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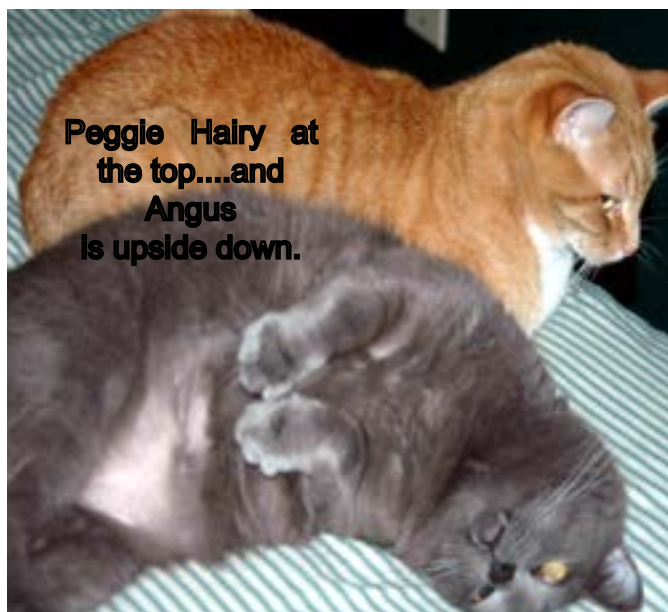
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*Announcing.....Beth's Newfangled Family Tree is now fancy!
 We would like to announce our Technical Assistant...
 John Taggart, FSA Scot from Charlotte, NC*

Continuing our amazing cat story...



When Miss Narra decided it was her time to go after nineteen years and 2 months, the first thing she did was to talk to Angus, Tom's Chartreuse Cat.

Two of my good friends told me the same thing - that this is very usual when there is a suitable cat already in place, the cat who has decided it is time for him/her to go, will choose another cat to be responsible for the person the departing cat truly loves.

Miss Narra chose Angus to look after me.

I awakened in the night of the day Miss Narra had gone. I felt a furry head in my hand and a soft, furry cat person against my arm.

Miss Narra had slept like this always.

I sat up and turned on the light....and it was Angus, although a completely different Angus from the cat he had always been. He was snuggling. He was purring.

A letter from your editor...

Wonderful things are happening amongst our Clan organizations!



I'm trying to remember when I first noticed that truly exciting things have begun happening in our Scottish clan organizations.

Maybe it was when the Clan Bell became the Clan Bell North America.

This month, I received my Clan Bell newsletter, which has changed its name to *The Border Bells*.

The headline reads, "He walked into the meeting room, and immediately saw that William Wallace descendants were eager to buy drinks for the Bells."

The new Clan Bell president, David Bell, writes that he is always impressed by the honor shown to him by the William Wallace descendants because of the loyalty that the border Bells gave William Wallace nearly 800 years ago.

In that same newsletter, the new president writes, "I open this newsletter with some trepidation, much concern and great hope for your part of the world-wide Clan Bell. As the newly elected president with a team of newly appointed Board members who have been only marginally involved in the actual running of our organization, I can assure you that despite all the changes, both obvious and not so obvious, we have a strong management team and with our new Internet presence, new and expanded possibilities."

Reading the new president's words, I could feel the enthusiasm and the dedication. Mr. David Bell, congratulations and best wishes!

One of the first people I ever met in the Scottish community was Col. William H. Bell, USAF (ret.), who served so many years as Clan Bell president re-establishing Clan Bell with the Court of Lord Lyon. Best wishes to you, sir.

Bill's faith and energy never flagged. He just retired as president of the group, but I'll bet he is keeping up with the exciting things to come!

The front page article from that *Border Bells* issue will be on page 9 in this section, so you'll get to read it yourself.

Old friend, Tom Hodges, called last month with the news that Clan Colquhoun Society of North America has become The Clan Colquhoun International Society!

Sir Malcolm Colquhoun is featured on the front page of this publication along with a picture page of the energized group at Grandfather Mountain this year. Winning the Best Clan Tent, the group sailed around the wet games field in the first ever "underwater" Parade of Tartans having the very best time!

In the participation of their Chief, in the faces of all of the attending members of Clan Colquhoun, it's very easy to see the energy and enthusiasm evident in every person.

If your clan group is doing exciting things, please send your news to bethscribble@aol.com so you may be recognized and featured in this publication. Of all the Scottish papers, magazines, publications, BNFT is more yours than any other. What you do does NOT have to be fancy or earth shaking. It does have to be important to YOU.

If you need something that either me or Tom may do for you, please let us know at the above email address.. It has been my pleasure to be a part of the Scottish clan community since 1989 although I have been a dues paying member of Clan Donald USA since 1976. My beloved grannie made sure I knew I was a Clan Donald family member when I was still in diapers.

Reminding our Scottish friends, if you and yours are in the area of Clarkesville, Georgia...give us a shout via email or phone (which is on page 2) and come and see us!

Our "Scottish Country Home" is NOT authentic, as we could not find new leather furniture with the stuffing falling out. We have several cats who wish to remedy that lack.

Sometimes, the news we read and see is scary and sometimes it is very sad. More often in our Scottish families, the news is happy, good and uplifting...not to mention much fun and having to do with wonderful friends and organizations.



