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Tommy Sheridan with Martin Compston,

and Paul Brannigan

## Saltires fly in Glasgow

Thousands of people gathered in George Square, Glasgow, to attend a Hope Over Fear rally. The event has been organised to maintain the momentum of the 45% of the Scottish people who voted Yes in the recent referendum.

A festival atmosphere and a forest of Saltires took over George Square as an estimated 7000 people attended the Hope Over Fear rally, the socialist in-

dependence campaign.

Led by Solidarity Scotland co-convenor Tommy Sheridan, the five-hour event saw speeches from actors Paul Brannigan, Martin Compston and Keira Lucchesi, alongside social campaigners such as Denis Curran of foodbank Loaves and Fishes.

Joanne Clunie, a volunteer with pro-independence group Freedom Convoy, said the event served to keep enthusiasm in the independence camp alive.

The 54-year-old, from Beith, said: "The 45 per cent will not give up, we will keep going and it's more than 45 per cent now, especially with the Government backing down on all the promises."

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2

# 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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MacComb, MacCombie, MacComich, MacComish,
MacComie, MacComie, MacCosh, MacLaws,
MacElhose, MacLehose, MacTavish, McTavish,
Mactavish, Mactavis, M Tavish, MacThomas,
Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish,
Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomason,
Thompson, Thomson, Tad, and Todd, and all variant
spellings.

#### We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com

# Clan Blair Society DNA Testing Project to help clan members

In 2011, the CBS Board of Directors established a fund to support members of the Society in their pursuit of DNA testing. This fund helps pay a portion, between 30-50%, of the cost of 37 marker DNA tests performed by Family Tree DNA. The fund is administered by the CBS DNA Committee, consisting of the President,

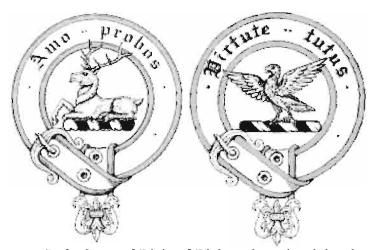
the Clan Genealogy Coordinator, and Webmaster with support from the DNA Project Coordinator.

Clan member requests for funding should include the ancestral research completed by the member as prescribed by the Family Tree DNA, the member's intent to conduct the DNA test in a timely manner (30-45 calendar days) and a commitment to share the results with the DNA Committee for review and documentation by the Clan Genealogy Coordinator.

Please contact the CBS Genealogy Coordinator Coy Blair at <CBSgenea@clanblair.org>



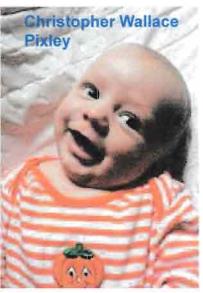
Sutton Blair Strong, daughter of Geoff Strong and Mailyn Blair Strong, Portland, Oregon. First great-grandchild of Jim and Adoree Blair. Born August 7, 2014.



Left, Crest of Blair of Blair and on the right, the Crest of Blair of Balthayock.

#### Brand new baby Blairs!





I, grandma, have attached a photo of the newest 'twig' on the family tree. Christopher Wallace Pixley-grandson of Barbara Blair Pixley (Clan Blair Society Member #294). He is the son of Randolph Blair Pixley who pipes with the North Atlanta Pipe Band in Georgia (they took first place in their division at the Stone Mountain Scottish Games in 2013). Christopher is the nephew of award winning-highland dancer Christy Blair Pixley Few and cousin of 5 year-old-Kaia Blair Few who is also winning awards in Highland dancing...the tradition continues.

# Clan Bell Clan Bell North America.





This old West Marche Clan, one of the Border Clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" if the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called "Redcloak" and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBI cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

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# Missing McPersons

I am seeking ancestral information of NICHODEMUS KEITH, born ca1755 in Ireland, and died ca1831 in McNairy County, TN. His father's name was WILLIAM KEITH of Ireland. NICHODEMUS was married to MARGARET BORDEN ca1776, possibly at Knoxville, TN, and had at least one brother named GABRIEL. According to family history, WILLIAM brought 2 sons from Ireland with him to America. He and his sons

arrived early enough to join the Revolutionary Army, they fought under Washington. I would like to find more information about the father WILLIAM, i.e., where did he come from in Ireland, and what are his ties to the Keith's in Scotland? Thank you, James Keith <jr7keith@yahoo.com> If you wish to use snail mail, write 300 Dale Dr., McKinney, TX 75071. Any information you have will be appreciated.

