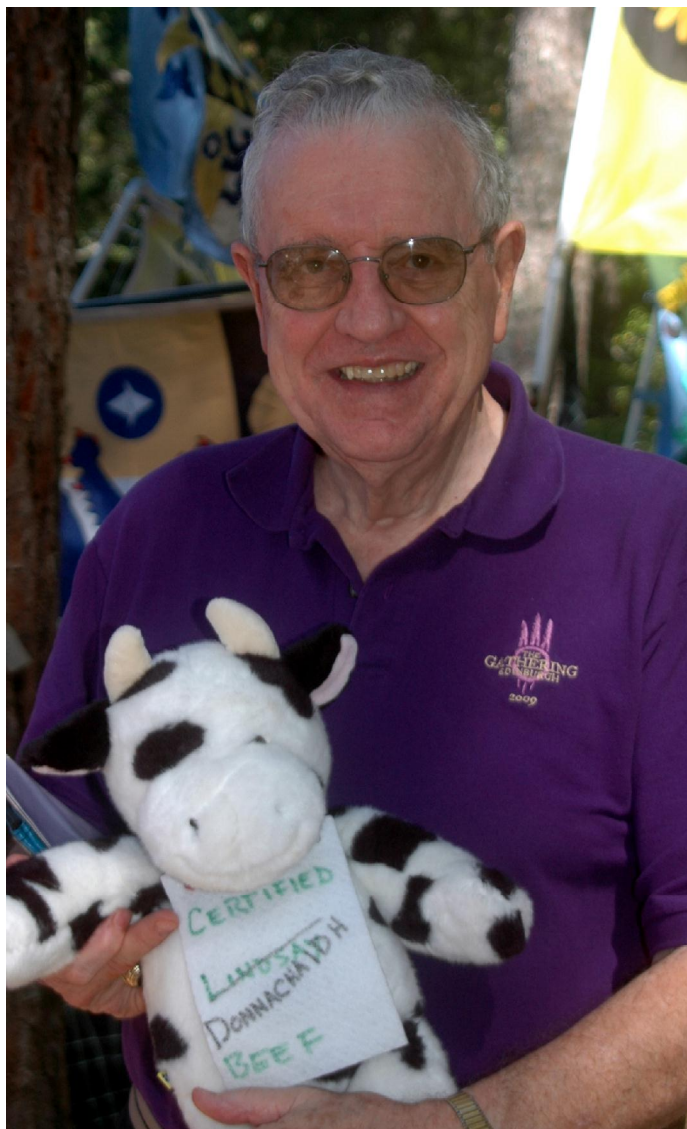
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## Stolen cow returned at Stone Mountain

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## Clan Gregor Society wins “Best Clan Tent” award at 2011 Stone Mountain



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