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Gathering of the Clans Activities

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as appointed by Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk, 35th Chief of the Clan
and Name of Wallace**

Our tour will take part in these events and much more. Plans are to stay in Edinburgh and tour locations specifically designed and related to Sir. William Wallace. This tour will be a "one of a kind" experience that you won't want to miss.

We are currently in the process of securing hotel rooms and preparing a Gathering schedule and itinerary. Format and pricing will be made available in the future. Don't forget to check your passports to make sure they won't be expired or if you need to get one, go *to www.travel.state.gov* and click on appropriate first time applicant or renew passport link for process information.

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Scottish Athletics loses a major supporter, Ross McKinnon Morrison, Jr., who has passed away

Ross Morrison, Jr, 81, of Harrisburg, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2013 at University Hospital CMC following several years of declining health.

Ross was born May 7, 1932 in Charlotte, the son of the late Ross M. Morrison, Sr. and Beatrice Blackwelder Morrison.

He retired as the owner and operator of Ross Morrison Machinery Company.

Ross served as President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for sixteen years. In recognition of his many years of service to the Grandfather Games, he was awarded the North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the Agnes Rae Morton Award and the Founders Award.

In addition to his contributions to the Grandfather Mountain Games, Ross judged Scottish Athletics at Highland Games throughout the southeast.

In recognition of his service he was awarded the title of Kentucky Colonel from the Glasgow Highland Games in Kentucky, the Order of Merit from the Alabama Highland Games in Montgomery, an Athletic Judge Award from the Jacksonville Highland Games in Florida and the Loch Norman Highland Games "Hairy Coo" Award for ten years of service as Scottish Heavy Athletics Director.

Ross was a member and elder of Rocky River Presbyterian Church, in recognition of his dedication to the church he was awarded the Faithful Servant Commendation.

He was an active member of the Charlotte Chapter of the Robert Burns Society and the Kingdom of Raknar.

He was an Eagle Scout and a Korean War Veteran having served in the U.S. Navy on the *U.S.S. Polaris AF-11* and the *U.S.S. Piper SS-409*.

His wife of 49 years, Ruth Angelovich Morrison and sister Reba Florence Morrison preceded him in death .

Survivors include his three children and their spouses, Ross "Kinny" McKinnon Morrison, III (Deatry Bost) of Harrisburg, Johnna Ritchie (Dale) and Krista Eason (Malcolm) of Concord.

His grandchildren are Melissa Morrison of Walnut Creek, California, Mark Morrison of Harrisburg, Ethan



Ross McKinnon Morrison, Jr.

Ritchie of Cary, and Kendal Ritchie, Joseph Eason and Micheal Eason of Concord.

Survivors also include his sister-in-law Gianna d'Angelo of Mint Hill.

The family received friends Friday, October 11, 2013 at Wilkinson Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at Rocky River Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 12, 2013 with Rev. Dr. Kyle Hite officiating.

The burial followed in the church cemetery.

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The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!



Chief Steven MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:
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MacCavish, MacComb, MacCombie,
MacComich, MacComish, MaComie, Macomie,
MacCosh, MacLaws, MacElhose, MacLehose,
MacTavish, McTavish, Mactavish, Mactavis,
M'Tavish, MacThomas, Stephens, Stephenson,
Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish, Tawesson, Thom,
Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson, Thompson,
Thomson, Tod, Todd, and all variant spellings.*

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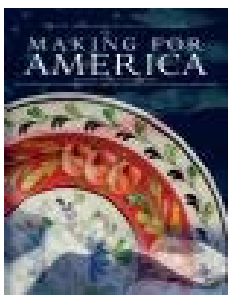
Society of Antiquaries of Scotland begins its year of books, programs

Our Programme of Events for 2013-2014 starts soon and we look forward to seeing you.

New book!

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You can find more information at www.socantscot.org.

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports

We have two new Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIRs) available FREE online! SAIR #54 looks at the excavation of Bronze Age roundhouses and a circular ditched enclosure at Kiltaraglen, Portree (Isle of Skye), while SAIR #55 looks at the post-medieval settlement below the Tron Kirk on the Royal Mile, Edinburgh.

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Ross McKinnon Morrison, Jr., *continued from page 5*

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, P.O. Box 1095, Linville, NC 28646 or Rocky River Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, 7940 Rocky River Rd., Concord, NC 28025.



Ross Morrison was such a grand person and had been a great friend of mine for longer than I can remember. I will always remember his kindnesses and his smile and his cowboy boots as kilt footwear.

When Royce died, Mr. Morrison was telling me about the two of them driving to Loch Norman meetings together and how much they had enjoyed laughing and talking together.

The world is a lesser place without Royce and Ross and so many of our good and dear friends.



*From the Isles' Northernmost Realm
came the Scot, Bred with the
Stoutest Will, the Canniest Wit,
and the Bravest Heart. For reasons
Dire did Scots forsake kin
and kith and set across the face
of the earth to fend for themselves,
and in the process, they built nations,
empires, and new worlds...*

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“He walked into the meeting room and immediately saw that William Wallace descendants were eager to buy drinks for Bells,” said David Bell.

There is a very sound reason for the courtesy that is extended to Bells of today.