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# Did you know that Sir Walter Scott loved a tabby cat named Hinx?

Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832) was a Scottish poet, novelist, editor and critic and Deputy Sheriff of Selkirk in 1799.

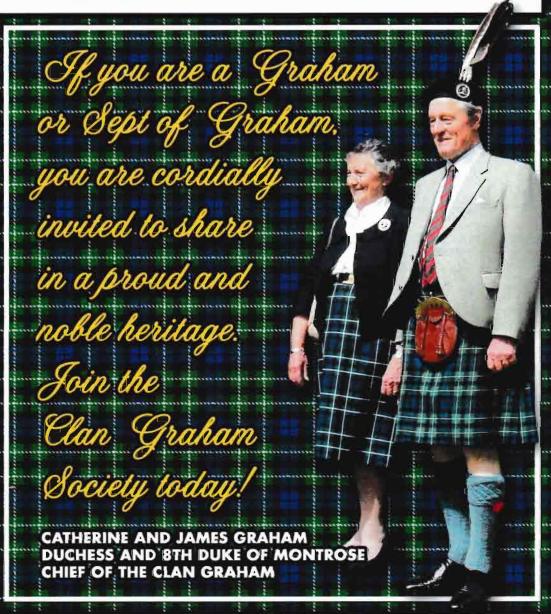
Just a few of Sir Walter Scott's better-known books are *Guy Mannering*, *Rob Roy*, *Red Gauntlet* and *The Talisman*. Absorbed in folklore and the supernatural, Scott was devoted to cats and the portrait by John Watson Gordon (see at left) shows the author at work at his desk with Hinx, his tabby cat lying close by.

On the subject which fascinated him most, Scott intuitively wrote, "Cats are a mysterious kind of folk. There is more passing in their minds than we are aware of."



#### **SEPTS**

Airth, Alirdes, Allardes, Allardice, Allardyce, Allerdyce, Alyrdes, Ardes, Auchinloick, Ballewen, Blair, Bonar, Bonnar, Bonner, Bontein, Bontine, Bontyne, Bountene, Buchlyrie, Buchlyry, Bullman, Buntain, Bunten, Buntin, Buntine, Bunting, Bunten, Buntin, Buntyn, Buntyng, Buting, Conyers, Crampshee, Cromsy, Cransie, Drumaguhassie, Drumagaassy, Drumaguhassle, Duchray, Duchwray, Dugalston, Durchray, Esbank, Fintrale, Fintray, Fintrie, Glennie, Glenny, Grame, Graeme, Grahame, Grahym, Grim, Grime, Grimes, Grimm, Hadden, Haddon, Haddin, Haldane, Halden, Hastie, Haldine, Hasty, Hastiy, Howden, Howe, Howie, Kilpatrich, Lingo, MacCribon, MacGibbon, MacGilvern, MacGilvernock, MacGilvernoel, MacGribon, MacGrime, MacGrimen, MacIlvern, Macllvernock, MacKibben, MacKibbin, MacKibbins, MacPiot, MacPiott, MacPotts, MacRibon, MacRigh, MacRis, MacRiss, MacShile, MacShille, MacShillie, Maharg, Menteith, Monteith, Monzie, Orchille, Pitcarian, Piatt, Pyatt, Pye, Pyott, Reddoch, Reddock, Rednock, Riddick, Riddoch, Riddock, Serjeant, Sirowan, Sterling, Strowan, Strowen







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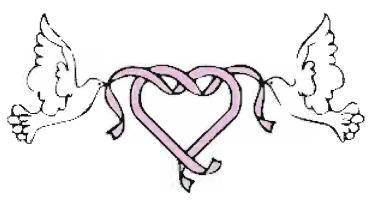
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#### Guengerich-Barnes



Chloe Guengerich married Shane Barnes on Sept. 6, 2014 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Chloe is the daughter of Molly and Andy Pence (her father is Jerry Guengerich.) Shane is the son of Tammy Barnes and Mace Barnes all of Iowa.

The picture shows (l-r) front row: Fiona (4), Lucy (3) Chloe, Aubriana (8) and Shane.

2nd row: Molly, Liaden (10), Andy and Jack (17). Andy and Molly Spence, and the four youngest girls live in Tennessee and are members of Clan Donald USA MidSouth Region.