I find it incredible that so many gens of our Clan Bell history in recent years have emerged from other clans. We learned from Clan Armstrong recent writings and clan gatherings that they had paid tribute to our last known Chief, Willie “Redcloak” Bell for the freeing of their Clan Chief, Kinmont Willie from an English prison.

Just a year ago, we learned from our Clan Scott friends that the Bells rode with the Scotts in the most infamous raiding and riding Reiver armies known as the “Dei’l’s Dozen.”

Raising their glasses and buying us drinks...

Our new Clan Bell President, David E. Bell is always impressed by the honor shown to him by the William Wallace descendants whenever he attends a meeting of the St. Andrews Society of Baltimore. Wallace descendants are fully aware of the loyalty that the border Bells gave William Wallace, nearly 800 years ago. Always ready to take up arms in the battle for freedom for Scots. What a fine gesture, to remember and honor 13th century loyalties.

Still piecing our border heritage story together...

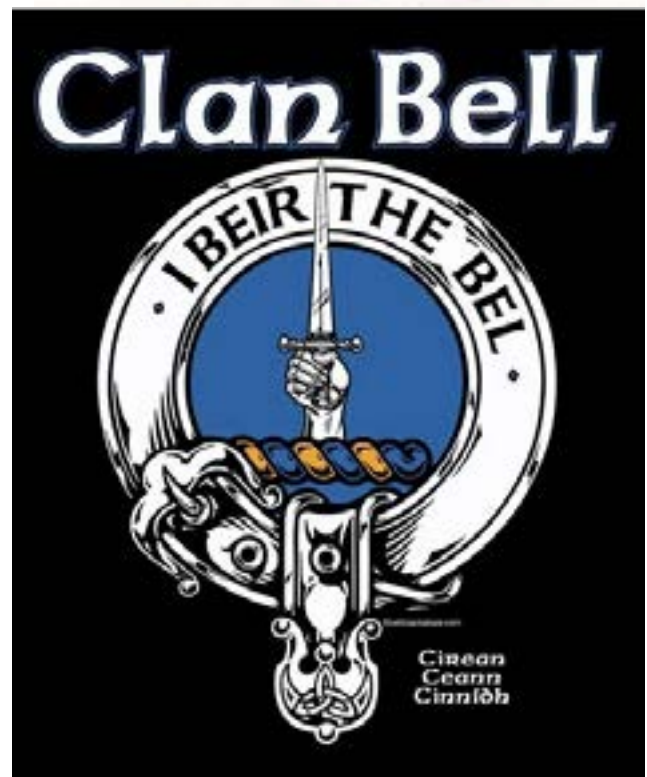
I suspect that other border clans also suffer from a scarcity of historical records. Our clan’s records lack may be worse than most.

Following the passing of Clan Bell’s last Chief, William “Red Cloak” in 1628, no one assumed the leadership of the clan. The government had begun strict measures to erase all evidence of the Reiver culture.

Untold Clan Bell records were lost.

The Blackethouse tower had been sacked and burned by English soldiers many years earlier.

Ray Bell, Interim newsletter editor, writes, “I recommend that you attend upcoming Highland games. Visit Clan Bell and other clans with the intent of increasing your heritage knowledge.”





The Armstrong Clan Society

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Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

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2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

Flowers of the Forest

Sherrie Racowsky Bell, born 10 October 1955 and died 15 June 2013.

The recent loss of a sweet friend - I have known via my Clan Bell tent since 2002 because of the Portland, Oregon Highland Games and the Kelso, Washington Highlander Festival - came much too soon. *Kris Beals, Oregon Commissioner*

Sherrie, loving wife to Al Bell, passed away in Seattle, Washington. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Samuel and Jean Racowsky and raised in the St. Louis area.

Following high school, Sherrie earned her Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Her career in the field of justice began in local probation and parole and went on to work for the Federal Protective Service in Washington, DC.

In 1992, Sherrie was promoted to Special Agent with the US Treasury Department and transferred to Seattle.

Following retirement, she worked as a Veteran's Service Officer for the VFW.

Soon after moving to the Seattle area, Sherrie met Allen B. Bell. They were married in 2001.

Sherrie is remembered by her family as a loving and cherished wife, sister and friend who was highly intelligent and inquisitive. Her caring nature and wonderful disposition endeared her to many.



Paisley Family member, **Jeanne Williams**, beloved wife of Lee Williams passed away March 18.

Lee and Jeanne participated in the Charleston Highland Games until her health declined. She was a proud member of Clan Ross. Lee is a descendant of Capt. Robert Pasley.

Clan Skene member, **Felix Miles**, died March 16, 2013. He was buried in his hometown of Owensboro, Kentucky.

His wife, Sandra survives.

"Felix and Sandra accompanied us on our Scotland 2004 trip," writes Clan Skene president, Dorna Comp.

Felix was an avid golfer and managed to get in a few holes with Clan Skene Chief, Danus Skene on our trip to Iona. He died suddenly on his return home to Tennessee from their Florida winter home. He will be sadly missed."

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A Highlander & His Books

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A Book Review LOVE AND HONOR By Randall Wallace

Randall Wallace is back!

The author of *Braveheart* has given us another Scottish hero.

First, there was William Wallace played by Mel Gibson. Now we have Kieran Selkirk, described as “a brilliant soldier and a passionate patriot”.