President of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Robin Jarrett has spoken with the management of Claddagh North and the fourth Kilt Night is on Friday, November 7, 2014.

Friday, November 7, 2014 8:00 PM Kilt Night at the Claddagh Irish Pub, 3835 E. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240-1421. Contact them at: http://www.claddaghirishpubs.com

Your reservation for our St. Andrew's Dinner, formerly known as our Founder's Dinner, must be received by Chairman Steven Johnson. **Saturday, November 15, 2014** is our St. Andrew's Dinner with 6:00 PM Social Hour and 7:00 PM Dinner to be held at George's Neighborhood Grill, 71st Street and Binford Blvd., 6935 Lake Plaza Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46220-4073. Contact George's at:http://www.georgesneighborhoodgrill.com

The Society made its first appearance at the 9th Annual International Festival at the Convention Center on the weekend of October 20, 1984. This year the event will be held **Friday thru Sunday, November 21-23, 2014.** The 38th Annual Indy International Festival at the Indiana State Fairgrounds 1200 E. 38th St. West Pavilion, Indianapolis, IN 46205-0000. Contact them at <a href="http://www.nationalitiescouncil.org/indy-international-festival">http://www.nationalitiescouncil.org/indy-international-festival</a>

#### 2015 TULIPS & WINDMILLS SAILING ROUNDTRIP AMSTERDAM 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015



- 1 Amsterdam Embark your Viking ship, free time
- 2 Amsterdam Canal cruise via glass-topped boat; free time, perhaps visit the Anne Frank House or Van Gogh Museum
- 3 ljsselmeer Scenic cruising along Holland's waterways, Hoorn Guided walk featuring cheese warehouses & the main square
- 4 Arnhem Tour of Paleis Het Loo & gardens; afternoon at leisure or optional battlefield & Airborne Museum tour Nijmegen. Evening at leisure to stroll cobbled streets
- 5 Kinderdijk Tour Kinderdijk windmills, a UNESCO Site Antwerp. Evening at leisure
- 6 Antwerp Half-day city tour including Cathedral of Our Lady & Steen Castle; afternoon free time
- 7 Ghent & Excursion to Brugge, a UNESCO Site, Bruges including guided walk with Church of Our Lady & Beguinage
- 8 Delta Works Stop in Veere and enjoy a walking tour, Delta Works excursionl; Scenic afternoon cruising Rotterdam. Evening at leisure to explore on your own
- 9 Amsterdam Keukenhof Gardens excursion & free time to visit Museum Square or sample local fare
- 10 Amsterdam Disembark your Viking ship

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- 8 guided tours with audio headset
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Contact: email: Judy@judysctt.com phone: 404-378-1080



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To see the many names on the Clan Donald sept/allied family list, please visit:

http://www.clan-donald-usa.org

## Flowers of the Forest

In the preceding year, The Scottish Society of Indianapolis has witnessed the passing of **Carl Dortch**, **Mary Stewart**, and **Liz Johnson**. But their faithfulness, and their dedication to the objectives of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, has left us a powerful legacy.





Ronald "Gene" Blair, passed away peacefully July 3, 2014, at the age of eighty-one in San Diego, California.

He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty years, his two children and four grandchildren.

Born in National

City, California, to Ron and "Dessie" Blair on September 10, 1932.

Gene grew up in Point Loma and later graduated from SDSU in 1955.

He served honorably in the U.S. Navy for four years as a cryptographer.

Married to Joyce "Penny" Blair since April, 1964, they raised their children Denise and Mark in the San Diego- Clairemont area where he was employed by Convair, NCR, and later co-owned an electronics distributor business - MOCK III Sales for over 20 years.

Gene will always be remembered as a devoted husband and father who involved himself in various charitable organizations, such as the Wine and Roses/ San Diego Wine Guild, Salvation Army, several culinary cooking classes, and teaching English to foreign students.