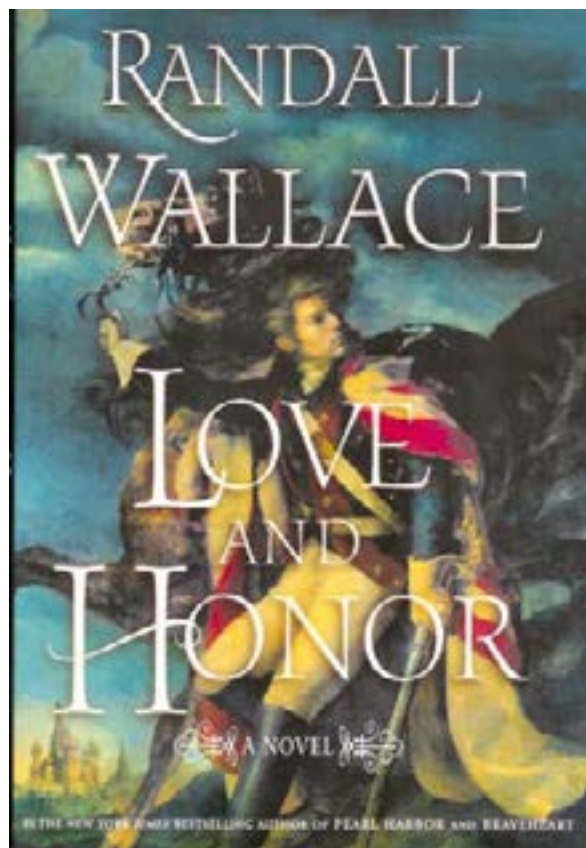
Kieran Selkirk is just as real as Gibson is in *Braveheart* and destined, I believe, to become a big part of Scottish lore. A movie is currently in the making.

The story begins in 1774 London with a secret meeting between the young Virginian patriot, a peerless horseman, and a bespectacled Benjamin Franklin, who convinces the young cavalry man to make his way to Russia, win an audience with the Empress of Russia, Catherine the Great, and convince her not to send 20,000 Russian soldiers to fight on behalf of the British while a young America is struggling for independence.

As Franklin describes the situation, “...the fate of America rests in her hands.” Actually, the fate of America rests in the hands of the young military man from the great state of Virginia, Kieran Selkirk.

I’ve told you of the meeting between the old Franklin and the young Selkirk, but I will not tell you how it ends nor the story in between. I will not rob you of that personal pleasure.

I will tell you that the opening chapter is as Zhivagoian,



if not more so, as *Doctor Zhivago* itself.

In *Doctor Zhivago*, you heard the wolves and saw them in the moonlight at the winter house in the Russian countryside...and they scattered with a thrown stick or two, and a shout.

In *Love and Honor*, it takes swords, a gun, and the sacrificing of one big fat merchant to drive the wolves from the sleigh before the hairs on your neck resume their rightful places!

You will cheer some of the characters like the old chariot driver, Pyotr; the young chamber boy, Tikhon; Gorlov, Selkirk’s Russian friend and mentor; and Beatrice, our hero’s love and attendant to Princess Mitski. You will hiss the Princess Mitski, as you will

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Clan Henderson recognizes 25 year members

The Clan Henderson Society has presented Membership Recognition pins to clan members celebrating their anniversary years with Clan Henderson.

Five years, 15 years and 25 year pins have been presented.

The twenty-five year members joined when the Clan Henderson Society, Inc., was formed.

Twenty-five year members include David A. Henderson of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Russ Henderson of Alexandria, Virginia.

Also celebrating the milestone anniversary are David S. Henderson of New Bern, North Carolina; Ann Henderson of Newport, North Carolina; Alan Henderson of Cherow, South Carolina; George C. Henderson of Lexington, South Carolina; H. Renee Henderson of Newport, North Carolina; Beth Gay-Freeman of Clarkesville, Georgia; Douglas Henderson of Newport, North Carolina and Dr. Horace Loftin of Beaufort, North Carolina.

In the span of time since 1988, Clan Henderson has become one of the largest and most active Scottish Clan groups in the country.

4,000th member signed up this July

The 4000th Clan Henderson Society, Inc., member was signed up on 6 July 2013. Sean Finney of Grovetown, Georgia was provided a gift membership in the society by his father, John O. Finney.

For his efforts, John Finney won a free3 one year membership in Clan Henderson.

Clan Henderson plans a trip to Scotland in June of next year

Next June, Clan Henderson is planning a tour of Scotland from Friday, June 20 to the return home day on July 1.

The itinerary includes Edinburgh, over the Forth Bridge and going through St. Andrews and Dundee on the way to Glamis Castle. After that, the group will visit Scone Palace on the way for the night at Pitlochry.

The next day you visit Blair Atholl and Blair Castle and then shopping at The House of Bruar. Next, it's off to Drumochter Pass and the town of Newtonmore and the Highland Folk Museum. The tour continues going through Lach Laggan and see the house which was Glenbogle on televisions Monarch of the Glen. The house was also featured in Mrs. Brown when the house was Balmoral Castle. You drive down Glen Spean through Spean Bridge and Fort William to Onich near Glencoe for three nights.

The next day is Wednesday when you visit the Isles of Mull and Iona and Oban. On Mull you visit the Village of Fionnphort. The coach brings everyone back to Braignure and then its the ferry back to Oban.