He was a longtime member of the Clan Blair Society. Gene will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

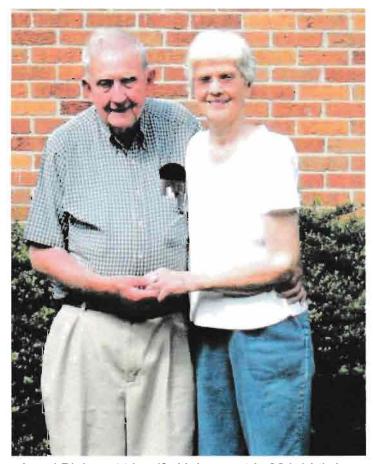
In honor of Gene Blair, any donations can be sent to the San Diego Humane Society, 5500 Gaines St., San Diego, CA 92110

I am sad to inform you of the death of my uncle **Ansel E. Blair**, Clan Blair member #114.

Born June 29 1920, he passed away from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

I know he was on the 25-year member list in the newsletter. It showed his address as Greenville NC, but it should have been Greenville SC. He is my older brother And was my last surviving brother.

Wyomia Blair



Ansel Blair and his wife Helen, on his 90th birthday.



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Call (540) 221-4642 to request a new member form.

# Living History Event at Rural Hill! See the American Revolution Encampment

Historic Rural Hill, north of Charlotte, North Carolina and very near Huntersville, North Carolina, will offer a free Living History experience on November 1 & 2 from 10 am to 4 pm as the Hesse Kessel Jaeger Korps and Rural Hill docents present the American Revolution Encampment. Enjoy a day of musket demonstrations, weaving and spinning, open hearth cooking, blacksmithing, garden tours, encampment tours, battle drills and more.

#### Admission is free and open to all.

Visitors can also explore Rural Hill's 265 acres and historic site, take a hayride around the farm, play a round of corn-hole, play in mini-mazes, picnic, hike the trails, or tackle the Rural Hill Amazing Maize Maze. 'Round the farm hayrides are \$3 per person and regular Maze admission rates apply. While admission to the Fall Encampment is free, donations are accepted. For further information, please contact Education Director Zac Vinson at 704.875.3113 or zac@ruralhill.net.

The Hesse Kassel Jaeger Korps is an educational non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the American Revolutionary time period and the contributions of Germanic peoples and the Hessian Forces to the Birth of our country. Founded in 1995, the group was designed to provide information about the Jägers and camp life during the American Revolution, 1776 - 1783. With the group based in South Carolina and members coming from throughout the southeastern US, the unit primarily portrayal is based on events of the Southern Campaign of 1780 and 1781.

Rural Hill's giant seven acre corn maze features over two miles of interconnecting paths. Admission is \$11 per person, youth ages 5-12 are \$8 per person, and children 4 and under are admitted free of charge. With Rural Hill volunteers and staff available to help when needed, the Amazing Maize Maze







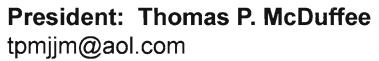
is designed to be navigated in 1-2 hours. The Rural Hill Amazing Maize Maze is an imaginative use of a corn field so comfortable shoes are suggested.

## MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.



of Clan Mac Lie

Annual General Meeting held each year in July at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. You are always welcome to attend.





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#### Genealogical Benefits of Tax Records

#### Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S.

For genealogists, tax records can help solve a multitude of genealogical problems, especially for tracing ancestors prior to the 1850 census. Clues may lead to the birth, marriage or death year of your early ancestor when no other record may have survived. Taxes were collected annually.

Tax records came in many forms. Poll or head taxes

which were levied upon a person, real property taxes which were levied upon a person's land, and personal property or income tax. These can be recorded separately but may have been combined into one record with various columns representing each property type. In some early colonial areas, quit-rents were collected. The rents, a remnant of the old feudal system in Europe, were collected by the government or by large land owners annually on small parcels sold to private citizens.

The Federal Government levied taxes upon citizens usually to help defray the cost of a war or pending war. Federal records are usually indexed. Researchers can

usually locate tax lists in print and indexed for the years 1798, 1814-1816, and 1862-1866 for any given county. The same would also apply to many state and some local jurisdictions. Local laws governing who was taxable and who was exempt changed from time to time and for various reasons. A poll tax levied to raise money for a new courthouse may include persons over the age of sixteen, and a property assessment the same year may only include citizens age twenty-one and above.

Tax records can be used to determine parentage. When an ancestor has been tracked in the tax records for a series of years and suddenly a male with the same surname appears on the lists next to him, he is more than likely a son who is now of legal or taxable age. The legal age for owning land was 21 years which would explain a male who suddenly appears on the same assessment roll as your ancestor.

Some counties created a separate list for unmarried men often labeled singlemen or single freemen which meant they were not indentured to any individual. A young man coming of legal age would be taxed on his personal property—usually a horse or a cow. Once mar-

> ried, his name would leave the single freeman list and suddenly appear on the regular list with other heads of families.

> You can determine the year your ancestor arrived and left the jurisdiction by his first and last appearance on a tax record. If the assessment shows enough detail, a match can be made across county and even state lines. Look for a matching occupation, livestock, or any unusual taxable items that would have been transported. Always use a series of years and always look in every township in the county. Like counties, townships were also divided.

Many tax records list occupa-

tion as a category, and those that don't will often include the occupation to avoid confusion between two individuals with the same name. A father may have passed his trade on to son. Tax records issued for licenses and permits will be listed under occupations or business and commerce.

Upon his death, a man will disappear from the tax lists, but often the death is confirmed when his estate is still taxed awaiting probate. If you are lucky enough to find an entry listing the estate of your ancestor you can determine the year of his death. Make sure to look at a number of consecutive years because the deceased may be taxed for several years until his estate is probated.

Always check the end of each tax list as your ancestor may have been late or delinquent in paying or



# CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL INC.

If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/html/contact.html

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formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan **Buchanan Society** International Inc., reflect to our society's expanded purpose and membership.



You're welcome to email the Pres. ken.buchanan@TheClanBuchanan.com



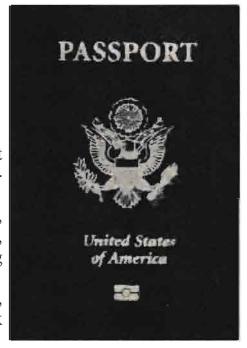
Looking for old passports?

All passport applications from 1791 to 1905 are in The National Archives. During this period, passports were not required except during part of the Civil War. However, many people obtained them. Without one, a US traveler visiting the old country could be drafted into military service.

The earliest applications were simply letters of request, but sometimes other papers - such as expired passports, birth certificates, naturalization papers, etc., were filed with them.

The application could contain name, place of residence, age, names of family members traveling with the applicant, the court of naturalization, date of arrival in the US along with port of entry, vessel name, etc.

The Passport Agency has moved recently to 1111 19th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036. You might also wish to check www.archives.gov.





#### Bryan Mulcahy,

Continued from page 15 have un-resolved issues. Sometimes there will be two lists for each year: the local list and the list sent to the county. Check both because your ancestor may have been accidentally omitted from one.

Tax records and indexes are become in-

creasingly available online through Family Search and Ancestry thanks to the efforts of the Family History Library. They can also be accessed at the county courthouse, the county historical society, the state archives, the National Archives, in published county histories, journals and periodicals.

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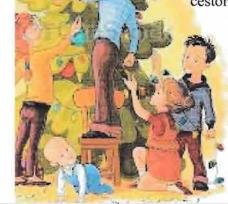
# An idea for an Ances-Tree this year!

your ancestors this coming holiday! You can decorate your Christmas tree with them! Just purchase small and inexpensive plastic picture frames in a variety of shapes and colors. Take your favorite ancestor photos and copy them

You might want to show off

reducing the photos to fit the little frames. Hang them on your tree, along with your own keepsake ornaments.

Maybe others in your family will become interested in genealogy!



## The Olan Macneil

#### **Association of America**

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.





" O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom you have come.

The Clan Macneil President: Robert "Bob" Neill, 183 Pheasant Walk Way - Vilas, NC 28692 raneill@juno.com

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## Bonnie Prince Charlie's "secret" Drambuie recipe!



If you know the story of Charles Edward Stuart, the "young Pretender" who is known as Bonnie Prince Charlie, you know that in 1745 he landed in Scotland to regain the throne of his ancestors.

Just a year later, in 1746, the Young Pretender was defeated at the Battle of Culloden Moor, thus ending his effort to reinstate the Stuarts to the British throne.

If you look on the back of a bottle of Drambuie, you will read the story about Prince Charlie giving the recipe of his personal liqueur to the Mackinnon family for saving his life.

The secret recipe for the Scotch based liqueur has remained in the Mackinnon family to this day. It is a very fine liqueur for those who partake, but it is quite expensive.

If you like Drambuie and also would like to save some money, you may try this recipe, which is NOT secret.

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Do your ears keep on a'growing?

Yep, they really do.

Do older folks have bigger ears?