The next day is a free day to enjoy the sites and life in the Glencoe area.

On Friday, you will drive south through Crianlarich and Lochearnhead to Lochy Katrine where the group will take a short trip on the old steamship, Sir Walter Scott. After that, it's to Aberfoyle and the Scottish Woolen Centre. You're off to the Stirling area.

Next, it's Bannockburn Live at the Bannockburn Memorial, Battlefield and the Visitor Centre with more Bannockburn Live for two days.

And, it's time to go home..

More information about membership and the trip, contact larryseffner@aol.com.

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2013 Colonel Neil Ramsey Aggregate Memorial Trophy Winner Geordie Hall

From The Ramsay Report

Years ago, the founders of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Mrs. Agnes Morton and Bobby and Cornelia Groves, wanted to honor two people who were instrumental to the standard of piping that was being brought to the Games.

One of those to be recognized was Col. Neil Ramsay, a piper and piping judge. It was decided that Col. Ramsay would be honored with a piping trophy awarded to the best amateur piper of the day. It was further decided that the games would provide this trophy so it would never go without sponsorship.

Over the years the awarding of the trophy fell by the wayside. In 2011, however, the Clan Ramsay Association of North America Board of Directors voted to reinstate the Neil Ramsay Piping Award and to purchase the trophy for the piper.

Our Congratulations to Geordie Hall for her outstanding piping on Saturday resulting in winning the Col. Neil Ramsey Aggregate Memorial Trophy, sponsored by Clan Ramsay Association of North America.

A piper usually competes in three or four events. The trophy goes to the piper who placed the highest in all events—the aggregate winner.

Geordie Hall is from Duncannon, Pennsylvania from the time of her earliest memory she remembers being around the piping world.

At the age of 12 it was finally time to become involved personally and that's when she began piping.

Over the years she has had the privilege of working with several outstanding instructors. Her current instructor is James "Jimmy" Bell, who she describes as "a cracker player and instructor!" Geordie is thankful to have the opportunity of working with him.

This year Geordie would be a junior in college but has taken a semester or two off to earn additional money for school. she comments "With the 3 jobs I have been working I hope to be back in school by the Spring!"

Upon returning to school she will study education with a music minor.

Tough but great courses!



Geordie Hall with Clan Ramsay member Dick McGraw at Grandfather Mountain this year.



The Scottish Terrier, also known as the Aberdeen Terrier. These dogs are among the five breeds of terrier who originated in Scotland.

The modern Scottish Terrier's are said to all trace their lineage back to a single female - Splinter II.

The indestructable and winning waterproof Colquhouns!

We're told they are "permanent press" as well



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Grandfather Mountain 2013 will always be known as "the underwater games."

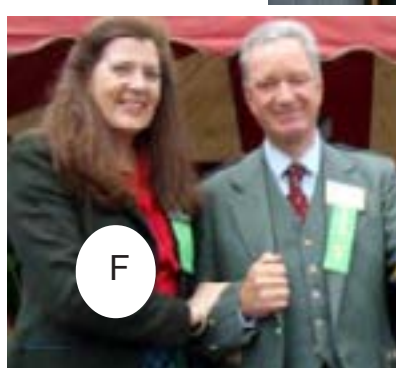
When the award to the Colquhouns was given for **Best Clan Tent** - they circled the wagons and began marching in the cancelled and wet POT.



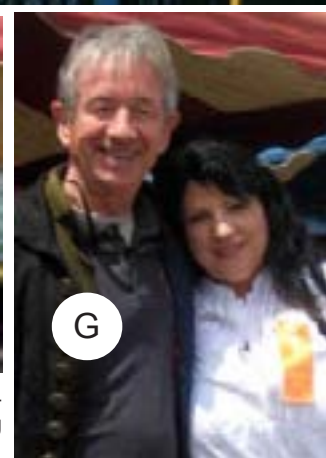
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A-B The Colquhouns flaunt their genetic trait of drip-dry hair in the pouring rain POT.

C - Alastair Colquhoun from Richmond, VA makes jewelry and other things to sell at the tent.

D - Sir Malcolm MacGregor and another Malcolm - Sir Malcolm Colquhoun.

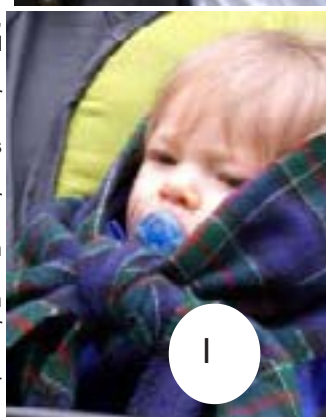
E - Beth Calhoun with two awards garnered by Clan Colquhoun!

F - Lady Colquhoun (Kate) and Sir Malcolm Colquhoun.

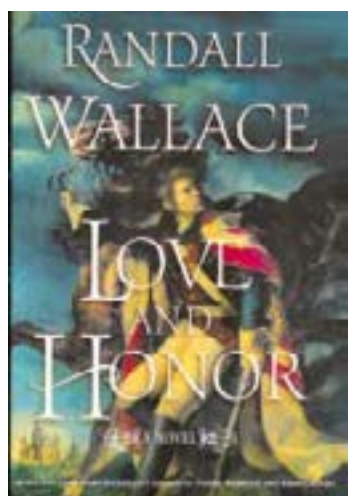
G - Alastair Colquhoun and Beth Calhoun.

H - J.D. Ingram with the Charleston Police Pipe Band who offered to play for the Chief.

I. Aspen Skye Johnson, who descends from the Kirkpatricks.



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the evil Montrose and the scheming British envoy, Shettlefield. There are others to hiss as well as cheer, and you will do so joyfully.

You will enjoy some inspiring moments like the Russian proverb told by General Gorlov to his out-numbered

troops as they faced the feared and hated Cosacks: "When a man is born he will walk one of three roads; there are no others. On the path to the left, the wolves will eat him. On the path to the right, he will eat the wolves. On the path down the middle, he will eat himself."

The mighty warrior then raised his saber into the air and said: "I say to you, 'Eat the wolves!'" His men then charged!

One other moment I'd like to share with you is on Christmas Day when Col. Selkirk says to his buddy Gorlov, speaking of the Christmas miracle, "I ceased long ago to believe it, but wouldn't it be a miracle...a wonder beyond words...if it were really true that God Almighty, God Himself, would on this night become such a creature as man, if for no other reason than to touch his world? And...and maybe that is the meaning of Christmas - that a Christian is someone who would find that thought beautiful, and could believe it because of its very beauty, and because it moved him?"

Gorlov looked at me and smiled." I've read a lot of books in my life, mostly history, many historical novels, and those described as "a novel" like this one. I cannot recall reading a novel that held my attention any better than *Love and Honor*. Hats off to Randall Wallace!

I usually read myself to sleep around one o'clock in the morning, and I found myself going to bed a wee earlier last week to read a bit more of the book.

One afternoon I did the unthinkable for me and picked it up for a couple of hours of enjoyment. One night I turned the television off to read for an hour in the late evening quietness as the wood fire crackled and spread its warmth, with a hot toddy near at hand.

These are things I do not normally do when reading a book, but I did them to finish *Love and Honor*.

It is that good!

And, when I finally finished it last night, I wished there was another chapter or two to read and hoped that Randall Wallace would write a sequel concerning the brave young soldier from William and Mary College.

Did I tell you I've read it twice?

Last spring, I received the book from Jill Rytie in manuscript form prior to its publishing. Jill is Coordinator of Production and Development of The Wheelhouse, the author's company that tracks his books, screenplays and movies. Jill is the one who, in the author's own words, was "stalwart in managing the mechanics of this manuscript and the madness of life."

Because of previous commitments to other authors, I had to delay reviewing this book until now.

Last week I picked up a copy at my favorite Barnes and Noble.

It's a great story, and the review has been too long in the making! Of the nearly 4,000 Scottish books in my library, I will proudly put this book on the top shelf and recommend it to my reading friends, both men and women.

It has enough spectacular fighting and adventure to hold the attention of any Scotsman worth a dram, and it is romantically inclined for any woman to enjoy.

Ask your bookseller for it - ISBN 0-7432-6519-X.

It will be a book you will recommend to your friends.

I told Susan, my wife, just yesterday when she picked it up from my desk "You will enjoy that book, and so will your friends!"

I normally know better than to do that with her!

Martha Raye awarded The Medal of Freedom

In Section B of this November *BNFT*, you'll find a wonderful article about the entertainer who will always be known as a patriotic lady who served our US military with shows to lift their spirits.

You'll learn from the article in Section B that Martha Raye was also a registered nurse with a specialty in surgery, who volunteered her time for the troops.

At the same time, she was a full "Bird" Colonel in the United States Army Reserve.

Alastair McIntyre sent me a note that there were some shows of Ms. Raye's on You Tube. You may go to an hour and a half of one of her laugh fests at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JSjZtqZVDU>

You know how most times you'll see a list of programs down the side of the You Tube you've just seen. I noticed one that said it was the ceremony honoring Martha Raye with The Medal of Freedom.

I was shocked and continue to be haunted by what I saw. It is the ceremony which took place sometime during President Bill Clinton's term of office.

This lady should have been awarded this accolade many years earlier. They said she had just been released from the hospital and was still "under a lot of medication." Whatever it was, she looked absolutely beautiful with snow white hair and peaches and cream complexion, and a sweet, sweet smile...but, sadly, she did not appear to know where she was or what was happening. I've loved her since I was a kidlet...and still do...

If you would like to see this sad ceremony, here is the address: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6Mm66TRfzU>

Bless this lovely lady's heart. She was and is a beloved entertainer and heroine to many of our American forces..



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Please contact the treasurer for a membership form or visit <http://www.elliotclanusa.com/> for a form.

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Membership Information 2012

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

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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 first attempt at “glueing” photos together!



Here are most of the Parade of Tartan participants at the Stone Mountain Highland Games the weekend of October 18-20, 2013. I had long wanted to try and make a “long” picture. The last two photos worked sort of OK...but the first photo did not. I’ll try again next opportunity.

A few more photos from Stone Mountain...

Don Boney, on the right below, Mick Rose (The Chief’s piper and president of Clan Rose) and David Rose, Chief of Clan Rose. Margaret Elliott, Chief of Clan Elliot, Honored Guest.



Site Seeing

Here is something special, a virtual tour of the Smithsonian Museum room by room.