Recently, the British Royal College of General Practitioners decided to answer that question about our ears as a way of encouraging regular physicians to do more research.

James Heathcote, a doctor from Kent, England, and several other doctors measured the length of the ear in over 200 patients, male and female, between the ages of 30 years and 93 years, from the lobe to the ear top.

After accounting for natural variations in ear size and things like earring weight (Earrings tend to lengthen the lobe, but don't change the ear's overall growth rate.), the doctors found that the ears grow about .0087 of an inch a year, or about half an inch over fifty years.

Women, Heathcoate says, start out with smaller ears, but their ears grow at about the same rate as mens ears grow.

Why do ears grow? Heathcoate speculates that it is because of the difference between cartilage, which ears are made of, and bone. "Your bones are largely governed by your sex hormones, so they grow at puberty and are then sopped from growing," he says. "But, cartilage seems to grow steadily."

Noses are mostly cartilage, and Heathecoat suspects noses also grow with age.





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# "Instant dates" often confuse genealogists!

There are some archaic terms referring to dates that will make you stop and blink should you run across them in your genealogical research.

For example, "Monday instant" usually means "today."

The "10th Instant" usually means the "10th of the present month."



The "20th ultimo" usually means "the 20th of last month."

"Monday last" usually means "the most recent Monday."

"Tuesday last" usually means the nearest "Tuesday to follow."

While the terms "next" and "last" are usually written out, the term "ultimo" is sometimes written as "ULT" and "instant" is "INST."

It is important to note the date on the document being studied as that is the key to the dates to which the writer refers.



#### Drambuie Recipe,

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- \*1 pound Light Brown Rock Candy
- \* 1 half inch slice lemon
- \* One half inch slice orange
- \* 26 ounces (1 fifth) Scotch Whisky.

Place ingredients in a two-quart pan and stir until the rock candy is dissolved. Add the fruit slices and let sit overnight. Strain until you produce a clear mixture.



# Riding on "one's own high horse?"

At one time or another, most of us encounter someone we think of as "riding on one's own high horse."

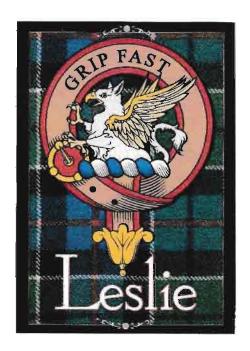
Have you ever thought of what that actually means and where that might have originated?

When someone affects arrogance and superiority - and scorn those whom they believe inferior to themselves, we think of them on their "high horse."

The phrase does come from the fourteenth century when people of high rank in a royal pageant were mounted on "high horses" which meant they rode the great horses - that is, the heavy chargers used in battle or tournaments!

From your editor: When my lovely mare, AQHA Poco Lanette (Sweet Thing) was with me and I was mounted upon her back, I must confess to feeling as if I were Queen of the World...even if the car I drove was a little ratty.

Think this is different from "high horse"...as Sweet Thing made sure I remained humble.



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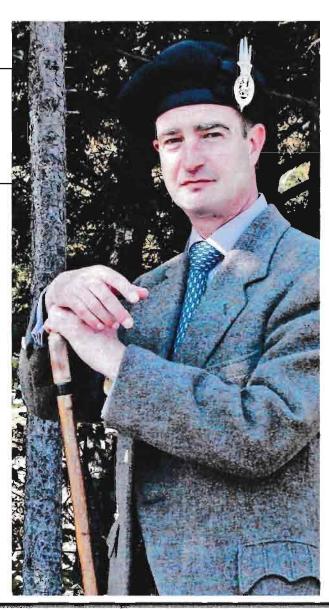
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#### 2014 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festval great success!

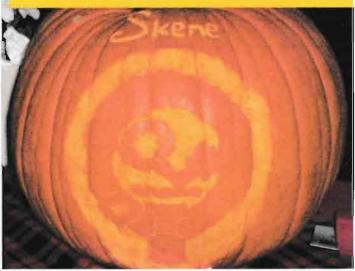


This year's Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival was wonderful! Thanks to our committee members, volunteers, sponsors, athletes, entertainers, clans, vendors and of course, to all our guests. Hope everyone had as much fun as we did! Shown above, Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett, Co-Chairs of the Games.





Clan Skene proudly displayed their own Halloween pumpkin at Stone Mountain 2013!