<http://www.mnh.si.edu/vtp/1-desktop/>



To Ramsey - Ramsay family descendants

Other Clans have said that we are on the cutting edge of Genealogy research. We have, over two decades, developed our Genealogy process and tool to help accelerate Ramsay research. Our tool contains more than 5000 Ramsay heritage files and combines DNA results with this and now all of this could be on your computer in just a few days.

Come to the Games visit with us at the Clan Ramsay Booth and learn how you can gain access to the **CR Ramsay Consortium**. We also have a team to help you in your research. If you live too far away and you have you truly interested in find missing Branches and find what other *Ramsay / Ramsay / Ramzy / Rumsey's* were living in the location of your ancestors and if they were DNA tested. I urge you to contact me, see contact information below.

Here is an example of the power of our tool:

Mr. Pennington chased his family for years and decided to DNA test to narrow his search for his Pennington ancestors however his DNA came up matching Ramsey. What a shock. He was puzzled as to what to do but he found my email address and I replied and asked if we could talk. After a short conversation, he emailed me his data and I loaded it into the CR Ramsay Consortium. I then sorted the data based on Birth Location. Not to my surprise, I found a family member of his DNA Match living in the same town as his Pennington Ancestor in the same time period in just minutes. I met with him and he was amazed that we could do this while he watched. a television program.

You can now have access to this at home and the data is FREE!

I would encourage you to contact me at the phone number below for the next Highland Games where we will be in attendance.

Regards,

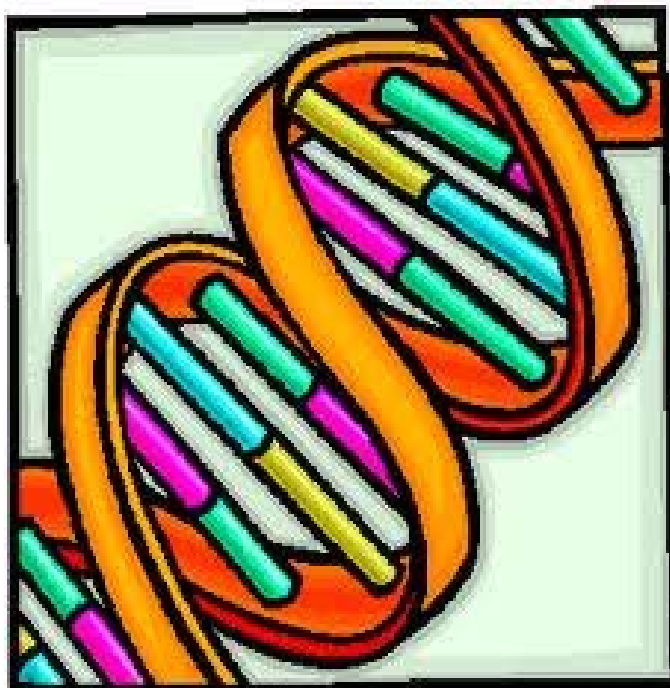
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Paisley DNA Project invites you

The Paisley DNA project now has 14 participants. In addition, there are eight Paisley men who have tested through familytreedna.com, but have not yet joined the Paisley DNA Project.

The results continue to show that the majority of Paisley/Peasley/Pasley immigrants are from the same family regardless of whether they came to America in the 1600s, 1700s or 1800s.

Our latest participant is John P. Paisley of Guilford, NC. He is a direct descendant of John Paisley of Revolutionary War fame. He is an exact match to some of the descendants of Col. John Paisley's uncle John of Kent County, DE, and to a descendant of Benjamin Franklin Paceley (b. abt. 1820 Hamilton Co., OH) who has not yet been connected to the larger tree.

Two participants who matched exactly on 37 markers have tested out to 67 markers.

There is a 1-mutation difference between the Kent Co DE and the Colorain, PA descendants. More 67-marker tests are needed to clarify the results. There are still groups that are not represented in this project.

Please join if you are a Paisley/Peasley/Pasley male or make a contribution on the website to help fund this important project. Diane Langston.

Contact Commissioner: Martha Paslay M. Brown at mbrown2205@aol.com for membership or DNA

Edinburgh Napier University awards Robert Currie an honorary degree

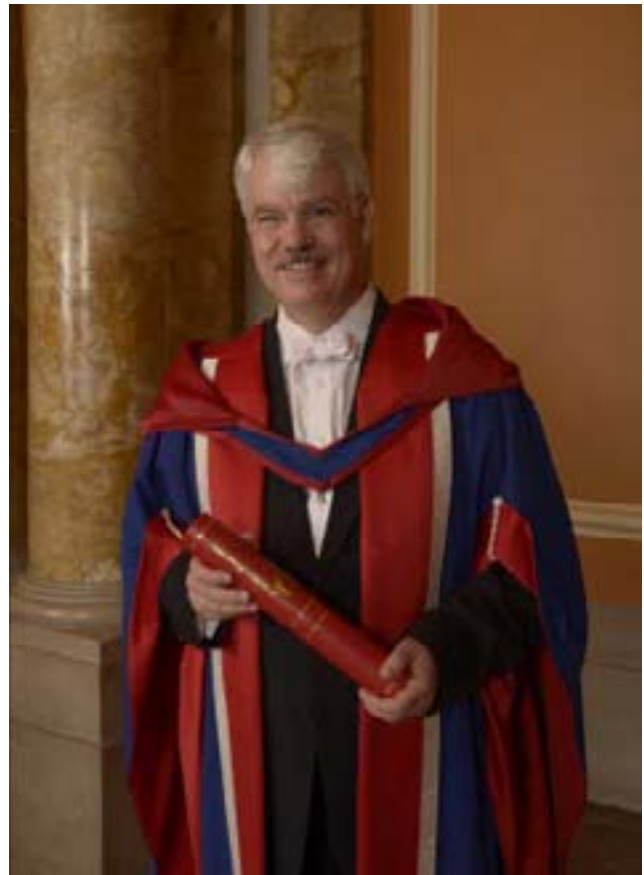
PRESIDENT of the international Clan Currie Society, Robert Currie has received an honorary degree from Edinburgh Napier University.

Recognised for his efforts to promote Scottish heritage around the world, Mr. Currie was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Arts at a ceremony held in the Scottish Capital on Thursday 24th October.

The Society has more than 2000 members worldwide and is behind a number of annual events including The Pipes of Christmas concert in New York and Tartan Day on Ellis Island. It also runs an extensive scholarship programme, providing bursaries for Scottish musicians and Gaelic history students to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, the National Piping Centre, Glasgow and to Scotland's Gaelic college Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

Mr. Currie, who joined close to 1000 students at the University's autumn graduation ceremony, said: "I am honoured and delighted to be conferred this Honorary Degree from Edinburgh Napier University. It underscores the University's steadfast commitment to the arts and demonstrates their support for the significant contributions made by cultural arts and heritage organizations across the entire Scottish Diaspora."

Scottish Formula 1 racing star Sir Jackie Stewart was also honoured by the University, receiving an Honorary Doctorate of the



University in recognition of his work with Dyslexia Scotland to raise awareness of the condition.

Edinburgh Napier University's autumn graduation ceremonies took place at the Usher Hall, Edinburgh on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October.

Robert Currie is also a Director of the Save Ellis Island foundation and on the Board of Advisors to the Quinnipiac University School of Communications. His 30 year career as a communications and public affairs executive includes posts at several leading chemical and building products companies.

For more information, please contact Sarah Manning: 0131 455 6251 / 07917 559 503 s.manning@napier.ac.uk



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If you see the Clan Keith Society USA, Inc. tent at a Highland Games nywhere...be sure and come by to visit.

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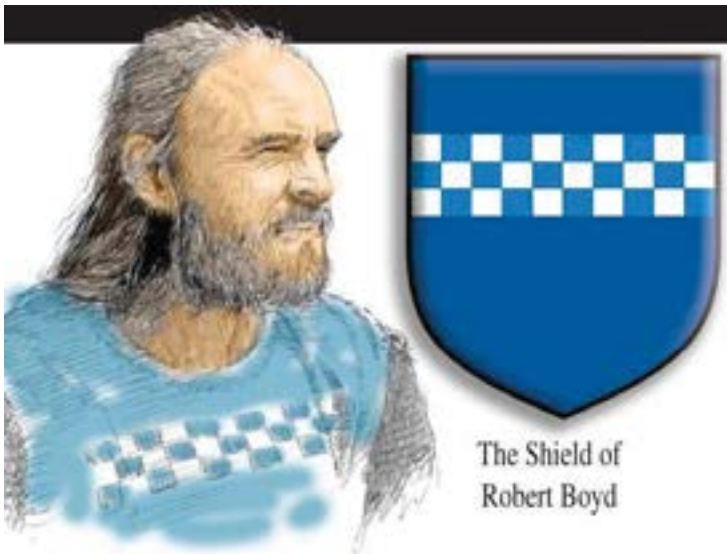


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19th Annual Sheepdog Trials & Dog Festival set for Rural Hill

Join us at the 19th Annual Rural Hill Sheepdog Trials and Dog Festival on November 9 & 10 as many of the world's best border collies will be on hand to perform their sheep herding skills and the Carolina Dock Dogs will again display the dock jumping and dock diving sport for dogs. Pets are welcome at the event and need to remain leashed and under their owner's control.

Visit the Dog Sports Demonstration area featuring the Greater Charlotte Shetland Sheepdog Club for canine displays of agility, flyball, Police dogs, and the incredible talents of Laura Moretz, a nationally renowned dog trainer with the Purina Incredible Dog Team.

Enjoy dog sports demonstrations, open trails, historic agriculture machinery, living history demonstrations in the 1760s cabin, pumpkin chunkin', corn launchin', the Amazing Maize Maze, kid's jump-arounds, food vendors, shopping, and much more!

Sanctioned by the United States Border Collies Handlers Association, the Rural Hill Sheepdog Trials are open to any herding breeds, but the majority of entries are Border Collies.

Gates open each day at 8 AM. Admission is \$10 per person ages 13+, \$7 per child ages 5-12, children ages 4 and under are admitted free.

Details and tickets online at www.ruralhill.net

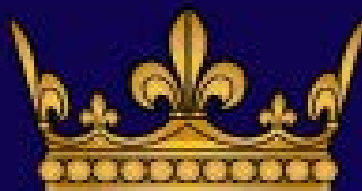
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