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# Clan MacCord Society

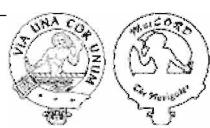
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# A writer from the past...Mo Hawg writes for Beth's Newfangled Family Tree!

Outside a small Macedonian village close to the border between Greece and strife-torn Yugoslavia, a lone nun keeps a quiet watch over a silent convent.

She is the last caretaker of the site of significant historial developments spanning more than 2,000 years.

When Sister Maria Cyrilla of the Order of The Perpetual Watch dies, the convent of St. Elias will be closed by the Eastern Orthodox Patriarch of Macedonia.

However, it isn't likely to happen soon as Sister Maria, age 53, enjoys excellent health. By her own estimate, she walks 10 miles daily about the grounds of the convent, which once served as a base for the army of Attila the Hun.

In more ancient times, a Greek temple to Eros, the god of love, occupied the hilltop site.

Historians say at Attila took over the old temple in 439 AD and used it as a base for his marauding army.

The Huns are believed to have first collected and then destroyed a large collection of Greeks legal writs at the site.

It is believed that Attila wanted to study the Greek legal system and had the writs and other documents brought to the temple.

Scholars differ on why he had the valuable documents destroyed. They surmise it was either because he was barely literate and could not read them; or because they provided evidence of democratic government that did not match Attila's own notion of rule by an all-powerful tyrant.

When the Greek church took over the site in the 15th century and the convent was built, church leaders ordered the pagan statue of Eros destroyed, so another ancient Greek treasure was lost.

Today, there is only the lone sister watching over the old Hun base, amidst the strife of war torn Yogoslavia and when she goes, that will be it.

Thus, that's how it ends. No Huns, no writs, no Eros, and nun left on base.

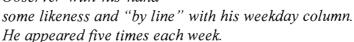
Oops, Did ol' Mo forget to warn you?

OK, the much shortened story of Mo Hawg: In Moultrie, Georgia the football team is called "The Pack-

ers" meaning "Packer Hawgs." The local newspaper is called the "Moultrie Observer" - or, "MO."

So, Mo Hawg was born. A pink pig suit was obtained. Mo began to make appearances in local parades, new business openings, holiday celebrations, etc.

Mo began to write a column for the Moultrie Observer with his hand-



He even had a career as sort of a cheer leader at the local football games. You would have recognized his walk as it was modeled after the lead character on the old Movin' On Up television show.

Mo's actual identity is still a deep-dark secret. He wrote puns and jokes and Thoughts for the Day and bad poems. He wrote his short column for eight years. He was quoted from the pulpit at Moultrie churches many times...and laughed about in the morning coffee gatherings of folks all over town.

Your editor knew Mo as well as she knew herself.



It is a real wonder that we are here today. The commonly held notion of colonial American life - that many generations lived together and shared farm and household chores - is far from the truth.

Few people lived long enough to see their children grown, let alone their grandchildren.

Data compiled in 1790 by Dr. Benjamin Rush, the prominent physician, indicates that of one hundred people born in a given year in Philadelphia, more than

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## Clan Davidson Society USA



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

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

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#### Missing Hendersons! Can you help?

My family surname is "HENDERSON"... well the last one to use that surname was my great grandmother, RACHEL HENDERSON. Her father was WILLIAM, his father was THOMAS, his father was STEPHEN, his father was WILLIAM; his father was THOMAS and THOMAS' parents were: THOMAS and DORCAS HENDERSON (other sons were WILLIAM, JAMES, ALEXANDER, SAMUEL) - they were in Virginia and THOMAS 'S son THOMAS was born in 1742.

**THOMAS** was born about 1713 (his wife was **DORCAS** with an unknown surname)

When they came to America, did they come through Pennsylvania or where else did the go? I am pretty sure **THOMAS** came from Fordell Castle His father could be **CAPT. WILLIAM HENDERSON** and mom **MARGARET BRUCE** OR **CAPT. WILLIAM HENDERSON** could be his uncle. The land he bought in Virginia was in 1738 and the other Henderson's who bought the land in that area, pretty much next to him was in the 1740s.

What I do know is: THOMAS HENDERSON and wife DORCAS - THOMAS was educated. He



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one third died before the age of six years and only one quarter lived beyond age twenty-six years.

The life expectancy at birth for Americans was thirty-four years and five months for males and thirty-six years and five months for females when George Washington became President in 1789.

could read and write and he was big into buying and selling lands. His son, **THOMAS** was a Justice of Peace in two states. A Captain in two militias one in Rev. War and the other after the Lost State of Franklin dissolved. In fact, Thomas is on the Orig. Tennessee Constitution. Not only that, he bought land in Tennessee (before Tennessee became a state) in 1783. My family lived on that land from 1783 until the early 1900s when my 3rd great grandpa, **THOMAS RICHARD HENDERSON** sold it after his son, my great-great grandpa, **WILLIAM** died and then his wife not long after.

Since I have unsolved the mystery, I am now trying to piece when **THOMAS** (the one married to **DORCAS**) came to the Colonies. I know **THOMAS** was not from Ireland as some <u>ancestry.com</u> websites point out.

Maybe he came THROUGH Ireland like a lot of Scots did.or so I read . I might be wrong at that.

Also, **THOMAS** (the one married to **DORCAS**) appeared to be heavily involved with the community in **The Tinkling Springs** area. Also, **THOMAS**' son, **THOMAS** (the Tennessee guy I will call him that haha).. He ran to become the 4th gov of Tennessee but lost by a few votes.

I am doing a little story for my great Aunt since she is in her 80s.

Also, **THOMAS** (the son of **THOMAS** and **DORCAS** aka the Tennessee guy): - had money before the Rev. war; was educated; was heavily involved with politics'; his father had money and had A LOT of land in The Colonies; - his father was involved with the community back in the 1700s, that time period; those who could read and write came from wealth.. and because of his surname, wealth means he came from a Clan.. and Clan means **HENDERSON** which means Fordell Castle. He might have been the first in the area to come to Virginia - Tinkling Springs. The names carried down though my family line until my great Grandmother. Oh and she had a brother named **THOMAS**.

Any help appreciated. Thank you. Rachel <a href="mailto:right] <a href="mailto:right] Any help appreciated. Thank you. Rachel <a href="mailto:right] appreciated. Thank you. Than

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# The etiquette of Scottish Country Dancing

...from the Spring 2014 issue of *An Canach*, the publication of the Clan Henderson Society, Inc.



#### **Choosing Partners**

Dance with as many partners as possible during parties or classes.

All members of a host group are expected to ask out-of-towners, guests and newcomers to dance and to make them feel welcome.

It is acceptable for the less experienced to ask an "expert" to dance and for a woman to ask a man.

Dance often with a partner whose expertise is different from your own so that all help each other during the dancing.

Ask a partner to dance just prior to the announcement of the dance.

Don't book dances ahead, the occasional exceptions being for a particularly special dance for a particular partner.

#### **Forming Sets**

Begin forming the sets after the dance is announced.

Longwise sets are formed from the top of the room (nearest the music). Each couple joins only at the bottom of the nearest line.

Join a square, triangular or found-the-room set in any position.

If one person of a couple is temporarily alone in line, that person, man or woman, stands on the men's side until the lines are counted.

The man at the top of the line counts the sets. When reaching the bottom of the line, he indicates to the MVC how many couples are needed and when the sets in his line are complete.

If you are not comfortable with your place in the set, you may ask another couple in the same set if they are willing to exchange places.

Do not leave a set after the set is formed or the

lines are counted. Never leave a set during the dance except for an injury or other emergency - and - after announcing your departure to the rest of the set.

#### **Dance Reminders**

"Cheat" sheets contain brief notes or diagrams giving only the essentials of how to do a dance. Refer to these sheets before the talk-through only, not during the dance.

If you and your partner are sharing a sheet, stand on the men's side so that the line can be counted off easily.

A talk-through, or briefing, by the MC provides brief instructions spoken once before the dance begins. Expect to hear these instructions given in 8-bar phrases.

Listen and imagine the pattern of each phrase. Do not talk or whisper to neighbors during the talk-through.

#### **During the Dance**

Smile and look at your partner during the bow and curtsy at the beginning and end of the dance.

Keep lines straight, step up or down on the correct bars. Be alert and helpful to others.

It is all right to make a mistake. Sort yourselves out and keep dancing. You may often have to reposition the set for the beginning of the next figure or repetition of the dance and wait for the appropriate point in the music.

Help your partner and other dancers with eye contact, gestures and quiet instructions. Don't shout instructions or shove others into position.

#### At the End of the Dance

Thank your partner and your set and move with your partner off the floor.



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